

Event & participation

Schedule, eligibility and deadlines

Event dates: December 4–5, 2026

Mode: Online

Build window: December 4, 10:00 AM → December 5, 10:00 AM

Final video and Google Drive submission deadline: December 5, 11:00 AM

All timings are in Indian Standard Time (IST).

Teams must follow the development, documentation, contribution, and submission requirements below throughout the hackathon.

1. Team participation and dual submissions

- Teams may consist of 1–6 participants.
- Each team may submit a maximum of two projects across different tracks, according to its registration package.
- For teams making dual submissions, only the better-performing submission will be considered for the team's final evaluation and ranking. Scores from the two projects will not be combined.
- Each project must independently satisfy all repository, documentation, demonstration, and submission requirements.
- Every team member must actively contribute to the project. Contributions will be reviewed through GitHub's contributor list and commit history.

2. Event schedule and deadlines

December 3, 10:00 AM onward Teams may create their fresh, empty GitHub repositories, no more than 24 hours before the event begins.

December 4, 10:00 AM Hackathon begins. Development, commits, and pushes may start.

December 4, by 11:00 AM Submit the public GitHub repository link through the Google Form shared in the official event group. Dual-submission teams must provide both repository links.

December 4–5, during the build window Develop the project, maintain the README, and commit and push each significant feature or milestone separately.

December 5, 10:00 AM Development ends. All project code, documentation, and final pushes must be complete.

December 5, 10:00–11:00 AM Additional time exclusively for preparing and uploading the required videos and completing the final Google Drive submission.

December 5, by 11:00 AM Submit the public Google Drive folder link through the final Google Form.

The additional hour is not an extension of development time. No new features, bug fixes, code changes, or project-documentation changes may be made after the 10:00 AM build deadline.

Development standards

Repository history and team contributions

3. GitHub repository requirements

- Each project must use a fresh GitHub repository created on the day of the hackathon or within the preceding 24 hours.
- The repository must remain empty until the event starts at 10:00 AM on December 4.
- Do not initialize it with a README, licence, .gitignore, template, or other files before the start, since these actions create commits.
- All project commits must be created within the official build window.
- All final commits must also be pushed to GitHub by 10:00 AM on December 5.
- Do not submit an existing project repository or import earlier project-development history.
- Keep the repository public and accessible throughout submission and evaluation.
- Do not delete, replace, or rewrite the submitted development history during evaluation.
- Your commit history and available push activity will be considered during evaluation.

4. Commit quality and team contributions

- Commit and push your work regularly as the project develops.
- Give each significant feature, fix, or milestone its own commit and push.
- Use clear, meaningful commit messages that describe the actual change.
- Avoid collecting the entire project into one bulk commit or pushing all work only at the end. This will reduce evaluation points.
- Each team member must have identifiable, meaningful contributions.
- Ensure that commit authorship is correctly linked to the contributing member's GitHub account.
- Do not create empty or artificial commits simply to increase contribution counts.

Examples of useful commit messages:

- Add agent workflow for classifying incoming requests
- Implement database schema and input validation
- Add tests for failed API responses
- Document system architecture and installation steps

Contribution quality matters alongside the visible development history.

Agentic AI & documentation

Agent disclosure and README requirements

5. Mandatory use of Agentic AI

- The entire project must be developed using Agentic AI.
- Teams must use AI agents throughout their development process and transparently document how those agents contributed. Team members remain responsible for directing the agents, reviewing generated work, integrating components, testing the application, and explaining the final result.
- Your README must include an “Agentic AI Tools and Usage” section containing:

Agent or tool name: Every AI agent or agentic development tool used

Model or version: Where available

Purpose: The tasks assigned to each agent

Project contribution: Features, files, tests, or documentation produced or assisted by the agent

Human review: How the team checked and validated the output

Workflow evidence: Relevant screenshots, sample prompts, or execution summaries

- Clearly distinguish agents used to build the project from agents operating inside the finished application, where applicable.
- All team members must be able to explain the submitted project, including AI-generated components.

6. README.md replaces the PPT

No separate PPT is required. Your GitHub README.md will serve as the primary project documentation and presentation reference during evaluation. It must explain the project clearly enough for judges to understand the problem, inspect the implementation, and run or assess the solution.

Include the following:

1. Project title and team details: Team name, team ID, leader, members, GitHub usernames, and individual responsibilities.
2. Selected track and problem statement.
3. Problem background: Who experiences the problem and why it matters.
4. Proposed solution: How the project addresses the problem.
5. Features: Clearly distinguish implemented features from future plans.
6. Complete technology stack: Languages, frameworks, libraries, services, and development tools.
7. Agentic AI tools and usage: All agents used and their contributions.

