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Annual Report 2023 - 2024



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September 2024

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1. About this report

GovHack Australia Limited (GovHack), ABN 57 618 430 167 is the organisation referenced in this report. The 2023-24 Annual Report is a summary of GovHack's activities for the period of 1st February 2023 to 31st January 2024.

Further information

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Organisation website (URL)	govhack.org

Acknowledgment of Country

GovHack's volunteers and community work all around and on the lands that are now called Australia.

GovHack acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the Country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, waters, and community. We acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded and pay our respects to elders past and present across Australia.

Further Information

For the year ended 31 January 2024, GovHack Australia Limited met the Corporations Act definition as a company limited by guarantee with annual (or consolidated) revenue of less than \$1 million.

The Director's have elected to provide below an overview of the Company' s operations and financial position for the benefit of members, and are available to respond to any further

2. About GovHack

GovHack empowers communities all over Australia and New Zealand to experiment and tackle today's big policy and service delivery challenges with data.

We exist to:

- connect community, government and industry to work together to grow data skills and build a digitally capable and inclusive society;
- showcase data as the tool to identify and address today's most pressing social, economic and environmental challenges;
- impress upon government the economic and social value of quality machine-readable, standardised open data;
- highlight how open government is strengthening our democracy by promoting transparency and trust.

We value:

- **Inclusive** – we're for everyone! age-less, diverse, accessible, safe and secure
- **Free** – all our events, everywhere, for everyone
- **Hackers first** – we prioritise the needs of the community who are participating
- **Regional** – we're driving GovHack into regional towns for regional talent participation. GovHack is not just for cities.
- **Volunteer-driven** – passionate volunteers are the change makers to bring GovHack alive
- **Transparent** – accountable, published communications, timely and available release of GovHack's own data
- **Open Access** – advocate for open data, open source, shareable, adaptable
- **FAIR** (findable, accessible, interoperable, and reusable).

GovHack is an annual 46 hour hackathon, a *Festival of Ideas*, using open government data to make our communities better places.

We do this by providing access to data and a space to connect with Government and organisations so you can workshop ideas around community challenges and imagine and develop concepts to drive meaningful change.

Across one weekend, thousands come together across Australia and New Zealand to form teams, agree to projects, and participate in what has become one of the world's premier open data competitions.

During the competition, teams create a proof of concept and a video that tells the story of how data can be reused, looking for new ways to solve challenges facing the government.

Established in 2009 as a small Canberra-based event to showcase the opportunities of open government data, GovHack has grown into the largest open data hackathon in the Southern Hemisphere.

3. Report from the Chair

In 2023, over 600 individuals came together to participate in GovHack, with the majority engaging in person. This diverse group included participants, volunteers, sponsors, mentors, and judges from across Australia and New Zealand, culminating in the production of 191 projects by the afternoon of Sunday, August 20th.

This year, we focused our overarching themes on Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) for the second consecutive year. These themes, along with their various sub-themes, reflect areas of interest and strategic focus for society and the Commonwealth governments.

It has been a privilege to witness the many outstanding challenges offered by sponsors this year and the excellent projects developed to address these challenges. By bringing together individuals with diverse skills, backgrounds, and experiences, we hope that some outcomes from this Festival of Ideas will evolve into ongoing solutions to the issues highlighted in the competition.

GovHack would not be possible without the tremendous effort of our volunteers and supporters. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the many people who made GovHack 2023 a reality. As a primarily volunteer-led initiative, GovHack relies on individuals who contribute their evenings and weekends. Our volunteers dedicate their time not only during the competition weekend but also in the extensive planning that occurs throughout the year, leading up to and following the event.

I look forward to the next iterations of GovHack.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harshitha Rajasekara". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Harshitha Rajasekara

Chair

4. About the team

Current Board



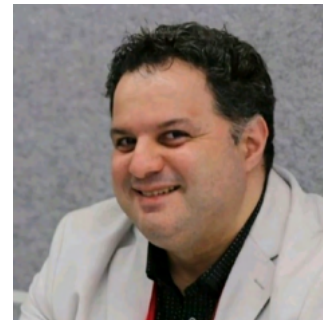
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Chair



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Deputy Chair



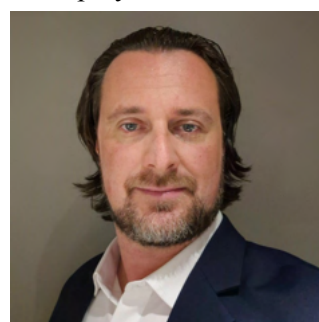
Rifat Mahmud
Secretary



Hoss Mohsenian
Treasurer



Mangala Prasetia
Board Director



Matthew Watt
Board Director

Other Board Directors during Feb 2023 to Jan 2024:



