Application to participate in Phylotastic (HIP hackathon #2)

Please tell us about your interest and availability to participate in Phylotastic 2, a hackathon organized by the NESCent HIP working group, to be held January 28 to February 1 (2013) in Tucson, Arizona (USA). The goal of this hackathon is to develop a loosely coupled system of components that collectively provide computable, convenient, credible access to expert knowledge of species phylogeny. Before applying, please take some time to understand the project by reviewing the presentation at http://bit.ly/RWRgIc (ppt) or http://bit.ly/POaoci (PDF). We are seeking a diverse group of people to participate in a process that will generate code, docs, examples, tests, and demos. Applications are due Friday, 16 Nov (2012) at midnight EST.

* Required

Your Name *

Affiliation(s) *

Email Address *

Availability *
Our hackathons use a team-based process with a beginning, middle and end. Effectiveness of the team depends on members being present.

◯ If selected, I plan to attend all 5 days of the hackathon.

◯ If selected, I plan to participate remotely for all 5 days of the hackathon

◯ Other:

Open Source Licensing *
All code and documentation produced at the hackathon is to be made immediately available under an OSI-approved open source license or a Creative Commons license. Would this pose any difficulty for your participation?

◯ I agree with open source licensing of all products

◯ Other:

Do you have skills or knowledge in any of the following areas? *

☐ use-cases: you know a real pruning-grafting-integration problem that can be used to guide development

☐ core operations: treestore, pruning, grafting, scaling-dating, TNRS components

☐ documentation: you can make screencasts and write clear how-to documents

☐ workflows: you can assemble web services (or other resources) into an executable workflow

☐ mashups (semantic integration): you can write tools to discover, collect and integrate online data

☐ web service interfaces: you can design and implement interfaces to wrap existing tools

☐ provenance annotation: you can use metadata to keep track of where results came from

☐ end-user tools: you know a workbench, viz, or other app that could be adapted phylotastically

☐ something else: you can contribute to this project in ways we haven't imagined yet

For any of the items you checked in the above question, please elaborate on your skills & knowledge, citing accomplishments. *

Rather than relying on 3rd-party recommendations, we prefer to assess the strength of an application based on your account of what prepares you for this event (e.g., code written, analyses performed, papers published). Please allow us a chance to see your skills and knowledge by citing outcomes that we can verify (e.g., via citation, URL). If you feel that your qualifications can be verified only by a third party such as a supervisor or mentor, please indicate this and provide contact information for the third party.

If you checked "something else", what expertise can you bring and how do you see yourself contributing to the project?

If possible, cite tangible accomplishments to provide evidence of your skills (see the note for the previous question).

Hackathon ideas and personal goals *

You may have a personal goal for this hackathon, and you may have ideas for team projects that relate to the hackathon themes of (1) integration of phylotastic components, (2) supporting use-cases, and (3) doing shiny stuff. This is the place to tell your ideas and goals, given your current understanding of the project.

Underrepresented Groups *
We are using NSF definitions.

☐ Women

☐ African American, Hispanic, American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander

☐ Persons with disabilities

☐ None of the above

☐ Do not wish to specify

Do you have funds to support your participation? *
We have sufficient funds available to cover lodging for all participants; however, we probably will not have funds to cover travel and food for all participants. Travel costs vary depending on your location.

◯ Yes, I can pay for travel, food and lodging

◯ Yes, I can pay for travel and food

◯ No, I do not have sufficient funding to pay for travel and food

◯ Other: [   ]

Traveling from?
Where will you likely be traveling from? This information will be used with sponsored participants for budgeting purposes.

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Other Comments
Please provide any other comments, suggestions, or feedback that are not covered by the questions above.

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