



THE TORONTO HACKER CLUB PRESENTS

THACKS 2

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WHAT IS THE TORONTO HACKER CLUB?

The Toronto Hacker Club is a student-run organization that aims to promote technology-based education throughout the Greater Toronto Area. To date, we have hosted three hackathons and three workshops in partnership with a variety of influential companies, such as Google, Mozilla, and RBC. The Toronto Hacker Club has also been awarded the "Building Community through Sciences and Technology Award" by the Toronto Youth Cabinet.

Past Events

Featuring topics ranging from cybersecurity to data science, the Toronto Hacker Club has educated and inspired hundreds of students throughout the Greater Toronto Area and is excited to do so once again with THacks 2. With two years of experience, our organization has been privileged to work with speakers, engineers, and programmers from leading tech companies and corporate partners including Google and Mozilla, who share our vision in exposing future entrepreneurs to the latest in technology.

In October 2015, the Toronto Hacker Club launched an ambitious first event, a 12 hour hackathon with an attendance of 60 high school students. Approximately one year later, our organization ran its second 12 hour hackathon, THacks, a city-wide competition that saw over 700 applicants and around 150 eventual competitors. With over \$1500 in prizes, sponsors such as Hover, Dotto-One, and Informatica saw themselves feature to the brightest and most ambitious pool of high school students in Toronto.

Our most recent event, JS Boost @ Mozilla, was focused on exposing students to the relevant, real-life applications of Javascript through Meteor.JS and Chart.JS. During the event, corporate partners RBC, Amanah Tech, and Phoenix Software were able to promote their products, services, and companies as they simultaneously provided high school and university students with the opportunity to learn, improve, and explore with Javascript.

WHAT IS THACKS?

The Focus

THacks 2 will be Canada's largest hackathon organized by high school students. The event will be held from October 21st to 22nd at the University of Toronto. Participants at THacks will collaborate on innovative projects and be exposed to the various areas of computer science.

At the Toronto Hacker Club's seventh event, Ontario's best and brightest students will be learning, building, and creating with the latest in cutting-edge technology. Over the course of 24 hours, participants will compete for a selection of prizes by developing and pitching a project to a panel of judges. Throughout the event, students are invited to participate in optional workshops, each featuring various topics in programming, engineering, and technology. At the end of the event, projects with the greatest technical depth, best presentation, and finest aesthetic appeal will be rewarded.

Our Audience

With 400 high school and university students in attendance, THacks will serve as a hunting ground for vacant internship and co-op positions. To present a quality pool of participants, all hackers will undergo a competitive application process to express their programming expertise and collaborative skills. THacks will harbour a safe and exciting atmosphere for Toronto's brightest students to partake in cutting-edge innovation.

Talks and Showcases

2 Minute Pitches and Startup Valley

In the spirit of innovation, THacks will feature Toronto's next employers, curating the North's very own silicon valley. We begin with an hour of constant pitches, each lasting a mere two minutes*. The following hour will engage participants with speakers firsthand at each startup's individual booths. With over 20+ startups from local tech laboratories, THacks will harbour a one-of-a kind startup network that brings professional feedback from a younger audience, experienced engineers, and other business leaders.

*Presentations will be sent to the team prior to the event to enforce time limits.

Innovating on Edge - Transpod Hyperloop

To connect the outskirts of the Toronto-Waterloo corridor, Transpod Hyperloop aims to cumulate talent pools together with a travel time of just 7 minutes. Participants will learn what it takes to invent the tools that will design track, survey land, and revitalize an aging transportation network. Who knows? We may throw in a couple students from Waterloo into the mix.

How to Grow a Meetup

Our panel will feature Shaharris, the man who brought hackernest, Dementia Hack, and Fishackathon 2017 to Toronto. His talk will anecdotally spur the minds of curious community leaders with memories of empty turnouts, low funding, and community disengagement. Yet despite the slow start, he'll turn the story around and share how they built Toronto's hottest and loudest networking hub.

Competitive Programming

From the Canadian Computing Olympiad to the International Olympiad in Informatics, Brian Chau will bring the audience on a dime tour through his journey to an IOI gold medal. In accordance with his talk, participants will compete for a prize by solving a programming challenge.

Planned Workshops

Introduction to Node.js

At Introduction to Node.js, hackers will learn to use the popular JS runtime used for backend web development. Participants will build a fully functional web app, with the help of ExpressJS, MongoDB, and AngularJS. This workshop will offer all the vital tools required to build a breathtaking web app at THacks!

Introduction to Web Design - Hatch Canada

At Introduction to Web Design, designers and illustrators have the opportunity to learn and then test their knowledge by building their first website from scratch. Participants will fly through the loops of HTML, CSS and Bootstrap. They will be introduced to important Web Design concepts, such as responsiveness, UI/UX, and SEO.

Your Workshop Here

Included in the Gold and Platinum packages, you can send some of your own speakers and give a workshop on your company's product.

WHY SPONSOR?

Recruitment

A hackathon is better than any interview. Over 36 hours, you will be given the opportunity to watch participants collaborate effectively, apply their experience, learn to use new tools, and market and present their ideas. Although a CV is what qualifies a candidate, the individual at heart is what drives their legitimacy in your workplace. THacks will cater to your company's needs, as your recruiters and mentors meet aspiring candidates firsthand. From hundreds of hand-picked applicants, we offer a rare opportunity to converse with developers from all backgrounds.

Brand Recognition

We will take your brand to new heights by promoting your service to a crowd of hackers all wanting to dive into the next big thing. With our diverse audience, we hope to align enthusiastic programmers with the vision of your niche and convert weekend participants into lifelong clients.

Product Testing

At THacks, many participants will critique your product and offer valuable one on one feedback. Students will grant you the benefits of free product testing and can provide your product with surprising new insights through the projects they create. With exclusive access to Toronto's best, you can identify flaws, complaints, and surprises before your product reaches the general public.

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

Tier	Bronze \$500	Silver \$1200	Gold \$1500	Platinum \$2000
Logo on Website	S	M	L	XL
Shout-out at Event	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo attached to Slideshow	✓	✓	✓	✓
Distribute Swag*	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mentoring*	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sponsor Table	✓	✓	✓	✓
Present Sponsor Prize*		✓	✓	✓
Recognition on Social Media*		✓	✓	✓
Logo on Event Poster*		✓	✓	✓
Demo/Talk at Opening Ceremony			5 Min	10 Min
Access to Resumes & GitHubs			After	Before
Sponsor-led Workshop*			✓	✓
Email Attendees*				✓

Distribute Swag

Any marketing articles provided by sponsors will be distributed to the participants at the event. Distributing the name and logo of your company to the participants will improve your brand awareness.

Mentoring

A great way to build relationships with participants is through sending a few company employees to mentor them. In addition to networking with the students, insight may be gained into the various exciting projects that participants are working on.

Present Sponsor Prize

One of the most exciting parts of a hackathon is the award ceremony. It is at this stage that effort is evaluated, competition is cherished, and emotions are heightened. Your company can share this moment with participants by presenting a sponsor prize. A company representative will present the award to the winning team and pictures will be shared on social media.

Recognition on Social Media

The Toronto Hacker Club will recognize your company as an event sponsor on multiple occasions before and after the event on our social media platforms. We have a presence of 700 followers on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat.

Logo on Event Poster

We will have posters promoting the event at over twenty TDSB schools. Your company's logo will be included on the event posters.

Sponsor-led Workshop

Help us learn about your services and products by planning a your very own workshop!

Email Attendees

You will have the ability to communicate by email with everyone who registered for our event. We are willing to send up to three emails to all the participants on your company's behalf.