2006 TOPCODER COLLEGIATE CHALLENGE

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Founder's Message

Welcome to the 2006 TopCoder® Collegiate Challenge, Sponsored by AOL®. It has been five years since the beginning of TopCoder and it has been a fascinating journey.

Twelve is the number of consecutive tournaments held, including the Collegiate Challenge and the TopCoder Open. We have brought our events from San Francisco, to Boston, to Connecticut, to Santa Clara, to Las Vegas and now here in San Diego. Each has grown larger in size and production.

95,527 is the number of members that have evolved TopCoder. They fill up our Single Round Matches, they build our components, voice their opinions in our forums and increasingly build and manage the infrastructure that, in a full-circle sort of way, supports the community.

240 is the number of collegiate registrants for the first-ever 2001 TopCoder Collegiate Challenge. 3,317 is the number of collegiate registrants for the 2006 TopCoder Collegiate Challenge.

Fifteen is the number of university students that have made it to the onsite finals in this year's Component Design and Development Competition. After numerous weeks of online competition, they will all come together for a week of risk, wagering and appeals.

$8,347,545 is the sum of money paid out in prizes since our first contest. $2,734,919 in algorithms, $2,787,625 in components and $2,825,001 in member contract payments.

48 is the number of exceptional Algorithm finalists that we have brought together from all over the world.

3592 is the highest algorithm ranking a TopCoder member has ever reached.

Six is the number of review board members that have given us their time to be onsite and review the submissions and appeals for the Component Design and Development Competition. Year after year, they are consistently hardworking and reliable and I thank them for their help.

Four is the number of fantastic sponsors that have supported us in this tournament. AOL as our title sponsor, has outdone themselves with their amount of participation and enthusiasm. We are honored to work with them. The National Security Agency (NSA), Bloomberg, and UBS, as our premier sponsors, are a pleasure to work with and I thank them for their support.

Four is the number of TopCoder Staff we started off with in 2001. 92 is the number of TopCoder staff employed now that help all of the above to be possible and I am grateful.

I'm looking forward to the 2006 TopCoder Collegiate Challenge finals. Thanks to everyone for attending and good luck to the competitors!

Jack Hughes
Founder, TopCoder, Inc.

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, November 14, 2006

7:00pm - 9:00pm   Welcome Reception

Wednesday, November 15, 2006

9:00am - 11:00am   Algorithm Semifinal Room 1
11:00am - 12:00pm   UBS Presentation
12:00pm - 1:00pm   Lunch
1:00pm - 3:00pm   Component Design & Development 1
3:00pm - 4:00pm   Developer Forum: *Applying the TopCoder Philosophy to New Frontiers*
4:00pm - 6:00pm   Algorithm Semifinal Room 2
4:00pm - 10:00pm   Competitor Game Room
7:00pm - 10:00pm   Poker Tournament

Thursday, November 16, 2006

9:00am - 11:00am   Algorithm Semifinal Room 3
11:00am - 12:00pm   Bloomberg Presentation
12:00pm - 1:00pm   Lunch
1:00pm - 2:00pm   NSA Presentation
1:00pm - 3:00pm   Component Design & Development 2
3:00pm - 4:00pm   Developer Forum: *Estimating Project Size*
4:00pm - 6:00pm   Algorithm Wildcard Round
6:30pm - 10:00pm   AOL Evening Event

Friday, November 17, 2006

9:00am - 11:00am   Component Design & Development Appeals Final
11:00am - 12:00pm   AOL Presentation
12:00pm - 1:00pm   Lunch
1:00pm - 2:00pm   Developer Forum: *Overview of Recent TopCoder Projects*
1:30pm - 3:30pm   Algorithm Championship Round
3:30pm - 4:00pm   All Champion Announcements
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Component Competition

Component Design

TopCoder Design Competitions require participants to design a software component. Starting from a requirements specification, they produce a full set of design documentation: UML class, sequence, and use case diagrams, and a component specification document which contains algorithm descriptions, exception handling, and documentation.

The Scoreboard during the Appeals Phase: *Each column represents the score from that reviewer, with the last column being the average. If the score is yellow, there is a pending appeal. If it is green, the last appeal was successful. If it is red, the last appeal was unsuccessful. Below each score is a line with "P: x S: x F: x", indicating the number of pending, successful, and failed appeals.*

The Scoreboard showing Final Component Results: *Each pair of columns is the final score for the component and the coder's wager on that component. Underneath the score for each component is the place that they got within that component. The last column is the total wagered points earned.*

Each competitor's submission goes through a review process that includes an initial screening and, if the submission passes screening, a full review by a three person Review Board. The competitors have a chance to appeal their review scores and once all appeals are answered the winner of the competition is announced. After the winner fixes any remaining problems with their submission, the competition ends and the design is prepared to become the basis for a future development competition.

All design and review work of the TopCoder Collegiate Challenge Design Finals took place online. At the onsite event, the competitors will first see their review scorecards and the appeals phase will take place.

Component Development

TopCoder Development Competitions require participants to implement a previously designed software component. Their starting point is the winning design submission that includes UML class, sequence, and use case diagrams, and a component specification document which contains algorithm descriptions, exception handling, and documentation. They are required to provide a full implementation of the design, as well as a full suite of unit tests for their implementation and documentation.

Each competitor's submission goes through a review process that includes an initial screening and, if the submission passes screening, a full review by a three person Review Board. The competitors have a chance to appeal their review scores and once all appeals are answered the winner of the competition is announced. After the winner fixes any remaining problems with their submission, the competition ends and the implementation becomes a part of the TopCoder software catalog.

All implementation and review work of the TopCoder Collegiate Challenge Development Finals took place online. At the onsite event, the competitors will first see their review scorecards and the appeals phase will take place.
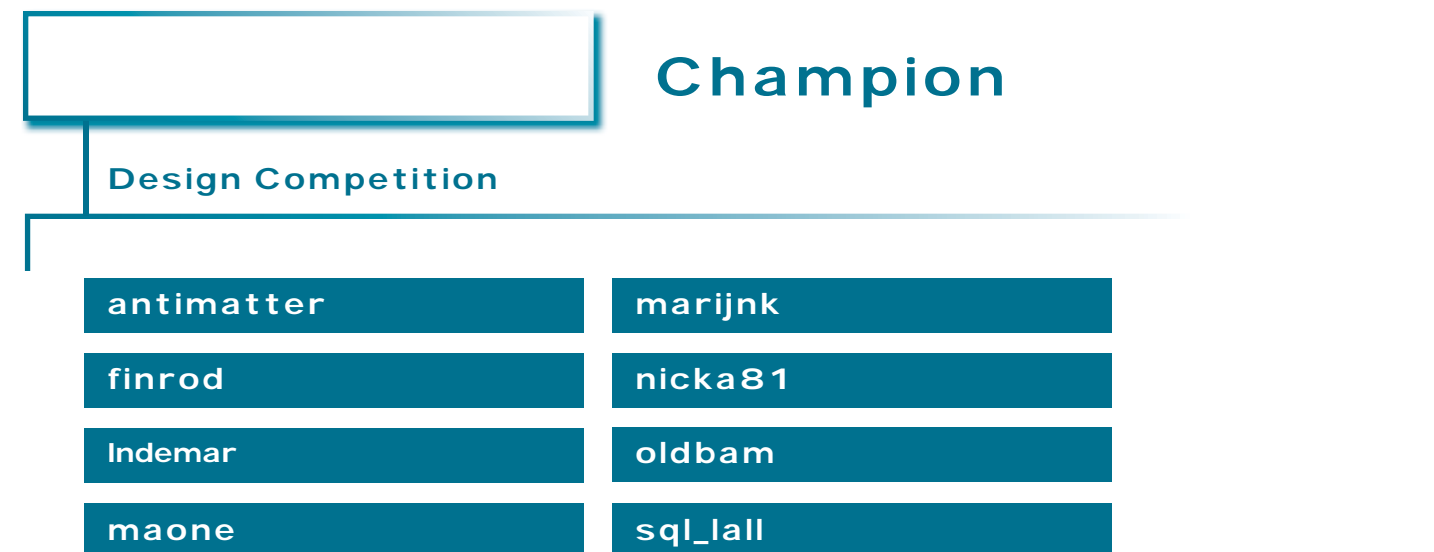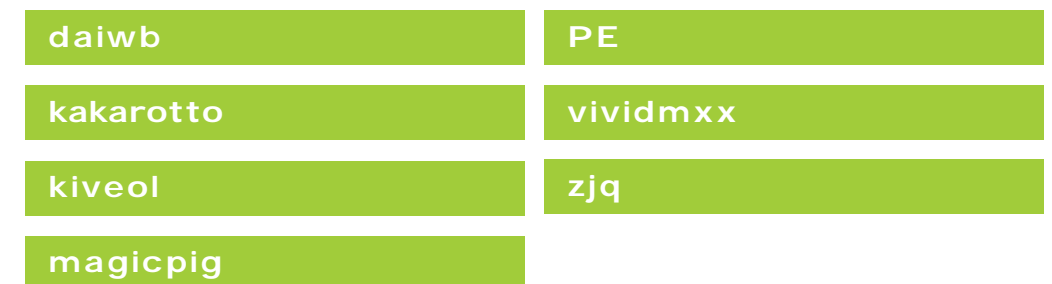
Component Competition Bracket

During the onsite design and development finals, the competitors will be asked to perform appeals on three components they worked on during the three online final rounds. Before each of the three appeal rounds, they will wager points on the component for the round. The number of points they will receive for that round will equal the points wagered, divided by their placement in the component. The Design and Development competitors with the most points after all three projects have finished appeals will be the winners of the 2006 TopCoder Collegiate Challenge Component Competitions.

Champion

Design Competition

antimatter	marijnk
finrod	nicka81
lndemar	oldbam
maone	sql_lall

Champion

Development Competition

daiwb	PE
kakarotto	vividmxx
kiveol	zjq
magicpig	

antimatter Design Rating 1433

Current Ranking 24 / Rating Percentile 76.00 / Number of Ratings 28 / Highest Rating 1469 / Country: United States

Hubert Hwang

College M.I.T.
Hometown Staten Island, NY
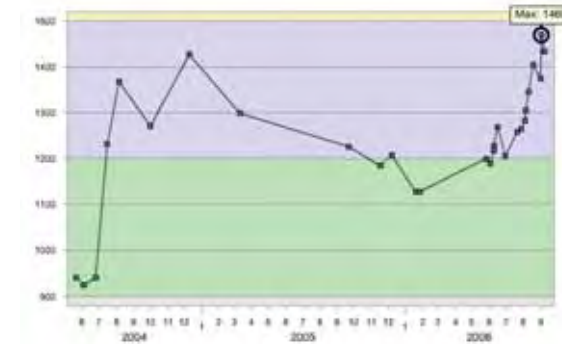**Favorite Food** Beef Lo mein
Favorite Movie Favorite bad movie: "Puma Man", favorite not-bad movie: "The Matrix"
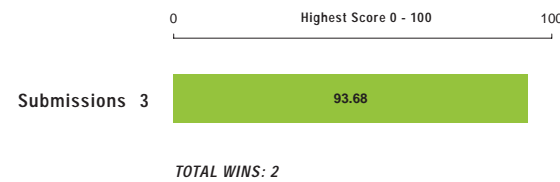**Favorite TopCoder Memory** It would have to be my first time onsite at the TCCC 2004. Watching the finalists compete live is so much better than sitting in the arena waiting for someone to submit so that all of the spectators can go "ooooh" and speculate on the winner. :)

Rating History

Tournament Stats

Highest Score 0 - 100

Submissions 3 — 93.68

TOTAL WINS: 2

Indemar Design Rating 747

Current Ranking 71 / Rating Percentile 29.00 / Number of Ratings 5 / Highest Rating 1001 / Country: Romania

Radu Ioanitescu

College Politehnica University of Bucharest
Hometown Bucharest
Favorite Food French fries
Favorite Movie A Beautiful Mind
Favorite TopCoder Memory My father once crashed the laptop on a Thursday morning and it just wouldn't start. I disassembled the laptop and remember trying to make the hard drive work so that I could get my design and submit it. I didn't after all but amazingly the laptop recovered and it still had daily "duties" after this incident.

Rating History

Tournament Stats

Highest Score 0 - 100

Submissions 6 — 87.56

TOTAL WINS: 0

component design finalists

finrod Design Rating 1062

Current Ranking 49 / Rating Percentile 51.00 / Number of Ratings 2 / Highest Rating 1082 / Country: Poland

Filip Sieczkowski

College University of Wroclaw
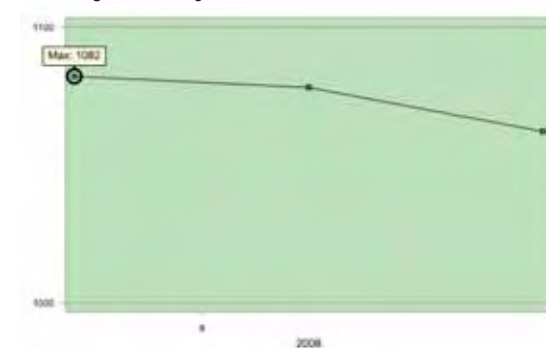**Hometown** Wroclaw, Poland
Favorite Food Mediterranean cuisine in general, specifically paella.
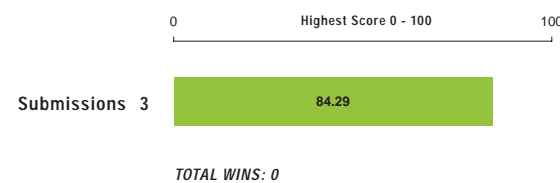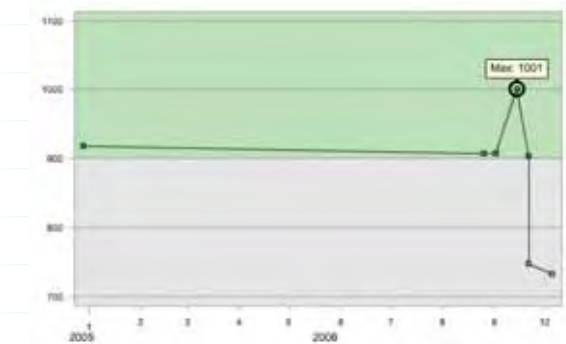**Favorite Movie** Star Wars
Favorite TopCoder Memory This year's TCCC because I have never advanced to the finals and because it was totally unexpected. After 3 weeks and 2 successful submissions I was in the best 8, I couldn't believe it. Then in the 5th week, I made a pretty bad error. I was crushed, but when the results came in, I found out I was second only to AleaActaEst who didn't take part in the tournament and earned 10 points. I finished at 7th place, 2 points ahead of oldbam and Luca, and advanced to the onsite.

Rating History

Tournament Stats

Highest Score 0 - 100

Submissions 3 — 84.29

TOTAL WINS: 0

component design finalists

maone Design Rating 1471

Current Ranking 20 / Rating Percentile 80.00 / Number of Ratings 5 / Highest Rating 1471 / Country: China

Yiqiang Mao

College ZheJiang University
Hometown Jiangshan, Zhejiang Province, China
Favorite Movie A Better Tomorrow
Favorite band/artist Chow Yun-Fat
Favorite TopCoder Memory In the TCCC06 Component Design Competition, I got 40 points when winning only one of them.

Rating History

Tournament Stats

Highest Score 0 - 100

Submissions 4 — 95.86

TOTAL WINS: 1

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marijnk Design Rating 1390

Current Ranking 28 / Rating Percentile 72.00 / Number of Ratings 5 / Highest Rating 1390 / Country: The Netherlands

Marijn Kruisselbrink
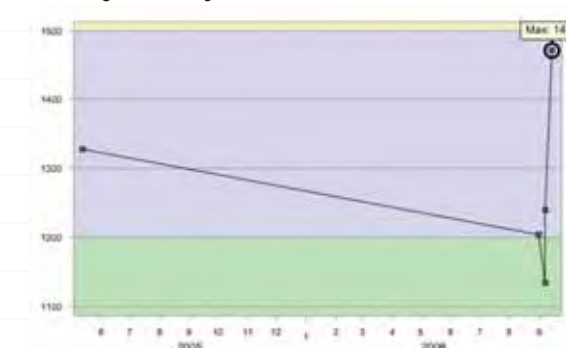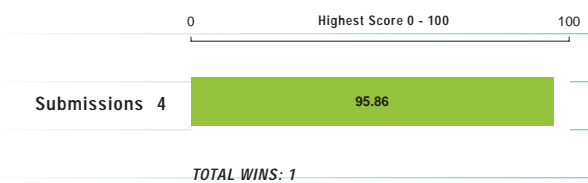
College Eindhoven University of Technology
**Hometown** Zwolle, The Netherlands
Favorite Food Poffertjes
**Favorite TopCoder Memory** After having forgotten to register in the last week of qualification for this TCCC, I was very disappointed when it turned out I placed 9th when the qualification round was over. I was of course still hoping someone wouldn't be able to make it onsite. However just when I had given up all hope, since the championship round had started, I received an e-mail to compete in the onsite finals!

