

# Lee's Maze Router

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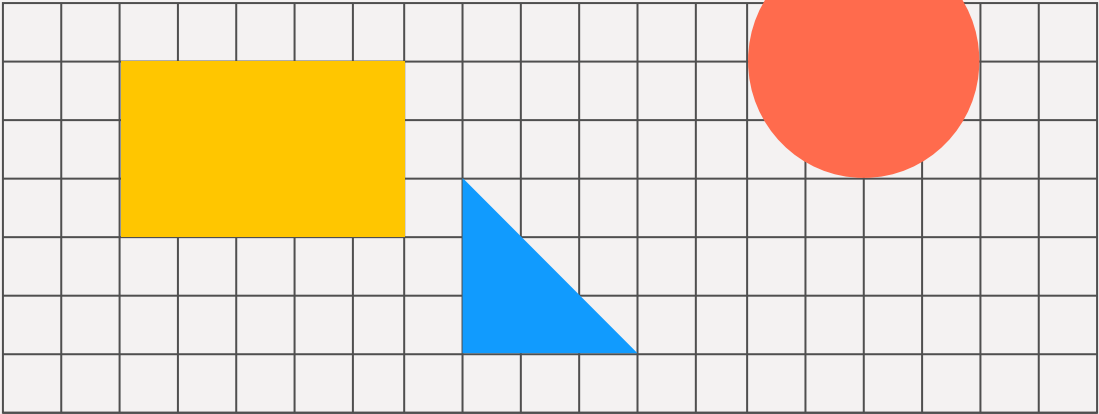
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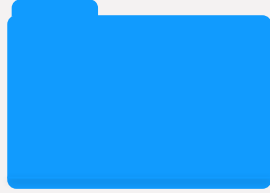
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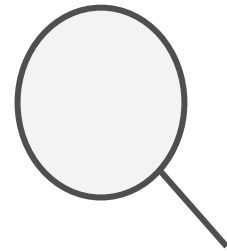


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# Design and Implementation



# Data Structures

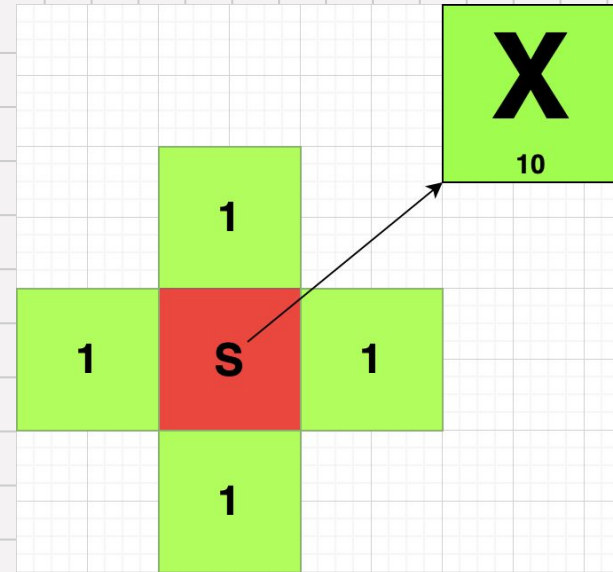


- **3D Grid:** `vector<vector<vector<int>>>` grid represents the routing space
- **Net Representation:** *all\_nets*, *net\_names*, *net\_name\_grid* to track pins and net identifiers.
- **Point Struct:** Encapsulates grid coordinates and routing cost.

# Routing Strategy



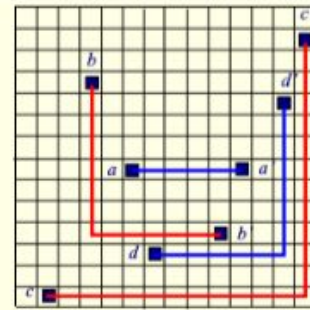
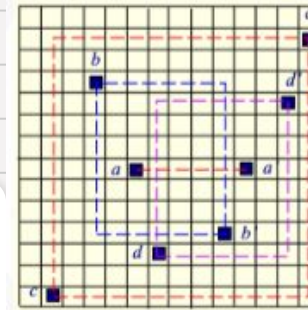
- **BFS - based: wave propagation**
- **Movement cost depends on layer (e.g., layer 0 favors horizontal moves).**
- **Considers x/y moves and via (layer change).**
- **Backtrack to mark routed path with net identifiers.**



