

MICROSOFT 343 PUBLIC APIS HACKATHON 2016 CONTEST

OFFICIAL RULES

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This Contest is hosted in the United States, and entry information is collected on computers in the United States. This Contest 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 Contest. **If you do not agree with this provision and these Official Rules, please do not enter this Contest.**

COMMON TERMS USED IN THESE RULES:

These are the official rules that govern how the Microsoft 343 Public APIs Hackathon 2016 contest promotion will operate ("Contest").

In these rules, "we," "our," and "us" refer to Microsoft Corporation, the sponsor of this Contest. "You" refers to an eligible Contest entrant.

CONTEST DESCRIPTION:

This is a skill-based Contest. The object of this Contest is to recognize the game developer that creates the most original and functional experience that utilizes Public API Beta for Halo 5: Guardians ("API") available for free at <https://developer.haloapi.com/>.

WHAT ARE THE START AND END DATES?

This Contest starts at 12:01 a.m. Pacific Time (PT) on April 4, 2016, and ends at 11:59 p.m. PT on May 16, 2016 ("Entry Period").

CAN I ENTER?

You are eligible to enter this Contest if you meet the following requirements at time entry:

- You have registered for the Public API Beta for Halo 5: Guardians and have received a Microsoft API Key and you are 18 years of age or older; **and**
 - If you are 18 of age or older, but are considered a minor in your place of residence, you must have your parent's or legal guardian's permission to enter
- **You are NOT** a resident of any of the following countries: Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, and Syria; **and**
 - **PLEASE NOTE:** U.S. export regulations prohibit the export of goods and services to Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria. Therefore, residents of these countries / regions are not eligible to participate.
- **You are NOT** an employee of Microsoft Corporation or an employee of a Microsoft subsidiary; **and**

- **You are NOT** involved in any part of the administration and execution of this Contest; **and**
- **You are NOT** an immediate family (parent, sibling, spouse, child) or household member of a Microsoft employee, an employee of a Microsoft subsidiary, or a person involved in any part of the administration and execution of this Contest.

This Contest is void where prohibited by law.

HOW DO I ENTER?

To create an Entry, visit <https://developer.haloapi.com/> and follow instructions to download the API. Then utilize the API to create an application that complies with the [Halo game Data Terms of Use](#) (“Entry”).

To submit an Entry for judging in the Contest, create a new thread in the [Halo API forums](#) with your name or Xbox Live gamertag, description and a link to your entry, in addition send an email to 343PubApisHackathon@microsoft.com with a link to your forum post and a valid email address.

Limit one Entry per person, per Xbox Live gamertag and per registered Public API Beta for Halo 5: Guardians member.

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; **and**
- Any entries that we receive from you that are in excess of the Entry limit described above.

WINNER DETERMINATION

On or around the close of the Entry Period, a panel of judges will review all eligible Entries received and select winners of the Contest Prizes described below based on the following judging criteria:

- 33.00% - Originality
- 33.00% - Creativity
- 33.00% - Usability

The decisions of the judges are final and binding. In the event of a tie between any eligible entries, an additional judge will break the tie based on the judging criteria described above. The decisions of the judges are final and binding. If we do not receive a sufficient number of entries meeting the entry requirements, we may, at our discretion, select fewer winners than the number of Contest Prizes described below.

PRIZES

(1) Grand Prize. A Prize Package consisting of the following items:

- 47 Halo 5 digital in-game gold packs. Approximate Retail Value (ARV) \$99.99
- Halo 5 full size Needler Replica, packaging signed by members of 343 Industries team. Approximate Retail Value (ARV) \$600

- Custom made Halo 5 Helmet, made by Stony Props. Approximate Retail Value (ARV) \$450

(1) Second Prize. A Prize Package consisting of the following items:

- 20 Halo 5 digital in-game gold packs. ARV \$44.99
- A uniquely etched Xbox One console, signed by members of 343 Industries team. Approximate Retail Value (ARV) \$400
- A Halo Mega Bloks prize package. Approximate Retail Value (ARV) \$150

One (1) Third Prize. A Prize Package consisting of the following items:

- 13 Halo 5 digital in-game gold packs. ARV \$29.99.
- A Halo Mega Bloks and Halo books prize package. Approximate Retail Value (ARV) \$270

The total Approximate Retail Value (ARV) of all prizes: \$2044.99

Limit one prize per person. 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 award to a runner-up.

