

**1<sup>st</sup> Press Release**

**12th BME International 24-hour  
Programming Contest**

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Further information:

**The traditional BME International 24-hour Programming Contest will be held between April 27th and April 29th for the 12th consecutive time. Similarly to earlier years, the event is organized by the Electrical Engineering Students' Hungarian Association. Main sponsor is SAP Hungary Ltd. ([www.sap.hu](http://www.sap.hu)). Challenge-seeking programmers can enter one of Europe's most prestigious event until 25th February, 2012. The final round will be held on the campus of the Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME).**

Teams of three can register on the official website of the contest (<http://ch24.org>). Not only students, but also IT professionals are encouraged to participate. The registration is followed by an on-line qualifying round on 25th February. The best 30 teams will be invited to the final, 24 hour long round that will take place between 27th April-29th April, 2012 at BME Hungary. The contestants are allowed to use any tools, platforms, operating systems, or written materials during both the qualifying round and the final on-site contest.

In both rounds, the participants can work on their own computers, which provides them the environment that fits them the most. Naturally, the usage of any external help during the contest is strictly forbidden and it will not be tolerated.

The problem set is created by former finalists, so the contestants can expect interesting and difficult tasks like in the previous years. They will need various IT skills to solve them, such as, knowledge of networking, computer graphics, algorithm theory, artificial intelligence. Of course, fast and precise coding, and effective teamwork are essential.

(See previous contests: <http://ch24.org/archive.html>)

Traditionally, Challenge24 contestants come from every corner of the world. Last year, more than 1000 contestants represented from 50 countries of 5 continents, including many returning competitors.

The event's live online coverage is available through the official website: <http://ch24.org>

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