

IT Resource Center Forums Rising Star Contest Official Rules

1. **NO PURCHASE NECESSARY.** No purchase or payment of money is necessary to enter. To enter the Hewlett-Packard Company "IT Resource Center Forums Rising Star Contest," visit the HP IT Resource Center Forums website (referred to as "ITRC Forums") located at <http://forums.itrc.hp.com/cm/>. Winners will be judged by greatest relative increase in their monthly point total during the time of the contest. See "EARNING POINTS" and "WINNING" below.
2. **EARNING POINTS.** To earn points, contestants must be registered users of the ITRC and participate in the ITRC Forums. To earn points, the participant must answer questions posted to the Forums. Questions in the Forums are of a technical nature. Only the Forums member who posted the question awards points for a specific answer. Points are awarded based on the skill and quality of the answer given as judged by the person who originally posted the question. Points range from none to 10 per answer. A 10 answer represents a highly useful, quality answer as judged by the original question poster. HP does not control the awarding of points. These points are not a cash equivalent and are not intended for use as a means of bartering or exchange among members.
3. **ELIGIBILITY.** The contest is open to all registered ITRC users, with a minimum of 50 points earned at the start of either month during the time period of the contest. All members of the ITRC Forums who earn at least 50 points before or during the first month of the contest period shall be considered eligible. This offer is void where prohibited or restricted local law. Employees of Hewlett-Packard, its subsidiaries, affiliates, agencies and members of the immediate families are not eligible for gifts in the result of participating in the forums. Applicable taxes are the sole responsibility of the winner. Winner will be required to sign an affidavit of eligibility and a publicity release that will allow the use of the winner's name by HP.
4. **WINNING .** Contest winner will be determined by relative increase in their point totals in a one-month period. The contest period will contain 2 months. Each participant will have a maximum of two chances to increase their point total. Participants without the minimum 50 points at the contest start date can earn 50 in the first month and be eligible for the second month. The Winners will be chosen by the highest relative increase in a participant's total accumulated points from the start of the month to the end (rounded to a tenth of a percent). In the event of a tie, person with the highest total points wins.
 - Example 1: Participant A has 50 points at the start of the month and is automatically entered into the contest. If Participant A earns 50 points in month 1, that is 100% increase. If Participant A earns 50 more points in month 2, that is a 50% increase (points earned in month 2/total points entering month 2). Participant A's highest relative increase is 100%.
 - Example 2: Participant B does not have the necessary 50 to be eligible for month 1 but earns 50 in month 1. Participant B is eligible for month two and his/her relative increase will be measured.
5. **STANDARDS OF CONDUCT.** This contest is meant to foster community spirit. Any collusion or unfair practices to gain points not earned or withhold points that are rightfully earned by others so as to damage their chances of

winning will be considered cheating. HP will eliminate participants that cheat, use abusive language, pornography or any other conduct that is in violation of the ITRC Forums Terms of Use.

6. **TIME PERIOD.** This contest begins at 12:00am PST, July 1, 2002 and ends on 11:59pm, PST, August 31, 2002. The Contest will cover two, 1-month periods: Period 1 from 12:00am PST, July 1, 2002 until 11:59pm PST, July 31, 2002 and Period 2 from 00:00am PST, August 1, 2002 until 11:59pm PST, August 31, 2002
7. **PRIZE(S).** Prizes will be award to the two participants that show the greatest level of increase over one of the 1-month periods. Prizes will consist of an HP Jornada Pocket PC. Retail value of the prizes is approximately \$400 U.S. dollars each. There is no cash alternative for the prizes and HP shall have the right to substitute the prizes being offered with one of equal or greater value.
8. **WINNER(S) LIST.** Names of the winners will be posted to the ITRC Forums. If you would like the name of the winners, send a stamped , self addressed envelope to HP ITRC Forums Rising Star Contest, c/o J. Oh, MS2080, 100 Mayfield Avenue, Mountain View, CA, 94043, USA. Requests for winners list must be received by September 13, 2002. Allow 12 weeks for delivery of winners list. The decision of HP as to the winners of the Contest will be final. **Any legal action shall be excluded.**
9. **LIABILITY.** HP disclaims any liability for inaccurate information, whether caused by the website, users, equipment used in the contest or by human or technical errors related to the submission of registrations or awarded points. HP does not accept responsibility for:
 - Lost, late or undelivered entries, notifications or communications;
 - Any technical, computer, online, telephone, cable, electronic, software, hardware, transmission, connection, Internet, website, or other access issue, failure, malfunction or difficulty that might hinder the ability of an entrant to enter the Contest.
 - Any event that may cause the Contest to be disrupted or corrupted.
10. **PRIVACY.** Personal details given HP will only be used in accordance with HP's privacy policy and as otherwise stated.
11. HP may cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the Contest or these Rules prior to the cessation of the Contest for any reason, including for technical reasons such as computer viruses, bugs, tampering or technical failures.
12. The Contest is operated by Hewlett-Packard Company, 3000 Hanover Street, Palo Alto, CA 94304, USA