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## Hacker tournament comes to downtown Miami

*Another sleepless night, this time for computer hackers*

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When the words “hacker” and “government” make it into the same sentence, it usually involves an illegal security breach by a faceless cadre of e-saboteurs. Not so in Miami this weekend, when a group of computer programmers will be battling for cash prizes in an event sponsored by the Miami Downtown Development Authority.

The 24-hour tournament, dubbed HackDay Miami, will take place this weekend at MiamiShared, a communal office space inside the Biscayne 900 building in downtown Miami. The 40 programmers chosen will compete for \$10,000 in cash prizes and the chance to present their phone application in front of venture capitalists and investors at Florida International University’s 2011 Americas Venture Capital. **The Miami DDA is dishing out \$1,500 in cash for the hacker that develops the best app to assist people in avoiding traffic jams by finding alternative routes when the downtown bridges are up.**

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