Why are there bids with the same amount?

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When viewing the Item History, it's possible you may see two bids that share the same amount.

Todd 04-04-2025 5:43 PM - auto bid	\$200
Tom 04-04-2025 5:43 PM	\$200

Competing bids are listed at the same amount to indicate what prompted an **auto bid** to occur. Otherwise, it would be unclear as to why an auto bid was increased.

For example:

- Item 100 has a current amount of \$100 and a bid increment of \$50.
- John placed an auto bid at 7:00 pm with a maximum amount of \$200.
- John is now winning at \$150.
- Jill placed a bid for \$200 at 7:30 pm.
- John's bid is auto-increased to \$200 by our system.
- John wins because he committed to the \$200 amount earlier than Jill.
- The Item History will show both John and Jill at \$200, to reflect what prompted John's bid to increase.