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from collections import deque

goal = "123456780" # goal state (0 = blank)

def neighbors(state):
    idx = state.index("0")
    x, y = divmod(idx, 3)
    moves = [(-1,0), (1,0), (0,-1), (0,1)]
    for dx, dy in moves:
        nx, ny = x+dx, y+dy
        if 0<=nx<3 and 0<=ny<3:
            nidx = nx*3+ny
            new = list(state)
            new[idx], new[nidx] = new[nidx], new[idx]
            yield "".join(new)

def solve(start):
    q = deque([(start, [start])])
    seen = {start}
    while q:
        state, path = q.popleft()
        if state == goal: return path
        for n in neighbors(state):
            if n not in seen:
                seen.add(n)
                q.append((n, path+[n]))

def show(state):
    for i in range(0,9,3):
        print(" ".join(c if c!="0" else " " for c in state[i:i+3]))
    print()

# Example
start = "123406758" # starting state
solution = solve(start)
for step,s in enumerate(solution):
    print("Step",step)
    show(s)

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('Step', 0)

1 2 3

4 6

7 5 8

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