



#347: Forefront: IL Count Me In 2020

Date: April 30th, 2019

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Hosts: Humans. Definitely humans. Siri, you try to do this. You can't.

Welcome to Chi Hack Night!

Find this **agenda** at chihacknight.org — next to the RSVP and details button

Join our [Slack](https://slackme.chihacknight.org) channel: <http://slackme.chihacknight.org> (Many groups use this to communicate.

Download it now <https://slack.com/> and get ahead of the curve!)

Thank you to our sponsor, **DataMade**, for the Empanadas!

Everyone can edit this document.

Tonight's agenda:

6:00 pm Eating and socializing

6:15 pm Welcome, house rules & three-word introductions (welcome, first-timers!)

6:30 pm Announcements

6:45 pm Presentation and Q&A

7:30 pm [Breakout group pitches](#)

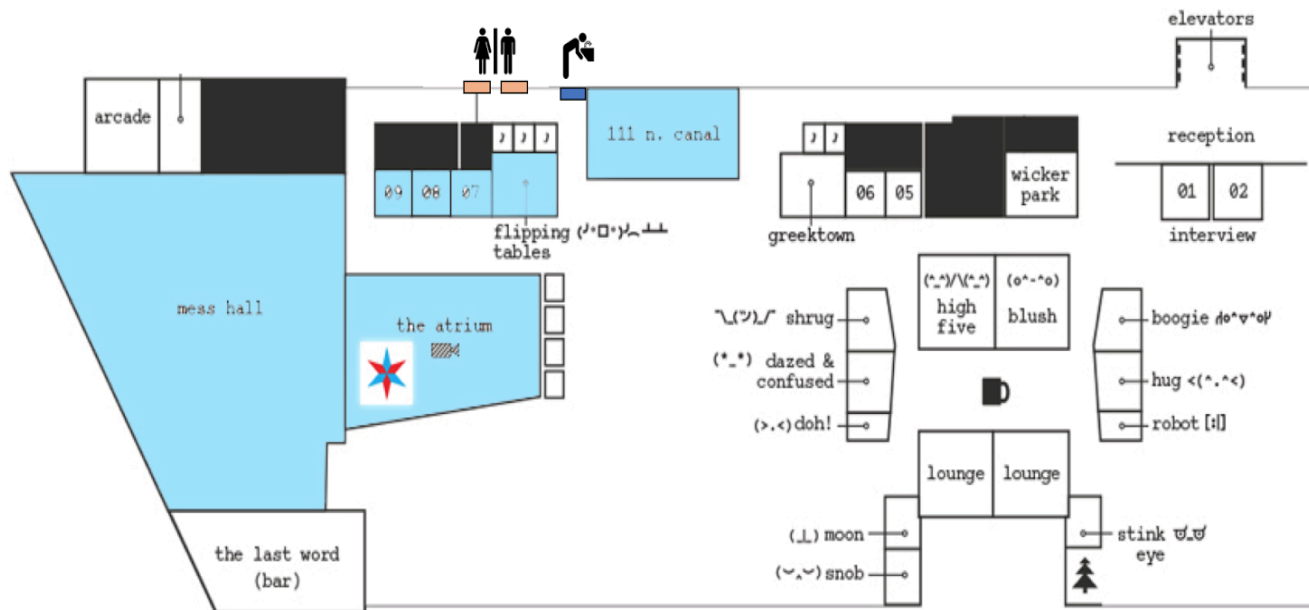
7:45 pm Break into groups and hack

9:30 pm Pack up and leave

You can take up to 2 non-alcoholic drinks from the 'everyone' refrigerator (If you see any food near the drinks you're reaching for, you're in the wrong fridge)

- Braintree space: The rooms in [Blue](#) [see map below the fold] we are welcome to use. Everything else is off limits please! **Please do not disable or disconnect anything in the Braintree rooms.** If you need help, ask one of the Braintree staff.