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 Contest. 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 are a potential winner and you are 18 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 runner-up.

If you are confirmed as a winner of this Contest:

- You may not exchange your prize for cash or any other merchandise or services. However, if for any reason an advertised prize is unavailable, we reserve the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value; **and**
- 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 taxes related to accepting the prize; **and**
- If you are otherwise eligible for this Contest, 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 CONSTITUTES AN ELIGIBLE ENTRY?

To be eligible for judging an Entry must meet the following content / technical requirements:

- your Entry must be your own original work; **and**
- your Entry cannot have been selected as a winner in any other contest; **and**
- you must have obtained any and all consents, approvals or licenses required for you to submit your Entry; **and**

Entries may **NOT** contain, as determined by us, in our sole and absolute discretion, any content that:

- is sexually explicit, unnecessarily violent or derogatory of any ethnic, racial, gender, religious, professional or age group; profane or pornographic;
- promotes alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, or a particular political agenda;
- is obscene or offensive;
- defames, misrepresents or contains disparaging remarks about other people or companies;
- contains content which infringes intellectual property rights of others;
- communicates messages or images inconsistent with the positive images and/or good will to which we wish to associate; and/or violates any law;

We reserve the right to reject any entry, in our sole and absolute discretion, that we determine does not meet the above criteria.

HOW WILL MY ENTRY BE POTENTIALLY USED?

Other than what is set forth below, we are not claiming any ownership rights to your Entry. However, by submitting your entry, you:

- are granting us an irrevocable, royalty-free, worldwide right and license to: (i) review, assess, test and otherwise analyze your entry and all its content in connection with this Contest; and (ii) feature your entry and all content in connection with the marketing, sale, or promotion of this Contest (including but not limited to internal and external sales meetings, conference presentations, tradeshows, and screen shots of the Contest entry in press releases) in all media (now known or later developed)
- agree to sign any necessary documentation that may be required for us and our designees to make use of the rights you granted above;
- understand and acknowledge that the Sponsor(s) may have developed or commissioned materials similar or identical to your Entry and you waive any claims you may have resulting from any similarities to your entry;
- understand that we cannot control the incoming information you will disclose to our representatives in the course of entering, or what our representatives will remember about your entry. You also understand that we will not restrict work assignments of representatives who have had access to your Entry. By entering this Contest, you agree that use of information in our representatives' unaided memories in the development or deployment of our products or services does not create liability for us under this agreement or copyright or trade secret law;
- understand that you will not receive any compensation or credit for use of your Entry, other than what is described in these Official Rules

Please note that following the end of this Contest your Entry may be posted on a website selected by us for viewing by visitors to that website. We are not responsible for any unauthorized use of your Entry by visitors to this website. While we reserve these rights, we are not obligated to use your Entry for any purpose, even if it has been selected as a winning Entry.

If you do not want to grant us these rights to your Entry, please do not enter this Contest.

WHAT OTHER CONDITIONS AM I AGREEING TO BY ENTERING?

By entering this Contest 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 Contest, or any prize won; **and**
- That Microsoft's decisions will be final and binding on all matters related to this Contest; **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 Contest, without payment or compensation to you, except where prohibited by law.

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

If someone cheats, or a virus, bug, catastrophic event, 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 Contest, we reserve the right to cancel, change or suspend this Contest. 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 Contest, we reserve the right to select winners from among all eligible entries received before we had to cancel, change or suspend the Contest.

If you attempt to compromise the integrity or the legitimate operation of this Contest by hacking or by cheating or committing fraud in ANY way, we may seek damages from you to the fullest extent permitted by law. Further, we may ban you from participating in any of our future Contest, so please play fairly.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT WHO WON?

We will post the names of winners who received a prize worth \$25.00 or more online at the [Halo Public API forum](#) . This list will remain posted one month after May 13, 2016.

WHO IS SPONSORING THIS CONTEST?

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