

DELL TECHNOLOGIES PROVEN PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

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1.CONTEST DESCRIPTION: The Dell Technologies Proven Professional Knowledge Sharing Competition (Competition) is a writing competition in two phases, the Abstract Phase and Article Phase sponsored by Dell Technologies Corporation, 55 Constitution Boulevard, Franklin, Massachusetts 02038 (EM.). In the Abstract Phase, participants are invited to submit abstracts to DELL Technologies for review. Dell Technologies will select certain abstracts, based on the quality of the writing, relevance of the topic to storage technology, depth and comprehensive nature of the work and organization of the work to proceed to the Article Phase. In the Article Phase, the selected participants will be invited to submit articles based on their abstracts. Submitted articles are eligible for cash or other prizes.

2.ELIGIBILITY: The Dell Technologies Proven Professional Knowledge Sharing Competition (“Competition”) is open to individuals who are 18 years of age or older at the date of entry and who have earned a Dell Technologies Proven Professional, VCE or Dell certification (active as of March 1st of competition year). Participants may submit entries as a team of up to four individuals, but corporate entries are not permitted. For team entries, the Primary Author is the only team member who must have earned a Dell Technologies Proven Professional, VCE or Dell certification (active as of March 1st of competition year). A Primary Author is an individual who is the sole point of contact between Dell Technologies and the team, provides at least fifty percent of the content for the paper, and who has earned an Dell Technologies Proven Professional certification. This Competition is subject to all applicable laws and regulations and is void where otherwise prohibited by law, rule, regulation or ordinance, including the countries of Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria. No purchase or entry fee is required. Employees of Dell Technologies who manage the Dell Technologies Proven Professional, VCE or Dell program and the Competition judges and members of the family or households of each are ineligible to participate or win.

3.HOW TO ENTER: This electronic submission form constitutes your competition entry form. Participants should retain copies of their entries and other records submitted to Dell Technologies. Dell Technologies assumes no responsibility for lost, misdirected, illegible or late entries or failed computer transmissions or technical failures. Dell Technologies is not liable for any delays in scheduling, performance of and/or completion of any procedures associated with the Competition. All entries are subject to these Rules.

4. ABSTRACTS: Completed entry forms, including abstracts of articles, must be received by Dell Technologies no later than the scheduled date advertised on our website. Only those persons who complete entry forms, including an abstract of their article, are eligible to proceed further in the Competition. Each abstract must follow the guidelines laid out in the Best Practices for Dell Technologies Proven Professional Knowledge Sharing Abstracts and accurately but briefly describes the subject matter of participant’s proposed

article. Abstracts received after the scheduled submission date may be disqualified in Dell Technologies's sole discretion. Only selected abstracts may continue in the Competition. Dell Technologies will evaluate each entry received and will notify selected participants whose abstracts have been selected to proceed to full articles. Participants must provide the following required information in the manner required, within the timeframe required, to participate: name, title, company name (if applicable), mailing address, valid email address and telephone. Incomplete entry forms may be disqualified in Dell Technologies's sole discretion. The information submitted in the entry forms will only be used by Dell Technologies in accordance with its Privacy Policy located [here](#).

5. ARTICLES: For these purposes, Article is defined as any Knowledge Sharing competition submission, whether it is written, video or audio submission. Articles cannot defame or invade the publicity or privacy rights of any person, living or deceased, or otherwise infringe upon any person's personal or proprietary rights. Modifying, enhancing or altering a third party's preexisting work does not qualify as a participant's original work. If the article contains any third party content, participant is responsible for obtaining legal releases from third party and must be able to provide legal releases for such materials in a form satisfactory to Dell Technologies. Participants eligible to submit articles must submit their articles to Dell Technologies in the format described in the Best Practices for Knowledge Sharing Articles, which will be sent no later than the scheduled date advertised on our website to all authors whose abstracts have been selected to proceed to full articles. Articles must be in English. Articles that have been previously published in their entirety are not eligible for this Competition. Participants eligible to submit articles may be asked to sign a Copyright Assignment form when submitting an article. This form will allow Dell Technologies to publish the article. Articles must be received by Dell Technologies no later than the scheduled date advertised on our website to be considered for any prize. Articles received after that date may be disqualified at Dell Technologies's sole discretion. Dell Technologies may, at its sole discretion, examine articles to verify originality of authorship, including the use of tools for such purpose. Dell Technologies will notify the winners in writing no later than the scheduled date advertised on our website. Dell Technologies may identify the winners by name and with a photo at Dell Technologies World. Winning authors may also be asked to talk with representatives of the press. Dell Technologies reserves the right at its sole discretion to reschedule and/or cancel Dell Technologies World.

6. COMPETITION PRIZE: Only one Competition prize per article is permitted. Dell Technologies will identify the winners, each of whom will receive a cash or other prize. Each winner (whether individual or a team) will also receive one conference pass to Dell Technologies World. The winning articles may be published in printed form and distributed at Dell Technologies World at Dell Technologies's sole discretion. Contest prizes are not transferable. Payment of all applicable federal, state and local taxes is the sole responsibility of the entrant. Dell Technologies reserves the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value. All travel expenses related to the winner's attendance at Dell Technologies World are the responsibility of each winner.

7. DELIVERY OF CONTEST PRIZE: Competition cash prizes will be sent to the identified winners at the address provided at registration within 6-8 weeks following Dell Technologies World. Conference passes to Dell Technologies World will be distributed when available. Return of any prize or notification as undeliverable or failure to comply with these Rules will result in disqualification. In the event a winner is disqualified or not found, the Competition prize may be awarded to another participant or not awarded at all, at Dell Technologies's discretion.

8. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS: Prior to awarding any prize, Dell Technologies

in its sole discretion may require entrants to sign a liability release, agreeing to hold Dell Technologies, its parent, subsidiary and affiliated corporations and shareholders, directors, employees, agents and representatives of each of them harmless against any and all liability arising directly or indirectly from the prize or participation in the Competition or the prize will be forfeited. By participating in this Competition, participants are not granted any rights to use the Dell Technologies name other than it would normally be used in social conversation. Participants have no right to use Dell Technologies trademarks. Decisions of Dell Technologies with respect to the Competition, including but not limited to decisions as to eligibility, are final. Failure to comply with these Rules may result in a participant's disqualification, at the sole discretion of Dell Technologies. Dell Technologies reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to modify these Rules or suspend or terminate the Competition in any manner and at any time. If the Competition is terminated, all participants will be notified within ten business days and any abstracts or articles submitted before that date will be returned to the address identified in the registration materials. By participating in the Competition, participant agrees to these Rules, agrees to be bound by the decisions of Dell Technologies, agrees to forever release and hold harmless Dell Technologies and its respective employees and agents from all liability, loss, damage, or injury from participation in this Competition, including, but not limited to, use or misuse of the prize, and acknowledges that Dell Technologies and its respective employees and agents have neither made, nor are liable for, any warranty or guarantee, whatsoever, express or implied, in fact or in law, with respect to any prize hereunder. All Competition winners hereby consent to use of his/her name and/or likeness, and use of his/her paper for Dell Technologies advertising or promotional purposes, without compensation unless prohibited by law. These Rules are governed by and shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts without regard to any choice of law's provisions. By participating in this Contest, each entrant submits to the personal jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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