

hack.pledge() FAQ

What is hack.pledge()?

hack.pledge() is a movement for programmers worldwide to assemble and mentor each other, so that we can collectively improve our skills and work towards [mastering](#) software development.

By working together, we can learn from each other, waste less time being stuck, write better-architected code, and program faster.

What does signing the pledge entail?

You can either:

- Mentor another developer
- Receive a free mentoring to master your craft
- Or both

How are mentors and mentees connected?

We'll automatically connect you with a mentor or mentee. This is facilitated by Pluralsight, which has a service for connecting programmers to each other in real-time. Pluralsight is subsidizing the infrastructure costs and contributing its technology to connect mentors with mentees. Alternatively, you can also fulfill your pledge on your own in your local community on your own.

When do I get my free mentoring?

As soon as you need it (based on availability of mentors, of course)!

How much free mentoring can I get?

As much as you want. This is an experiment based on an honor system, so we hope you don't abuse it.

I'd like to mentor. When do I need to conduct my mentoring session?

Anytime that's convenient for you.

I'd like to mentor. How much mentoring do I need to do?

We all have good intentions, but life gets in the way. By keeping the pledge simple, it makes it easier to fulfill. So we're only asking for 1 hour of mentoring from each mentor. But we're secretly hoping that some may choose to donate more than 1 hour once they see how fun it is,

but that's not required. And if many of us choose to donate, then we can make a difference together.

Who are some noted signatories for the pledge?

The following are noted signatories:

Scott Hanselman
Floyd Marinescu
Fabien Ponticier
Tom Chi
Bram Cohen
Chris Richardson
Sarah Allen
Rebecca Parsons
Salil Deshpande
Hakon Wium Le
Jon Skeet
Ryan Bubinski
Janet Wiener
Brian Fox
Yehuda Katz
Chad Fowler
Grady Booch
Aaron Skonnard
Kimber Lockhart
Matei Zaharia
Trisha Gee
Jeff Haynie
Orion Henry
Jed McCaleb

What organizations endorse the pledge?

The following organizations have partners to endorse/support the pledge:

Code The Change
CodeChix
CoderDojo
Women Who Code
Ladies Learning Code
ScriptEd
Code2040
Bridge Foundry
CODE Documentary
HackerRank

Pragmatic Bookshelf
DaniWeb
AngelHack
Github
InfoQ
General Assembly
Cloud9
Koding
Appcelerator
Famo.us
NY Tech Meetup
WeWork
Ringful Health
Blocktrail
CloudBees
Stellar.org

I have additional questions!

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