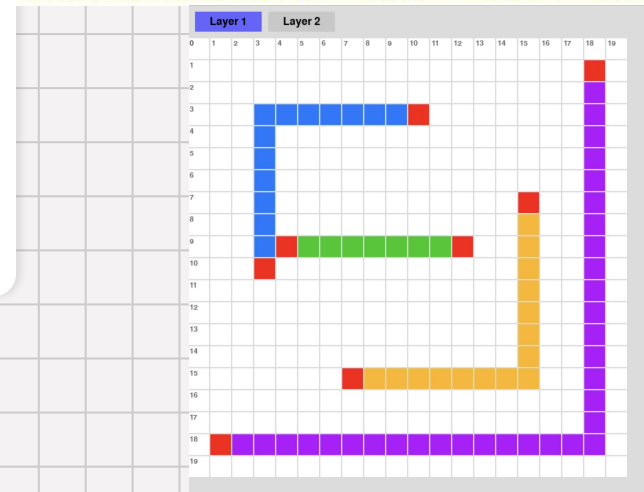
# Net Ordering Heuristic (Bonus)



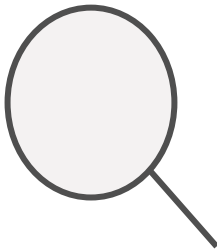
- Implemented a net ordering heuristic to optimize the routing process.
- We prioritized nets based on bounding box heuristic. And if they have the same bound box we choose the shortest net first.
- This approach helped reduce routing conflicts and improved overall success rate.
- We used an example provided in the slide to confirm correctness.



routing ordering:  $a(0) \rightarrow b(1) \rightarrow d(2) \rightarrow c(6)$



# Test Cases



# Test Case 1

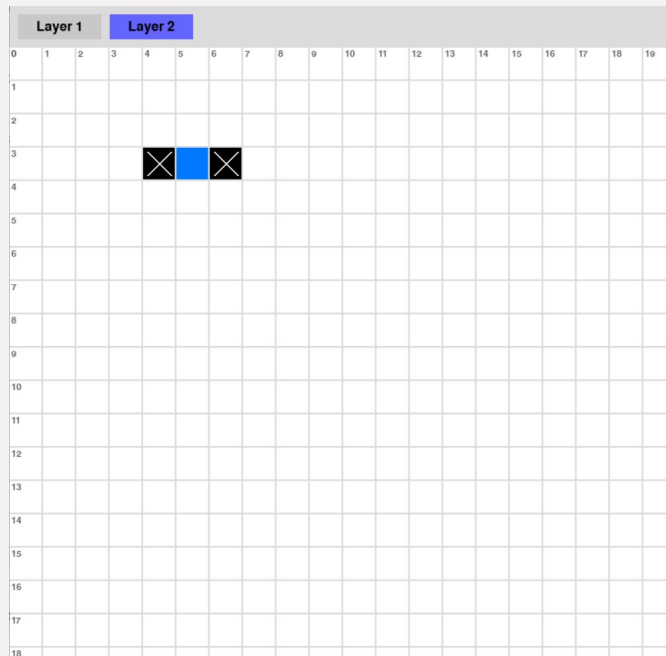
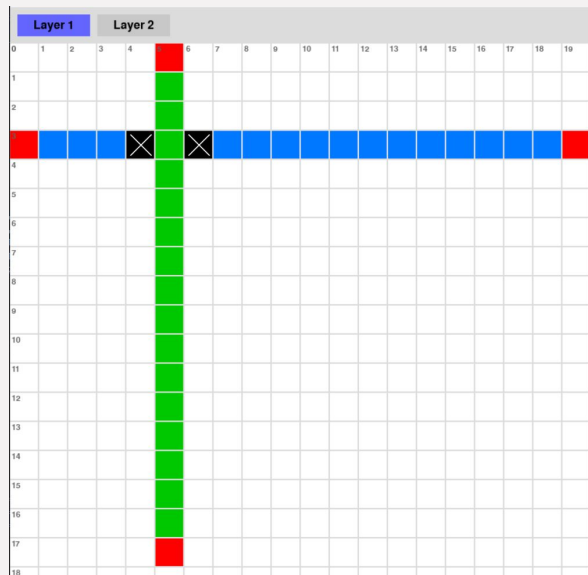


Input:

