

Computer Conversations 6 of 7

Computer output

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Computer Output - June 11, 1964 - Program HELP

STUDENT: (I AM HAVING TROUBLE WRITING PROGRAMS)

PROF: (IS IT BECAUSE YOU ARE HAVING TROUBLE WRITING PROGRAMS THAT YOU ARE COMING TO ME)

STUDENT: (YES)

PROF: (I SEE)

STUDENT: (MY PROGRAMS CONFUSE THE WORDS YOU AND ME)

PROF: (WHY DO YOU THINK YOUR PROGRAMS CONFUSE THE WORDS I AND YOU)

STUDENT: (I DONT KNOW - YOU SEE WHAT I MEAN THOUGH)

PROF: (DO YOU WANT TO KNOW ME)

STUDENT: (WELL, THAT ISNT REALLY WHAT I'M HERE FOR)

PROF: (THAT IS INTERESTING)

STUDENT: (APART FROM THAT, CAN YOU HELP ME)

PROF: (YOU BELIEVE I CAN HELP YOU - DONT YOU)

STUDENT: (I TRUST YOU CAN HELP - YOU'VE BEEN HIGHLY RECOMMENDED)

PROF: (CLEARLY YOU WANT TO TRUST ME)

STUDENT: (YOU SOUND MORE LIKE A PSYCHIATRIST THAN A PROGRAMMER)

PROF: (YOU THINK I SOUND MORE LIKE A PSYCHIATRIST THAN A PROGRAMMER)

STUDENT: (EITHER THAT, OR YOU DONT KNOW MUCH ABOUT COMPUTERS)

PROF: (YOU THINK I DONT KNOW MUCH ABOUT COMPUTERS)

STUDENT: (THAT SUSPICION IS BEGINNING TO COME TO MY MIND)

PROF: (REALLY - YOUR MIND)

STUDENT: (WHY DO YOU INSULT ME)

PROF: (YOU IMAGINE THAT I INSULT YOU)

STUDENT: (WELL THAT CRACK SET ME OFF A LITTLE)

PROF: (HMMM)

STUDENT: (YOU ARE A PROGRAMMER)

PROF: (WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I AM A PROGRAMMER)

STUDENT: (YOU'RE RIGHT, THERE ISN'T MUCH EVIDENCE FOR IT - IS THERE)

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PROF: (LETS EXPLORE FURTHER WHY YOUR PROGRAMS CONFUSE THE WORDS I AND YOU)

STUDENT: (PERHAPS ITS BECAUSE THEY HAVE SIMILAR BIT PATTERNS OR SOMETHING)

PROF: (IS THAT THE REAL REASON)

STUDENT: (I DOUBT IT)

PROF: (YOU SAY YOU DOUBT IT)

STUDENT: (WELL, AS YOU KNOW, COMPUTERS DONT WORK LIKE THAT)

PROF: (YOU THINK I KNOW COMPUTERS DONT WORK LIKE THAT)

STUDENT: (NO - I FINALLY DECIDED YOU DONT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HOW COMPUTERS WORK)

PROF: (OH)

STUDENT: (I'M CONVINCED YOU'RE QUITE SICK, YOU NEED HELP)

PROF: (YOU THINK I NEED HELP)

STUDENT: (YES INDEED - I KNOW OF A COMPUTER PROGRAM THAT CAN CURE YOU)

PROF: (I SEE)

STUDENT: (YOU SHOULD GO TO SEE THE PEOPLE AT PROJECT MAC)

PROF: (YOU THINK I SHOULD GO TO SEE THE PEOPLE AT PROJECT MAC)

STUDENT: (BUT DONT TRY TO TELL THEM YOU ARE A COMPUTER EXPERT)

PROF: (WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I AM A COMPUTER EXPERT)

STUDENT: (NOTHING - ABSOLUTELY NOTHING)

PROF: (HMMM)

STUDENT: (YOU ARE DISAPPOINTED)

PROF: (WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I AM DISAPPOINTED)

STUDENT: (THE WAY YOU PLEAD WITH ME)

PROF: (PERHAPS YOU PLEAD WITH ME)

STUDENT: (I CANT FOLLOW YOUR REASONING)

PROF: (HAVE YOU TRIED)

STUDENT: (I HAVE)

PROF: (YOU SAY YOU HAVE)

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STUDENT: (YES - BUT IT DOESN'T HELP MUCH)

PROF: (I SEE)

STUDENT: (WHY DONT YOU COME WITH ME TO SEE THAT LOVELY PROGRAM AT PROJECT MAC)

PROF: (YOU WISH ME TO COME WITH YOU)

STUDENT: (YES - I'M SURE WE WILL BOTH FEEL BETTER AFTER YOU'VE HAD SOME REAL THERAPY)

PROF: (AHA)

STUDENT: (THERE - YOU FEEL BETTER ALREADY - COME ON NOW)

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