



Official Rules & Regulations

Hello Cloud Challenge

2016 Season

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NO PURCHASE NECESSARY.

PLEASE NOTE: It is your sole responsibility to review and understand your employer's gift policies. If your participation violates your employer's policies, you may be disqualified. Microsoft disclaims any and all liability and will not be party to any disputes or actions related to this matter.

GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES: Microsoft is committed to complying with government gift and ethics rules and therefore government employees are not eligible. This Sweepstakes is hosted in the United States, and entry information is collected on computers in the United States. This Sweepstakes will be governed by the laws of the State of Washington, and you consent to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the courts of the State of Washington for any disputes arising out of this Sweepstakes. If you do not agree with this provision and these Official Rules, please do not enter this Sweepstakes.

OVERVIEW

This Sweepstakes is a recurring challenge intended to introduce participants to Microsoft's Azure Cloud Services. Participants will be asked to complete a series of activities using Azure, and submit proof of completion in the form of an Azure URL. Each activity a participant completes earns him or her an entry ticket for the monthly Sweepstakes; one winner will be chosen at random from all extant Sweepstakes tickets each month. Sweepstakes entry tickets not chosen will be carried forward to the next month's Sweepstakes for the duration of the Sweepstakes.

WHAT ARE THE START AND END DATES?

This Sweepstakes occurs from August 21, 2015, through July 31, 2016, and consists of one or more activities. Each activity in the Sweepstakes has a monthly submission period with the following deadlines ("Entry Period"):

23:59 GMT Wednesday, September 30, 2015

23:59 GMT Wednesday, October 28, 2015

23:59 GMT Wednesday, November 25, 2015

23:59 GMT Wednesday, December 30, 2015

23:59 GMT Wednesday, January 27, 2016

23:59 GMT Wednesday, February 24, 2016

23:59 GMT Wednesday, March 30, 2016

23:59 GMT Wednesday, April 27, 2016

23:59 GMT Wednesday, May 25, 2016

23:59 GMT Wednesday, June 29, 2016

Entries for an activity in the Sweepstakes must be received within the Entry Period for that activity to be eligible. Valid entries will be eligible for all remaining Entry Periods. You do not have to re-enter the same activity for each deadline.

New Sweepstakes activities will be added during the Sweepstakes. You may revise your Entry to add new activities at any time and those new activities will give you additional chances to win in all remaining Entry Periods after your submission is received.

CAN I ENTER?

You are eligible to enter if you meet the eligibility criteria detailed in the [Imagine Cup Official Rules & Regulations](#).

HOW DO I ENTER?

To enter, visit www.imaginecup.com and register as instructed. When the Entry Period begins, visit your Dashboard and review the requirements for any of the current Sweepstakes activities. Follow the instructions provided to complete one or more Sweepstakes activities, and then click the Submission link on the Hello Cloud Challenge Sweepstakes section. Enter the Azure URL that demonstrates your completion of the tasks assigned by the Sweepstakes activity.

We are not responsible for entries that we do not receive for any reason, or for entries that we receive but are not decipherable for any reason. We will automatically disqualify any incomplete or illegible entry.

Upon completion of the Sweepstakes activity and submission of your Azure URL, you will receive one (1) entry into the Sweepstakes. Each entrant may only receive one (1) entry into the Sweepstakes per Sweepstakes activity. Entrants may complete as many activities as are available, earning one (1) entry into the Sweepstakes for each completed and submitted activity.

WINNER SELECTION AND PRIZES

On or around the end of each month during which the Sweepstakes is active, we will select one (1) winner at random from all completed entries to receive \$1,000. The total number of prizes in the contest shall be ten (10).

Sponsor's decisions as to the administration and operation of the Sweepstakes and selection of potential Sweepstakes winners are final and binding in all matters related to the Sweepstakes. Administrator will randomly select the potential Sweepstakes winner from all eligible entries received during the Sweepstakes and will notify the potential Sweepstakes winner by email at that time.

The decisions of the judges are final and binding. We will only award one (1) prize per person for each Sweepstakes Drawing. If you are a potential winner, we will notify you by sending a message to the e-mail address, the phone number, or mailing address (if any) provided at time of entry within seven (7) days following completion of judging. If the notification that we send is returned as undeliverable, or you are otherwise unreachable for any reason, we may select a new winner at random.