20x20

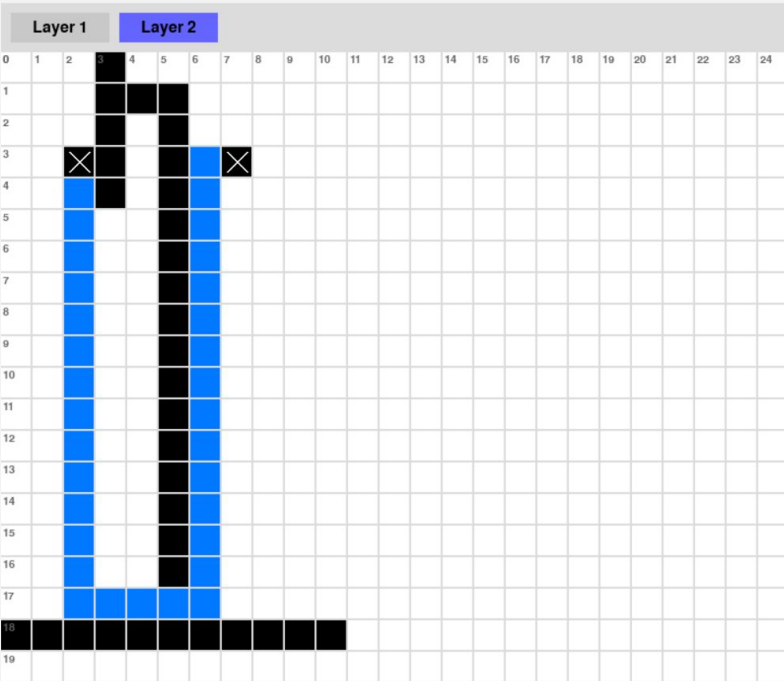
net0 (1,0,3)(1,19,3)

net1 (1,5,0)(1,5,17)





Net Input:  
40x40  
net0 (1,0,3)(1,19,3)  
net1 (1,5,0)(1,5,17)



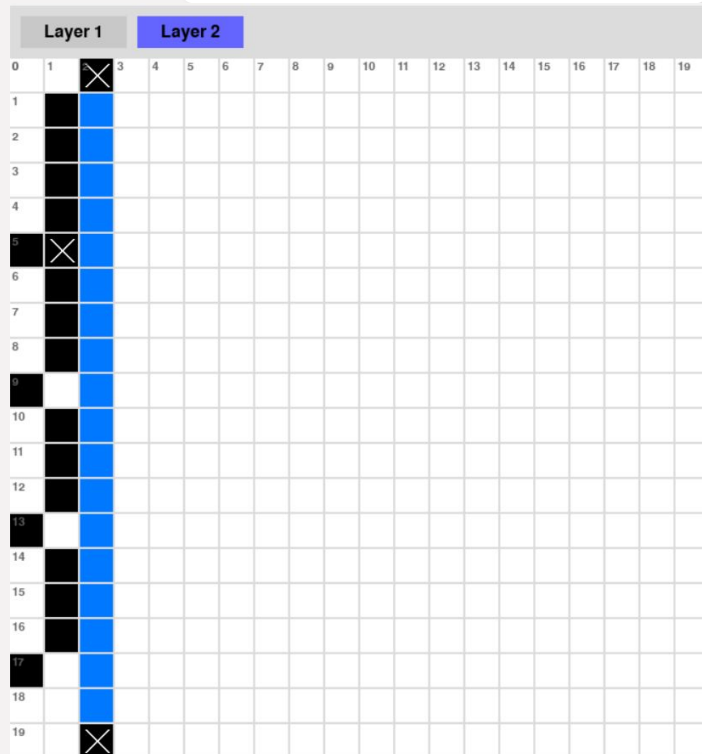
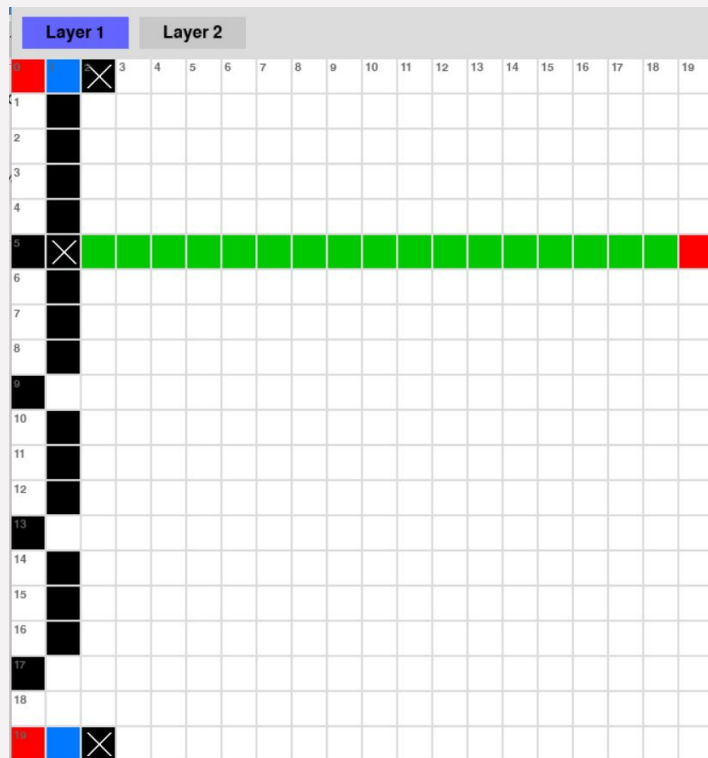
# Test Case 3

