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Block-Sprint

Information Evening Presentation

October 2019

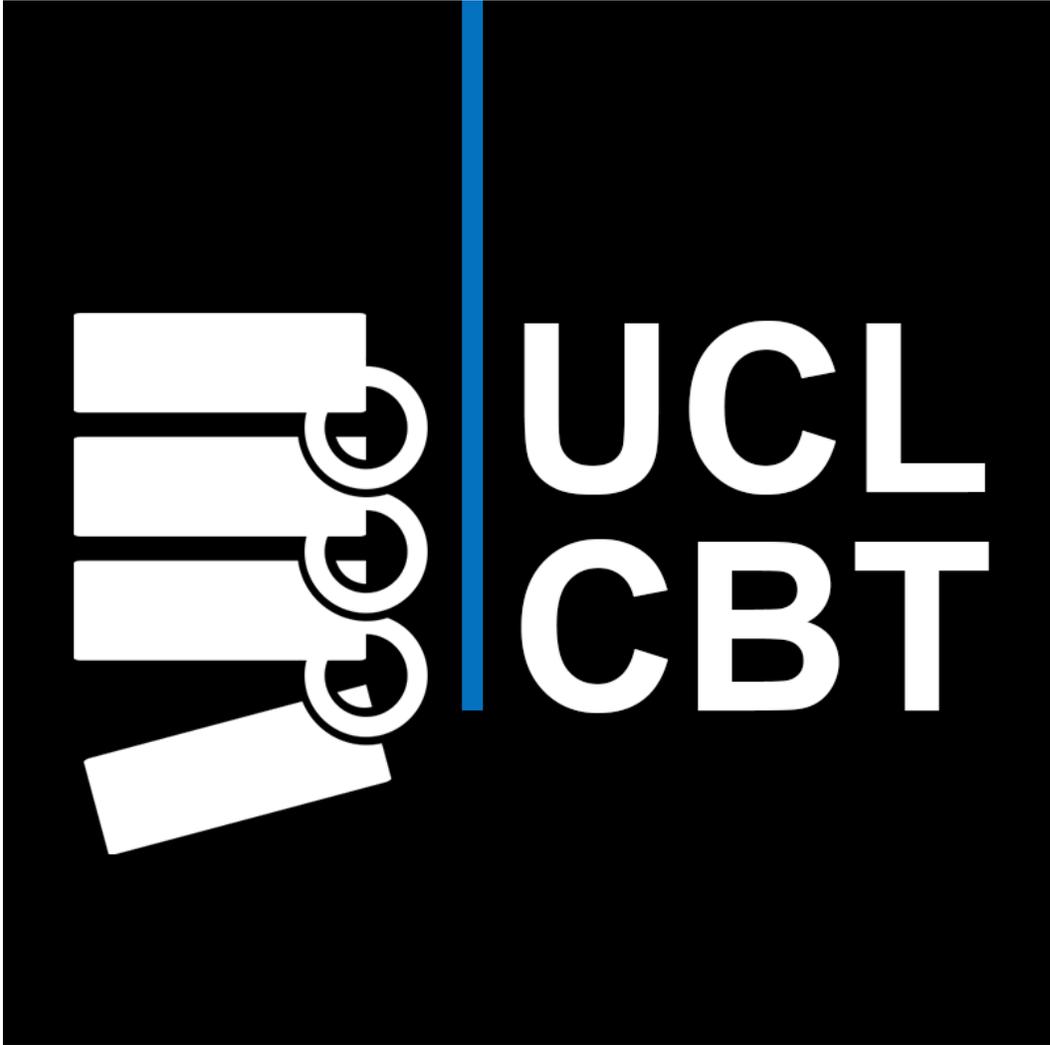


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About the UCL CBT



A Universal Interdisciplinary Approach



A **global** network of 185 Academics and Industry Members researching and working in DLT at UCL & Beyond



Promotion and Initiatives

Hackathon – Block-Sprint

**P2P Financial Systems
Workshop**

<https://www.p2pfisy.com>

**ISO Standards on DLT
ISO TC307**

BARAC Project

<http://blockchain.cs.ucl.ac.uk/barac-project/>

**International Token
Standardization Association**

<https://itsa.global/>

**Events, Workshops &
Publications**

**UCL CBT
Executive Education
Programmes**

<http://blockchain.cs.ucl.ac.uk/executive-education/>

Call For Proposals

<http://blockchain.cs.ucl.ac.uk/call-for-proposals-awards/>

**Retail Blockchain
Consortium**

<https://www.retailblockchainconsortium.org/>



Block-Sprint

An Introduction to Block-Sprint

Bring subject matter experts, developers, non-technical leaders, and **students** together to foster innovation in the payments and decentralised finance arenas through the use of **any** blockchain/DLT and AI technologies.

We aim to provide greater visibility for the challenges being addressed and an opportunity to find solutions via collaboration, which will be judged by a diverse expert panel.

We hope this event will also increase participants' understanding of emerging technologies, and bring companies and students to work together.

