

How to become a Senior Detective, according to Murderville

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One of my colleagues pointed out a screen shot from the Netflix documentary series¹ *Murderville* as the Senior Detective introduces himself:

```
m_vecSockets.clear();
m_ButtonStartServer.SetCheck(BST_UNCHECKED);
m_ButtonStartClient.SetCheck(BST_UNCHECKED);
EnabledControl();
m_wndCountPeople.SetWindowText("0 peop.");
SetWindowText("Error");
}
void CChatCppDlg::OnBnClickedButtonSend()
{
CString strChat;
m_wndSend.GetWindowText(strChat);
SendChat(strChat);
}
void CChatCppDl
```

It looks to me like the Senior Detective is busy typing out the next method of `CChatCppDlg` at the bottom of the screen.

It also appears that Senior Detectives believe indentation is superfluous, use MFC, and are very conscientious about wasting space, preferring to abbreviate “people” to just “peop.” to save one character. (But why not “ppl.”?)

Another colleague was able to find out that this Senior Detective plagiarized his code from [a Russian Web site](#), which in turn appears to have been derived from [an MFC sample program](#).

So that’s how you become a Senior Detective: Find a Russian Web site, copy its code, including the odd indentation, but strip the comments, and translate the strings back to English. Instant promotion!

¹ No, *Murderville* is not actually a documentary. It's a comedy. The running joke in all of these "How to... according to" posts is that I'm naïve and think that all of television is real.

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