Net Input:

20x20

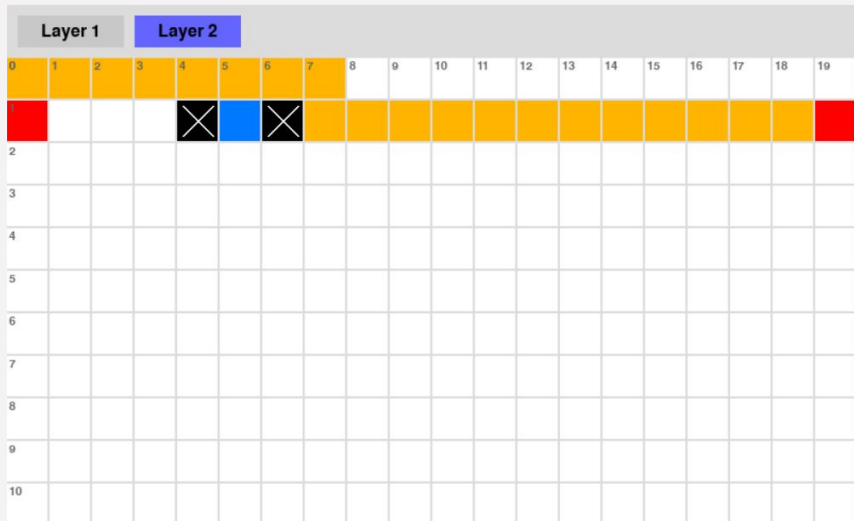
netA(1,0,0)(1,0,19)

netB(1,1,5)(1,19,5)(2,1,5)



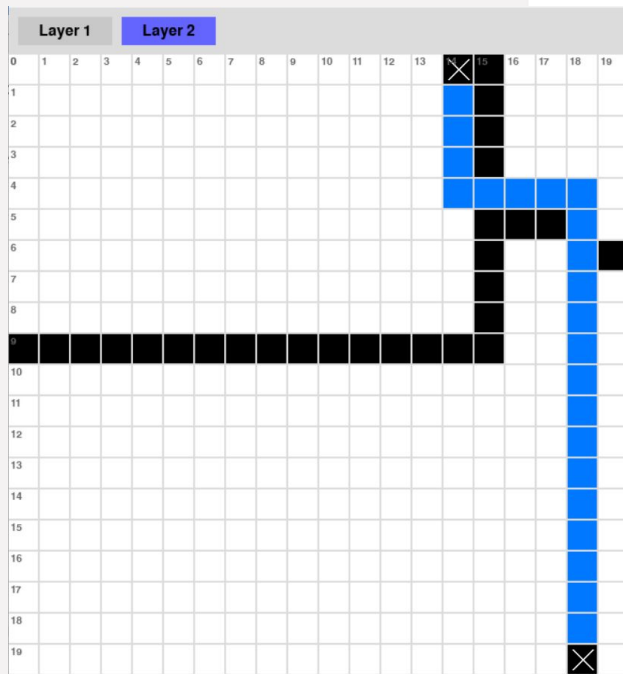
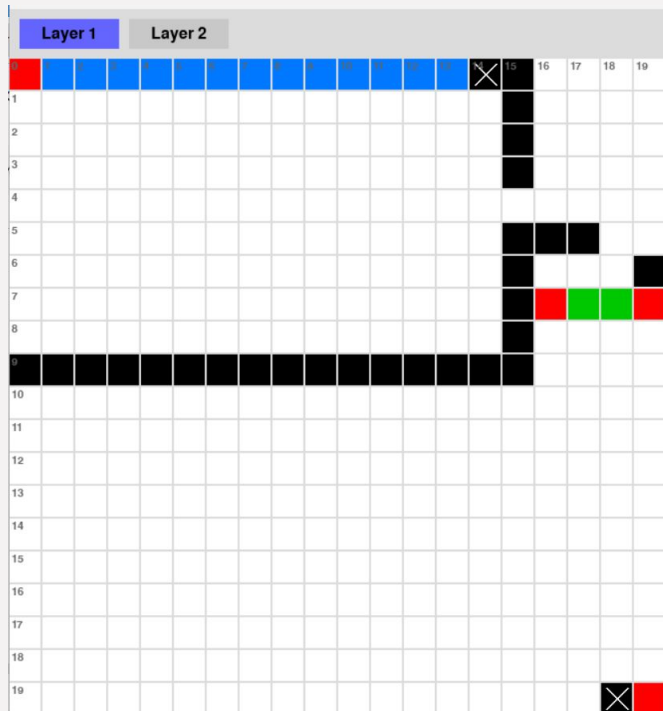
The diagram shows a 14x20 grid with columns indexed 0 to 19 and rows indexed 0 to 13. The top two rows are labeled 'Layer 1' and 'Layer 2'. The grid contains a path of colored cells and two black cells with white 'X' marks. The path starts at (0,0) (red), goes right to (19,0) (red), then down to (5,7) (red). The cells at (4,0) and (6,0) are black with white 'X' marks. The cells at (5,1) through (5,6) are green.

