



OSCode

HACK DAYS

PARTICIPANT HANDBOOK

OFFICIAL MLH HACK DAY
8-HOUR SPRINT TO BUILD, SHIP & WIN

DATE & TIME:

TBA

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM IST

VENUE:

Atria Institute of Technology

Bengaluru

WELCOME HACKERS

Welcome to Hack Days by Atria Summer of Code — an official MLH Hack Day hosted by the **AWS Student Builder Group** and **OSCode Atria Chapter**. This is not your typical coding contest. Over the next 8 hours, you'll build real projects, contribute to open source, deploy on AWS, learn from workshops, and compete for prizes.

Whether this is your first hackathon or your tenth, this handbook has everything you need: schedule, rules, venues, resources, and tips to make the most of your day.

// EVENT AT A GLANCE

- **Format:** In-person MLH Hack Day
- **Duration:** 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- **Team Size:** 2–4 members (Solo hackers can form teams during check-in)
- **Expected Footfall:** 125+ students
- **Perks:** MLH swag, certificates, prizes

// CODE OF CONDUCT

This event strictly follows the MLH Code of Conduct. Be respectful, be inclusive, and be collaborative. Harassment, discrimination, or any form of misconduct will result in immediate disqualification. Report issues to organizers or MLH representatives directly.

THE AGENDA

TIME	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
8:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Check-in & Team Formation	Collect your hacker kit at the registration desk. No team? We'll help you find one.
8:45 AM - 9:00 AM	Opening Ceremony	Placement Seminar Hall. Welcome address, rules, and event vision.
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Introductory Session	Introduction to event resources, participant handbooks, and more information.
9:30 AM 5:00 PM	HACKING BEGINS!	Head to your assigned classroom. Mentors will be roaming. Build, break, repeat.
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch Break	Lunch will be served. Take a breather and network.
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	ChatGPT Lab by OpenAI	ChatGPT Lab for Students is a peer-to-peer, show-and-tell style session where students share how they are using ChatGPT, Image Generation, and Codex in real life.
Every 2 hours	Kahoot Quizzes	Placement Seminar Hall. Win MLH & AWS swag. Timings announced live.
5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Project Judging & Demos	Placement Seminar Hall. 3-minute pitch + 2-minute Q&A per team.

TIME	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
5:30 PM - 5:45 PM	Closing Ceremony	Prizes, certificates, photos, and wrap-up.

VENUE GUIDE

PLACEMENT SEMINAR HALL

8:00–9:30 AM, 5:00–5:45 PM

Used for the Opening Ceremony, Technical Sessions, Judging, and Closing Ceremony.

PLACEMENT SEMINAR HALL

11:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Used for Kahoot quizzes every 2 hours to win swags.

LE-41 TO 45 CLASSROOMS

9:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Your team's dedicated hacking space. Check your specific room assignment at the check-in desk.

THE PLAYBOOK

PREP LIST

- **Laptop + charger** (Bring an extension cord if you have one)
- **Student ID** for check-in
- **Notebook & pen**
- **Water bottle** (Stay hydrated!)

WE PROVIDE: Wi-Fi, power strips, lunch, hacker kits, and mentors.

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

1. All code must be written during the event (prior planning allowed).
2. Teams of 2–4. Solos must form a team by 9:30 AM.
3. Open source libraries and APIs are highly encouraged.
4. Projects must be deployed. Live link + GitHub required.
5. No plagiarism. Respect IP.

JUDGING CRITERIA

CRITERIA	WEIGHT	WHAT JUDGES LOOK FOR
Innovation & Creativity	30%	Is it a fresh idea or a unique take on an existing problem?
Technical Implementation	30%	Code quality, complexity, and use of tech like AWS/open source.
Design & UX	20%	Is it user-friendly and well-presented?
Pitch & Demo	20%	Can you explain and showcase your project clearly in 3 mins?

RESOURCES & SUPPORT

Wi-Fi:

SSID and Password will be shared during the Opening Ceremony.

GitHub:

Create repos and add team members. Make them public for judging.

AWS Credits:

Instructions will be shared during the Technical Session.

Help Desk:

Ground & fourth floor lobby for all queries, logistics, and emergencies.

PRO TIPS

- **Start simple.** A working MVP beats an unfinished complex project.
- **Deploy early.** Use AWS early on so you don't rush at 4:55 PM.
- **Document as you go.** A good README and a demo video will save you during judging.
- **Talk to mentors.** They've seen winning hacks and can unblock you fast.
- **Do the Kahoot quizzes.** Taking breaks keeps your brain fresh.

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