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This is lab I did for my data structures class where I used recursion and backtracing
#include "sudoku.h"
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
Sudoku::Sudoku(int puzzle[9][9]) {
 for(int i = 0; i < 9; i++) {</pre>
   for(int j = 0; j < 9; j++) {</pre>
     board[i][j] = puzzle[i][j];
 }
Sudoku::~Sudoku() {
}
void Sudoku::verify() {
 for(int i = 0; i < 9; i++) {</pre>
   for(int j = 0; j < 9; j++) {</pre>
     if(!isValid(i, j)) {
       cout << "INVALID PUZZLE" << endl;</pre>
       return;
  cout << "VALID PUZZLE" << endl;</pre>
void Sudoku::print() {
  for (int row=0; row<9; row++) {</pre>
     if (row % 3== 0) {
     std::cout << "----" << std::endl;
    for (int col=0; col<9; col++) {</pre>
     if (col % 3 == 0) {
      std::cout << "|";
       if (board[row][col] != 0) {
       std::cout << " " << board[row][col] << " ";
      } else {
       std::cout << " . ";
   std::cout << "|" << std::endl;
  std::cout << "----" << std::endl;
bool Sudoku::isValid(int row, int col) {
  int value = board[row][col];
  for (int i=0; i<9; i++) {</pre>
   if (i == row) {
   continue;
    int temp = board[i][col];
   if (temp == value) {
     return false;
   }
  }
  for (int i=0; i<9; i++) {</pre>
     if (i == col) {
     continue;
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int temp = board[row][i];
   if (temp == value) {
     return false;
  int box_row = row / 3;
  int box_col = col / 3;
  for (int i=box_row * 3; i < box_row * 3 + 3; i++) {</pre>
   for (int j=box_col * 3; j < box_col * 3 + 3; j++) {</pre>
     if (i == row && j == col) {
      continue;
     int temp = board[i][j];
     if (temp == value) {
       return false;
     }
   }
  return true;
void Sudoku::solve(){
 solveHelper(0, 0);
bool Sudoku::solveHelper(int row, int col) {
 if (row == 9) {
  return true;
  if (board[row][col] == 0) {
    for (int i = 1; i<=9; i++) {</pre>
     board[row][col] = i;
     if(isValid(row,col)) {
       if(col == 8) {
         if (solveHelper(row+1,0)) {
           return true;
       else {
        if(solveHelper(row,col+1)) {
           return true;
   board[row][col] = 0;
  else {
   if(col == 8) {
     return solveHelper(row+1,0);
   } else {
     return solveHelper(row, col+1);
 return false;
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