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netC(1,5,0)(1,5,7)
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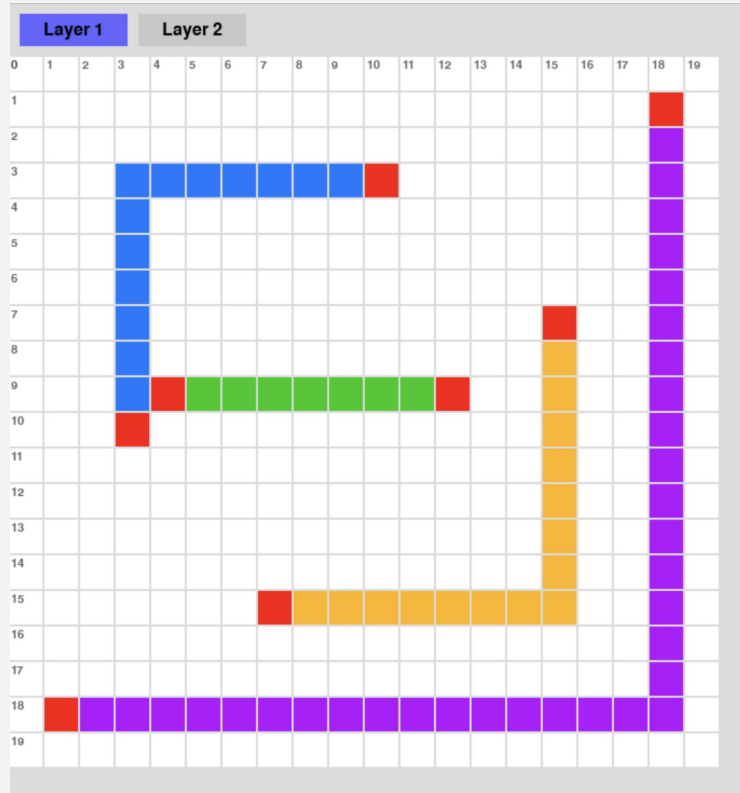


# Test Case 5

Net Input:  
20x20  
netA(1,0,0)(1,19,19)  
netB(1,16,7)(1,19,7)



# Test Case 6



Net Input:

20x20

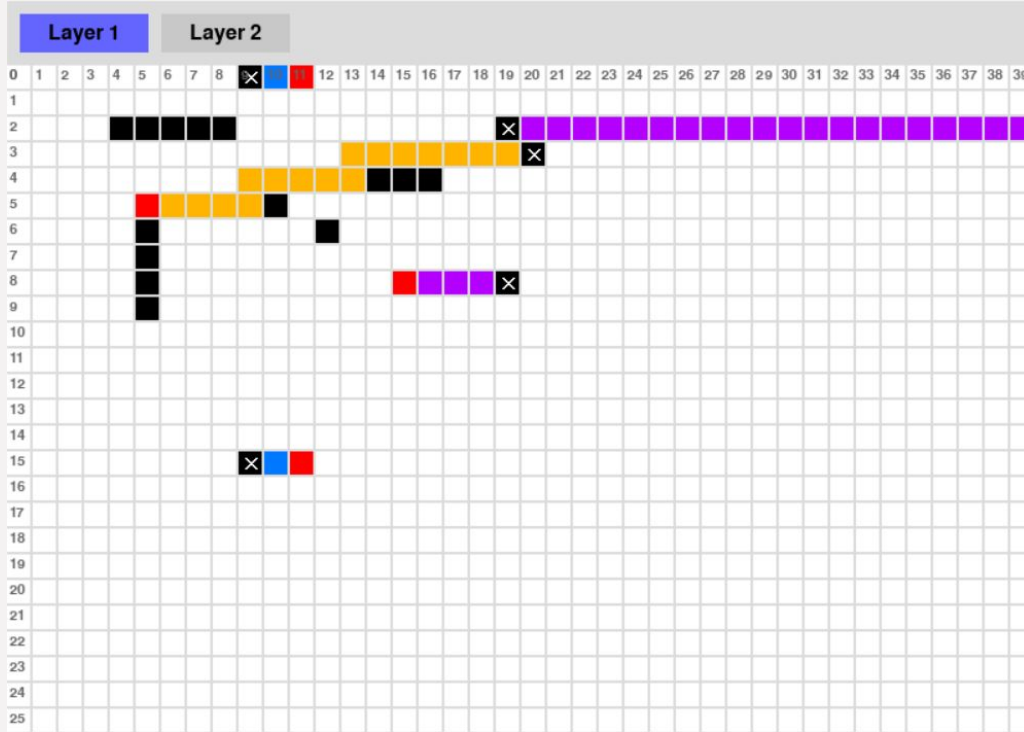
net0 (1,1,18)(1,18,1)

net1 (1,7,15)(1,15,7)

net2 (1,10,3)(1,3,10)

net3 (1,4,9)(1,12,9)

