



Somewhere in the world....

Yep, that's me! As a snowboard freak, I go on a snowboard holiday twice a year, and because that plays an important role in my life, I decided to share it with you. This picture has been taken in Arolla, Switzerland somewhere in February 2007 but I still remember it as if it was yesterday, what a great week I had there. Arolla is a very small village and there are hardly any tourists there, but me and my family visit it almost every year. It's quiet, the snow is great, the people are great, and it's the best place I've ever been on a snowboarding holiday. Talking about the snow, about 10 years ago, there was too much snow there, and because the road was blocked by an avalanche, we had to be "rescued" by a helicopter. There was no real danger for us, we just had to stay in Arolla because the only road to it was not available anymore. I wanted to stay, but the local authorities decided we (me, my family and the other tourists) had to leave. A pity, because I had so much fun there...

So, I can hear you think, what does this have to do with Topcoder? Well, more than you might think. In the first place, snowboarding holidays and Topcoder both play an important part in my life. Also, for snowboarding holidays I go to places somewhere in the world, far away, and I hope that for Topcoder I might do the same in the future. I haven't been to an onsite Topcoder event yet, but I am sure it must be a great thing. I've met a couple of Topcoders on the ACM programming contests, and they are all great! I always thought that programmers would be boring and geek, but I found out the opposite is true!

If you pick me as a blogger for the TCCC07, I will make you sure you find out everything you want and everything you didn't want to know about the competitors! I am not shy at all, and I will definitely include humor in my (video) blogs. If you want a precise explanation of every line of code each competitor types, please don't pick me for the contest, but if you want to have an overview of all different competitions, competitors and all other events happening during the TCCC07, make sure you vote for me!