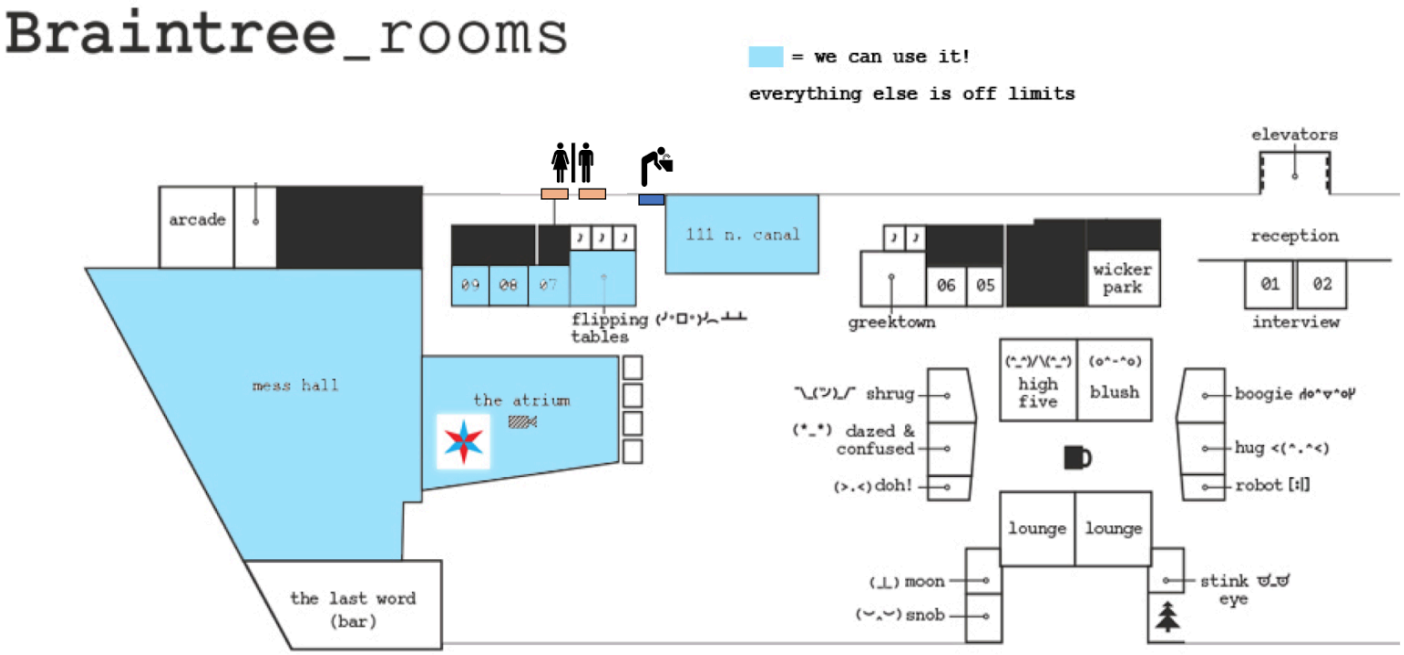
CHI HACKNIGHT

#235: Potluck & Open Hack

Date January 3, 2016
Sponsor Microsoft
Website chihacknight.org

Some things to know

- There will be food! You are also welcome to take up to 2 non-alcoholic drinks from the 'everyone' refrigerator (not the food in the fridge, please).
- Twitter and Flickr: share using the **#chihacknight** hashtag. Follow us @chihacknight
- Website: ChiHackNight.org
- Google Group: https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/chihacknight
- Weekly email: http://eepurl.com/z65hn
- Join our Slack channel: http://slackme.chihacknight.org
- Facebook group: https://www.facebook.com/chihacknight
- We have Chi Hack Night t-shirts for $15 and stickers for free
- Wifi Password: PayPalGuest / SafePayments
- Make sure the guard has food
- Hack Night Radio: A collaborative playlist that plays before/after Chi Hack Night: https://open.spotify.com/user/christopherbearkat/playlist/5BtZWKmdYppenBsXeu7BJn
- Braintree space: The rooms in Blue, we are welcome to use. Everything else is off limits please! Please note that we are not supposed to disable or disconnect anything in the Braintree rooms. If you need help, ask one of the Braintree staff.



