

Sun Code For Freedom Contest

What is the Code for Freedom Contest 2008?

It is an Open Source Contest conducted in India, by Sun Microsystems, the world's leading vendor and proponent of the use of Free and Open Source technologies. As a student, you can take part and discover rich technologies that the wonderful world of Free and Open Source has to offer. Along the way, you gain valuable industry experience even before you spend your first day on the job.

Who can participate?

The program is open to all full-time students, studying in an Indian University that is recognized by the Government of India.

What do you need to do?

Very simple. Either work individually, or form a group of up to three with your college buddies. Use your creativity to **develop any application that interests you**. All that you need to ensure is that you use either NetBeans or Sun Studio development environments, and a minimum of two other Free and Open Source technologies from Sun. Select from the following list: GlassFish, Grid Engine, JavaDB, java.net, Mobile & Embedded, MySQL, OpenDS, Open ESB, OpenJDK, OpenCDS, Open HA Cluster, OpenOffice.org, OpenSPARC, OpenSSO, OpenSolaris, OpenxVM, OpenPortal, PostgreSQL, VirtualBox.

For more details on each technology, visit the 'Technologies' page on the contest website, and follow the link to the project page for that technology.

What kind of application can be developed?

You can develop any kind of application that you like as long as it adheres to the few conditions mentioned above. Use your imagination to come up with interesting ideas, and develop them. Who knows where this can take you!!

How do I register for this contest?

On the contest website, click the "Registration" button and follow the instructions on the screen to register your team. Once your registration is approved, you will receive more instructions on the subsequent steps to follow.

Register Now! **The contest opened on 20 Sep '08**. Large number of participants have already registered. Hurry! Form your team today and register.

You need to **submit a project proposal by 31 Dec '08**. The proposal must contain a working prototype based on your project idea, that should be uploaded to the java.net website. (detailed instructions on how to do this available on the 'FAQ' page of the contest website). Also included should be a simple presentation detailing the project idea.

The contest ends on 30 Apr '08. So, you have lot of time to work on your idea. Submit your completed project before that date, and be assured of a prize.

Feel free to email your queries to codeforfreedom@sun.com

Don't forget the contest website: <http://in.sun.com/codeforfreedom/>

Come. Be a part of this phenomenon called Open Source.

