



Press Release

Freelancer.com announces winners of its Internet Scavenger Hunt 2016, awarding a total of US\$30,000 in prizes

SYDNEY, August 18, 2016 -- As part of the celebration for hitting 20 million users, [Freelancer.com](https://www.freelancer.com) hosted a worldwide Internet Scavenger Hunt, which has just ended. Six teams from around the world have won a share of US\$30,000, with a team of freelance graphic designers from the Philippines finishing 1st place.

The [Freelancer.com Internet Scavenger Hunt](#) required participants from all across the globe to form teams and complete tasks from a list of 100+ crazy and cryptic challenges and questions based on recent internet pop culture. Over the course of five weeks, more than 11,280 teams have participated with over 16,800 submitted entries.



Watch MUGAT's video compilation of their entries [here](#)

A team from the Philippines, Team Mugat, won the US\$15,000 Grand Prize for collecting the most number of points. The ten-member team from Davao del Norte, a province in the Philippines, is lead by professional

graphic designer Arjay Bastes, who has worked on freelance projects on [Freelancer.com](https://www.freelancer.com) since 2014. Each member is also a freelance graphic designer who use [Freelancer.com](https://www.freelancer.com) to help augment their income to support their families. Team Mugat started out as a group of graphic designers who has been playing basketball together as a hobby. In 2012, the team joined [Freelancer.com](https://www.freelancer.com) Expose our Logo Contest and won US\$3,000 for finishing as a runner up. They used a portion of their winnings to donate sacks of rice, water dispensers, and a new signage to Home for the Aged as replacement for the nursing home's old and tattered one.



Team Mugat in their Freelancer T-shirts at the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) - Home for the Aged



Team Mugat replacing the old signage of DSWD - Home for the Aged

When Team Mugat heard about the Internet Scavenger Hunt, Arjay gathered the team, and that was the beginning of a fun and crazy undertaking that made their friendship with each other stronger, while they pushed each other out of their comfort zones.

For Team Mugat, their most memorable experience during the hunt was shooting their entry for Challenge #4: *Get the party started! Show us your team's official cheer dance routine.* Team Mugat took the party to the streets of Davao del Norte while they performed their team's cheer dance in heels. "We were able to entertain onlookers, and we became an internet sensation in our province," shares Arjay.



Watch the full video of Team Mugat's cheer dance routine where they even claimed to have had a dance showdown with a traffic enforcer [here](#).

Arjay explains that they have yet to meet as a group to decide what to use their cash prize for, but surely, aside from upgrading their basketball equipment, a fraction of their winnings will be donated to charity once again, and winning Grand Prize in the scavenger hunt allows them to help at a larger capacity.

"We see a lot of lives changed from all over the world through [Freelancer.com](#), and it's great to see whenever people in our community pay it forward," comments Matt Barrie, CEO of [Freelancer.com](#).

Teams Galaxunters from Ukraine and FreeSideSquad from Venezuela came in second and third place respectively, with both teams winning special category prizes for their outstanding entries.

"We have millions of talented freelancers on the site, and we hosted this Scavenger Hunt 2016 as an opportunity for them to showcase their unique skills and talent," says Matt. "We were impressed with all the teams -- this shows the high level of dedication from freelancers you will get to meet and work with on the site."

Here are some other entries that stood out throughout the hunt:

Challenge 13: Kanye loves Trump



Entry from The Freeside Squad. Watch full video [here](#)

Challenge 6: The chariot race in Ben-Hur, but with hoverboards



Entry from Team Hahaa. Watch full video [here](#)

Challenge 9: Angry Birds IRL



Entry from Ha Emotions Lab. Watch full video [here](#)

Winners for the special category prizes are:

- **Paparazzi: Best Celebrity Endorsement -- US\$5000**
Best Entry: [Beat Kim Dotcom at Modern Warfare. Or any video game for that matter.](#)
- Retweeted by Kim Dotcom
Winner: Team Galaxunters from Ukraine
- **Freelancer Fan: Best promotion of Freelancer.com -- US\$3,000**
Best Entry: [A Freelancer.com billboard](#)
Winner: FreeSideSquad from Venezuela
- **Video Superstar: The most creative and best quality video entry -- US\$2,000**
Best Entry: [Re-enact a video game with augmented reality that isn't Pokemon Go](#)
Winner: FreeSideSquad from Venezuela
- **Social Royalty: Standout entry shared on social media -- US\$1,000**
Best Entry: [A banana, marshmallow and cherry pizza](#)
Winner: Team Envision from South Africa
- **Registration Challenge #1 -- US\$1,000**
Best Entry: [Best Team Template](#)
Winner: Team Hahaa from Romania
- **Registration Challenge #2 -- US\$500**
Best Entry: [Best Team Selfie](#)
Winner: Team Hahaa from Romania

- **Registration Challenge #3 -- US\$500**
Best Entry: [Best Team Theme Song](#)
Winner: Team Galaxunters from Ukraine
- **Registration Challenge #4 -- US\$500**
Best Entry: [Best Team Cheer Dance Routine](#)
Winner: Team Asgardians, Indonesia
- **Registration Challenge #5 -- US\$500**
Best Entry: [Best Twitter Shoutout](#)
Winner: Team Envision from South Africa

Notes to the editor:

- A full list of questions and challenges can be found [here](#).
- For a full list of video entries, search #ScavHunt2016 on YouTube.

About [Freelancer](#)®

Ten-time Webby award-winning Freelancer.com is the world's largest freelancing and crowdsourcing marketplace by total number of users and projects posted. 20 million registered users have posted over 9.6 million projects and contests to date in over 900 areas as diverse as website development, logo design, marketing, copywriting, astrophysics, aerospace engineering and manufacturing. Freelancer owns Escrow.com, the leading provider of secure online payments and online transaction management for consumers and businesses on the Internet. Freelancer Limited is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange under the ticker ASX:FLN.

For more information, please contact:

Sebastian Siseles International Director
Tel +54 911 32 60 07 30
Email sebastian@freelancer.com

Helma Kusuma Country Manager, Indonesia & Malaysia
Tel +62 812 104 9853
Email helma@freelancer.com

Joe Griston Regional Director, Europe
Tel +44 7496 482121
Email joe@freelancer.com

Monica Martinez Communications Team Leader, Philippines
Tel +63 917 6000 773
Email monica@freelancer.com

<https://www.Freelancer.com>