Rating History

Max: 1390

Tournament Stats

	Highest Score 0 - 100	
0		100

Submissions 2 — 92.5

TOTAL WINS: 1
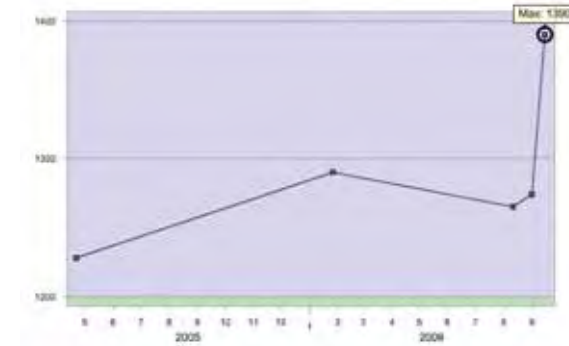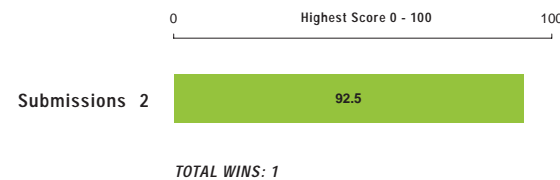
component design finalists

nicka81 Design Rating 2070

Current Ranking 7 / Rating Percentile 93.00 / Number of Ratings 42 / Highest Rating 2263 / Country: Russian Federation

Nikolay Archak

College New York University
Hometown Saint-Petersburg, Russia
**Favorite Food** Korean samgyeopsal
Favorite Band/Artist Scorpions
**Favorite TopCoder Memory** It is exciting to see how the TopCoder community grows. About a month ago I had a meeting with a faculty member and I was nicely surprised when this person suddenly said, "Hey, are you the guy who is on the top ten designers list in TopCoder?" And this person was not even a software engineer or computer scientist!

Rating History

Max: 2263

Tournament Stats

	Highest Score 0 - 100	
0		100

Submissions 4 — 95.78

TOTAL WINS: 3
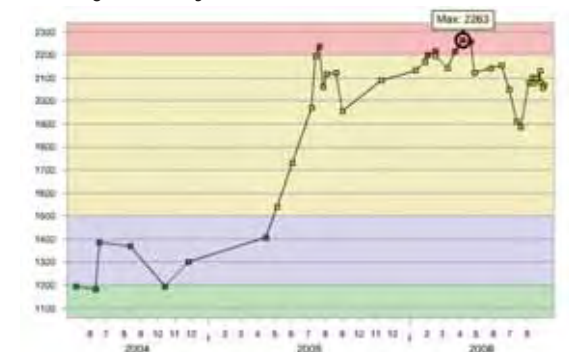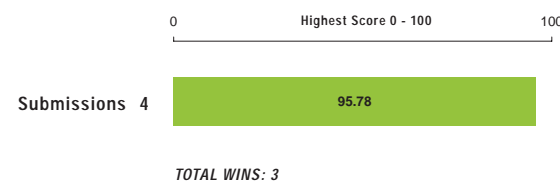
oldbam Design Rating 1062

Current Ranking 51 / Rating Percentile 49.00 / Number of Ratings 8 / Highest Rating 1059 / Country: Ukraine

Rostyslav Slipetskyy

College Kyiv, Mohyla Academy
Hometown Uzhgorod, Ukraine
Favorite Food Varenyky (Ukrainian National Food)
Favorite Movie Wild Orchid
Favorite TopCoder Memory By the time I decided to take part in the SRM, I was a TC member for half a year. One night (it was actually deep night in my country), I decided to try my best. I registered for the SRM and waited patiently for this exciting moment to begin. From my university only one boy was a TopCoder member, but I had no idea if he already passed his first SRM or not. When the SRM began, that boy (rage_true) was in the same room with me! It was unforgettable!

Rating History

Max: 1062

Tournament Stats

	Highest Score 0 - 100	
0		100

Submissions 2 — 87.36

TOTAL WINS: 0
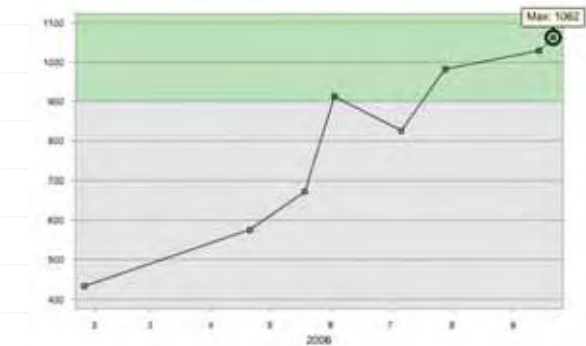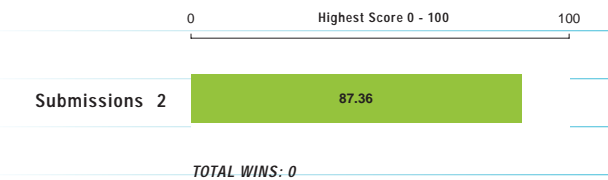
component design finalists

sql_lall Design Rating 1255

Current Ranking 39 / Rating Percentile 61.00 / Number of Ratings 20 / Highest Rating 1337 / Country: Australia

Patrick Coleman

College University of Adelaide
Hometown Adelaide, South Australia
Favorite Food Chicken Schnitzel
Favorite Movie Pirates of the Caribbean
Favorite TopCoder Memory Competing in SRM319, GCJ'06 round 2, and working on a TCCC design all on the same day, two days after the regional ACM final. Busy at the time, but they all turned out well.

Rating History

Max: 1337

Tournament Stats

	Highest Score 0 - 100	
0		100

Submissions 4 — 89.73

TOTAL WINS: 2

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daiwb **Development Rating** 1417

Current Ranking 35 / Rating Percentile 83.95 / Number of Ratings 13 / Highest Rating 1417 / Country: China

Wenbin Dai

College ZheJiang University

Hometown Quzhou, ZheJiang Province, China

Favorite Food Food by my mother

Favorite Band/Artist Beyond

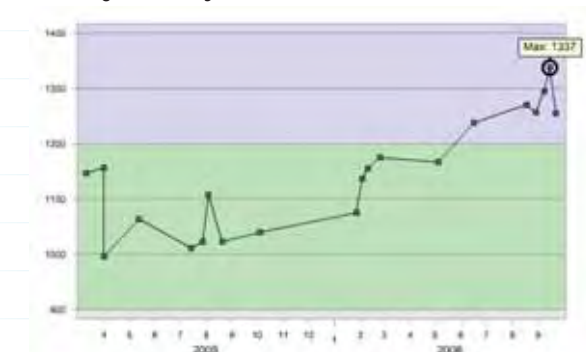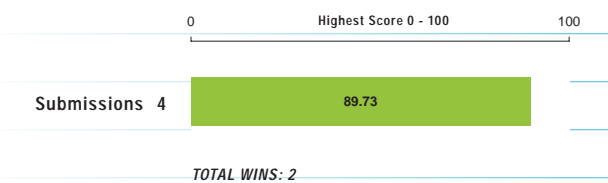**Favorite TopCoder Memory** In SRM277, I solved two problems, ranked first in the room after coding phase. Unfortunately I failed three challenges and dropped to third. I did not know that cash was offered for winning that SRM. After system test, the two reds before me each failed one problem and I returned to first. Suddenly, I was informed that I won $80 in that contest! It was the first time I won a room and cash from TC :-).

Rating History

Tournament Stats

	0	Highest Score 0 - 100	100
Submissions 5		98.35	

TOTAL WINS: 3
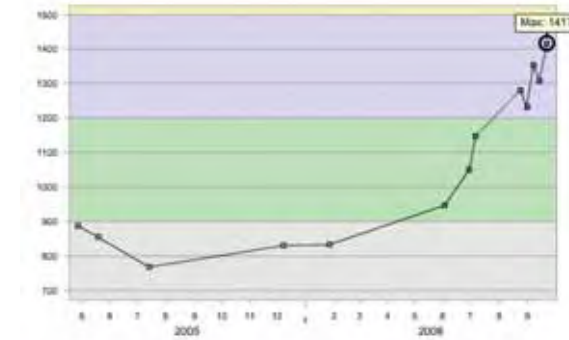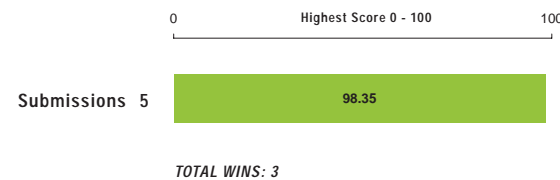
component development finalists

kakarotto **Development Rating** 974

Current Ranking 122 / Rating Percentile 44.80 / Number of Ratings 9 / Highest Rating 1019 / Country: China

Keren Dong

College Institute of Software, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Hometown Hebei, China

Favorite Movie Forrest Gump

Favorite Band/Artist Wakin Chou

Favorite TopCoder Memory I won the component Calendar Tag, this is the most difficult one that I have ever seen, and my competitor was urtks who had just won the coder of the month.

Rating History

Tournament Stats

	0	Highest Score 0 - 100	100
Submissions 6		98.02	

TOTAL WINS: 2
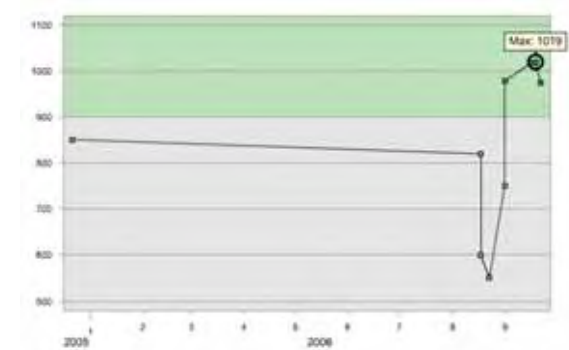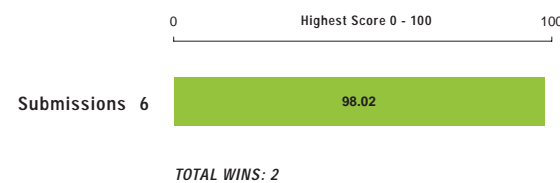
kiveol **Development Rating** 1149

Current Ranking 96 / Rating Percentile 56.56 / Number of Ratings 12 / Highest Rating 1149 / Country: United States

Nathan Kuchta

College University of Washington

Hometown North Platte, Nebraska

Favorite Food Pizza

Favorite Movie Shaun of the Dead

Favorite TopCoder Memory Winning my first component competition is my most exciting TopCoder memory.

Rating History

Tournament Stats

	0	Highest Score 0 - 100	100
Submissions 11		96.54	

TOTAL WINS: 3
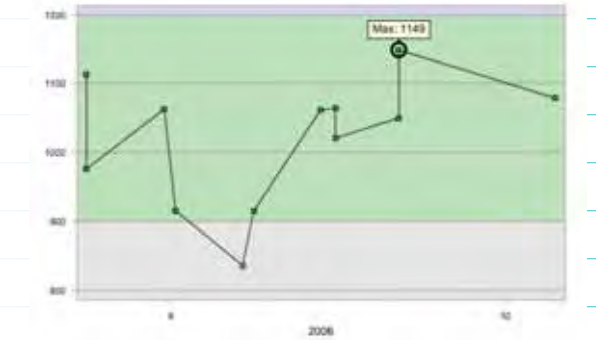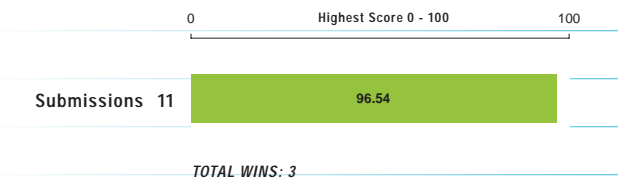
component development finalists

magicpig **Development Rating** 2089

Current Ranking 2 / Rating Percentile 99.10 / Number of Ratings 15 / Highest Rating 2089 / Country: China

Ronghui Zhu

College Zhongshan University

Hometown Huizhou City, Guangdong Province, China

Favorite Food Ice cream

Favorite Band/Artist Long Cheng

Favorite TopCoder Memory My first win of component (Alert Factory): I gained 99.90 points with only one appeal. It gives me confidence to make everything perfect.

Rating History

Tournament Stats

	0	Highest Score 0 - 100	100
Submissions 4		99.5	

TOTAL WINS: 2

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PE Development Rating 2015

Current Ranking 3 / Rating Percentile 98.64 / Number of Ratings 23 / Highest Rating 2015 / Country: China

Ninghai Huang

College ZheJiang University

Hometown Haimen, Jiangsu, China

Favorite Food Ice cream

Favorite Movie 007

Favorite TopCoder Memory That will be the time when I won the component for the first time on 07.13.05. On that night after 9pm, I just pressed F5 continuously and finally got the results I was waiting on for months. I can not express how happy and excited I was at that time, but that will be absolutely the most exciting thing of my TopCoder memory.

Rating History

Max: 2015

2005   2006

Tournament Stats

Highest Score 0 - 100

0   100

Submissions 5   99.79

TOTAL WINS: 5

zjq Development Rating 1634

Current Ranking 10 / Rating Percentile 95.48 / Number of Ratings 31 / Highest Rating 1770 / Country: China

Jian Qiang Zheng

College ZheJiang University

Hometown Shijiazhuang

Favorite Movie King of Comedy

Favorite Band/Artist Stephen Chow

Favorite TopCoder Memory I got a photo with SnapDragon at the TCO '06.

Rating History

Max: 1770

2005   2006

Tournament Stats
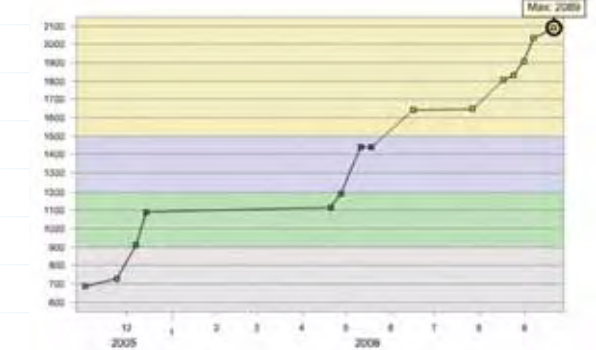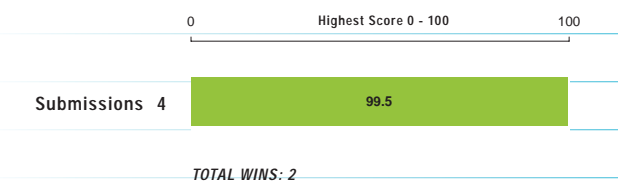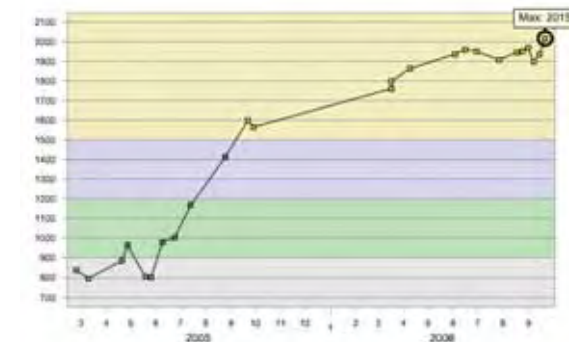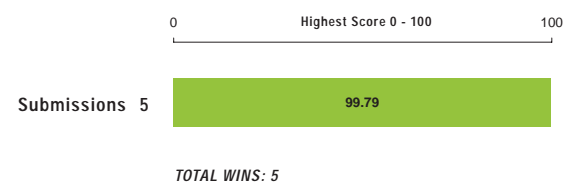
Highest Score 0 - 100

0   100

Submissions 7   99.04

TOTAL WINS: 6

component development finalists

vividmxx Development Rating 2170

Current Ranking 1 / Rating Percentile 99.55 / Number of Ratings 22 / Highest Rating 2170 / Country: China

Tianpeng Jin

College ZheJiang University

Hometown Hangzhou

Favorite Food Dong-po Meat

Favorite Band/Artist Aqua

Favorite TopCoder Memory In the development of Entity-Attribute-Value Manager, the first component I won, I met kyky, a very nice designer who gave me a lot of help, and Standlove, a very responsible reviewer who deducted a lot of points. :-)

Rating History

Max: 2170

2005   2006

Tournament Stats

Highest Score 0 - 100

0   100

Submissions 7   100

TOTAL WINS: 5

component development finalists

Spotlight: TCCC Student Representative

In order to increase participation in this year's TopCoder Collegiate Challenge, TopCoder members from around the world volunteered their time in our Student Representative program. Each member delivered hundreds of flyers to their local campus in hopes of being crowned the best. The Student Rep who brought in the most members to compete in the TCCC won an all expense paid trip to the onsite event here in San Diego. Congratulations to our Student Rep winner, Zhengqiang Lu from China who had 23 referrals of which 15 qualified for the TCCC.

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Review Board

Design Reviewers

Highly rated and experienced TopCoder members fill the ranks of the Architecture Design Review Board. These members screen and review all design submissions to ensure the components meet the functional requirements, are documented properly and contain the appropriate sequence, use and case diagrams. Additionally, the Architecture Design Review Board recommends design enhancements and verifies that the design is flexible enough to be reused and customizable in the future.

adic
Adrian Nicolae Carcu
Country Romania
Algorithm Rating 1864
Design Rating 2471
Development Rating 1820
TC Earnings $83,607.39

WishingBone
Jiazhi Wu
Country China
Algorithm Rating 2533
Design Rating 2275
Development Rating 1709
TC Earnings $27,800.76
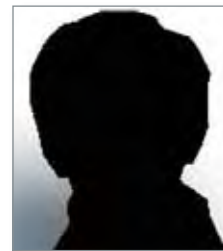
Luca
Codrut-Lucian Lazar
Country Romania
Algorithm Rating 0
Design Rating 1708
Development Rating 0
TC Earnings $22,026.18

TheCois
Francois Bonin
Country Ghana
Algorithm Rating 1358
Design Rating 1228
Development Rating 820
TC Earnings $1,164.31

visualage
Qi Liu
Country China
Algorithm Rating 2096
Design Rating 1013
Development Rating 2054
TC Earnings $38,251.02

assistant
Yanbo Wu
Country China
Algorithm Rating 1069
Design Rating 0
Development Rating 1220
TC Earnings $5,002.43

Development Reviewers

TopCoder Software utilizes past component development winners and accomplished TopCoder competitiors to staff the Development Review Board. These reviewers verify that each development submission meets the required functionality, coding style, adheres to the component design and contains a suitable test suite. Furthermore, to certify that the component belongs in the TopCoder catalog, the Development Review Board adds a suite of test cases including stress, accuracy and failure cases to the component.

