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UCL Competitive Programming Society

Season 1: Introduction

Cable of Tontents

- Who **w**e are
- What **w**e do
 - This is NOT Algorithms 101
 - This is NOT interview prep
- What is Comp**w**etitive Programming
 - Pathways
 - Proof
- D**w**emocracy

Who we are

Structural organization

The Trinity

The Committee

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- Common interest,
goal & endeavor
- Brain gym
- Technical training
- Ways to think
- Negative aura
- **SUCCESS**

Us

- Budget: ##### [-----] -20/100
- Experience: [#####-----] 80/100
- Spirit: [#####] 100/100
- CF Rating: [-----mystery--????--drop-----] ???????

Dear presenter,
It now is time to call your
comrades up to the stage to
show everyone their lovely faces.

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**Democratic
leader**



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Money
person



Wellbber
ing
police



Social
media
dude



Democratic
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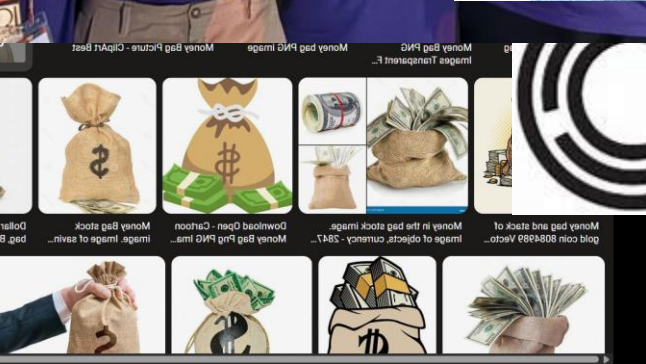
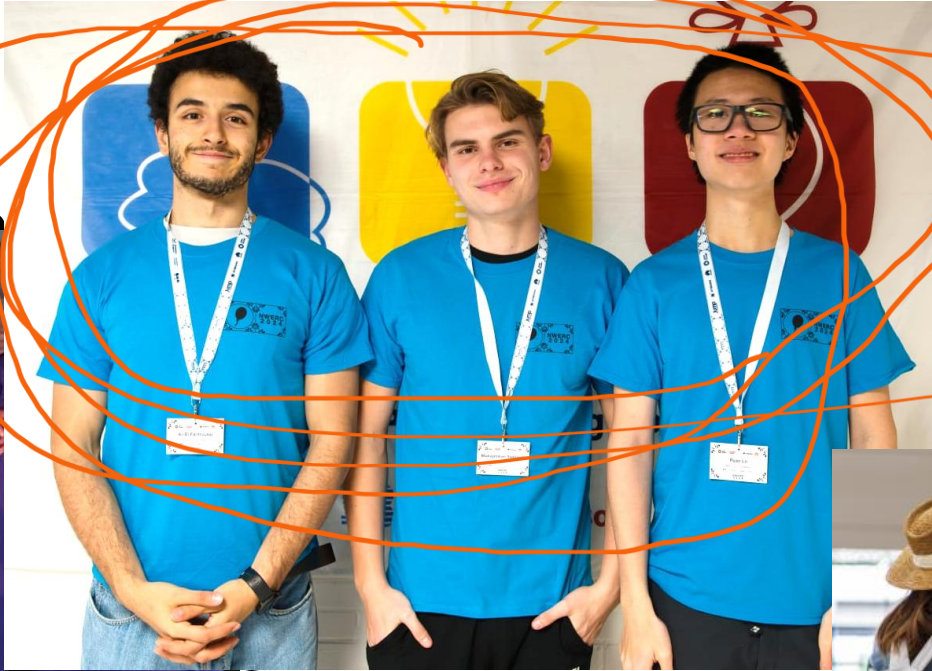


Whoever
this guy is

Free Trip toEUROPE

You (after becoming CP enjoyer)

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- (photo



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Statistics
on how
cp brings
you
P.H.A.T.
S.T.A.X.

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Us + You = Our... shared passion of CP

What does Competitive
Programming look like?
... ill tell you later

Ze president has ordered
the removal of this
picture

Competitive programming

Mind sport



Competitive programming or sport programming is a mind sport involving participants trying to program according to provided specifications. The contests are usually held over the Internet or a local n...

What we do

Operational goals and non-goals

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- Non-algorithmic tricks used in CP

What we do and what we do not do

What we do.

- Tell you you're shit
- Make you join the cult
- Stop you from leaving
- Tell people have a life

What we don't do.

- Socials
- Pizza
- Cokeine
- CP, the other one

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- Introduce you to true sweatiness
- Training for competition
- Training not for competition
- Augment **YOUR** intelligence
- Make **YOU** land 20k internships

What we don't do.

- “coding club”
- “how do I add 2 arrays?? 🤔?”
- Leetcode easy

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE NO JAVASCRIPT... IT IS A FUCKING SCRIPTING LANGUAGE
PLEASE PLEASE NO C JUST USE `c++` LIKE WHAT

Competitive Programming

In which you will find spiritual enlightenment...

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Destinations

Where could CP bring you?

Not jail, hopefully.

Destinations

ICPC Winner

- Swag 100

Google Intern (no return offer)

- Money 100

Homeless shelter

- You'll still be the smartest person on the street.
- Finally girlfriend?

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Democracy time

How should we operate?

Your opinions will be taken as “gentle suggestions”.

What do you want?

1. Lectures?
2. Contests?
3. Workshops (practice sessions)?
4. Competition training?
5. Problem design?
6. Personalized assistance?
7. Algorithms module supplement?
8. How to get started with CP?

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