

Windward Sponsors First Annual Code War at the University of Colorado, Boulder

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Boulder, CO - Boulder-based Windward, the software company known for producing the easiest reporting software on the market, is sponsoring the first ever code war at the C.U. Computer Science department August 27, 2011. (10:00 – 6:00, Engineering Bldg.)

A "code war" is a competition between teams to see who can write the best code. Students race against the clock and one another to analyze a problem, write a solution, and test and debug it. After the 8-hour programming deadline, teams go head to head. The first team to record two victories is declared the winner.

The idea for the C.U. code war came about after Windward sponsored a code war based on the boardgame Broadside for Windward developers in June. The winning team received bragging rights and a much-coveted trophy.

The code problem will be posted on the [Windward Wroks](#) blog when the competition starts on Saturday morning. It will likely be an artificial intelligence problem but the actual challenge will remain secret until 10 am the morning of the competition.

"We've found that most computer science students don't have experience with artificial intelligence, so it's a great way to level the playing field," said David Thielen, CTO at Windward. "This makes it a test of critical thinking, because the key to success lies in coming up with a kick-butt approach."

Students at other schools are also invited to compete. They can download the code at the same time and submit solutions via email. All emailed submissions will run against the top C.U. entries and the results will be posted.

You can also find live Tweets as the contest occurs by following DavidAtWindward.

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