

IBM zStudent Contest

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WHAT IS THE IBM ZSTUDENT CONTEST?

IBM zStudent Contest is sponsored by IBM Z Xplore and run by [HackerEarth](#), an industry leader in hackathons with a community of over 6 million developers and 450 universities. In this contest, a student needs to find the greenest energy suppliers to build a fuel cell through six different challenges (“drops”). Students will have to use IBM zSystems and the skills they have to collect the parts of the fuel cell and put it together. Students can use any skills they already obtain as well as any new skills they acquired on the IBM Z Xplore learning platform.

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THE CONTEST?

There are two parts to the registration process:

1. Register [here](#) on HackerEarth
2. Sign up/sign in on IBM Z Xplore
 - You will receive an email from IBM Z Xplore to complete your registration

IS THERE A WALKTHROUGH FOR REGISTRATION?

View the walkthrough on either at [HackerEarth](#) or on our [social amplification kit](#)

HOW MANY CHALLENGES (“DROPS”) ARE THERE?

There will be six different “drops” every two to three days. These drops contain information for students to use in order to discover the various fuel cell parts and the sixth drop will be for project submission.

WHEN IS THE CONTEST?

The 3-month-long competition will kick off September 14th, 12 AM ET and final submissions will be December 31st 11:59 PM ET.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE CONTEST?

Participants must be 18 years old or older AND attend an accredited school.

WHERE DO I ASK QUESTIONS DURING THE CONTEST?

You can ask questions regarding the contest [here](#).

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WHAT BADGES CAN BE EARNED FOR THE CONTEST?

Required for Contest Participation:

Students must earn the [Concepts Badge](#). Students will earn the Concepts Badge after the completion of Fundamentals and Concepts in IBM Z Xplore.

After completion of contest:

Earn 1 of 4 badges

- [Contender Badge](#)
- [Regional Winner Badge](#)
- [Finalist badge](#)
- [Global Winner Badge](#)



WHERE IS THE CONTEST ACCESSIBLE ON IBM Z XPLORE?

For Students

The contest will appear for students on IBM Z Xplore once they successfully register for the contest on HackerEarth and accept registration through the IBM Z Xplore email. The channel is called “IBM zStudent Contest 2022”.

For Non-Students

The contest will be available for **anyone** on the learning platform **after** the contest is complete. Those that participate after the closing will not be eligible for the prize money/swag rewards. They will solely be able to complete in the challenges to advance their learning and earn a badge.

IS THE ADVANCED CHANNEL THE SAME AS THE IBM zSTUDENT CONTEST?

No. The Fundamentals, Concepts, Advanced and Extended channels are separate from the contest. **To compete in the contest, students must earn the Concepts badge** (completion of Fundamentals and Concepts channels).

WHAT SKILLS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED?

Skills include (but not limited to):

- Zowe
- Python
- JCL
- SQL
- COBOL
- REXX
- USS
- APIs