

# Random Rants About (Nearly) Everything

000. Introduction

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## This webcast is *opinionated*

Everything presented here is my personal opinion.  
Usually I will not provide answers but raise questions.

I will not usually apologise for anything I say. While I think twice before talking, take everything presented here with a grain of salt.

This webcast is clearly *opinionated*  
and not a comprehensive discussion of the topic at hand.

If you feel offended, be reensured that this was not my intent.

If I made you think about the topic, even if you strongly disagree, I would see this as 'mission accomplished'.

... not another 'angry white male' ranting about the world!

## rant

**1 a** : ostentatious speech or utterance : discourse that is often wildly excessive and unrestrained [...] **b** : extravagant often flowery language or sentiment usu. empty of meaning

### Calling it 'rant'

- ... makes it easy for you to ignore me
- ... allows me to make opinionated statements

D. Adams: The Hitch Hikers Guide to the Galaxy  
Webster's Third New International Dictionary, Könnemann, Cologne 1993

- ❓ Why this series of webcasts?
  - *Because*
- ❓ Are you insane?
  - *Probably*
- ❓ Are you bored, having nothing better to do?
  - *Not at all*
- ❓ Why three digits for the number of webcasts?
  - *Think big, start small, scale fast.*
- ❓ Will there be a possibility to discuss with you?
  - *It depends*
- ❓ Why 'Random Rants'? Are you always negative?
  - *Not at all – just opinionated*

- ▶ Short and concise
  - One topic
  - 5–10 slides
  - 10–20 minutes
- ▶ Opinionated
  - Questions, not answers
  - No comprehensive treaty of the topic
  - Intended to make you think
- ▶ Broad range of topics
  - Personally relevant to the author
  - Recurring
  - Relevant to a broader audience



## Key aspects



- 🔑 This webcast is opinionated.  
Its intent is to make you think.
- 🔑 Every episode will cover one topic.  
It is not comprehensive, but concise.
- 🔑 Every episode will start with the disclaimer  
and close with the key aspects.
- 🔑 The ideas presented are my personal opinion.  
It is not set in stone but may change with time.
- 🔑 This webcast is provided *as is* without any warranty.  
You're solely responsible for any possible impact.

Stop ranting – start thinking

And always remember:

It is *your* life  
You can *make a difference*