Agenda

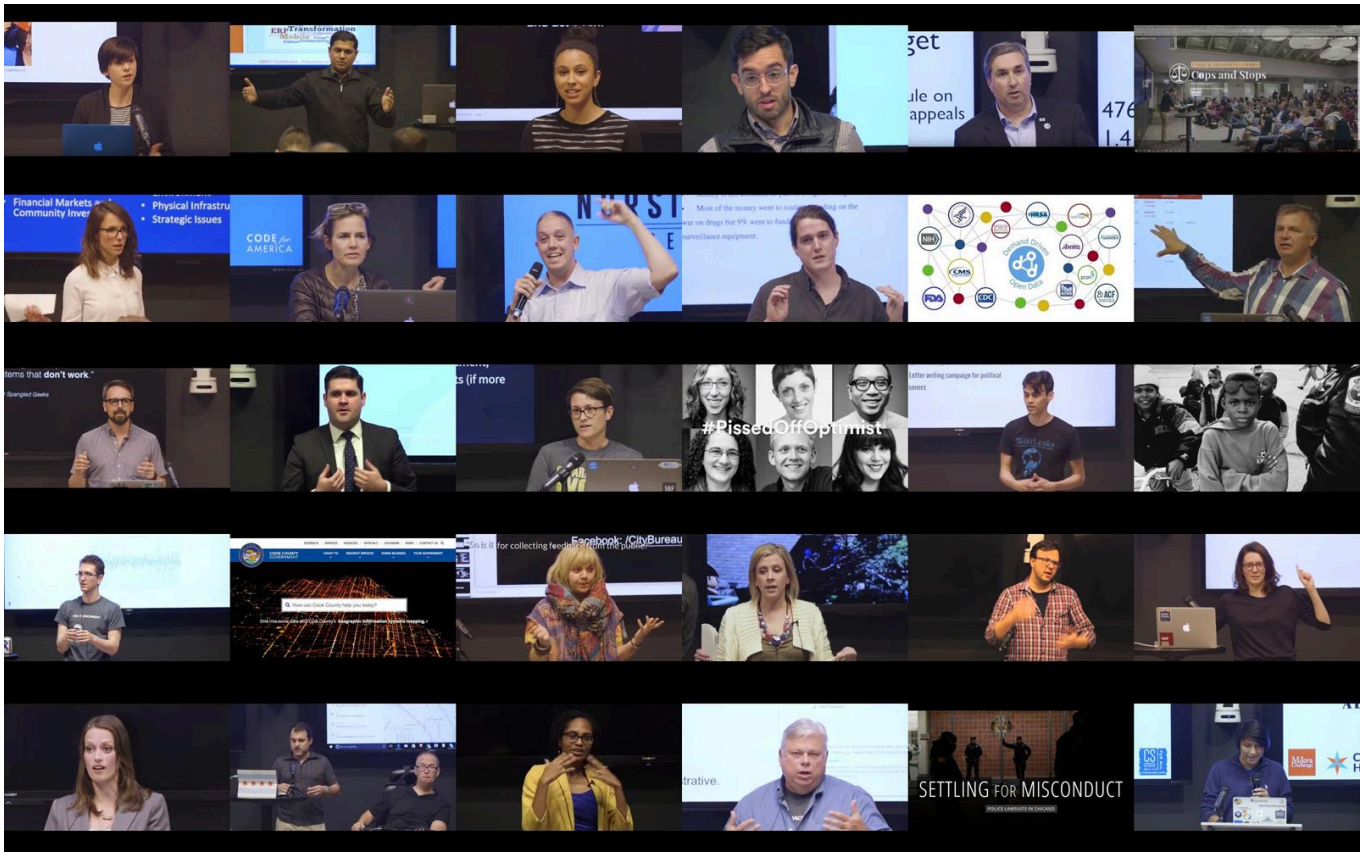
6:00 pm Eating and socializing
6:15 pm Welcome, house rules, introductions & meet your neighbor
6:30 pm Announcements
6:40 pm Presentation
7:15 pm Highlight breakout groups
7:30 pm Break into groups and hack

Announcements

Share your civic tech news and projects!

Are men talking too much? Let's see.
Tonight Andy will be using arementalkingtoomuch.com (a Chihacknight product) to get a rough idea of the proportion of time that men are talking during announcements and Q&A. Results will be posted here and in the Chihacknight Slack. Let @andy know in the Slack or in person about misgendering concerns on anyone's behalf (e.g. a message saying '-1 dude' or '+15s non-dude' to adjust the dude count or time) and I'll adjust the stats after the fact. Running results here.

American Sign Language interpreters at Chi Hack Night
Starting tonight, and going forward for every hack night, we will have an American Sign Language interpreter. Huge thanks to Melissa Manak, Steven Vance & Karl Fogel for setting this up!



