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## The Hack

Hackathons are a place where programmers and software engineers get an opportunity to express their creativity. I love attending hackathons because I get an opportunity to be around so many people with awesome ideas that could change the world in many ways. This hackathon was the second hackathon I've had an opportunity to attend, and it was organized by Google.

The program was an opportunity for students from three different HBCUs to come together and show off their best programming skills while also learning from each other. The three schools present were Morgan State University, Hampton University and Howard University. Everyone had the opportunity to mix up their groups as much as possible and use the opportunity to also network among each other. I had the pleasure of belonging to a group which had students from all three schools. We were all able to get a bit of insight on what each of our schools are like because we had a chat session among ourselves before the main competition started.

Attending this hackathon increased my interest in Computer Science a lot. The event was filled with many creative minds and this gave me an opportunity to learn as much as possible even while participating in the competition. At the peak of the program, everyone

gathered to present what their group had been able to create within the twenty-four we were given. Every single project was amazing in its own way and even the judges admitted to being blown away by some of the works that were presented. Determining the winners was a tough choice for the judges, but there could only be three. At the end of the day, we all went home feeling like winners because we learnt a lot more from one day than we could learn in a week.