



A Mystery to Solve*

As the afternoon sun faded on the village green, Chief Inspector Brown was just lighting his evening pipe when an urgent call came in from Dunsmore Manor. It was from a terrified Miss Secrest, who had found Lord Peter Dunsmore collapsed on the drawing room floor. He was dead. Lady Emily had gone to her chambers in shock, and the chief inspector was implored to hurry to the scene. This he did, and upon examining the body, proclaimed the cause of death: a lethal dose of poison administered within the last few hours.

The family and servants seemed too distraught to be questioned, but a quaint small computer terminal in the corner of the room gave access to some family data. The inspector sat down and began typing:

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> Who visited the manor today?

The machine responded:

Mr. Mason visited at 3:00 PM
 The professor visited at 3:00 PM
 Miss Secrest visited at 5:00 PM

> Tell me about Mr. Mason.

Mr. Mason has hobby tennis
 Mr. Mason visited at 3:00 PM
 Mr. Mason is a chemist

The inspector typed a long series of questions, slowly puffed his pipe, and finally arrived at a suspect. He was able to identify only one person who had all three prerequisites: an apparent motive, access to the poison, and a way of administering it to the victim.



Principles of Computer Science II

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 Lecture Unit 1 - Introduction



CSC 121 - Course Mechanics

- Syllabus on web page (accessible thru VikingWeb)
- Class Meetings
 - Lectures: Mon/Wed/Fri, 10-10:50AM, SCI 233
 - Labs: Thu, 9 - 11AM, SCI 228
- Contact
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- Office Hours: SCI 354B
 - Monday: 11 - 12:30, 2 - 3:30PM
 - Tuesday: 9 - 12:30
 - Wednesday: 11 - 12:30, 2 - 3 PM
 - Thursday: 2 - 3 PM
 - (or by appt)

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CSC 121 - Assignments & Grading

- Participation (10%)
 - Attendance policy
- Assignments (40%)
 - Weekly (usually due on Wednesday)
 - Submit completed programming problems via VikingWeb
- Labs (10%)
 - Work to be turned in on next Wednesday as homework
- Exams (40%) (*tentative dates*)
 - First Exam, Friday, February 11, 2005
 - Second Exam, Friday, March 11, 2005
 - Final Exam, Wednesday, April 27, 2005 (10:30-12:30)
 - (15% each, with lowest grade 10%)

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CSC 121 - Policies

- Attendance
- Academic Integrity
- Late Work
- Disabilities

(See Syllabus for details)