[Chi Hack Night: 2016 Year In Review]

49 events. 33 presentations. 27 blog posts. 2 open data pledges 58 video presentations. And much more! This is the Chi Hack Night 2016 Year in Review! [Read the post >]

[Chi Hack Night Projects & successes page]

Many amazing projects have been conceived, built and launched at Chi Hack Night. Here are some of our most prominent and successful ones.

Do you have a Chi Hack Night project you want to share? [Fill out this form!]

Ain't No Party Like a README Party

This holiday season, DataMade read and revised several of our most popular READMEs from our 187 open source repositories. Here's how you can do it at your organization too!

Cook County Open Data - New Datasets:

1. Procurement Annual Buying Plan for Fiscal Year 2017 - Anticipated procurement opportunities for Fiscal Year 2017. This is the first year the buying plan has been released on the open data portal. Learn about Procurement Open Data and Transparency on page 15 of the Buying Plan PDF.
2. Treasurer - Annual Tax Sale - Results of the Treasurer's Annual Tax sale of delinquent property taxes. This dataset covers 2011-2014. There are several older datasets covering 2009 and 2010.
3. Treasurer - Scavenger Tax Sale - Record of delinquent property taxes sold at a biennial Scavenger Tax Sale. This dataset covers sales in 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013, and 2015.
4. Cook County Warming Centers - Locations of warming centers in suburban Cook County

Questions? Feedback? Data Requests? Email opendata@cookcountyil.gov

President Obama's Farewell Address

We'll be streaming the farewell address at 5:00pm if anyone wants to come early. Granted, Braintree won't let anyone in prior to 5:00pm.

Genevieve Nielsen is a Forbes 30 under 30 Winner!

Arity is looking for developers to test their products!

bit.ly/dev-test

Arity (startup founded by Allstate) is looking for developers to test out and give feedback on developer tools we're creating. You will be compensated ($50/hr) for your time. If you're interested, please fill out the survey at the above link or ask Eileen M. for a flyer.

Co-host wanted

As part of the "Are the women talking too much" discussions, Derek and Christopher would like to rotate out the co-host slot to somebody who is not a dude. We'll rotate for now, but we'd like to find a new permanent co-host. Christopher is stepping down from co-hosting duties (but will still be part of the leadership team and help lead 101). Interested? See Derek and Christopher for details!

Events

Please only list events coming up in the next 2 weeks

Data and the Environmental Defense Fund Tomorrow, Wednesday, 6pm at Microsoft. Please RSVP! Contact adamh@microsoft.com for questions

The mission of the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) is quite simple: We work to preserve the natural systems on which all life depends. Climate, energy, oceans, human health, and the policy that impacts it all - all within the scope of the research and advocacy of the EDF. EDF has a special take on environmental issues - they are interested in creating solutions that also carry economic benefits.

Of course, all of this requires data. And ideally, it contributes new data and insights. Come hear Ellen Bell discuss the work of the EDF. Ellen manages the Redefining Energy Efficiency Project.

Lead Poisoning Hackathon - Mentors Needed
Students from seven high schools will come to IMSA to tackle a challenge from the state of Illinois to design innovative solutions to lead poisoning issues. Subject matter experts and lawmakers from the state government will be there to support the students, but the students would like civic tech mentors as well!
Contact: Britta McKenna, bmckenna@imsa.edu [please mention ChiHackNight :)]
Event: 1/14/2016, Illinois Math and Science Academy (IMSA), Aurora, IL

Jobs

Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago has a posting for an Associate Researcher/Data Systems Analyst position, to do work with some linked administrative data that helps coordinate policy in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, and across multiple states. Let Nick Mader <nmader@chapinhall.org> know if you're interested in finding out more!

> Chapin Hall is seeking a full-time Data Systems Analyst to support its research function by developing and executing ETL (extract/transform/load) data workflows, maintaining databases, assuring data quality, providing analytical capabilities, automating business processes, testing/troubleshooting code utilities, authoring metadata/documentation and integrating various data resources across the enterprise. Chapin Hall maintains a secure Linux data environment, various relational database platforms and a suite of data processing tools including Python, R, SQL and SAS. This position will report directly to Chapin Hall's Senior Technical Manager.

Jack Thorne: Senior Software Engineer: Jack@kilmer.co

Presentation Notes: None!

Help us take notes during the presentation! *Please add a new line before typing so that we don't overwrite each other.*