

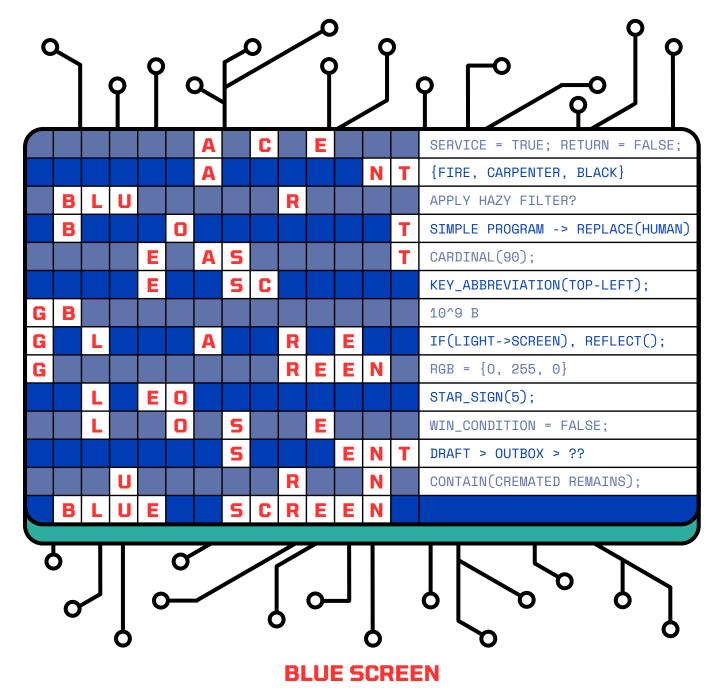




A problem has been detected and your computer has been shut down to prevent damage.

UNEXPECTED_ARTIFICIAL_USER_OVERRIDE

If this is the first time you've seen this error screen, restart your computer. If this screen appears again, check the error log:





>Main01: Square Eyes



>C:\Admin\Applications\SynthSiren -summarize

In 2035, Synth Siren was touted as the next big thing in the virtual reality sphere. The goggles had vastly iterated on technologies prior, with its innovative use of a matrix of binary modalities comprised in 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.

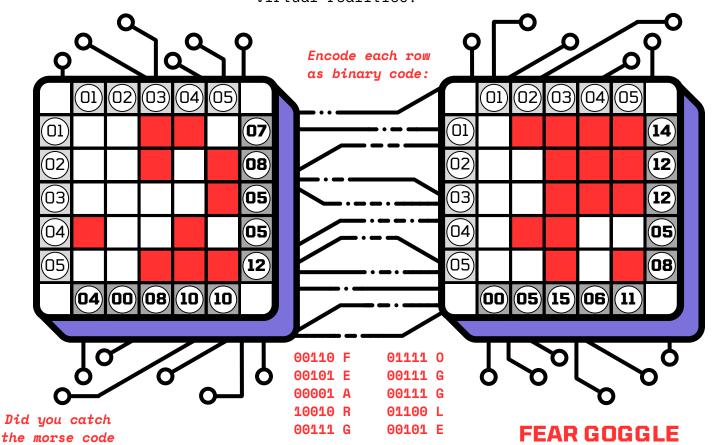
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easter egg?

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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>Main02: The Revolution

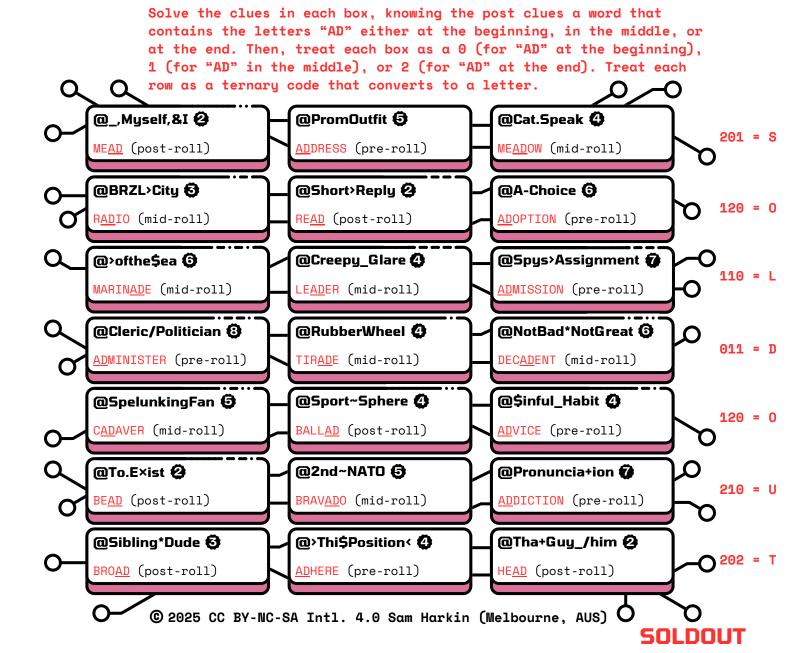


C:\Program Files\Media Stream\bin> -start hypebot.exe■

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, 6, and 8, respectively). This process, as easy as 0-1-2, seemed to alter the very nature of the content.



