

## **CopadoCon 2025 Hackathon Official Rules**

The Hackathon is administered and sponsored by Copado India Private Limited ("Sponsor"). In these Official Rules, "we," "us," or "our" refer to Sponsor. "You" refers to the entrant, either as an individual or part of a team.

Submission of any entry constitutes agreement to these Official Rules as a contract between entrant (and each individual member of entrant) and the Hackathon Sponsor. Any acceptance of the rules by a team member creates a binding contract for all members, making each individual fully responsible for the team's compliance.

NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. A PURCHASE OR PAYMENT WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING.

### **1. Dates and Timing**

The Sponsor's clock will be the official timekeeping device. All entries must be received during the Submission Period to be eligible. All times are India Standard Time (IST).

- **Registration Period:** 28 August 2025 – 7 September 2025
- **Submission Deadline:** 08 September 2025
- **Hackathon Semi-finalists Announced:** 11 September 2025
- **Live Demo Jam:** 13 September 2025 at CopadoCon\*
- **Winners Announced:** During CopadoCon Demo Jam (live audience vote)

\*CopadoCon is a community-focused conference taking place in Bengaluru, India on 13 September 2025. For registration and more information, please click [here](#).

### **2. Eligibility**

#### **A. Open to individuals who:**

- Are 18+ years of age (or age of majority in their jurisdiction).
- Are legal residents of a country where participation is not prohibited by law.
- Register during the Registration Period.

Teams of up to 4 members may register. Each team must appoint a Team Leader to represent them.

#### **B. Not eligible:**

- Employees of Copado, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or partners involved in running CopadoCon or the Hackathon.
- Judges, or companies employing Judges.
- Government employees or officials.

- Residents of countries where participation is prohibited.

### 3. How to Enter

Entrants may enter by completing the following steps:

**A. [Register Your Team](#)** – Form a team (up to 4 people) and register by 7 September 2025. Technical requirements will be shared upon receipt of your registration.

**B. Build Your Solution** – Create a working prototype addressing the AI-powered Observability Agent Challenge:

- Detect issues proactively
- Pinpoint root cause intelligently
- Automate the resolution workflow

**C. Submit Your Demo** – Record a 5-minute video showcasing your solution and submit by 08 September 2025.

**D. Jam Live** – Copado judges select the top 3 teams to demo live on stage at CopadoCon. The winning team will be chosen by live attendee vote. Don't have a ticket to CopadoCon? Semi-finalists will receive 2 tickets to attend CopadCon on 13 September to participate in the Demo Jam.

### 4. Project & Submission Requirements

- Must align with the announced CopadoCon 2025 Hackathon.
- Functionality must match what is presented in the video.
- Demo video must be ≤ 5 minutes, and original work.
- Provide a short written description of the solution.
- Must not violate IP rights of others.
- All submission materials must be in English (or include English translation).

### 5. Judges & Criteria

A panel of Copado judges will evaluate submissions to determine finalists. Criteria:

- Creativity/Innovation (40%)
- Business Relevance/Usefulness (40%)
- Demo Quality (20%)

Final winners will be decided by live attendee voting at CopadoCon.

### 6. Intellectual Property Rights

All Entrants retain all ownership rights to their submissions. By entering the Hackathon, You grant Copado, Inc. and its affiliates an exclusive, worldwide, perpetual, irrevocable, royalty-free license to use, reproduce, modify, publish, display,

and create derivative works from the submission materials (including the prototype, demo video, and project description), in whole or in part, for promotional, marketing, internal research, and other business purposes, including commercialization, related to Copado's products and services.

## 7. Prizes

- **Grand Prize:** ₹100,000 INR total prize for first place will be awarded to the winning team.
- Prizes will be delivered via a Visa/Mastercard gift card or a similar delivery mechanism.
- Semi-finalists will receive 2 tickets to attend CopadCon on 13 September to participate in the Demo Jam.
- **Taxes:** The prize is subject to all applicable taxes. In accordance with Indian law, Sponsor will deduct Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) as required under the Income Tax Act, 1961, before remittance. The winners are solely responsible for all other taxes and fees associated with prize receipt and/or use.

## 8. Entry Conditions & Release

By entering, You agree to:

- Be bound by these Official Rules and judges' decisions.
- Release Copado, its affiliates, and agents from liability relating to participation or prize use.
- Ensure submissions are original and free of harmful code.

## 9. Publicity

By entering, entrants consent to use of their name, likeness, and demo materials for promotional purposes by Copado, in any media, without further payment (unless prohibited by law).

## 10. General Conditions

- Sponsor reserves the right to cancel, suspend, or modify the Hackathon.
- Sponsor may disqualify individuals/teams acting in violation of rules or in unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Sponsor's decisions are final.

## 11. Contest Rules and Limitation of Liability

By participating, You represent and warrant that Your submission contains no Prohibited Material (such as libelous, obscene, or malicious code), includes no third-party confidential information, and that any open-source components are fully declared and compliant with their licenses. You agree to indemnify, defend, and hold

harmless Sponsor from any claims or damages arising from a breach of these warranties or any infringement of third-party rights. All participants must adhere to [Copado's Acceptable Use Policy](#), and any violation may result in immediate disqualification. To the maximum extent permitted by law, Sponsor's total liability related to the Hackathon is limited to the value of the grand prize.

## 12. Governing Law

These Official Rules are governed by the laws of the Republic of India. Any action, suit, or case arising out of, or in connection with, this Hackathon or these Official Rules must be brought exclusively in the courts located in Bengaluru, India.

## 13. Personal Information

Information collected will be used to operate the Hackathon, to promote future events, for advertising and marketing of Copado's products and services, and otherwise in accordance with [Copado's Privacy Policy](#) and in compliance with India's Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 (DPDPA).

## 14. Contact

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