# Test Case 7



Net Input:

100x100

net0 (1,99,2)(1,19,2)(1,15,8)(1,19,8)

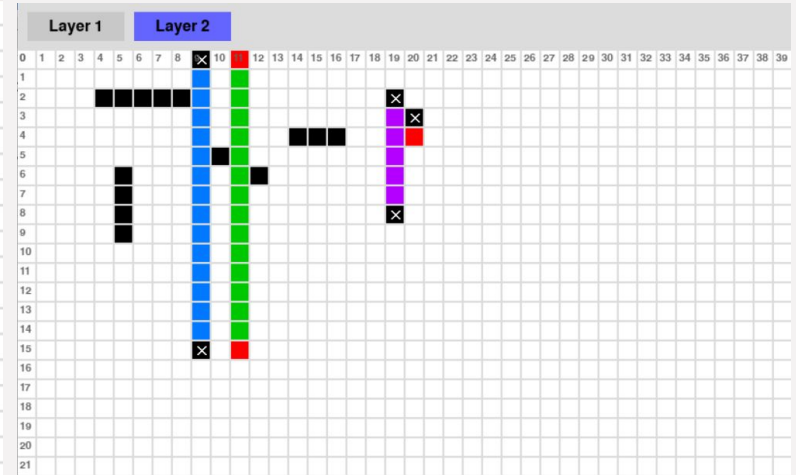
net1 (1,5,5)(2,20,4)

net2 (2,11,0)(2,11,15)

net3 (1,11,0)(1,11,15)

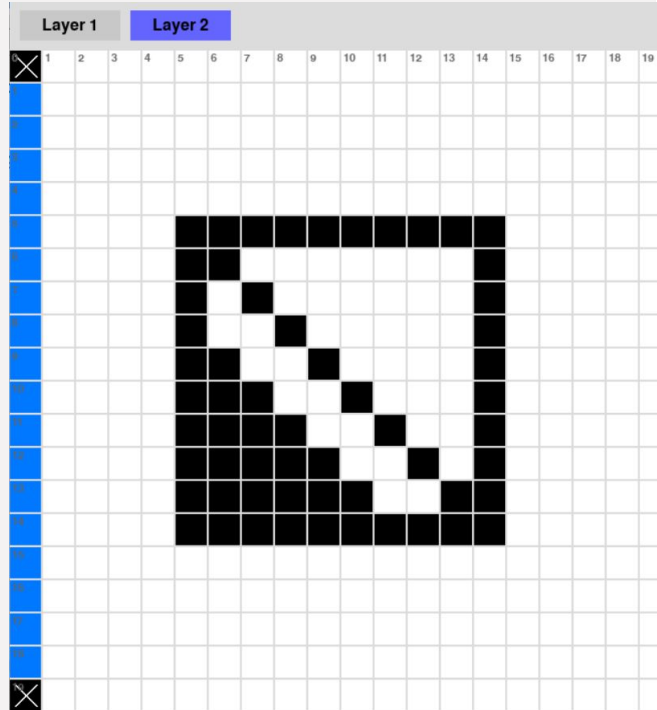
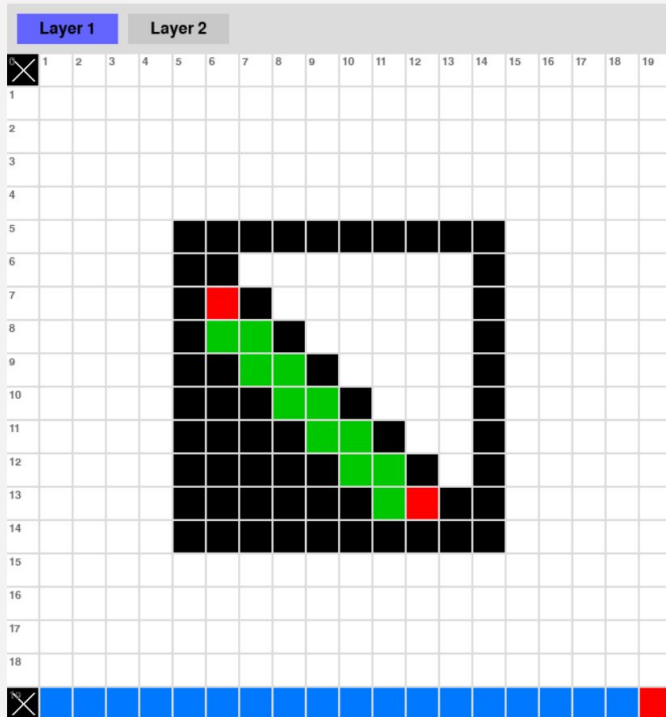
Via cost: 10

