



## Getting Contestants Ready

Here are few pointers to help contestants get ready for the contest:

- The best thing you can do to get ready for the contest is practice solving problems as much as possible. An excellent site for past acm/icpc problems is this site. ↗<sub>2</sub> (*note: The site doesn't seem to be updated!*)
- The Competitive Learning Institute (part of ICPC) has an online judge ↗<sub>3</sub> for past ICPC world final and regional problems
- Regional winners are usually active on Top Coder ↗<sub>4</sub>!
- University of Valladolid has a contest site with an enormous problems archive. You can even send your answers to the online Judge. Follow this link ↗<sub>5</sub>.
- Here's also a link to the problem-sets used in previous Arab Collegiate Programming Contests: 2009 ↗<sub>6</sub>, 2008 ↗<sub>7</sub>, 2007 ↗<sub>8</sub>, 2006 ↗<sub>9</sub>, 2005 ↗<sub>10</sub>, 2004 ↗<sub>11</sub>, 2003 ↗<sub>12</sub>, 2002 ↗<sub>13</sub>, 2001 ↗<sub>14</sub>, 2000 ↗<sub>15</sub>, 1999 ↗<sub>16</sub>, and 1998 ↗<sub>17</sub>.
- We also published the I/O for some of the previous ACPC years: 2009 ↗<sub>18</sub>, 2008 ↗<sub>19</sub>, 2007 ↗<sub>20</sub>, 2006 ↗<sub>21</sub>, and 2005 ↗<sub>22</sub>. We're still hopeful that 2002–2004 will be published in the near future.
- A good text book is Programming Challenges: The Programming Contest Training Manual ↗<sub>23</sub>. The book has its own online judging system ↗<sub>24</sub>.
- Here's an interesting article on the best teams strategy. The article is titled: Teamwork in Programming Contests:  $3*1=4$  ↗<sub>25</sub>.
- Here's another article about common programming errors. The article is titled: Common Mistakes in Online and Real-time Contests ↗<sub>26</sub>.
- Don't forget you can bring any printed material to the contest: Books, notes, listings, whatever you like as long as it is not in an electronic format.

Got a pointer you wish to share with the rest? Send an email to [info@acm-acpc.org](mailto:info@acm-acpc.org)

## URL Links

- ↗<sub>1</sub> <http://www.acm-acpc.org>
- ↗<sub>2</sub> <http://www.acm.inf.ethz.ch/>
- ↗<sub>3</sub> <http://cii-judge.baylor.edu/>
- ↗<sub>4</sub> <http://www.topcoder.com/tc>
- ↗<sub>5</sub> <http://icpcres.ecs.baylor.edu/onlinejudge/>

- ↗ 6 <http://www.acm-acpc.org/yr/2009/cj/anarc2009.pdf>
- ↗ 7 <http://www.acm-acpc.org/yr/2008/cj/anarc2008.pdf>
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- ↗ 22 <http://www.acm-acpc.org/yr/2005#io>
- ↗ 23 <http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0387001638/ref=nosim/thealgorithmrepo/>
- ↗ 24 <http://www.programming-challenges.com>
- ↗ 25 <http://www.acm.org/crossroads/xrds3-2/progcon.html>
- ↗ 26 <http://www.acm.org/crossroads/xrds7-5/contests.html>

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