



Data for Good: A Global Hackathon

Why do we do hackathons?

- To remind ourselves how fast we're capable of moving and how much fun we can have doing it.
- To collaborate and build relationships with folks we don't typically work with.

How much time do we have to demo?

Each team will have 10 minutes to present, followed by a 4-minute session of QA. With so many great teams and ideas, we're asking teams to budget time accordingly.

What do we need in the presentation?

Creative license is encouraged with the presentations. However, there are a handful of key points that each team should hit on:

- Introduce the members of your team.
- Succinctly describe the data problem you were solving along with who it's important to.
- Provide a live demo of what you built.
- Touch on what you learned along the way.

Will our hacks be built someday?

This is a possibility. However, the process matters more than the final products.

What languages/frameworks/platforms are fair game?

If the team agrees, teams are free to use technologies different from our cloud stack. It's best to consider how the team will work together. Teams are encouraged to use open-source approaches

Do we have to work from the existing codebase?

Each team should decide the best starting point for their project that allows them to collectively be productive and have the most impact in the three-day window. That could be a completely blank slate, or Hightower codebases, a fork of an open-source project, etc.

Where will the final presentations be? Who will be there?

Final presentations will be virtual and on Microsoft Teams. UN judges, all participating teams and members of UNICC will be in attendance.

Do projects need to be related to UN Data?

We would like teams to focus on an existing UN dataset.

Can I take part in more than one of the challenges?

One team can take part in only one challenge.

Can I take part as an individual?

Yes, you can. Strongly recommend you look for others who are single entries as there is quite a lot to get done. Look for complimentary skills and be creative.



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When do I need to complete?

You will be presenting on Friday, February 19th, 2021 - Demo Day. Your exact slot will be shared few days before. You will be expected to send in a one slide (at minimum) presentation summarising your work by 8 am (EST) on Demo Day.

Can I create a working prototype for the challenge and provide a demo as the final presentation?

Yes, please try to complete as much as you can. A complete working model is a bonus, but complete as much as you can.

Can I send you a video as my output?

Yes, you can send in a video as your final presentation. The video must be made on Vimeo and must be password protected. Please send in your video presentations with the required password by 8 am (EST) on Friday, February 19th, 2021 - Demo Day.

Is there a last day to sign up for the challenge?

11:59pm (EST) on February 14, 2021.

Do I have to limit the data sets for terms & conditions to only social media?

No. Objective is to simplify.

Which skills should the applicants have?

Students interested in and curious about data solutions, insights and data visualisation. Keen enthusiasts in Natural Language Processing & Machine Learning are highly encouraged to participate.

What tools should we use?

There is no requirement for one specific software or programming language – use tools which you are comfortable with and which will provide an effective solution. Please explain your choice of software in your final presentation.

Can I set up teams with people outside my university?

Yes. The end objective is to find effective solution to the challenge, sharpen your skills and have fun and connect with other

Can I register to volunteer for the event?

Yes, you can. Please reach out to the UNICC team for more information.

Data Privacy

Please [refer](#) to the data protection and privacy terms and conditions associated with the UNICC. The task is to analyse what is being said in the context of data sharing and data privacy. Many studies suggest no one ever reads them, we've been speaking about this for years, yet nothing has been done to address this. Let's be part of history and make this change.