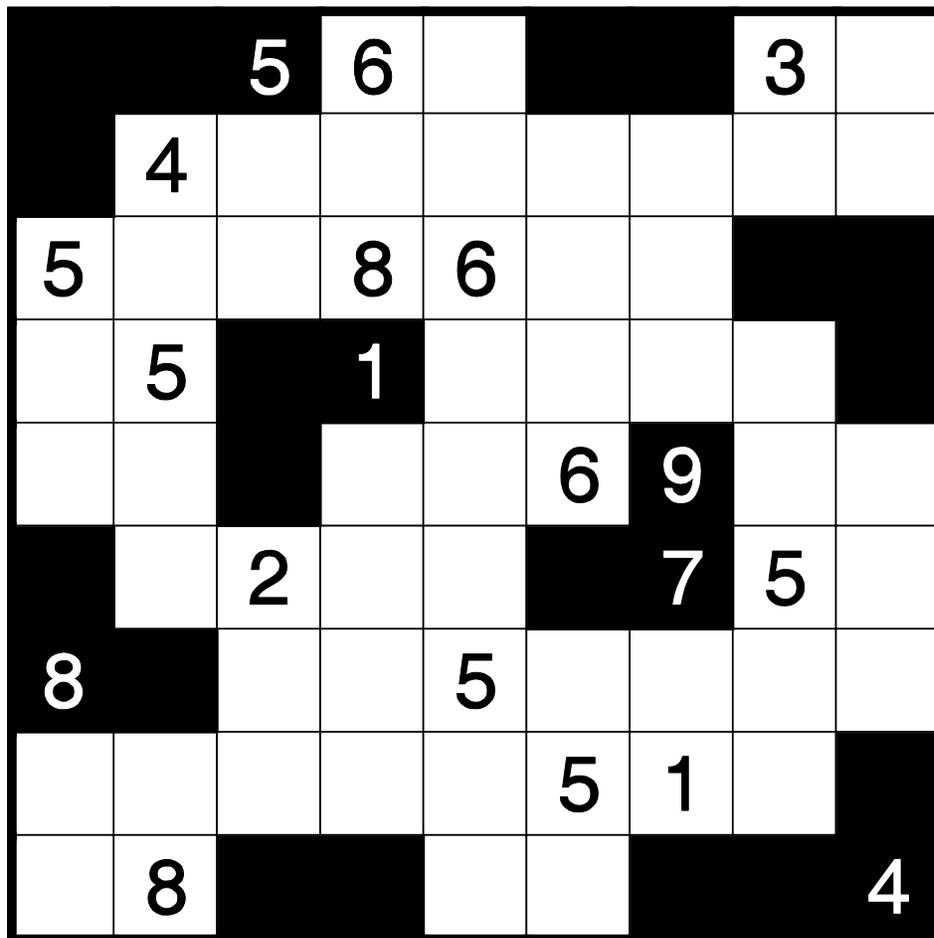


STR8TS 9x9

SAMPLES DOCUMENT



Easy

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About Str8ts

The concept of Str8ts was invented by the master puzzle designer Jeff Widderich in 2008. Jeff lives in British Columbia, Canada, and is a founder of Syndicated Puzzles Inc. Jeff invited Andrew Stuart to turn the concept into a working puzzle - ensuring each puzzle has a unique solution solvable with logical strategies. Andrew lives in the Norfolk in the United Kingdom and has published Sudoku and many variants in major newspapers around the world. Str8ts is the latest and most innovative puzzle to come out since Sudoku while competing with Sudoku for depth and style of play.

The Rules

- Rows and columns are divided into compartments of white squares.
- Squares in compartments need to be filled in with single numbers 1 to 9.
- These must complete a 'straight'. A straight is a set of numbers with no gaps and in any order.

For example

[7]-[6]-[4]-[5] is a 'straight' but [1]-[3]-[8]-[7] is not

- No single number can repeat in any row or column.
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Take the blank cell 'X' in this small example - we have a set of four cells horizontally with 2, 4 and 5. To ensure there are no gaps between the numbers 3 can be placed there. 1, 6 or any other number would leave a gap between 2 and 4.

