

Facebook 'hackathon' announced

The first ever CyberXchange Hackathon, sponsored by Facebook, is coming to Nigeria. Teams of university students and young professionals with less than two years experience, will compete throughout Nigeria.



Hack-a-thon is a competition geared towards finding the best prototypes by starting from scratch to build a workable idea with the help of collaborating colleagues on their teams. This event tests the skills of the brightest and best within programming, cyber security, information assurance, security engineer, and other IT fields within teams of four to six people.

Competitors will have the opportunity to build a hack against a cyber security issue. There are prizes, a promise of worldwide exposure of your company and university team, and so on. The final competition will hold on November 2-3 2016 at the Landmark event centre, Lagos.

The pre-qualifier registration closes August 30th. Notifications to those who are accepted will be sent out by end of day on September 24th.

Qualifiers will be required to start brainstorming ideas and form a team of up to four people. Refreshments, fun diversions, prizes, and some expert guidance from Facebook's team of experts will be provided. All participants need bring is a laptop, appetite, skills and ideas.

Judges include: Regina Wallace-Jones, head of security operations Facebook; popular celebrity Eldee, amongst others.

"We hope to discover new talents, methods and ideas; and to encourage development in the field of information security. It

is our hope that besides discovering gifted hackers and cyber-defenders, the CyberXchange 2016 Hack-a-thon will inspire the development of West Africa's Information security professionals of the future," Facebook said in a statement.

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