



LeRobot Worldwide Hackathon 🤗

AI Robotics for All - Open-Source, Transparent and Affordable



Before You Join...

Please take a moment to review this document. By registering for the hackathon, you confirm that you have read and accepted these rules, which form a legal agreement between you and Hugging Face. If you don't agree to them, you won't be able to participate or receive any prizes.



The event

This is a decentralized hackathon organized by Hugging Face. You can participate online or in independently organized local gatherings around the world!

Hugging Face will host the event online. We will stream the opening and closing ceremonies, rewards, and other exciting things, as well as moderate participation of participants and local instances! The event will be streamed publicly on platforms like Twitch or YouTube, open to all.

For participants online or in other local instances, you will be able to turn on your video via Zoom meetings. Moderators will help manage the flow. The whole event schedule will be emailed to participants, but here is the main information you need now:



Date: Saturday 14th June at 9:00 AM (your local time) – Sunday 15th June 2025 at 6:00 PM (your local time)



Duration: 33 hours per local event (55 hours in total - based on timeline)



Location: Worldwide (Online & Local Instances)

If anything changes in the above, we will inform the participants via email and Discord and publish all relevant information on our Communication channels.



Who Can Join?

The hackathon is open to all, whether you are a student, researcher, hobbyist, or professional. No experience? No problem. Just bring your ideas - robots will follow! 🤖

You just need to be above the age of majority in the country where you are participating.

Objective

Get together to bring AI robotics to everyone: open-source, transparent, and affordable. Built by the community, for the community - safe to explore, hackable, and fun to build!

Registration

You can register as a participant or Host of a local instance for the hackathon.

As a Participant: Registration is free. Please complete this [Google Form](#).

If you choose to join the hackathon from a local instance, we will share your contact information with the Host. Your registration in a local instance is subject to the Host's capacity. If the local instance is full, Hugging Face will email you so you can change to another local instance or choose to participate online.

As Host of Local Instance: Registration is free. Please complete this [Google Form](#).

If you want to register as a host, you need to be able to provide a basic on-site set-up to participants. Please check the Local Instance Responsibilities section below before you submit your registration! A Host can be an individual, a university, a non-profit organization, a company, etc., and a host can be a participant.

Your registration data will be stored via Google Sheets and available to Hugging Face. If applicable, we will only share your contact information with your chosen local instance. Check out the section below on how we protect your Privacy.

Project Submission

You can sign up as a participant just once and join only one team. Each team can have up to five members. Looking for teammates? Fill out this [form](#) to connect with others!

Each team can submit **one** demonstration video of less than 1 minute to showcase their project. Upload your video to the Hugging Face [Dataset](#) in the [LeRobot Worldwide Hackathon community](#). Each team must also submit the dataset recorded during the hackathon. Instructions will be provided!

Check out Section Intellectual Property on ownership of your content and submission.

Prizes

Hugging Face judges will select 30 projects based on the teams' demonstration videos. The selection will consider *Creativity, Technical difficulty, Usability, and Real-world Impact* of the projects.

The 30 demos will be shared on Discord for community voting! Everyone can cast their vote in a poll: just one vote per person, so choose your favorite team wisely. The teams with the most votes will win!

🏆 **First Place** for the 1st most voted team

🥈 **Second Place** for the 2nd most voted team

🥉 **Third Place** for the 3rd most voted team

A total prize value of €15,000, consisting of robotics equipment and related hardware, will be awarded to the winning teams. The specific items and their distribution among the winning teams will be determined by the organizers at their sole discretion, based on the competition results and number of winning teams. Prizes are non-exchangeable, non-transferable, and no cash alternatives will be offered.

The delivery of prizes will be arranged by the organizers following the conclusion of the hackathon. Availability of specific items is subject to stock and supplier constraints; in the event that a listed item is unavailable, a comparable item of similar value may be substituted at the organizers' discretion. Delivery timelines may vary and the organizers are not responsible for delays caused by external suppliers or shipping providers.