Cell Z is a very easy cell. To go with 2 above it the only valid numbers are 1 and 3 - but 3 is already present in the row - so 1 it is.

Don't expect all cases in all puzzles to be this simple!

	5	4	6
2	4	5	X
Z	6	3	4

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1.

	1		6			3	2	
	8	6				9		
		7		9				1
						2		
		1			4			7
				2	6			
			4			8		
	2							
5				7				

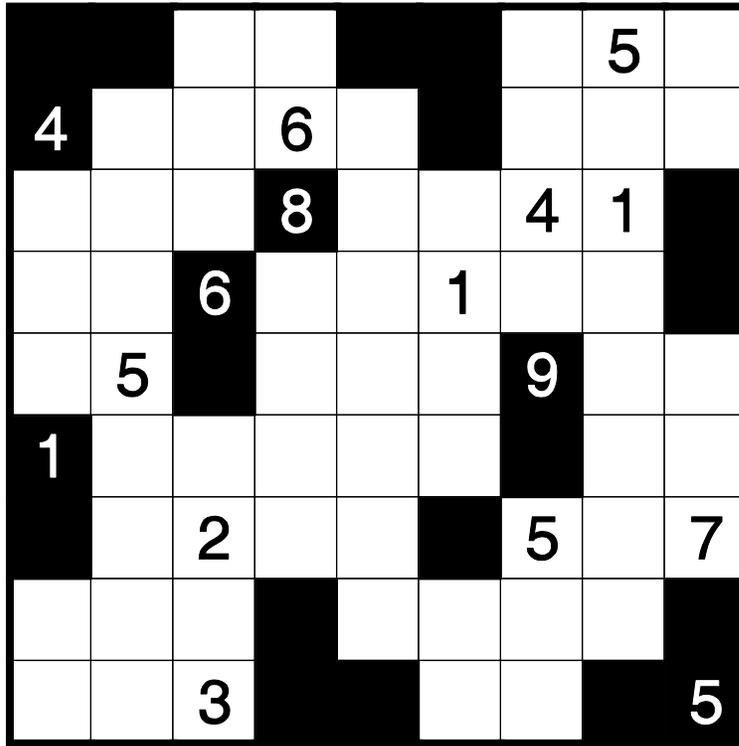
Easy

2.

	9	5		4				
	1							7
6								2
		1				8		
	3		8		9	1		
7	6				1		4	
	7							

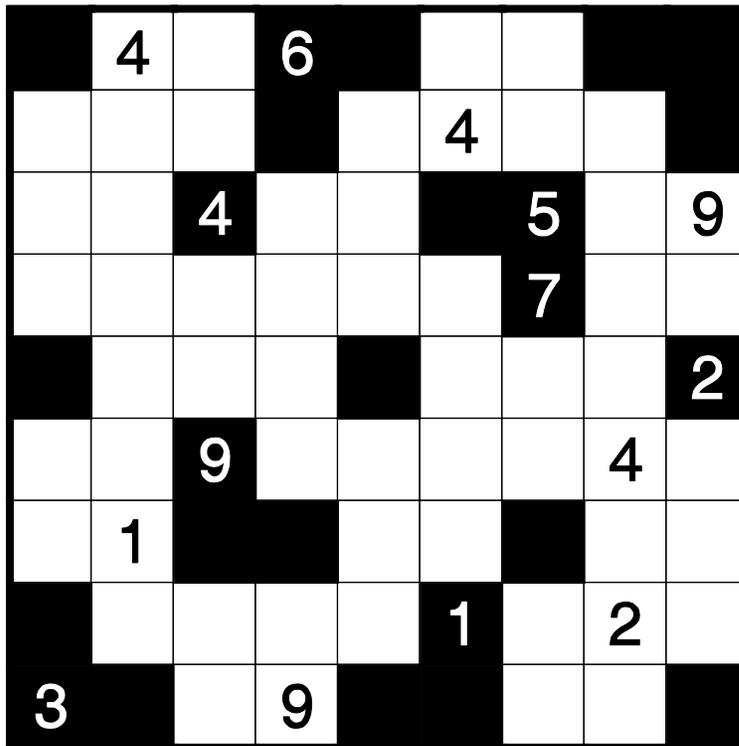
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3.



Moderate

4.