Developer Forums

All finalists and spectators are welcome to participate in the interactive discussions. Learn about TopCoder's real world experience in the following areas:

Wednesday, November 15   3:00PM - 4:00PM
Applying the TopCoder Philosophy to New Frontiers

Two TopCoder clients have utilized the core TopCoder philosophies—competition-based business models and objective rating systems—as a means of assessing performance and reducing risk. In the first part of the forum, Aizling will discuss how the company based its revolutionary approach to nursing and the healthcare industry on a competition model, feedback system, and shift matching logic. Next up will be Equitrader, which will review its simulated trading competitions, its rating system, and new technology that enables members to create autonomous trading bots. How does the TopCoder approach apply to staffing a medical facility or trading stocks? Join in the discussion and find out!

Thursday, November 16   3:00PM - 4:00PM
Estimating Project Size

How long will this take? How much money will it cost? These two simple questions can be infuriatingly difficult to answer, especially when it comes to an enterprise software project. But there's hope, thanks to the "Use Case Points" methodology. Use Case Points can help evaluate a project's scope - based on the Use Cases and Actors outlined in the Use Case model - as well as a project's complexity. This forum will discuss the features of the Use Case Points approach and highlight how it has been applied to TopCoder projects.

Friday, November 17   1:00PM - 2:00PM
Overview of Recent TopCoder Projects

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What are We Watching?
Algorithm Competition

TopCoder Algorithm Competitions are fast-paced contests designed to find and reward the fastest and most accurate coder. Each round is broken into three main parts: the Coding Phase, the Challenge Phase, and the System Testing Phase.

The Coding Phase tasks competitors with solving 3 problems of increasing difficulty in 85 minutes. Their knowledge of algorithms, programming language proficiency, and problem solving skills are tested in a high pressure environment where each second spent coding results in a lower score. Problems this year have included arranging a group of students by height, determining optimal placement of pipe pieces in a truck, connecting igloos after a snow storm, and determining possible moves for a game of dominoes. After finishing the Coding Phase, the coders have an opportunity to compete head-to-head in the Challenge Phase.

The Scoreboard during Coding Phase: *Each score represents the potential points a competitor could earn on that problem. If the text is yellow, the coder is currently working on that problem. If the background is green, it has been submitted and the score is locked. The last column is the total score from all submitted problems.*

During the Challenge Phase coders can submit inputs that attempt to "break" another coder's submission. Coders analyze the code for each submission looking for potential bugs. Once they believe they've found a mistake they must craft a set of inputs that will cause the submission to fail. If the challenged program returns a wrong result, the challenger gets 50 points and the defendant's score for that submission becomes zero. If the returned result is correct, the challenger loses 25 points.

Once the Challenge Phase is over coders wait in suspense while a series of System Tests run on each program. The System Tests determine if a solution is correct or not. If a solution fails on of the system test cases, it is re-scored to zero. Once the System Tests are finished the results are displayed on the Arena scoreboard and the winners are declared.

The Scoreboard during Challenge Phase: *The first column is the last action that a coder made (challenged, viewing, etc.). If the text is green the challenge was successful, if red, it was unsuccessful. The "Challenges" column is the total points the coder has earned from the challenge phase. Each of the defense columns shows the coder's score for each submitted problem. If the score is yellow, someone is looking at it. If it is green, it was defended successfully. If it is red, it was challenged. The name of the challenger will appear under the score. The last column is total score.*

The 48 semi-finalists represent the best of the best in a record setting field of participants. 1500 coders qualified for the 2006 TopCoder Collegiate Challenge. This year marks the first event with rounds run by section, allowing more coders to compete in the tournament. Each semi-finalist had to fight through two sectional rounds and one overall round to advance. The semi-finalists have been split into three rounds of 16. The top two scorers from each semifinal will advance to the finals, and places 3-6 will advance to a Wildcard round. The last two finals spots (for a total of 8) will be filled with the top two finishes in the Wildcard. Once the finalists have been chosen it will all come down to the finals: 100 minutes of competition that determine who will be the champion of the 2006 TCCC Algorithm Competition.

The Scoreboard during System Testing: *Scores with a green background and a checkmark passed systests. Those with a red background and an X failed systest. Final column is total score.*

Algorithm Competition Bracket

Champion

Final Round

Wildcard Round
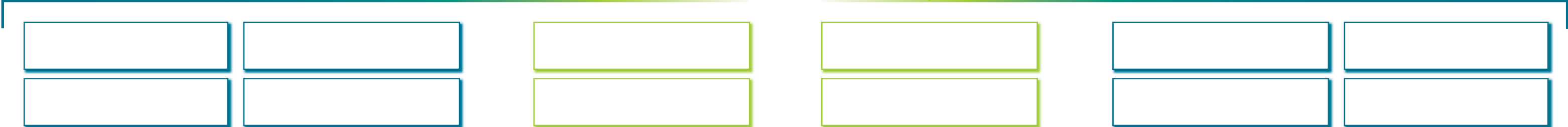
Semifinal Rounds

Room 1

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ACRush	nika
reid	bjacokeOO1
Ying	Tomy
mathijs	Vedensky
AdrianKuegel	Bankevich
Mike Mirzayanov	falagar
ardiankp	gozman

Room 2

misof
andrewzta
krijgertje
Egor
Revenger
halyavin
Abednego
ihi

Psyho
domino
Maris
Vitaliy
FatSimon
Macsy
bjoeris
Multifarious

Room 3

Petr	KOTEHOK
bmerry	Vintik
Eryx	PMH
OpenGL	darnley
lucab	maone
kia	Vovka
nicka81	tywok
gevak	olo

2006 TOPCODER COLLEGIATE CHALLENGE

Abednego SEED 44 Current Rating 2517

Current Ranking 61 / Rating Percentile 99.6318 / Number of Ratings 187 / Highest Rating 2545 / Country: Canada

Igor Naverniouk

College University of Toronto
Hometown Moscow, Russia
Favorite Food Tuna sashimi
Favorite Movie Pulp Fiction
Favorite TopCoder Memory Making it to Google Code Jam onsite last year was pretty exciting. Getting a summer job there after that was even better.

Rating History
Max: 2545

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems	
Submissions 6	66.67%	
Correct Submissions 5	83.33%	
Challenges Made 1	100.00%	
Challenges Defended 1	100.00%	
OVERALL ACCURACY	55.56%	

AVERAGE POINTS: 492.17

AdrianKuegel SEED 37 Current Rating 2514

Current Ranking 62 / Rating Percentile 99.6258 / Number of Ratings 131 / Highest Rating 2747 / Country: Germany

Adrian Kuegel

College University of Ulm
Hometown Nuremberg
Favorite Movie Some Like It Hot
Favorite Band/Artist Shania Twain
Favorite TopCoder Memory One of the most exciting events for me was SRM 217, where I got 3rd place (I had never done better). During the challenge phase, for a short time I was leading, until Snapdragon got another successful challenge.

Rating History
Max: 2747

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems	
Submissions 5	55.56%	
Correct Submissions 5	100.00%	
Challenges Made 2	50.00%	
Challenges Defended 1	100.00%	
OVERALL ACCURACY	55.56%	

AVERAGE POINTS: 437.07

algorithm semifinalists

ACRush SEED 6 Current Rating 3193

Current Ranking 4 / Rating Percentile 99.9759 / Number of Ratings 34 / Highest Rating 3193 / Country: China

TianCheng Lou

College TsingHua University
Hometown Hangzhou, Zhejiang of China
Favorite Movie Lord of The Rings
Favorite Band/Artist Beatles
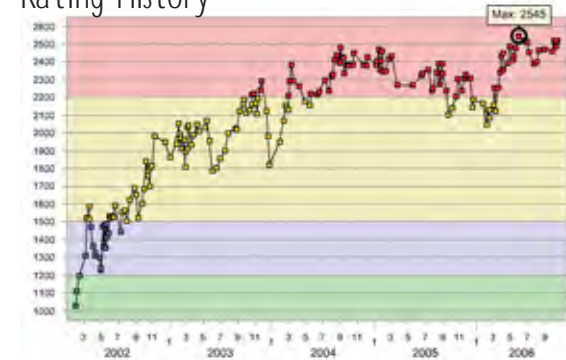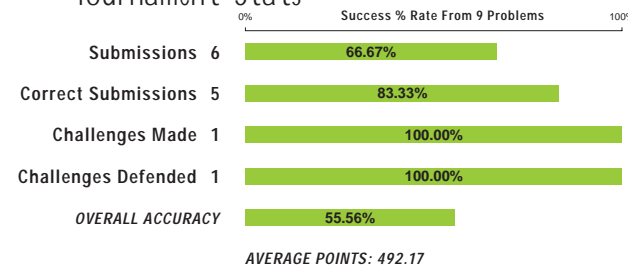**Favorite TopCoder Memory** If I was in the lead after the challenge phase and had a 600+performance on the hard problem, then I always failed the system tests on the hard.

Rating History
Max: 3193

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems	
Submissions 9	100.00%	
Correct Submissions 7	77.78%	
Challenges Made 7	57.14%	
Challenges Defended 3	66.67%	
OVERALL ACCURACY	77.78%	

AVERAGE POINTS: 830.82

algorithm semifinalists

andrewzta SEED 5 Current Rating 2923

Current Ranking 16 / Rating Percentile 99.8884 / Number of Ratings 45 / Highest Rating 2959 / Country: Russian Federation

Andrey Stankevich

College Saint-Petersberg State University, ITMO
Hometown St Petersburg
Favorite Food Seafood
Favorite Movie Forrest Gump
Favorite TopCoder Memory TCO06, I had a contest every day - semi, wildcard, finals. Wildcard was exciting. Coded easy (harder than needed). Coded medium (later failed). 20 minutes left. No chance for hard. Open it. Hm, I can solve it. Coding... 3 minutes left, paste, compile, test... "-1" case wrong! Back to vim, fixing... compile, test... ok! Submit! Passed. Never give up.

Rating History
Max: 3198

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems	
Submissions 8	88.89%	
Correct Submissions 5	62.50%	
Challenges Made 0	NA	
Challenges Defended 1	100.00%	
OVERALL ACCURACY	55.56%	

AVERAGE POINTS: 510.92

2006 TOPCODER COLLEGIATE CHALLENGE
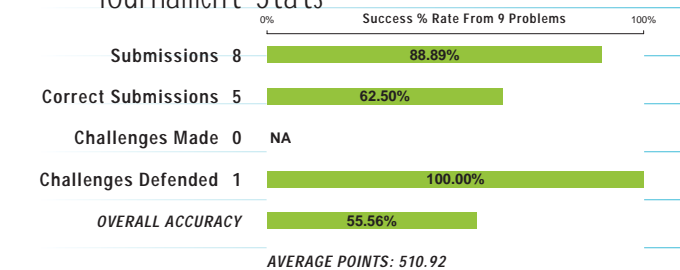
ardiankp SEED 58 Current Rating 2629

Current Ranking 37 / Rating Percentile 99.7767 / Number of Ratings 126 / Highest Rating 2629 / Country: Indonesia

Ardian Kristanto Poernomo

College Nanyang Technological University

Hometown Surabaya, Indonesia

Favorite Food Rice!

Favorite Movie All funny movies are easy to enjoy :)
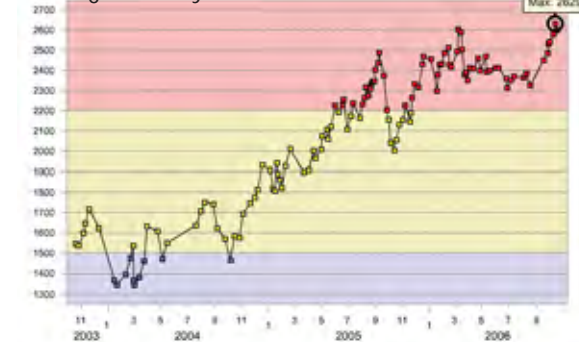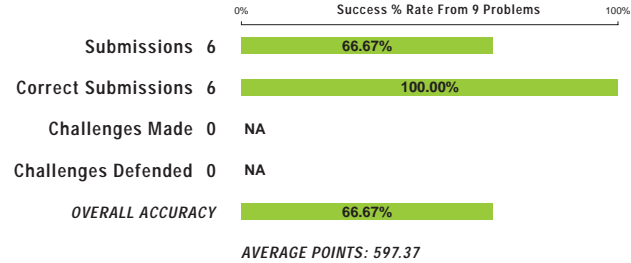
Favorite TopCoder Memory When I reached onsite for the TCO (2005). When I met the TOP-coders, I found they are not that "Nerdy" :P. Haha.. maybe I'm just over-excited, makes my rating which is peaked in the last online round dropped until yellow in several following SRMs, peaked at TCO semifinal which I scored 0 :(. I hope I won't repeat that again this year :P

Rating History

Max: 2629

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems
Submissions 6	66.67%
Correct Submissions 6	100.00%
Challenges Made 0	NA
Challenges Defended 0	NA
OVERALL ACCURACY	66.67%

AVERAGE POINTS: 597.37

algorithm semifinalists

Bankevich SEED 188 Current Rating 2041

Current Ranking 271 / Rating Percentile 98.3642 / Number of Ratings 15 / Highest Rating 2041 / Country: Russian Federation

Sergey Bankevich

College St. Petersburg SU

Hometown St. Petersburg

Favorite Food Ice-cream

Favorite Band/Artist Nautilus Pompilius

Favorite TopCoder Memory I was 53rd at the Round 3 TCCC. And only 48 contestants advance onsite. Unfortunately I know now, that I was not eliminated! It is great!

Rating History

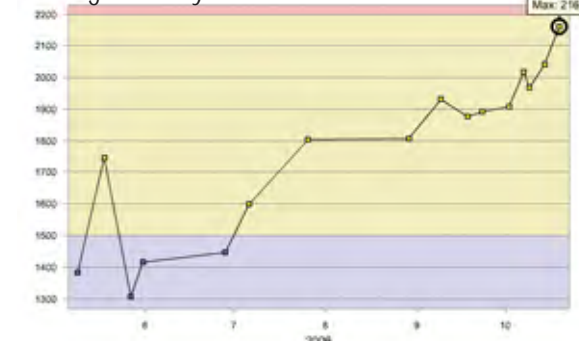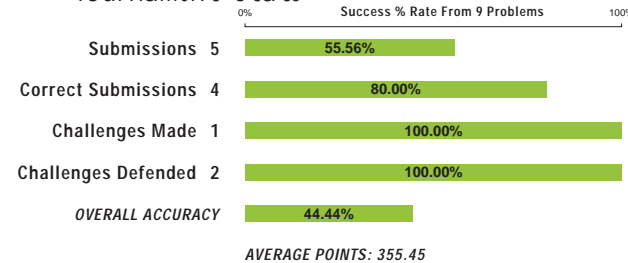
Max: 2161

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems
Submissions 5	55.56%
Correct Submissions 4	80.00%
Challenges Made 1	100.00%
Challenges Defended 2	100.00%
OVERALL ACCURACY	44.44%

AVERAGE POINTS: 355.45

bjacoke001 SEED 93 Current Rating 2164

Current Ranking 196 / Rating Percentile 98.8169 / Number of Ratings 39 / Highest Rating 2430 / Country: United States

Brian Jacokes

College Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Hometown McLean, Virgina

Favorite Food Ice cream

Favorite Band/Artist Neutral Milk Hotel
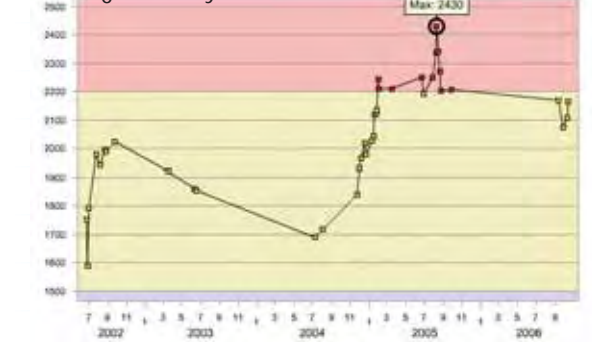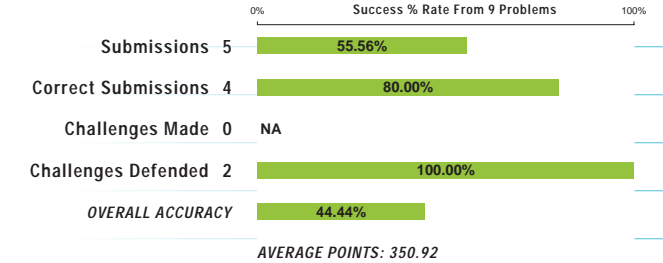
Favorite TopCoder Memory I've been one-line error from making the onsite finals a couple of times, so I guess edging my way into the running this year was my most exciting TopCoder experience.

