

This area is for the puzzle game called "["Entrap"](#)" written by Harmony as the prize winning entry in the LB summer 2006 contest and posted in Wikispaces with the author's permission.

In August, 2006, I added a "wizard" to Harmon's game. The wizard changes the cursor to a cross-hairs style when the player points at a cell which is an efficient move. In other words, it solves the puzzle for you. This should be made optional so the player can try without the "training wheels" of the cross-hair cursor. Other changes may be needed. Feel free to make them when you download the code.

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The following code can be cut and pasted into the Entrap folder if you would like to have the sound effects with the wizard version.

Grahame King

The Zip file has been updated. The update includes the version with Grahame's wizard, named Entrapw.bas, plus an updated "readme" file and I've added a "New Game" button. Get it by downloading

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' Program Entrap (with wizard)
' The first version of this program was written in machine
' language and used to demonstrate Digital Group equipment.
' MAXI-BASIC version by Hal Knippenberg, April 1979
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' Liberty Basic version by Harmonv, July 2006
' Wizard added by Grahame King, August 2006
nomainwin
global w$, cr$, move, blu, yelo
blu = 1 : yelo = 0 : gwin = 0
cr$ = chr$(13)
dim dist(511,9) ' array to store information about game positions

' the 1st index represents the position as sum bit(i)*2^cell(i) over 9
cells
  ' where bit(i) is set for blue and off for yellow
  ' the value of an element of this array is,
  ' when 2nd dim = 0 :-
    ' 0 - no information

' n - positive integer represents the least number of moves to win+1
  ' so the won game position has value 1
  ' -1 - for the lost position (all yellow) - not implemented
  ' when 2nd dim, k = 1 to 9, representing the cell clicked :-
    ' the position code of the position where that click in the kth cell t
akes you
on error goto [educateWizard]
open "wiz.txt" for input as #wiz
on error goto [quit]
' read in wizardry
for i = 1 to 511
  for j = 0 to 9
    input #wiz, dist(i,j)
  next j
next i
close #wiz
goto [newgame]

[educateWizard]
  ' start at won position and trace back to earlier positions
  ' storing the number of moves in dist()
  for i = 1 to 9
    if i<>5 then
      b(i) = 1
    else
      b(i) = 0
    end if
  next i
  dist(posnCode(),0) = 1
  moves = 1
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notice
"Wizard text not found - the wizard will rewrite it. This takes time!
"
textbox #mainWiz.stxt 20,20,WindowWidth/2,WindowHeight/4
stylebits #mainWiz, 0 ,0, _WS_EX_TOPMOST, 0
open "Wizard at work!" for window_popup as #mainWiz
#mainWiz "trapclose [done]"
#mainWiz.stxt "Wizard at work!"+chr$(13)+chr$(10)+_
                "This is a one-off operation."+chr$(13)+chr$(10)+_
                "Please wait."
cursor hourglass
call trainWiz moves

[done]
open "wiz.txt" for output as #wiz
for i = 1 to 511
    for j = 0 to 9
        print #wiz, dist(i,j);
        if j<>9 then print #wiz, ","; else print #wiz, ""
    next j
next i
playwave "yeehaw.wav", async
close #wiz
close #mainWiz
cursor normal

[newgame]
if gwin=1 then close #g
tm = 0 ' total moves
call boardsetup
UpperLeftX = 40 : UpperLeftY = 20
WindowWidth = 500 : WindowHeight = 350
menu #g, "File", "New Game", [newgame],_
                "Options", [options],_
                |, "Exit", [quit]
menu #g, "Help", "Entrap Rules", showrules, "About Entrap", about
button #g,b1, "New Game", [newgame], UL, 320, 220
button #g.b2, "Done", [quit], UL, 340, 250 ' {, width, height}
statictext #g.s1, "Entrap", 320, 40, 160, 60
statictext #g.s2, "Want the rules?"+cr$+
"Check Help menu.", 300, 120, 190, 80
open "Entrap" for graphics_nsb as #g
gwin=1 ' set window flag to active
print #g, "color black ; down"
print #g.s1, "!font Arial 14"
print #g.s2, "!font Arial 14"
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print #g, "flush"
print #g, "trapclose [quit]"
print #g, "when leftButtonDown [clicked]"
#g "when mouseMove [mouseOver]"
gosub [showgboard]
wait

