

# Hackathons 101

## The workplace practice

A hackathon is a problem-solving competition. Whoever comes up with the best solution wins.

### THINK OF IT THIS WAY

These events might take a single workday or span an entire weekend. Participants group up, and work around the clock. And when time's up, the teams pitch their ideas to a panel of judges and someone is crowned the winner.



## The origins

Many hackathons focus on writing code for software which is why they're pretty common in the tech world. But the practice has spread to many other sectors: Hasbro hosted a toy hackathon, New York Fashion Week had one, and even the Vatican held a hackathon!