Braintree_rooms



Apps, wifi, and social media:

- Wifi: PayPalGuest / SafePayments (on the whiteboard to the right of these screens)
- Join our [Slack](http://slackme.chihacknight.org) channel: <http://slackme.chihacknight.org> (Many groups use this to communicate. Download it now and get ahead of the curve!)
- If you want, you can follow us on social medias:
 - [Twitter](#): share using the **#chihacknight** hashtag. Follow us [@chihacknight](#)
 - [Facebook](#): we got a page! You can like us there.
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- Subscribe to our newsletter! Get the latest and greatest in Chi Hack Night news & updates by checking out our weekly newsletter. Sign up [here](#).
- Left something at Chi Hack Night? Email chicagooffice@getbraintree.com

Be nice:

- Please keep announcements, job postings, breakout pitches less than 30 seconds
- Please read our [Code of Conduct](#)
- **Make space for others.** Consider how you're using your voice during Q&A and breakout groups. Are you asking questions of others? Are you acknowledging others' lived expertise? Are you creating a welcoming environment for others to participate in?

Introductions

- Introduce yourself.

- Keep it to 3 words. (not including your name and pronouns)
- Warm welcome to the newcomers!

Talk to your neighbor:

- **Who are folks that might already be involved in census activities in your neighborhood / communities? Who else should be engaged?**

Announcements

- *If you're here and have an announcement for the group, please add any information here in the appropriate section (general, events, or jobs).*
- *Keep announcements under 30 seconds.*

General Announcements

Donate to Chi Hack Night!

Our event will always be free and accessible to all but we need your help to keep it going!

Ways you can donate:

- When you register on Eventbrite: <https://chihacknight.eventbrite.com/>
- On Venmo: <https://venmo.com/chihacknight>
- Cash (give it to Derek Eder, Emily Drevets or Katie O'Shea)



Bonus! Donate \$100 or more and get a Chi Hack Night swag pack! It includes a Chi Hack Night t-shirt, coffee mug and 4 Chi Hack Night stickers! If you have donated \$100 or more and have not gotten your swag, talk to the co-hosts!



Slack @drevets, come to info session on May 14th, or email info@chihacknight.org.

Event Announcements

Check out the #events channel in Chi Hack Night Slack! Join: slackme.chihacknight.org

Hackathon to End Hunger 2019

May 4, 2019

AON Center

The Greater Chicago Food Depository's Hackathon to End Hunger aims to crack the code on hunger.

At the Hackathon to End Hunger teams compete to develop the best solution to real world problems the Food Depository faces. During the 12 hour event, teams organically form around ideas to solve the Challenge Topic, work to develop the idea framework, and present their idea to a panel of expert judges which will select the winning idea.

Because the Hackathon to End Hunger is only one day, the goal is to *Dream It* - outline ideas to solve the challenge. **There is no expectation to build/develop an output on-site and all areas of expertise are encouraged to attend, not just developers or engineers.**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hackathon-to-end-hunger-2019-tickets-57099395830>

Day of Service - Adopt a Bike Lane [5/19]

Let's kick off the summer biking season by ensuring bike lanes are clean, safe, & clearly marked. This event will include volunteers documenting bike lane conditions to share with city departments so they have great data and photos to plan their summer maintenance work. Sign up, adopt a bike lane, document bike lane conditions, then meet us at the after party!

RSVP: <https://www.bikelaneuprising.com/day-of-service>

SatRday Chicago - Livestream now available!

If you weren't able to attend Chicago's first one day R in data science conference, you can watch the recorded talks (from half the tracks) here. Featuring some awesome people from the Chi Hack Night community!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=quFhQvizBE8&feature=youtu.be>

Job Announcements

Check out the #jobs channel in Chi Hack Night Slack! Join: slackme.chihacknight.org

AskWhai is looking for a data science intern!

AskWhai is a Chicago-based startup with the goal of democratizing AI and data science for small businesses. We're seeking a summer intern who cares as much about transparent, effective AI as we do. Our data science intern will join a small Python-based team, and candidates should have a strong understanding of classical data science techniques (clustering, decision trees, etc.), as well as familiarity with the self-improving analyses that are at the core of machine learning work.

The Cline Center for Advanced Social Research at the University of Illinois aims to equip and empower social scientists, humanists, and decision-makers with tools to address key challenges that threaten human flourishing—climate change, civil unrest, inequality, and injustice, to name a few—by applying advanced computational techniques to extract structured insights from millions of news stories from around the world.

The Applications Architect will be responsible for application design, engineering, and integration strategies over the full software life-cycle, from development to deployment, and overseeing a team of developers. The primary focus for this role is designing and implementing software to support dynamically scalable services that embrace High Performance Computing (HPC) technologies.

