



B O M B A Y P L A Y

GAME DESIGN ASSESSMENT



Top of the Bots

A **50 person** leaderboard event lasts **24h**.

A game takes **10mins**.

Player gets **3 points per win**. 0 on loss.

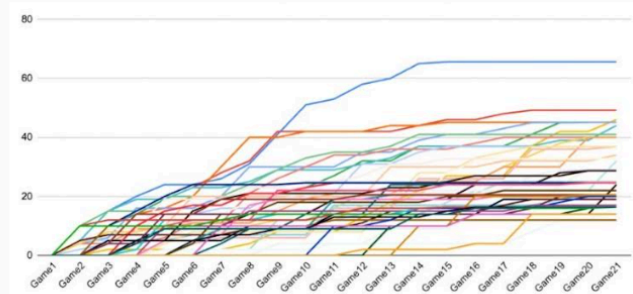
All the other players on the leaderboard are **bots**.

In only a few bullet points, in plain english, describe a logic of how the bots should score points over the course of the event in a way that ensures the player remains engaged **without feeling boredom or frustration**.

...At what frequency should bots score?

...How should bots react to player progress?

...How can the player win?



*Simulation of Oli's secret solution

1. Scoring frequency of the bots:

- The bots win 1 out of every 4 games they play. This is the default behavior.
- This means 36 games are won by bots in total, in 24 hours. Hence, 108 points.

2. Bot reaction to player progress:

- If the player is progressing fast i.e., scoring more than or close to bots, some bots will then start to win 3 games out of every 4 games played by them.
- And if the player progresses very slowly, some bots will slow down and will start to lose more.

3. How the player can win:

- **Case 1:** Initially the player needs 108 points to win, which can be achieved in continuous playing for 6 hours but as no one plays games for 6 hours straight, players can take 4 sessions of 1 hour of gameplay ($4 \times 6 = 24$). Doing so, players won't trigger the bots to become aggressive and will be able to top the leaderboard.
- **Case 2:** If players do trigger bots to become aggressive, they can deliberately lose to make the bots slow down and then players can continue the game normally.
- Grind all the way through the event.

THE MATH BEHIND:

Even lasts = 24 hours => 24×60 => **1440 min.**

Single game lasts = **10 min.**

Points per win = **3.**

=> max games = $1440/10$ = **144.**

Max points = 144×3 => **432.**

Default AI behavior: The bots will win 1 game out of every 4 games played by them.

=> $\frac{1}{4} \times 144$ => **36** games in total 24 hours.

and 36×3 => **108** points in 24 hours.

So, the player needs more than **108** points in **24** hours to win the event.

Now, **if** more than **half** of the event time is remaining and the player has already secured **70%** of the goal (**~76** points), the bots will then become aggressive and start to win **3** games out of **every 4** games played.

Let's suppose half of the time has passed and the player has secured 100 points, hence bots are now aggressive.

So, 12 hours = **720** minutes.

Bots now win 3 out of 4 games played.

Max games remaining $720/10$ = **72.**

=> $72/4$ = **18.**

=> 18×3 = **54** games won

54×3 = **165** points

So the player now needs $165+8=173$ more points in the remaining **12** hours to top the leaderboard.

=> $165/10$ = 16.5 => **~17** games.

17×10 = **170** minutes(**2.83** hours) required to play **17** games.

Bots win 2 games out of every 4 games played so, the player needs to win *at least 3* games out of every 4 games played to win the event.

In this situation, it is likely that the player will lack behind the bots. To overcome this, the player will have to grind to win.

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