

Student Reviews Contest Details

URL: http://www.sun.com/student_reviews (Live on May 5th)

Review OpenSolaris OS and/or NetBeans IDE 6.1 for...

- a chance to win a grand prize of \$250 in Visa Debit Card, and
- 5 chances to win a prize of \$100 in Visa Debit Card

Simply:

1. Download OpenSolaris OS and/or NetBeans IDE 6.1.
2. Test the product and post a review!
3. Submit the URL of your review.
4. Do it before June 6, 2008.

Overview

OpenSolaris OS and NetBeans IDE 6.1 are now available to download. We're pretty excited about these products, but we want to know what you, the student developers, think.

OpenSolaris is a full-featured OS with compelling software features such as ZFS, Dynamic Tracing (DTrace), Predictive Self-Healing and Solaris Containers, and it is built to give student developers like you a risk-free platform to quickly build, test, troubleshoot and deploy your innovations.

In the latest 6.1 release, the award-winning NetBeans IDE has cool new features for developing AJAX web applications using JavaScript technology and delivers tighter integration with MySQL database.

Download the OpenSolaris OS and/or NetBeans IDE 6.1 . Check it out for yourself. After you have a chance to test one or both the products, we want you to tell the world what you think.

Whatever your experience is in using the OpenSolaris OS and/or NetBeans IDE 6.1, post a review about it and let us know. Our judges will review all submissions and select the winners. And here is how it is going to work...

The contest will have two groups: one for students who are not Sun Campus Ambassadors, and another comprising Sun Campus Ambassadors. For **each** group, there will be a grand prize of \$250 in Visa Debit Card, and 5 second prizes of \$100 each in Visa Debit Card.

All of your submissions will be highlighted in Sun's "Student Views and Reviews" site with your pictures (if you provide one), so participate for the fun and increased traffic to your site as well!

How to Enter

Post a review describing your experience using the new OpenSolaris OS or NetBeans IDE 6.1, install, reliability, performance, manageability, ease of use, new features, a tutorial, insight, tech tip, code sample, request for enhancements, etc. Your review must include a link to the Student Reviews Contest site. The review can be posted as a blog entry. Entries must be new material and not copied from something already written. And finally, complete the submit form at the contest site.

Review Tips

Need ideas for what to post to claim the top prize? Here are suggestions:

- Describe your OpenSolaris OS installation experience and what it took for you to make it up and running on your hardware platform
 - Run benchmarks and show how OpenSolaris OS performed against a competing OS
 - Create a "how-to" on solving a specific problem using OpenSolaris OS or NetBeans IDE 6.1 (use detailed instructions, code snippets, commands and outputs etc. as appropriate)
 - Share your deep insight about OpenSolaris OS or NetBeans IDE 6.1, including your favorite features
 - Give suggestions on how to enhance the OpenSolaris OS or NetBeans IDE 6.1
 - Build a cool plug-in to share with the NetBeans Community
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Contest Guidelines

You need to be enrolled in an educational institute as a student, pursuing a degree, and have an email address from an educational institute (or alternative ways to prove your educational institute affiliation) for participation.

All reviews must be in English and must remain accessible till December 31, 2008.

The Sun "Student Views and Reviews" site will link to the reviews as they are submitted, so even if you don't win, you might get a bunch of traffic!

See complete **Contest Rules** for ALL the details. (2 rules documents in pdf are attached, one for Sun Campus Ambassadors, another for all other students.)

Deadline

Contest starts: May 5, 2008

Contest deadline: June 6, 2008

Judging period: June 7 - June 20, 2008

Winners announced: June 25, 2008