How the Monthly eLearning Challenges Work

When you're working to build your skills and develop your portfolio, it can be a challenge picking a topic and designing a complete course as a sample project. And so, we decided to create our monthly eLearning challenges as an opportunity to help you...

- Put your skills into practice 💪

- Solve real-world problems 📋

- Create samples of work for your portfolio 🖥️

- Get more eyes on your work and skills 👀

The added benefit of our monthly eLearning challenges is that they also offer a growing library of sample project topics and prompts to provide you with ongoing inspiration and direction for building your skills and portfolio. We've also specifically designed ours to help you practice solving real-world problems, with real-world solutions—not just playing with the features of an authoring tool. So, check out the information below to learn more about how the eLearning challenges work and how to participate.

How Do the eLearning Challenges Work?

Each month, within the eLearning Challenges space, we'll issue a new challenge, which will provide you with a real-world topic and prompt based on a hypothetical company. And as part of the challenge, you'll be tasked with designing and developing a complete eLearning course to solve a specific set of learning outcomes.In addition to the challenge prompt and desired learning outcomes, each challenge will also include a style guide for the hypothetical company, providing guidance on the use of the company's colors, fonts, logos, etc. The goal here is to provide some real-life constraints while still allowing you the creative freedom to create something unique.

At the end of the month, we'll review all of the submissions and select a winner who will receive a $100 Amazon gift card.

How Can I Participate in an eLearning Challenge?

Participating in a monthly eLearning challenge is simple! Once we announce a new challenge at the beginning of the month, all you have to do is start designing and developing your sample project. Once you're ready, you can submit your finished project by commenting on the challenge post and sharing a link to your project.

When submitting your work, we encourage you to share a few words explaining your design decisions, development process, sources of inspiration, etc.

While the goal is to design and develop a complete project, we want you to be creative and have fun. Sometimes, your best work is when you get outside of your creative comfort zone.

Can Multiple People Work as a Group for a Single Submission?

Absolutely! If you want to team up with one or more people to collaborate on a single submission, go right ahead! When submitting your project, just make sure to indicate that it was a group project and tag the other members you collaborated with, including their roles.If a group submission is selected as a winner for that month's challenge, the $100 prize will be split evenly amongst each of the participants.

What eLearning Authoring Tools Can I Use?

You are free to use any eLearning authoring tool you'd like; however, Articulate Storyline or Rise are recommended. If you're new to Articulate Storyline, these videos can help you get up and running.Once you're done building your course, you can share a link to it. If you're using Articulate Storyline or Rise, you can publish and share a link from Articulate Review or on the web using Google Cloud.

What if I've Never Designed an eLearning Course Before?

If you're completely brand new to eLearning, then the challenges are a great way to start learning. Before you jump in, I suggest watching these videos to help you get started.

What are the Contest Rules?

To be eligible to win the $100 Amazon gift card, you must submit a working link to your completed project by commenting on the most current month's challenge no later than 11:59 PM ET (New York Time) on the last Friday of the month. Each challenge will provide a specific date for when entries must be submitted.

Only one winner will be chosen for each challenge, and once someone has been selected as a winner, they won't be eligible to win for a minimum of six months; however, they may continue participating in any challenge during that time.

How are Submissions Evaluated?

Each submission will be evaluated on various criteria, including but not limited to the overall completion of the project, instructional quality, design quality, technical quality, etc.However, this video provides a great overview of how we evaluate the quality of an eLearning course. And remember, because each challenge is different, some level of subjectiveness can be expected when picking a winner.

Can I Share My Submission on My Portfolio?

Yes! This is exactly why we've created these challenges: to help you grow your skills and build your portfolio. So, yes, you are 100% free to share your completed project on your portfolio, and all of the assets provided in each challenge are safe for your to reuse, edit, and alter for your own use. All we ask is that you mention it was part of our design challenges and link back to the specific challenge page.

Can I Participate in Past Challenges?

Yes! The goal of the Community Design Challenges isn't just to create a new competition each month. If you simply want to use a past challenge as a springboard to help you pick a topic and develop a sample project, you are free to pick any previous month's challenges and develop a project for it.

Although participation in past challenges won't be eligible for winning the current month's challenge, we still encourage you to comment and share your completed work for others to see.

What if I Have an Idea for a Future eLearning Challenge?

If you have an idea for a future challenge, share it by contacting **Tim Slade** directly by DMing here in the community.

What if I Have More Questions or Need Help?

If you're unsure about how to participate in the challenge or anything else, feel free to contact **Tim Slade** directly by DMing here in the community.