

Hack your Creativity: Using Hardware, Software, Coding, Music, and Art

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Global Winner: NASA SpaceApps 2020

National Winner: Canadian SpaceApps 2017

Global Nominee: 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019

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My 9th NASA SpaceApps Challenge

Participant: 7 years. Mentor, Presenter, and Judge: 2 years



2014. Curious Bot. Global Nominee
Top 5 People Choice Award



2015. Apollo 11 / Saturn V Model



2016. MARS Stereo Vision Rover



The Masked Scales
Music, Maths and Machine Learning

2020. The Masked Scales
Global Winner COVID19
Challenge



2017. Yes I Can. Canadian Space Apps Winner.
Drop the Drought: Space Apps Toronto Winner



2018. Deep Space Musical
Space Apps Toronto Winner
+ Global Top 25



2019. Schools and NASA aiding Climate
Action (SNACK). SpaceApps Toronto
Winner + Global Nominee



Participated in 40+ Hackathons

Problem Solving is Fun!

Learned how to communicate, code, build communities and be creative

ElleHacks

DroneHacks

Elevate Hackathon

BMT Hack

Genesys

Get Your Bot On

NeuroTech Hack

ProtoHack

Clockathon

NASA SpaceApps

Canadian SpaceApps

Mission Hack

CODE Hack

IOT Hack

Hack'nTalk

Hack for Good

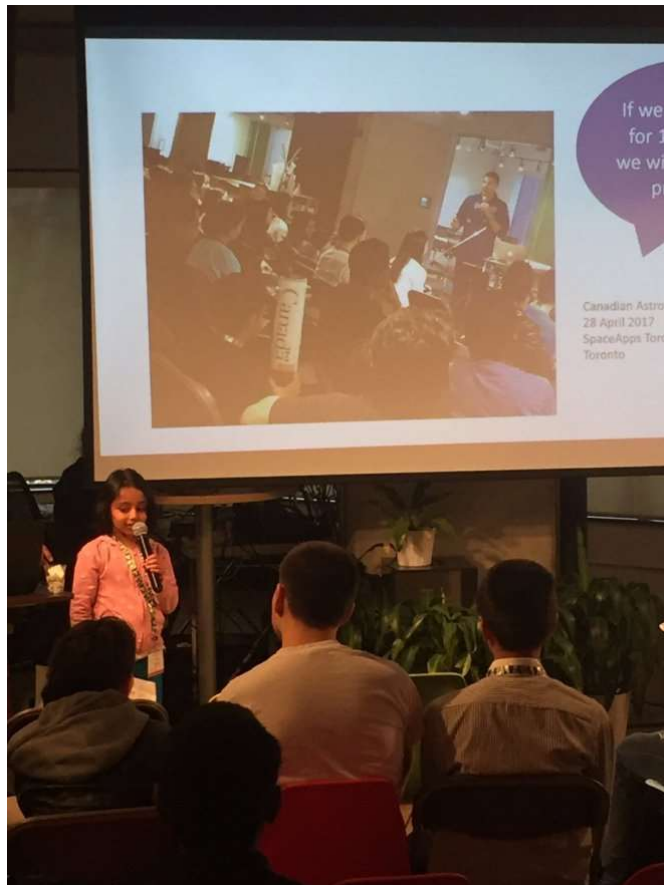
Hacking Health

Hardware Hack

Climathon

ARIEL Hackathon

PixelHack



Yes I Can / Oui Je Peux:
2017 National Canadian
SpaceApps Winner



Mosaics made from rearranging
image pixels from the
Canadian Satellite Radarsat-2

Awards & Nominations

The **Masked Scales** has received the following awards and nominations. Way to go!



Most Inspirational

The solution that captures our hearts.



The Masked Scales

Music, Maths and Machine Learning

The Masked Scales



Sonification of
COVID19
Impacts
in Toronto,
Canada



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NASA SpaceApps 2020



The Masked Scales: 2020 Global Winner (Covid-19 Challenge)

SpaceApps Opens Up New Experiences: Meeting Canadian Astronauts at Canadian Space Agency HQ!



