

This is a template you can use for organizing a cleanathon in your company! The accompanying article:

<https://zaidesanton.substack.com/p/organizing-the-best-cleanathon-your>

The 1st “Company name” Cleanathon!

A hackathon, but with a twist. Instead of building, we're cleaning up our codebase (and documents/data/spreadsheets)!

For 24 hours, we're on a mission to delete every unused file, every oldFileDon'tTouch, every V3 apis, every old Jenkins Job, and every dusty A4 page!

Schedule

On date X:

- 8:30 - Breakfast in the office
- 9:00-9:10 - quick kickoff
- 12:00 - Lunch
- 16:00 - some refreshments
- 18:00 - FINISH + dinner

Scoring System

I suggest doing a good job on this one before the Cleanathon! It can create a lot of tension if done wrong.

Code

- Each line of code - 1 point
- Deleting an unused branch - 2 points
- Deleting a hanging PR + branch - 3 points
- Removing a package from requirements.txt/package.json - 50 points
- A full file deleted - 50 points (no additional points for the lines deleted in the file)

- Please don't just leave a few lines to get the higher score of 1-point-per-line - if a file can be deleted, delete it).
- A repo archived - 100 points. This is not a maximum per repo, but is meant for repos that are no longer in use (please don't just delete lines and files in repos that can be archived).
- A workload removed from k8s - 100 points
- Deleted a feature flag - 100 points

Money saved

- For each **monthly dollar saved** - 10 points! Can include:
 - Cloud resources - VMs, disks, storage
 - Subscriptions - delete users we pay for
 - Anything else you can think of

Technical

- A Jenkins job deleted - 50 points
- Unused secret deleted - 50 points
- Delete a kubeflow pipeline - 20 points
- **Delete a table in the DB - 100 points.**

Documents & Data

- Archiving a Jira issue - 10 points
- Delete a file in google drive - 1 point
- Organize a file in google drive - 2 points
- Delete a Confluence document - 50 points

Finance things

- Delete an employee that doesn't work in the company - 100 points
- Delete a credit card that is not in use - 50 points

In all categories, there is a 1000-point limit per action.

So if you deleted 50 files in one folder, it's 1000 points.

If you delete more than 1000 lines in a single file - it's 1000 points.

If you save monthly \$150 by deleting a VM, it's 1000 points.

The rule is meant to enforce a fair competition, so people won't be able to find 'hacks' for inflating the score.



Score count

The scoring will be based on trust (and verification :)).

Each team will have a leader, that will be responsible for counting the points. Each work done should be documented, it can be a simple doc that details the tasks, and the score for each task (or group of tasks).

The final score of the team will be divided by the number of participating team members.



Stability Guidelines

- **PRs:** Every pull request must receive 2 approvals from people familiar with the relevant codebase. **The PRs will be left open.**
- **Special Branches:** Dedicated branches will be created in big repos, and all PRs should be merged into them.
- **Testing:** Every developer should responsibly test their changes.
- **Post-event,** a full Cypress end-to-end test run will be performed using all the branches, to ensure stability before the official release.
- **Accountability:** Points for PRs that need to be reverted will be rescinded. Let's keep it clean and stable!



Ethical guidelines

- **Focus on Impact:** Aim for deletions that enhance efficiency and clarity in the critical resources of your team.
- **No Archaeology:** Deleting lines in archived repos won't count.
- **No Cheating:**
 - Adding resources only to delete them won't count.
 - Deleting things that will be added after the Cleanathon also doesn't count.



Prizes

- 1st place: A Dyson (got it? Cleaning!) for each team member, or a \$X coupon
- 2nd and 3rd places: a team meal for \$X.



Teams

The participation will be based on the organic teams with some tweaks.

<TEAM LIST HERE>.

I suggest creating fun logos + names for the teams!

Here are some suggestions for the following teams (top to bottom, left to right):

1. DevOps + CTO + Architects
2. Backend + Data engineering team
3. QA team
4. Backend team
5. Frontend team
6. AI team
7. Finance team
8. Product team
9. Technical support team (inside joke, half of them are Brazillians).

The Bosses Brigade



The Data Guardians



The Bug Sweepers



The Backend Sanitizers



The Pixel Purifiers



The Machine Learning Moppers



The Numbers Wizards



The Visionary Vacuumers



The Carnival Broomers

