

Digilent Design Contest Official Rules



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General Conditions

These Official Contest Rules govern the 2011 Digilent Design Contest EU (“contest”). By registering for this contest, contestants agree that they will abide by these rules.

The official language of the contest is English. All written and spoken contest materials will be in English.

The “contest’s website” is www.digilentinc.com/events/DDC2011

The “contest’s email” is ddc2011US@digilentinc.com

Contest Description

The Digilent Design Contest is an international contest open to all students studying in a technical school, college, university, or other educational institution. The contest provides an opportunity for students to present their work and receive feedback from international industry representatives. Creativity, feasibility, and originality are encouraged throughout project development and presentation.

For approved projects, contestants will be provided with the Digilent hardware needed to implement the project. More information about the available components will be available on the contest’s website.

Contestants who present a project that meets the guidelines of the contest may keep the Digilent hardware used. Contestants agree that the project design and all associated source code and data become the property of Digilent. Contestants who don’t present their projects, should return the hardware to the Digilent office before May 31, 2011.

The best projects are awarded prizes and are honored on Digilent’s website.

Important Dates

Important contest dates will be announced on the contest’s website and are subject to change at any time, at our sole discretion. It therefore benefits contestants to have a flexible schedule. It is anticipated that the entries will be presented to judges on the 14th of May 2011 in Terre Haute Indiana.

Eligibility Criteria

Individuals and two-person teams are invited to enroll in the contest. Each contestant (or team) must have an advisor employed by the educational institution where they are enrolled.

Contestants also need to meet all of the following requirements at the time of the final contest presentations:

- Be 16 years of age or older.

- Be actively enrolled as a student in a technical program at an accredited educational institution.
- Not be an employee of Digilent nor an immediate family member of an employee.
- Not be involved in any part of the administration of the contest.

Advisors of contestants need to meet the following requirements at the time of the final contest presentations:

- Be an academic employee of the educational institution where the individual or team is enrolled. If the team consists of students enrolled at different institutions, the team must have two advisors, one from each institution.
- Agree to cooperate with contest organizers and to confirm the authenticity of the project developed by the students.

Contest Structure

The contest is organized in consecutive stages:

1. Pre-enrollment

For the pre-enrollment stage, contestants need to email a completed Registration Document and a Specification Document. These documents should be reviewed and submitted by the advisor before the end of the registration day (PST) to the contest's email address ddc2011US@digilentinc.com).

The Registration Document is a form that requests information about the contestant(s) and advisor(s), and general information about the project. It will be available on the contest's website.

The Registration Document needs to be signed by both the contestant(s) and advisor(s). Scan the signed document and email to ddc2011US@digilentinc.com.

The Specification Document is a 3-5 page document that should contain information about the project. It should illustrate the general architectural overview and implementation plans and approaches. The Specification Document should include a list of the Digilent hardware needed to implement the project along with an explanation of why each of the components is needed. The Specification Document should be emailed as a .pdf file to ddc2011US@digilentinc.com

2. Enrollment

Based on their pre-enrollment documents, qualified applicants will be selected, notified by email, and enrolled in the contest. Enrolled contestants will receive (at no cost) the hardware components they requested in the Specification Document. They will be delivered to the address specified in the Registration Document for each team.

3. Presentation

Contestants will present their projects to the contest judges in Terre Haute Indiana in May 2011. The project submission includes the entire source code, project report, and all the presentation materials (in electronic format) as well as two paper copies of the project report. The project presentation should include a slide-show presentation and a short movie. Guidelines for the reports and presentations are available on the contest's website.

4. Project Evaluation

Projects will be evaluated preliminarily through the specification document and during the development and the presentation process. This requires that contestants to send the specification document together with the registration document in order to register to the contest. The contestants are required to send their status at the scheduled pre-evaluation milestone and present personally their projects and all the required material at the final presentation stage in Terre Haute Indiana.

5. Awards

Prizes will be awarded to the best projects. Top projects will also be invited to the finals in Munich Germany in September 2011.

An award ceremony in Terre Haute Indiana will be followed by a reception for the contestants, advisors, and company representatives.

Contest projects, source code, and documentation may be posted for free download on the Digilent website.

6. Transportation and accommodation costs

Digilent does not cover the transportation and accommodation costs for the contestants and mentors that participate at the final presentation stage in Terre Haute Indiana in May 2011. Students are encouraged to apply for funds to cover these costs from their home universities.

Contestants and tutors will be provided a lunch meal in the day of the contest and coffee during the project presentations.