**Canadian Astronaut
Jeremy Hansen**



**Canadian Astronaut
Jenni-Sidey Gibbons**



**Canadian Astronaut
Joshua Kutryk**

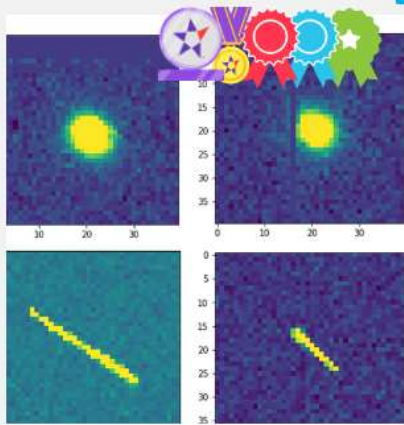


**Canadian Astronaut
David St-Jacques (virtually)**

Everyday is a Hackathon:

Learning new things by solving “Hard” Problems

Plankton Wars and Planetary Defense take best project awards at this year's CWSF



Strengthening Planetary Defense: Detecting Unknown Asteroids using Open Data, Math, and Python

Asteroid collision risks are real and unpredictable. 66 million years ago the Chicxulub asteroid impact wiped away the dinosaurs. My project strengthens planetary defense by using robotic telescopes, open data, math, and python to find unknown asteroids.

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- **Best Project Award - Innovation**
- **Excellence in Astronomy Award (Junior)**
- **Gold Medal (Junior)**
- **Youth Can Innovate Award (Junior)**
- **Challenge Award - Curiosity and Ingenuity (Junior)**

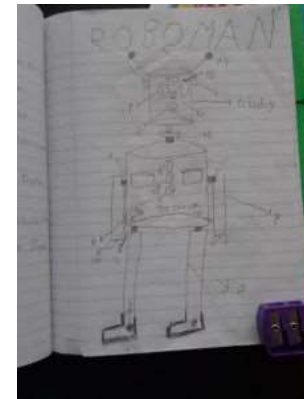
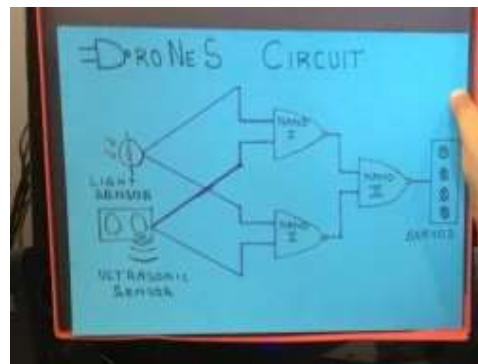
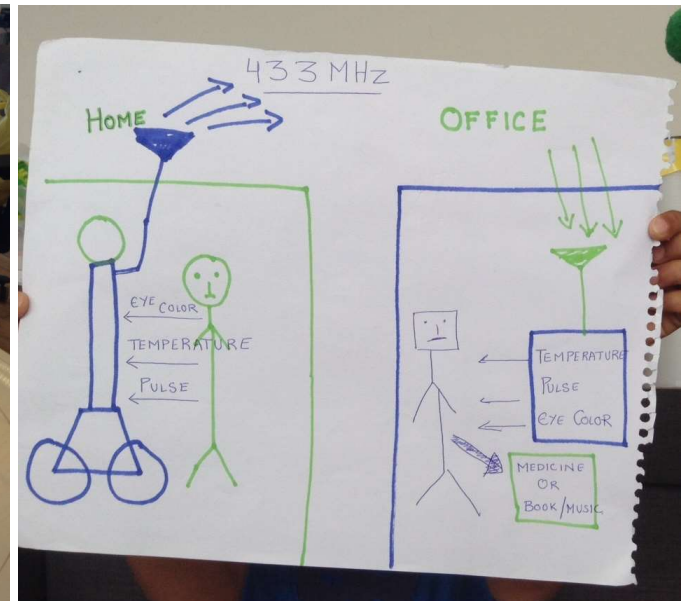
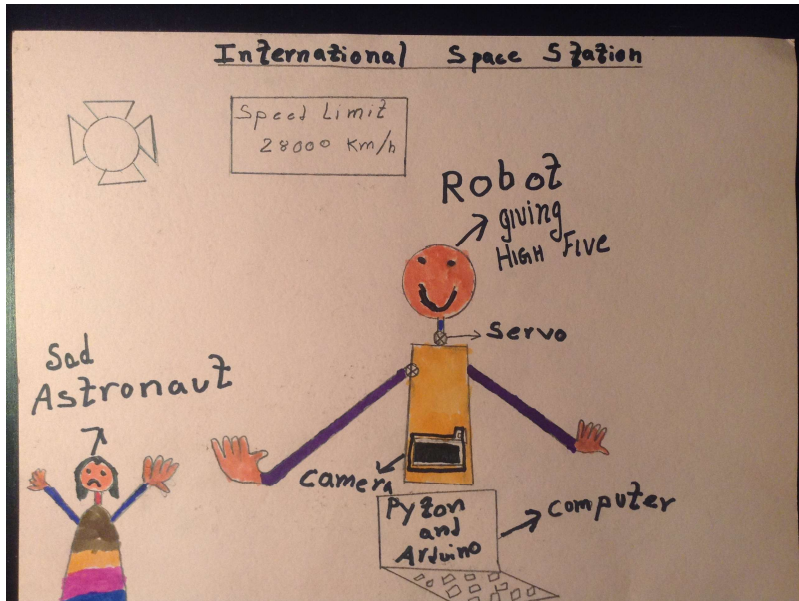
Hardware Projects

