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About ThinkQuest

⇒ **What is ThinkQuest?**

⇒ **How to Participate?**

⇒ **Why to Participate?**

What is ThinkQuest ?



- ThinkQuest is educational program that asks students to create a web site ...

... that must be designed to help other students learn something,

Students form a team,

pick a topic that they want to become experts in,

research the topic,

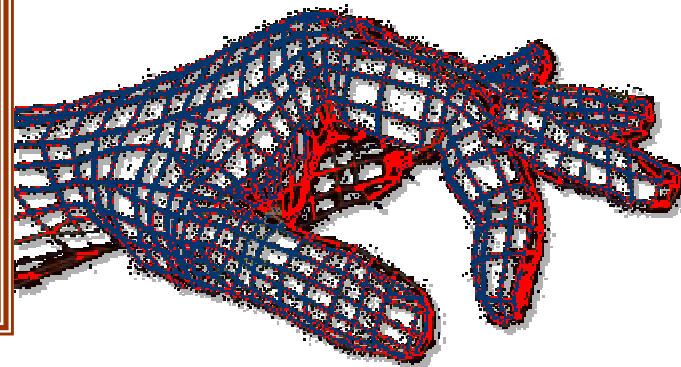
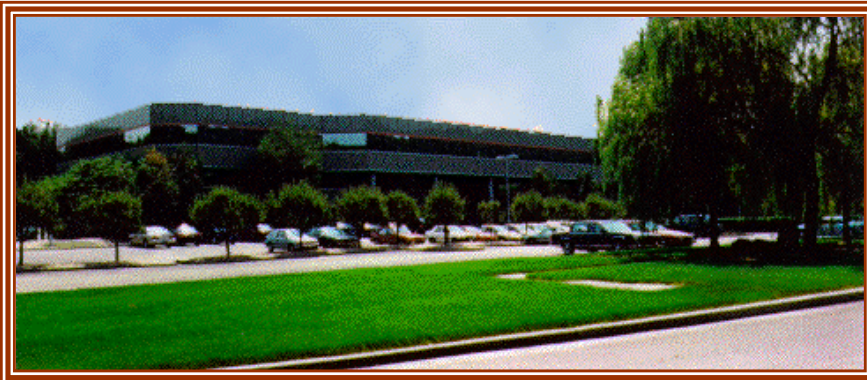
and then design a web site that uses the Internet to teach that topic.

Who Made ThinkQuest?



**Advanced Network & Services,
Inc., a non-profit corporation
founded in 1990**

Mission: To advance education by
accelerating the use of computer
and networking technology



**IP
Performance
Metrics**

Tele-Immersion

Internet II

ThinkQuest Seeks To:



- **Establish a library of web sites that are designed for learning**

...searchable on-line library of more than 4,000 student-authored educational web sites

- **Give students (and teachers) the opportunity to contribute valuable resources to the Internet community**

...receiving nearly 3,000,000 hits a day

- **Help teachers develop technology skills and to explore techniques in facilitated learning**

...teachers say its one of the most valuable professional development opportunities they've experienced

ThinkQuest Programs



Program	ThinkQuest Internet Challenge	ThinkQuest Junior
Team	2 or 3 age 12 - 19	Up to 6 grades 4 - 6
Coaches	1 to 3	Students' Teacher(s)
Deadlines	App: 31/5/01 Entry: 5/9/01	App: 7/2/01 Entry: 14/3/01
Awards in 2001	\$100,000	\$100,000

ThinkQuest Partners



65 international partners...and counting

Argentina	Australia	Bulgaria	Canada	CROATIA	China	Denmark
Ecuador	Egypt	France	Germany	Guatemala	Hong Kong	Hungary
Iceland	India	Israel	Italy	Japan	Korea	Mali
Mauritius	Mexico	Mongolia	Namibia	Netherlands	New Zealand	Nigeria
Norway	Pakistan	Peru	Philippines	Poland	Russia	Singapore
South Africa	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	Uganda	UK/Scotland	Zambia

38 state partners...and counting

Arizona	California	Delaware
Indiana	Kentucky	Maine
Minnesota	Mississippi	New Jersey
Oklahoma	Hawaii	North Carolina
Tennessee	Texas	Vermont
Washington	West Virginia	

ThinkQuest in Croatia



- **extracurricular activity**
in 2000/2001 school year
- **further development**
in cooperation with the Ministry of
Education and Sports in 2001/2002
school year

