

# Watts Humphrey Awards 2021

Present your practice

December 10, 2021 | Friday  
1.30 PM - 6.30 PM IST



# What is Watts Humphrey Awards?

Watts Humphrey Awards is a Prestigious recognition from SPIN Chennai initiated to honor the software engineering Guru Dr. Watts Humphrey. This was initiated immediately after his untimely demise in 2010. Prior to that he had a strong relationship with SPIN Chennai between 2000 and 2010 culminating in establishing of a Watts Humphrey Institute at Chennai

Teams from various organizations across industries will be invited to nominate their practice / case study. Jury will evaluate the submissions (offline) and shortlisted teams will be invited to present their story and showcase their practices on the day of the awards in front of the Grand Jury.

The team that best exemplify, articulate and demonstrate the practices on the theme will be awarded with Grand Plaque, Certificates, Cash awards and Presentation slot at next SPICON (Intl Conference).

Motivated by the success of the award we launched in the past years, we are making it bigger, better and more grandeur this time.

# Introduction

The business world is rapidly moving towards digital transformation. Whether it is in improving customer experience or in operational processes or in creating new products and services, the processes are continually evolving. Software which has become the core of all industries is continually improving and morphing. Software development and management processes for discovering new ways to improve the front-end processes towards customer, execute rapidly to provide more releases with automation into production as well as execute efficiently and effectively in the backend are undergoing a clear transformation.

There are 6 attributes mentioned in Kautilya's Arthashastra which is called as "**Sadgunya**". These have begun to have more influence on organizations and business. The modern 6 forces are (1) Agile and Devops, (2) Process Automation, (3) Lean Six sigma, (4) Design thinking, (5) High Maturity Processes including CMMI Processes and (6) Digital Transformation (which involves case studies around Cloud, SMAC, IOT, AI-ML, Blockchain, 5G, Digital Twins, AR/VR and others) .

Hence, this year, SPIN Chennai has chosen "Technologies and Processes transforming organizations and business" as the theme with 6 sub-themes on which case studies are being invited under Watts Humphrey Awards 2021 And wants to recognize the teams and organizations that infuse these practices for maximum business value and impact.

Theme

2021

Technologies and  
Processes  
accelerating  
Digital Business  
Transformation

# Topics for presentation

★ Submit your stories / practices on the topics below

1 Lean / Six Sigma

2 CMMI & High Maturity Processes

3 Design Thinking

4 Agile & DevSecOps Maturity @ Scale

5 Process Automation

6 Digital Transformation (Involve case studies around Cloud, SMAC, IOT, AI-ML, Blockchain, 5G, Digital Twins, AR/VR and others)

# Most importantly

The practice/story should be adaptable, repeatable, innovative **or even the next practice**, and most importantly, it should be your practice which you can demonstrate with benefits and business value creation convincingly.

Customer endorsements and user endorsements are key add-ons to substantiate your case.

# Prizes & Recognition



## Winner

- ★ Grand Plaque
- ★ Rs. 10000/- cash award to team
- ★ Certificates to the team
- ★ 2 Special tickets for next SPICON
- ★ Presentation slot at the next SPICON
- ★ 1 year SPIN membership
- ★ WH Hall of Fame



## 1st Runner Up

- ★ Grand Plaque
- ★ Rs. 6000/- cash award to team
- ★ Certificate to the team
- ★ 2 Special tickets for next SPICON
- ★ Presentation slot at the next SPICON
- ★ 1 year SPIN membership



## 2nd Runner Up

- ★ Grand Plaque
- ★ Rs. 4000/- cash award to team
- ★ Certificates to the team
- ★ 1 year SPIN membership

# Agenda – December 10, 2021, Friday

1.30 PM - Post lunch session

2.00 PM - Welcome note & introduction

2.15 PM - Presentation by shortlisted teams and judging

4.15 PM - Break - Caffeine, Chai & Chatter

4.45 PM - Winner announcement & Awards ceremony

5.00 PM - Talk by Chief Guest

6.15 PM - Wrap up



# Timeline

Oct 08,  
2021

Oct 14,  
2021

Oct 18,  
2021

Oct  
29,  
2021

Nov 8,  
2021

Nov  
30,  
2021

Dec  
10,  
2021

## First look launch

Teaser will be sent

## Official launch

Emailer with all the necessary details will be sent to SPIN members and partners

## Online chat / Q&A

Prospective teams can come online and chat with the SPIN team at [spinchennai.org](http://spinchennai.org) website

## Registration ends

Teams will have to make payment before 29th Oct and confirm their participation

## Submission of final deck to review

Participating teams to submit their deck.

## Shortlist announcement

Teams selected by evaluation committee will be notified

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# Steps to follow (Registrant)

1. Check out the link - <https://in.explara.com/e/watts-humphrey-awards-2021>
2. Pay the registration fee. Rs. 5000 / team (Max 5 members) before 29th Oct
3. Get your deck ready. (not more than 15 slides please)
4. Send your deck to [admin@spinchennai.org](mailto:admin@spinchennai.org) / [president@spinchennai.org](mailto:president@spinchennai.org) before 8th Nov 2021
5. You will be notified once your presentation is
  - a. Selected. That's awesome! Make your way to grand virtual venue for Watts Humphrey Awards 2021 presentation.
  - b. Even not selected. No worries! You may still walk into the virtual venue as a delegate / attendee.
6. You get < 12 mins only for the presentation and Q&A by the judges

# Why should you participate?

1. Share your case study / best practices to wider software community
2. Win the prestigious software quality guru Dr. Watts Humphrey award
3. Get a chance to publish your case study in the prestigious international journal - IJITCE, UK - [www.ijitce.co.uk](http://www.ijitce.co.uk)
4. All the registrants / participants will get 1 year complimentary SPIN Chennai membership.
5. 30% discount from the regular price of upcoming SPICON International conference.
6. Join the elite Watts Humphrey gallery at SPIN Chennai website.

# Thank you so much!

Ask us anything !

Write to [admin@spinchennai.org](mailto:admin@spinchennai.org)

