



The IBM Mainframe Challenge

Contest Rules

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED. Open to students in the UK, 18 years of age and older. Do not enter if you are not located in the UK at the time of entry.

1. Registration Web site: To qualify to participate in the contest, you must first complete the on-line registration form. Registration is open from October 05, 2009 until December 31, 2009 11:59 PM. Follow all instructions and complete the on-line registration form in its entirety. This process does not constitute entry, but rather registration as a potential entrant. You must be 18 years of age or older.
2. Submitting your entry: Once students have completed the on-line registration form. IBM will provide a mainframe user ID (to enable them to complete the tasks for the contest) on or about November 2, 2009. System resources are finite for this contest, and will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. If sufficient system resources do not exist, the entrant will not be allowed to compete in the contest. For Parts 1 and 2 of the contest, students submit entries by transmitting data sets to an IBM user ID on the mainframe, as described in the contest instructions. Contestants must submit an entry for Part 1 before they submit an entry for Part 2. To enter Part 3, after completion of Part 1 & Part 2, students must send an e-mail to studmain@uk.ibm.com. Student will receive a new user ID for Part 3 (within five business days of IBM's receipt of the student's email). Contest judges (as described in Rule #3) will log into the student's account for Part 3 to verify the completion of Part 3 tasks; no formal submission of datasets needs to be made. All entries may be submitted starting November 2, 2009. Your entry must be received by the sponsor no later than 11:59 PM December 31, 2009. Entry is deemed submitted by the authorised account holder of the e-mail address used as the user name at the time of registration. Authorised account holder is defined as the natural person who is assigned to the e-mail address by an Internet access provider, on-line service provider, or other organization responsible for assigning e-mail addresses for the domain associated with the submitted e-mail address. If your registration form is incomplete, you will not be eligible for the contest. Sponsor assumes no responsibility for computer system, hardware, software, network program, or other errors, failures, or malfunctions of any kind, whether human or technical in nature, in the transmission or receipt of entries or registrations. Part 3 of the contest will be judged according to criteria in rule #3. IBM will not return the participants' entries. IBM will not provide individual feedback regarding incorrect entries.
3. Part 3 entries will be judged by a panel of qualified judges beginning on or about January 8, 2010. Judges' decisions are final in all matters relating to the contest. Entrants will be judged on the number of predefined tasks they are able to complete in order before the end of the contest, as outlined in Part 3 of the contest instructions. In the event of a tie, the winner will be the entrant having the most complete crossword and clearest written answers to all questions in Part 3. Sponsor reserves the right to cancel or suspend this contest should virus, bugs or other causes beyond sponsor's control corrupt the administration, security, or proper judging of the contest. If sponsor detects harmful system activity, harmful network activity, or use of the systems for activity beyond the scope of the contest, sponsor reserves the right to remove system resources or to revoke user IDs from the contest. Sponsor not responsible for technical failures of any kind, including, but not limited to malfunctions, interruptions, or disconnections in phone lines or network hardware or software. Submission of an entry constitutes your acceptance of the conditions and rules of the contest.

