



2026 Berlin Student Hackathon

Frequently Asked Questions

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General Information

Question	Answer
What is the hackathon about?	The event is about applying your geospatial and AI skills to improve road safety in urban environments. Participants will work on enhancing digital maps by detecting and interpreting safety-critical road features that influence speed behavior, using a combination of geospatial data, imagery, and open datasets.
When will the event take place?	The event will take place on 9-10 April 2026 (Thursday & Friday).
How long will the event be? Starting and closing hours.	Thursday April 9 - 08:00 - 18.30 Friday April 10 - 08:00 – 19:00, after it Pizza & drinks
High-level agenda	Thursday: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrival at HERE Berlin Office• Welcome and Introduction (hosts and sponsors)• Challenge Explanation and Q&A session• Ideation Session• Lunch Break and Networking• Coding and Development Friday: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome• Coding and Development• Lunch break and Networking• Pitching Solutions• Time for Judges• Awards Ceremony• Celebration and Pizza
Where is the location?	The event location: HERE Technologies office Invalidenstraße 116, 10115 Berlin, Germany
Until when I can sign up for a hackathon?	We close the registration on March 31.

Participation and Eligibility

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Who can participate in the hackathon? Are there any eligibility criteria?	Active student status is valid at least until the end of November 2026. Why is this important? The winning team will be awarded paid internships (working student contract). If you do not have active student status, we will not be able to provide you with the award if your solution is selected as the best one. Students enrolled at universities in Germany will be eligible for acceptance.
Can I participate in more than one location?	This year we host several on-site hackathons around the world e.g. Mumbai, Berlin, Krakow, Chicago, Cairo. To participate in the event, you need to be studying in the country where hackathon takes place.
Do I need to form a team, or can I participate individually?	We encourage students to apply to hackathon in teams. If you apply as a team, during registration all your teammates should populate field "Team/group name" with the same team name if you apply individually, the organizers will form a team from applicants that applied individually
How many members can be in a team? Requirements for a team?	All teams will have 3 members When you apply as a team and have only 2 members, don't worry. In this case, students who apply individually will be able to join your team. This will be managed by the organizers.
Can I join a team at the event?	At the event, the teams will already be created, so you can't join a team at the event. Team formation happens during registration, either when you register as a team or after the organizer closes the registration (March 31, 2026) and creates teams from individual applications.
Do participants need to attend both days?	Yes, to get qualified for the awards you need to attend both days of the event.
What skills do I need to have to join the hackathon?	The hackathon's target audience is students from geoinformatics and computer science. However, if you come from a different field of study and have experience working with spatial data, programming, or data analytics, you are also welcome!

Registration

Question	Answer
How can I register for the hackathon?	Follow the registration link
Is there a registration fee?	The registration is free.

Preparation and Requirements

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What should I bring to the hackathon?	laptop and charger
What do I need to prepare for hackathon?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brainstorm ideas on how you can improve a digital map. Explore topics related to Image-based Object Detection, Object Recognition, Computer Vision, Machine Learning, and Deep Learning. Get familiar with the Mapillary dataset (how to view, download, and use the data). Reflect on your skills and plan a project to enhance an existing digital map. Dive into the world of open map data and make yourself familiar with data formats, licenses, and usage policies.
Are there any specific technologies or tools we need to use?	<p>Mandatory / Core tools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Python GIS tools (e.g. QGIS, ArcGIS, etc.) Development environments: Jupyter Notebook or VS Code Mapillary dataset (viewing, downloading, and usage) <p>Nice to have (not mandatory)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> R and JavaScript frameworks for visualization Libraries to work with movement, mobility, and/or geospatial data any tool of your choice that help you to solve the mission
Do I need to sign an NDA?	Yes
What is an NDA?	<p>An NDA, or Non-Disclosure Agreement, is a legal contract between two or more parties that outlines confidential information they wish to share with each other for certain purposes but want to keep private from others.</p> <p>Here's a simple breakdown:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purpose: To protect sensitive information from being shared with anyone outside the agreement. Parties Involved: Usually between companies, or between a company and an individual (like a student or employee). Confidential Information: This can include anything from business plans, product designs, to research data. Obligations: The parties agree not to disclose the information to others and to use it only for the agreed purpose. <p>In essence, an NDA helps ensure that any important or sensitive information you share remains protected and isn't used inappropriately.</p>
Why do I need to sign the NDA?	Students need to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) for a hackathon to

	ensure that any ideas, projects, or sensitive information (e.g. HERE data) shared during the event remain confidential. This helps protect everyone's work and encourages a safe environment for innovation and collaboration.
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Event Logistics

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Will meals be provided during the event?	Yes, during the event, students will be provided with lunch and drinks. To close the event, we will provide pizza. You can also bring your own snacks, but make sure not to litter.
Is accommodation provided for participants?	No, accommodation is not provided.
Will there be transport provided?	No, transport is not provided. Students need to ensure that they have their own transport available for the event on both days, and they can arrive to the event venue.
Is there any technical support available during the event?	Yes, HERE IT team will support the event.

Judging and prizes

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What are the prizes for the winners?	The winning team will be awarded with paid internship (working student contract). This means that students will work from Berlin office 20 hours per week. Internship period June – November 2026.
Will participants receive any certificates or recognition confirming that they participated in the event?	All hackathon participants will receive certificates confirming their participation.

Additional Opportunities

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Are there any opportunities for internships or job offers?	The hackathon is an opportunity to win a paid internship at HERE. All job offers are available in this link .

Support

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How can I contact the organizers for more information?	Contact us via e-mail berlinhackathon@here.com

What if I have to leave the event early?	If participants leave the event early and do not attend the final project presentations, they will not be eligible for a Certificate of Participation or the potential first prize.
How will I be supported during the event by the organizing team?	The hackathon organizing team will be available throughout the two days. We'll have dedicated staff and technical leads on-site to support you. Additionally, our judges will be present during the event, so you can always consult them about any ideas you have.

Code of Conduct

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What is the Code of Conduct that I will need to follow during the event?	<p>Student Hackathon Code of Conduct</p> <p>Respect and Inclusivity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat everyone with respect and kindness. • Embrace diversity and ensure an inclusive environment. <p>Collaboration and Teamwork</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster teamwork and respect others' ideas. • Share knowledge and help fellow participants. <p>Integrity and Fair Play</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit original work and give credit where due. • Avoid plagiarism, cheating, or dishonesty. <p>Safety and Well-being</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure everyone's physical and emotional safety. • Report any inappropriate behavior to organizers. <p>Professionalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain a professional attitude. • Be punctual and follow the schedule. <p>Confidentiality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect the confidentiality of ideas and projects. • Do not share proprietary information without permission. <p>Feedback and Improvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide and be open to constructive feedback. <p>Compliance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow local laws and hackathon rules. <p>Cleanliness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not litter and keep the workspace tidy.

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