Rating History

Max: 2430

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems
Submissions 5	55.56%
Correct Submissions 4	80.00%
Challenges Made 0	NA
Challenges Defended 2	100.00%
OVERALL ACCURACY	44.44%

AVERAGE POINTS: 350.92

algorithm semifinalists

bjoeris SEED 193 Current Rating 2117

Current Ranking 214 / Rating Percentile 98.7083 / Number of Ratings 81 / Highest Rating 2117 / Country: United States

Benson Joeris

College Colorado State University

Hometown Fort Collins, Colorado

Favorite Food Big City potato burrito (local restaurant)

Favorite Movie The Wall
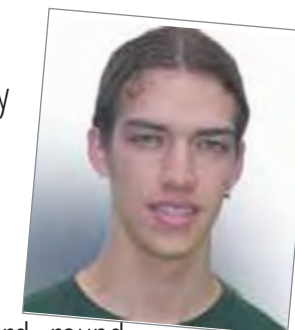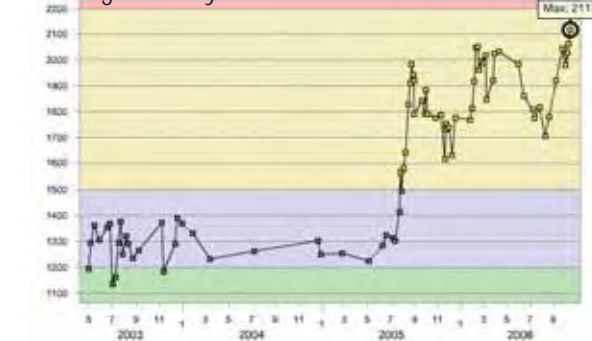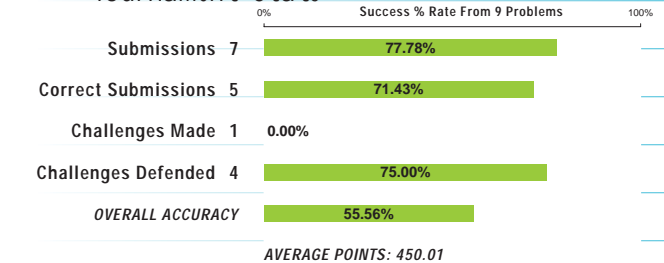
Favorite TopCoder Memory In the 3rd round of this tournament, I was excited about being 16th going into system tests. When I found that my 500 failed, I was sad, knowing I hadn't qualified. Then I scrolled down to see how far I had dropped, and saw the number 48 next to my name.

Rating History

Max: 2117

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems
Submissions 7	77.78%
Correct Submissions 5	71.43%
Challenges Made 1	0.00%
Challenges Defended 4	75.00%
OVERALL ACCURACY	55.56%

AVERAGE POINTS: 450.01

2006 TOPCODER COLLEGIATE CHALLENGE

bmerry SEED 4 Current Rating 3082

Current Ranking 8 / Rating Percentile 99.9517 / Number of Ratings 60 / Highest Rating 3181 / Country: South Africa

Bruce Merry

College University of Cape Town

Hometown Cape Town

Favorite Food Lasagna

Favorite Movie Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels

Favorite TopCoder Memory Coming 5th in the 3rd Intel Multi-threaded Contest was an interesting experience. It seemed to take over my life, and I was on campus into the wee hours trying to scrape out an extra few milliseconds to stay in the top 5.

Rating History

Max: 3181

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems
Submissions 8	88.89%
Correct Submissions 7	87.50%
Challenges Made 2	0.00%
Challenges Defended 0	NA
OVERALL ACCURACY	77.78%

AVERAGE POINTS: 849.74

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domino SEED 81 Current Rating 2046

Current Ranking 266 / Rating Percentile 98.4025 / Number of Ratings 31 / Highest Rating 2229 / Country: Romania

Mircea Pasoi

College University of Bucharest

Hometown Ploiesti

Favorite Food Pizza

Favorite Movie Fight Club

Favorite TopCoder Memory My most exciting TopCoder story is qualifying for the TCCC 2006 onsite finals. I've always wanted to take part at such an event, so this is like a dream come true. I know I will meet some amazing people at the finals...it will be awesome!

Rating History

Max: 2229

Tournament Stats

|	Success % Rate From 9 Problems
Submissions 4	44.44%
Correct Submissions 4	100.00%
Challenges Made 0	NA
Challenges Defended 1	100.00%
OVERALL ACCURACY	44.44%

AVERAGE POINTS: 316.92

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darnley SEED 113 Current Rating 2428

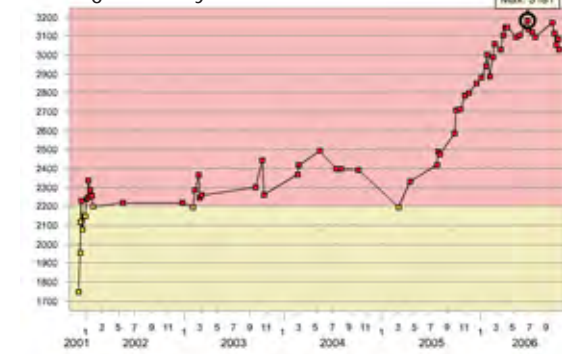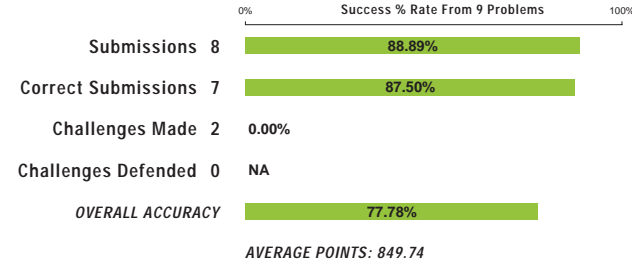Current Ranking 81 / Rating Percentile 99.5111 / Number of Ratings 9 / Highest Rating 2428 / Country: Russian Federation
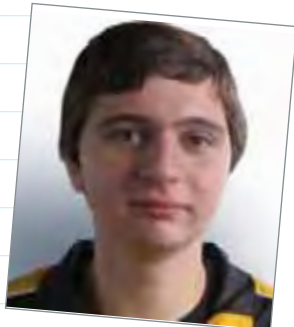
Mikhail Dvorkin

College Saint-Petersberg State University, ITMO
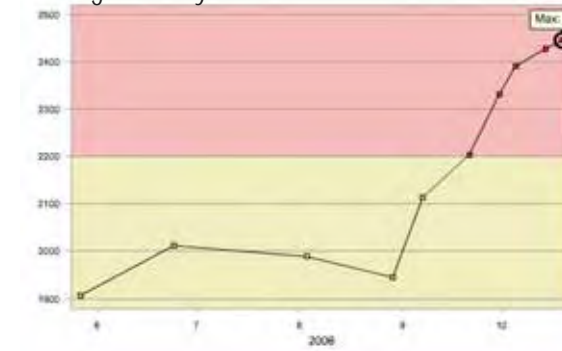
Hometown St. Petersburg, Russia

Favorite Band/Artist Belaya Gvardiya (White Guards)

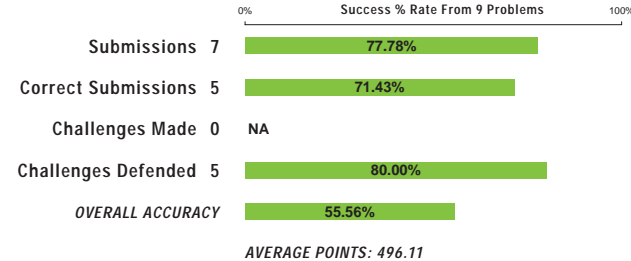**Favorite Movie** That Same Munchhausen

Favorite TopCoder Memory Writing TCCC '06 Round 2A in a computer class of my high school. Resisting a herd of yelling kids, some of them remembering me since the time I studied there, and almost everyone asking what I am doing, and what is that robotic-style-looking program I was using (the arena). I made it though.

Rating History

Max: 2445

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems
Submissions 7	77.78%
Correct Submissions 5	71.43%
Challenges Made 0	NA
Challenges Defended 5	80.00%
OVERALL ACCURACY	55.56%

AVERAGE POINTS: 496.11

Egor SEED 20 Current Rating 2812

Current Ranking 20 / Rating Percentile 99.8793 / Number of Ratings 71 / Highest Rating 2812 / Country: Russian Federation

Egor Kulikov

College Moscow State University

Hometown Yaroslavl'

Favorite Food froasted potato with great piece of pork

Favorite Movie V for Vendetta

Favorite TopCoder Memory The only SRM I won had a very challenging easy for 300 pts. I started with it and wrote something that somehow passed examples. Then I noticed, that the 450 was submitted for about 445 by some people and wrote it very fast just because of it. I think if I have used different order, I won't ever be in top 10...

Rating History

Max: 2839

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems
Submissions 7	77.78%
Correct Submissions 6	85.71%
Challenges Made 3	33.33%
Challenges Defended 1	100.00%
OVERALL ACCURACY	66.67%

AVERAGE POINTS: 735.06
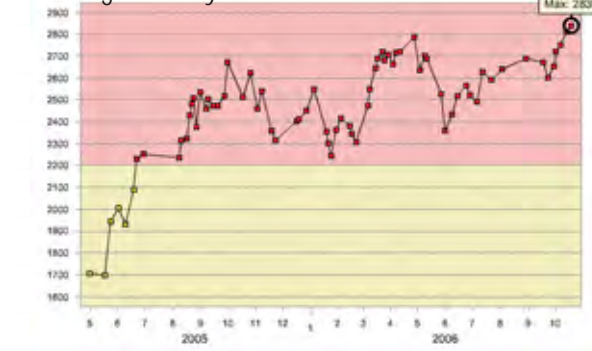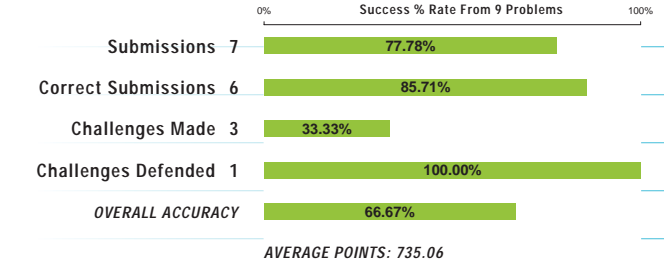
Eryx SEED 10 Current Rating 3030

Current Ranking 9 / Rating Percentile 99.9457 / Number of Ratings 110 / Highest Rating 3214 / Country: Poland

Eryk Kopczynski

College Warsaw University

Hometown Warsaw

Favorite Movie UFO
(by me and friends)

Favorite Band/Artist M.C. Escher ;)

Favorite TopCoder Memory Winning the TCO last year was of course the most exciting story for me. Another exciting story is when I stayed at a place without Internet access during a round of GECJ, and I had to travel to get it, but 50 words is not enough for that.

Rating History
Max: 3214

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems	
Submissions 8	88.89%	
Correct Submissions 8	100.00%	
Challenges Made 0	NA	
Challenges Defended 0	NA	
OVERALL ACCURACY	88.89%	

AVERAGE POINTS: 1032.75

FatSimon SEED 156 Current Rating 2286

Current Ranking 134 / Rating Percentile 99.1912 / Number of Ratings 17 / Highest Rating 2286 / Country: Canada

Simon Benjamin Orion Parent

College University of Waterloo

Hometown Waterloo

Favorite Food Anything spicy

Favorite Band/Artist M. C. Escher

Favorite TopCoder Memory I finally got to red during the TCCC elimination rounds!

Rating History
Max: 2286

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems	
Submissions 7	77.78%	
Correct Submissions 6	85.71%	
Challenges Made 2	50.00%	
Challenges Defended 2	50.00%	
OVERALL ACCURACY	66.67%	

AVERAGE POINTS: 671.66

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falagar SEED 189 Current Rating 2409

Current Ranking 83 / Rating Percentile 99.499 / Number of Ratings 5 / Highest Rating 2409 / Country: Russian Federation

Roman Satyukov

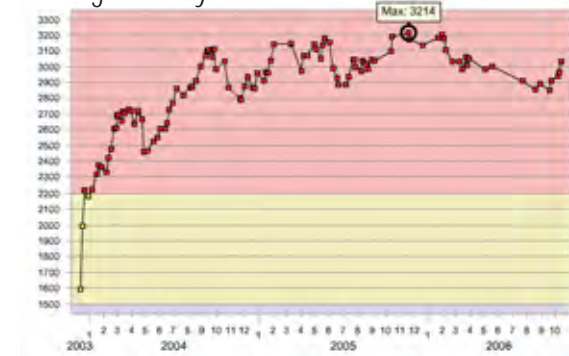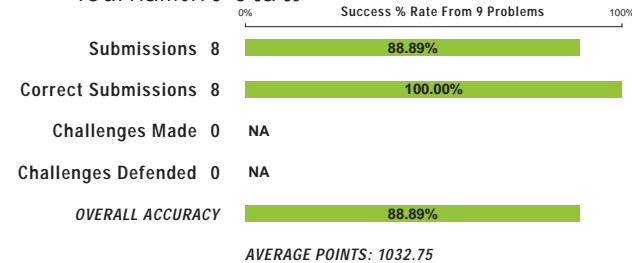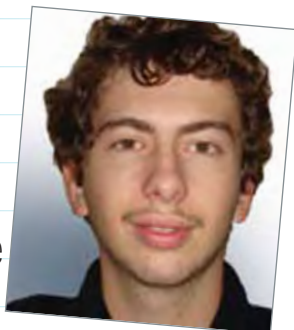**College** Saint-Petersberg State University, ITMO
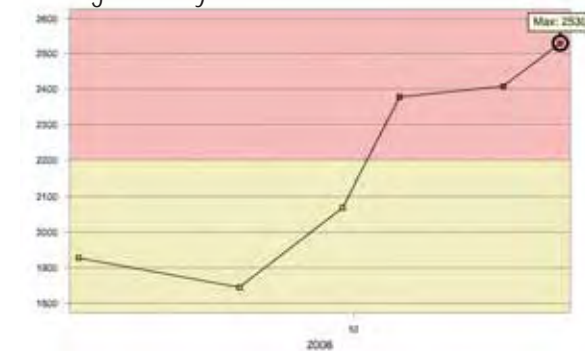
Hometown Saint-Petersburg, Russia

Favorite Movie Back to the Future

Favorite Band/Artist Queen

Favorite TopCoder Memory I haven't been to any onsite events or won any SRM's yet. And I hope that my most exciting TopCoder event will be soon.

Rating History
Max: 2530

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems	
Submissions 6	66.67%	
Correct Submissions 5	83.33%	
Challenges Made 1	100.00%	
Challenges Defended 5	100.00%	
OVERALL ACCURACY	55.56%	

AVERAGE POINTS: 558.03

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algorithm semifinalists

gevak SEED 54 Current Rating 2440

Current Ranking 78 / Rating Percentile 99.5292 / Number of Ratings 67 / Highest Rating 2538 / Country: Russian Federation

Alexey Zhevak

College Ufa State Technical University of Aviation

Hometown Ufa, Russia

Favorite Food Borsch

Favorite Movie The 5th Element

Favorite TopCoder Memory Several weeks before the TCO06 I participated in a Russian programming contest named "The Ural Championship". Our team (me and Denis Nazarov, aka Revenger) won. Then, I went to Las Vegas to compete in the TCO06. The 1000-pt problem in the final was almost the same (!) as the most difficult one from the Ural Championship. Unfortunately I didn't pass to the final, so I lost at least   second place and $10,000. :)

Rating History
Max: 2541

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems	
Submissions 6	66.67%	
Correct Submissions 5	83.33%	
Challenges Made 2	100.00%	
Challenges Defended 0	NA	
OVERALL ACCURACY	55.56%	

AVERAGE POINTS: 500.08

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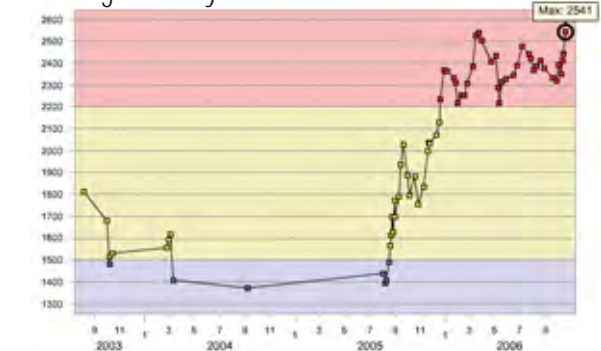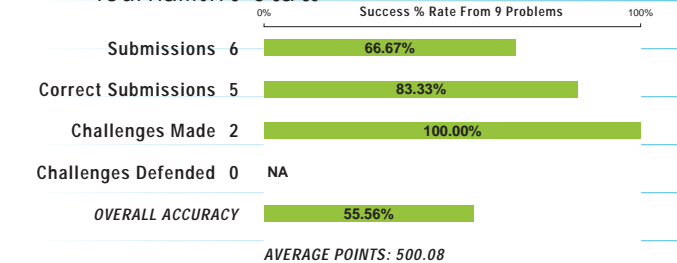
gozman SEED 333 Current Rating 2306

Current Ranking 122 / Rating Percentile 99.2636 / Number of Ratings 8 / Highest Rating 2306 / Country: Russian Federation

Dmitry Gozman

College Altai State Technical University

Hometown Barnaul

Favorite Food Borsch

Favorite Movie The Matrix

Favorite TopCoder Memory At the ACM ICPC World Finals 2006 I met TopCoder members. They told me that TopCoder contests are very interesting. And now I'm glad to take part in this Contest.

Rating History

Max: 2306

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems
Submissions 6	66.67%
Correct Submissions 4	66.67%
Challenges Made 1	0.00%
Challenges Defended 2	100.00%
OVERALL ACCURACY	44.44%

AVERAGE POINTS: 352.78

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ihi SEED 58 Current Rating 2474

Current Ranking 70 / Rating Percentile 99.5775 / Number of Ratings 30 / Highest Rating 2474 / Country: Japan

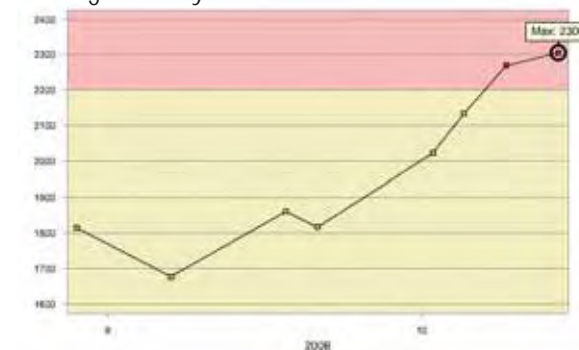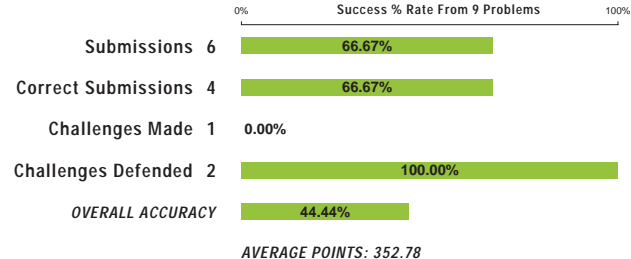## Kaisuke Nakajima

College University of Tokyo

Hometown Chigasaki

Favorite Food Pizza

Favorite Movie Apollo 13

Favorite Band/Artist ZZ Top

Favorite TopCoder Memory Formerly I participated in ACM/ICPC several times but never made it to the finals. I could only imagine how exciting it would be to compete with world champions... and was very surprised to know exactly those people are here in TopCoder :) I really enjoy being part of this community.