Jason Weigel
(Feb - Dec 23)



Zaidul Alam
(Feb - Oct 23)



Helia Bornaki
(Jun - Oct 23)

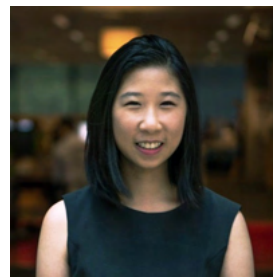
International Operations Team Leads



Sue-Ellen Shaw
Sponsorship Lead



Krystal Tobias
Operations Support Lead



Livia Lam
Competitions Lead



Henryl Pereira
Data Lead



Megha Garg
Marketing Lead

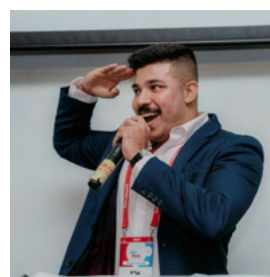
Regional Leads



Anshul Gupta (ACT)



Atena Pegler (NSW)



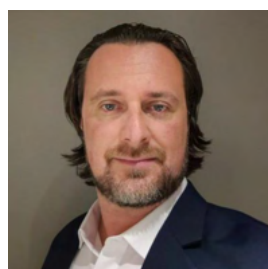
Rifat Mahmud (NT)



Jason Weigel (QLD)



Harshal Dave (SA)



Matthew Watt (TAS)



Daniel Drentin (VIC)



Chris Velevitch (WA)

5. The 2023 competition

At a glance:



Other events

Red Carpet Award - 18th November 2023

The International Red Carpet Awards were a momentous occasion for both our sponsors and participants, providing a unique platform to recognise and celebrate the outstanding teams that harnessed the potential of open data to create innovative and creative projects. The International Red Carpet Awards for GovHack 2023 were hosted in the stunning setting of the University of the Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay campus, surrounded by the vibrant energy of the City of Moreton Bay. The event took place on 18th November 2023, and it was a night filled with excitement, inspiration, and recognition. The evening was skillfully hosted by our esteemed MCs, Harshitha Rajashekara. They guided us through this exciting celebration of innovation and open data, ensuring a memorable and enjoyable experience for all attendees.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to every team that submitted a project. We deeply appreciate the dedication of the judges who evaluated these projects. The number of judges and projects exceeded our expectations, and their contributions were invaluable. The International Red Carpet Awards celebrated outstanding achievements across the national, and international award categories. With 18 winning entries, 15 runner-up projects, and 28 honourable mentions, the evening was a showcase of the best and brightest in the GovHack community.

[A Guide to Open-Sourcing Your GovHack Projects](#)

Date: 2 August 2023

Explaining the competition rule requiring GovHack projects to be open-source. Clarification on how to open-source GovHack projects in line with these rules. Discussion on the advantages of open-sourcing, both for the competition and for contributing to the global open source community. Guidance on how to use GitHub for project transparency and collaboration.

[IP Australia](#)

Date: 7 August 2023

IP Australia who are they and what do they do? Also covering the work they have been doing recently in conjunction with the Office of the National Data Commissioner to better describe Government Open Data Sets to make them more attractive!

[Utilising Generative AI in Your GovHack Projects](#)

Date: 9 August 2023

Illustration of how Generative AI (GenAI) can be applied to GovHack projects. Considerations around the ethical use of GenAI, including privacy, responsible AI, and decision making. Presentation of cutting-edge AI models that can enhance project impact. Encouragement for the incorporation of advanced AI technology in public sector innovation, with an emphasis on ethical usage.

[Preserving and Connecting with Heritage](#)

Date: 9 August 2023

Heritage NSW faces multifaceted challenges, ranging from climate change's impact on sacred Aboriginal sites to fostering community care for local heritage. Additionally, addressing the knowledge gap in the State Heritage Inventory database is crucial. Our mission is to preserve our cultural legacy and bridging the gap between our past and future.

[Getting started with the AWS Cloud](#)

Date: 14 August 2023

Adjusting to cloud computing can take a bit of getting used to, especially if you're accustomed to the on-premises way of provisioning hardware and building applications. In this session, we'll take a look at the key differences, get familiar with the core concepts of cloud computing, and understand the capabilities and services that are available at your fingertips to get started quickly.

