



## JUDGING CRITERIA

### PROMPT (30%)

*“Supporting the Buffalo Community”* How closely does it answer the prompt?

### TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY (30%)

Is the project technically impressive? Complex? Does it seem remarkable that someone could achieve this hack in just a day or two?

### POLISH (15%)

You can't expect a completely polished, ready-to-go project at the end of a hackathon. But you can look for some degree of polish, thought, and effort. Does the hack work? Did the team achieve their goals and accomplish what they set out to do?

### “WOW” FACTOR (15%)

Sure, this one is hard to judge, but hackathons are all about exciting innovation and surprising solutions to problems. Look for a project that makes you say, “Wow!” You can also take into account the reactions of the other hackers. Which projects seem to really amaze and excite the audience?

### FUTURE PLANS (10%)

Depending on the purpose or goal of the hackathon you're judging, you may also consider the team's future plans for their hack. Does the hack seem practical and viable?