Direction cost: 10

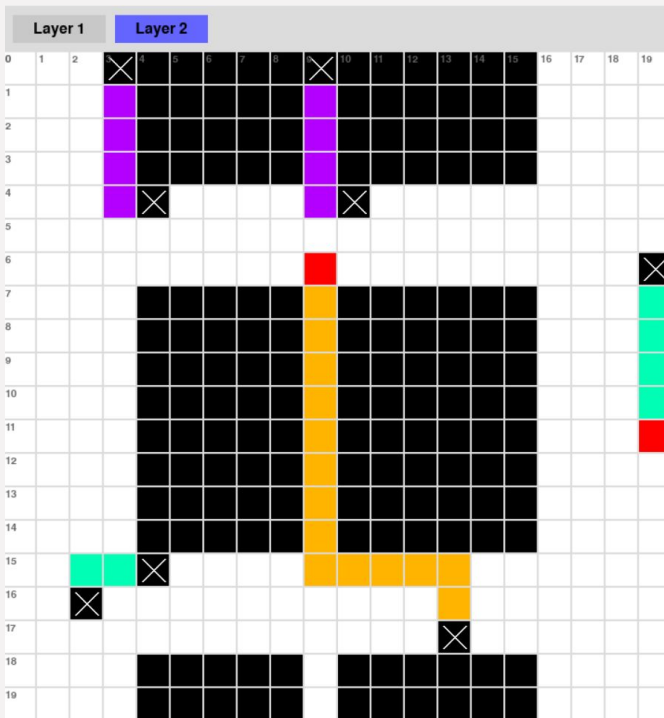
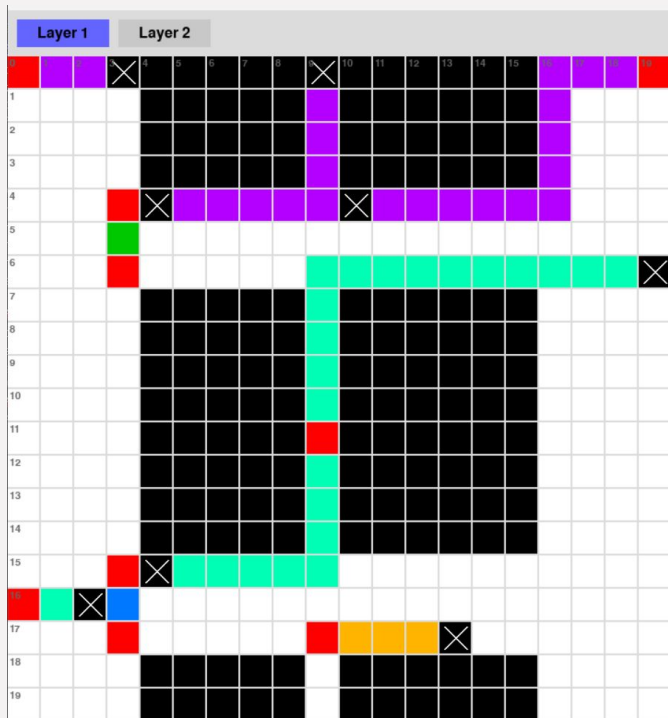


# Test Case 8

Net Input:  
100x100  
net0(1,0,0)(1,19,19)  
net1(1,6,7)(1,12,13)  
Via cost: 10  
Direction cost:10



# Test Case 9



Net Input:

20x20

netA(1,0,0)(1,9,0)(1,19,0)

netB(1,3,4)(1,3,6)

netC(1,3,15)(1,3,17)

netD(1,0,16)(1,9,11)(2,19,11)

netD(1,9,17)(2,13,17)(2,9,6)

