



TSL engineer wins web design competition

Held in Portsmouth in July competitors were given two days, under examination conditions, to develop a complex interactive website: Hussain's solution beat all others and won him the gold medal.

Sponsored by TSL, who at their Marlow facility manufacture audio monitoring, tally and power management equipment for the broadcast market worldwide, Hussain is two years into a foundation degree in computer engineering at the College of North West London, attending one day a week and working in his own time. Alongside his formal studies he taught himself web design, and his tutor suggested he enter the competition.

The final itself was held in an open hall, so the judges and members of the public could look over the shoulders of the contestants as work progressed. There was no internet access so candidates could not get online help, and only the software provided could be used.

"I had a problem on the first day - I struggled to find a way for users to switch between page styles," Hussain recalled. "I did some research overnight, and powered through the second day to complete all the tasks.

It was amazing to hear my name read out as the gold medallist!"

Chris Exelby, director at TSL, added "This is a fantastic achievement by Abid, who is really determined to achieve success in everything he sets out to do. For TSL, it underlines our training policy, where we take talented people and help them develop the skills they need in our world. Abid's success in this competition, and at college, re-enforces the concept of lifelong learning and is an inspiration to us all."