If you love math, then you probably already think that math and games have a lot in common. After all, math and games both play by the rules, and the more you play the better you get. But unfortunately, for most people, math is more like a dreary chore than a fun game. In this talk I'll show you some of the things I'm doing and you can do too to bring playful math to everyone, young and old.

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