TIM Detroit Hackathon FAQ

1. General

What is the TIM Detroit Hackathon?

Participants ("hackers") spend 24 hours working in teams of one to four people to build, code or design projects ("hacks") that solve an issue in one of the four hackathon categories: autonomous & electric vehicles, connected cars, shared economy, and digital user experiences. There are workshops, mentors, food, swag, and buckets of coffee to guide you along the way.

What do participants normally make?

Typical projects include web development, Android apps, iOS apps, AI/ML, AR/VR, or standalone software and hardware.

Do I have to know how to code to attend?

Nope! We'll have lots of resources available, including a fantastic mentorship program, to help beginners get started.

Who runs TIM Detroit Hackathon?

TIM Detroit Hackathon is run by a group of dedicated and passionate young people, most of whom are members of ProjectHub, a creators' network platform.

2. Application

How do I apply?

The first step is to create a TIM Detroit Hackathon account and fill out some basic information in your hackathon profile. Once that's done, you'll be able to apply for the TIM Detroit Hackathon. Note that if you're accepted to TIM Detroit Hackathon, you will need to confirm your acceptance in order to compete.

How does registration work?

Registration is open until Monday, August 21th, 11:59 pm EST! Applications will be evaluated on a rolling basis until Monday, August 28th. Space fills up quickly, so apply early! If you're accepted, you'll have a week to confirm your attendance.

What is the schedule?

We'll release a more detailed schedule after July. For now, plan for the check-in to start on Thursday, September 7 at 8:00am, and for the closing ceremony to end on Friday, September 8 at 11:00am.

Is there an entry fee?

Nope! Admission is free and includes drinks, snacks, and a memorable experience (if we do say so ourselves).

How and when will I hear back?

We'll release decisions weekly on Mondays soon after the application opens.

Who can apply?

If you want to share, learn, create, and have a memorable experience, you are more than welcome to apply.

Can we apply as a team?

You must apply as an individual. However, if you have team members in mind, you can include your desired teammates' emails in the 'anything else' question.

How do teams work?

Teams will have no more than four people. You can select your teammates when you register, or you can register individually without specified teammates. We'll run the lottery by teams, so rest assured you'll be able to hack with your friends if that's what you prefer!

What are you looking for in an application?

Above all else—passion. Tell us what you care about, what excites you. We want to know what'll drive you to start and continue hacking. If there's something about Technology in Motion in particular that you're excited about, we'd love to hear about that too!

Are you allowing walk-ins?

We will not be allowing walk-ins. To ensure that you'll be allowed in, please apply ahead of time. If you register by July 30th and confirm by August 12th, you will be guaranteed a spot at the TIM Detroit Hackathon. Otherwise, you can try for walk-in admission the day of the event.

3. Hacking

What if I don't have a team or idea?

If you don't have a team now, that's okay! We'll have team formation and ideation events geared towards helping you find people to work with. If you don't have an idea now, don't worry—most people don't! We have some great activities planned before and during the event to help you meet teammates and start thinking through your ideas.

What kind of hardware will there be?

Feel free to bring your own hardware from home or email us with any suggestions. Let us know what you'd like to hack on in our registration form, and we'll try to make it happen.

Are there any prizes?

You and your hack will receive excellent exposure from our judges.

4. Logistics

Will you be offering travel reimbursements?

Unfortunately, no travel reimbursements will be given.

Will there be parking available?

Parking will be available first-come, first-serve in very limited quantities at COBO Hall. There are several parking structures in downtown Detroit that you can use.

What should I bring?

You should bring your confirmation form, laptop and charger, and anything you'd need for an overnight experience. *If you like to be comfy, you can bring a blanket or a pillow.* You won't need snacks or drinks; we've got you covered there.

What shouldn't I bring?

Weapons of any kind, drugs, or alcohol. If you're not sure whether something will be okay, please ask ahead of time!

Where will I sleep?

Hacking all night is fun, but you can also get some rest when you need it! Our partners from Stay22 will present a list of the best places around COBO Center for you to book as you wish.

5. Help!

I don't want to hack, I want to _____!

If you're contemplating judging, volunteering, or mentoring, shoot us an email at contact@projecthub.me. If your company is interested in becoming a sponsor, check out the sponsorship section below.

I didn't find my question here…

If you've got something else on your mind, send an email to contact@projecthub.me

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