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**Introduction and Rules**

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Hello, and welcome to the Statistics Department Puzzle Hunt!

The Hunt consists of eight puzzles. You should start by solving Puzzles #1–7 in any order. A few puzzles will require the use of a computer, while others can be solved on paper. For some puzzles you'll need to walk around campus, but most can be solved from an office.

The answer to each puzzle is a **single English word**. One answer contains a punctuation mark. Usually the first step to solving a puzzle will be clear, but you'll need to make some leaps to figure out how to arrive at a single word.

If you think you've solved one of the first seven puzzles, you may confirm an answer at any time at the following link:

<http://www.sporcle.com/games/ostroffj/stats-puzzle-hunt-answer-checker>

You can access PDFs of the puzzles here:

<http://www.math.washington.edu/~ostroff/StatPuzzles/index.html>

Once you've solved all—or at least most—of the first seven puzzles, you can tackle Puzzle #8. The solution to this puzzle will tell you two things: a **passphrase** you need to win the hunt, and **where you should say it**.

The Hunt ends at 5:00 PM. At that point we'll regroup in the lounge, congratulate the winners, and go over the solutions to the puzzles.

Some rules:

- You might need to walk around campus, but you won't need to break into any offices or buildings. Don't do anything illegal.
- You may use pretty much anything to solve a puzzle, including the internet. If you want to write a short program to help you solve a puzzle faster, go right ahead!
- You **may not**, however, obtain answers by spying on other teams, hacking Sporcle, or breaking into my email.
- I may send out corrections, hints, or other updates during the Hunt as necessary, so at least one team member should be checking their email.

Questions? Concerns? Email me at [ostroff@uw.edu](mailto:ostroff@uw.edu), or drop by Padelford C-548.