# **Commit Report**

# Repository: crossword\_puzzle

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## **Initial commit**

## Made layout of program; began on crossword generator

Defined the `Directions` class to specify the value of the "across" and "down" orientations of words in the crossword. The `Style` class specifies what character represents an empty cell. The `Restrictions` class will eventually contain a regex that removes all non-language characters from a string to ensure the crossword contains no symbols, punctuation, whitespace, etc.

Additionally, 4 errors were defined as these will likely need to be handled in the future.

The 'Crossword' class is still empty.

## **Began developing Crossword class**

Added error checking in the constructor and added `\_format\_definitions` and `\_find\_dimensions`. The definitions formatter uses a regex added to `Restrictions` in this commit that removes all non-language characters.

Added error class `EscapeCharacterInWord` to provide appropriate error messages to user input that contains '/' as regex cannot remove it.

### Added 3 methods in the Crossword class

Added `\_initialise\_crossword\_grid` to to assign self.grid to a two-dimensional array of `Style.EMPTY` characters.

Added `\_place\_word` to place a word at the given coordinates and orientation.

Added `\_find\_intersections` to determine how many intersections a word has with other words (at a given position and orientation) in self.grid.

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### Added 1 method to the Crossword class

Added `\_can\_word\_be\_inserted` which uses conditional statements to ensure a word can be place at a given position and orientation in `self.grid`.

#### Added 7 methods to the Crossword class

Added the dunder `str` method to represent the class as a stringwhen printed

Added `generate` which is called on an instance of the calss to create and populate `self.grid`.

Added `\_find\_first\_word\_placement` to determine the middle indexes of `self.grid` for which to place the first word at.

Added `\_find\_insertion\_coords` to determine all possible placements for a given word.

Added `\_add\_clue` and `\_add\_data` which append important information for all the words inserted to the crossword (orientation, intersections, position). `\_add\_clue` is friendly for the user to view and is displayed with by printing an instance of the Crossword class.

Added `\_populate\_grid` to find the best placement for a word based on intersections (using `\_find\_insertion\_coords`). Words with no intersections are reinserted when `\_populate\_grid` is recursed. This function also appends placement information to self.clues and self.data (using `\_add\_clue` and `\_add\_data`.

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## Reorganised file structure slighty

## Added intrinsic documentation and finalised the Crossword class

Added extensive intrinsic documentation including docstrings for `Crossword` and its methods.

Added `\_prune\_placements\_for\_readability` which eliminates word placements that are directly adjacent to another word. This change drastically improves the overall appearance of the crossword.

A minor change was made in `\_populate\_grid` to accompany for the new method that was introduced.

### Added 3 static methods to the CrosswordHelper class

The `CrosswordHelper` class features 3 static methods that assist the `Crossword` class and the user

`find\_best\_crossword` generates a large sum of crosswords depending on the amount of words in the crossword (determined by loading `attempts.json` into a dictionary). This function does not require the user to call `generate()` and instead returns the crossword object directly.

`load\_definitions` returns a specified crossword file JSON into a dictionary that is used by Crossword to insert words into `self.grid`.

`\_load\_attempts` returns the `attempts.json` file which relates the amount of words a crossword contains to the appropriate amount of iterations that `find\_best\_crossword` should run for before returning the best found crossword.

Driver code at the bottom of the script was added to showcase an example usage of `cword\_gen.py`.

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#### Added Paths class

The `Paths` class defines the absolute paths to `attempts\_db.json` and the `cwords` directory.

Reworded some parts of the program and added a little intrinsic documentation.