



Problem of the Week

Problem E

It's the Ones that We Want

The sum of the first n positive integers is $1 + 2 + 3 + \cdots + n$.

We define a_n to be the ones digit of the sum of the first n positive integers.

For example,

$$1 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad a_1 = 1,$$

$$1 + 2 = 3 \quad \text{and} \quad a_2 = 3,$$

$$1 + 2 + 3 = 6 \quad \text{and} \quad a_3 = 6,$$

$$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = 10 \quad \text{and} \quad a_4 = 0,$$

$$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 = 15 \quad \text{and} \quad a_5 = 5.$$

Thus, $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4 + a_5 = 1 + 3 + 6 + 0 + 5 = 15$.

Determine the smallest value of n such that $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \cdots + a_n \geq 2024$.

Hundreds		
Tens		
Ones		
9	4	6