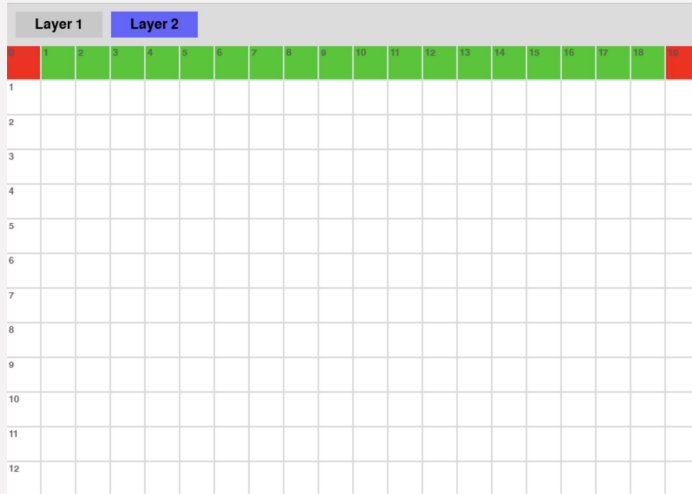
Via cost: 10

Direction cost:10

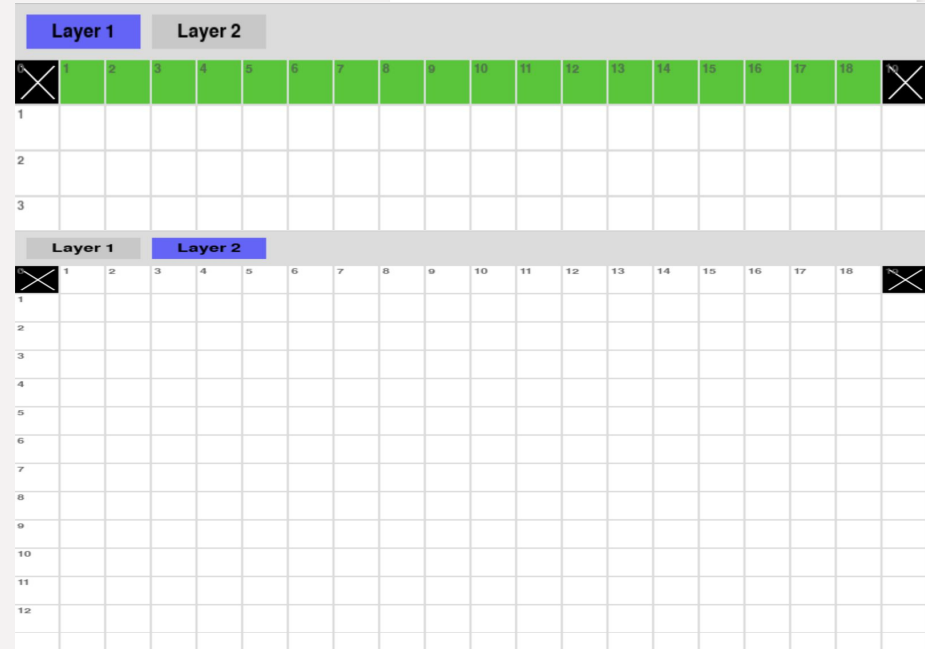


# Test Case 10

Net Input:  
20x20  
net(2,0,0)(2,19,0)

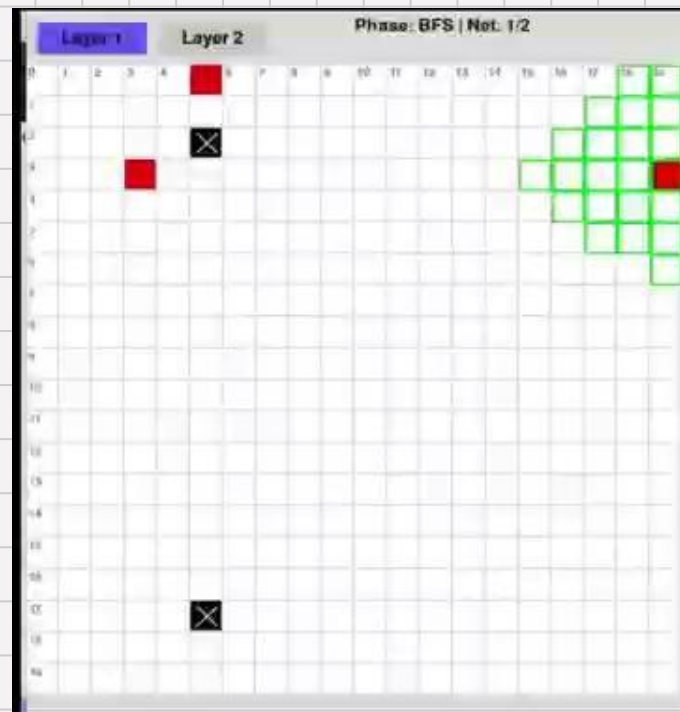


Non-preferred Direction cost: 20  
Via cost: 500



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Via cost: 20

# Dynamic Visualization



# Problems & Limitations

- **Dynamic visualization is not merged with the final implementation**
- **When the grid is 1000x1000 the output is printed in the output.txt but is not shown correctly in the GUI**
- **Did not add rip-up and reorder, instead we try to solve routing problems using net ordering heuristics**