

Medopad - Software Engineer assignment

Description

You are given a board with dimensions 4x5 (width x height) containing multiple pieces. There are 10 pieces of varying dimensions (width and height):

- 1x2 (4 pieces)
- 2x2 (1 piece)
- 2x1 (1 piece)
- 1x1 (4 pieces)

The following is a visualisation of the pieces with the board in the initial state :

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XXXXXX
XabbcX
XabbcX
XdeefX
XdghfX
Xi  jX
XXZZXX
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The pieces described above in the visualisation:

- 1x2 (4 pieces: a, d, c, f)
- 2x2 (1 piece: b)
- 2x1 (1 piece: e)
- 1x1 (4 pieces: g, h, i, j)

X is a border, and Z is a gap through which the main piece b can move.

To solve the puzzle, you must move the pieces around the board and move b out of the exit Z.

The rules are:

- A piece may only move vertically or horizontally into empty space next to it. (example moves are illustrated below)
- If there are 2 empty spaces in given direction, the given piece may move 1 or 2 spaces (counting as 1 move)
- Pieces may not occupy the space Z.
- The piece b may move through Z solving the problem.
- A piece can not overlap with another piece.
- There are always 2 empty spaces on the board.

Objective:

Find the solution to the puzzle moving pieces around the board with b eventually moving through Z in as few moves as possible (not just the first solution).

Once solved, show the moves from initial state to the final state in the optimal solution.

Things to consider:

- The internet is your oyster.
- Ideally, your implementation should be usable as part of a bigger project by people unfamiliar with it.
- You may also consider how your system can support different UIs (and, if you want, you can add a GUI for inputting different boards)
- Lastly, if you want, you may expand the solution to provide additional capabilities

Deliverables:

- Choose any language you want within reason.
- Source code
- Any additional project files to allow us to build and test your solution (if relevant)
- Any known issues, restrictions or assumptions made

Example Moves (each is 1 move)

1) i moves right 1 block	2) i moves right 2 block	3) d moves down 1 block
<pre> XXXXXXXX XXXXXX XabbcX XabbcX XabbcX XabbcX XdeefX -> XdeefX XdghfX XdghfX Xi jX X i jX XXZZXX XXZZXX </pre>	<pre> XXXXXXXX XXXXXX XabbcX XabbcX XabbcX XabbcX XdeefX -> XdeefX XdghfX XdghfX Xi jX X ijX XXZZXX XXZZXX </pre>	<pre> XXXXXXXX XXXXXX XabbcX XabbcX XabbcX XabbcX XdeefX -> X eefX XdghfX XdghfX X ijX Xd ijX XXZZXX XXZZXX </pre>
<p>4) illustration where b could move out through Z</p> <pre> XXXXXXXX XXXXXX XaeecX XaeecX XaghcX XaghcX XdbbfX -> Xd fX XdbbfX Xd fX Xi jX Xi jX XXZZXX XXZZXX </pre>		