If your hackathon will have teams formed by individuals who don’t know one another, a team-building event enables participants to meet and decide who they want to team up with.

For this event, which is held before the hackathon so teams are ready when it starts, you need an informal setting, such as a coffee bar or pub, where people can have drinks and food. You can publicize it with posters and offer registration on your website.

When participants arrive, assign numbers on the name tags of each, and then follow these steps:

1 | 30-second pitch: Participants can pitch an idea or themselves.

2 | 1-hour conversation and discussion: Participants get acquainted over drinks and food

(or coffee) and start forming their teams based on the pitches and discussions.

3 | Decision time: Ask participants to make their final decisions and share them with you.

Give them 30 minutes

4 | Collect the information: You now have your teams for the hackathon.

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