

# Data Heist Mystery: Game flow and story

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The Data Heist Mystery is a four-week investigation where players meet once a week to solve the case of stolen sensitive data from GeoDuck Solutions. The objective is to connect weekly clues to suspects' alibis, which are introduced in the first meeting. Players use investigative skills to solve the mystery and uncover the culprit.

- Participants must complete and submit their evidence forms by October 31 at 5 p.m.
- The first 10 participants to submit the correct answer will be entered into a drawing for one of four \$25 e-gift cards

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## **Game structure:**

- Solo or Team Play: Choose to play solo or as a team and create a team name.
- Duration: Four weeks (One meeting per week).
- Time: Fridays, 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM.
- Participants: Digital investigators (players).
- Goal: Identify who stole the data, where it was stolen, and how the theft occurred.

## **Week 1: Introduction and initial clues**

- Goal: Start linking alibis with evidence to identify patterns in the suspects' behavior.
- Clues: A suspicious email, badge logs, and possible crime locations.
- Suspects: Alice Adams, Robert Reynolds, Charlie Clemons, Diana Davis, Evan Ericson.

## **Week 2: Investigating further**

- Goal: Eliminate suspects by analyzing the clues and establishing a timeline of the crime.
- Clues: Vacation email, badge logs, and a suspicious USB drive found in the CFO's office.

## **Week 3: Evidence points to a suspect**

- Goal: Review previous clues and analyze browser history and badge cloning logs to narrow down the suspect.
- Clues: Browser history, badge access logs, and suspicious emails.

## **Week 4: Conclusion and final analysis**

- Goal: Connect all the clues to identify the culprit, location, and method of the data theft.

### **Key elements of the game:**

- Collaborative Deduction: Players work together to analyze clues and compare findings.
- Eliminating Suspects: Each clue helps narrow down the suspects.
- Piecing Together Evidence: Use key clues to reveal the true culprit.

### **Educational takeaways:**

Learn to spot phishing emails, understand insider threats, and practice using analytical skills to solve complex problems.