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IIT Hyderabad emerges joint winner in hacking contest

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Students from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Hyderabad, emerged winners along with two other teams from Amrita College of Engineering, Bangalore and IIT Mumbai in the recently concluded Microsoft's national college hacking contest 'Build the Shield', a statement said.

The Microsoft contest provided students a competitive hands-on experience on information security and risk management coupled with real-life scenarios, wherein the team defends attacks from servers of competitors to emerge as the winner. Close to 290 teams and over 1,000 students participated in the online qualifiers stage in January 2015.

Nearly 50 teams were shortlisted for the national finale at Hyderabad who battled for the top three positions. The winners received pre-placement interview offers from Microsoft along with Xbox One and Lumia phones.

"The contest was quite competitive and a great learning experience for all of us," said Agam Agarwal from IIT Hyderabad.

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