

HackBeanpot 2023



Project Guide: Submission + Demo

Submitting to DevPost

- Submissions are due at **9:00AM EST** on Sunday [via Devpost](#)
- Please make sure to include the following:
 - The Slack handles for your team members so we can contact you
 - Link to hosted project and/ or codebase (or designs if applicable)
 - A description of your project (including any technical details)
 - The process you went through during the weekend (ex. any challenges)
 - What you learned this weekend
 - Any future goals or next steps for the project

Logistics for Judging

- You are required to demo live to be considered for an award
- You'll be assigned a judging time and location on live.hackbeanpot.com after the project submission deadline.
- General schedule for judging
 - 5 minutes: demo / presentation (live demo or video)
 - What does your project do?
 - How and why did you build it the way you did?
 - 2-4 minutes: time for judges to ask you questions about your project
- Starting at 9 AM Sunday (once submissions are due), HackBeanpot organizers will be circulating the venue for practice demos if you are interested in a mock demonstration
- For in-depth details on what to include in your video and presentation check out our [How to Demo](#) section below

Judging Criteria

All criteria will be judged on a 1 to 5 scale on Devpost, with 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest.

Process - Did the team learn or try something new? How did they handle problems they encountered or pivot their ideas throughout the weekend?

Positive Spirit - Does the project have societal impact or solve a problem? Does it make you smile :)?

User Experience - Is the design polished and intuitive? Is it visually appealing and easy to use? Is the project accessible and designed for all people who may use it?

Innovation - Is the project creative? How different is the project from things that we've seen before?

Technical Difficulty - Does the team use challenging technologies? How challenging are the technical problems the team solves in their project (and is this done cleanly and efficiently)?

Functionality - How functional are all the features? How much of it is hard-coded or "hacky"?

How to Demo

Congratulations on finishing an entire project in less than 48 hours! There is a lot to be proud of and along the way, we're sure you overcame many challenges. The judges would love to know all about your project, so please prepare a demo for judges. Below, we've included 5 tips on structuring a successful demo, either through video or a presentation!

1. The purpose and inspiration

- a. What drove you to build what you built? Whether you created something to solve a problem, or just for fun, judges like to know why.

2. The product itself

- a. What did you actually create? Demonstrate what your project does, and how it works. This is your time to shine, so don't hesitate to show off the parts you are proud of.

3. The process

- a. Your hackathon experience doesn't just revolve around the final version of your project prototype, so it's important to show your working process throughout the weekend. What challenges did you face and how did you overcome them? Did your project idea change and evolve as you were working?

4. What did you learn?

- a. Hopefully, you learned a lot of things this weekend! Did you try a new skill or improve on something you don't have much experience with? Maybe you did

some design for the first time, or worked with people you haven't met before!
Judges like to see when you've stepped out of your comfort zone.

5. What's next for your project?

- a. Is there anything else you wish you had time to add to your project? How could you improve on your project in the future?

Prizes

Survived the Desert Award (Most Innovative / Technically Challenging)

After a weekend of completing challenges with your expedition group and making projects, we are excited to see what you've learned! HackBeanpot values exploration and teamwork. If you want to try your hand at learning a new technology, we challenge you to create the most innovative or technically challenging project you can!

Best Blueprint of the Galaxies Award (Best UX/UI)

Aspiring front-end developers and designers, this challenge might be for you! We challenge you to create a hack that has a beautiful, intuitive, and usable front-end. This winning hack will be declared the Best Blueprint of the Galaxies!

You're the Space Jam Award (Hack for Joy)

Everyone has their own unique hobbies and interests, such as gaming, rock climbing, knitting, or fishing. Whether it's a hobby you picked up during quarantine or a life-long passion, at HackBeanpot, we challenge you to build whatever your heart desires! Encouraging passion and creativity, we present to you, Hack for Joy!