Rating History

Max: 2474

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems
Submissions 6	66.67%
Correct Submissions 6	100.00%
Challenges Made 2	0.00%
Challenges Defended 1	100.00%
OVERALL ACCURACY	66.67%

AVERAGE POINTS: 531.57

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algorithm semifinalists

halyavin SEED 36 Current Rating 2705

Current Ranking 30 / Rating Percentile 99.8189 / Number of Ratings 20 / Highest Rating 2705 / Country: Russian Federation

Andrey Khalyavin

College Moscow State University
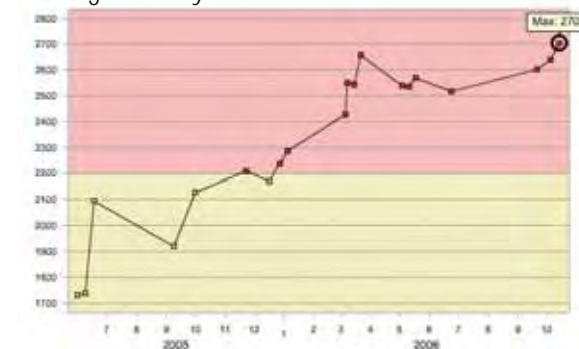
Hometown Kirov

Favorite Food Gooseberries

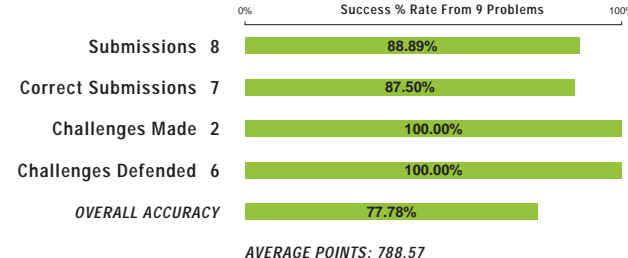**Favorite Movie** Matrix (with Goblin's translation).

Favorite TopCoder Memory I was reminded of elimination round 3 of this TCCC in less than a hour before it starts. This isn't a first such case. I was already used to sudden contests.

Rating History

Max: 2705

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems
Submissions 8	88.89%
Correct Submissions 7	87.50%
Challenges Made 2	100.00%
Challenges Defended 6	100.00%
OVERALL ACCURACY	77.78%

AVERAGE POINTS: 788.57

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algorithm semifinalists

Im2Good SEED 60 Current Rating 2448

Current Ranking 74 / Rating Percentile 99.5533 / Number of Ratings 109 / Highest Rating 2612 / Country: Norway

Rune Fevang

College Norwegian University of Science and Technology

Hometown Tønsberg, Norway

Favorite Movie Lord of the Rings, Two Towers

Favorite Band/Artist DJ Tiesto

Favorite TopCoder Memory It will have to be SRM 246 where I got a lot of challenges on a precision issue. My own solution also had a precision issue, but fortunately for me, it was just small enough to get by system tests :).

Rating History

Max: 2612

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems
Submissions 7	77.78%
Correct Submissions 6	85.71%
Challenges Made 2	50.00%
Challenges Defended 2	100.00%
OVERALL ACCURACY	66.67%

AVERAGE POINTS: 589.10

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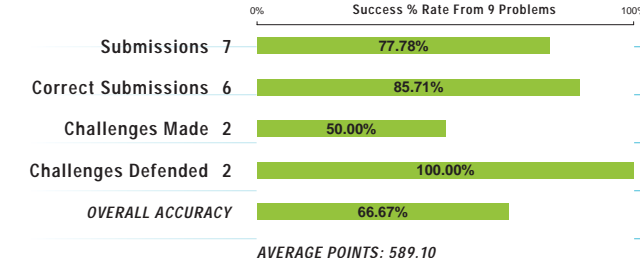
kia SEED 35 Current Rating 2599

Current Ranking 47 / Rating Percentile 99.7163 / Number of Ratings 40 / Highest Rating 2630 / Country: Russian Federation

Ivan Krasilnikov

College Stavropol State University

Hometown Stavropol, Russian Federation

Favorite Food Pizza

Favorite Band/Artist Beatles

Favorite TopCoder Memory I remember Online Round 1 of TCO 2006. That was my first contest (in Division 1, of course), in which, after I have solved all three problems, I still had about a half of coding time left, and just didn't know what to do next. That was quite a strange new feeling!

Rating History

Max: 2630

2005 2006

Tournament Stats

	0% Success % Rate From 9 Problems 100%
Submissions 6	66.67%
Correct Submissions 6	100.00%
Challenges Made 3	66.67%
Challenges Defended 0	NA
OVERALL ACCURACY	66.67%

AVERAGE POINTS: 603.99

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krijgertje SEED 9 Current Rating 3175

Current Ranking 5 / Rating Percentile 99.9698 / Number of Ratings 106 / Highest Rating 3175 / Country: The Netherlands

Erik-Jan Krijgsman

College Universiteit Twente

Hometown Hengevelde

Favorite Movie Lord of the Rings

Favorite Band/Artist U2

Favorite TopCoder Memory Well, the most exciting thing still is competing at an onsite event. When you sit there, you really feel the tension. I still remember how nervous I was at last years TCCC.

Rating History

Max: 3192

2004 2005 2006

Tournament Stats

	0% Success % Rate From 9 Problems 100%
Submissions 9	100.00%
Correct Submissions 9	100.00%
Challenges Made 9	44.44%
Challenges Defended 0	NA
OVERALL ACCURACY	100.00%
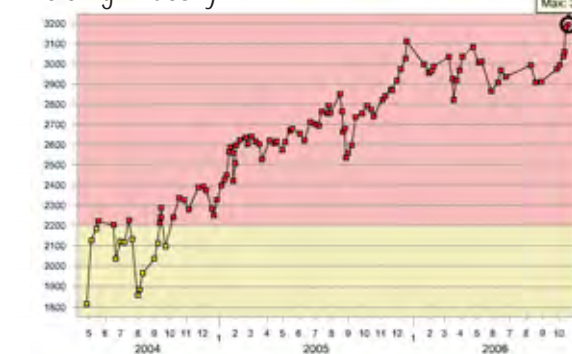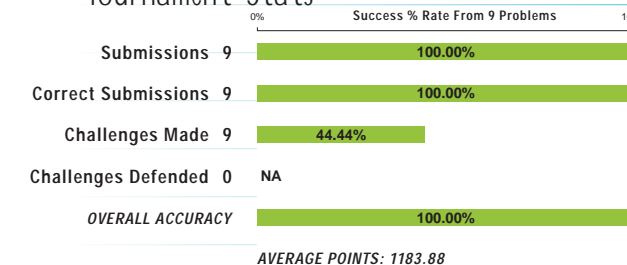
AVERAGE POINTS: 1183.88

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algorithm semifinalists

KOTEHOK SEED 77 Current Rating 2273

Current Ranking 138 / Rating Percentile 99.167 / Number of Ratings 41 / Highest Rating 2391 / Country: Russian Federation

Andrey Lopatin

College St. Petersburg State University

Hometown St. Petersburg, Russia

Favorite Food Pelmeni (Russian food like ravioli)

Favorite Movie Le Professionel (1981, with Jean-Paul Belmondo)

Favorite TopCoder Memory Once on vacation, a strange thought occurred to me. I decided to TopCode! I went to cafe and found the only PC with 64mb memory! But it did not stop me. Although I lost two minutes on my 500 to swapping, it was the fastest, I finished 5th and became red.

Rating History

Max: 2391

2005 2006

Tournament Stats

	0% Success % Rate From 9 Problems 100%
Submissions 6	66.67%
Correct Submissions 4	66.67%
Challenges Made 0	NA
Challenges Defended 3	33.33%
OVERALL ACCURACY	44.44%

AVERAGE POINTS: 339.70

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algorithm semifinalists

lucab SEED 30 Current Rating 2609

Current Ranking 41 / Rating Percentile 99.7525 / Number of Ratings 11 / Highest Rating 2609 / Country: Italy

Luca Barbieri

College Scuola Normale Superiore

Hometown Milano, Italy

Favorite Food Filet mignon

Favorite Movie The Matrix

Favorite TopCoder Memory My favorite memory was qualifying for the onsite finals of TCO 2006 in the middle of the night, and then the competition and the stay in Las Vegas.

Rating History

Max: 2609

2005 2006

Tournament Stats

	0% Success % Rate From 9 Problems 100%
Submissions 6	66.67%
Correct Submissions 6	100.00%
Challenges Made 0	NA
Challenges Defended 0	NA
OVERALL ACCURACY	66.67%

AVERAGE POINTS: 522.39

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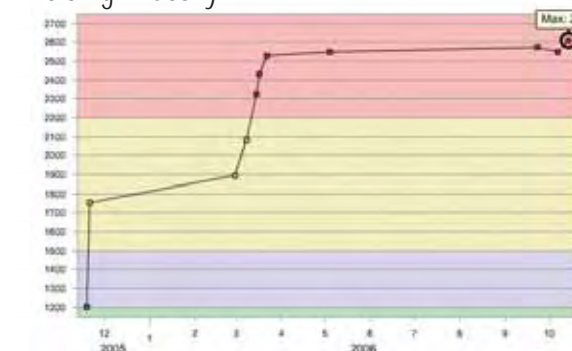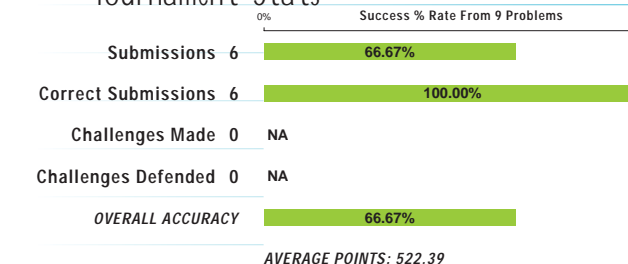
Macsy SEED 170 Current Rating 2195

Current Ranking 179 / Rating Percentile 98.9195 / Number of Ratings 20 / Highest Rating 2195 / Country: China

Yifei Zhang

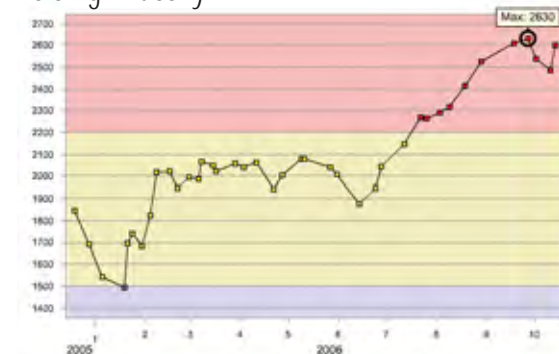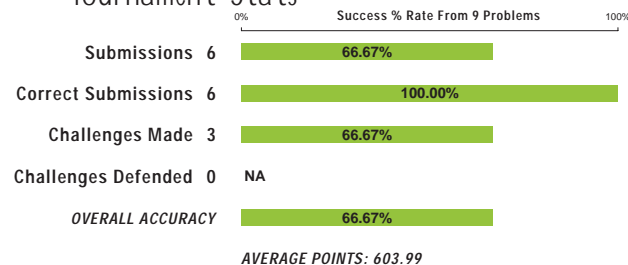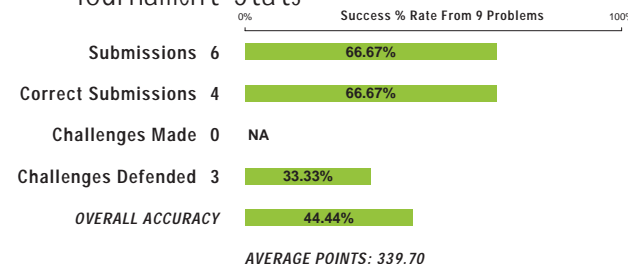**College** TsingHua University

Hometown China

Favorite Food Meat

Favorite Movie Ice Age II

Favorite TopCoder Memory I am very happy that I have the chance to join the TCCC, maybe this will be my most exciting TopCoder story.

Rating History

Max: 2195

2005 — 2006

Tournament Stats

Success % Rate From 9 Problems

	0% — 100%
Submissions 6	66.67%
Correct Submissions 6	100.00%
Challenges Made 0	NA
Challenges Defended 6	100.00%
OVERALL ACCURACY	66.67%

AVERAGE POINTS: 568.63

Maris SEED 97 Current Rating 2244

Current Ranking 150 / Rating Percentile 99.0946 / Number of Ratings 122 / Highest Rating 2346 / Country: Sweden

Marcus Isaksson

College Chalmers

Hometown Bredaryd

Favorite Food Spicy North-African couscous dishes

Favorite Movie O Brother, Where Art Thou?

Favorite TopCoder Memory My most memorable TopCoder experience so far was probably when I joined Yarin as a guest to TCO '03. Following the competition onsite was awesome, and spending hours at the airport playing games with Tomek and other reds waiting on blizzard-delayed planes added a nice twist to the end.

Rating History

Max: 2346

2002 — 2003 — 2004 — 2005 — 2006

Tournament Stats

Success % Rate From 9 Problems

	0% — 100%
Submissions 6	66.67%
Correct Submissions 6	100.00%
Challenges Made 0	NA
Challenges Defended 4	100.00%
OVERALL ACCURACY	66.67%

AVERAGE POINTS: 429.47

<mark>algorithm semifinalists</mark>

maone SEED 163 Current Rating 2214

Current Ranking 167 / Rating Percentile 98.992 / Number of Ratings 60 / Highest Rating 2214 / Country: China

Yiqiang Mao

College ZheJiang University

Hometown Jiangshan, Zhejiang Province, China

Favorite Movie A Better Tomorrow

Favorite band/artist Chow Yun-Fat

Favorite TopCoder Memory I got 9 successful challenges in the midnight of the China Spring Festival 2006.

Rating History

Max: 2268

2005 — 2006

Tournament Stats

Success % Rate From 9 Problems

	0% — 100%
Submissions 6	66.67%
Correct Submissions 6	100.00%
Challenges Made 0	NA
Challenges Defended 4	100.00%
OVERALL ACCURACY	66.67%

AVERAGE POINTS: 482.40

<mark>algorithm semifinalists</mark>

mathijs SEED 24 Current Rating 2601

Current Ranking 44 / Rating Percentile 99.7344 / Number of Ratings 58 / Highest Rating 2872 / Country: The Netherlands

Mathijs Vogelzang
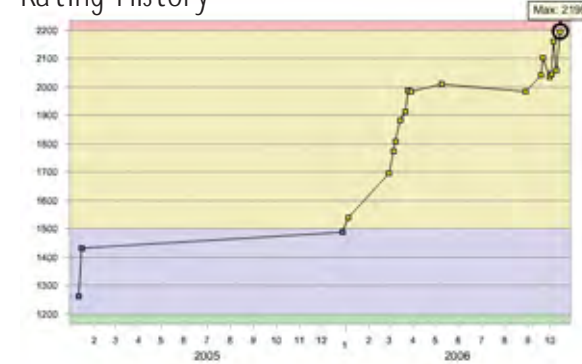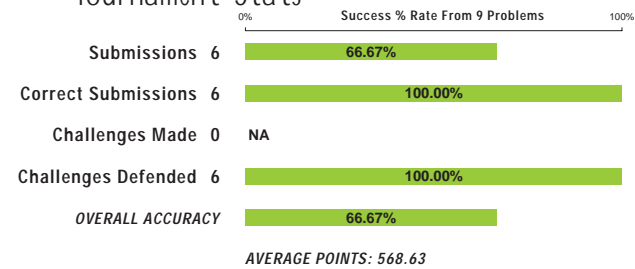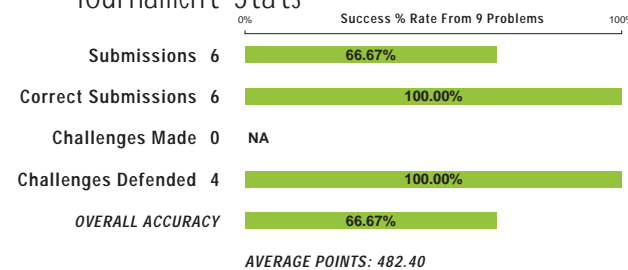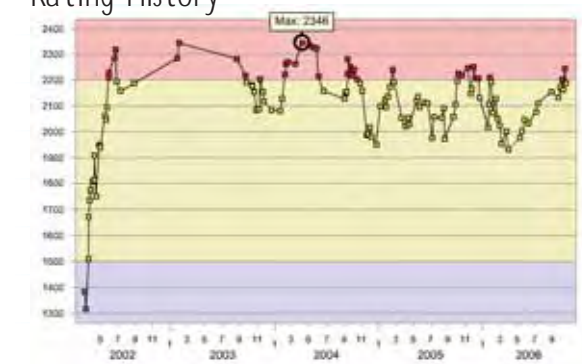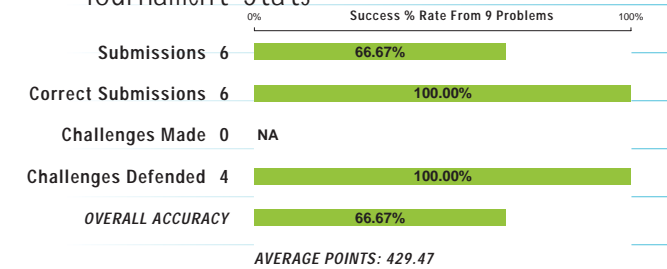
College Rijksuniversiteit Groningen

Hometown Groningen, Netherlands

Favorite Movie Pulp Fiction (my ACM programming team, "bug fiction" was named after it)

Favorite Band/Artist The Smashing Pumpkins

Favorite TopCoder Memory Winning the TCCC '05 was very exciting. I couldn't believe it at first. I made it into the biggest national newspaper with a photo. The "I won the TCCC" party I threw back home was great fun.

