

Programmer_Myth.debunk()

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Like a great many other things, movies and memes have generated a general and often flawed perception of programmers. I am here, with my personal experience, to debunk some of the myths and stereotypes encircling this reputed profession.

THEY DON'T HAVE A SOCIAL LIFE

Or any kind of life that requires human contact. This is partly a myth. Some programmers find solace in the bright screen of their monitors and in tapping their keyboards. To them languages like Java and Python are easier to work with instead of human languages. They understand networking protocols better than human protocols which are unpredictable and somehow often lead to them getting roasted by their peers. They have found their IDEs to stay loyal and honest and listen to their requests, unlike some humans they've known. But there are also those who are capable of maintaining a natural conversation without thinking how this time could've been better utilised by working on his GUI.

THEY HATE INSECTS

When you've heard them say, "This bug's killing me", it's probably a 'bug' a.k.a. an error in their code, not an arthropod. But then again, who likes a flying cockroach?

THEY DON'T SLEEP

This is partly true. Though yet unproven, it is widely believed that the stress of implementing algorithms and solving bugs in a code directly affect the biological infrastructure of the programmer to make him more tolerable to lack of sleep. While statistics say consecutive days of no sleep lead to hallucination and mental trauma, programmers often find it resulting in a successful program.

In most of the cases this myth comes from misinterpreting the programmers' nocturnal behaviour. Like most other *noshto* kids of the new generation,



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programmers find the calm of midnight a proper environment for concentration and getting jobs done.

THEY LIVE ON COFFEE

This one is a very widely recognised stereotype, and since drinking coffee is regarded as cool in our society, programmers don't refuse it. In reality, the temporary insomniac life they have to lead every now and then requires stimulants, and there's nothing as good and socially acceptable as coffee.

THEY'RE NATURALLY GAMERS

Not necessarily. Just because coding and video gaming

both require computers doesn't mean they're proficient at both. But as mentioned previously, they like to stay glued to their PCs, and video games are the natural stress-busters.

THEY READ COMICS AND WATCH ANIME A LOT

This is a simple case of simpletons mixing up nerds and geeks. The internet has firmly distinguished these two frowned upon yet occasionally worshipped ethnicities. It's not that programmers can't be weaboos but the last time I checked writing codes and wishing for their senpais to notice them aren't correlated.

Types of annoying FIFA players

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FIFA: the game football fans and video game freaks love to indulge in to spend time with friends. It is more than just a video game and true fans of the game will admit that we tend to let our emotions get the better of us while playing it.

As much as we love the thrill, excitement and pleasure that come with playing FIFA, we also risk tweaking our last nerve thanks to some of the most annoying gamers in the group.