A more detailed description and a link to the application is available here:

<https://bit.ly/2KPY1z0>

Questions: ask Adam Hecktman (who is in Seattle tonight) adamh@microsoft.com

Greater South Loop Association

The Greater South Loop Association (greatersouthloop.org) is looking for volunteer-based general IT admin help. Duties include: WordPress, LAMP, GSuite, and AWS.

Intermediate-level WordPress admin experience is necessary, with a background in web development or similar technical role being ideal. We're asking for a minimal time commitment of 5 hours a month, though additional time is certainly welcome. You don't have to live in the South Loop, but residents are preferred.

Detailed training and documentation will be provided, with the current Admin staying on the Board to assist. This opportunity would be a great way to hone existing skills, learn a few (or a lot!) new ones, and provide a way to give back to the community.

To apply, please email michael [at] greatersouthloop.org with an introduction about yourself and relevant past experience.

Presentation Notes

Help us take notes and share relevant links during the presentation! Check out old presentations on the [Chi Hack Night YouTube channel](#)

- IL has lost one congressional seat in every census since
- IL is likely to lose two more congressional reps, one from down state, one from the Chicagoland area.
- Counting for Dollars
- about \$1800 will likely be lost per person unaccounted for in the census
- Hard to Count Mapping tool: <https://www.censushardtcountmaps2020.us/>
- Counting for Dollars 2020: The Role of the Decennial Census in the Geographic Distribution of Federal Funds:
<https://gwipp.gwu.edu/counting-dollars-2020-role-decennial-census-geographic-distribution-federal-funds>
- children 0-5 were the most not counted in the last census. About one million were estimated to have been missed across the United States (100k in Cook County? IL? alone)
- first "high-tech" census
- over 3k cybersecurity risks to test before going live next spring
- need to educate people -- the digital divide (lack of internet access)
- lack of trust
- civic tech needs to help govt, community hubs to help figure out how to get fair and accurate count
- then there's the citizenship question (proposed)

- people can call into census bureau, fill out paper form
- everyone gets postcard with code in early March -- anyone residing there that day needs to be counted in that space
- college students need to be counted where they are at school on April 1, 2020
- citizenship question was removed in 1960 and added to the American Community Survey instead
- causes harm to families of color, immigrant families -- targets hard-to-count communities
- whether or not it will be on the form, there's already the fear out there
- but the risk is greater if they don't report
- Each census worker takes an oath, and info is protected for 72 yrs after census cycle
- if you don't fill it out properly, or if enumerator comes to door and you don't answer correctly, then you could face a fine
- need for trusted messengers and effective messages
- mobilization building blocks:
 - Securing campaign funding
 - Targeted messaging
 - Legal clarity
 - Understanding and addressing community concerns
 - Mapping hard-to-count communities
 - Addressing obstacles
 - Identification, engagement, and mobilization of trusted partners
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- 7 lawsuits currently trying to get the question off the form (3 already decided against, 4 pending)
- Supreme Court by end of June
- end of June is when the form needs to go to the printer to be ready for Jan 2020
- people have longer grace period to fill out the form, with it being online this time
- ensure people know the steps before we put certain families in a position where door-knockers are coming to get more info from them
- need to think of the unusual people
- who else needs to be at the table?
- city put together 30-person steering committee
- can the city maybe budget for an app, social media campaign, etc to help people understand census importance?
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- telling people to check their mail for postcards
- thinking about how to fight for a fair map
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Presentation Questions

*Please add your questions here. Hosts will select questions from here. If you see a question place a * by it, and it'll get moved higher up the chain.*

Example:

*"Q: What did the weasel say when the waitress asked him what he wanted?"******

A: "POP!," goes the weasel.

Q1: Wondering if you listened to [The Daily](#)'s podcast yesterday about the Census, and if you liked it. (not much of a question, I know)

Q2. Are you required to answer all the questions on your census form?*

-In theory, yes

-You can leave (maybe) 3-4 empty and still submit

-you can't tell anyone not to fill it out (canvasser may come to the house)

Q3: Is it statistically proven the citizenship question will result in an undercount or is this purely conjecture based on expected human behaviour?*

-focus groups have been asked this, numbers show it would significantly depress the count

Q4: How is it determined an undercount has occurred?***

-census bureau has relationships with other agencies for fact-checking

-Local update census addresses -- already started a year before

-may be able to skip the question and still keep going

-need guidance from the bureau