Hackathon Committee Charter
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The ad-hoc Hackathon Committee (“Committee”) is responsible for the planning and execution of NANOG’s Hackathon events.

In keeping with NANOG’s educational mission, a NANOG Hackathon is a venue for network professionals at all skill levels to learn about network automation, software development, and other related topics, by providing meeting space (in-person and virtual), lab resources, and mentors to allow participants to work individually or as teams on specified or self-directed projects.

Hackathons take place in conjunction with NANOG conferences, typically the weekend prior to the main conference. At the Hackathons’ conclusions, participants are given the opportunity to present their work, and sometimes to have their work highlighted during the main conference.

Scope of Work

The Committee will have the following responsibilities in alignment with NANOG’s strategic plan:

- Determine the hackathon event format (within constraints specified by the Board)
- Determine a theme for each hackathon event
- Develop suggested projects, possibly including directed prompts, for participants
- Develop tutorial materials as appropriate
- Manage the lab environment for participants
- Work with NANOG staff on identifying sponsorship opportunities and procuring appropriate sponsors

Committee Membership

The Committee will be composed as follows:

- The Committee consists of at least one NANOG Board Member, at least one NANOG Program Committee member, and any number of NANOG Members in good standing, all of whom are appointed by the Board. The committee should consist of at least 4 members.
- Committee members must establish a regular meeting schedule that is sufficient to meet the program’s objectives.
- The standard committee member term is two years. The Board may make appointments for shorter terms in order to balance ending dates. Committee members may be reappointed to successive terms.
- Any changes to this charter or the committee’s direction will require board approval.