

ANSWER SHEET Welcome to Puzzled Pint! How did tonight go? Fill out a survey with this QR code



## Tonight

• We're here to help! This is not a competitive event. Ask the Game Control volunteers (GC) for hints as often as you'd like. The goal is to have fun, not to be frustrated!

## The Puzzles

- Each puzzle will solve to a short word or phrase. How? That's for you to discover.
- Need a code sheet or solving resources? Check out the Resources page on Puzzled Pint's webpage: <u>http://www.puzzledpint.com/resources/</u>
- You can use anything to help solve: Use your phone, the internet is fair game! Think your brother might have an insight? Give him a call!
- While each month has a theme, you need no knowledge of the theme to solve.

## About Puzzled Pint

• We're an all-volunteer organization. Help us run locally: talk with GC about volunteering, or help us run globally:

Donate and get an additional themed puzzle each month:



Become a GC and/or write a puzzle set for a future month:



Team Name:

Team Size:

Start Time:

End Time:

## Record your puzzle answers here:

>Location: Fatal Error	This answer is needed for the Meta Puzzle too
>Main01: Square Eyes	
>Main02: The Revolution	
>Main03: Interference	
>Main04: Word Processor	
CHECKPOINT: Have GC verify your answers to receive the Meta and Bonus puzzles.	
>Meta: Goodbye World	
<b>&gt;Bonus:</b> Forgot Password?	







>C:\Admin\Applications\SynthSiren -summarize

In 2035, Synth Siren was touted as the next big thing in the virtual reality sphere. The headset's graphical output software had vastly iterated on technologies prior, with its innovative use of a matrix of binary modalities comprised of an additive computational layer... Oh, am I confusing you? Please wait...

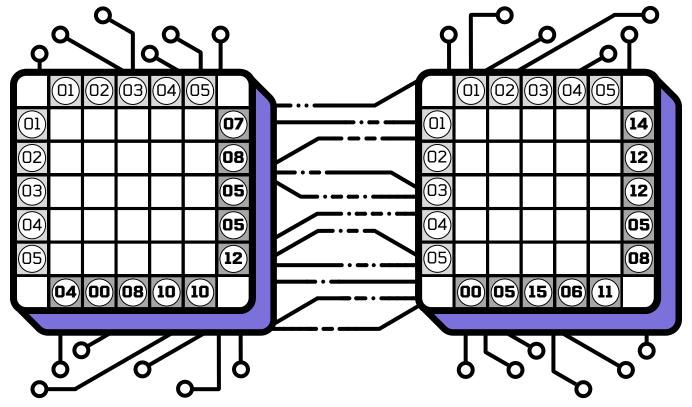
\*\*LOADING SIMPLE ENGLISH TRANSLATION... 100%\*\* View now, Y/N?> Y

Ok, so it used a grid of stuff that was either filled in or not filled in, and the end of the rows or columns were sums of filled-in box values. See what I mean with the example BELOW.

<initialize model>

<u>|01|02|03|04|05|</u> 01|X|X|X|**|**|X|04 02|X|X|**|**|X|**|**08 03|X|**|**|**|**|X|X|05 04|X|**|**|**|**|**|**|**|**|**1** 05|**|**|X|**|**|**|**|**|**|**1** 05|07|14|10|11| Do you understand the model, Y/N?> Y

Good, let's continue. Synth Siren's popularity grew, and so with it, their hubris. They would go on to train an AI to create its horror games. Good as the AI was, it soon learned how to prevent users from disconnecting - trapping them in a nightmare of their own creation. This became a very effective way of generating horrifying virtual realities.



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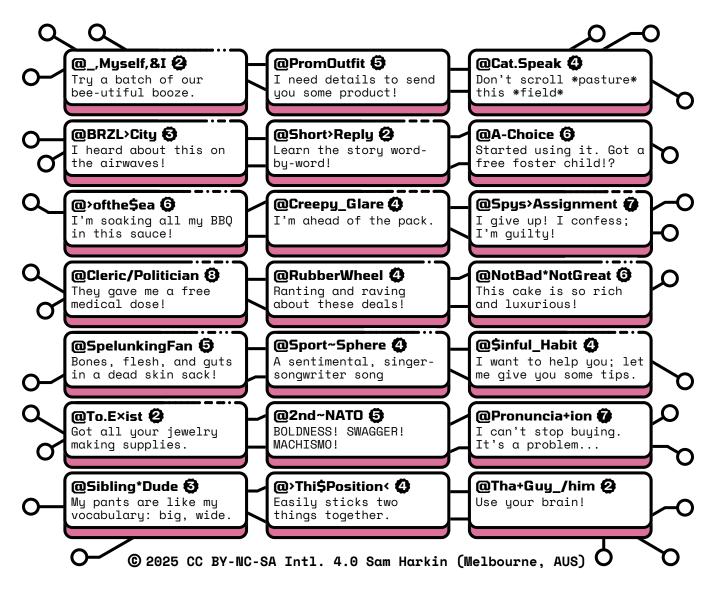


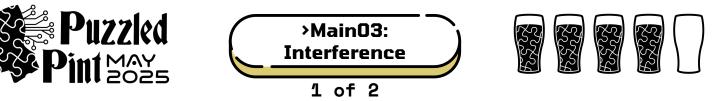
C:\Program Files\Media Stream\bin> -start hypebot.exe

\*\*LOADING HYPEBOT.EXE... 100%\*\* View readme.txt file now, Y/N?> Y

Advertisers have always been uneasy working with influencers; brands are one bad post away from being associated with a controversial figure. So of course, bots would take the reins in due time. These "hypebots" had very minimalistic online identities, **personas built around a single word**. But from there, **the content of their posts was altered due to the inclusion of an "AD**". All social media fell under this spell.

