
ALEXA DIABETES CHALLENGE

Questions & Answers from the Alexa Diabetes Challenge Informational Webinar on Wednesday, April 19th, 2017

Was the webinar recorded and will it be made available?

Yes. The recording is available on the [About the Challenge page](#) on the Challenge website.

Where can I find out more about eligibility to enter the Challenge?

Please see the Challenge [Rules, Terms & Conditions](#) for full details regarding eligibility. No exceptions can be made to these requirements.

What is the best way for me to join a team or to request teammates?

We encourage you to find teammates using social media and the hashtag #diabeteschallenge. Additionally, meet-ups, developer blogs, and LinkedIn can be helpful resources.

How do we submit a proposal?

You can submit a proposal [here](#). There are also a number of locations on alexadiabeteschallenge.com where you can navigate to the submission form. You will be prompted to register in Luminary Lightbox, which is required to submit a proposal. Please try to submit up to 1 hour before the submissions close to assure that we receive your submission.

What kind of visual asset is expected for my submission?

It is really up to you as each solution is unique. The purpose of the visual asset is to illustrate how users will interact with this solution. Helpful visual assets may include storyboard, visual sketches, technical specifications, videos and more.

What expertise are you looking for in a team?

We are looking for expertise that demonstrate a team's potential. Team Potential, as outlined in the [Challenge Criteria](#), is the ability and commitment of the team to develop their concept into a working prototype by the end of the Challenge and sustain it beyond the Challenge timeframe.

Can I use Alexa or Amazon Lex to store, process, or transmit Protected Health Information (PHI)?

The intent of the Alexa Diabetes Challenge is to generate concepts and ultimately prototypes for using voice technology in managing diabetes. You should not use actual clinical data/PHI to build your prototype as part of the Challenge.

If you happen to be working on a different project that involves building a clinical application, you cannot currently use Alexa or Amazon Lex to store, process, or transmit PHI. If you want to learn more about how to handle healthcare compliance in the cloud, please visit <https://aws.amazon.com/health/healthcare-compliance/>.

Should I be using Alexa Skills Kit, Alexa Voice Service, or Amazon Lex?

It depends on your solution, but solvers can and should consider all of these resources as the Challenge is looking for comprehensive voice-enabled solutions. Alexa Skills Kit supports building skills, which are how users interact with Alexa-enabled devices. Alexa voice service allows you to integrate Alexa capability directly into any IOT capable devices. Lex provides the capability to build conversational interfaces into any application using voice and/or text.

Are there licensing costs to leveraging either Amazon Voice Service or Alexa Skills Kit?

No. The Alexa Skills Kit, and the Alexa Voice Service is free to use. All you pay for are the Amazon Web Services resources used to execute your skill, such as AWS Lambda.

Can Echo and other Alexa-enabled devices pair with Bluetooth devices?

Yes. You can pair your Echo, Dot, & Tap with your Mobile Device or any other Bluetooth Hub. Other Alexa-Enabled devices having Bluetooth capability are dependent on capabilities of that device. For more information on Bluetooth pairing, see here:

<https://www.amazon.com/gp/help/customer/display.html?nodeId=201549660>

Where can I find out more about AWS credits and what can they be used for?

Alexa Skills Kit developers can get \$100/month of free AWS credits. To learn more about this program, please see here: <https://developer.amazon.com/alex-skills-kit/alex-aws-credits>.

Additional details on AWS credits can be found [here](#). Each finalist will receive 10,000 AWS credits. Credits can be used for any Amazon Web Service from hosting storage to running Lambda. We anticipate finalists using these credits to support the development of their concepts into prototypes. Finalists must be or form a legal entity and join the AWS partner network in order to receive the credits.

Where can I ask additional questions?

All questions should be directed to hello@alexadiabeteschallenge.com.