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HackVerse Terms & Conditions

Terminology

HackVerse 3.0 is a hackathon conducted to provide a platform for innovation. The HackVerse 3.0 Hackathon, henceforth referred to as 'HackVerse', is an event organized by the students of NITK Surathkal. The Joint HackVerse 3.0 Team (Dean Student Welfare, Faculty Advisors, Organizers) and NITK shall henceforth be known as the 'Organization'. The Sponsors from the industry providing resources and prizes shall henceforth be known as the 'Sponsors'.

Registration

- All registration is online. Participants must register formally on the website: <u>https://hackverse.nitk.ac.in</u>.
- All current college students are eligible to participate in HackVerse 3.0. Participants may apply in teams of 2 to 3. The application shall be accompanied by the complete identification of each applicant. The Organization ensures the confidentiality and protection of all personal data provided for participation in the hackathon.
- All applicants are screened before registration. The Organization reserves the right to bar any applicant from participation in light of invalid details on the registration form.
- HackVerse 3.0 is an invite-only hackathon and all participants must be accepted on the Devfolio platform.
- The allotment of participants into teams (if the participant is not in a team already), is done with no precedence given to any participant

Rules of Conduct

Please read the Code of Conduct on our website. The participants need to abide by the <u>Devfolio Code</u> <u>of Conduct</u>.

Concerning Sponsor Organizations

Workshops conducted by the Sponsors are intended to familiarize participants with new technology, methods, and software principles.



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Rules for talks/workshops and resources

- All talks/workshops held in association with HackVerse 3.0 are conducted at the discretion of the organizers themselves.
- Registrations for each talk/workshop will be done via the registration link on a first come first served basis. The Organization shall not be held accountable in this regard.

Panelists and Decisions

The prizes for each category are valid only to registered participants of HackVerse 3.0. The prizes themselves are distributed by the corresponding panel of judges as they see fit. The Organization can claim no role in the proceedings, and cannot be held accountable to the panels' outcome. These decisions will be made at the panel's sole discretion. No team or team member shall make any claim or appeal against the decisions, either interlocutory or final, of the panel. The decision of the organizers regarding the results would be final and binding.

If plagiarism is found in a winning solution, the winning titles will be reclaimed as well as the amount will be redeemed back. The decision of the organizers regarding plagiarism will be made at their sole discretion and is final.

Intellectual Property

The Organization shall have no claim to the intellectual property of any participant, and is legally unaccountable for enforcing ownership of ideas in cases of theft or attempted plagiarism. Participants own any intellectual property they produce at HackVerse 3.0 and neither the Sponsors nor the Organization shall make a claim to Intellectual Property rights of their products or creations.

Acceptance of Agreement to the Terms and Conditions

The application to HackVerse 3.0 implies the full acceptance of these terms and conditions. Participants agree to the following conditions for the application and participation in HackVerse 3.0:

- The solutions developed shall not feature any references of a sexual nature, explicit or suggestive, shall not be offensive, obscene, pornographic or violent or derogatory to any ethnic, racial, religious, professional or age group. They should not encourage any form of hate or group hate nor contain derogatory comments about the Organization or its products or services, or other people, products or companies.
- The solutions developed shall not advertise illegal drugs or firearms (or the use of either), or any activity that may convey unsafe, dangerous or political messages.



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- The solutions developed shall not present registered trademarks or logos owned by third parties or advertise or promote any brand or product of any kind.
- The solutions developed shall not contain materials protected by copyright or property of third parties (including photographs, sculptures, paintings and other works of art or images published on websites or on television, movies or other media). Participants shall ensure that the ideas/prototypes/apps proposed are innovative and original.
- In the case of a plagiarised solution, the participants shall return the winning prize(s) (if any) to the Organizers. This includes both the monetary and in-kind benefits of the prize.
- The solutions developed shall not present any names, images, photographs or other evidence that identify any person, living or dead, without explicit authorization from them or their representatives.

During HackVerse 3.0, participants shall act with the utmost courtesy and respect for all persons and entities involved in the event. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions provided for in this clause may result in, by the decision of the panel of judges, at their sole discretion, the exclusion of the participant and/or team from HackVerse 3.0 without claim or appeal. They may also be held liable for damages incurred and compensate for any losses.

 Participants acknowledge and agree to grant the Organization the right to photograph, record, or otherwise capture their likeness in media to distribute, broadcast, or otherwise use to promote the Organization and the Sponsors, in perpetuity, such media without any further approval from you or any payment to you. This grant to the Organisers includes, but is not limited to, the right to edit such media, the right to use the media alone or together with other information, and the right to allow others to use or disseminate the media.

In any discrepancy involving the operations of HackVerse 3.0 or of the Organization, the Organization shall retain the right to make decisions, which shall be final and binding to all participants.

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