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Manipulate[
  Grid[{{"Old", opr, "New"},
    If[style == "Hollow", {Rep1[OldColor], Magnify[" $\Rightarrow$ ", 3], Rep1[Color]},
      {Rep2[OldColor], Magnify[" $\Rightarrow$ ", 3], Rep2[Color]}]}],
  Grid[{
    {Style["Pocket Cube with Hint", Bold, Large, Blue],
      SpanFromLeft, SpanFromLeft, SpanFromLeft},
    {"-----", "-----", "-----", "-----"},
    {"", Style["UP", Medium], Style["RIGHT", Medium], Style["FRONT", Medium]},
    {Style[" $\odot$ ", Bold, Medium],
      Button[Mouseover["U", Rotate["U",  $-\frac{\pi}{6}$ ]], {OldColor = Color;
        Operations["U"];
        opr = "U";
        seq = "u" <> seq}],
      Button[Mouseover["R", Rotate["R",  $-\frac{\pi}{6}$ ]], {OldColor = Color;
        Operations["R"];
        opr = "R";
        seq = "r" <> seq}],
      Button[Mouseover["F", Rotate["F",  $-\frac{\pi}{6}$ ]], {OldColor = Color;
        Operations["F"];
        opr = "F";
        seq = "f" <> seq}]}],
    {Style[" $\odot$ ", Bold, Medium],
      Button[Mouseover["u", Rotate["u",  $\frac{\pi}{6}$ ]], {OldColor = Color;
        Operations["u"];
        opr = "u";
        seq = "U" <> seq}],
      Button[Mouseover["r", Rotate["r",  $\frac{\pi}{6}$ ]], {OldColor = Color;
        Operations["r"];
        opr = "r";
        seq = "R" <> seq}],
      Button[Mouseover["f", Rotate["f",  $\frac{\pi}{6}$ ]], {OldColor = Color;
        Operations["f"];
        opr = "f";
        seq = "F" <> seq}]}],
    {PopupMenu[Dynamic[style], {"Hollow", "Solid"}, "Style"], Button["Reset", Reset],
      Button["Shuffle", Shuffle], Button["Recover", If[seq != "",
        {OldColor = Color;
          Operations[StringTake[seq, 1]];
          opr = StringTake[seq, 1];
          seq = StringDrop[seq, 1];}, Reset]]},
    {Style["Hint", Bold, FontSize  $\rightarrow$  18, Red],
      Dynamic[If[seq != "", Style[StringReplace[seq = Reduction[seq],
        {"UU"  $\rightarrow$  "U2", "RR"  $\rightarrow$  "R2", "FF"  $\rightarrow$  "F2"}], Bold, FontSize  $\rightarrow$  18],
        Style["Recovered!", Darker[Green], Bold, FontSize  $\rightarrow$  18]]], SpanFromLeft}

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Initialization := {
  Colors = {Glow[Red], Glow[Yellow], Glow[Lighter[Blue]],
    Glow[Lighter[Purple, 0.7]], Glow[Orange], Glow[Green]};
  (*customize colors*)
  FaceIndices = PolyhedronData["Cube", "FaceIndices"];
VertexCoords =
  Flatten[Table[{x, y, z}, {x, -1, 1, 2}, {y, -1, 1, 2}, {z, -1, 1, 2}], 2];
  (*the coordinates of the 8 vertexes*)
SubFaceCoords = 0.9 Table[VertexCoords[[ FaceIndices[[f, v]] ]], {f, 6}, {v, 4}];
  (*the 4 coordinates of sub squares of each face*)
Face0 =
  Table[
    Polygon[Table[
      VertexCoords[[ FaceIndices[[f, s]] ] + SubFaceCoords[[f, v]],
      {v, 4}]],
    {f, 6}, {s, 4}]; (*coordinates of the cube components*)
Core = Table[{Glow[Black],
  Polygon[1.8 Table[VertexCoords[[ FaceIndices[[f, v]] ]], {v, 4}]], {f, 6}];
  (*solid core of the cube*)
Color0 = Table[f, {f, 6}, {s, 4}]; (*initial color state*)
Color = Color0; OldColor = Color;
shuffle = {}; seq = ""; opr = "";

