Introduction

OBLIGATORY BRAGGING

The Plan

- Part 0 – Introduction
- Part 1 – Mindset
- Part 2 – Introduction to Marathons
- Part 3 – Examples

Important stuff

- Don't be afraid to ask questions.
- Reasons why I use a lot of „I".

My history

- Dreams: be a game designer / game programmer
- Finalist of Polish OI (~40) = no exams to University of Warsaw
- Small breakdown on my 3rd year
- Early success = huge motivation boost

My history – Part 2

- No degree (university dropout☺)
- Professional skill gamer
- Professional poker player
- Professional „contest winner"

Nowadays

- I still love competing
- I still dislike programming
- I still never had a 9-5 job and I don't plan to
- I „work" for topcoder as co-pilot
- I'm probably going up start my own company (B2C)

Why should you listen

- I'm completely self trained
- I tend to have a quite different opinion (on training for algorithmic contests) than pretty much everyone else I've met
- I won quite few a contests
- I (kind of) succeeded in several fields, albeit rather similar
- You don't really have a choice ☺