Moderate

5.

4				7				
	9				2	3		
							9	
								6
			9			1		
3							4	
		9	7					
			5					

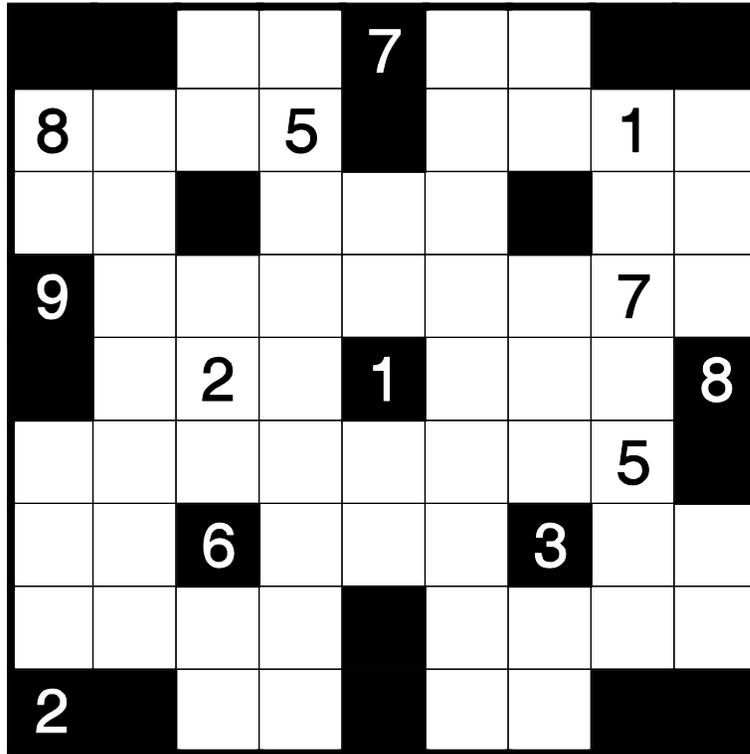
Tough

6.

	6		8	3				
						2		
8		5						
					1		3	
7								
	4							
			4		6			
				8	5			9
			3					8

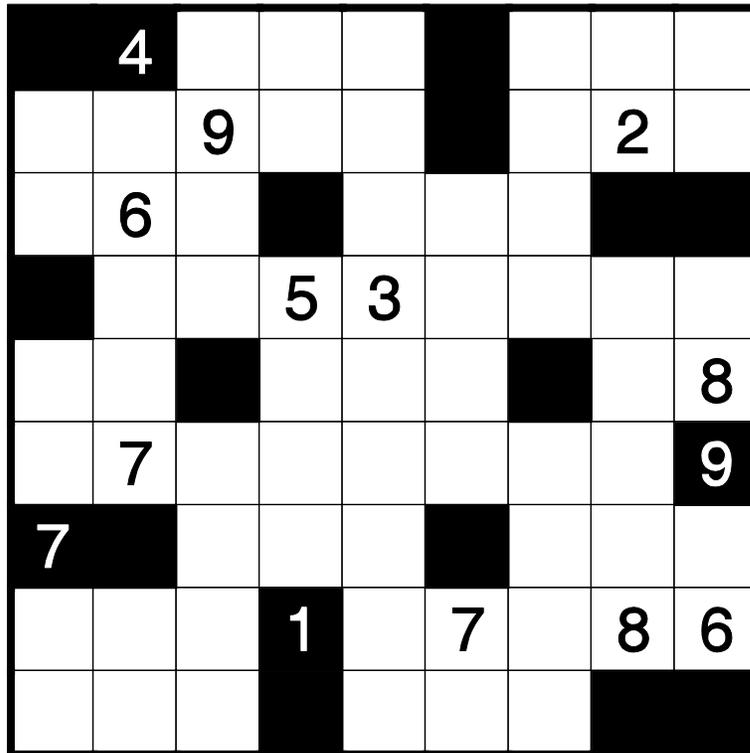
Tough

7.



Diabolical

8.



Diabolical

Newspaper version: Tall

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The solution will be published here tomorrow.