- For students a great way to work with companies and a great hiring opportunity!
- For companies to work with students who can bring fresh thinking and discover new talent!

For more information please visit our website at <http://blockchain.cs.ucl.ac.uk/blockspint/>

Block-Sprint Event Timeline



Up to 100 software developers, user interface designers, project managers, data scientists, infrastructure engineers, technology architects, subject matter experts and students working collaboratively in multi-disciplinary, cross-industry groups of 4-10 people.



- 11 October Information evening primarily aimed at signing up student involvement
- 29 October **Application Evening – another chance to form teams – focussed on Industry**
- 8 November Final Application evening – a last chance to form teams
- 10 November **Deadline for submission of applications to take part**
- 11 November **Evening pitching sessions for successful applications in front of judges**
- 15 November **Afternoon Mentoring sessions with subject matter experts**
- 16-17 November Optional Weekend Workshops
Working Space at UCL
- 17 November Deadline for refined pitch
- 18-24 November Further refinement of your idea with subject matter experts
- 25 November **Build out your idea**
Keynotes
Panel Discussions
Demo Solutions
Party!



11-22 November 2019



Idealondon (69 Wilson Street, EC2A 2BB) & Ripple (1 Angel Court, EC2R 7HJ)

Team Formation

- Suggested Roles
 - Blockchain Developer
 - Software Developer
 - Business Domain Expert
 - Entrepreneur
 - Data Scientist
 - + Others – UI/UX, Legal, Regulatory etc
- Apply as individuals, partial teams or full teams
- Try and have multiple stakeholders
 - Companies and students together!
- We can help facilitate team formation
- Apply as soon as possible for us to help you

Outside of joining a teams - What role can you play?

Block-Sprint will bring people from across industry and academia together to share their collective knowledge and solve a common problem. You can play multiple roles, but we'd be happy to discuss variations and/or alternatives that may better align with your interests. All companies that participate through taking part and promoting the Block-Sprint will be acknowledged as community partners of the event.



Data provider – Examples include transaction data for monitoring systems, click-stream data, sanctions/PEP lists, voice/email content, open-source, customer authentication/verification information. We will need as much data as possible.



Hacker – We require a variety of skillsets, including software engineers, interface designers, visualisation specialists, data scientists and engineers.



Subject Matter Expert – We'll need experts to provide teams with advice on firms' systems and controls, regulatory requirements, data protection etc. We also want individuals from other industries who may be able to offer unique and innovative insights.



Connectivity service – To help teams create new and interesting prototypes by providing access to data integration tools and APIs.



Platform/ infrastructure service – To help teams build and innovate by providing support and access to tools and software that all good hackathons need to be successful.

Making this a great event for all

Block-Sprint is an ideation event, and we ask that you take part collaboratively with students and participants from other organisations.



Intellectual Property

We won't be in a position to legally protect individuals' intellectual property (IP). However, we expect those participating in this joint exploration to respect the contribution of others. Any IP created by the collective within the boundaries of the Block-Sprint, and any standards or artefacts developed during the Block-Sprint will adopt a starting position of being 'open sourced'. Any IP created outside the Block-Sprint, for example by two third parties collaborating, will need to be agreed with those involved in its creation.



Collaboration

Block-Sprints are open events, bringing together a range of industry participants. We expect participants to embrace working with other entities.



Balanced Participation

We aim to provide opportunities for a wide range of firms to participate in the event. To this end, we cannot allow single organisations to bring large teams so as to ensure a balanced approach to innovation.

Block-Sprint Prizes

Cash prizes totalling up to £8000 will be awarded to teams that win in the following categories.



Fast Award – for the prototype that gets closest to deployment into production status and use.



Eureka Award – for the prototype/idea which most excited and/or surprised the judges due to its creativity and ingenuity.



Judges Choice Award – for the team that the judges believe is the best all round, has proven market demand, utilises emerging technologies in a novel way, can be built and scaled out.

In addition to cash prizes, top participating teams will get the chance to present their idea/solution at a premier blockchain conference. They will also be introduced to partner companies and venture capitalists facilitated by Capital Enterprise, and become part of the UCL CBT Industry Alliance Programme.

Applying!

- Three options
 - Apply individually and we can help you form a team
 - Apply as a partial team – we can help supplement your team
 - Apply as a fully formed team
- You need at least four people
 - We highly encourage teams to have multiple stakeholders (i.e. people from companies and students)
- Apply at <http://blockchain.cs.ucl.ac.uk/block-sprint-application-page/>

Next Steps and Contact details

Questions – come and find us tonight!

Join the slack group by emailing laurel@capitalenterprise.org

The earlier you apply to take part (preferably by **31st October 2019**) the more chances there are that we can facilitate team formation.

You can reach us via any of the channels below.



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nikhil.vadgama@ucl.ac.uk

With Block-Sprint in the Subject line

Keep in touch with us!

- Check out our website
 - <http://blockchain.cs.ucl.ac.uk/>
- Take part in Block-Sprint!
 - <http://blockchain.cs.ucl.ac.uk/blocksprint/>