' start of main loop
[clicked]
gosub [getmousemove]
if b(move)=yelo then
    #g.s2, " Illegal move."+cr$+" Try Again."
    wait
else
    #g.s2, ""
end if
tm = tm + 1
call updateboard move
gosub [showgboard]
call winorlose
if w$<>"" then [endgame]
viewcell = 0 : move = 0
' so mouseover will be activated for cell clicked on
wait

[showgboard]
#g.s1, "Total Moves"+cr$+" ";tm
for i = 1 to 9
    x = 10+90*((i-1) mod 3)
    y = 10+90*int((i-1)/3)
    #g, "place ";x;" ";y
    if b(i)=yelo then
        #g, "backcolor yellow"
    else
        #g, "backcolor blue"
    end if
    #g, "boxfilled ";x+80;" ";y+80
    #g, "flush"
next i
return

[getmousemove]
move = 0
if abs(MouseX- 50)<40 and abs(MouseY- 50)<40 then move = 1
if abs(MouseX-140)<40 and abs(MouseY- 50)<40 then move = 2
if abs(MouseX-230)<40 and abs(MouseY- 50)<40 then move = 3
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if abs(MouseX- 50)<40 and abs(MouseY-140)<40 then move = 4
if abs(MouseX-140)<40 and abs(MouseY-140)<40 then move = 5
if abs(MouseX-230)<40 and abs(MouseY-140)<40 then move = 6
if abs(MouseX- 50)<40 and abs(MouseY-230)<40 then move = 7
if abs(MouseX-140)<40 and abs(MouseY-230)<40 then move = 8
if abs(MouseX-230)<40 and abs(MouseY-230)<40 then move = 9
return

[mouseOver]
gosub [getmousemove]
if move = viewcell then wait ' no need to check same move twice
if move then
    viewcell = move
    if b(move) then ' if legal move
        if winningMove() then
            cursor crosshair
        else
            cursor normal
        end if
    else
        cursor normal
    end if
else
    cursor normal
    viewcell = 0
end if
wait

[endgame]
if w$="won" then
    playwave "yeehaw.wav", async
    #g.s2, " ** You WON!! **"+cr$+"Congratulations!!"
end if
if w$="lost" then
    playwave "wlaugh.wav", async
    #g.s2, " -- You lost --"+cr$+"Better luck next time."
end if
wait

[options]
'#optionsDialog "!show"
wait

[quit]
if gwin=1 then close #g
end
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' ----- end of main routine -----  
  
sub boardsetup  
    ok = 0  
    do  
        for i = 1 to 9  
            t = rnd(1)  
            if t<0.666 then  
                b(i) = yelo  
            else  
                b(i) = blu  
            ok = 1  
        end if  
    next i  
    loop until ok=1  
end sub  
  
sub winorlose  
    sum = 0  
    w$ = ""  
    for i = 1 to 9  
        sum = sum + b(i)  
    next i  
    if sum=0 then w$="lost"  
    if (sum=8) and (b(5)=yelo) then w$="won"  
end sub  
  
sub updateboard move  
    select case move  
        case 1: s=1245  
        case 2: s=123  
        case 3: s=2356  
        case 4: s=147  
        case 5: s=24568  
        case 6: s=369  
        case 7: s=4578  
        case 8: s=789  
        case 9: s=5689  
    end select  
    for i = 1 to len(str$(s))  
        t = s mod 10 : b(t) = 1 - b(t)  
        s = int(s/10)  
    next i  
end sub  
  
