

Instructions

In each 9x9 sudoku grid, fill each row, column, and 3x3 square with one of each digit from 1 to 9 with no repeats. Additionally, the corners of the center grid overlap the other four grids in a typical Samurai Sudoku pattern.

In addition to a handful of givens, the puzzle contains two clue types:

An X denotes a pair of cells that sum to 10.

A bar denotes cells which contain consecutive digits. (e.g. 1/2, 2/3 ... 8/9)

All possible clues are given in this set. In other words, two cells with no symbol between them are neither consecutive nor sum to 10.

The puzzle grid consists of four 3x3 squares arranged in a 2x2 pattern, with overlapping corners. The clues are as follows:

- Top-Left Square:** Row 1: (1,2) X, (1,3) X. Row 2: (2,1) X, (2,3) X, (2,4) 4. Row 3: (3,1) 9, (3,3) X, (3,4) X.
- Top-Right Square:** Row 1: (1,1) 8, (1,4) X. Row 2: (2,3) X, (2,4) X, (2,5) X. Row 3: (3,1) X, (3,2) X, (3,3) X, (3,4) 1, (3,5) X, (3,6) 8.
- Bottom-Left Square:** Row 1: (1,1) 4, (1,2) X, (1,3) 9. Row 2: (2,1) X, (2,2) X, (2,3) X, (2,4) X. Row 3: (3,1) X, (3,2) X, (3,3) X, (3,4) 6.
- Bottom-Right Square:** Row 1: (1,4) 2, (1,5) X. Row 2: (2,4) 9, (2,5) X, (2,6) 1. Row 3: (3,1) 6, (3,2) X, (3,3) X, (3,4) X.
- Center Grid (3x3):** Row 1: (1,4) X, (1,5) X, (1,6) X. Row 2: (2,4) 9, (2,5) 3. Row 3: (3,4) X, (3,5) X, (3,6) X.

Backed By

This puzzle is dedicated to Paranormal Puzzle Pack Kickstarter backer, maker and solver of epic puzzles of the crossword variety, and all-around awesome guy Tyler Hinman. His blog may be found at: <http://tylerhinman.com>

Author's Note

My case of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder comes through in many of these sudoku puzzles. In addition to the givens being placed with 180-degree rotational symmetry, you may have noticed that I strive to use spots where the givens are not adjacent to any clues at all. I don't always get away with it completely, but today I did. Enjoy!