

Helpful Sudoku

Puzzle 03 of 10 | Classic Sudoku

Hard | 24 clues | Clues only

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

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Every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains 1-9 once.

Notes:

Hard:

One branching choice, or no branching choices with more hidden singles than naked singles.
Advanced human techniques may avoid the solver's branching choice.

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

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Candidates show legal possibilities in the starting grid. Cross them out as you solve.

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

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Original clues are bold. Other digits complete the solution.

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