Rating History

Max: 2872

2003 — 2004 — 2005 — 2006

Tournament Stats

Success % Rate From 9 Problems

	0% — 100%
Submissions 6	66.67%
Correct Submissions 5	83.33%
Challenges Made 1	100.00%
Challenges Defended 1	100.00%
OVERALL ACCURACY	55.56%

AVERAGE POINTS: 461.53

2006 TOPCODER COLLEGIATE CHALLENGE
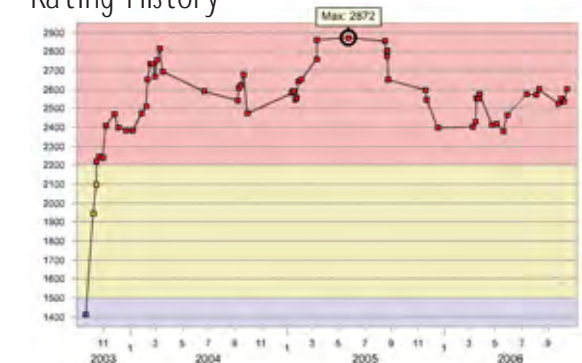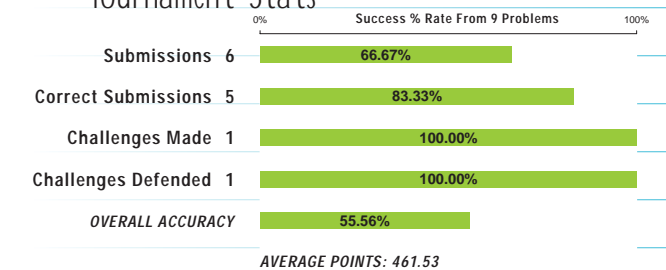
Mike Mirzayanov SEED 40 Current Rating 2540

Current Ranking 55 / Rating Percentile 99.668 / Number of Ratings 84 / Highest Rating 2571 / Country: Russian Federation

Michael Mirzayanov

College Saratov State University

Hometown Saratov. Have you been in Saratov?

Favorite Food Tuborg

Favorite Band/Artist Only Russians: Irina Bogushevskaya, Svetlana Surganova, Zimovie Zverey, etc...

Favorite TopCoder Memory I took the 54th place on the TCCC Round 3, but advanced to the finals. Great!

Rating History
Max: 2571

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems	
	0%	100%
Submissions 6	66.67%	
Correct Submissions 5	83.33%	
Challenges Made 7	71.43%	
Challenges Defended 0	NA	
OVERALL ACCURACY	55.56%	

AVERAGE POINTS: 491.40

Multifarious SEED 278 Current Rating 1976

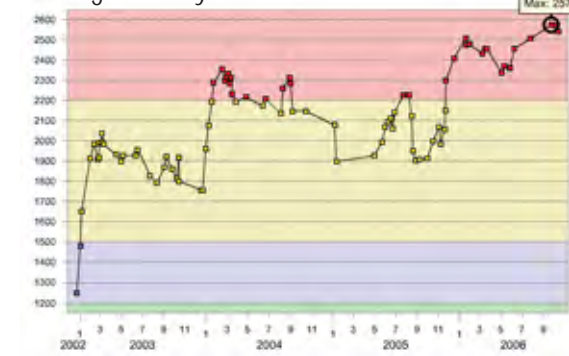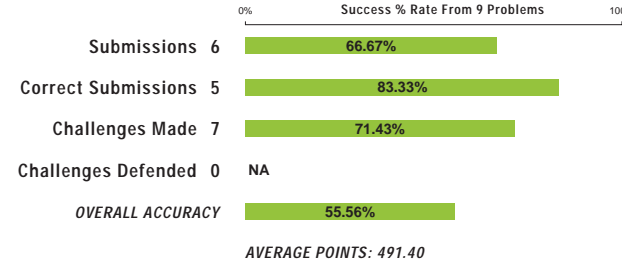Current Ranking 330 / Rating Percentile 98.0181 / Number of Ratings 40 / Highest Rating 2039 / Country: United States

Nathan Claus

College Purdue University

Hometown Indianapolis, Indiana
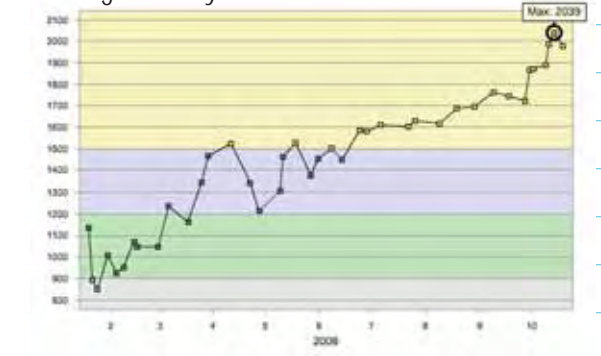
Favorite Food Macaroni and Cheese

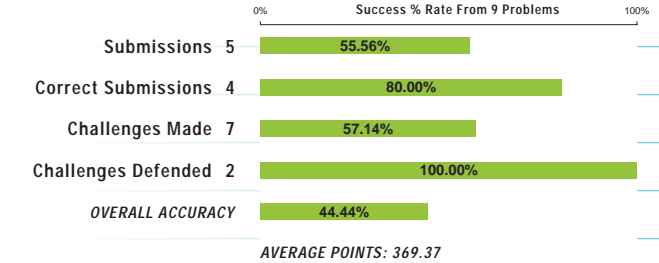**Favorite Band/Artist** Aphex Twin

Favorite TopCoder Memory My favorite TopCoder experience actually was not related to SRMs, or the TCCC or the Marathon Matches - it was competing in Abednego's puzzles through the Forums.

Rating History
Max: 2039

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems	
	0%	100%
Submissions 5	55.56%	
Correct Submissions 4	80.00%	
Challenges Made 7	57.14%	
Challenges Defended 2	100.00%	
OVERALL ACCURACY	44.44%	

AVERAGE POINTS: 369.37

algorithm semifinalists

misof SEED 2 Current Rating 3165

Current Ranking 6 / Rating Percentile 99.9638 / Number of Ratings 76 / Highest Rating 3387 / Country: Slovakia

Michal Forisek

College Comenius University

Hometown Poprad, Slovakia

Favorite Food Curry chicken, and anything hot & spicy
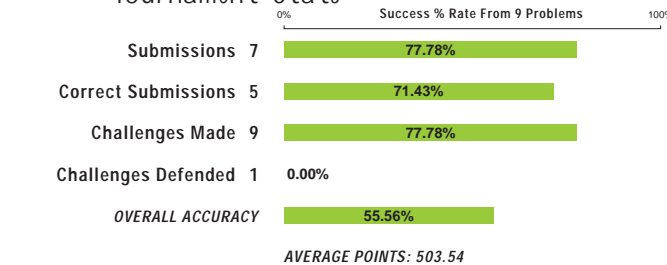
Favorite Movie Blade Runner

Favorite TopCoder Memory Getting into TCCC'05 finals. It was my first TC event, and it was quite emotional from my point of view -- in the semis a narrow loss to tomek due to a subtle bug, and then getting back in shape and winning the wildcard.

Rating History
Max: 3387

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems	
	0%	100%
Submissions 7	77.78%	
Correct Submissions 5	71.43%	
Challenges Made 9	77.78%	
Challenges Defended 1	0.00%	
OVERALL ACCURACY	55.56%	

AVERAGE POINTS: 503.54

algorithm semifinalists

nicka81 SEED 50 Current Rating 2336

Current Ranking 106 / Rating Percentile 99.3634 / Number of Ratings 147 / Highest Rating 2791 / Country: Russian Federation

Nikolay Archak

College New York University

Hometown Saint-Petersburg, Russia

Favorite Food Korean samgyeopsal

Favorite Band/Artist Scorpions

Favorite TopCoder Memory One of my favorite TopCoder memories is taking the second place in the Algorithm Semifinals at TCO05 and advancing to the finals. I never was very confident in my algorithmic skills and I didn't expect to get this far in my first major TopCoder tournament. The suspense of waiting for system tests combined with excitement gave an incredible feeling of adrenaline flowing through my veins. This day will take me long to forget.

Rating History
Max: 2791

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems	
	0%	100%
Submissions 6	66.67%	
Correct Submissions 4	66.67%	
Challenges Made 3	0.00%	
Challenges Defended 2	100.00%	
OVERALL ACCURACY	44.44%	

AVERAGE POINTS: 311.90
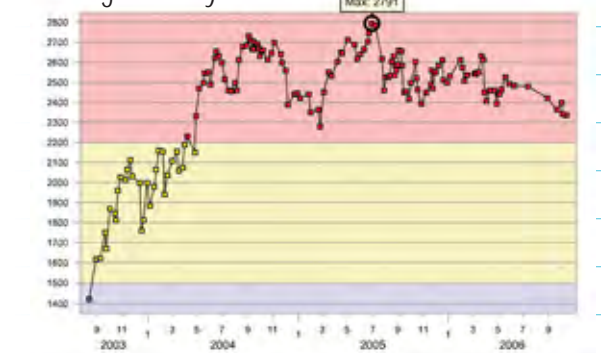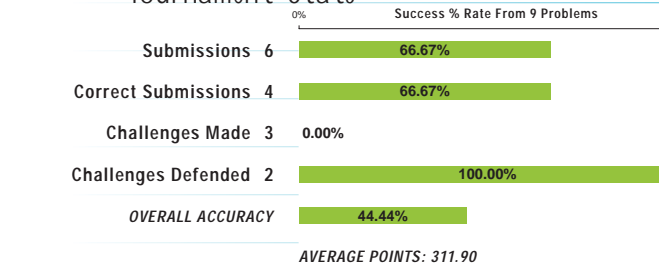
nika SEED 86 Current Rating 2510

Current Ranking 63 / Rating Percentile 99.6197 / Number of Ratings 14 / Highest Rating 2510 / Country: Georgia

Nicholas Jimsheleishvili

College Tbilisi State University

Hometown Tskaltubo (Georgia)

Favorite Food Khinkali

Favorite Movie Good The Bad And The Ugly

Favorite TopCoder Memory I finished the 250p and the 500p very fast and was in first place. Not a very fast solution in the 1000p left me in top 10. But after testing phases only the 1000p survived. As a result my strategy became opposite: 1) do the 250p and the 500p slow 2) don't do the 1000p. It worked very well in the TCCC online rounds, so one bad match is now my favorite memory.

Rating History

Max: 2519

2006

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems
Submissions 6	66.67%
Correct Submissions 6	100.00%
Challenges Made 3	33.33%
Challenges Defended 3	100.00%
OVERALL ACCURACY	66.67%

AVERAGE POINTS: 527.40

algorithm semifinalists

olo SEED 274 Current Rating 2053

Current Ranking 264 / Rating Percentile 98.4065 / Number of Ratings 35 / Highest Rating 2053 / Country: Poland

Aleksander Piotrowski

College Warsaw University

Hometown Lochowo

Favorite Movie The Shawshank Redemption

Favorite Band/Artist Red Hot Chili Peppers

Favorite TopCoder Memory I'm just having a great time solving problems with people from all over the world.

Rating History

Max: 2053

2005   2006

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems
Submissions 6	66.67%
Correct Submissions 5	83.33%
Challenges Made 0	NA
Challenges Defended 2	50.00%
OVERALL ACCURACY	55.56%

AVERAGE POINTS: 371.66

OpenGL SEED 19 Current Rating 2687

Current Ranking 33 / Rating Percentile 99.8008 / Number of Ratings 39 / Highest Rating 2713 / Country: China

Wenbin Tang

College Tsinghua University

Hometown Xinchang, Zhejiang

Favorite Food Fried beef

Favorite Band/Artist Aquarius

Favorite TopCoder Memory I've never been the first in an SRM !!!! ....before System testing........

Rating History

Max: 2713

2005   2006

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems
Submissions 8	88.89%
Correct Submissions 6	75.00%
Challenges Made 5	40.00%
Challenges Defended 2	50.00%
OVERALL ACCURACY	66.67%

AVERAGE POINTS: 625.18

algorithm semifinalists

Petr SEED 3 Current Rating 3336

Current Ranking 2 / Rating Percentile 99.9879 / Number of Ratings 83 / Highest Rating 3491 / Country: Russian Federation

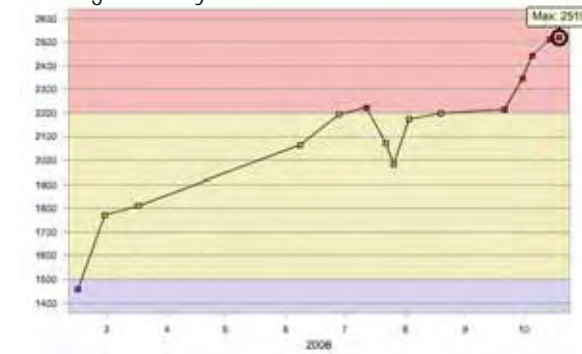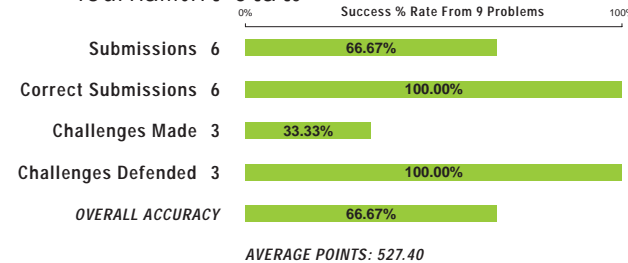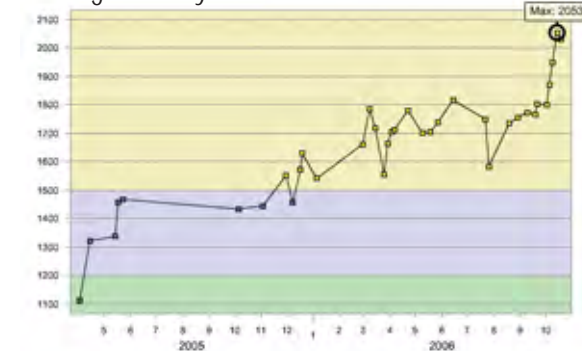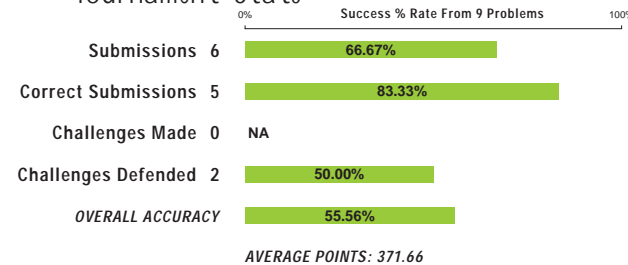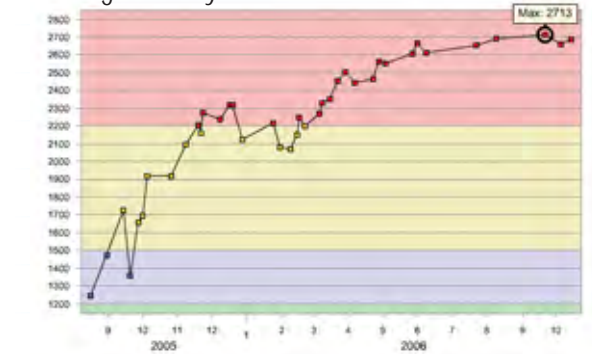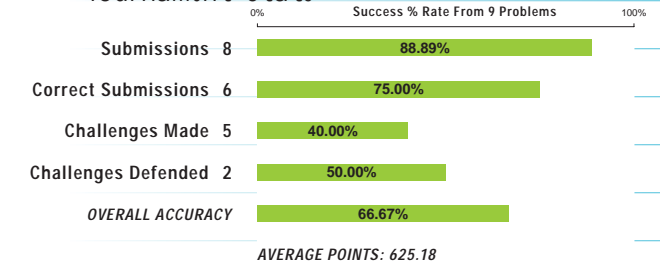### Petr Mitrichev

College Moscow State University

Hometown Moscow

Favorite Food Beef

Favorite Band/Artist Irina Bogushevskaya

Favorite TopCoder Memory Currently I have one story that outweighs all the other stories taken together - it's about winning TCO'06. When the coding phase ended, it was good. When I blind challenged +125, it became better. When tomek's hard failed challenge, it became even better. And when I passed the system tests, it was just the best.

