

Packet



### Hackathon Rules

1. All elements, code, etc. for your project must be created during the event.
2. Must be currently attending College/University to participate.
3. Must have at least one team member check-in.
4. Frameworks, APIs, and anything else that is free and open source is allowed.
5. Pre-written code from previous hackathons are not allowed.
6. All projects must be submitted by the deadline. No exceptions.
7. All teams have 1-4 members.
8. A team can submit only one entry for the hackathon.
9. Last push to GitHub must be before noon Sunday, January 19.
10. Projects must be uploaded to DevPost by 12:30 PM on Sunday, January 19.
11. Teams create a 3-5 minute presentation video and link it in the repo/submission.

### Discord Rules

1. Use Common Sense.
2. No Obscene, Graphic, or Offensive content. This includes text, images, or links featuring nudity, sex, hard violence, or other graphically disturbing content.
3. Do not target, harass, or otherwise attack any member, group, or demographic for any reason.
4. Do not self-promote, solicit, or advertise without prior and explicit permission from an event organizer.
5. No discussion of any illegal activity.
6. Nothing against the Discord Terms of Service is allowed.
7. Use the correct text and voice channels for your topic.

### Schedule

- Saturday, January 18
  - **9 AM - 11 AM:** Check-in
  - **11 AM - 12 PM:** Opening Ceremony
  - **12 PM:** Hacking Begins
  - **12 PM - 1 PM:** Team Matchmaking



- **1 PM - 2 PM:** Lunch
- **3 PM - 4 PM:** Networking Event
- **5 PM - 6:30 PM:** Workshop Event
- **7:30 PM:** Dinner at [Towers Cafe](#) (must have voucher)
- **10 PM:** Pack up
- **11 PM:** Building Closes
- **Sunday, January 19**
  - **9 AM:** Building Opens
  - **9:30 AM:** Breakfast
  - **11 AM - 12 PM:** Last Minute Help for Submissions
  - **12 PM:** Hacking Ends
  - **12:30 PM - 2:30 PM:** Presentations/Judging
  - **2:30 PM - 3 PM:** Closing Ceremony

## Hackathon Theme

There will be no specific theme for this hackathon, but we do have some suggestions in case you're stuck:

- **Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning/Deep Learning:** Develop innovative solutions using AI, ML, and DL techniques.
- **Data Science:** Extract valuable insights and make informed decisions from data.
- **Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technology:** Create decentralized and secure applications using blockchain and DLT.
- **Internet of Things:** Build interconnected devices and systems that collect, share, and analyze data.
- **Cybersecurity:** Protect data and systems from cyberattacks.
- **Fintech:** Develop innovative financial products and services using technology.
- **Healthtech:** Use technology to improve healthcare delivery and patient outcomes.
- **Edtech:** Enhance education and learning through technology.
- **Sustainability and Climate Change:** Develop solutions to combat climate change and promote sustainability.
- **Social Impact:** Create solutions that address social issues and make a positive impact on society. This includes topics such as poverty alleviation, healthcare access, and education equality.



### Presentation Guidelines

All presentations must cover these 5 points

1. **Intro:** Introduce team members and roles (what you knew going into it and experience)
2. **Problem Statement:** What problem did you identify that this hack is solving?
3. **Product:** Describe the hack
  - How is it different from what is currently out there?
  - What are the improvements you've made?
  - Explain [tech stack](#) and technicalities.
  - Explain like you're explaining to someone w/ no technical background.
4. **Learning:** Tell us what you learned
5. **Demo:** Show us your product!

### Submission Requirements

- Upload all project files to a GitHub repository and make your last push before noon Sunday, January 19.
- At least one check-in for each of your teammates during the span of the event. Check-in(s) start Saturday, January 18 at 9 AM in the venue location.
- Upload your project to DevPost by 12:30 PM on Sunday, January 19.
- A 3-5 minute presentation video and link it in the repo/submission.
- GitHub repository needs a README file with the following information:
  - Link to video presentation
  - Project Information
    - Title
    - Summary
    - Contributors list
  - Navigating the repo
    - Where to find the notebooks, data, code, etc. in the repository.
    - An explanation of what the key files are.
    - Instructions on how to run your project.



### Judging Criteria

- **Functionality:** Does the product function as intended? Is it robust and easy to interact with?
- **Innovation:** Does the product introduce a new approach or perspective?
- **Presentation Criteria:** Did the presentation have Intro, Problem Statement, Product, Learning, and Demo? Did they submit properly (through given instructions?)
- **Presentation Quality:** Ability for the judges to understand the desired functionality, and see that the functionality is behaving as expected.
- **Design:** Is the product aesthetically pleasing? Does the design of the product elevate its message?

### Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is a Hackathon?**
  - A hackathon is an event where programmers get together for a short period of time to collaborate and create a project. Attending these events and participating is a great resume booster!
- **I am a beginner and don't know how to code, can I still participate?**
  - Teams can consist of 1-4 members. Don't worry if you do not have a team! We will have an event to find team members.
- **Where do I sign up!**
  - You must create an account by hitting 'login' at the top of the [website](#) and using your school email.
  - Then you can apply for the event by hitting the ['Apply'](#) at the home page.
- **I signed up...now what?**
  - We will send you an email with more information as the event gets closer. You can also periodically check the [website](#) for updates.
- **How much does it cost?**
  - While the event itself is completely free, unfortunately you will have to pay for your own parking and food during the span of the event.
  - *We will also not be providing any overnight sleeping accommodations as the building will close at around 11 PM and reopen in the morning.*



- **Will we have a place to work?**
  - Yes, we'll have an entire building to ourselves! *However, due to building and security restrictions beyond our control, the building will close at around 11 PM and reopen in the morning.*
- **What if I have more questions?**
  - Please reach out to us at [waynestatescd@gmail.com](mailto:waynestatescd@gmail.com).

## Food

Lunch will be provided around 1 PM Saturday. Snacks will be distributed throughout the event but **do not** rely on us for dinner or breakfast for both days.

## Time & Place

- Mandatory check-in will start from Jan 18, 2025 9:00 AM
- Venue is located at 📍 Saint Andrew's Memorial Episcopal Church ([5105 Anthony Wayne Dr, Detroit, MI 48202](#)). *The building will close at around 11 PM and re-open around 9 AM the next day (Sunday).* <https://maps.app.goo.gl/5nCpgZERGhGPqbhs5>
- Visit the [Schedule](#) for more information.

## Parking

There will be no parking reimbursements. That being said, there are a couple of parking structures available on campus that are a short walk away from the venue location.

- 📍 Wayne State Parking Structure 2 - Credit or bank debit card (VISA, MasterCard, or Discover) accepted (no cash). **\$9 flat rate**
- 📍 Parking Lot 51 - **\$10 flat rate**
- 📍 Parking Structure 1 - Credit or bank debit card (VISA, MasterCard, or Discover) accepted (no cash). **\$9 flat rate**
- 📍 Parking Structure 5 - Credit or bank debit card (VISA, MasterCard, or Discover) accepted (no cash). **\$9 flat rate**
- [ParkDetroit](#) meter parking. **\$1 / hr rate**

To see parking availability, visit [here](#).



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### Relevant Links

- [Discord](#)
- [Website](#)
- [DevPost](#)
- [Add to Calendar](#)
- [Campus Map](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)
- [Instagram](#)

