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## Italians 'Imagine' the best

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What happens when four 20-somethings with diverse professional backgrounds - in computer engineering, communication science, graphic and virtual design and biomedic engineering - come together? They can make a huge impact on anyone who understands IT.

The Italian team comprising Giorgio Sardo, Massimo Paternoster, Andrea Sossich and Silvia Perrone were the winners of the Microsoft Imagine Cup 2006, the result of months of hard work on their project, Hello World, an initiative to correlate psycho-physiological aspects and help in proposing therapies for memory-related or stress-related pathologies like anxiety disturbances. Until Giorgio spotted the opportunity called Imagine Cup, all these four students went about their daily lives with individual accolades. "I realised that the event could give us a huge platform and was extremely lucky to find this team.

After that, it was months of staying together and working hard to come up with the software," says Giorgio.

They called themselves the team "Even .ctor" and made it to the finals at India with a perfect solution to deal with anxiety and stress disorders. There was not a question that was left unanswered and this is precisely where they won over the judges.

While it is certain that the product will go commercial sometime in the future, the team is taking it slow.

"During the making of Hello World, the toughest part was to test our applications with real users. Now that we have made it, we are waiting for some new technologies that are to be released by software vendors like Microsoft. That will add a new dimension to our solution. Later, we will look at the commercial aspect," says Giorgio.



Massimo Paternoster, Giorgio Sardo, Andrea Sossich and Silvia Perrone (left to right) cherish their winning moment.