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## Dot Award 2014 winners: prizes for Best Content, Best Design and Best use of ICT tools

Dot Award is a competition for students who make their own website and demonstrate that they know how to make practical use of the Internet.

The fourth edition of the Dot Award received entries from France, Lithuania, Portugal, El Salvador, and the Catalan-speaking areas. From the best sites an International Jury selected the winners and awarded 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes for the Best Content, the Best Design and the Best use of ICT tools.

The first place for **Best Content** award is for <http://fotofield.lt> a web about photography made by a Lithuanian student, runner-up is <http://damngames.cat> and third place for <http://social-bordeaux.fr>.

<http://www.appdatedclass.edu.sv> by two students from El Salvador with very useful tips for instructors about teaching with technology gets the first place for **Best design** award. Second place is for <http://maonabola.pt> and third place for <http://electro-bot.pt>.

And the website by three Portuguese students <http://rf-herzt.pt>, about physics and communications, gets the first place for **Best use of ICT tools** award. Second place is for <http://www.zaistenisa.lt> and third place for <http://www.sunite.cat>.

The prize-giving will be organized by the schools of the winning participants.

This fourth year of the Dot Award was the result of cooperation between AFNIC (the Registry for the .fr domain from France), Kaunas University of Technology (.lt domain from Lithuania), DNS.PT Association (from Portugal), Asociación SVNet .SV and CONEXION from El Salvador and Fundació puntCAT (the Registry for the Catalan domain name), with the support of CENTR and LACTLD, the regional ccTLD organizations for Europe and for the Latin American and Caribbean region

Dot Award wants to thank the members of its jury.

Competition website: [www.dot-award.eu](http://www.dot-award.eu)

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# The winners

## BEST CONTENT

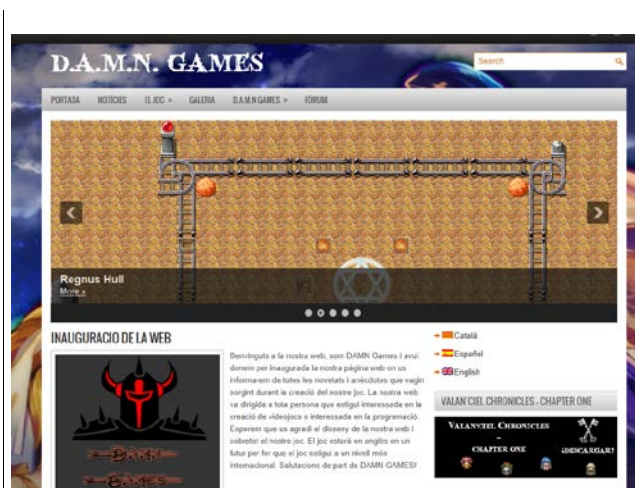
1<sup>st</sup>) <http://fotofield.lt> A web about photography made by a Lithuanian student



The website represents a 4-student photography project. Alanas Mežetis 17 years old Lithuanian student and his friends have created this website to exhibit the photographs they take.

The jury members decided to give the 1st Best Content award for the clear and well organized content and personal writing ideas in blog column.

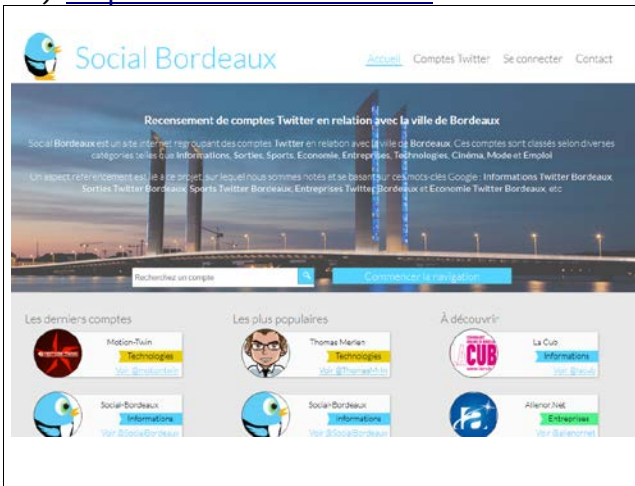
2<sup>nd</sup>) <http://damngames.cat> A game done by Catalan students.