[Data analytics and AI/ML on AWS](#)

Date: 14 August 2023

Finding valuable insights in data can often require more than one tool to extract raw data, transform it to a usable state, and load it into a data visualisation platform to gain real world insights. In this session, we'll take a look at the various AWS data analytics and AI/ML services that can support you on your data journey.

[GovHack 2023 Trivia Event](#)

Date: 19 August 2023

Join us for a short break to play some trivia with folks from all over Australia and New Zealand.

6. Our finances

Sponsorship report

GovHack 2023 would not have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors who share our vision of fostering innovation, collaboration, and the transformative power of open data. Their commitment and contributions have played a vital role in making this event a reality. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each sponsor, recognising their dedication to driving positive change in our communities and empowering GovHack to push the boundaries of innovation. Below, you'll find a breakdown of our sponsors by sponsorship level, highlighting their integral role in GovHack 2023.

Organisation	Location	Category
GovHack Sponsors 2023		
Infosys Portland	International	Lead International
Amazon Web Services	International	International
Matt Watt	National	National
Quantium	National	National
Australian Tax Office (ATO)	National	National,Agency
IP Australia	National	National,Agency
Department of Employment and Workplace Relations	National	National,Agency
ACT Government	Australian Capital Territory	State,ACT,Platinum
NSW Department of Education	New South Wales	State,NSW,Platinum
Heritage NSW	New South Wales	State,NSW,Platinum
Department of Customer Service	New South Wales	State,NSW,Platinum
South Australian Tourism Commission	South Australia	State,SA,Platinum
Northern Territory Government	Northern Territory	State,NT,Gold
Brisbane City Council	Queensland	State,QLD,Gold
Public Record Office Victoria	Victoria	State,VIC,Gold
Department of Government Services Victoria (formerly Premier and Cabinet)	Victoria	State,VIC,Gold
Disability Assembly WA / Partner&Prosper	Western Australia	State,WA,Gold
Link Digital	Australian Capital Territory	State,ACT,Silver
Agile Digital	Australian Capital Territory	State,ACT,Silver
Unitywater	Queensland	State,QLD,Silver
Inspiring South Australia	South Australia	State,SA,Silver
SA Power Network	South Australia	State,SA,Silver
RAA	South Australia	State,SA,Silver
City of Hobart	Tasmania	State,TAS,Silver
Dented Code Academy	New South Wales	State,NSW,Bronze
Algorithm Technologies Pty Ltd	South Australia	State,SA,Bronze

GovHack Partners 2023

OMG	New South Wales	State,NSW,Event Partner
Mercure - Liverpool	New South Wales	State,NSW,Venue Partner
Liverpool Catholic Club	New South Wales	State,NSW,Venue Partner
LinkedIn Local Darwin	Northern Territory	State,NT,Event Partner
Darwin Innovation Hub	Northern Territory	State,NT,Venue Partner
True Blue IT Solutions	Northern Territory	State,NT,Partner
CDU IT Students' Association	Northern Territory	NT,Venue Partner
Innovate Moreton Bay	Queensland	State,QLD,Community Partner
University of Sunshine Coast	Queensland	State,QLD,Venue Partner
The University of Queensland - School of EECS / Electrical Engineering and Computer Science	Queensland	Event Partner,QLD
Torrens University Australia	South Australia	State,SA,Event Partner
University of Tasmania	Tasmania	State,TAS,Venue Partner
Deakin University	Victoria	State,VIC,Event Partner
City of Albany	Western Australia	State,WA,Event Partner
Pawsey Supercomputer Research Centre	Western Australia	State,WA,Event Partner
Microsoft WA	Western Australia	State,WA,Venue Partner

2023 Sponsors

International Sponsors



International Red Carpet Awards Sponsors



Australian National Sponsors



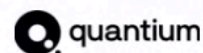
Australian Government
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Australian Government
IP Australia



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Department of Employment
and Workplace Relations



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Western Australia Sponsors

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New Zealand Sponsors



7. Profit or Loss Report

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 January 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		\$	\$
Revenue	21	260,441	187,140
Cost of sales	22	(121,051)	(107,063)
Gross profit		139,390	80,077
Other income	23	579	118
Operational expenses	24	(111,942)	(73,718)
Administrative & Marketing expenses	25	(9,529)	(11,585)
Other expenses	26	(1)	(2)
Profit before tax		18,498	(5,110)
Income tax expense	27	0.00	0.00
Profit for the year		18,498	(5,110)
Other comprehensive income			
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:			
Revaluation of land and buildings		-	-
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit plans		-	-
Income tax on items that will not be reclassified		-	-
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Exchange differences on translation of foreign		-	-
Income tax on items that may be reclassified		-	-
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		0	0

