



Billy.

The Kirkland facebook is open on my desktop, and some of these people have pretty horrendous facebook pics.

Billy Olson's sitting here and had the idea of putting some of the pictures next to pictures of farm animals and have people vote on who's hotter.

Good call, Mr Olson.

Yeah, **it's on.**

I'm not gonna do the farm animals, but like the idea of comparing two people together.

It gives the whole thing a very "Turing" feel since people's ratings of the pictures will be more implicit than, say, choosing a number to represent each person's hotness, like they do on hotornot.com.

The first thing we're going to need is a lot of pictures.

Unfortunately, Harvard doesn't keep a public centralized facebook, so I'm going to have to get all the images from the individual houses that people are in.

Let the hacking begin.

First up is Kirkland.

They keep everything open and allow indexes in their Apache configuration. So a little Wget magic is all that's necessary to download the entire Kirkland facebook.

Kids' stuff.

Next is Eliot.

They're also open, but with no indexes on Apache.

I can run an empty search and it returns all of the images in the database in a single page.

And I can save the page and Mozilla will save all the images for me.

Excellent. **Moving right along.**

Lowell has some security.

They require a user name/password Combo, and I'm gonna go ahead and say they don't have access to the main FAS user database, so they have no way of detecting an intrusion.



Adams has no security, but limits the number of results to 20 a page. All I need to do is break out the same script I used on Lowell and we're set.

Quincy has no online facebook. What a shame.
Nothing I can do about that.
Done.

Hey, what's going on?

Perfect timing. Eduardo's here and he's going to have the key ingredient.

- Hey, Mark.
- Wardo.
- You and Erica split up.
- How did you know that?
- It's on your blog.
- Yeah.
- Are you all right?
- I need you.
- I'm here for you.
- No, I need the algorithm you use to rank chess players.
- Are you okay?
- We're ranking girls.
- You mean other students.
- Yeah.
- You think this is such a good idea?
- I need the algorithm.
- Mark...
- I need the algorithm.

Give each girl a base rating of 1400. At any given time Girl A has a rating R_a and Girl B has a rating R_b .