

# Where did the names of the computer Hearts opponents come from?

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A Windows 95 story in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of its release to manufacturing (RTM).

[Danny Glasser](#) explains [where the names for the computer opponents in the game Hearts came from](#).

I didn't myself know where the names came from, but Danny's explanation of the source of the Windows 95 names brought back memories of the child of one of our co-workers, whose name I will not reveal but you can certainly narrow it down to one of three. He/she was exceedingly well-behaved and definitely helped to make those long hours slightly more tolerable. I remember once we heard the receptionist's voice come over the public address system, which was itself quite a shock because nobody ever uses the public address system. The message was, "Will X please come to the receptionist's desk. Your son/daughter is here."

[Space Cadet JimH](#) picks up the story and [explains how he went about writing the computer player logic](#). (And no, the computer players don't cheat.)

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