Consolidated Balance Sheet

As at 31 January 2024

Assets	Notes	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	82,470	44,790
Trade and other receivables	3	-	22,000
Inventories	4	-	-
Other current assets	4	-	-
Total Current Assets		<u>82,470</u>	<u>66,790</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Property, plant and equipment	5	-	-
Intangible assets	6	-	-
Deferred tax assets	7	-	-
Other non-current assets	8	-	-
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Assets		<u>82,470</u>	<u>66,790</u>
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	7,817	1,025
Short-term borrowings	10	-	-
Current tax liabilities	11	-	-
Provisions	12	-	-
Other current liabilities-GST Payable(Receivable)	13	(1,916)	7,694
Total Current Liabilities		<u>5,901</u>	<u>8,719</u>
Non-Current Liabilities			
Long-term borrowings	14	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities	15	-	-
Provisions	16	-	-
Other non-current liabilities	17	-	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>5,901</u>	<u>8,719</u>
Net Assets		<u>76,568</u>	<u>58,071</u>
Equity			
Issued capital	18	-	-
Retained earnings	19	58,071	63,181
Current Profit(Loss)	20	18,498	(5,110)
Total Equity		<u>76,569</u>	<u>58,071</u>

Cash Flow Statement

Cash Flows from Operating Activities	Notes	2024	2023
Receipts from customers		272,275	189,953
Payments to suppliers		(235,054)	(204,131)
Interest received		579	118
Bank Charge& ASIC paid		(120)	(1,799)
Income taxes paid			
<i>Net cash inflow from operating activities</i>	28	<u>37,680</u>	<u>(15,859)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Payments for property, plant, and equipment			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant, and equipment			
Payments for intangible assets			
<i>Net cash outflow from investing activities</i>	29	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Proceeds from issue of shares			
Proceeds from borrowings			
Repayment of borrowings			
Dividends paid			
<i>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities</i>	30	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Changes in Cash inflow(outflow)		37,680	(15,859)
<i>Cash & cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</i>		44,790	60,649
<i>Cash & cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</i>		<u>82,470</u>	<u>44,790</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year ended 31 January 2024

Note 11: Sponsorship income

GovHack National Agency Sponsorship	58,000	43,090
Sponsorship AUD Income	38,988	36,000
GovHack National Corporate Sponsor	33,500	-
GovHack Local NSW Sponsor	32,999	-
GovHack Local QLD Sponsor	25,400	18,000
GovHack Local SA Sponsor	24,000	19,550
GovHack Local ACT Sponsor	19,136	20,000
GovHack Local VIC Sponsor	11,000	17,000
GovHack Local NT Sponsor	7,500	25,000
Sponsorship NZD Income GST	6,390	-
GovHack Local WA Sponsor	5,000	5,500
GovHack Local TAS Sponsor	2,500	3,000
Services	27	-
Grand Total	260,441	187,140

Note 12: Award & Expenses:

Total STATE PRIZES	43,400	33,272
Total RED CARPET AWARDS	26,918	24,426
Total STATE EXPENSES	18,874	15,886
Total TRAVEL & ACCOMODATION	15,043	18,745
Op Business Services	9,309	11,834
Op Merchandise /Promos / Marketing	7,508	2901
Grand Total	121,051	107,063

Independent Audit Report to the members of GovHack Australia Limited

Scope of Audit

We have audited the attached special purpose financial report of GovHack Australia Limited for the year ended 31 January 2024 as set out on pages 1 to 9.

The Board of Director is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information it contains and has determined that the accounting policies used and described in note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the financial report are appropriate to meet the requirements the needs of the members.

We have also conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion to the members of the Corporation on their preparation and presentation. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and described in note 1, is appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members and to satisfy the reporting requirements of the Corporation. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for reliance on this audit report or the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

The audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. The procedures included examination on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in note 1 so as to present a view consistent with our understanding of the financial position and performance of GovHack Australia Limited as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion the financial report presents fairly the financial position of GovHack Australia Limited and the results of its operations at 31 January 2024 in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.



Takunda Chiduku CA
Darwin, Northern Territory
07 June 2024

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:



Harshitha Rajashekara, Chair.
08 /June/ 2024.