When I build things
I am no longer a
“consumer”

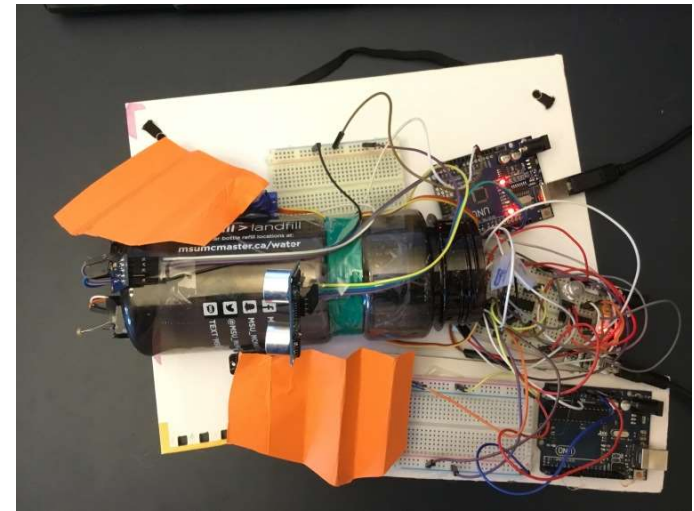
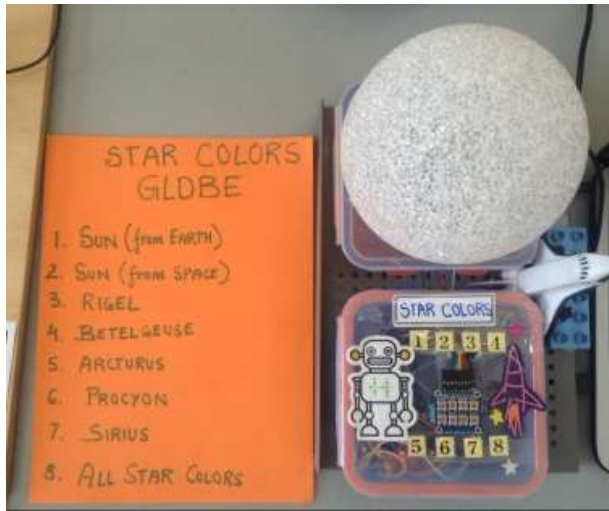
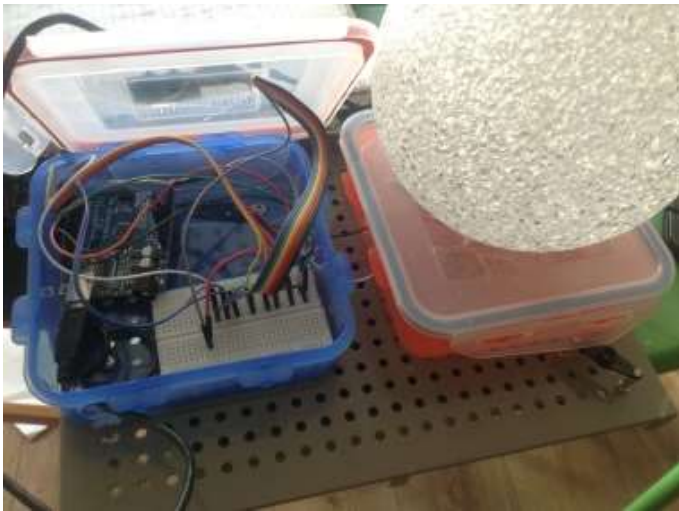
I am:
An engineer
A creator
A maker



