Pr(dreev does X | dreev says he’ll do X) = 0.968799
History

• 2011: Public launch of Beeminder
• 2014: The “I Should” system
• 2017: The “I Will” system
• 2018: Commits.to (Commit Stew) and promises.to
The I-Will System
Late Penalty Function

seconds late ⇒ .99999 credit
minutes late ⇒ .999 credit
hours late ⇒ .99 credit
days late ⇒ .9 credit
weeks late ⇒ .5 credit
months late ⇒ .1 credit
years late ⇒ .01 credit
alice.commits.to/send_bob_edits_by_tomorrow_5pm
dreev commits to Draft qs slides to steven by:
2018-09-12 00:00:00 Wed (UTC+0000)

Title
Draft qs slides to steven

Details
to steven in email

void
false

Commitment made (tini)
11 September, 2018 01:46 AM

Commitment due (tdue)
11 September, 2018 05:00 PM
Try ersatz centerline for weight roads by next week in support

Either fix 2 red days in row bug or improve UI or docs in forum

Waitlist mary and give status update by october to mary in email
My Reliability: 96.879%

- Based on 391 commitments
- +7 that are still pending (due in the future)
- And including 11 (gulp) that are currently overdue *

* including, as I type this, my promise to send these slides to the QS folks
Numbers

- About 10 active beta users
- 1157 commitments in the database
- 365 days of very gradual development *

* Yes, today (2018-09-22) is the 1st anniversary of the initial Git commit.
What I Learned

• This is powerful and satisfying

• It can be relaxing to put faith in a system that ensures you’ll do what you need to when you need to

• Promise less

• Promise specifics

• Still have to beemind it

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yourname.commits.to /help_us_build_this?

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