If there is a dispute as to who is the potential winner, we will consider the potential winner to be the authorized account holder of the e-mail address used to enter the Sweepstakes.

If you are a potential winner, we may require you to sign an Affidavit of Eligibility, Liability/Publicity Release and a W-9 tax form or W-8 BEN tax form within 10 days of notification. If you complete a tax form, you will be issued an IRS Form 1099 the following January, for the actual value of the prize. You are advised to seek independent counsel regarding the tax implications of accepting a prize. If you are a potential winner and you are 18 years of age or older, but are considered a minor in your place of legal residence, we may require your parent or legal guardian to sign all required forms on your behalf. If you do not complete the required forms as instructed and/or return the required forms within the time period listed on the winner notification message, we may disqualify you and select a new winner at random.

If you are confirmed as a winner of this Sweepstakes:

- You may not designate someone else as the winner. If you are unable or unwilling to accept your prize, we may award it to a runner up; and
- If you accept a prize, you will be solely responsible for all applicable federal, state, and local taxes related to accepting the prize; and
- If you are otherwise eligible for this Sweepstakes, but are considered a minor in your place of residence, we may award the prize to your parent/legal guardian on your behalf; and
- Unless otherwise noted, all prizes are subject to their manufacturer's warranty and / or terms and conditions.

WHAT OTHER CONDITIONS AM I AGREEING TO BY ENTERING?

By entering this Sweepstakes you agree:

- To abide by these Official Rules; and
- To release and hold harmless Microsoft and its respective parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, employees and agents from any and all liability or any injury, loss or damage of any kind arising from or in connection with this Sweepstakes, or any prize won; and
- That Microsoft's decisions will be final and binding on all matters related to this Sweepstakes; and
- That, by accepting a prize, Microsoft may use of your proper name and state of residence online and in print, or in any other media, in connection with this Sweepstakes, without payment or compensation to you, except where prohibited by law.

WHAT LAWS GOVERN THE WAY THIS SWEEPSTAKES IS EXECUTED AND ADMINISTRATED?

This Sweepstakes will be governed by the laws of the State of Washington, and you consent to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the courts of the State of Washington for any disputes arising out of this Sweepstakes.

WHAT IF SOMETHING UNEXPECTED HAPPENS AND THE SWEEPSTAKES CAN'T RUN AS PLANNED?

If someone cheats, or a virus, bug, bot, catastrophic event, natural disaster, or any other unforeseen or unexpected event that cannot be reasonably anticipated or controlled, (also referred to as force majeure) affects the fairness and / or integrity of this Sweepstakes, we reserve the right to cancel, change or suspend this Sweepstakes. This right is reserved whether the event is due to human or technical error. If a solution cannot be found to restore the integrity of the Sweepstakes, we reserve the right to select winners from among all eligible entries received before we had to cancel, change or suspend the Sweepstakes.

If you attempt or we have strong reason to believe that you have compromised the integrity or the legitimate operation of this Sweepstakes by cheating, hacking, creating a bot or other automated program, or by committing fraud in ANY way, we may seek damages from you to the fullest extent permitted by law. Further, we may disqualify you, and ban you from participating in any of our future Sweepstakes, so please play fairly.

WINNERS LIST AND SPONSOR

We will post the names of the winner online at <http://www.imaginecup.com/> about 30 days after the conclusion of each monthly Sweepstakes Drawing.

This promotion is sponsored by Microsoft Corporation, One Microsoft Way, Redmond, WA 98052.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

At Microsoft, we are committed to protecting your privacy. Microsoft uses the information you provide to notify prize winners, and to send you information about other Microsoft products and services, if requested by you. Microsoft will not share the information you provide with third parties without your permission except where necessary to complete the services or transactions you have requested, or as required by law. Microsoft is committed to protecting the security of your personal information. We use a variety of security technologies and procedures to help protect your personal information from unauthorized access, use, or disclosure. Your personal information is never shared outside the company without your permission, except under conditions explained above.

If you believe that Microsoft has not adhered to this statement, please notify us by sending email to imagine@microsoft.com or postal mail to Imagine Cup, Microsoft Privacy, Microsoft Corporation, One Microsoft Way, Redmond, WA 98052 USA, and we will use commercially reasonable efforts to remedy the situation.