



WIDE OPEN CODE

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OPEN SOURCE VICTORIA SCHOLAR CHALLENGE

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Challenge Overview

By hosting the Wide Open Code – OSV Scholar Challenge ("Competition"), Open Source Victoria ("Sponsor") recognizes students who demonstrate excellence in programming Open Source applications. Wide Open Code rewards students who use innovation and creativity when showcasing Open Source tools and platforms to create commercially viable or socially responsible competition entries.

Requirements

Competition requirements are described as follows:

Application Form

Teams must complete and submit (by mail or by fax) an application form. Application forms are available from <http://wideopencode.osv.org.au/>

These application forms must be submitted as plain ASCII text.

Specification

Teams must submit a written specification that describes the purpose of the application, its architecture (including any objects, hierarchies, configuration files etc.) as well as any specific functional elements.

The specification should include use-case (user-level operational) scenarios and requirements (hardware, software, etc).

Specication documents must either be submitted in ASCII text or HTML, as an OpenOffice.org document (Download OpenOffice.org for free for Windows, Mac and Linux here: <http://www.openoffice.org/>) or as a PDF file. (To see how to create PDF files for free, read <http://www.uic.edu/depts/accc/itl/ps2pdf-help.html>)

Competition Rules and Judging format

Open Source Victoria will adopt the following rules and judging format for selecting the winners of this competition.

Important notice: *In order to comply with the rules of the competition, all entries must be made available as and released under an Open Source licence. Such licences must be recognised by the Open Source Definition:*
http://www.opensource.org/docs/definition_plain.php

- (a) The Official Closing Date for all Entries is November 7th, 2003
- (b) One entry per person or team. If you enter as a team, you can't also enter as an individual.
- (c) Entries must be delivered to the judging panel, <competition@lists.osv.org.au> by the Official Closing Date.
- (d) A Supported Platform is any mainstream Open Source operating system, such as Linux, FreeBSD, OpenBSD, Darwin etc.
- (e) Entries must be supplied as Source Code as well as pre-compiled Binaries for at least one of the Supported Platforms (if compiled code)
- (f) Entries must consume less than one megabyte, that is $1024 * 1024 = 1048576$ bytes, of storage space. This can be for either the compressed or uncompressed file package.
- (g) External libraries (as described below) DO NOT count against the megabyte.
- (h) Entries need to be compressed with ZIP or GZIP before submission.
- (i) If the Entry is a compilable application and the entry doesn't compile, OSV may at its discretion disqualify your Entry. If any additional libraries or modules (perhaps from CPAN) are needed, then this information will need to be made clear to the judges in your documentation.
- (j) You can use any programming language you want, as long as it has an Open Source implementation. Examples are C, C++, Java, Python, Perl, PHP, Pascal, Ruby, ZOPE etc.
- (k) Group entries are acceptable, but you'll have to divide the prize amongst yourselves.
- (l) Each Entry must have a README.TXT file with at least the following information: Name and Email Address of the Primary Group Contact, Name of School, Address of School, Project Title, Brief Description, Build/Compilation and deployment instructions, Optional Website URL
- (m) You may use Source Code, Art, Sound, and Music from other sources, but only upon prior permission (if applicable) from the originator of the material. All such material must be credited in your README.TXT
- (n) Your email address will NOT be used for any purpose other than communications directly related to this contest. It will not be made public.
- (o) It must be possible for the judges to recompile your entry using freely available tools.
- (p) No correspondence shall be entered into and the judges decision is final.
- (q) Entrants may be asked questions by the judges and may be asked to demonstrate their software at the judging hall.
- (r) Final judging of awards will be made by the 26th of November, 2003, at the VITTA 2003 Conference
- (s) A formal presentation of awards may be made after the competition closes. Notifications will be sent to all contestants.

Judging

The judges scoring shall be determined according to a number of (equally weighted) factors

- (a) Originality
- (b) Difficulty
- (c) Code reusability
- (d) Code readability
- (e) Documentation
- (f) Ease of use
- (g) How well does it do the job for which it is designed.

On (or around) the November 26th, 2003, the top three placegetters will be announced and presented on stage, during the VITTA (Victorian Information Technology Teacher's Association) CONFERENCE 2003 (November 24th, 25th and 26th) Flemington Racecourse, Flemington.

Contacts and Further Information

For any further information, please visit our website at <http://wideopencode.osv.org.au/> or email us at: competition@lists.osv.org.au

Once you have sent in an application form for your team, you will be placed on the wideopencode@lists.osv.org.au mailing list, for further correspondence and for communication with other contestants.

Prizes

The following prizes are on offer for the Competition:

First Prize:	\$1500 plus industry mentoring for the winning group
Second Prize:	\$1000 plus industry-mentoring for the winning group
Third Prize:	\$500 plus Industry mentoring for the winning group
Honorable Mentions:	Upto 20 x Packaged Linux Minibooks/Pocketbooks

The winning entry will also win a DCLinux Server II with full 12 months 24 hour support (RRP \$4500). Courtesy of DCLABS (<http://www.dclabs.com.au/>) for their school.

Additionally, every entrant is entitled to receive a copy of a Linux and Open Source CD pack, which includes equivalent software packages to tools and applications costing over \$5,000.

Prize Conditions

The decision of the judges is final and binding in all matters related to this Competition. All prizes will be awarded, provided a qualified number of entries are received. No substitution or transfer of prize permitted. The cash prizes will be paid out by the Open Source Victoria (no later than 30 days following prize announcement). Taxes, if any, are the sole responsibility of the prize winner(s). Cash prizes will be awarded in equal portions to team members listed on the contest application, no exceptions will be allowed. Open Source Victoria is not responsible for any dispute arising regarding prize dispersal.

Additional Terms and Conditions:

By participating in the Competition, entrants certify that their entry is the original design of the entrant, the entrant has full rights to release said entry as Open Source software, and that the entry has not been previously published, released or distributed, and that the entry does not infringe any third party rights and is suitable for publication. Further, by participating in the Competition, entrants agree that the Competition is governed by the laws of the State of Victoria, Australia in all disputes arising out of or relating to participating in this Competition.

Prize Winners List

Prize winners will be announced on <http://wideopencode.osv.org.au/> at the VITTA Conference 2003, held during November 24th, 25th and 26th at Flemington Racecourse, Flemington.

Limitations of Liability

TO THE EXTENT THAT ANY COMPETITOR IS REQUIRED TO DOWNLOAD ANY SOFTWARE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTEST THIS LIMITATION OF LIABILITY SECTION SHALL APPLY. WITHOUT LIMITING THE FOREGOING, COPYING OR REPRODUCTION OF THE SOFTWARE TO ANY OTHER SERVER OR LOCATION FOR FURTHER REPRODUCTION OR REDISTRIBUTION IS EXPRESSLY PROHIBITED. IN RESPECT OF ALL SOFTWARE USED OR SUPPLIED BY OPEN SOURCE VICTORIA TO COMPETE IN THE CONTEST TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW OPEN SOURCE VICTORIA HEREBY DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES AND CONDITIONS WHICH REGARD TO THE SAID SOFTWARE, INCLUDING ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES AND CONDITIONS OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, TITLE AND NONINFRINGEMENT.

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