



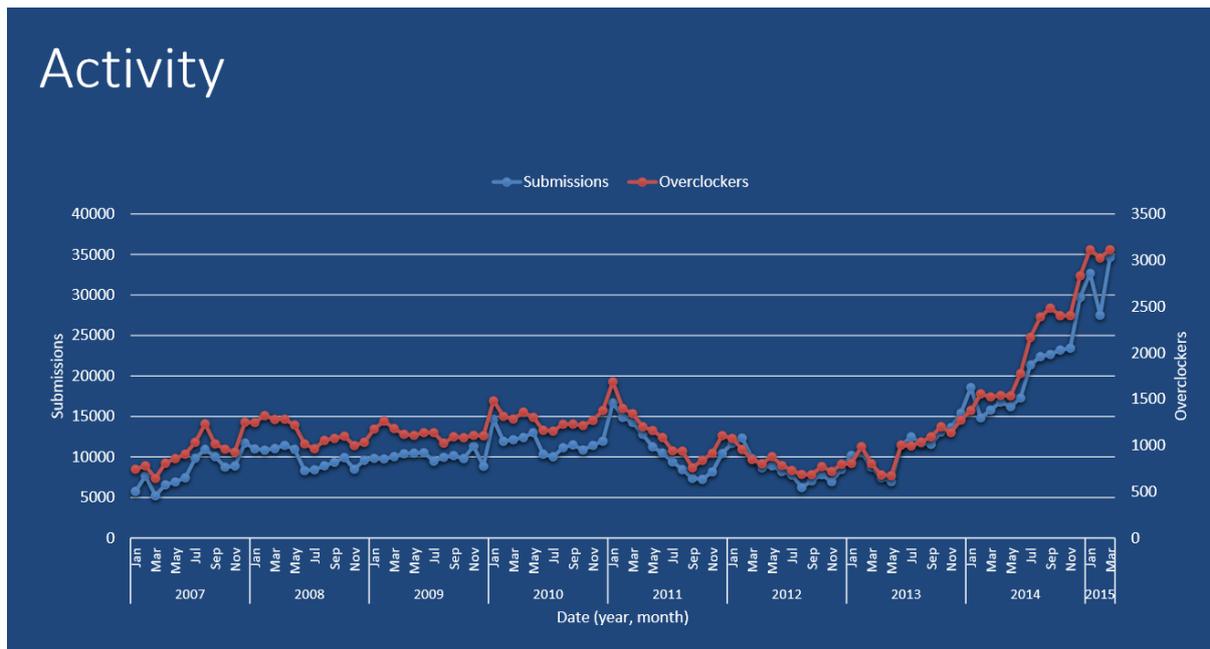
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HWBOT Report: Competitive Overclocking Grows by 177%

Q1 2015 Saw More Overclocking Submissions by More Overclockers in More Contests Than Ever

May 19, 2015 - HWBOT, an organization regulating international overclocking competitions and rankings is proud to announce the continued growth of competitive overclocking globally with more active overclockers engaging in more contests than ever before.

Q1 2015 saw 3,000 monthly active overclockers make 35,000 score submissions across a total 32 contests, making it the most active year quarter in the history of competitive overclocking.



The recent rise in HWBOT membership and overclocking activity around the world can be attributed to a number of factors. These include the broad adoption of the XTU benchmark, the launch of OC-ESPORTS - a new and improved web platform dedicated to competitive overclocking - and the HWBOT World Tour 2105 which directly promotes overclocking as an Esport world-wide.

“Our objective from the outset was to grow the OC community by drawing new enthusiasts to the scene. With the launch of OC-ESPORTS, the HWBOT World Tour and competitions for Rookies and Novices, we have seen unprecedented growth in the last six months.” commented Pieter-Jan Plaisier, Director at HWBOT.

Global Overclocking: Q1'15

Overclockers competing in Contests: +177% year-to-year

Active overclockers: +108% year-to-year

Rookie Rumble participation: +334% year-to-year

OC-ESPORTS: Challenge Yourself, Challenge the World

Q1 2015 saw the official launch of the new OC-ESPORTS platform, a crucial step towards taking competitive overclocking to the next level as a community-driven Esport. OC-ESPORTS also introduces the concept of an 'Overclocking Season', annually offering an even playing field for all to compete. The idea is to improve inclusiveness and offer an environment where overclockers of any level, ability and budget can find a space to compete.



OC-ESPORTS offers a broad variety of contests including the increasingly popular Rookie Rumble and the new Novice Nimble, two contests that cater for the newest arrivals on the scene. OC-ESPORTS also hosts the Road to Pro series which includes the Challenger Divisions; seven distinct divisions, each focused on a specific hardware platform.

Discover the OC-Esports platform for yourself here: <http://oc-esports.io/>

HWBOT Tour 2015

The HWBOT World Tour 2015 is an ambitious plan that addresses all levels of overclocking, across all regions of the globe. Q1 2015 saw the first two stops of the tour with overclocking workshops and contests during LanETS in Montreal Canada and Gamer's Assembly Poitiers, France - both recognized as the largest Lan Parties on their respective continents.

The concept of the HWBOT World Tour is to provide a relaxed social environment for overclockers to learn, share and compete. The emphasis is on nurturing the next generation, as well as providing a platform for some seriously extreme overclocking.

The third stop on the HWBOT World Tour will be during Computex 2015 on June 6-8th. You can find more information about the event here: http://hwbot.org/news/12057_hwbot_world_tour_2015_rog_oc_showdown_taiwan_competition_prize_details_announced/



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If you have any questions about the OC-ESPORTS platform, please contact us: contact@oc-esports.io.

About HWBOT

HWBOT has been involved with maintaining overclocking submission databases and monitoring and regulating overclocking leagues, records and contests since 2006. The core mission is to help grow the enthusiast community of overclocking around the world with a clear emphasis on inclusion, fairness and growth. HWBOT exists to promote overclocking at all levels, abilities and budgets, reshaping something that began as an enthusiast hobby, into a globally respected Esport. Above all however, HWBOT wants you to keep pushing!

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