

ASEAN- AUSTRALIA CODETHON MENTORING

TRANSCRIPT

Speaker 1 – Adam Misiewicz (Mentor Accenture)

So, we have got a fantastic cross section of mentors throughout the event. We have got people working from our Technology business, from Consulting and from Digital as well as people from our Innovation team, I understand. So, each one of us brings a different skillset to the table, to really help out the teams here on a day-to-day basis.

Speaker #2 – Dirk Hodgson (Managing Director, Accenture)

The mentors themselves are here to try to bring some of the consulting expertise that their teams have into all of the 13 teams participating in the Codeathon, so that we can help them with Design Thinking and user experience, and really to reimagine some of those difficult technical problems.

Speaker #3 – Craig Thomler (Chief Mentor Accenture)

The goal was to give teams access to a really wide range of talents and skillsets and experience to help inform the processes they went through. They chose their idea, developed their prototype and concept, and then presented it at the end of the event.

Speaker #4 – Damien Harbert (Mentor Avanade)

I think it's always great to have an opportunity to work with people who come from different backgrounds and have different areas of expertise. I try to find that middle ground so that I understand what they are after and they understand what I can help provide them with. And I think that's always great when you are dealing with clients, just as we all would like to do in our jobs.

Speaker #5 – Dean B (Codeathon Participant)

Yeah, we worked with quite a lot of mentors throughout the event. In particular we worked with Adam and Damien, who have provided great feedback. Especially in the very beginning, where we were kind of, our focus was getting a bit broad, but they were able to help us tie it into a specific set of issues.

Speaker #6 – Jacinda Erkelens (Codeathon Participant)

Oh, I know that they have been everywhere, and it's actually wonderful having all these mentors and getting their advice. I think some of the most useful stuff has been going through the reports with us, saying what we may have missed and what we could have improved upon, and we've just been pitching to everyone who we can and getting their feedback.

Speaker #7 – Jayden Castillo (Mentor Accenture)

So, this event is very open. It's very easy for people to rock up. There is no barrier to entry. As a consequence, you can get a lot of really good diverse ideas in one place.

Speaker #8 – Swaranjit Singh (Codeathon Participant)

Yes, with mentors there is a lot of information that they have, a lot of knowledge that they have. So, if it's available for free, I will go and grab it.

Speaker #9 – Leanne Fry (Chief Innovation Officer- AUSTRAC)

So, a lot of the teams that are working on the challenges are querying technology choices, platform choices and subject matter expertise around what we are trying to achieve. Bringing some heavy-hitters like Accenture to the table to help answer questions that they may have is really valuable.