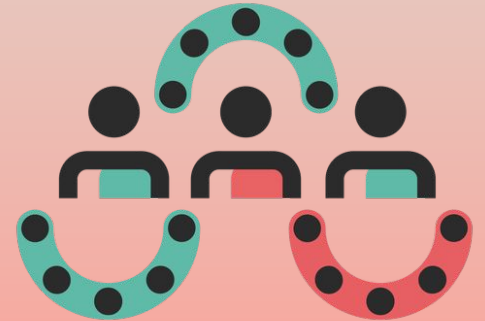# MY Hack 101

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What is a Hackathon?

- "Invention Marathon"
- Event to create a completed project within a short time frame
- Space to explore different skills and technologies

Form a Team

- Have a pre formed team or join team forming session
- Teams of up to 3 members
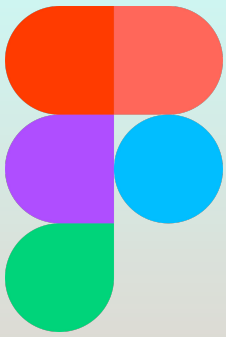- Divide up work & learn new skills from teammates
- Make friends!

Generating Ideas

- Don't dive into the solution without figuring out the problem
- Adjust the idea scope for a 24 hour event

Set Goals

- Topic-focused goals
  - Create something around a specific topic based on the given categories
  - You can create something that encompasses multiple categories or just one!
- Skill/Application-focused goals
  - Use specific tech or languages, like Python
- Challenge yourself to learn something new

Tackling your Project

- Communicate about who is doing what, especially if you split up
- Don't reinvent the wheel – use open-source code
- Request help from a mentor

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Learn as You Go

- Don't get discouraged when learning something new
- Workshops provide foundation to learn more afterwards

Make Use of Resources

- Interact with mentors as much as possible!
  - They're here for YOU.
- Attend workshops

Submit your Project

- Show off your work, even if it's not perfect

- Learn how to submit your project to Devpost with this [tutorial](#)

Demo your Project

- You've worked hard; it's time to show off your work!
- Don't be afraid to be creative
- Highlight your passion for the project
- Have fun!

TAKE BREAKS

- Attend mini events
- Grab snacks and meals
- HYDRATE
- Move around, stretch your muscles and relax your brain!

BREAK TIME