Documentation & registration

README requirements continued / initial submission

8. System architecture diagram.
9. Detailed workflow: From user input through processing to final output.
10. Folder structure: Explain the main directories and important files.
11. Installation and usage guide: Dependencies, configuration, setup commands, and steps to run the project.
12. API and database documentation, if applicable.
13. AI/ML workflow, if applicable.
14. Hardware documentation, where applicable: Components, circuit or wiring diagrams, setup, and operating workflow.
15. Security measures: Authentication, validation, permissions, and handling of sensitive information, as relevant.
16. Testing and performance: Test scenarios, observed results, limitations, and how performance was measured.
17. Challenges faced and how they were addressed.
18. Known limitations and future scope.
19. Demo screenshots and video links.
20. References: Datasets, third-party components, documentation, and other resources used.

Use diagrams, flowcharts, screenshots, and images wherever they help explain the work. Mark irrelevant sections as “Not applicable” with a short explanation.

Prepare the Google Drive folder before the build deadline and include its link in the README. The required videos can then be uploaded into that folder during the additional hour without editing the repository after the deadline.

7. Initial submission — by December 4, 11:00 AM

- A Google Form will be shared in the official event group during the first hour.
- Submit: Team name and team ID. Team leader’s name and email address. Team-member details and GitHub usernames. Selected track and problem statement. Public GitHub repository link. Both repository links, clearly labelled, for dual-submission teams.
- Check your links before submitting. Judges must be able to open the repositories without requesting access.

Final submission package

Videos, Word document and public access

8. Final submission — Google Drive folder

- At the end of the event, the project-material submission will be through a Google Drive folder link, using the final Google Form shared by the organizers. Provide the team-identification fields requested in that form.
- Set the folder and its files to “Anyone with the link — Viewer.” Test access using a signed-out or private browser window.
- The folder must contain these three deliverables:

A. Working application or output demonstration video

- Show the actual application, prototype, or hardware output running.
- The video should demonstrate: The main features and user journey. Relevant inputs and resulting outputs. The agentic workflow, where applicable. The project’s working state at the build deadline. Any significant limitations.
- The demonstrated application must match the submitted repository. Do not demonstrate additional features or fixes developed after the deadline. Clearly identify any simulated data or mocked integrations.

B. Whole-team project explanation video

- The entire team must participate, with each member explaining their contribution.
- Cover: Team introduction, project title, track, and problem statement. Why you chose this topic. Why this topic was the best fit for your team compared with the other available topics. The problem’s importance and intended users. Your solution, architecture, and workflow. The AI agents used and how they supported development. Each member’s contribution. Challenges, testing, results, limitations, and future scope.
- Solo participants should cover these points individually.

C. Word document explaining the project

- Include a .docx document covering the project’s major aspects: Project overview and team details. Problem statement and topic-selection rationale. Objectives and proposed solution. Features, architecture, and workflow. Technology stack and Agentic AI usage. Implementation and team contributions. Testing, results, and screenshots. Security considerations and limitations. Challenges, future scope, and references. GitHub repository and demonstration links.
- The Word document supplements the README. Both must accurately describe the same submitted project.
- Complete the Word document by the 10:00 AM build deadline. The additional hour is reserved for the videos, their upload, and final submission.
- For dual submissions, use separate, clearly labelled project folders, each containing its own videos and Word document.

Integrity & final checklist

Review, certificates and participant checklist

9. Submission consistency and integrity

- Your repository, README, Word document, application demonstration, and explanation video must all describe the same project and feature set.
- Do not present planned features as completed work.
- Do not claim mocked outputs as live integrations.
- Reference external libraries, datasets, assets, and other resources.
- Do not publish passwords, API keys, access tokens, or private information in the public repository or Drive folder.
- Verify that judges can follow the setup instructions and access every required file.
- Evaluation will consider the working solution, documentation, Agentic AI usage, individual contributions, and development history.

10. Shortlisting, online review, certificates, and coupons

- After submission: Selected teams will receive an email notifying them of their selection for the online review.
- The online review date and joining instructions will be communicated to selected teams.
- Participation certificates will be issued within two weeks after the event concludes.
- Participant coupons will also be sent through the team leader's registered email address.
- The team leader is responsible for checking email, including spam folders, and sharing certificates, coupons, and review instructions with all members.
- Ensure that participant names and the team leader's email address are entered correctly in the forms.

Participant checklist

- ☐ Fresh repository created within the permitted period.
- ☐ No commits before December 4, 10:00 AM IST.
- ☐ Repository link submitted by December 4, 11:00 AM IST.
- ☐ Meaningful contributions from every team member.
- ☐ Separate commits and pushes for significant milestones.
- ☐ All AI agents documented in the README.
- ☐ Complete README used in place of a PPT.
- ☐ Code, documentation, Word document, and final pushes completed by December 5, 10:00 AM IST.
- ☐ Working demonstration video and whole-team explanation video uploaded.
- ☐ Public Google Drive link submitted by December 5, 11:00 AM IST.
- ☐ All submitted materials match the project's state at the build deadline.

Follow these guidelines throughout the event. Build thoughtfully, document clearly, and make every contribution count. All the best!