### **SQL Murder Mystery Project Report**

#### **Objective**

The goal of this project was to solve a murder mystery using SQL queries to analyze the database, identify suspects, gather evidence, and uncover the true culprit behind the crime.

#### **Database Structure**

Dataset Source: <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/johnp47/sql-murder-mystery-database/data>

The database contains the following tables:

1. crime\_scene\_report
2. drivers\_license
3. facebook\_event\_checkin
4. interview
5. get\_fit\_now\_member
6. get\_fit\_now\_check\_in
7. solution
8. income
9. person

#### **Key Steps and SQL Skills Demonstrated**

1. **Initial Investigation**:
   * Queried the crime\_scene\_report table to gather initial information about the crime, such as the date of the murder, location, and witness descriptions.
2. **Witness Statements**:
   * Retrieved witness statements by querying the interview table based on the addresses and names provided in the initial report.
   * First witness described a suspect with a gym bag and specific membership details.
   * Second witness provided additional physical characteristics and vehicle details.
3. **Identifying Suspects**:
   * Used the get\_fit\_now\_member and get\_fit\_now\_check\_in tables to filter suspects based on gym membership and check-in details.
   * Queried the drivers\_license table to match physical descriptions and vehicle information.
4. **Narrowing Down Suspects**:
   * Combined multiple criteria including gym membership, vehicle registration, and physical descriptions using JOIN and WHERE clauses to narrow down the list of suspects.
   * Identified Jeremy Bowers as a prime suspect based on the evidence.
5. **Gathering Comprehensive Information**:
   * Retrieved all related data for the suspect, including Facebook event check-ins and interview transcripts.
   * Queried the facebook\_event\_checkin table to find event participation details.
   * Queried the income table to assess financial status.
6. **Final Culprit Identification**:
   * Interrogated the suspect's interview transcript to identify the mastermind behind the murder.
   * Uncovered Miranda Priestly as the true villain behind the crime.

### **Results**

* **Murderer**: Jeremy Bowers was identified as the person who committed the murder.
* **Mastermind**: Miranda Priestly was identified as the mastermind behind the murder based on the information extracted from Jeremy Bowers' interview.

### **Conclusion**

This project demonstrated various SQL skills including:

* **Data Retrieval**: Using SELECT, WHERE, JOIN, and subqueries to gather and filter data.
* **Data Aggregation**: Using GROUP BY and aggregate functions like COUNT.
* **Conditional Logic**: Applying HAVING clauses to filter aggregated data.
* **Data Integration**: Combining data from multiple tables to build a comprehensive understanding of the case.
* **Problem Solving**: Applying logical reasoning and SQL queries to solve a complex murder mystery.

The successful identification of the murderer and the mastermind highlights the power of SQL in data analysis and problem-solving.

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