Ideas Improve When You Sketch

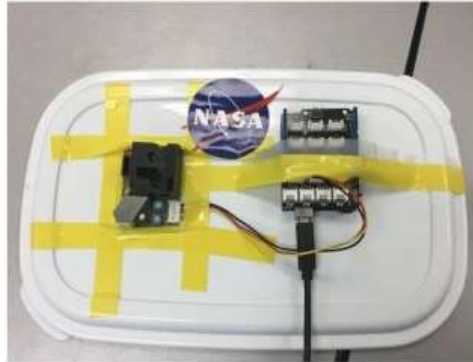


Hacking old toys, sensors, motors, LEDs to create prototypes from sketches!



Schools and NASA Aiding Climate Action by Kids (SNACK)

Toronto SpaceApps Winner 2019 and Global Nominee



Uses Arduino and Particle Sensor



Programming it



École élémentaire Jeanne-Lajoie



École élémentaire Gabrielle-Roy



École élémentaire Félix-Leclerc



École élémentaire Laure-Rièse

Using satellite imagery to measure green cover in Toronto Schools



Collecting primary data at street crossings

Software and Coding Projects

A few lines of <code>
and:

Paper Plans transform
into Prototypes

Programming Movements: Arduino IDE

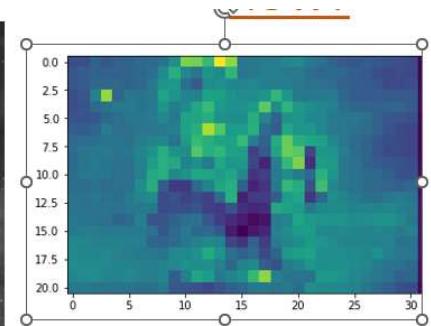
Analysing Data: Python

Visualising Data: Plot.ly

Designing Apps: MIT app inventor, Dash



Actual Hubble Image



RGB (Red Green Blue) → Gray Scale → Pooling

```
x = skimage.measure.block_reduce(x, (3,3), np.max)
x = skimage.measure.block_reduce(x, (4,4), np.mean)
nim = skimage.measure.block_reduce(x, (4,4), np.mean)
```

