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Introduction

From the secretary

The first exam week of the academic year is coming, and everyone is as stressed out as they are every year. However, we should always keep the importance of winding down in mind. We all have limited energy, and we should never forget to give ourselves a little time to relax and build that energy up again to make sure the time you're studying for the exam is spent efficiently.

Since you're reading this edition of the Public Void Close(), it appears that you have made the choice to give yourself some time to recuperate! (Or you have given up, but let's just act like you're being responsible instead.) So, have a drink, rant about your studies to the people around you, play some games, and generally have a good time.

On behalf of Inter-Actief, good luck over the next two weeks!

Bartenders' blog

From the bartenders

As another week draws to a close, we greet the arrival of Friday. It's that moment in the week when, with a sense of relief, we can put aside our burdensome work and savour a refreshing, ice-cold drink. Even us bartenders, who have been assiduously tending to our responsibilities all week, look forward to this Friday ritual as a well-deserved opportunity to unwind.

As we find ourselves nearing the end of this module, it's crucial to

reflect on the essence of being a student here at the University of Twente. For those of you who are newcomers, and have chosen to join us for today's gathering, I extend a warm welcome to what is arguably the most enjoyable day of the week. It all begins with the presence of our friendly bartenders, ready to serve you the finest beers available on campus, courtesy of Inter-Actief. And, of course, it's about relishing the company of friends and acquaintances.

You might wonder why this experience is so vital. The truth is, no one can or should be studying for 24 hours a day. It is just as important, if not more, to take time to relax, allow yourself to unwind, and relish a great start to the weekend. And that's why we organise this activity weekly.

Furthermore, for this week's edition, I want to share with you some interesting beer facts and, in my opinion, good conversation starters for today's drink:

- Egyptian pyramids are said to have been built 'under the influence' of beer (the builders were paid in beer)

- Beer is one of the oldest beverages in the world, dating back to 5000 BC!

- The oldest known recipe for beer is almost 4,000 years old.

- Beer pong was a game invented in the '50s.

- Humans all over the world consume 50 billion gallons of beer each year.

- Beer is the third most-consumed drink in the world, after water and tea

- The Czech Republic is the country that drinks the Most Beer.

- You can chill a beer in two minutes; just put ice and salt in a bowl and stir. (I personally have never tried this before.)

- You can swim in a pool of beer at the Schloss Starkenberger brewery in Tarrenz, Austria.

- Snake Venom' is the strongest beer in the world, with 67.5% alcohol by volume, brewed by Scottish brewery Brewmeister.

- McDonald's sells beer on its menu in countries such as France, Germany, Portugal and South Korea.

7-Bag

From Minke Bohlmeijer

Last weekend Inter-Actief's bi-annual LAN party was held, with NostalgiA as a (repeat) theme. It was only fitting that the mystery game chosen for the occasion was Tetris, a timeless classic and the best games ever created. Those of you who know me might know how much I enjoy Tetris and if you know me well, you also know that I suck at classic Tetris compared to modern Tetris. This is because of many differences, including but not limited to the lack of a hold feature, the shorter queue for upcoming Tetrominoes and maybe most important of all; The 7-Bag.

The concept is of 7-Bag is simple, there are seven unique Tetrominoes and you grab them out of the bag one by one until it is empty and then you fill it again which creates $7! = 5040$ different permutations. And this system of the 7-Bag has been part of all

licensed Tetris games (and many unlicensed ones as well) since 2001, meaning you have likely unknowingly played with this as well. 7-Bag ensures that the initial seven blocks are always unique and that the longest you could go without any piece is 12 Tetrominoes. This opens the door to consistently performing techniques such as a 4-wide, a T-Spin Triple set-up and Perfect Clears.

These techniques make a substantial difference when competing. A Perfect Clear (PC) for example is when you clear the entire board, which has an 80%+ success rate due to the predictability of 7-Bag. Clearing a Tetris (four lines) generally sends four lines to your opponent, doing a PC, which is usually also only four lines, sends 10. So do not underestimate the power of 7-Bag and knowing how to use it. And if you ever want to practice feel free to send me jstris link!

Rat Poison

From the Secretary

It was the year 1911, and Jozef Franz Ludgerus Langenberg started a store selling rat poison and flycatchers from a little building in 's-Heerenberg. Nine years later, his stepson Xaver Fassin joined the company, naming it "Langenberg & Co". The company firm slowly and steadily turned a profit, and in 1930, even started production on their own flycatchers. However, outside of the summer, the sales of flycatchers were never great. The machines often worked at very low capacity, and the large amounts of sugar syrup required would lay unused. Thus, Xaver and his father had to think of a way to boost the income during the dark days of winter and came to the most logical conclusion a rat poison company could come to: they would produce *katjesdrop*, a form of liquorice in the shape of a little cat, using casting techniques developed for the plastics industry. Over the course of the next twenty years, the firm slowly started producing various chemical and sugary products, until 1950, when Xaver split the company over his two sons, Helmut and Klaus. Klaus and his company left for Germany, while Helmut stayed here in the beautiful Netherlands.

In the sixties, the Dutch company stopped dab-

bling in inedible chemicals, and focused solely on candies, changing their brand to 'Nicolientje'. However, the *katjesdrop* that started it all remained their most popular product, and thus, they later changed the name to 'Katja', which you might recognise from some high-caloric regrets. So, next time you're enjoying some *biggetjes* or *apekoppen* from the Cookie Corner, think of the small father-and-son rat poison company that started it all.

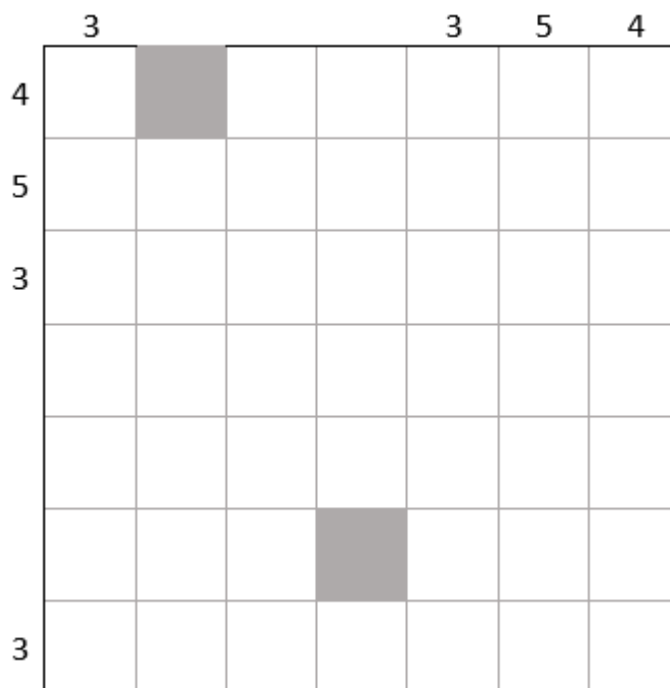
Puzzle!

By the secretary

Snake (Sometimes called 'Tunnel'), is a logic puzzle that is played on a rectangular or square grid with two marked cells. You are given the head and tail of a snake, which is very sadly missing a body. The task is to draw a single line between the marked cells, such that:

1. The snake does not touch itself — not even at its head/tail position, and not even diagonally.
2. Numbers at the side of the grid, where given, indicate exactly the number of snake parts (including the head and tail!) in that row or column.

As always, the first person to present their (working) solution to the bartenders will get eleven free drinks!



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See you next Friday Afternoon drink!