

Parking

“It’s one of those rare perfect kernels. So if it doesn’t happen to compile with your config, or it does compile, but then does unspeakable acts of perversion with your pet dachshund, you can rest easy knowing that it’s all your own damn fault, and you should just fix your evil ways.”

—Linus Torvalds

After a particularly lengthy lunch break, maintenance explains to you that the water supply to the entire campus has been inexplicably temperamental since the weekend. As you ponder the implications of having to pay for drinking water, you notice a familiar tall figure scurrying past the corridor clutching a briefcase in one hand and a mobile phone in the other.

Not wanting to let slip a perfect opportunity to claim your prize, you rush off after him. He gathers speed, but trips on a copper pipe suspiciously protruding from the ground, and his briefcase, abiding by the laws of dramatic physics, flies in slow motion and pops open upon landing, spilling forth its contents. You catch up to him and help him collect his belongings.

You sense a flicker of recognition in his eyes as he thanks you for your help, but before you can ask about his morning lecture, he hastily continues on his way. *Oh shazbot!* you think to yourself as you watch him glide down the stairs with astonishing speed and immediately hear the screech of a car zooming away. As you ponder the possibility of getting free parking on campus by pretending to be lecturer, you happen to look down and find a leather-bound account book that must have fallen out of the briefcase and escaped unnoticed. Perhaps you can use it to track down the mysterious lecturer.

CAR	SHIP	DOG	HAT
1500	1500	1500	1500
1400*	1500	1500	1500
1400	1400*	1500	1500
1400	1400	1350*	1500
1400	1400	1350	1440*
1250*	1400	1350	1440
1274	1376*	1350	1440
1280	1376	1344*	1440
1280	1376	1344	1240*
1280	1376	1344	1190*
1280	1376	1344	970*
1100*	1376	1344	970
920*	1376	1344	970
720*	1376	1344	970
720	1358*	1344	988
720	1358	1204*	988
720	1358	1204	788*
70*	1358	1204	838
70	1078*	1204	838
70	1078	1044*	838
70	1078	1044	538*
80*	1078	1044	538
80	728*	1044	538
300	728	824*	538
300	728	824	338*
440*	728	824	338
440	328*	824	338
440	408*	824	338
440	408	584*	338
440	408	584	538*
130*	408	594	538
80	558*	544	488
80	558	284*	488
80	558	269*	488
80	558	269*	488
80	564	269	482*
80	564	281	470*
62*	564	281	488
62	464*	281	588
62	464	91*	588
62	564	91	488*
62	564	91	488*

38*	588	91	488
38	233*	91	488
38	233	241*	488
38	233	241	488*
38	233	241	228*
38	408	241	53*
12*	408	241	79
208*	408	241	83
184*	408	265	83
186	606*	265	83
186	606	65*	283
186	606	65	683*
286*	606	65	683
292	600*	65	683
292	624	41*	683
340	624	41	635*
340	624	41	635*
120*	624	41	635
670	74*	41	635
670	74	61*	635
670	74	83	613*
470*	74	83	813
170*	74	83	813
170	124*	83	813
170	124	83*	813
196	124	83	787*
196	299	83	612*
46*	349	133	662
246*	349	133	662
246	349*	133	662
246	29*	133	662
246	229*	133	662
246	229	333*	662
246	229	333	862*

—James Zhao