



Why the name 42?

Maybe just because it is a silly name, but is easy to remember. Maybe because of one of the following facts. Maybe not.

If you do not have time to read this whole document, just read items, 1, 2 and 17

1. While in college, Scott Rohrman happened to observe that the number 42 occurred more frequently in the world than any other number. Over the years, Scott has shared this with many people, and they have reported back that this is the case in their observations as well. Let us know what you have observed.
2. When asked "the meaning of life, the universe and everything", the supercomputer in the *Hitchhikers' Guide to the Galaxy* deliberated for 7.5 million years and then responded, "42."



3. One day Scott was watching ESPN Sports Center, and noticed that every player in Major League Baseball was wearing the same number on their jersey that day. The reason they all had on the same number was to commemorate the anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking into Major League baseball. The number they were all wearing was Jackie Robinson's number. The number was 42.
4. Scott has also figured out the following: Take the number 42 and multiply it times itself any number of times. Then look at the product of that multiplication and add the digits of that product together. This creates a second number. When the digits of the second number are added together they equal a multiple of 9. 9 has been known as the "magic" number, and as you can see - 42 has a relationship to it. Simply Magic.
5. 42 is a game played with Dominos and is the best game there is. If you disagree, come on over when we have a cookout with nice steak, fine beverages, cigars if you choose, and a rollicking game of 42 with friends. You will see.
6. The angle at which a rainbow appears is 42 degrees - also known as the critical angle.
7. In 1966, mathematician Paul Cooper theorized that the fastest, most efficient way to travel across continents would be to bore a straight hollow tube directly through the Earth, connecting a set of antipodes, evacuate it (remove the air), and then just fall through. The first half of the journey consists of free-fall acceleration, while the second half consists of an exactly equal deceleration. The time for such a journey works out to be 42 minutes. Remarkably, even if the tube does not pass through the exact center of the Earth, the time for a journey powered entirely by gravity (also known as Gravity train) always works out to be 42 minutes, as long as the tube remains friction-free, as while gravity's force would be lessened, so would the distance traveled at an equal rate.
8. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland has 42 illustrations, and also in the same book, the White Queen announces her age as "one hundred and one, five months and a day", which - if the best possible date is assumed for the action of Through the Looking-Glass - gives a total of 37,044 days. With the further (textually unconfirmed) assumption that both Queens were born on the same day their combined age becomes 74,088 days, which is $42 \times 42 \times 42$. Some commentators have asserted that this is deliberate on Carroll's (the author's) part.
9. "42" is an episode of Doctor Who, set in real time lasting approximately 42 minutes.



10. In season 3, episode 19 of The Office, Oscar (Oscar Nunez) guesses that there are 42 jelly beans in Pam's (Jenna Fischer's) jar.

11. Microsoft's Windows 3.x logo has 42 little squares forming its left side trail.



12. Facebook chat has a special emoticon that can be used on its chat feature. When a person types ":42:" on it, the number appears white in a red box. This is not possible with any other number.

13. There are 42 US gallons in a barrel of oil.

14. Fictional comic book superhero Miles Morales is bitten by a genetically altered spider with a red 42 marked on its abdomen. Morales later assumes the role of Spider-Man as a result of the bite and following the death of Peter Parker in the Ultimate Marvel universe from Marvel Comics. Morales also wins a coveted spot in a prestigious charter school after his number (42) is chosen during a lottery.



15. The number of kilometers in a marathon is 42.

16. There are 42 gods and goddesses of Egypt.

And finally:

17. There are 42 generations in the Gospel of Matthew's genealogy from Abraham to Jesus, so.....What is the ultimate answer to the meaning of life, the universe and everything in the opinion of the author of this page? Jesus.

Matthew 1:2-16		
Abraham	Solomon	Jechoniah
Isaac	Rehoboam,	Shealtiel,
Jacob	Abijah	Zerubbabel
Judah	Asaph	Abiud
Perez	Jehoshaphat	Eliakim
Hezron	Joram,	Azor
Ram	Uzziah,	Zadok
Amminadab	Jotham,	Achim,
Nahshon	Ahaz	Eliud
Salmon	Hezekiah	Eleazar,
Boaz	Manasseh	Matthan
Obed	Amos	Jacob
Jesse	Josiah	Joseph
David	Jechoniah	Jesus