Rep1[c_] := Graphics3D[(*representation type 1, hollow*)
  Transpose[{Colors[[Flatten@c]], Table[Opacity[0.9], {24}], Flatten@Face0}],
  Boxed -> False, Lighting -> None, ViewPoint -> {Pi, Pi/2, 2}];
Rep2[c_] := Graphics3D[(*representation type 2, solid*)
  Append[Transpose[{Colors[[Flatten@c]], Flatten@Face0}], Core],
  Boxed -> False, Lighting -> None, ViewPoint -> {Pi, Pi/2, 2}];
Operations[opr_] := (*Define the color transformation of each operation.*)
Which[
  opr == "U", (*up clockwise*)
  {Color[[1]] = RotateLeft[Color[[1]]];
    {Color[[4, 1]], Color[[4, 4]], Color[[3, 1]], Color[[3, 4]],
      Color[[2, 2]], Color[[2, 1]], Color[[6, 1]], Color[[6, 4]]} =
      RotateRight[{Color[[4, 1]], Color[[4, 4]], Color[[3, 1]], Color[[3, 4]],
        Color[[2, 2]], Color[[2, 1]], Color[[6, 1]], Color[[6, 4]]}, 2]},
  opr == "F", (*front clockwise*)
  {Color[[2]] = RotateLeft[Color[[2]]];
    {Color[[1, 4]], Color[[1, 1]], Color[[3, 1]], Color[[3, 2]],
      Color[[5, 3]], Color[[5, 4]], Color[[6, 3]], Color[[6, 4]]} =
      RotateRight[{Color[[1, 4]], Color[[1, 1]], Color[[3, 1]], Color[[3, 2]],
        Color[[5, 3]], Color[[5, 4]], Color[[6, 3]], Color[[6, 4]]}, 2]},
  opr == "R", (*right clockwise*)
  {Color[[3]] = RotateLeft[Color[[3]]];
    {Color[[1, 1]], Color[[1, 2]], Color[[4, 1]], Color[[4, 2]],
      Color[[5, 2]], Color[[5, 3]], Color[[2, 4]], Color[[2, 1]]} =
      RotateRight[{Color[[1, 1]], Color[[1, 2]], Color[[4, 1]], Color[[4, 2]],
        Color[[5, 2]], Color[[5, 3]], Color[[2, 4]], Color[[2, 1]]}, 2]},
  opr == "u" || opr == "D'", (*up anticlockwise*)
  Operations["U"]; Operations["U"]; Operations["U"],
  opr == "f" || opr == "B'", (*front anticlockwise*)

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Operations["F"]; Operations["F"]; Operations["F"],
opr = "r" || opr = "L'", (*right anticlockwise*)
Operations["R"]; Operations["R"]; Operations["R"]
];
Oppo[opr_] := Which[opr == "U", "u", opr == "u", "U",
opr == "F", "f", opr == "f", "F", opr == "R", "r", opr == "r", "R"];
(*define the opposite operations*)
Recover[shuffle_] := Table[Oppo[shuffle[[s]]], {s, Length[shuffle], 1, -1}];
(*find the recovery operations *)
Reduction[seq_] := StringReplace[seq,
{"UUUU" -> "", "UUU" -> "u" (*, "UU" -> "UU" *),
"uuuu" -> "", "uuu" -> "U", "uu" -> "UU", "Uu" -> "", "uU" -> "",
"RRRR" -> "", "RRR" -> "r" (*, "RR" -> "RR" *), "rrrr" -> "",
"rrr" -> "R", "rr" -> "RR", "Rr" -> "", "rR" -> "",
"FFFF" -> "", "FFF" -> "f" (*, "FF" -> "FF" *), "ffff" -> "",
"fff" -> "F", "ff" -> "FF", "Ff" -> "", "fF" -> ""}];
(*simplify the operations*)
Shuffle := (Reset;
shuffle = RandomChoice[{"U", "R", "F"}, RandomInteger[{10, 20}]];
seq = StringJoin[Recover[shuffle]];
Table[Operations[s], {s, shuffle}];
OldColor = Color0;
opr = "shuffle");
Reset := (Color = Color0;
OldColor = Color;
opr = "";
shuffle = {};
seq = "");
}
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Pocket Cube with Hint

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Hollow

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UP	RIGHT	FRONT
U	R	F
u	r	f
Reset	Shuffle	Recover

Hint **Recovered!**

Old

New