Seyed Hossein Mohsenian, Treasurer
08 /June/ 2024

8. Other important GovHack information

How you can help

Volunteer your time

In 2023 we had over 120 volunteers involved in all aspects of GovHack, from Board Directors to running connection events, being part of the Region Operations Teams and helping with the Red Carpet Awards night. Our volunteer community is the most important part of GovHack. If you would like to volunteer for GovHack, visit govhack.com.au/volunteer.

Become a sponsor

GovHack wouldn't be possible without the great support from our sponsors. If you or your organisation is interested in sponsoring, visit govhack.org/sponsorship to find out more.

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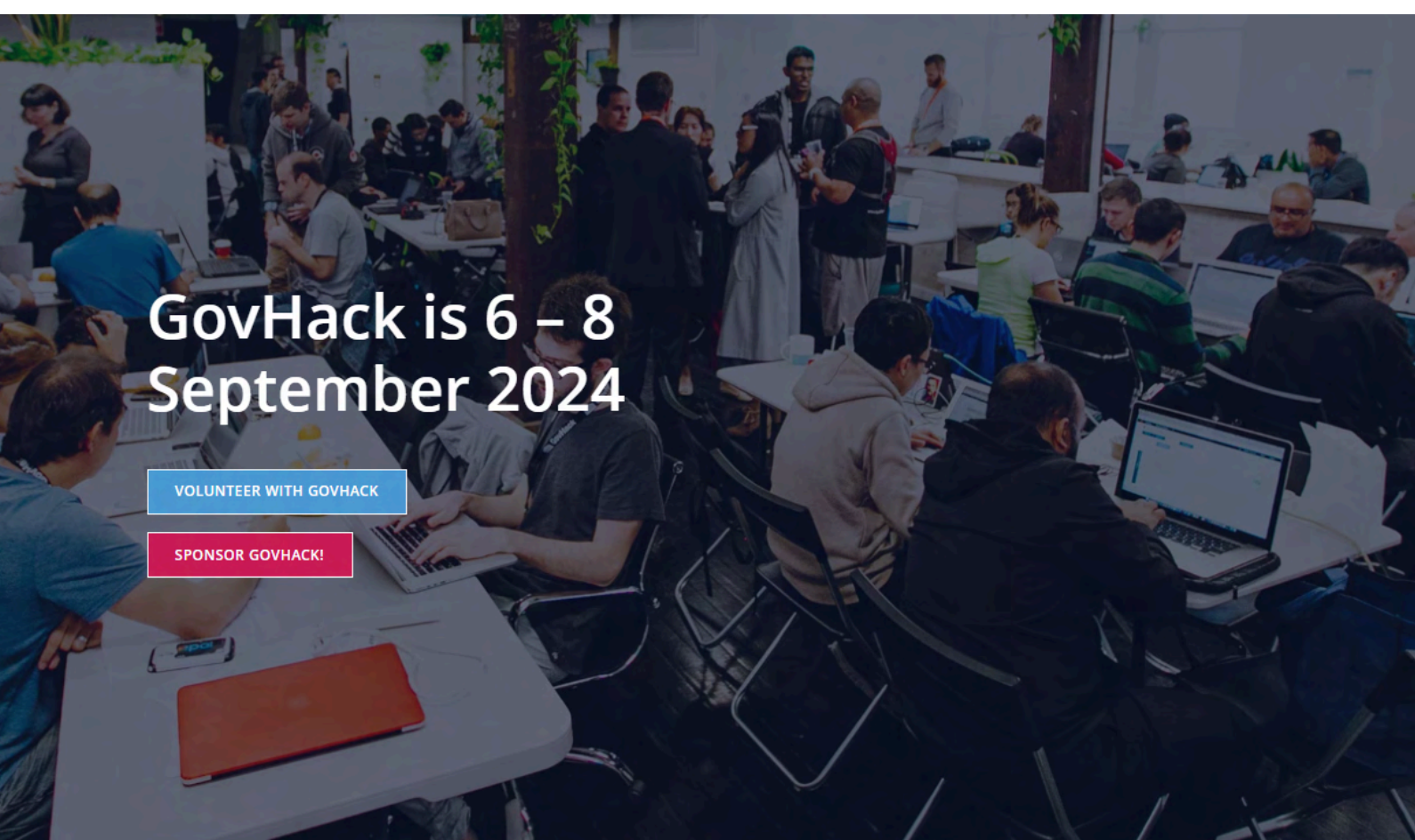
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