sub showrules
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playwave "help.wav", async
n$ = space$(10)+"Entrap Instructions"+cr$+cr$
n$=n$+ "This game is played on a 3-by-3 grid. "+cr$
n$=n$+ "When the game starts the board will be "+cr$
n$=n$+ "filled with yellow and blue squares. "+cr$+cr$
n$=n$+ "To change the board, click on any of the "+cr$
n$=n$+ "blue squares. "+cr$+cr$
n$=n$+ "To win, make the center square yellow "+cr$
n$=n$+ "and all the other squares blue."+cr$+cr$
n$=n$+ "If all the squares turn yellow, you lose. "+cr$+cr$
n$=n$+ "As you pick squares, the board will change "+cr$
n$=n$+ "based on these rule(s): "+cr$+cr$
n$=n$+ "If you pick a corner square, the 4 squares "+cr$
n$=n$+ "in the area will change."+cr$+cr$
n$=n$+ "Pick one in the middle of an edge and all "+cr$
n$=n$+ "three squares along the edge will change. "+cr$+cr$
n$=n$+ "Pick the center square and the center plus "+cr$
n$=n$+ "the 4 middle edge squares will change. "+cr$+cr$
n$=n$+ "To end the game, click the [Done] button. "+cr$+cr$
n$=n$+ "Good Luck !"+cr$
notice n$
end sub

sub about
n$="About Entrap"+cr$
n$=n$+ "The first version of this program was "+cr$
n$=n$+ "written in machine language and was used "+cr$
n$=n$+ "to demonstrate Digital Group equipment. "+cr$+cr$
n$=n$+ "MAXI-BASIC version by Hal Knippenberg, Apr 1979 "+cr$+cr$
n$=n$+ "Liberty Basic version by HarmonV, July 2006 "+cr$
n$=n$+ "Wizard by Grahame King, August 2006 "+cr$
notice n$
end sub

function winningMove()
' returns 1 plus number of moves to win for the selected move (global)
in current posn
' returns 0 if move is poor
pc = posnCode()
if move then
    posnext = dist(pc,move)
    valnext = dist(posnext,0) ' value of posn one move ahead
    ' compare to other legal moves if any
    test = valnext
    asgoodasanyother = test
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for i = 1 to 9
    if b(i) and i<>move then
        test = dist(dist(pc,i),0)
        if test>0 then
asgoodasanyother = min(asgoodasanyother,test)
        end if
    next i
    if valnext>asgoodasanyother then
        winningMove = 0
    else
        winningMove = valnext
    end if
end if
end function
function losingMove()
    ' stub - you have to protect yourself from wiping out
    losingMove = 0
end function
sub trainWiz moves
    ' recursive subroutine

    ' exhaustively searches for all winnable positions by regressive moves
    ' working back from the target position
    tpc = posnCode()
'print tpc, posnUncode$(tpc)
    for i = 1 to 9

    ' if cell is yellow it was a possible legal move (i.e. it was blue)
    if b(i)=yelo then
        call updateboard i    ' regressive move
        moves = moves+1
        pc = posnCode()
        if dist(pc,0)=0 then
            dist(pc,0) = moves
            dist(pc,i) = tpc
            call trainWiz moves ' delve further
        else
            ' position has already been found and recorded
            if moves<dist(pc,0) then ' store the shorter route
                dist(pc,0) = moves
                dist(pc,i) = tpc
                call trainWiz moves ' delve further
            end if
            if moves=dist(pc,0) then
                dist(pc,i) =
tpc    ' store possibly new equally good move
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        end if
    end if
    call updateboard i  ' take move back
    moves = moves-1
end if
next i
end sub
function posnCode( )

' "binary" encoding function to find index of position for storing info
o
for i = 1 to 9
    posnCode = posnCode+b(i)*2^(i-1)
next i
end function
function posnUncode$(pc)
' converts the position code to a string of 9 bits representing the blue/yellow cells
' may be useful in debugging
cell = 0
for cell = 1 to 9
    b= pc mod 2
    pc = (pc-b)/2
    if cell>1 then posnUncode$ = posnUncode$+","
    posnUncode$ = posnUncode$+str$(b)
next cell
end function
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