

LIT NEWSLETTER

HACKATHON EDITION

HIGHLIGHTS

This year's Hackathon saw 26 participating teams and more than 140 participants from local universities and polytechnics. The cash prizes totalled more than \$11,000 and the winners gained an opportunity to attend future workshops organised by the donors. The Hackathon was graced by Guest of Honour Permanent Secretary (Law), Mr Loh Khum Yean, on the opening day.

The Hackathon included industry talks, panel discussions, and fireside chats on topics surrounding legal technology presented by donors and supporting partners of the event.

Pre-Hackathon workshops were also hosted by legal tech firms such as Tessaract, Lupl, and Intellex to help participants to learn more about the legal tech industry.

OVERVIEW



The 2022 SMU LIT Hackathon was held in a hybrid format over the course of three days from 1 to 3 July 2022.

The Hackathon aimed to bring together local student talent from the disciplines of law and technology to provide technological solutions in solving real world problems within the legal industry. Participants also got to learn more about the existing legal tech industry.



HACKATHON THEMES

The 2022 SMU LIT Hackathon focused on issues centered around Access to Justice, Data Privacy and Cybersecurity, and the Efficiency of Work Processes.

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The 2022 SMU LIT Hackathon would not have been possible without the following event partners

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PRE-HACKATHON WORKSHOPS

INTELLEX AND LUPL FUNDAMENTALS TO KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

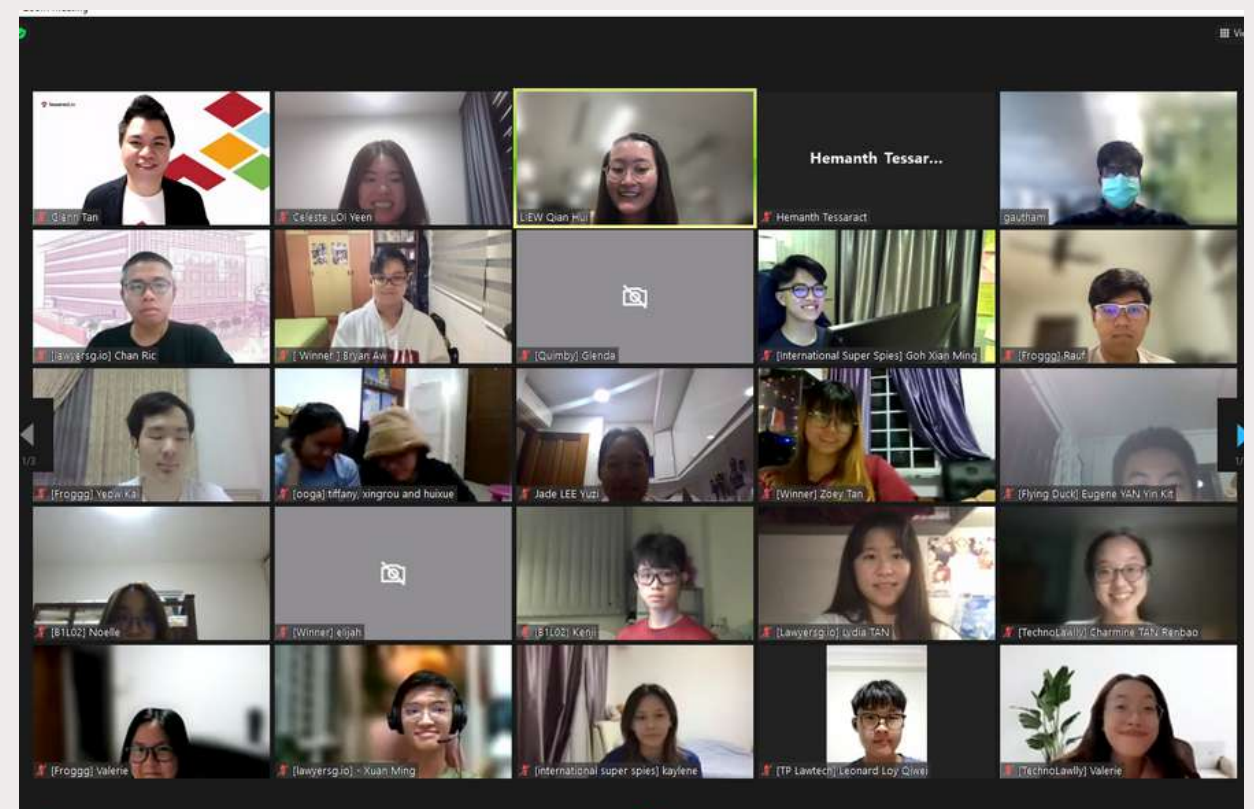
Intelllex conducted a product demonstration of their knowledge system for legal professionals and other available legal technology platforms for the students for the first session of our Pre-Hackathon workshops.

This was followed by a workshop conducted by Lupl, who showcased a digital workspace which allows lawyers to work on their different matters across their workspace.



TESSARACT.IO INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Tesseract conducted a workshop with the Hackathon participants which featured a product demonstration as well as an explanation on integrated project case management, workflow automation, and billing and accounting. Additionally, participants were given the opportunity to use their own Tesseract accounts to create low or no-code solutions for the Hackathon.



HACKATHON SPEAKERS

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TRANSITIONING TO THE METAVERSE

Speaker: Foo Maw Jiun (IP & Technology Partner)

Mr. Foo shared about the potentially novel legal issues created by society's transition from the physical world to the metaverse.

He discussed contract law issues like whether it's possible to amend a 'smart' contract recorded on the blockchain and the difficulties in enforcing a virtual contract when it's unclear who are the contracting parties – due to their virtual identities.



