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Thread: [Merge Lottery System & Contests](#)

Carl Elias - December 30, 2024, 12:33 am

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I like the idea, I just don't know the capabilities of mybb so I don't want to give the wrong information haha. However from a high level this looks good! ?

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Jamika - December 30, 2024, 5:39 am

Nice idea ngl , but need a lot of work so i doubt it will take place

Omniscient - December 30, 2024, 10:36 am

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I just think preference from members to do contests is through a thread. Maybe that's not ideal. I will ponder your suggestion more to see if it's plausible or if I can tweak it so that it's easier to implement. What you've suggested is a bit convoluted to code.