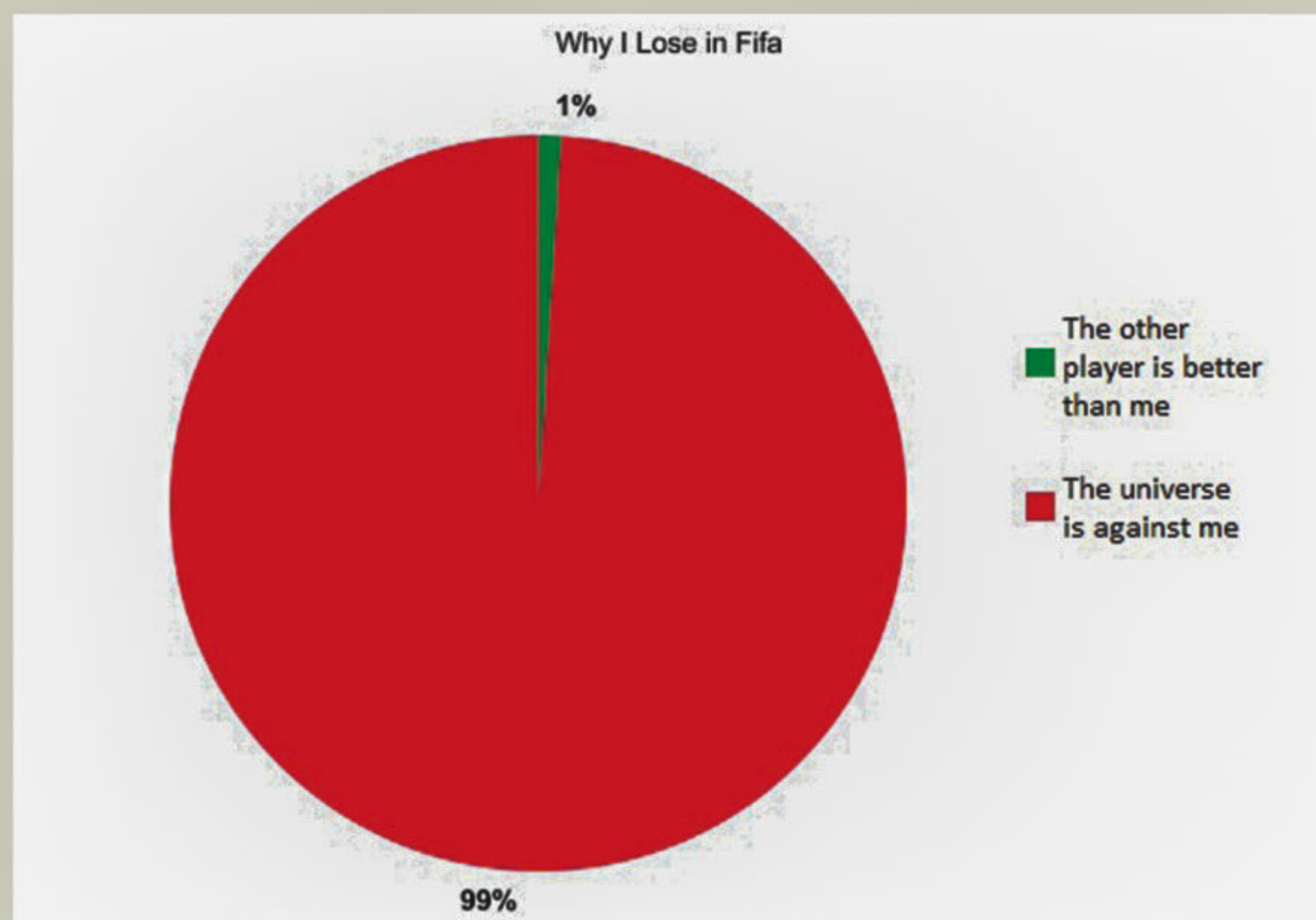
Here are the types of FIFA players we all get mad at.

The Reactors

We all have that one friend who turns the serious mode on right from kick off. They will carefully orchestrate their tactics and swear out loud every time something goes against them. They play and react to every event in such a way as though their life depends on the game and furthermore, they tend to watch the match opening scenes and replays of goals which will irritate the life out of you.

The King of Excuses

These types of people lose most of their



matches and take excuses to the next level. "I'm not a console player; I'm more of a desktop person", "This controller has issues", "I was sitting at an awkward angle to the TV", "I chose a weaker team and went easy on you," are a few of the phrases they will use to

justify their losses. Gracefully accepting defeat is not in their blood.

The Disgrace

Let's say your best finisher is through on goal and you're about to take the shot to score and at that exact moment your opponent pauses the game

because he needs to make a substitution. Infuriating right? Not only that, they also tend to quit early when they are in a losing position as well as restarting/quitting when they are in a solitary goal lead citing "you lost this bro". If only there was a way to ban them from FIFA altogether, the game would have been so much better.

The Show-Off

Right when you think it couldn't get any worse, you meet the show-offs - the type who will beat you in a game and remind you of it for 3 years. Worse yet, they will bring it up in friendly gatherings and make a laughing stock out of you leaving you wondering how nice it would be to high five them in the face with a steel chair.

I'm sure that most of you FIFA lovers reading this article will relate to it and remember those friends who are annoying players of the game and if you're one of them, please change.

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