HUBBLE Deep Space Musical

Toronto SpaceApps Winner 2018 and Global Nominee



```
notes = np.ndarray.flatten(nim)
notes=list(notes)

for item in notes:
    if item < 30:
        finalnotes.append(item*10)

    elif item < 50:
        finalnotes.append(item*4)

    elif item < 150:
        finalnotes.append(item*5)

    elif item>150:
        finalnotes.append(item*15)

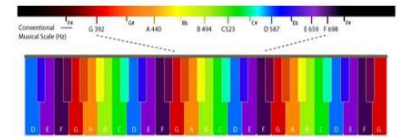
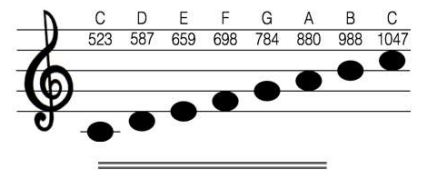
for n in range(0,672):

    winsound.Beep(int(finalnotes[n]), 350)
    print(n)
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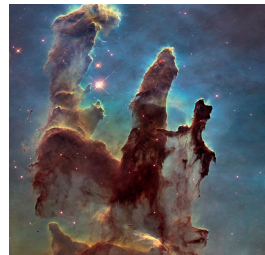
Transformed Pixel
Values into
Frequencies and
Notes!

Every pixel of Hubble Color Image is
associated with a musical note

Notes and Frequencies in Hertz



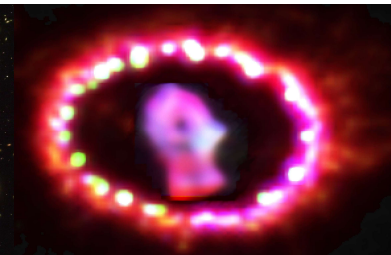
Birth of Stars



Galaxies of Stars



Star Death

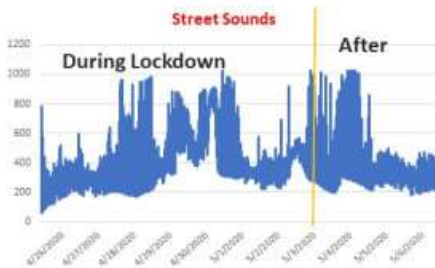
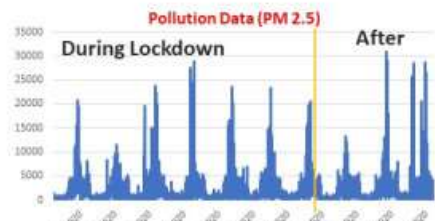


Using Data Sets in SpaceApps Challenges

NASA Datasets, Sensor and Simulate Dataset

Impact of COVID19 Lockdown in Toronto

During Lockdown (26 April – 3 May) After Lockdown (3 May onwards)

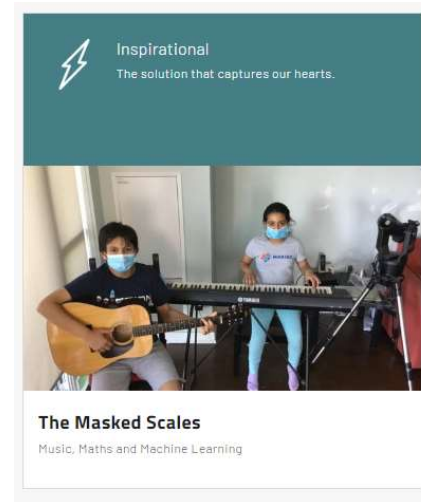
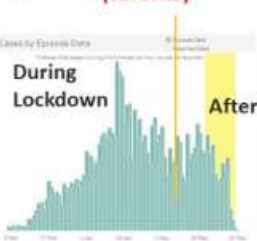


Night Lights in Toronto (NASA Suomi/VIIRS)

During Lockdown (on 3 April) After (on 30 May)



