Demo fit, community participation and volunteering

Status: Current product help

AI Tinkerers brings together people doing hands-on AI work. The most useful demos show something concrete: what you built or tested, how it works, what failed and what another builder can learn or reuse.

Is my project a fit?

You do not have to settle every question before contacting an organizer or submitting an idea. Describe the project honestly, including its AI component or the fact that it has none. Explain what you want to show and the technical lesson for the room. Local organizers make the selection decision.

A general product presentation without an AI-building connection may not fit the demo program. You can still ask the local organizer whether informal conversations at the meetup or another community route would be appropriate.

For submission steps, use Submit and edit a demo. Watching the chapter's past demos is another way to understand the format.

My app is not AI/ML related. Can I discuss it without giving a demo?

If you built an app or other project outside AI/ML, be clear about that when asking the organizer. A conversation with other members and a scheduled demo are different opportunities. Ask whether there is an appropriate way to discuss the project informally, get feedback or meet collaborators at that meetup. Organizer guidance can help you find the right avenue without promising a demo slot or permission for broad promotional outreach.

For example, suppose you built an iOS and Android marketplace app without an AI/ML component and want feedback from other builders. Explain that directly. Ask the local organizer whether informal conversations at the meetup are appropriate, or submit the idea with your question about fit. The platform the app runs on does not decide its suitability; the organizer considers what the community would learn from it.

Meeting collaborators or sharing an opportunity

Explain what you are building and what kind of help you need. Check the relevant board's rules and ask its organizer about the appropriate place to share a collaboration or promotional request. For recruiting advertisements, use the dedicated job-posting workflow.

Sponsors can work with organizers on an optional offer, giveaway or contest with an opt-in QR code. Attendee email lists are almost never shared, including with sponsors. Building Access Requests serve venue-entry operations and are separate from marketing or community outreach.

Volunteering, mentoring and judging

Contact the organizer of the event or chapter you want to help. Describe your relevant experience, availability and the work you can take on, such as check-in, speaker preparation or recording. A request to judge or mentor is an expression of interest; the organizer still needs to assign the appropriate role and access.

Door help can use Check-in and name badges. Editing an event or managing its team requires the separate Organizer access workflow.

If you are unsure whom to contact, use Find events, boards and organizers. For an exceptional sharing or HQ policy question, contact Joe Heitzeberg or Jake Laes.