A web developed by students from Blanes (Catalonia) that incorporates a game made by themselves. It is aimed at everyone interested in videogames or in videogames development.

The jury rewarded this website with the 2<sup>nd</sup> best content award because of the hard work done on this game, that follows the aesthetics and style of these kind of games.

3<sup>rd</sup>) <http://social-bordeaux.fr> Twitter accounts related to Bordeaux at one click

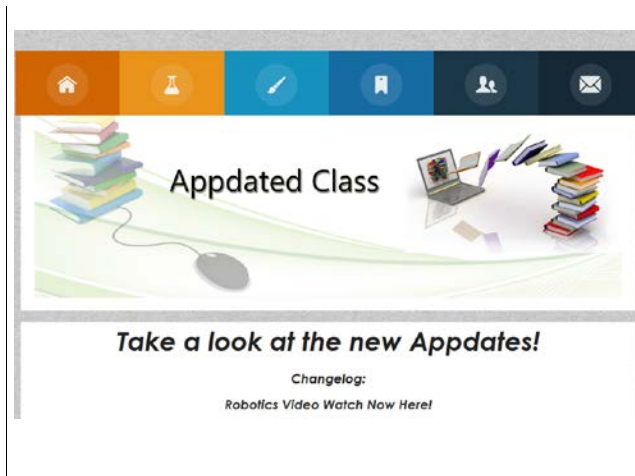


Designed and developed by six students, this website references all Twitter accounts of the conglomeration of Bordeaux. These accounts are classified according to various categories such as Information, Events, Sports, Economy, Business, Technology, Movies, Fashion and Employment

The jury rewarded this website with the third best content award because of its original idea.

## BEST DESIGN

1s) <http://www.appdatedclass.edu.sv> **Tips about teaching with technology**



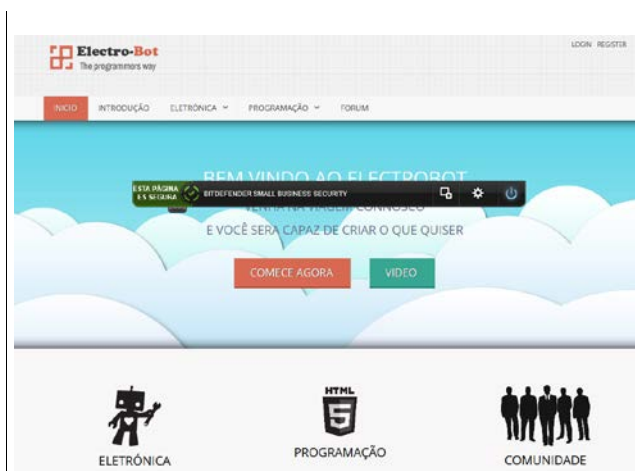
Made by two students from El Salvador with very useful tips for instructors about teaching with technology gets the first place for Best design award. These youngsters managed to include modern web menu and navigation design techniques and combine them with attractive colors and usability, in order to make learning of the covered topics more easy and friendly for their peers and everyone else

2nd) <http://maonabola.pt> **Everything about handball**



This website was made by a student of only 12 years. "Mão na Bola" has a clean and attractive layout, and aims to disclose handball sport, showing his technical skills in web development. Also, the project uses advanced tools, such as embedding videos and hyperlinks to other pages of Associations connected to handball.

3rd) <http://electro-bot.pt> **Get into physics and communication**



This website was created by a team of three 17-year old students and aims at informing users about electronic and programming systems. It also talks about workshops or courses where people can participate.

