UGAHacks

NEW UGAHACKS APP TO FACILITATE HACKATHONS

ATHENS, G.A. — UGAHacks participants are now able to communicate in the same location as centralized, hackathon-specific information.

The UGAHacks App allows both organizers and attendees to ideally experience the UGAHacks event in one app. Organizers to check in attendees and check out hardware and equipment. Attendees now have a mobile space for their event experience. Each user will have a customizable profile including their name, phone number, email, food allergies, profile picture, and a bio for any other information they would like to share. The app will feature a schedule that provides information such as meal times, deadlines and ceremonies dates and times. Company recruitment stations and equipment availability will be visible within the app as well. Attendees can also choose to participate in side events such as cybersecurity challenges and a UGAHacks scavenger hunt. In-app slack integration will allow a chat feature to facilitate mentorship and team building. Overall, attendees will experience the hackathon in a more interactive and convenient way and organizers will be able to run the best event possible.

Presently, attendees have an over reliance on the website. A lack of personalized communication creates lost or inaccessible communication due to overwhelming quantities in a single channel. The UGAHacks App is a centralized source that is portable, available, and will organize otherwise buried communications. Additionally, the app is more mobile friendly than the current website.

"We are excited to bring UGAHacks straight to hackers' pockets. We know inspiration can strike at any moment or any late hour. We are looking forward to seeing attendees boot up their dreams and build our future." - Jeffrey John, Lead Director of UGAHacks

To get started, download the app from the app store. Once the app is downloaded, the user has the option to log in through Google, GitHub, MyMLH or MyUGAHacks. Once logged in, the user can explore the benefits of the app via the walkthrough.

"UGAHacks new app drastically improved my experience as a fourth year hacker. The constant accessibility and centralization of information is incredible." - Mark Potter, Real User.

Download The UGAHacks App today to stay up to date on deadlines for this year's Hackathon!

FAQs

Pre-Download FAQs

How do I download the app?
- Go to the app store and search "The UGAHacks App" and click download!

Does the app cost money?
- Nope! It's completely free.

Do I need to download the app to participate?
- Not at all, but it'll help with equipment checkouts and getting points though!

Is the app hard to use?
- The app was created to help our attendees and organizers have a convenient and inclusive experience. The app is very user friendly and will only enhance the event.

Are there in-app purchases?
- Nope! Everything is included in the app.

Post-Download FAQs

How can I ask for help?
- This link will put you in contact directly to our organizers, and a hotline! In an emergency, please contact MLC security at (706) 542-7000.

Do I have to submit a project?
- Nope! We hope you boot up your dreams and build the future - whatever that means to you. We'll have eSports tournaments, scavenger hunts, cybersecurity challenges, and more!

What if I haven't coded before?
- Half our attendees haven't coded outside of the classroom! You'll be in good company, and our mentors are available for any questions.

How do I find a team?
- We'll have pre-events with our sister organizations, such as ACM and Girls.Code() to help meet your fellow students and form teams!

How can I ask for a mentor?
- Under your membership profile, there's a section for 'Mentorship', or request company mentors in their Slack channels!

What can I build?

- Anything! We have guidelines through our tracks and theme - but feel free to follow your inspiration and creativity.

Where can I work?

- Anywhere within the venue! We have specifically reserved the 4th and 3rd floors, but if you find an empty classroom, you're free to work there as well.

What do I do if the app is not working?

- Email us at hello@ugahacks.com or find a UGAHacks organizer and let us know.