Rating History

Max: 3491

2005   2006

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems
Submissions 9	100.00%
Correct Submissions 8	88.89%
Challenges Made 5	40.00%
Challenges Defended 1	0.00%
OVERALL ACCURACY	88.89%

AVERAGE POINTS: 1106.05

2006 TOPCODER COLLEGIATE CHALLENGE
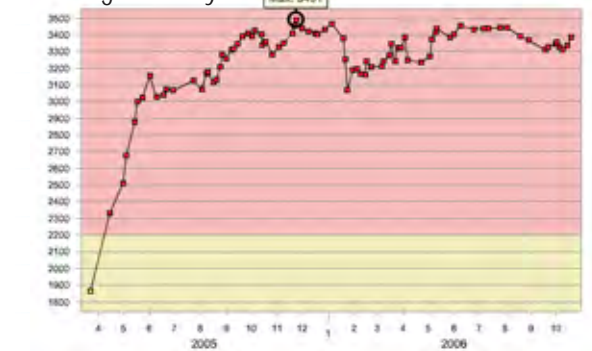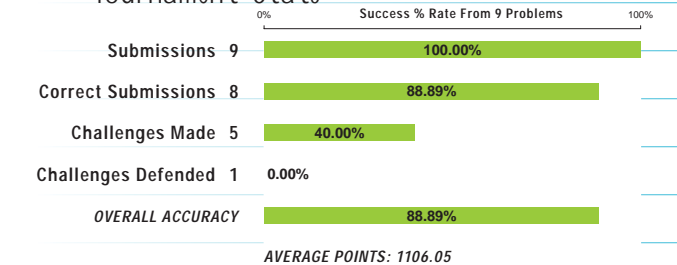
PMH SEED 109 Current Rating 2203

Current Ranking 176 / Rating Percentile 98.9376 / Number of Ratings 71 / Highest Rating 2387 / Country: China

Minghao Pan

College ZheJiang University

Hometown Hangzhou

Favorite Food Almost everything

Favorite Band/Artist Stefanie Sun

Favorite TopCoder Memory It should be the last online round of this TCCC. I guess everyone can understand how exciting it is to advance onsite, especially after many times of failure in the last 4 years. The moment I found myself on the top 48 after system tests, it was really fascinating.

Rating History
Max: 2387

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems	
Submissions 6	66.67%	
Correct Submissions 5	83.33%	
Challenges Made 2	50.00%	
Challenges Defended 5	80.00%	
OVERALL ACCURACY	55.56%	

AVERAGE POINTS: 392.03

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reid SEED 7 Current Rating 3125

Current Ranking 7 / Rating Percentile 99.9577 / Number of Ratings 72 / Highest Rating 3211 / Country: United States

Reid Barton

College Harvard University

Hometown Arlington, MA

Favorite Food Any ethnic food

Favorite TopCoder Memory
Antimatter and I decided to walk from the TCCC in Boston back to MIT at 4 in the morning.

Rating History
Max: 3198

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems	
Submissions 8	88.89%	
Correct Submissions 7	87.50%	
Challenges Made 0	NA	
Challenges Defended 0	NA	
OVERALL ACCURACY	77.78%	

AVERAGE POINTS: 905.00

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algorithm semifinalists

Psyho SEED 61 Current Rating 2495

Current Ranking 66 / Rating Percentile 99.6016 / Number of Ratings 52 / Highest Rating 2495 / Country: Poland

Przemyslaw Debiak

College Warsaw University

Hometown Gdansk

Favorite Movie Requiem for a Dream

Favorite Band/Artist Simon Posford

Favorite TopCoder Memory I don't have any story so far, but I hope I'll have one after TCCC ;)

Rating History
Max: 2495

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems	
Submissions 8	88.89%	
Correct Submissions 6	75.00%	
Challenges Made 1	100.00%	
Challenges Defended 5	60.00%	
OVERALL ACCURACY	66.67%	

AVERAGE POINTS: 573.76

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algorithm semifinalists

Revenger SEED 25 Current Rating 2751

Current Ranking 25 / Rating Percentile 99.8491 / Number of Ratings 79 / Highest Rating 2771 / Country: Russian Federation

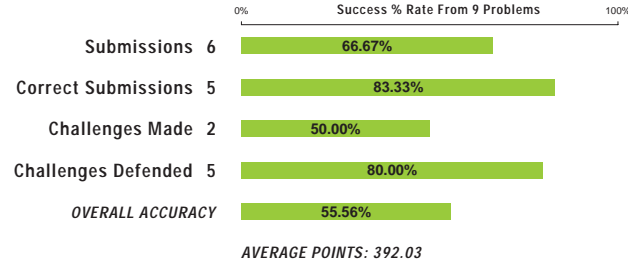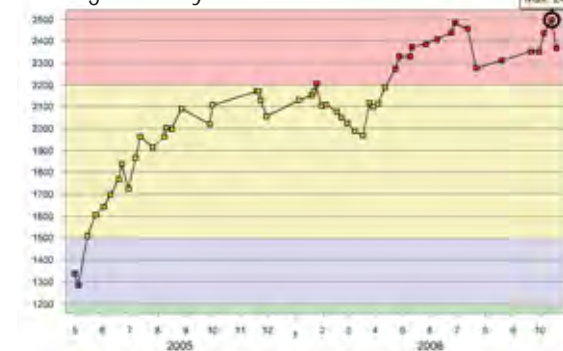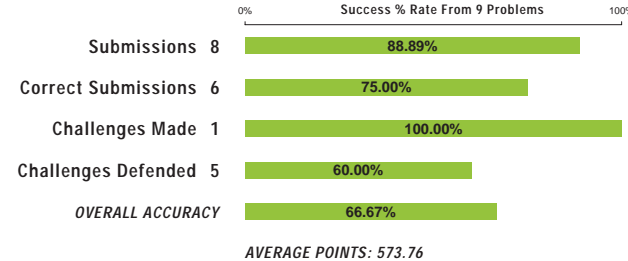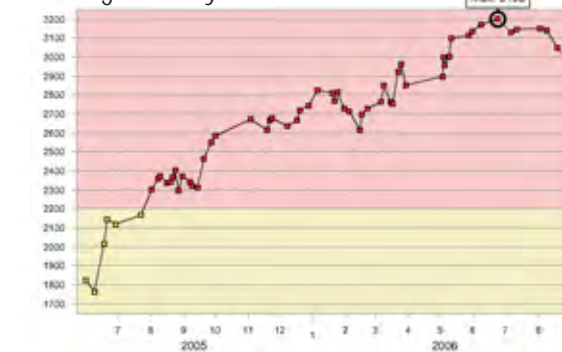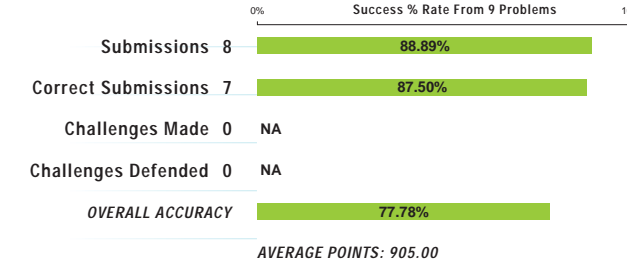## Denis Nazarov
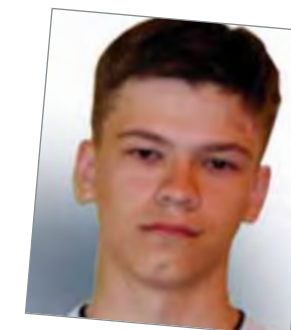
College Ufa State Technical University of Aviation

Hometown Ufa

Favorite Food Strawberry

Favorite Movie Vanilla Sky

Favorite TopCoder Memory I thought I lost my trip when after 5 seconds after TCCC06 Online Round 3 I found the stupidest bug in my 500-point problem. But .. I am still going to San Diego =)

Rating History
Max: 2771

Tournament Stats

	Success % Rate From 9 Problems	
Submissions 8	88.89%	
Correct Submissions 5	62.50%	
Challenges Made 5	80.00%	
Challenges Defended 10	80.00%	
OVERALL ACCURACY	55.56%	

AVERAGE POINTS: 612.55

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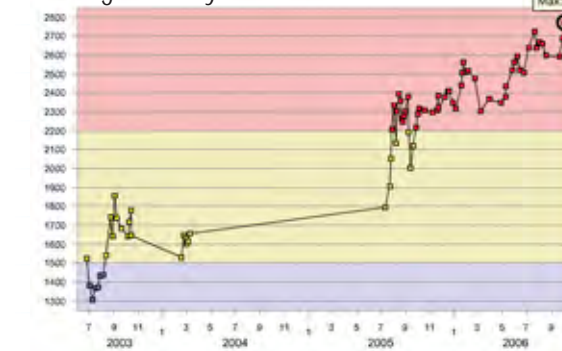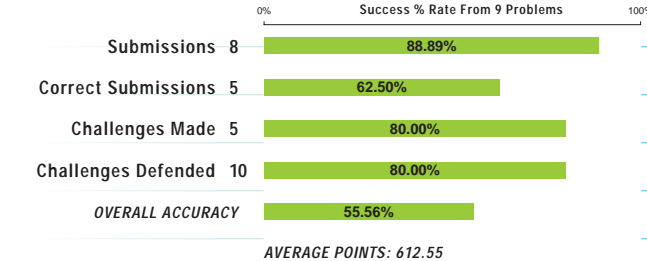
tomek SEED 1 Current Rating 3394

Current Ranking 1 / Rating Percentile 99.994 / Number of Ratings 105 / Highest Rating 3592 / Country: Poland

Tomasz Czajka

College Purdue University

Hometown Stalowa Wola

Favorite Food Pizza

Favorite Movie Back to the Future

Favorite TopCoder Memory I enjoyed winning a contest online when I submitted an incorrect solution very quickly on purpose to see if I could trick others into following with the "obvious" incorrect solution. It worked and sparked a discussion on competition versus cooperation at TopCoder.

Rating History

Max: 3592

Tournament Stats

		Success % Rate From 9 Problems
		0% ... 100%
Submissions	9	100.00%
Correct Submissions	7	77.78%
Challenges Made	3	0.00%
Challenges Defended	1	0.00%
OVERALL ACCURACY		77.78%

AVERAGE POINTS: 755.72

algorithm semifinalists

Tomy SEED 135 Current Rating 2216

Current Ranking 164 / Rating Percentile 99.0101 / Number of Ratings 68 / Highest Rating 2522 / Country: Spain

Tomas Lloret Llinares

College Universitat Politcnica de Catalunya

Hometown La Vila Joiosa

Favorite Food Tagliatelle alla carbonara

Favorite Movie Fight Club

Favorite TopCoder Memory One of the first days of my internship at Google I was facing one of those mental challenges they all talk about: choosing a drink at one of the micro-kitchens... There was someone with the same problem right next to me, then I glanced at him and said "Wait a minute! You're John Dethridge, right?"

Rating History

Max: 2522

Tournament Stats

		Success % Rate From 9 Problems
		0% ... 100%
Submissions	6	66.67%
Correct Submissions	5	83.33%
Challenges Made	1	100.00%
Challenges Defended	0	NA
OVERALL ACCURACY		55.56%

AVERAGE POINTS: 474.40

tywok SEED 218 Current Rating 2095

Current Ranking 232 / Rating Percentile 98.5996 / Number of Ratings 48 / Highest Rating 2095 / Country: Spain

Ricardo Martin

College Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya

Hometown Madrid, Spain

Favorite Movie The Matrix

Favorite Band/Artist Red Hot Chili Peppers

Favorite TopCoder Memory Once, I was doing an SRM at 3am and suddenly saw something moving in the kitchen. I thought it was a hallucination because of the hour it was. During the next SRM I had the same vision. I stood up to investigate. It was a little mouse that liked to go through my house at night. The question is how it got to the 6th floor. :-)

Rating History

Max: 2132

Tournament Stats

		Success % Rate From 9 Problems
		0% ... 100%
Submissions	6	66.67%
Correct Submissions	5	83.33%
Challenges Made	4	50.00%
Challenges Defended	2	100.00%
OVERALL ACCURACY		55.56%

AVERAGE POINTS: 422.72

algorithm semifinalists

Vedensky SEED 154 Current Rating 2204

Current Ranking 175 / Rating Percentile 98.9437 / Number of Ratings 77 / Highest Rating 2451 / Country: Ukraine

Kirill Vedensky

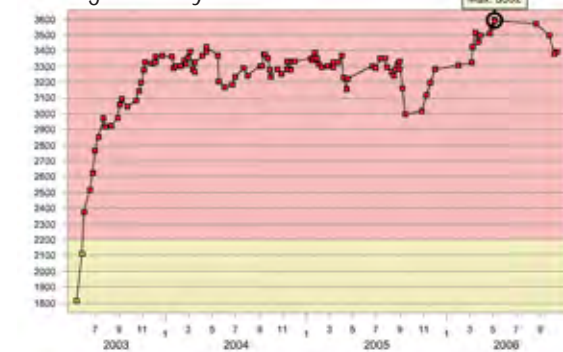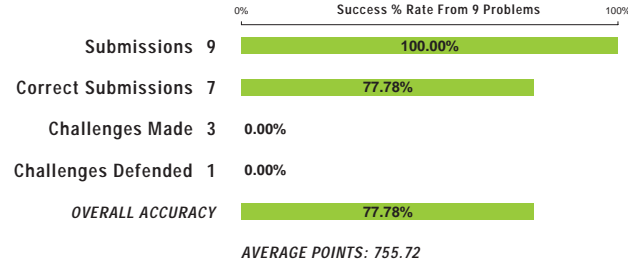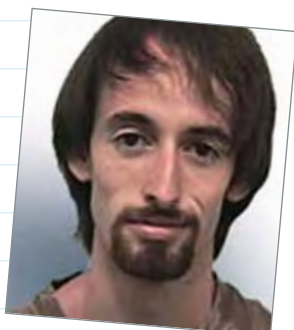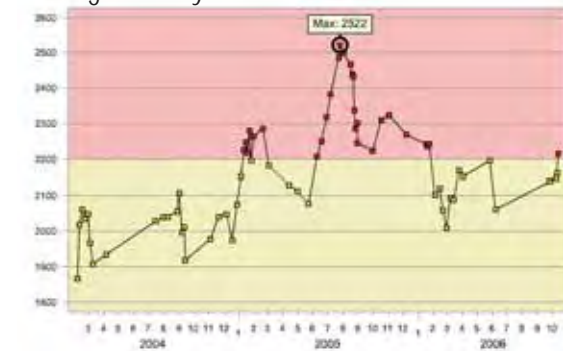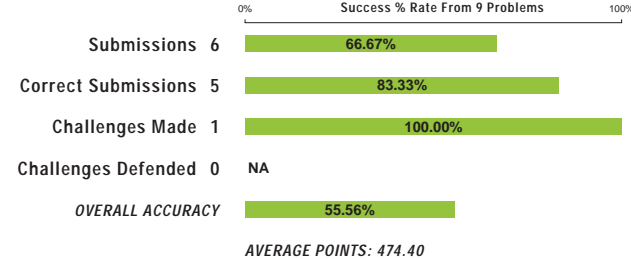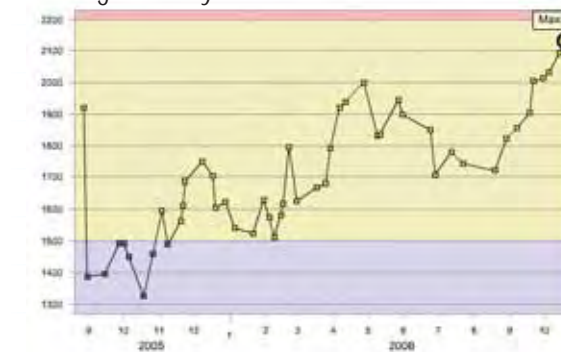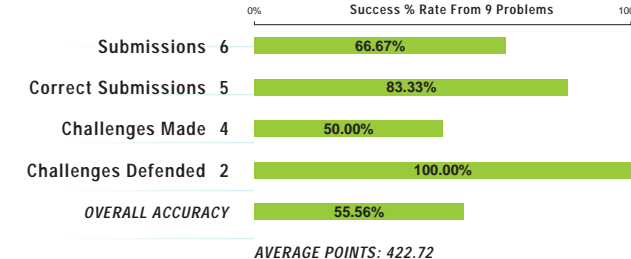**College** National Technical University of Ukraine, KPI

Hometown Kiev

Favorite Movie Soviet Cartoon

Favorite Band/Artist Pikkardiyska Terzia

Favorite TopCoder Memory I won second place in the third SRM I competed in, while in the first SRM (two weeks before) I just knew Pascal, and only basics of C++. I couldn't solve the Div2Medium on it because I didn't know how to do simple type conversions in C++.

Rating History

Max: 2451

Tournament Stats

		Success % Rate From 9 Problems
		0% ... 100%
Submissions	7	77.78%
Correct Submissions	5	71.43%
Challenges Made	3	66.67%
Challenges Defended	3	66.67%
OVERALL ACCURACY		55.56%

AVERAGE POINTS: 468.91

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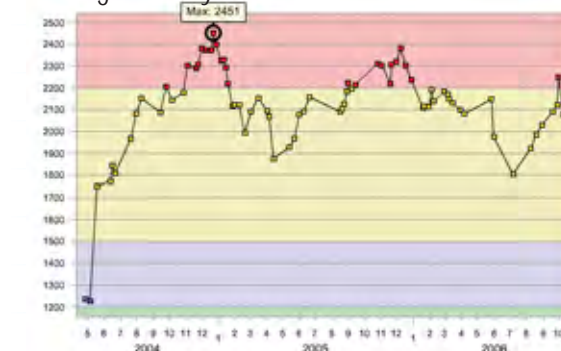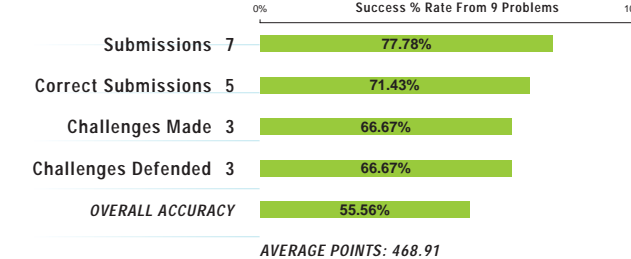
Vintik SEED 80 Current Rating 2356

Current Ranking 100 / Rating Percentile 99.3964 / Number of Ratings 49 / Highest Rating 2386 / Country: Russian Federation

Konstantin Azarov

College Moscow Engineering Physics Institute

Hometown Moscow, Russia

Favorite Food Candy :)

Favorite Movie Once upon a time in America

Favorite TopCoder Memory Well, I think that Round 3 of this TCCC was the most exciting until now. With crappy solution of 500 and a not 100% 250, only 100 challenge points gave some hope. In short, I would say that it was very exciting to wait for the division summary update after system tests :).

