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**Fall 2012 Seminar**

**Date:** Tuesday, October 23, 2012  
**Room:** PGH 563  
**Time:** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**SPEAKER:** Dr. Roland von Kurnatowski, TX/RX Labs, Houston

**Host:** Omprakash Gnawali

**Title:** The Joy of Hacking

**Abstract:** Curiosity, enthusiasm, ingenuity, these are the traits that the individuals who have built the modern world as we know it share.

Finding joy in learning, creating, tinkering, and expanding ones horizons is critical to being an individual who helps shape tomorrow.

In this talk we will learn the value of hacking and how making it one of our life's goals can make us better builders and creators. This talk will redefine hacking from a dubious pastime to a vital part of the inventive process.

**Speaker bio:** Roland von Kurnatowski currently serves as the Director of Education for TX/RX Labs, Houston's non-profit hackerspace. He is also the founder of a small software consultancy focused on data visualization. He holds degrees in Computer Science and Sociology from Rice University and spent many years in the doldrums doing traditional software development prior to striking out on his own and working at TX/RX Labs. Currently he is hacking away at a number of open source micro controller projects and has dreams of refurbishing the labs electron microscope.