

# Digilent Design Contest Official Contest Rules



## General Conditions

These Official Contest Rules govern the 2010 Digilent Design Contest (“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 website” is [www.digilentinc.com/events/RO2010](http://www.digilentinc.com/events/RO2010).

The “contest email” is [hardwarecontest@digilent.ro](mailto:hardwarecontest@digilent.ro).

## 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 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 and be posted on Digilent’s website. Contestants who don’t present their projects, should return the hardware to the Digilent RO office before May 31, 2010.

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 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2010 in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

## 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 each contestant is enrolled.

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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 or past winner 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. Submission

For the submission stage, contestants need to email a completed Registration Document and a Specification Document to Digilent. These documents must be reviewed and submitted by the advisor before the end of the registration day (GMT) to the contest email address ([hardwarecontest@digilent.ro](mailto:hardwarecontest@digilent.ro)).

The Registration Document is a form that requests information about the contestant(s) and advisor(s), and general information about the project. The form 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 it to the contest email.

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. A template will be available on the contest website. The Specification Document should be emailed to the contest email as a .pdf file.

### 2. Enrollment

Based on their registration documents, qualified applicants will be selected and enrolled in the contest. All submissions will be notified via email. 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. Project Evaluation

Projects will be evaluated preliminarily through the specification document and during the development and the presentation process. The contestants are required to send project status at scheduled pre-evaluation milestones. The scheduled milestones will be outlined on the contest

website. Variations from the original specification document are acceptable, with approval from Digilent.

### **4. Presentation**

Contestants will present their projects at the final presentation and judging in Cluj-Napoca, Romania in May 2010. 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 (1 to 3 minute) movie (suitable for posting on YouTube) that presents the project's functionality and features. Guidelines for the reports and presentations are available on the contest website.

### **5. Awards**

Prizes will be awarded to the best projects.

The award ceremony in Cluj-Napoca, Romania will be followed by a reception for the contestants, advisors, and company representatives.

### **6. Transportation and Accommodations**

Contestants are responsible for the transportation and accommodation costs to participate at the final presentation stage in Cluj-Napoca, Romania in May 2010. Students are encouraged to apply for funds to cover these costs from their home universities.

Digilent Ro will reserve a limited number of rooms in dorms at the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca for students. The rooms will be assigned on a first come first served basis. Contestants and advisors will be provided a lunch meal in the day of the contest and coffee during the project's presentation.

Digilent can aid in making travel and lodging arrangements.