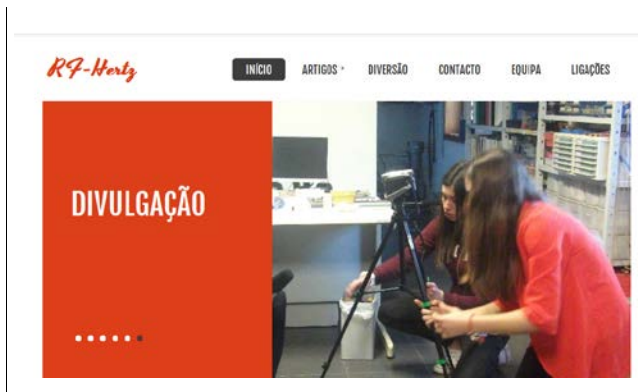
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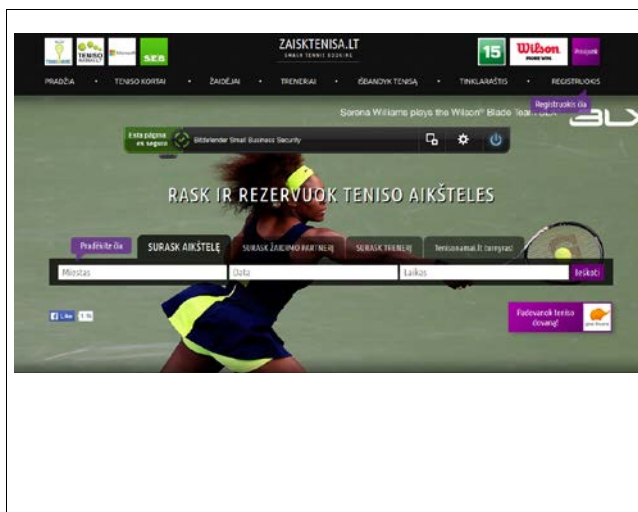
## BEST USE OF ICT TOOLS

1st) <http://rf-hertz.pt> Students get into science



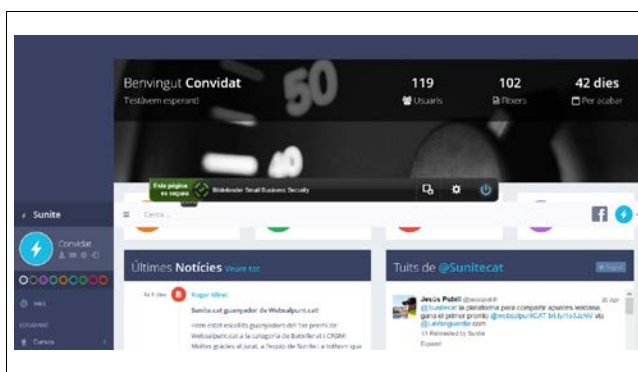
Web site created by three students aged between 16 to 17 years old. This website has a good navigability and plenty of links. It also contains useful and informative content, intended to promote and inform more about radio frequency. In this website you can find material about electromagnetic radiation, radio frequency engineering and technology.

2<sup>nd</sup>) <http://www.zaistenisa.lt> Let's play tennis



This is a Lithuanian project which goal is to bring together all the outdoor tennis courts, tennis players and coaches under one roof. The jury rewarded this website because of the well-structured and easily accessible resources of the tennis community in Lithuania. The jury members took into account the youth of the student and the tools used to connect members between and bring all the necessary information into one place.

3) <http://sunite.cat> Students and teachers share knowledge on-line



Four students from the Institut Manuel de Montsuar in Lleida (Catalonia) have developed this web to allow both students and teachers share information about any subject they study at school.

Jury members decided to give this website the third prize because of its good navigation, architecture, and integration.

## PARTNERS

### Afnic

Afnic (French acronym for "Association Française pour le Nommage Internet en Coopération") is the manager of the registry of domain names in the following geographical areas: *.fr* (France), *.re* (Reunion Island), *.pm* (St. Pierre and Miquelon), *.tf* (French Southern Territories), *.wf* (Wallis and Futuna), and *.yt* (Mayotte).

In an Order published in the Official Journal of the French Republic on 28th June 2012, Ms Fleur Pellerin, Junior Minister for the Digital Economy, appointed Afnic as the registry for the *.fr* TLD for a new five-year term.

Since its inception in 1998, Afnic's objective has been to help the development of an Internet that is secure and stable, open to innovation, and in which the French Internet community plays a key role.

To do so, its assignments are to excel in providing resilient essential services in the Internet's core infrastructure in France, develop and share its expertise in order to facilitate transition to the Future Internet.



### DNS.PT Association

Association DNS.PT is the ccTLD *.pt* registry. The DNS.PT Association, was formally established on May 9, 2013, as a private non-profit association, funded by FCT, IP - Foundation for Science and Technology, IP (FCT), where FCCN (*.pt* registry for the past 25 years) was merged, Association of Electronic Commerce and Interactive Advertising (ACEPI), Portuguese Association for Consumer Protection (DECO) and the representative designated by IANA - Internet Assigned Numbers Authority as responsible for the ccTLD.pt delegation.