COVID19 Cases (Toronto)



Data Collected from Home-Made Instrument

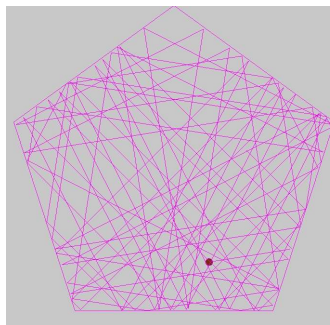
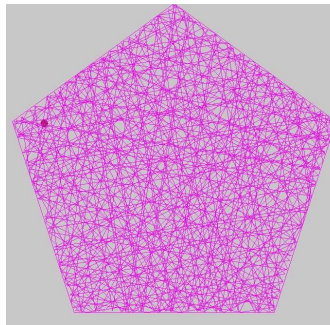
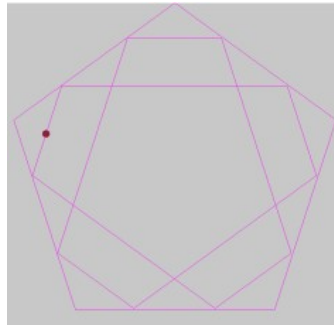
1. Street Noise (Microphone)
2. Vehicular Emissions (PM 2.5 Sensor)
3. Vehicular Count on Street (Intel RealSense Camera)
4. Light Intensity Data (Light Sensor to analyse day and night data)

External Data Sources

1. NASA Night Light Data (Suomi / VIIRS Data)
<https://worldview.earthdata.nasa.gov>
2. Toronto COVID19 Infection Data (City of Toronto)
<https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-latest-city-of-toronto-news/covid-19-status-of-cases-in-toronto/>

Demo: Make Your Data Dance and Sing!

A data-driven
visual / animation
is better than
100000 data
points

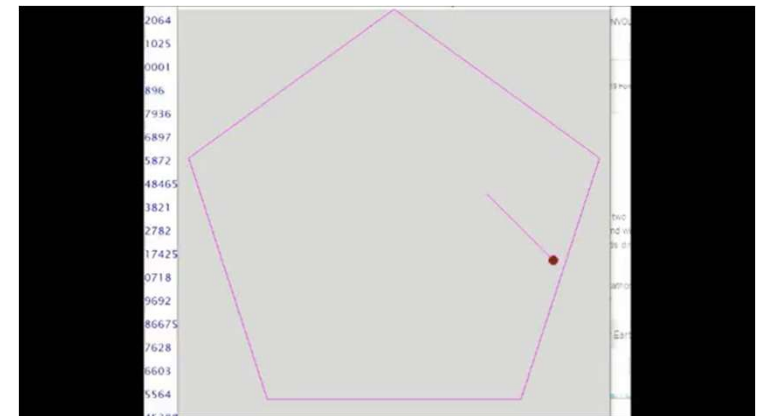


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delay = 5
radius = 30
R = WIDTH / 2
angles = []
points = []
segments = []
vectors = []
dists = []
long_trace = []

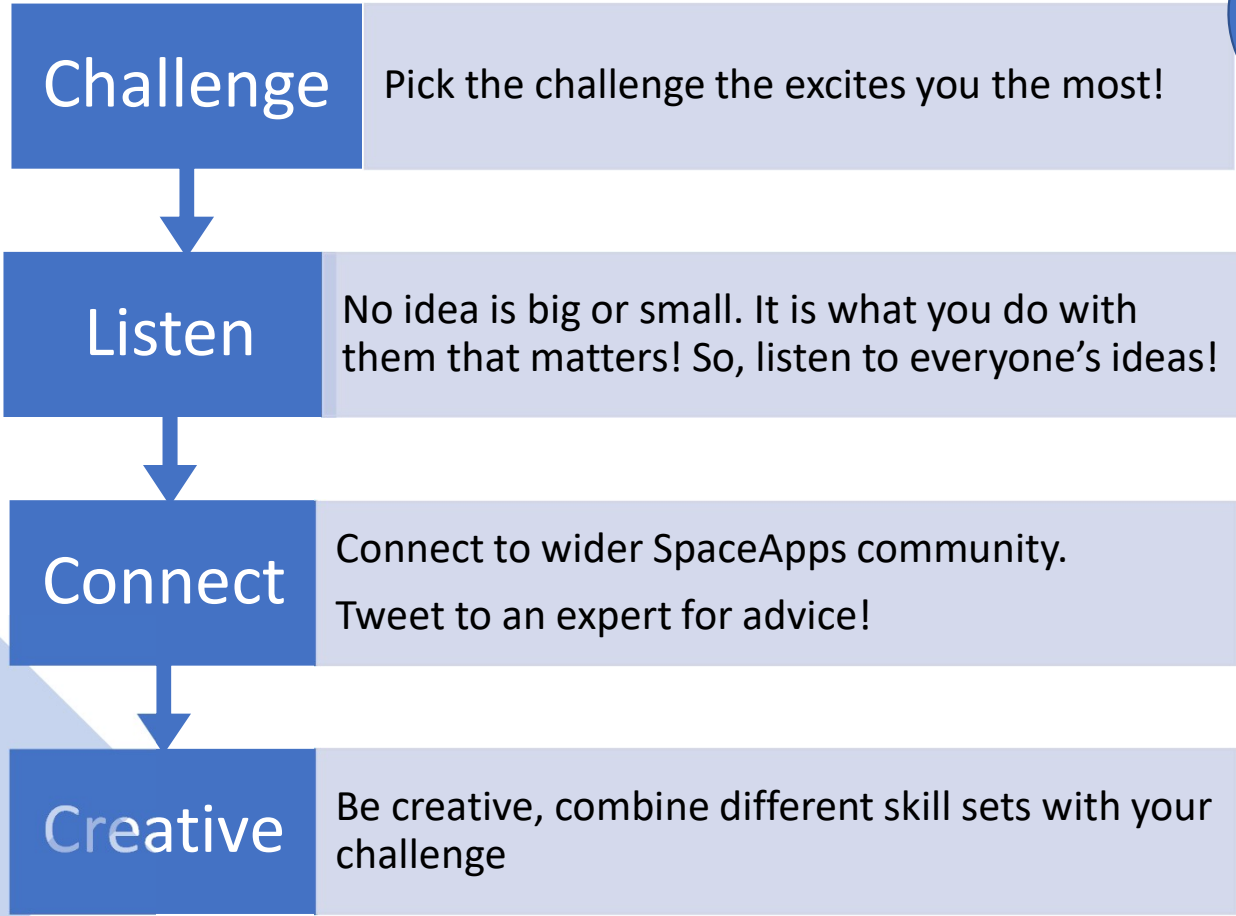
trace = []
trace_length = 40

def setup():
    size(2*int(R), 2*int(R))

    for i in range(n):
        theta = 2 * math.pi * i / n - math.pi / 2
        px = R * math.cos(theta) + R
        py = R * math.sin(theta) + R
        angles.append(theta)
        points.append([px, py])
```