Hugging Face will also offer **to all participants**:

- A personalized Certificate of participation (printable, signed by Hugging Face)
- 3D Medal Model (printable, made by Hugging Face)

All of this with global exposure, recognition & fun!

Communication Channels

For anything Hackathon-related, we will use the following communication channels.

- [LeRobot Discord](#)
- [LeRobot Worldwide Hackathon community](#) page
- Hugging Face [Youtube](#) and Twitch
- **Social Media:** [LinkedIn](#), [X \(Twitter\)](#), [TikTok](#), Threads, Bluesky

Links for Online sessions will be sent to participants before the hackathon starts!

Resources Provided by Hugging Face

Hugging Face will provide the following free resources throughout the Hackathon:

- Easy-to-understand tutorials
- Open-source AI model SmolVLA

- Training strategy HIL-SERL
- Mentors who will provide some support to the community
- Access to a worldwide community on Discord
- Links with suggestions for sourcing parts & KIT to buy (this is optional, you can use your own robot or assemble as you wish, we just provide suggestions!)
- Certificate for everyone at the end of the challenge with name and Hugging Face signatures to print

Not Provided

Hugging Face will NOT provide the following:

- **Robot:** You should bring your own robot or you can buy [LeRobot SO-101](#)
- Food & Drinks
- Merch for all participants

Local Instance Responsibilities

When registering as a Host, you must inform us how many people you can comfortably receive for the event. As a Host, you must provide a basic set-up for the participants to be able to work! That includes:

- A secure and adapted venue, with a security plan and any permits needed according to local legal requirements
- Power outlets
- Good Wi-Fi
- Seating and tables for participants to work
- Pictures and videos of the event: these don't need to be professional, but we want to be able to share images for local instances around the world!

You are NOT responsible for providing robots, food, drinks, or any merch to participants.

By registering as a host, you acknowledge that you are solely responsible for your local event. Hugging Face is not liable for any legal or organizational matters related to your instance.



Intellectual Property

You own the content you create for your project submission! Make sure you and your team decide on an appropriate open source license for your submission.

By submitting your project and your demonstration video, you grant Hugging Face a worldwide, royalty-free and non-exclusive license to use, display, publish, reproduce,

distribute, and make derivative works of your content. We can use your video in our communications without any compensation.

You are responsible for your submissions within the hackathon. Your content must not be misleading or unlawful and must not violate any applicable law and regulation, or infringe or misappropriate any rights of any person or entity.

Note that all content shared on the Hugging Face Hub is subject to our [Terms of Service](#).

Privacy

By registering for and participating in the hackathon, participants agree to the collection and use of the personal information provided during registration, including but not limited to name and contact details. This data will be used solely for the organization and management of the hackathon. If you choose to participate in a local instance, Hugging Face will share your contact information with the Host of the location.

Participants also acknowledge and agree that the event may be recorded, photographed, or live-streamed. By attending, participants give the organizers permission to capture and use their image, voice, and likeness in any media format, including live broadcasts, promotional materials, social media, and future hackathon-related content, without compensation.

All personal data will be handled in accordance with applicable privacy laws.

Also note that our [Privacy Policy](#) governs all information shared on the Hugging Face Hub.

Code of Conduct and Moderation

Let's keep things cool, kind, and creative!

All participants are expected to follow general hackathon ethics, which include being kind, respectful, and inclusive. The event is a neutral space with no religious or political affiliations. In the event of technical issues, hacking attempts, or the appearance of inappropriate content, moderators are authorized to take immediate action, such as muting participants, removing individuals from the session, or restarting the stream. To ensure a smooth experience, backup platforms and links will be available, and community moderators will be on hand to assist as needed.

Disclaimer

Participation in the hackathon is entirely voluntary, and Hugging Face does not have any formal relationship or affiliation with participants or local event organizers. Participation in this event does not imply approval, endorsement, or acceptance by Hugging Face. Participants are reminded that they are responsible for complying with all applicable laws and regulations, including export control and sanctions laws. Hugging Face does not provide any exemptions or waivers from these legal obligations, and participants should ensure they are fully informed of and adhere to all relevant legal requirements.