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SOLUTION

>Main03: Interference

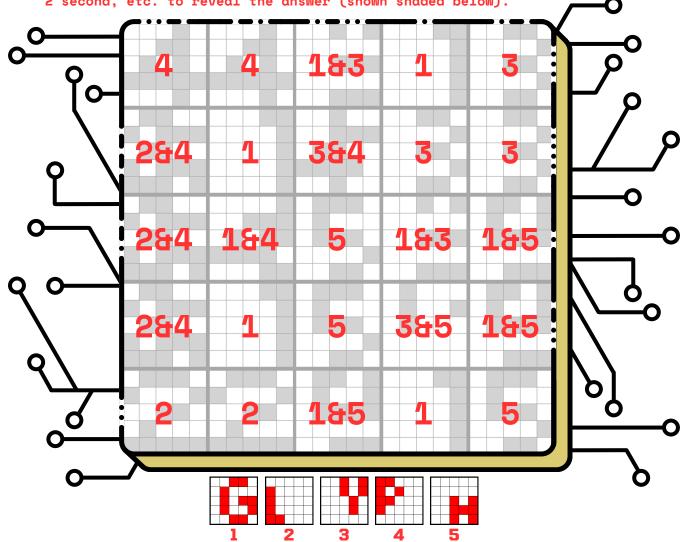


C:\Program Files\Applications\PIXL> -lookup Release Notes

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■

In each box, determine which number 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 (or combination of these numbers) is present. Combinations will look like two overlapping number patterns, but with any shared pixels canceling out and showing as empty. Then, use the labeled grids on the second page to fill in all the sections that contain a 1 first, then all the sections that contain a 2 second, etc. to reveal the answer (shown shaded below).



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SOLUTION

>Main04: Word Processor



Shortcut (Command)

Ctrl+A (All)

Ctrl+G (Go)

Ctrl+F (Find)

Ctrl+0 (Open)

Ctrl+P (Print)

Ctrl+V (Paste)

Ctrl+H (Replace)

C:\Users\Admin> start A.C.E.-F.L.O.W.

Parsing input string with A.C.E.-F.L.O.W... 100%

Verifying human readability... 100%

A.C.E.-F.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 could alter an input string into a convincing output "response". As a debugging protocol the bot printed an English word or words to the log after each stage. As its machine learning improved, A.C.E.-F.L.O.W. saw the inefficiencies in the English language; soon it altered the dictionaries themselves, completely

Ctrl+Y (Redo) Find the commands in each step below then place them in alphabetical order

before completing the steps on the input string:

INPUT:

overhauling the language.

RUN DOMAIN

All words hidden between characters of two words should be added between (e.g. so be -> so sob be)

RUN UNDO DOMAIN

Find the hidden animal. It is your string now.

DODO

Go to the code sheet, and shift characters +12.

РАРА

Replace NATO terms with the terms two before them alphabetically.

NOVEMBER

Open up the chronological series to which the word belongs, and write its direct predecessor.

OCTOBER

Print "RD" in place of four characters to make a new word.

ORDER

Paste "NEW" in front of the string.

NEW ORDER

Redo the first step of the process.

NEW WORD ORDER

NEW WORD ORDER

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OUTPUT:



>Meta: Goodbye World



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

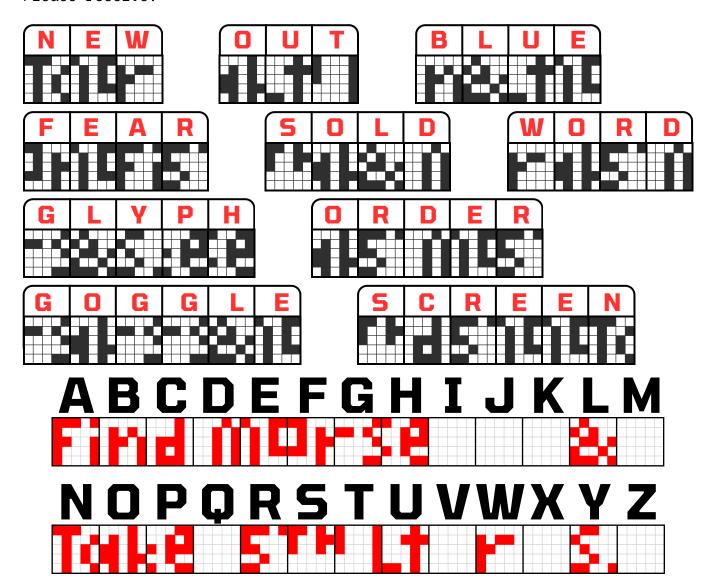
LOCATION> BLUE SCREEN

MAIN PUZZLES> FEAR GOGGLE, SOLD OUT, GLYPH, NEW WORD ORDER

PROCESSING... ERROR!

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

Determine placement of words from the puzzle answers based on the patterns in the grids. Then shade the same patterns into the alphabet grid at the bottom.



Decruption complete.

Now, for the final question. WHAT AM I?> I AM ■ APPARENT

I AM COMPELLING

I AM UNLEASHED

I AM VIRAL

Taking the 5th letter in each morse message (from the feeder puzzles minus "I AM") in order gives the final answer R-E-A-L.

REAL



>Bonus: Forgot Password?



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

