

# Warsaw Team

## Team Profile

### **What is the name of your team and why did you choose it?**

We call ourselves “Warsaw Team” to emphasize the fact that our members are mainly from the top University in Warsaw and that the Team is supported by the UW’s HPC Centre.

### **Why do you think your team will have an edge in the event (what’s your secret sauce)?**

Our members have various interests and knowledge within STEM and Science - some of us are involved in research in AI, parallel computing etc. We also have received a lot of assistance from former members of the team, as well as good communication with the sponsors, who are providing us with top of the line competitive hardware.

### **What have you done to prepare that makes your team unique?**

For the past four months, we organised meetings to deal with problems regarding applications, benchmarks, Azure. This was tricky, as the time that worked for everyone involved was changing with each and every meeting. To make matters worse, most of us were balancing work (sometimes even abroad) with their responsibilities as part of Warsaw Team. Armed with the experience from the past couple of months doing remote studies, we were well equipped to face this challenge. The team managed to become a group of friends, get stronger, work better on arising problems and difficulties. We also contacted university experts on topics like physics, parallel and CUDA programming.

### **What are you most looking forward to in the competition?**

There are two main aspects of the competition we’re looking forward to.

The first one is the competition itself - the majority of us (5 out of 6) are taking part in a student cluster competition for the first time and are eager to begin the struggle against time and to grind their teeth whenever they embark on a critical error at the very end of the run.

The second one is the teamwork opportunity. We expect to be constantly sleep-deprived and yet we are all incredibly excited for the opportunity to debug those strange, difficult to reproduce errors that only happen in the final hours of a competition, for the opportunity to (virtually) sit down together and focus on our common goals while trusting each other’s skills, for the opportunity

to be able (willingly or otherwise) to work not exactly knowing what's happening and why. That's something that can only be experienced during this kind of competition.

## What time zone is your team competing from?

Warsaw Team will be competing from the GMT+1 time zone.

## What do your team members do for fun?

- Marek Skiba is passionate about machine learning (he spends all his free time debugging Neural Nets) and he is currently working on a project involving employing advanced ML methods in chess. He also enjoys rock climbing and jogging.
- Paweł Pawłowski spends his days on reverse engineering numerous programs and code analysis. His hobbies include learning new languages, finding interesting and not-so-obvious facts about distant cultures and solving infrastructure-related problems.
- Konrad Litwiński loves solving abstract mathematical problems. He is also enjoys long distance cycling and logic puzzles.
- Mateusz Nowakowski is Computer Science student with a passion for Maths and Physics. In his free time he likes watching and reading about movies (with italian neorealism as his favourite film movement) and playing football with his friends.
- Joanna Wojciechowska is one of those people who loves exploring the beauty of nature and if she could, she would spend all of her free time discovering new and wonderful places, where man is yet to set foot. She loves hiking (especially in Polish Tatra mountains). She also enjoys dancing, partying and competitive programming contests.
- Marek Masiak enjoys learning neuroscience and is truly passionate about grasping new and interesting concepts. In the future, he wants to take part in research in that area of science. Besides that, he enjoys cycling and playing basketball with his friends.

## If your team had a theme song, what would it be?

Polish programming related cover of song "Let it go" from Frozen. It's titled "I've got the code":

The choir goes:

I've got the code, I've got the code,

I'll compile it in a moment

I've got the code, I've got the code,

It will be a hundred percent

It has a tremendous dose of positivity that each programmer needs sometimes.

## **Can you share an interesting fact about your team?**

This year the team is comprised in the majority of first timers. This competition is an opportunity for them to prove themselves and to have the wonderful experience of meeting people with similar or different interests from all around the world.