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## HackMIT to draw more than 1,000 programmers for 36-hour 'hackathon' this weekend

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A 36-hour "hackathon" at MIT this weekend is expected to draw more than 1,000 programmers from around the world to compete to design and implement new web, desktop, mobile, and hardware projects.

HackMIT is described by organizers as "a weekend of nonstop caffeine, free food and marathonstyle competitive programming run by students, for students" and "aims to ignite the builder culture and spark creativity beyond the classroom."

The programmers or "hackers" as they call themselves, "will sit hunched in small rooms, typing furiously into their computers and throwing ideas across the room. It looks like some kind of creative crash session at a tech corporation, with just one exception all of the programmers here are college students," said a statement from HackMIT.

More than \$10,000 in prizes will be at stake.

The event is organized by TechX and StartLabs, two student tech organizations at MIT, and is cohosted by venture capital firm Sequoia Capital. There are dozens of sponsors, including Facebook, Twitter and eBay.

In past years, the event has drawn undergraduates from more than 200 universities across the US and from South America, Europe and Australia.

"It's all about just getting people out there excited to build something new," said a statement from HackMIT organizer Alice Wu. "HackMIT just takes that to a massive scale."

Organizers said HackMIT is considered "one of the largest student hackathons in the world" and ranks among the most elite of college hackathons, which have become increasingly popular in reason years.

"It brings together a remarkable number of students with big ideas and a passion for technology," Warren Hogarth, partner at Sequoia Capital, said in a statement. "The event will provide a terrific environment for entrepreneurs and future founders to interact and will likely be the genesis of a significant number of new products ideas".

For more information, visit [www.hackmit.org](http://www.hackmit.org).

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