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New MIT Alumni Association website

The new MIT Alumni Association website will offer more than fresh photography, an easy-to-navigate interface, and new features designed to surprise and connect alumni. Here's a glimpse:

- Feature photos: Home-page photos capture campus scenes and introduce alumni, events, travel, or Web-only features.
- Home-page drawers: Open the drawers for news, Discussion Network topics, upcoming events, or polls.
- Media galleries: Collections of photos and video of gatherings, such as Reunion Row, are posted throughout the site.
- My Links: Save shortcuts to favorite pages, such as those showing volunteer information or upcoming travel programs.
- Quick access: Zoom to the Alumni Directory and the new Volunteer Tools page, customized for your volunteer efforts when you log in.

Come visit the beta version of the new Association website:
<http://alum.mit.edu>

Puzzle Contest Celebrates New MITAA Website

Save the World's Great Inventions from Oblivion!

A puzzle contest kicking off on September 13 will give alumni good reason to check out the new MITAA website.

The Retrocogitator, developed by the MIT Lab for Experimental Thought Studies, lets researchers delve into the past to examine the thought patterns of innovators on the brink of breakthroughs. However, saboteurs have damaged the Retrocogitator, and it has scrambled the thoughts of the very innovators the researchers had been studying! The only hope of saving these inventions is to unscramble the inventors' brains by solving this challenge.

The Retrocogitator contest, sponsored by the MIT Alumni Association to celebrate the new website's launch, is open to MIT alumni and students working individually or in teams of up to four. The fastest solvers and winners of a raffle for all participants will share thousands of dollars' worth of prizes.

The contest begins at 9:00 A.M. EDT, Saturday, September 13. But in the meantime, you can brush up on your skills by solving the puzzle at right. If you need a hint or want to learn more and register your team, go to the Retrocogitator site:
<http://alum.mit.edu/puzzle>

Features of the new Association website

Quick Access: Directory, tools, calendar, and site search

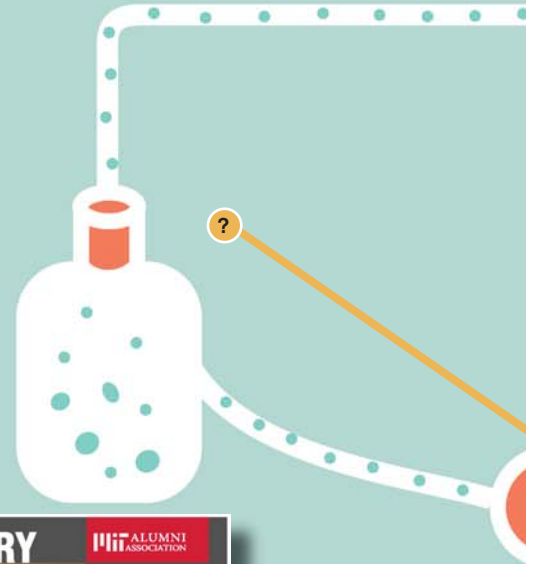
My Links: Save your favorite links

Home-Page Drawers: Click to find news, discussions, events, and polls



Campus Photos & Factoids: Roll over the main home-page photo

Media Galleries: collections of photos and video

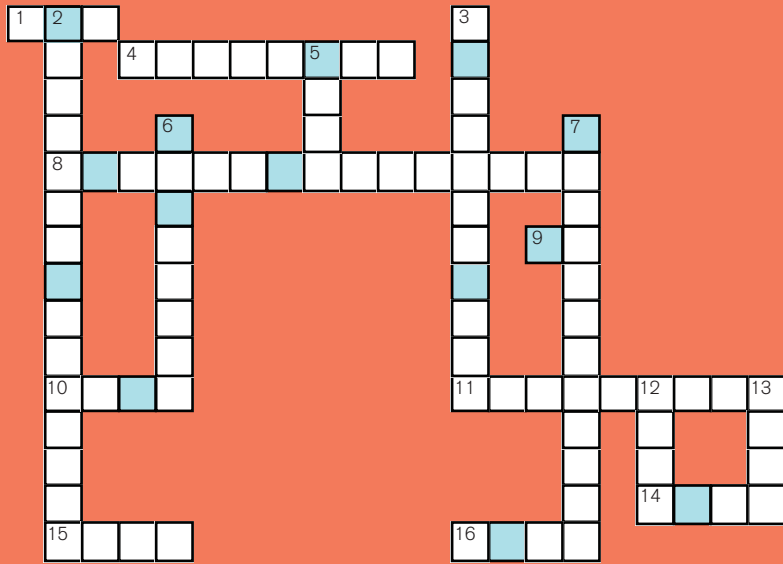


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1. Movie club (abbr.)
 4. **Reached by lift**
 8. **Subdued computer nerd**
(4 words)
 9. Logical operator
 10. Go against
 11. **Didn't trace the curves**
 14. Overdue
 15. **We are we are we are** (abbr.)
 16. **Trusty can**

- DOWN**
2. **Rum fleet chaser** (3 words)
 3. Vestibule
 5. Root of a polynomial
 6. Outrage
 7. "___ this poem of mine"
(3 words)
 12. **Surveyor's gates?**
 13. **Alternate entrance to heaven**

Please send your submissions to godiva@mit.edu.

Think You Have What It Takes?
Warm up with this MIT puzzle



Find hints or register your team for the Retrocogitator puzzle contest at <http://alum.mit.edu/puzzle>

Digital input from device **a** is transmitted to mastermind orb **b** and converted to Gregorian time **c** before undergoing metered solarization **d** + **e**, immersion in some unidentified solution **?**, centrifugation **f**, and ultimate visualization **g** in the output screen of the one and only Retrocogitator!