Yesterday's solution

Diabolical

4	6	8	7		1	3	2	
6	8	9	7	5		4	2	3
5	6	7		4	2	3		
9	8	5	3	4	2	6	7	
4	5		2	1	3		7	8
3	7	2	4	6	1	8	5	9
7		1	3	2		6	4	5
2	3	4	1	9	7	5	8	6
1	2	3		8	6	7		

		5	6					3	
	4								
5			8	6					
	5		1						
					6	9			
		2				7	5		
8				5					
					5	1			
	8								4

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No 365. Easy

		5	6					3	
	4								
5			8	6					
	5		1						
					6	9			
		2				7	5		
8				5					
					5	1			
	8								4

Yesterday's solution, Diabolical

4	6	8	7		1	3	2	
6	8	9	7	5		4	2	3
5	6	7		4	2	3		
9	8	5	3	4	2	6	7	
4	5		2	1	3		7	8
3	7	2	4	6	1	8	5	9
7		1	3	2		6	4	5
2	3	4	1	9	7	5	8	6
1	2	3		8	6	7		

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Solutions

Front Page

	5	6	7		3	2		
4	6	7	1	8	5	2	3	
5	3	7	8	6	9	4		
4	5		1	9	7	6	8	
3	2		5	4	6	9	7	8
	1	2	4	3		7	5	6
8		1	3	5	4	2	6	7
6	7	3	2	8	5	1	4	
7	8		2	3				4

Easy Solutions

	1	4	6	5		3	2	
7	8	6	5	4	3	9	1	2
8	6	7		9	2	4	3	1
	7	8		1	5	2	4	3
		1	2	3	4	5		7
3	4	5	1	2	6	7	8	
2	5	3	4			8	7	6
4	2	9	3	8	7	1	6	5
5	3	2		7	8	6		

No 1

	9	5	3	4		6	7	8
5	1	2	4	3	6	9	8	7
6	4	3	5		8	7		2
3	2	1		9	7	8	6	
4	3		8	7	9	1	5	6
	5	6	7	8		3	2	4
7	6	8	9		1	2	4	3
8	7	9	6	1	2	4	3	5
9	8	7		2	3			

No 2

Moderate Solutions

		8	7			3	5	4
4	7	9	6	8		1	2	3
5	6	7	8	2	3	4	1	
7	8	6	4	5	1	2	3	
6	5		2	3	4	9	7	8
1	3	4	5	6	2		8	9
	1	2	3	4		5	6	7
3	2	1		7	5	6	4	
2	4	3			6	7		5

No 3

	4	5	6		3	2		
7	8	6		2	4	1	3	
6	7	4	2	3		5	8	9
5	3	2	1	4	6	7	9	8
	5	3	4		8	9	7	2
1	2	9	3	7	5	8	4	6
2	1			8	7		6	5
	6	7	8	9	1	3	2	4
3		8	9			4	5	

No 4

Tough Solutions

4		3	2	1	7		8	9
6	9	5	1	4	2	3	7	8
5	6	4		3	1	2	9	
8	7			2	4	5	3	6
7	5	8	6		3	4	1	2
	8	6	9	7		1	5	4
3		7	8	9		6	4	5
1	4	9	7	6	5	8	2	3
2	3		5	8	6	7		

No 5

	6	9	8	3	2	1		
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
8	9	5	7	6		3	2	1
9	8	7	6	5	1	4	3	2
7		8	9		4	5		
2	4	3		7	8	9	5	6
3	2	1	4	9	6	8	7	5
	3	4	2	8	5	7	6	9
	2	3		7	6	8		

No 6

Diabolical Solutions

		8	9	7	2	1		
8	6	7	5		4	2	1	3
7	8		1	2	3		4	5
9	5	1	2	3	8	6	7	4
	3	2	4	1	5	7	6	8
4	2	3	6	9	7	8	5	
5	4	6	7	8	9	3	2	1
6	7	5	8		1	4	3	2
2		4	3		6	5		

No 7

	4	6	8	7		1	3	2
6	8	9	7	5		4	2	3
5	6	7		4	2	3		
	9	8	5	3	4	2	6	7
4	5		2	1	3		7	8
3	7	2	4	6	1	8	5	9
7		1	3	2		6	4	5
2	3	4	1	9	7	5	8	6
1	2	3		8	6	7		

No 8