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ThinkQuest Contest

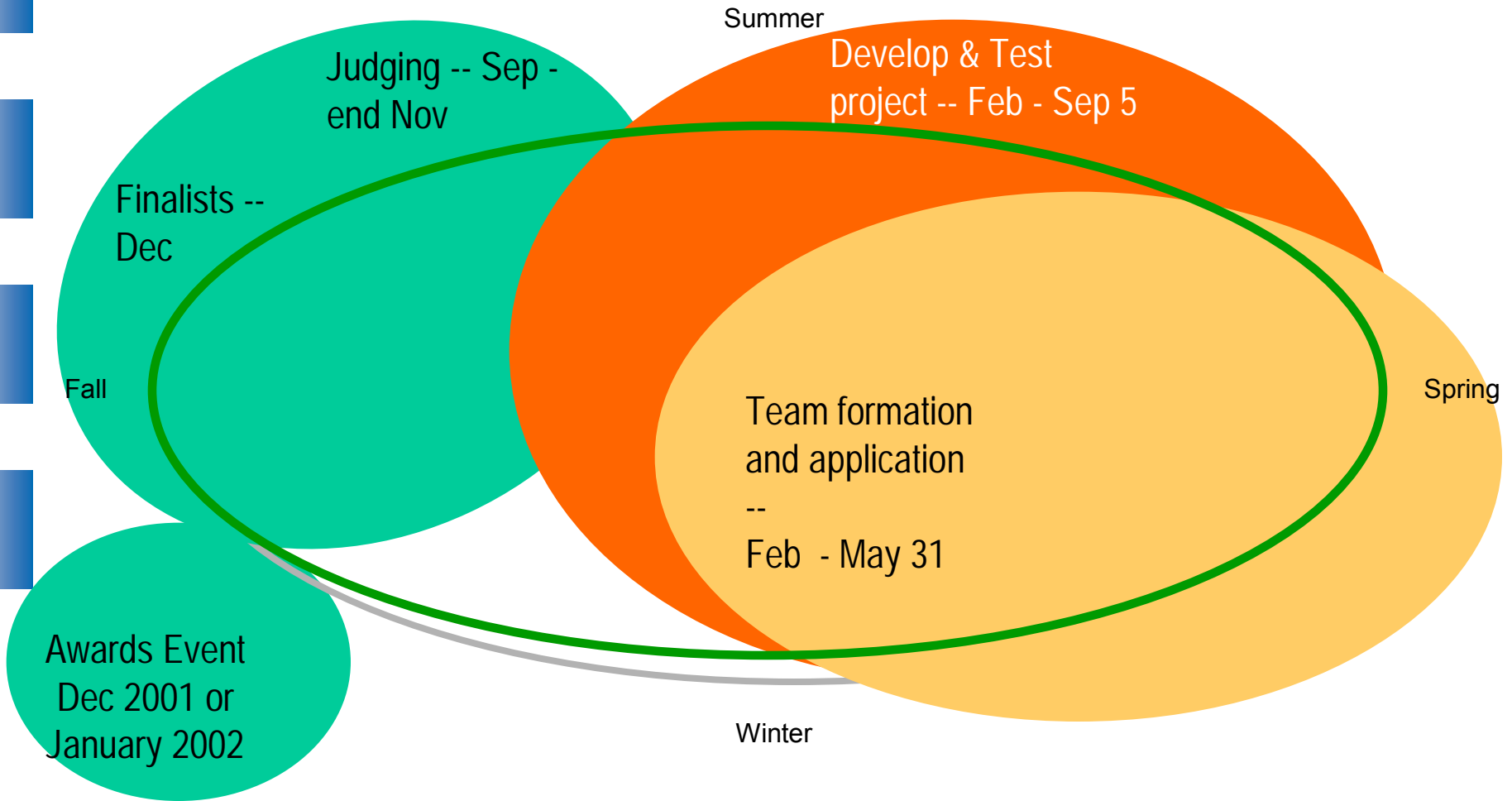


The Categories

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- Arts & Literature
 - Science & Mathematics
 - Social Sciences
 - Sports & Health
 - Interdisciplinary

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The Timeline



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Judging Criteria



- **10 Points** -- Diversity of Computer & Network Resources among Student Team Members
- **10 Points** -- Team collaboration
- **25 Points** -- Educational value
- **25 Points** -- Entry quality
- **20 Points** -- Internet style learning
- **10 Points** -- Entry usage

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Benefits for Students 1

- **Self-confidence:** They have completed a large & valuable project successfully
- **Respect:** They and their skills & talents are being taken seriously
- **An electronic portfolio** to knock the socks off college admissions officers
- **Lifelong academic, technical, & teamwork skills**

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Benefits for students 2

- Learning about Internet and its features useful for learning and for self-paced-education
- Learning of one or more curricular subjects, but also learning how to use IC technology, learning teamwork and English language
- Collaboration with coaches and students in team
- Communication with peers throughout the world
- Awards, events, travel

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Awards in 2001

Best 100 web sites according to number of points awarded by judges

- Students on teams that have created 10 best sites receive \$5,000 each
 - at least one site in each of categories will receive this award
- Students on teams that have created remaining 90 best sites receive \$100 each

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Benefits for Teachers

- Learning about features of Internet useful in teaching
- Communication with colleagues throughout the world
- Access to ICT training organized by **CARNet**
- Professional development -- *...teachers say its one of the most valuable professional development opportunities they've experienced*

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Benefits for Schools

- Additional educational activities and Internet based learning activities
- Networking with academic community through cooperation with **CARNet**
- Professional development of teachers
- Part of the national and global educational network

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Benefits for Croatia

- Introduction of IC technologies into schools
- Endorsement for use of Internet in teaching and learning (self-learning)
- Knowing IC technologies at early age
- Improvement of computer literacy for students and teachers



The Quest

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