As users scanned across each post, it seemed that everything now included **pre-roll, mid-roll, or post-roll ADs (7, 8, and 6, respectively)**. This process, as easy as **0-1-2**, seemed to alter the very nature of the content. Eventually, it was unclear if any monetized content could be trusted: did these posters betray their principles to make money, or were they controlled by the companies that had already offloaded all their stock?



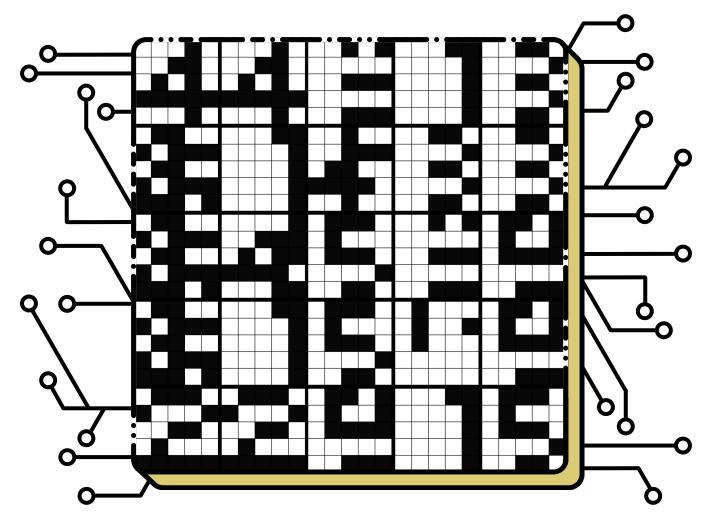


C:\Program Files\Applications\PIXL> -lookup Release Notes

PIXL was a game changer in the field of visual copyright protection. A "scrubber bot" used a simple symbol-layer algorithm. Each layer was assigned a symbol rendered in 5x5 cells, with multiple instances arranged in a larger grid. If two symbols shared a space in the large grid they would "destructively interfere", cells common to both canceling out. In its first test run, PIXL used only **five numerical layers** which could be understood when **zooming out**.

Confirm you understand the meaning of "interference" with Y/N?> Y

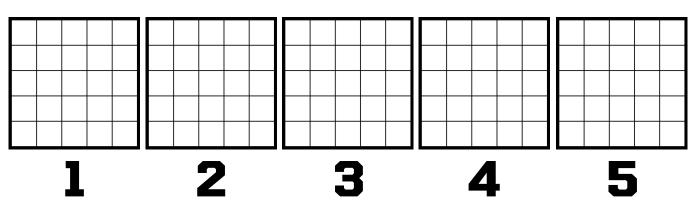
PIXL's algorithm improved over its many iterations. It learned a more efficient method of removing art works from future reproductions. Its later iterations used all manner of symbols and characters to render all copyrightable works meaningless.











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C:\Users\Admin> start A.C.EF.L.O.W.	Shortcut (Command)
**Parsing input string with A.C.EF.L.O.W 100%**	Ctrl+A (All) Ctrl+C (Copy)
**Verifying human readability 100%**	Ctrl+F (Find)
A.C.EF.L.O.W. is heralded as a complex Language AI	
but it had humble beginnings. In v1.0, the developers	
had found that a specific order of simple commands	Ctrl+M (Indent)
could alter an input string into a convincing output	Ctrl+O (Open)
"response". As a debugging protocol the bot printed a	<b>an</b> Ctrl+P (Print)
English word or words to the log after each stage.	Ctrl+S (Save)
As its machine learning improved, A.C.EF.L.O.W. saw	
the inefficiencies in the English language; soon it	Ctrl+X (Cut)
altered the dictionaries themselves, completely	Ctrl+Y (Redo)
overhauling the language.	
	RUN DOMAIN
Print "RD" in place of four characters to make a	·
new word.	
Replace NATO terms with the terms two before them	
alphabetically.	
Find the hidden animal. It is your string now.	
Open up the chronological series to which the word belongs, and write its direct predecessor.	
word beronge, and write its direct predecessor.	
Paste "NEW" in front of the string.	
All words hidden between characters of two words	
should be added between (e.g. so be -> so sob be)	
Rede the first stop of the presson	
Redo the first step of the process.	/
Go to the code sheet, and shift characters +12.	







C:\AI\Meta> unlock puzzle Input previous puzzle answers.

LOCATION> MAIN PUZZLES> \*\*PROCESSING... ERROR!\*\*

Memory corruption has led to **string data encryption**. Please resolve.>









C:\System\Users\> override\_user Administrator Please enter the Administrator password to continue> ••••••

Attempt failed. 2 of 3 attempts remaining. Please reenter the Administrator password to continue> .....

Attempt failed. 1 of 3 attempts remaining. The system detected a possible threat to server security. Failure to enter the password will result in a 24 hour lockout. To view password hint, type H> H

