



## **Gandi organizes Hackathon.TAIPEI**

Domain name registrar Gandi.net held in Taipei the first Hackathon around a City top level domain (.Taipei)

Hackathon.TAIPEI, co-hosted by the Taipei City Government and the domain name registrar Gandi.net, has taken place on December 5th and 6th at the Hi-Tech Promotion Center in Taipei.

A total of 10 teams gathered together to build projects around and with .TAIPEI (dot-Taipei), the new top level domain for Taipei City which now exists alongside other top level domain names (such as .COM / .NET / .TW).

After 2 days of hacking, every group submitted their project and provided a demonstration to a jury of experts coming from Taipei City technology companies and the Taipei City Government.

The first prize winning team presented a project named "repARTee.TAIPEI". This app allows users to leave comments over artists works through their website by scanning a barcode next to the artwork, so that people going through the Metro Mall, where a large number of works are exhibited, could leave a note of encouragement to the exhibiting artists.

Project "HaoChi.taipei" (meaning "tasty dot Taipei" in Chinese) got the second prize award. This platform allows users to like, dislike, and write reviews about specific food categories from all restaurants in Taipei City instead of the specific restaurants only.

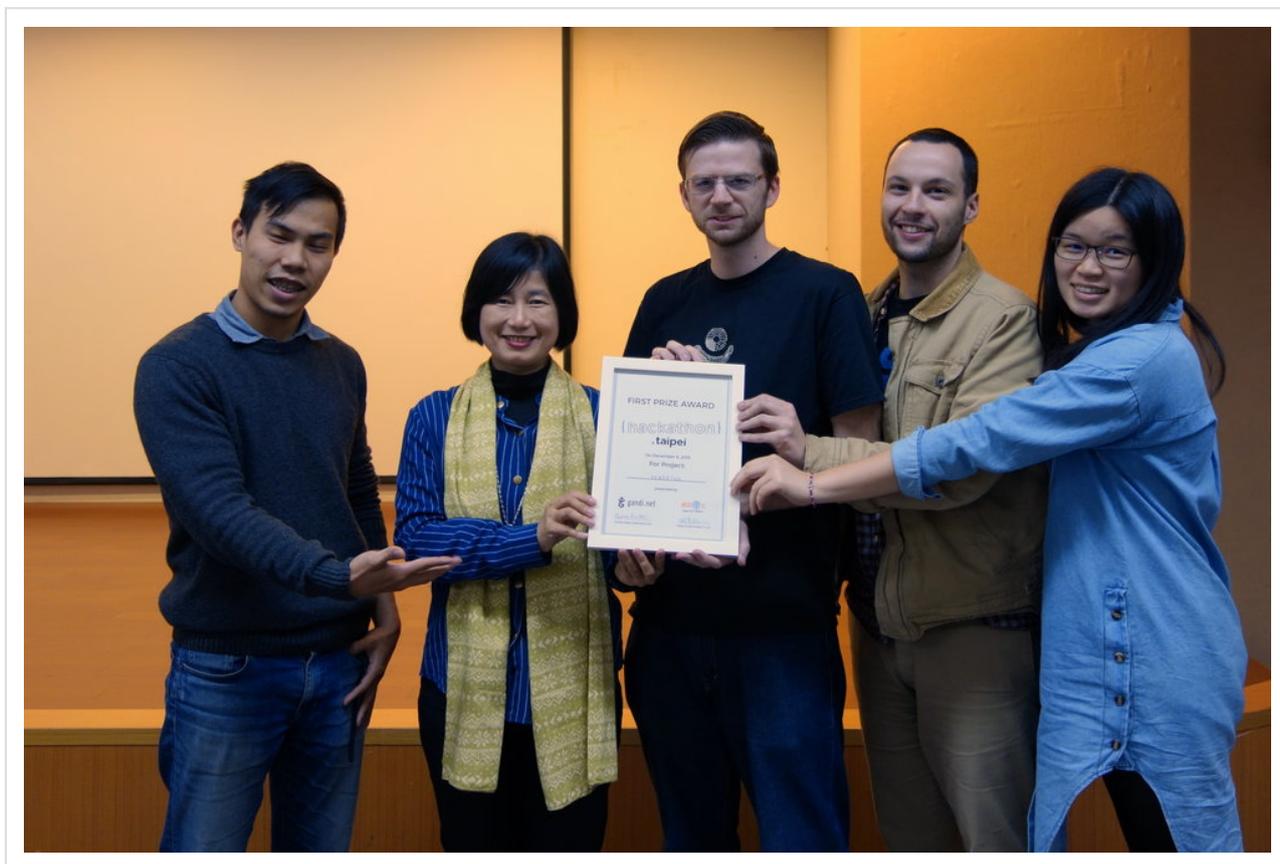
Third prize award went to "Enter.taipei", a project utilizing Taipei Open Data to provide users information of upcoming events including movies, concerts, dramas, ...

Project "Badboss.taipei" team was given a special prize for their creativity; employees could report a "bad boss" via the website, with the possibility for any boss to object against the report.

Hackathon.TAIPEI is the first hackathon around a city top level domain. Several great projects were built from this event which indicates that there is a lot to build, develop, or re-build around Taipei City and websites.

For more information about the event, please visit <http://hackathon.taipei/>.

To register a .TAIPEI domain name visit <http://www.gandi.net/>.







#### ABOUT GANDI US

Founded in March of 2000, Gandi has grown to become one of the primary sellers of domain names in the world, with over 1.5 million domain names under management. Gandi provides individuals the opportunity to personalize their piece of the Internet, while offering domain name and hosting solutions to small businesses, large companies and institutions. Besides its function as a domain registrar, Gandi is a leading SSL Certification Authority, managing nearly 15,000 certificates.

With its expertise in domain names, Gandi expanded its offering to public cloud hosting in 2008, and now supports more than 20,000 hosting customers, representing more than 100,000 sites. With both Simple Hosting, a PaaS service designed for SMEs and individuals, and a high-performance IaaS service, Gandi offers a range of options to suit the needs of its various customers.

Gandi's hosting options combine the power of virtual private servers with high flexibility and optimal data security on a truly innovative network and server architecture.

Gandi is an innovative company, offering services "for geeks, by geeks," insists Stephan Ramoin, CEO. Gandi has a simple but ambitious commitment: "to create the company in which we would like to work, and sell products and services that we would buy as customers."



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