

Animation09

National Schools Computer Animation Competition

The University of Manchester is running the 2nd annual Computer Animation Competition for UK schoolchildren aged 7 to 16+.

Entrants will create a short (maximum duration: 1 minute) animated computer graphics film.

Winners will receive great prizes. Finalists will also be invited to join us for the Animation Film Festival and Prize Giving Day on 26 June 2009 at the Manchester Museum of Science and Industry.

Registration opens

19 January 2009

Closing date

1 May 2009

Animation Festival

26 June 2009

For further details see our website
www.cs.manchester.ac.uk/Animation09

What you have to do ?

To enter the competition entrants will create a short (no minimum length but maximum length 1 minute) animated computer graphics film using one of the following packages that require no knowledge of programming:

Alice (free to download) is an innovative 3D programming environment that makes it easy to create an animation for telling a story, playing an interactive game, or a video to share on the web (www.alice.org).

Scratch (free to download) is a new programming language that makes it easy to create your own interactive stories, animations, games, music, and art (scratch.mit.edu).

Flash (commercial license) is an authoring environment for designing interactive multimedia and animations.

Entries may be individual (1 person) or team (2 – 4 people), in the following age ranges:

7 – 11: Key Stage 2

11 – 14: Key Stage 3

14 – 16: Key Stage 4

16 – 19: (Studying in sixth form/college).

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The Animation Film Festival

The panel of judges will review the entries in May 2009. The finalists will be invited to the Animation Festival and Prize Giving Day at the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester on 26 June 2009 to present their animations and to receive their prizes.

You can find out more about the competition and register your interest at: www.cs.manchester.ac.uk/Animation09

This website has been designed to answer many of the questions you may have in addition to providing you with more details about the competition rules and how to get started.