How to create a Cool SpaceApps Project?



Conversation with Canadian Astronaut: Jeremy Hansen (2017)

Show is always better than Tell!



Use your hardware, software, and coding skills to present a:



Prototype



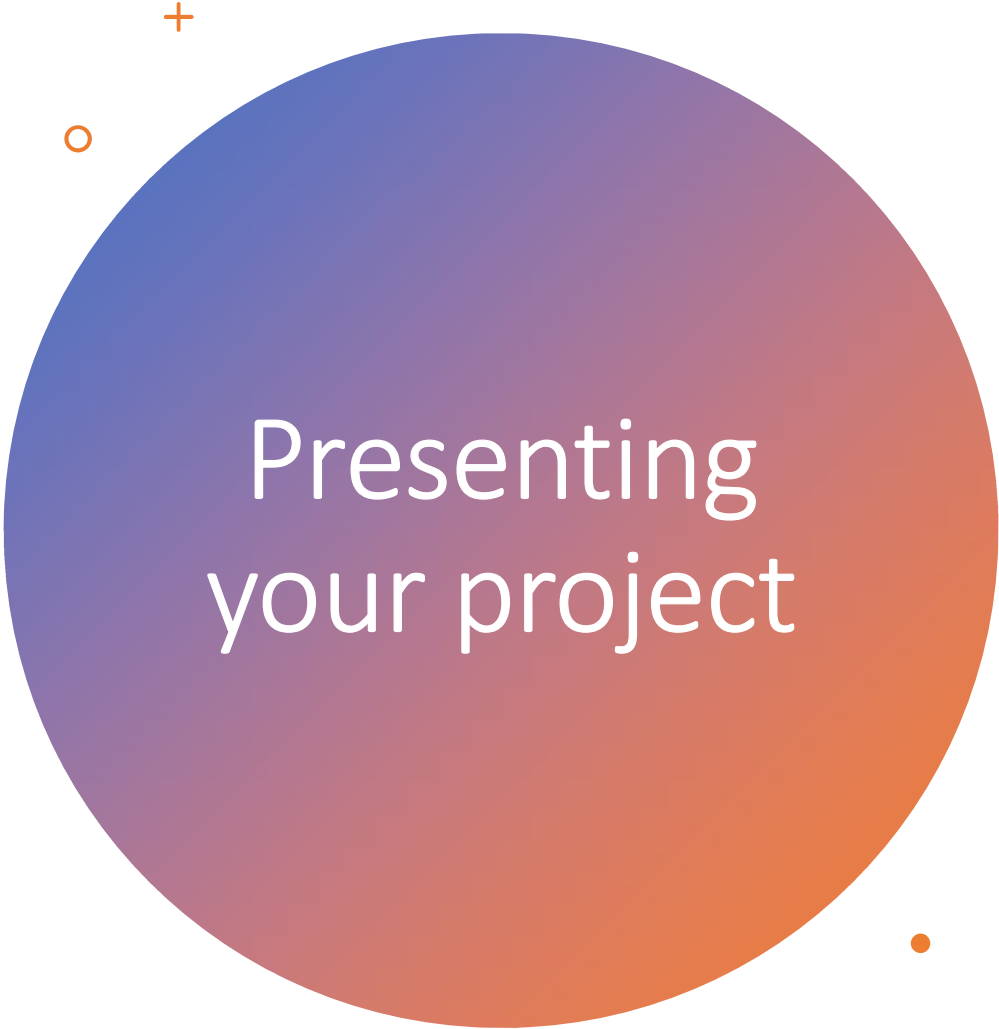
Wire frame



App



Demo



Presenting your project

Make a story line:

- *the problem*
- *your solution*
- *How you made your solution*
- *Demo*
- *Challenges faced*
- *Future of your project*

Make few slides to go with your presentation

Talk with your teammates and decide who will talk about what

Practice your presentation

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