Overleaf wins prestigious Nominet Internet Award

WriteLaTeX's scientific collaboration platform 'Overleaf' takes home award in recognition of work contributing to the success of the UK internet

Overleaf, the new scientific collaboration platform created by the team at writeLaTeX, was last night named as a winner at the Nominet Internet Awards 2014. The annual awards celebrate the businesses, charities, individuals and public and private sector organisations that are driving change, fostering economic growth and contributing to the overall success of the UK internet.

Overleaf was crowned the winner in the **Innovative Internet Business** category, winning the award for its rapidly growing service which has now been used to create over one million documents by users in over 180 countries worldwide. *Overleaf* makes science and research faster, more open and more accessible by bringing the whole scientific process into one place, from idea to writing to review to publication.

Now in their eighth year, the Nominet Internet Awards celebrate the best Britain has to offer online. The awards strive to highlight work that embraces the web, builds a diverse economy and makes the internet an accessible, secure and trusted space for all. The awards are open to any organisation or individual who is doing great work online, whether it benefits their business, the wider economy, local communities or the UK's internet users in general. The winners were announced at a ceremony last night at the London Film Museum, hosted by technology commentator and journalist Kate Russell.

The *Overleaf* project joins the other winners in serving as shining examples of how the internet can be used to improve lives and communities across the UK. For the full list of shortlisted organisations, visit the Nominet Internet Awards website. You can also join or follow the conversation on Twitter, using #nia2014.

Eleanor Bradley, Chief Operating Officer at Nominet said: "In the year that marked the 25th anniversary of the web, it is fantastic to see the UK continue to lead the way in online achievement and innovation. This year's winners of the Nominet Internet Awards demonstrate the extent to which the internet can be used in inventive ways to support the UK's digital economy and be a real force for good. I congratulate the writeLaTeX team on their award win, and thank all our winners for their efforts in helping to make the internet a better, more helpful place for us all."

John Hammersley, Co-founder & CEO at writeLaTeX said: "I'm immensely proud of what our team has achieved with *Overleaf* and we're all delighted to win the award tonight – thank you to everyone who uses writeLaTeX, we certainly wouldn't be here without you. It's also great to see scientific communication being recognised as an innovative area of growth in the UK; there's real momentum being generated by the whole community, and we're excited to be at the forefront – watch out for lots more to come in 2014 and beyond."

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About Overleaf and writeLaTeX

Overleaf is an easy-to-use WYSIWYG manuscript editor with real-time collaboration that produces structured, fully typeset output automatically as you type. It's a great way to start developing your scientific manuscript, especially one with multiple authors/contributors.

Launched as writeLaTeX in 2011 by John Hammersley and John Lees-Miller, the company has grown rapidly to become an innovative provider of scientific writing tools. Hammersley & Lees-Miller, both scientists by background, met whilst working on the Ultra driverless taxi system and were inspired by their own experiences in academia to create a better solution for collaborative scientific writing.

2013 saw over 50,000 authors create over half-a-million documents using WriteLaTeX's services from over 1,000 universities and institutions across the world. With the launch of Overleaf at the start of 2014 the company continues to grow strongly, with the millionth document created earlier in the year and users in over 180 countries worldwide.

About the Nominet Internet Awards

The Nominet Internet Awards celebrate the achievements and innovation of UK internet initiatives. The awards aim to showcase projects from UK businesses, charities, individuals and public and private sector organisations which help to make the internet a more secure, open, accessible and diverse experience for all.

About Nominet

Domain names are one of the key building blocks of the internet – an essential component of every email address and website. Millions of businesses and consumers now depend on Nominet's services, which underpin a critical part of the UK Internet economy.

Nominet is a private, not-for-profit business, responsible for the smooth and secure running of the .uk internet infrastructure. We have over 2,800 members and are committed to acting in the public interest.

With the proceeds of our successful registry business, we set up and support the Nominet Trust, an independent charitable foundation focussed on increasing access, safety and education on internet issues.

As part of our commitment to making the internet a more trusted space, we have also developed an information and advice portal - www.knowthenet.org.uk - which helps internet users to get the most of being online by staying safe, legal, and informed.

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