

# **Hidato user manual**

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# 1 The game of Hidato

## ***1.1 Introduction***

Each Hidato puzzle starts with a grid partially filled with numbers. The goal is to fill the grid with consecutive numbers that connect horizontally, vertically or diagonally.

Hidato tips:

- The first and last numbers a puzzle are circled.
- It is not necessary to start from the first number. Sometimes it is better to start elsewhere.
- Working backward (counting down in numbers) can reveal key clues to solving the puzzle.

## ***1.2 Running application***

This Hidato Application is provided under the Apache 2 Open Source license. It can be freely distributed with due acknowledgement to the developers.

The Application is provided as standalone executable jar and requires the java runtime environment of 1.6 and above to run.

It can be run by simply double clicking on the executable jar.

## 2 Hidato Application

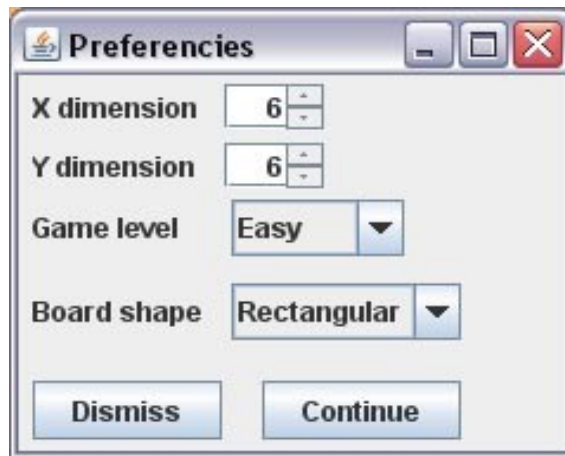
### 2.1 Interface



### 2.2 To play Hidato

1. Double click on the Hidato.jar
2. Click the **File** menu and then click the **New game**.





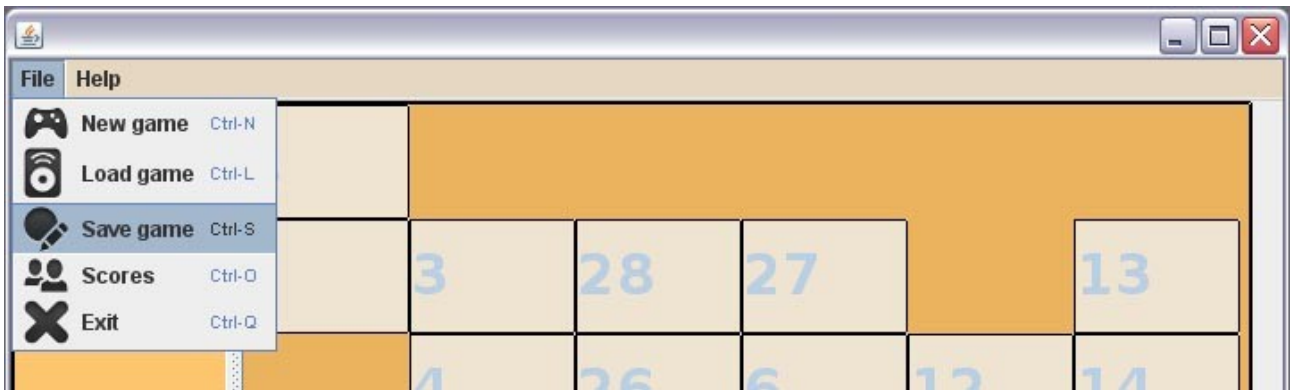
3. Options for game generation will be shown. You can choose **board size** (x-dimension, y-dimension), **difficulty level** (easy, medium, hard) and **board shape** (rectangular, oval, donut).
4. Press **Continue** to start a new game.
5. The timer will be begin immediately.
6. Select a cell and type in a number. Continue to fill up the grid.
7. When you have finished, click **Done**.

### 2.2.1 Entering/deleting values to/from cell

- To enter value select cell by clicking on it. Enter number from 1 to N using keyboard (N – number of active cells)
- To delete value select cell by clicking on it. Remove number using keyboard

### 3 Saving and loading games

1. If you want to save game, click on **Save game** in **File** menu



2. Enter name for the file to save your Hidato game into and select the directory to save it into
3. Click **Save**
4. For loading game, click **Load game** in **File** menu
5. Navigate to the directory where you have saved your previous game and select the file
6. Click **Open**

## 4 View high scores

To view high score click on **Scores** in **File** menu.