

Profile of Walt Shenberger



1. What is your current occupation?

As CEO of Shenberger Technology, I typically handle research for new projects and manage eDiscovery/forensics and application development projects at our company.

2. What is your educational background?

Some college, majoring in Computer Science but no degree. Extensive independent classes and education, including in computer forensics, cybersecurity, and electronics engineering.

3. How did you learn of the challenge?

I've been a member of Innocentive (now Wazoku Crowd) since 2006 and watch for challenges in areas where I have some experience.

4. What motivated you to respond to the challenge?

The lighting component drew my attention initially, and it seemed like a possible fit for a modified version of a home night light I developed for my wife and daughter.

5. Why did you want to help the IRC improve the facilities in their camps?

I was honestly shocked to discover this was such a need, not for convenience, but for the basic safety of the female refugees.

6. Approximately how much time did you invest in creating your response to the challenge? (this does not need to be a precise answer – you can state your answer in hours or days or weeks.)

It is simply to get a feel for the level of effort necessary to win). Between the latch design, drawings, revisions to the lighting board, and drafting the proposal, I would estimate between 35 and 40 hours. This doesn't include time spent after the award on modifications based on feedback from Harry, Patrick, and Carla.

7. How did you feel when you found out that you were a winner?

Great! I was excited that you found my concept useful, and I was honored to have your team reach out about the possibility of additional collaboration.