# **Marathon Coach**

#### Introduction

People who run a marathon or half marathon typically have a time goal (e.g. run marathon under 4 hours = 240 minutes). While running, they measure the time per kilometer. You have to write a software that helps keeping runners on track regarding their time goal.

## Requirements

#### Minimum requirements:

- 1. First, ask the user if she wants to run a marathon (42.195km) or a half marathon (21.0975km).
- 2. Next, ask the user for the time goal in minutes (e.g. 240 minutes).
- 3. Calculate the necessary average time per km and print it on the screen.
  - 1. Example: 240 minutes for 42.195km means 240 / 42.195 = 5.688 minutes/km
- 4. During running, the user can enter how far she already ran and how much time already elapsed. You have to calculate a new average speed based on that. Therefore, do the following steps in a loop:
  - 1. Ask the user if she has already reached the finish line. Exit the loop if she has reached the finish
  - 2. Ask the user how many kilometers she has already run (e.g. 10)
  - 3. Ask the user how many minutes have already elapsed since starting (e.g. 60)
  - 4. Print the required average pace for the rest of the race. In our example, 42.195 10 = 32.195km and 240 60 = 180 minutes are remaining. So the new average pace is 180 / 32.195 = 5.591 minutes/km.
- 5. At the end, ask the user for her total time in minutes. Calculate the overall average pace in minutes/km and print it on the screen.

## Additional requirements:

- Add a third option called *custom* besides marathon and half marathon. It should allow the user
  to enter the distance manually. So if the user selects *custom*, you have to ask her for the distance
  in km.
  - Make sure that the entered distance is a positive number lower than 200. If not, ask again until the user entered a valid number.

• Check the distance input in the loop (step 4.2 above): If the user enters a distance greater than the total distance, print an error and ask again until the user entered a valid distance.

• As of today, no human can run faster than 2.7 minutes/km on long-distance runs. If the calculated pace in step 3 above is lower than or equal 2.7 minutes/km, print a warning message (e.g. *You will not be able to run that fast*). The program should not stop if the warning message is displayed.

# **Flowchart for Minimum Requirements**

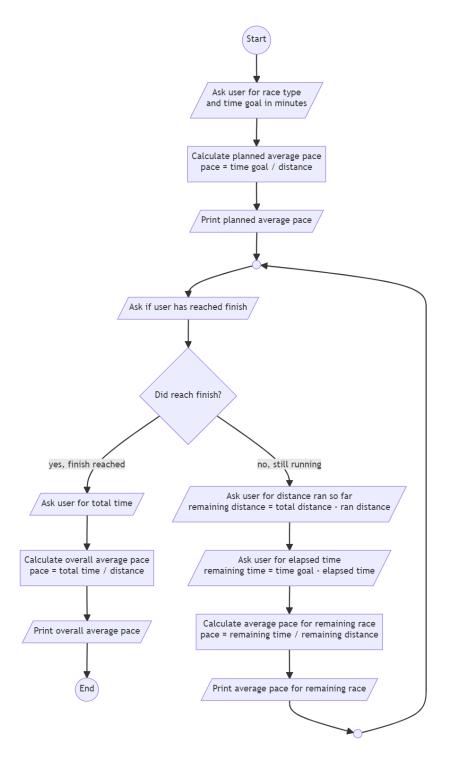


Figure 1: Flowchart

Source<sup>1</sup>

## Sample Output/Input

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Type of run? (1) Marathon, (2) Half Marathon, (3) Custom 1
What is your time goal (in minutes)? 240
Your average pace must be 5.6878777106292215 minutes/km.

Did you already reached the finish (y/n)? n
Distance ran so far? 10
Elapsed time? 60
Your average pace will need to be 5.59093026867526 minutes/km.

Did you already reached the finish (y/n)? y

Total time? 240
Your average pace was 5.6878777106292215 minutes/km.
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¹https://mermaid.live/edit#pako:eNqFlE2PmzAQhv\_KyCdWlh84CSRlbRU1bS-Vuurm1KUHC0xildjINqumUf57jYm 9wKYqB7DH43fsZ2a4oFwUFKXoIEl9hP0u42CeJ02kDgL7eXjo2WAyeQ87pjThOX2ebdUvaBSVUAoJkuQU9LmmW cYJL0CzE4WDIBUwDifGG03V7Gcn5iSs3kdS5dsXKsmBPhqN53beVERTqCvCOS2AdKtQm2Wj3n7gXS\_ADIqb4E1\_J GnDPErGtQ0ws8O76u6A3tlu\_d7wIABHwsys1dz-M-NMHTsQrOxYHIkCSUI-NNKIXXeifoPd3g0vO1Z07jfnD9fO2X vCmarwtuiFW4G90KTaGwijROjWbum4wN7T87aW7cthBFy0KKrqX8C98H3ifdFX5C7Kjfq9EAPqfYFPvAgC83LoX6 FwEYLSzAjJhnPGD4PSxCMk7rCmSDkoASWR5lqSngize\_26u6Q3TOwWNx3XL-4SYYh8MXU4jkorUivadcIgnEXYL-DJwNenzeneaxPcS1ufZdeLPpQcZHB0hBm8RXC\_g\_CwhbDL5n8iv2kn7NL6rfwqRN3rKm9zHZdxFKITlUavMH-oS-uWIX2kBiZKzbCgJWkqnaGMX40rabR4OvMcpVo2NERNXRg2O0bMv-2E0pJUylhrwn8IMZij9IJ-o3SxmM7XeBUtFzjG8yTa xCE6o3SC42Qar9fLeBltNmucLK4h-mMlommSRKs4wvFys4mSeL66\_gUONMHn