

This is the top 10 ranking fyi.

1	HKU Team 21
2	CityU Team 8
3	CityU Team 22
4	UST Team 3
5	HKU Team 7
6	UST Team 30
7	HKU Team 33
8	HKU Team 27
9	CityU Team 28
10	PolyU Team 20

- 1) In this year's contest, the questions are related to J2EE rather than DB2. Five out of seven questions related to Java Servlet or Java Server Page (JSP), but the database related manipulation is just simply the SELECT command.
- 2) Since programming Java Servlet needs dealing with raw HTML codes, knowing HTML is especially an advantage for contestants.
- 3) Preparing a table of functions for DB2 is especially useful.
- 4) Speed is the most important thing in the contest, both for MC and for programming questions. For programming questions, when one guy is coding, other guys should be writing programs on paper at the same time. And if we spend too much time debugging or just finding compilation errors, we will fail the game. Pick the easy problem first. Don't let the PC idle.
- 5) Formal classroom training of a week as CityU did. With the quality of UST student, spending 2 hours a week for the competition should ensure them to win the contest.
- 6) Would be better have some real practice before the contest. Not everyone has the experience of three members using only one computer. Having a taste of how such competition is organized will help people decide their strategies.
- 7) Using the GUI tool to view the database schema is faster than typing out the query. As the database schema is not printed out for us, one member should write it on the paper when we look at the schema. This will help us writing the query faster.

Regards,

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