#### Doku

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Doku is a Ruby gem for solving Sudoku-like puzzles



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Hexamurai from Elektor Oct 2011

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# **About Doku**

- Written purely in Ruby
- Short methods
- Well-defined objects and classes
- Complete documentation
- Fully functional classes
- Test-driven development
- Lots of time refactoring
- Plus, it can generate SVGs!

## **Simplified Class Structure**



# **Puzzle class is general**

- Every subclass has these attributes:
  - glyphs (e.g. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9)
  - squares (every spot on the puzzle)
  - groups (sets of squares)
- Every instance has:
  - glyph\_state: Hash associating squares to glyphs.
- Squares and glyphs can be any ruby object.

# Solving a Puzzle

- Solution is a set of glyph assignments
  - e.g. write 6 in the square at (3,4)
- Solution achieves certain goals exactly once:

I. For each square, assign ONE glyph to it.

II.Assign every glyph to every group ONCE.

 Each glyph assignment achieve a subset of these goals. Sudoku-like puzzles can be reduced to exact cover problems!

## **Exact cover problem**

- Given: universe set
- Given: several of subsets of the universe
- Problem: Choose some of those subsets so that every element in the universe set appears exactly once.

#### **Exact cover example**

Universe: [A,B,C,D,E,F,G]

# Subsets: [C

[C,E,F] [A,D,G] [B,C,F] [A,D] [B,G] [D,E,G]

#### **Exact cover example**

Universe: [A,B,C,D,E,F,G]

Subsets:	[	С,	E,F	]
	[Α,	D	,	G]
	[ B	, C ,	F	]
	[Α,	D		]
	[ B,	,		G]
	[	D	,E,	G]
Solution:	[ B	,		G]
	[A,	D		]
	[	С,	E,F	]

## **Algorithm X**



## **Algorithm X Demo**





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#### **Algorithm X Demo**



B C E F p 0 1 1 1 r 1 1 0 1

## **Algorithm X Demo**



# **Efficient Algorithm X**

- Data type for a large matrix
- Finding 1s in a given column or row quickly
- Removing columns and rows quickly
- Quick reinserting

## **Dancing Links Intro**



class Node
 attr\_accessor :left, :right
end

#### **Easy removal**



```
class Node
  attr_accessor :left, :right
  def remove
    left.right = right
    right.left = left
    end
end
```





#### **2D doubly-linked list**





## **HorizontalLinks module**

```
module HorizontalLinks
include Uninspectable
```

```
def self.included(klass)
    klass.instance_eval do
    attr_accessor :left, :right
    end
end
```

```
def remove_horizontal
   right.left, left.right = left, right
end
```

```
def reinsert_horizontal
   left.right = right.left = self
end
```

```
def insert_left(obj)
    self.left, self.right = obj.left, obj
    reinsert_horizontal
    end
end
```

## **LinkEnumerator class**

```
class LinkEnumerator
  include Enumerable
  def initialize(link, start, include_start=false)
    @link, @start, @include_start = link, start, include_start
  end
  def each
    yield @start if @include_start
    n = 0start
    while true
       n = n. send @link
       return if n == @start
       yield n
     end
  end
end
```

# Hexamurai

768 squares 2872 goals

3433 subsets

13 minutes to find ALL solutions!

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