

## hack.pledge() FAQ

### **What is hack.pledge()?**

hack.pledge() is a movement for programmers worldwide to assemble and mentor each other, so that we can collectively improve our skills and work towards [mastering](#) software development.

By working together, we can learn from each other, waste less time being stuck, write better-architected code, and program faster.

### **What does signing the pledge entail?**

You can either:

- Mentor another developer
- Receive a free mentoring to master your craft
- Or both

### **How are mentors and mentees connected?**

We'll automatically connect you with a mentor or mentee. This is facilitated by Pluralsight, which has a service for connecting programmers to each other in real-time. Pluralsight is subsidizing the infrastructure costs and contributing its technology to connect mentors with mentees. Alternatively, you can also fulfill your pledge on your own in your local community on your own.

### **When do I get my free mentoring?**

As soon as you need it (based on availability of mentors, of course)!

### **How much free mentoring can I get?**

As much as you want. This is an experiment based on an honor system, so we hope you don't abuse it.

### **I'd like to mentor. When do I need to conduct my mentoring session?**

Anytime that's convenient for you.

### **I'd like to mentor. How much mentoring do I need to do?**

We all have good intentions, but life gets in the way. By keeping the pledge simple, it makes it easier to fulfill. So we're only asking for 1 hour of mentoring from each mentor. But we're secretly hoping that some may choose to donate more than 1 hour once they see how fun it is,

but that's not required. And if many of us choose to donate, then we can make a difference together.

### **Who are some noted signatories for the pledge?**

The following are noted signatories:

Scott Hanselman  
Floyd Marinescu  
Fabien Ponticier  
Tom Chi  
Bram Cohen  
Chris Richardson  
Sarah Allen  
Rebecca Parsons  
Salil Deshpande  
Hakon Wium Le  
Jon Skeet  
Ryan Bubinski  
Janet Wiener  
Brian Fox  
Yehuda Katz  
Chad Fowler  
Grady Booch  
Aaron Skonnard  
Kimber Lockhart  
Matei Zaharia  
Trisha Gee  
Jeff Haynie  
Orion Henry  
Jed McCaleb

### **What organizations endorse the pledge?**

The following organizations have partners to endorse/support the pledge:

Code The Change  
CodeChix  
CoderDojo  
Women Who Code  
Ladies Learning Code  
ScriptEd  
Code2040  
Bridge Foundry  
CODE Documentary  
HackerRank

Pragmatic Bookshelf  
DaniWeb  
AngelHack  
Github  
InfoQ  
General Assembly  
Cloud9  
Koding  
Appcelerator  
Famo.us  
NY Tech Meetup  
WeWork  
Ringful Health  
Blocktrail  
CloudBees  
Stellar.org

**I have additional questions!**

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