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## DIGITAL CITIZEN MENTAL HEALTH HACKATHON



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# Empire Partner Foundation

- 11th hackathon from 2 to 3 October
   2021, at our offices in Illovo, Sandton.
- Hackathon focus: How can we use technology to solve mental health problems affecting productivity?
- Stats: In a 2002 South African Mental Health survey, a staggering 85% of the population suffered from poor mental health! Poor mental health has a negative impact on productivity, resourcefulness, and a country's overall Gross Domestic Product (GDP).
- EPF decided to host a Mental Health Hackathon to address this issue.
- 69 developers were selected from a pool of 122 applicants, to join the fourth Hybrid hackathon that took place at the EPF Headquarters in Illovo, Sandton!

#### **FAST FACTS**

- 11 HOSTED HACKATHONS
- 12 UPCOMING
   HACKATHONS
- 400+ TOTAL DEVELOPERS
- ITWEB NEWS COVERAGE
- 71 SOLUTIONS

  DEVELOPED
- 14 NEW PARTNERSHIPS
   SECURED
- 41 KEYNOTE SPEECHES
- 15 INTERN
   OPPORTUNITIES CREATED
- 10 BURSARIES PROVIDED
- 11 WINNING TEAMS
   WITHIN OUR INCUBATION
- R500 000+ IN CASH PRIZES
   AWARDED

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- The winning team "Cool Hacks" won the Hackathon.
- Their solution uses machine learning technology to mitigate mental health in the workplace by focusing on anxiety, stress and mood.
- And all of this was developed in a brief span of two days!
- Special thanks to WIB Group for sponsoring the Mental Health Hackathon.
- Special thanks to ITWeb for covering our hackathon story.

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