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**Global Game Jam 2020**
**Dates: January 31, 2020 - February 2, 2020 (estimated start 2:30 PM on Friday, 48 hours of straight jamming)**
**Where: Digital Media Center, Louisiana State University**
**Register**

\$30 per person

Please register as soon as possible to reserve a spot. Registration includes breakfast and dinners, along with a midnight snack. You should bring your own equipment, laptop, and have necessary software loaded.

**About the Global Game Jam**

*Innovation - Experimentation - Collaboration:* The [Global Game Jam \(GGJ\)](#) is the world's largest game jam event (game creation). Think of it as a hackathon focused on game development. It is the growth of an idea that in today's heavily connected world, we can come together, be creative, share experiences and express ourselves in a multitude of ways using video games – it is very universal. The weekend stirs a global creative buzz in games, while at the same time exploring the process of development, be it programming, iterative design, narrative exploration or artistic expression. It is all condensed into a 48 hour development cycle. The GGJ encourages people with all kinds of backgrounds to participate and contribute to this global spread of game development and creativity.

The game jam starts on Friday afternoon (~3:00PM; registration at 2:30PM) for the video keynote, advice from leading game developers, and then a secret theme is announced. All sites worldwide are then challenged to make games based on that same theme, with games to be completed by Sunday afternoon. In January 2017, there were 700 locations in 95 countries creating over 7000 games in one weekend! The jam is known for helping foster new friendships, increase confidence and create opportunities within the community. The jam is always an intellectual challenge. People are invited to explore new technology tools, try on new roles in development and test their skills to do something that requires them to design, develop, create, test and make a new game in the time span of 48 hours.

The GGJ is open source, hardware & software agnostic and all projects are protected under a Creative Commons license. We encourage people to try out new ideas and push themselves, within reason. Many games developed in previous Game Jams have become fully realized games. We also strongly encourage participants to remember to eat and sleep, to stay at their best!

**Who**

Age 18+, amateurs through professionals (minors allowed if accompanied by their legal guardian/or school counselor/chaperone). Do not come to the Jam with a team. Everyone will have some time to think and pitch an idea. Teams will be selected onsite! Collaborate with new friends or peers you admire. Although having computer skills is helpful, code experience is not necessary. Designers, developers, artists and anyone is welcome to try their hand at making a game during the GGJ. View [FAQs](#) for more information.

**Volunteers**

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lea Anne Allen at [leanne@cct.lsu.edu](mailto:leanne@cct.lsu.edu).

**Lodging**

Special rates have been reserved at [The Cook Hotel](#) located on campus. Call 866-610-COOK(2665) and ask for the Global Game Jam 2020 rate or book online, enter dates of stay and special code "Globaljam20". Rates start at \$100 for a standard room.

If you have questions, contact [kjones\(at\)cct.lsu.edu](mailto:kjones(at)cct.lsu.edu).



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