

"Yahoo! Hack Day" competition

Sharan H Makhija, an EE4 student from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Vincent Woon from the School of Business took part in the "Yahoo! Hack Day" on 29th and 30th Sept 2006 at the headquarters of Yahoo! in California. The event was organized by Yahoo which invited programmers / enthusiasts to use its APIs and services to come up with creative new applications called 'hacks'. Sharan and Vincent created a plugin for Yahoo Messenger which allows users to pose a question to Yahoo Answers and receive a reply from within a chat window. This helps the users get answers to questions from within the chat application or while chatting with someone. Vincent and Sharan were placed 3rd in the Messenger category and received an Apple Ipod Nano as a reward for their efforts. Over 300 programmers, consisting of mainly software professionals, took part in the competition and 52 teams demonstrated their 'hacks'.

