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description: History of the 3OP blindfold solving method for the Rubik's Cube.

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# 3OP

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solution={`z' U' R' U R U' R' U L' U' R U R' U' R U L z . // Orient UFR + UFL

x2 z' U' R U R' U' R U R' L' U' R U R' U' R U R' L' U' R U R' U' R U R' L2 z x2 . // Orient D corners

x d D r R d D r R d D r R x' . // U + D edge 8 flip

z' R M U M U M U M U R' z . // Orient BL + FL + FR + DF

U' D z' R' U R' U' R' U' R' U R U R2 z D' U . // UF - BR - DF

F2 x2 U' R' U R' U' R' U' R' U R U R2 U x2 F2 . // UF - DR - DB

L' U2 R2 U' R' U' R U R U R U' R U2 L . // UF - UR - FL

U R U L R L U2 R' L' F' B' U2 F B L' U' R' U' . // UF - FR, UL - BL

D2 R2 U' R B' R F2 R' B R F2 R2 U R2 D2 . // UFL - DFL - UBL

D B2 R B' R F2 R' B R F2 R2 B2 D' . // UFL - UFR - DBR

D' R2 D2 B2 R B' R F2 R' B R F2 R2 B2 D2 R2 D // UFL - DFR - UBR`}

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\*\*Example solve from Shotaro Makisumi\*\*

## Description

\*\*Creator:\*\* [Richard Carr](CubingContributors/MethodDevelopers.md#carr-richard), [Olly Hayden](CubingContributors/MethodDevelopers.md#hayden-olly)

\*\*Created:\*\* ~2002

\*\*Steps:\*\*

1. Orient corners and edges separately.

2. Permute corners and edges separately using three-cycles.

[Click here for more step details on the SpeedSolving wiki](https://www.speedsolving.com/wiki/index.php?title=3OP)

## Original Development (Richard Carr)

Around 2001 to 2002, Richard Carr developed a blindfold solving method that involved first separately orienting all corners and edges [1]. The corners are then permuted using simple one move setups in combination with a corner three cycle algorithm executed on the U layer. Carr’s method was placed on Jessica Fridrich’s website.

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## Expanded Development (Olly Hayden)

In 2002, Olly Hayden presented a similar method on his website [2]. The method contains the same general steps as Carr’s method. The primary difference is in the permutation setup moves and algorithms. In Hayden’s development, pieces are moved to the U or D layer using the group `U, D, F2, B2, R2, L2`. After the setup moves, a permutation algorithm is used to cycle the corners, then the setup moves are undone. A complete guide with better algorithms was later developed by Shotaro Makisumi [3].

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## Discussion Between Carr and Hayden

In August 2002, Carr and Hayden had a conversation comparing the difference in the permutation styles [4, 5, 6]. Carr stated that he had considered the way as described on Hayden’s site, but found it difficult.

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## Earlier Proposal (Jessica Fridrich)

On March 11, 1998, Wei-Hwa Huang asked the Cube Lovers mailing group if there were any techniques for blindfold solving [7]. Jessica Fridrich responded by suggesting that it may be possible to first orient all pieces, preserving their permutation, then permute all pieces, preserving their orientation [8].

![](../img/BlindfoldSolvingOrigins/Fridrich.png)

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