Rating History

Max: 2386

Tournament Stats

Success % Rate From 9 Problems

Submissions	6	66.67%
Correct Submissions	4	66.67%
Challenges Made	3	66.67%
Challenges Defended	2	0.00%
OVERALL ACCURACY		44.44%

AVERAGE POINTS: 403.41

Vovka SEED 166 Current Rating 2155

Current Ranking 200 / Rating Percentile 98.7928 / Number of Ratings 64 / Highest Rating 2155 / Country: Ukraine

Volodymyr Kachurovskyi

College National Technical University of Ukraine, KPI

Hometown Vinnitsa

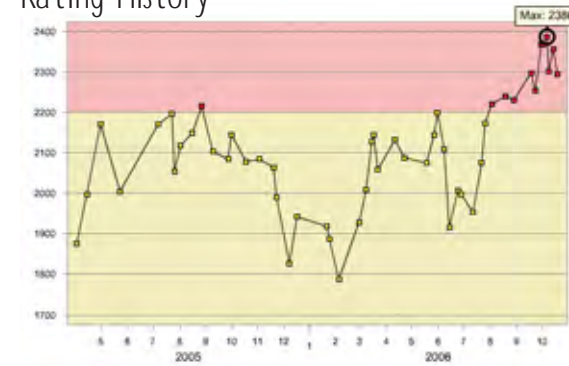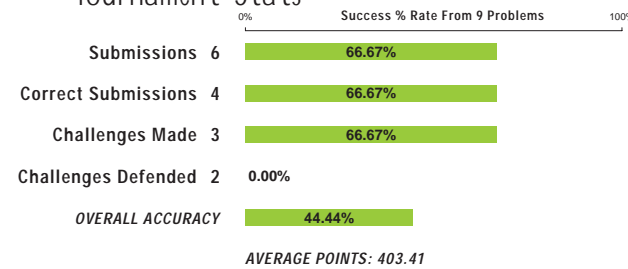**Favorite Movie** American Beauty

Favorite Band/Artist Metallica

Favorite TopCoder Memory TCCC06 is the most exciting story for me itself. I find it a complete adventure to win a trip to the finals and to meet the best world coders.

Rating History

Max: 2155

Tournament Stats

Success % Rate From 9 Problems

Submissions	7	77.78%
Correct Submissions	6	85.71%
Challenges Made	2	50.00%
Challenges Defended	2	50.00%
OVERALL ACCURACY		66.67%

AVERAGE POINTS: 541.26

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Vitaliy SEED 134 Current Rating 2273

Current Ranking 138 / Rating Percentile 99.167 / Number of Ratings 13 / Highest Rating 2273 / Country: Russian Federation

Vitaly Valtman

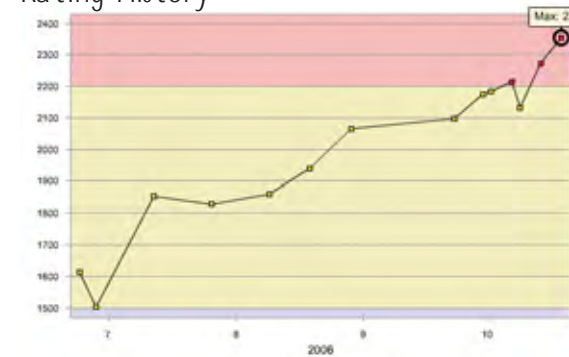**College** St. Petersburg State University

Hometown St. Petersburg

Favorite Food Meat with potatoes
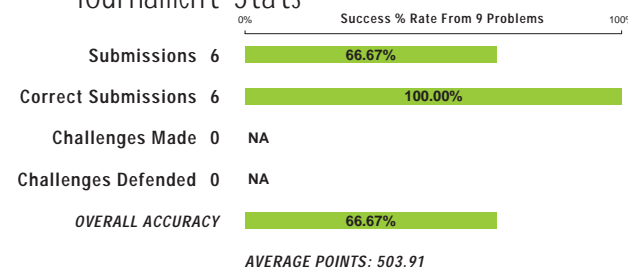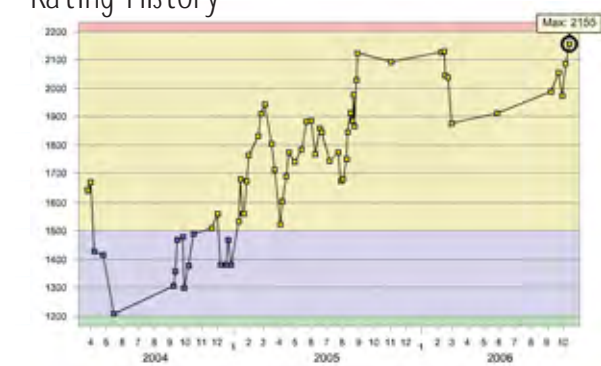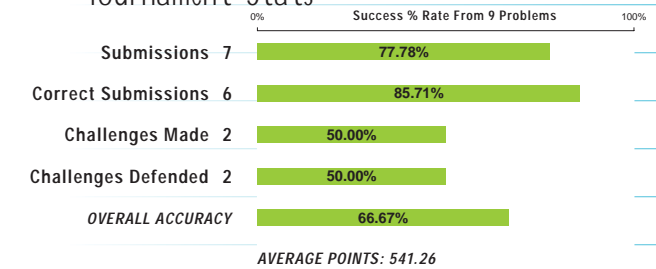
Favorite Band/Artist Vladimir Visotsky

Favorite TopCoder Memory My best place in TopCoder competition isn't very good, so I was almost sure that I would fail in TCCC eliminating round. After the coding & challenging phases I was in the first 48. So the most exciting in this is that all problems I have submitted were accepted, because often I have a faulty bug in my solution.

Rating History

Max: 2354

Tournament Stats

Success % Rate From 9 Problems

Submissions	6	66.67%
Correct Submissions	6	100.00%
Challenges Made	0	NA
Challenges Defended	0	NA
OVERALL ACCURACY		66.67%

AVERAGE POINTS: 503.91

Ying SEED 22 Current Rating 2714

Current Ranking 29 / Rating Percentile 99.825 / Number of Ratings 64 / Highest Rating 2903 / Country: China

Ying Wang

College Stanford University

Favorite Food Pizza

Favorite Movie Legends of the Fall

Favorite Band/Artist Faye Wong

Favorite TopCoder Memory In one prized SRM, I topped the room by beating Petr and Andrewzta.

Rating History

Max: 2903

Tournament Stats

Success % Rate From 9 Problems

Submissions	7	77.78%
Correct Submissions	6	85.71%
Challenges Made	5	0.00%
Challenges Defended	2	100.00%
OVERALL ACCURACY		66.67%

AVERAGE POINTS: 682.11

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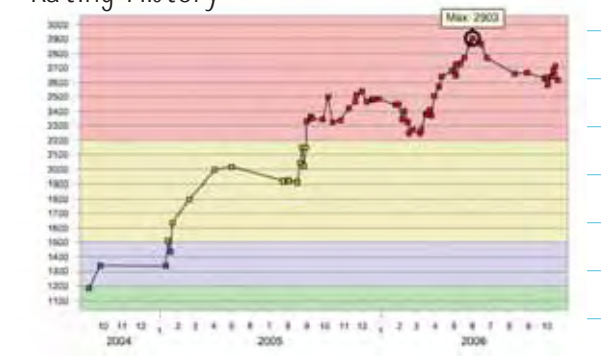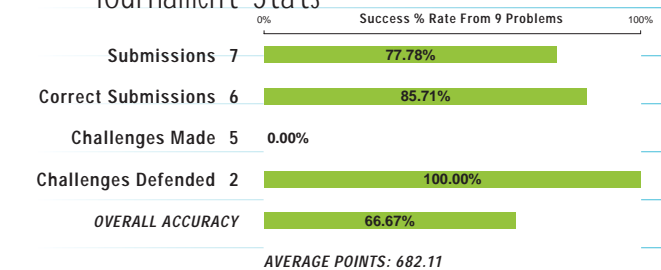
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TCCC Bloggers:
Reporting Live from San Diego

For this year's TopCoder Collegiate Challenge we wanted two bloggers to join us onsite and give a member's perspective on the competition, the atmosphere and the city of San Diego. Those members interested in attending participated in our Pick Me Contest where they submitted an essay explaining why they should be selected as a blogger for the TCCC. Our two winners are enthusiastic about TopCoder, possess impressive creative writing skills, and most importantly, will give a detailed account of the entire event. Excerpts from our winners' essays are below and you can also read their live tournament blogs online at www.topcoder.com/tccc06

[Churchillio]
Dave Churchill

"… I'm outgoing, speak fluent English, and have a great sense of humor… so blogging about the competition would be as much fun to read as it would be for me to write (I provide a 60 day moneyback guarantee* on all claims of humor related writings). I think I would be able to put a spin on the competition that provides people with a real feel of the spirit, tension and atmosphere of the live programming competition experience, and probably get a few people who weren't interested in TopCoder / live competition to be more interested in it.

I would also put a nice geek-twist on the blog, something like "Real life algorithms", where I would describe aspects of the competition in pseudocode, or something similar. Contextual humor, combined with seriously informative writing would be my angle, one I believe would be the best for such an event. If it was totally insane with no actual reporting it would be useless, but if it was totally serious to the point of boring, nobody would read. I have multiple years experience with digital photography and image editing, so the blog would also be full of photos for people to enjoy.

So pick me, I love competition, I love writing, I'd make it worth your while, and you wouldn't be sorry. "

[RRLevering]
Ryan Levering

"… This particular competition has always piqued my interest, mainly because it takes out some of the big names and therefore opens the door to a lot of coders that may not be able to compete at a more open competition like the TCO. Therefore, I usually find the competition a little more interesting, much like watching non-professional sports. I've almost been selected to go to the last two TCCCs. This has been annoying for me, but definitely has increased my desire to be there, even if I can't compete. Having someone who really wants to be there is important to making sure they take an active interest in what they're writing and in what is going on. …

… From the company's point of view, what the bloggers write will be important to both attracting envious coders for the next competition, as well as selling the sophistication and brilliance of the current competitors to sponsoring companies. I think that I can add to the TCCC experience with my professional style and insight."

Pablo Wolfus
[pulky]
Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina
Computer Engineering
"One fun thing I did while in college was playing no-rule soccer matches. You can see me in this photo after a friendly, clean, fair-played college soccer match. If you observe carefully, you'll notice an opponent's sock resting on my shoulder, I took it as a souvenir, isn't that nice?"

Mike Lydon [mike]
University of Connectictut
Management Information Systems "I wasted an hour or two each day playing darts."

Travis Haas
[thx1138]
Purdue University
Electrical Engineering Technology
"I was a shift leader at a Whirlpool packaging plant where I became friends with a guy who called himself Death Chuck."

Alejandro Marcu
[cucu]
Universidad de Buenos Aires
Electronic Engineering
"When I was in college, I earned my life by dancing tango in the streets."

Lars Backstrom [lbackstrom]
Cornell University - Computer Science
"I play hockey."

Admin

Olexiy Oryeshko [OlexiyO]
Kiev National University
Applied Mathematics and Computer Science "Member of both Indoor soccer team and mathematics team but if they overlapped, I missed the soccer game."

Cheun Haas [bettylee74]
Purdue University - Pre-Med, Hartford Art School - Graphic Design "I played bass guitar for my friend's band. We played two open-mic shows and a few parties, and our set included me switching instruments with my band mates so I could sing 'Self Esteem' by the Offspring."

Nick Trefz [ntrefz]
University of Connectictut
Mathematics "Someone on my dorm floor gave me a ZIP file of html pages entitled 'Learn C++ in 21 days.' It didn't work."

College

Diego Belfer [yes]
Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina - Computer Science
"These are the kind of things we do in Argentina when someone ends college. Next to me is a recently graduate friend covered with eggs, flour, Yerba Mate, Ketchup, and anything we could find. As you notice by my face, it is better to be the non-graduate one in that moment. No one can avoid this, so I will be covered with all this stuff in 1 1/2 years."

Christie Tanguay [Chrsie]
Undergrad - Albertus Magnus College, business management/accounting, Grad - University of New Haven finance/strategy policy. "I worked as a travel agent throughout undergrad traveling around North America to the top tourist destinations writing hotel and restaurant surveys for an advertising company."

Ryan Fairfax
[TheFaxman]
Iowa State University
Computer Science
Fencing Club

Dave Messinger
[mess]
Trinity College
Computer Science
"I played center on the Flag Football team."

Myliza Sheehan [mylizaTC]
Capital Community College - Criminal Justice
"I am going back to school after 14 years. I chose my current school because it has a diverse student base. I not only wanted to learn from the class material but from the student diversity and culture as well."

Days

Javier Fernandez-Ivern [ivern]
Eastern Washington University - Computer Science "We once took my dorm's entire entertainment budget and blew it on a big house with a hot tub and a weekend of snowboarding near it."

Brett Bernstein
[AdminBrett]
SUNY Binghamton University
Computer Science
"I played a lot of tennis throughout college."

Greg Paul [dok]
University of Connecticut
Computer Science and Engineering
"Greatest achievement: 30 minutes for a semester long course."

MaryBeth Luce [mbnd96]
University of Notre Dame - Accounting
"I drank my very first beer (one of many, as it would turn out) with the Marines in ROTC."

Mark Tong
[mktong]
Stanford University
Computer Science
"I played on my school's College Bowl (quiz bowl) team, also serving as president one year."

Jessie D'Amato Ford [jmpld40]
Central Connecticut State University
Communication and History
"I had more fun during my one semester abroad in London, traveling all over Europe, than all of my college years combined."
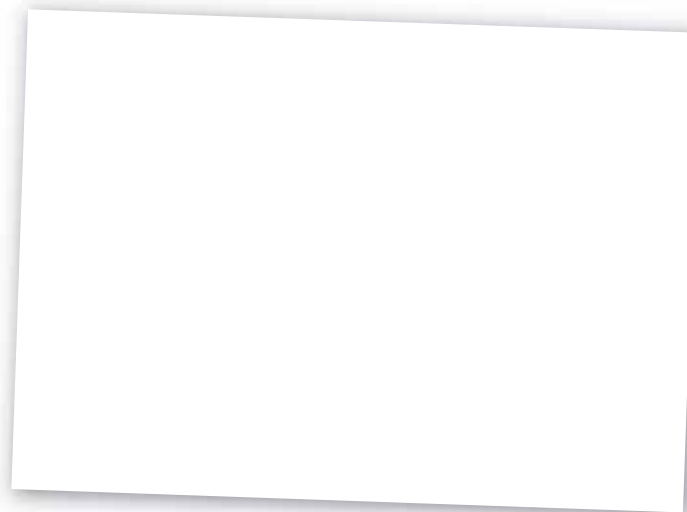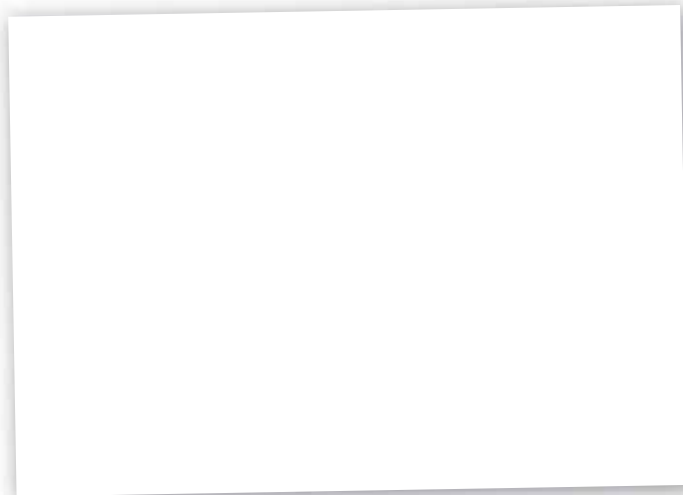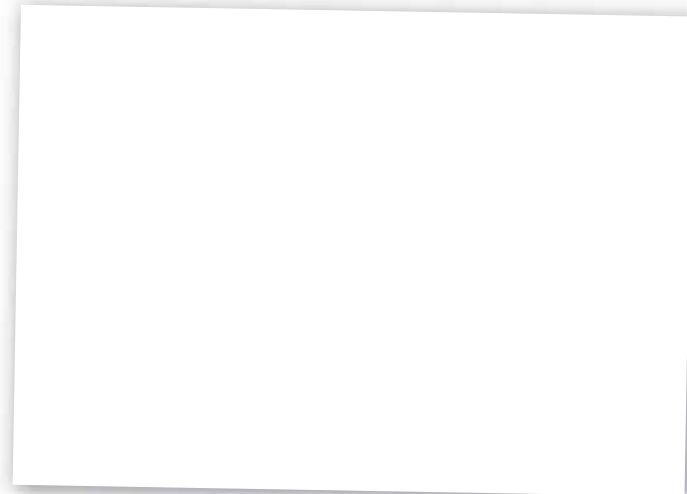
Tricia Laisi [tlaisi]
Northeastern University - Business, Rivier College - Communication Design "I had to apologize to the president of the Catholic college I went to because of the memorial to road kill installation I did on campus for my sculpture class."

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