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(Amsterdam, Netherlands-AP) Dec. 15, 2005 - After hundreds of years, researchers may finally have solved the mystery of Mona Lisa's smile.

In order to find out just why she was smiling, they took a reproduction of the famous da Vinci painting, and applied some cutting-edge software designed to recognize emotions. And it turns out she was smiling because she was happy.

To be exact, she was 83 percent happy, nine percent disgusted, six percent fearful, and two percent angry. Maybe over having to sit so long.

The Dutch researchers know this wasn't a serious experiment, just a fun demonstration of technology.

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