

“Dream is not that which you see while sleeping it is something that does not let you sleep.”

– A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, *Wings of Fire: An Autobiography*

These quotes by an eminent person in the technologically strong India have always been in my mind. Ever since, I entered into my higher education, I would like to share with you the best thing that can ever happen in a professional student's life.

All this started on 29<sup>th</sup> of June, when I happen to attend the Yahoo summer school at IISC Bangalore. This was the day when I met Mr. Cheliah, Manager at Yahoo Labs, Bangalore who advised me to attend the Yahoo Hack day which was to be held on 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2013 at Hyderabad.

In the olden days hackers were considered to be a group of people who solved the most complex problems of the software world. A hacker was considered to be a computer genius but some hackers misused this power within them and started exploiting the computer world.

What is a hack day ?

A hack day is a 24hour event were the developers work for 24 hours on the subject of their choice and come out with a potential product. Some of the best products that we see in the market are the products of the hack day.

My experience at the “HACK DAY” :

On 13<sup>th</sup> Morning I reach Westin Hyderabad Hotel, at IT Raheja Park Hi-Tech city. I was sitting at a table being shared by 3 other members who were complete strangers to me. We started conversing about our Ideas about the Hack day. We selected the best feasible Idea of building a train tracking application where the user can enter his PNR No. and gets the real time information about the pervious station, next station the distance to the destination, expected delay weather forecast at the next station. emergency Nos at the station, service available at the station and you can book a cab or hotel at the station at a single click, faster than the Indian Railway website. It took as a 24 hours of continuous hard work for analyzing data flow, creating back end code to develop the application. The most strenuous job for us was to analyze a piece of code for 6 and half hour. Finally on 14<sup>th</sup> afternoon at 1.00 p.m. we came out with a working product. The next crucial part of this event was the judgment. We were not tensed, as we never expected a prize because there were 268 best developers from all over India, who do the same work day and night and we were doing it for the first time. But we were very happy. To see all of the Yahoo crew coming to us and congratulating us for the product. Because the previous night ,the crew who were helping us were dumb struck with a piece of code we were working with. They had foreseen the product to be the best competent for the judgment.

## “THE JUDGEMENT”

It was 5 pm and everybody was looking forward to the result. Then came the verdict from the judges.

“ THE BEST TECHNICAL HACK AWARD GOES TO RAIL TRACKER”

It was an amazing feeling, we had won the best technical hack award at one of the biggest event in the software field.

“Oh! The feeling of the victory was so awesome”. Apart from the prize it was an apple Ipad worth 52,000/-.

We enjoyed the feeling of the winner for that day. It is still in front of my eyes.

As an end piece to this experience of mine I would like to share with you an Incident in the bus when I met a guy, he asked me, “Which college are you from?” I replied “VBIT, Hyderabad” he said you are so lucky,your college is doing so much for you. To my astonishment I asked him “Which college are you from ?”, he replied “I am from CBIT, Hyderabad”.



