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HACKATHON 2021:

The Future of Work

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the nature of work. From the office to the commute, the boardroom and beyond, no part of the workplace remains untouched.

In ECS' first hackathon, participants used open-source data to address the challenges of this new abnormal and create innovative workforce solutions aimed at shaping the future of work. Teams competed across two brackets: one for ECS employees and a graduate bracket for students interested in developing enterprise solutions. Before submitting their final projects, each team had the opportunity to work with ECS coaches to guide and shape their ideas. Judges whittled down the field to three finalists in each bracket. Teams were measured on project scalability, technical solutions, difficulty, and transportability, as well as overall value in addressing the future of work. Solutions ranged from a dashboard that helps companies improve the mental health of their workforce to a telecommuting savings calculator that allows users to estimate the optimal telework schedule based upon information specific to their market.

After being selected, the finalists presented their projects live via a web conference to ECS leadership, industry experts, and academics. The field was extremely competitive, but in the end, only two teams could be named winners.

ECS WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE

TEAM OLYMPUS

WHAT THE HACK!

FOR WINNING OUR INAUGURAL HACKATHON!

Team What the Hack!

PHOTOGRAPHED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT
Anisha Desai, Snigdha Rai, Mayank Jha, Kshama Sharma, Usama Ather, Prerak Patel, and Sakshee Agarwal

"For a recent hire like myself, the inaugural ECS hackathon was a great introduction to the people and culture of ECS! I enjoyed working with my peers from different departments on interesting business challenges relevant to this pandemic world. I am looking forward to my future possibilities at ECS!"

Rick Torzynski, Senior Drupal Developer, ECS, *Team Olympus*

"Thank you ECS for hosting the hackathon and giving us an opportunity to tap into our creative side and build our mental health app, Espoir, in the process. My team and I take special pride in this victory, given the premise of creating a better post-pandemic workplace."

Snidgha Rai, M.S. in Business Administration and Management, Purdue University, *What the Hack!*

Events like this hackathon, and the Pitch Day we hosted earlier this year, are key elements of our 'purpose' as an organization," said **Giles Kesteloot,** **Chief Strategy Officer at ECS**. "We are committed to building engaging employee experiences, inspiring excellence in technology innovation, and supporting the creativity and ingenuity of our talented employees. These cultural events demonstrate ECS' continued investment in what we value most: *our people.*

ANOTHER HACKATHON IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

If you are interested in participating, head over to our **LinkedIn** and give us a follow. We'll be announcing the date and topic of our next hackathon soon! If you'd like to join ECS and contribute to our culture of innovation, head to our **Careers page** and apply today! With positions across cybersecurity, cloud, data and AI, and digital transformation, we just might have the right opportunity for you.

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