

Event: ISPE Singapore Virtual Hackathon 2021

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Testimonial

This Hackathon was an amazing learning experience. There was so much to learn with regards to the industry, it does not get any more real than this. As a first-year undergraduate in BEng (Hons) Pharmaceutical Engineering student, I did not have much prior knowledge about the industry. The “textbook” knowledge was just the tip of the iceberg to what is happening out in the industry. My preconceptions of the industry were overwritten by new knowledge gained through the experience.

I was blessed with the insights of an exceptional coach, who guided us through the project. What I loved about this experience was the versatility and openness of the topic. It allowed us to venture into various issues and to learn about the problems faced by the current industry and their attempts to transit towards the Industry4.0 framework. Intensive research was done to understand the issues and balance the possible solutions towards these potential areas of improvement. After my reallocation from Team 1 to 2, I was worried that I might hinder the progress of the team. The team, however, was very warm and open to suggestions, allowing me to integrate smoothly and propelled the team towards project success. Our lack of experience about the real-life situations was an issue, but our exceptional coach, Manuel, was very patient and friendly in clarifying our queries to give us a better understanding. He further engaged us with thought-invoking questions that directed our journey through this Hackathon.

The journey was insightful and there were so much to learn from all of the participants as well. The innovations and ideation from each of the presented groups were different, and that branched new knowledge and learning points. “Winning” this Hackathon was never the priority. Rather, everyone involved won this Hackathon through gaining new knowledge, networking, and our personal holistic development.

I would love to participate in a similar event in the near future and would not hesitate to recommend this amazing opportunity to anyone. Fantastic job to all!