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ABSTRACT

There are some problems and difficulties in creating a crossword puzzle such as the words must intersect each other. Each word also can not coincide with another. This project will discuss how to overcome this problem using a program. The program will be able to generate a crossword puzzle based on the answer that the user input. Genetic Algorithm will be used in the program to process the words. The solutions that created in Genetic Algorithm will use array of object as the data structure. To count the fitness value for each solution, the program will use multi threading. The best solution found by Genetic Algorithm can be vary in term of time. Sometime the best solution can be found in the first generation, but also can be found after hundreds of generation. This is happens because the initial population created randomly.

Keywords: Genetic Algorithm, Multi Threading, Crossword.
PREFACE

Crossword puzzle is a very popular word puzzle. In fact, some teacher use crossword in one of their method in teaching their student. However there are some difficulties in creating a crossword puzzle. This difficulties will be explained later in chapter one. The program to generate crossword puzzle will use Genetic algorithm. There are some data structure used in the program such as array and array of list. The program will also use multi threading in calculating the fitness value in the algorithm. The concept of the algorithm, data structure and multi threading will be explained in chapter two. In chapter three will explained about the research methodology used for this project. Chapter four will explained about the design of the program. Design of the program contains the flow of the program. Chapter five will show the implementation of the algorithm and testing with some cases. The result will be shown in chapter six.
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