The purpose of the DNS.PT is to manage, operate and maintain the top-level domain registration corresponding to Portugal, *.pt*, thereby complying with the law, the principles of transparency and publicity, their bylaws and the best applicable national and international technical, administrative and strategic recommendations. All the information available at: <https://www.dns.pt/en/>



## **Kaunas University of Technology (dba Domreg.It)**

Kaunas University of Technology (KTU) is an official Administrator of the .It top-level domain.

Kaunas University of Technology – the largest technical university in Lithuania, known for its linkages with business, leadership in scientific research, flexible interdisciplinary study programmes and unforgettable study experience.

.It registry functions are performed by KTU Information Technology Department Internet Service Centre using Domreg.It trademark.

Domreg.It manages infrastructure for .It domains, provides automated electronic system for .It registrars, operates domain name servers and DNS anycast clouds distributed all over the world.

Domreg.It objective is to serve Local Internet Community and share knowledge, experience and expertise in domain name and Internet area with local and international Internet Community.

To learn more about .It registry Domreg.It visit: <http://www.domreg.lt/>

To learn more about Kaunas University of Technology visit: <http://www.ktu.lt/>



## **SVNet and CONEXION**

SVNet is a nonprofit organization dedicated to registering and maintaining domain names on the Internet ending in.SV, being an impartial and neutral entity before Internet Connectivity Providers and other public and private entities, which seeks to promote the development, dissemination and technological advancement of Internet in El Salvador, as well as projects related to the field of computer science, software development and new technology products.

To learn more about SVNet visit: <http://www.svnet.sv/>

Conexión al Desarrollo de El Salvador is a nonprofit organization that seeks to promote the development, dissemination and advancement of Internet technology in El Salvador, as well as projects related to the field of computer science, contributing to poverty reduction and facilitating business development. It promotes joint strategic alliances with the government, academia, civil society, unions and businesses, both

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locally and internationally, to enable benefits for different segments of the population with support and training programs to develop skills in the use and application of information technologies and communication.

To learn more about CONEXION visit: <http://www.conexion.sv/>



### **Fundació puntCAT**

The Fundació puntCAT is a private, non-profit, and non-political entity. It was founded on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2004. It was born out of civic society; its objective is to manage the .cat domain and help to develop the Information Society in Catalan-speaking areas.



### **Websalpunt**

The .cat domain, specific to the Catalan-speaking community, also participates in the Dot Award contest from their local competition *Webs al punt .cat*, open to students from secondary schools from the Catalan-speaking area (Andorra, Balearic Islands, Catalonia, Southern France, the Valencian country, and the Italian city of Alghero). The organizers of the competition, the .cat registry, consider that nowadays when technology moves so quickly, to be up to date with the latest findings is vital. The Internet is the tool of the present and the future, we can reach the world from our desks and let the rest of the world know what we think as well as learning from others.

The best websites from *Webs al punt .cat* will represent the .cat domain in the Dot Award, showing the children from the Catalan-speaking area how they can reach the whole world through the Internet.

The project is sponsored with domain names and web space for the participants by [Dinahosting](#) and [Cdmon](#).



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## **CENTR**

CENTR is the European ccTLD organisation. CENTR brings together the managers of the national Internet domains such as .uk in the United Kingdom, .be in Belgium, and .fr in France. CENTR's members together are responsible for more than 63 million domain names or roughly 80% of all ccTLDs worldwide.

More on CENTR at [www.centri.org](http://www.centri.org).



## **LACTLD**

LACTLD is a regional organization conceived with the aim of bringing together the ccTLDs in Latin America and the Caribbean with the following objectives:

Coordinate policies and promote strategies for the development of domain names in the region.

Represent its members' interests in different associations and international/regional forums.

Promote the development of ccTLDs in the region.

Foster cooperation and exchange among its members to guarantee stability in the operations of ccTLDs.

Establish cooperation ties with analogous associations in the different regions.

Actually, we have 26 associated members and 7 affiliated members.

For more information please visit our web-page: [www.lactld.org](http://www.lactld.org)



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