HACKATHON PANEL DISCUSSION

THE EFFICIENCY OF WORK PROCESSES

Speakers: Kenta Kusano (Singapore Academy of Law), Andrew Beasley (Clifford Chance), and Serena Lim (Bizibody)

Moderator: SMU Asst Prof Jerrold Soh

The three panel participants broke down what it means to improve the efficiency of work processes in the legal industry – one of the themes of the Hackathon – and what the Hackathon participants could do within 72 hours to build a viable product.



HACKATHON SPEAKERS

NORTON ROSE FULBRIGHT CYBERSECURITY AND DATA PRIVACY

Speaker: David Olds (Technology & Innovation Counsel)

Mr. Olds gave a presentation exploring and answering key questions about one of the most central enablers of the digital economy – data. It's an increasingly important topic, even for non-digital economy companies like law firms, who are also receiving and processing large amounts of data.

The questions explored included:

- What is the data?
- Are you the data controller?
- Is your data going overseas?



RAJAH & TANN TECHNOLOGIES A CAREER IN LEGALTECH

Speakers: Ben Low (Innolex), Nora Emaline, and Ravleen Kaur (Legal Comet)
Moderator: Gillian Kang (Head of Innolex)

Ms. Kang hosted a fireside chat alongside three other employees from Rajah & Tann Technologies who shared more about what they do in their jobs, what they find exciting in the industry, and why they decided to join.

Although the three speakers came from very different backgrounds, they all shared a common belief that the legal industry could be improved with a higher uptake of legal tech.

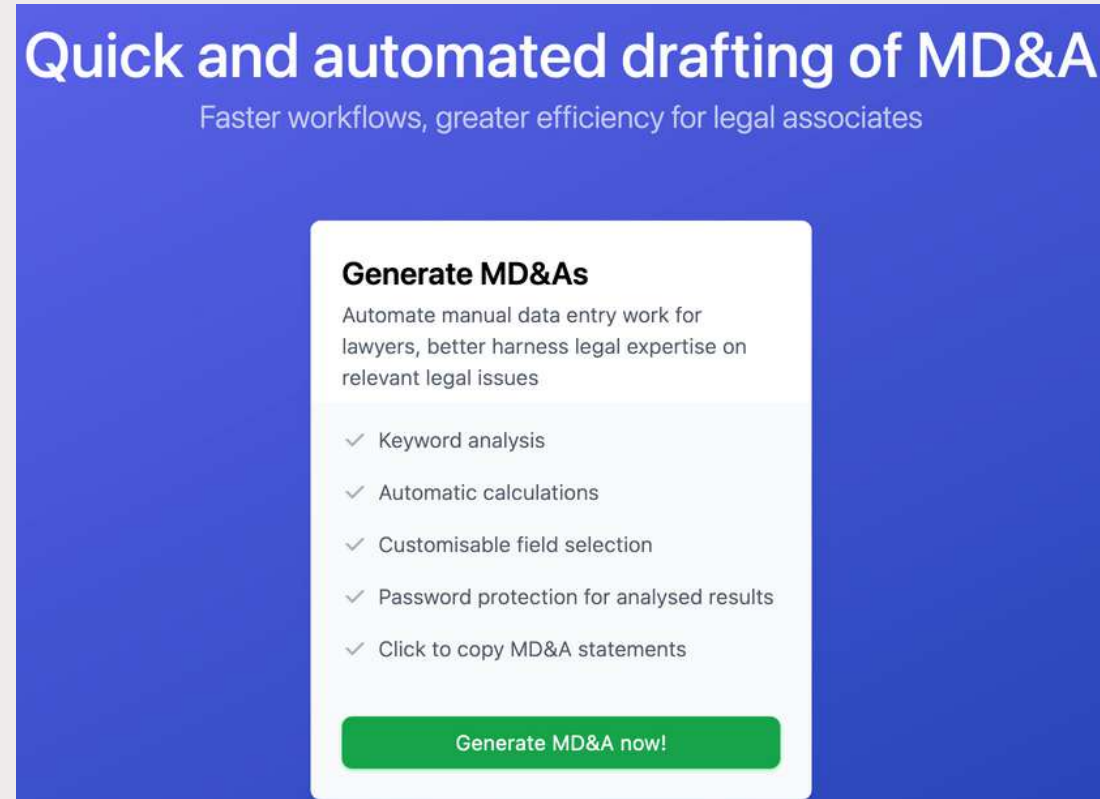


HACKATHON WINNERS

1ST PRIZE WINNER TEAM HOTEL TRIVIA GO

The winning team, Hotel Trivia Go, comprising of Liu Ze Wei Martin, Ramasamy Vighnesh, and Ho Shu Hao Eugene from SMU, together with Chen Xin Han, Toh Jing Hua, and Ong Tsien Jin from NTU, built a product which could save valuable time for lawyers and minimize mistakes when drafting the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) sections in US capital market related prospectuses.

With the team's product, a lawyer could simply upload a PDF copy of a financial statement and receive relevant draft excerpts for a MD&A section. Team member Eugene Ho shared that despite his lack of coding ability, he enjoyed learning more about the nascent law and tech field.



HACKATHON FINALISTS

Congratulations to all the other finalist teams: Penteract, Kiki LLP, Quimby, Flying Duck, Lolyers, Hotel Trivia Go, Reasonable Doubts, and OR 1-1



THANK YOU

Thank you to our participants, partners, and donors for helping us host and organize the 2022 SMU LIT Hackathon!

PHOTO GALLERY



All winners and judges at the hackathon



Virtual talks conducted during the Hackathon

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Finalist presentations



Guest-of-Honour, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Law, Mr Calvin Phua, giving his closing speech



SMU YPHSOL Dean, Lee Pey Woan, giving the closing address