Data CTRL Centre. Youth Hackathon

International Online Youth Hackathon for youngsters is a part of the project "Data CTRL Centre" initiated by Goethe-Institut and curated by Junge Tüftler (Germany) and 1991 Open Data Incubator (Ukraine). The main aim of the event is to gather together teens from Eastern Europe and Central Asia to elaborate on new ideas and extraordinary solutions in the field of Data Security, Data Privacy, and Misinformation. The best projects implemented during the Hackathon will be integrated into the Exhibition and presented to the wider audience in autumn.

Join us from 9-12 October 2020: shorturl.at/bntAF.

Why join?

- You will become part of **a new network of youngsters** working within the data sphere supporting each other!
- You will experience a **learning journey**! For participants and mentors alike, the hackathon provides you with a space and digital tools to ideate, exchange and grow!
- You will have **access to an existing international network** of experts from Germany and Ukraine.

Why "Hackathon"?

The word "Hackathon" comes from combining the words 'Hack' and 'Marathon', and implies a long sprint to create something useful in a single event.

Hacks are novel creations or solutions to problems and the purpose of a Hackathon is to create them. Hacks are not always elegant, and may sometimes be little more than prototypes, but they can be transformative and expose new ways of solving problems or analyzing data.

The term "Hacker" has been somewhat abused by the media, such that many may now view it as a derogatory term. It has often been used by media to describe criminals who infect systems and breach networks.

The reality of the true Hacker, and of the Hackathon couldn't be further from this image.

Hacker. Noun. "A person who enjoys exploring the details of programmable systems and stretching their capabilities, as opposed to most users, who prefer to learn only the minimum necessary." - The Jargon File

Who can apply for the program and how can I apply?

- You are a 16-18 years old.
- You are a person who wants to upgrade your IT-skills.
- You are a person who wants to create your own project.
- You have good English communication skills.
- You have a laptop with a camera/mic function and a very good internet connection.

Youngsters from all parts of Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Armenia, Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and Germany can apply for the program, as we also wish to reach the areas besides the buzzing tech-headquarters of each country. We strongly encourage female* youngsters to apply. Whether you are still at school or just entered the university, whether you are a pro at coding or a beginner, you are welcome to apply.

Feel addressed? Great, you can apply: shorturl.at/bntAF.

The deadline for applications is on **Sunday, August 23rd, 23:59 pm** (EEST).