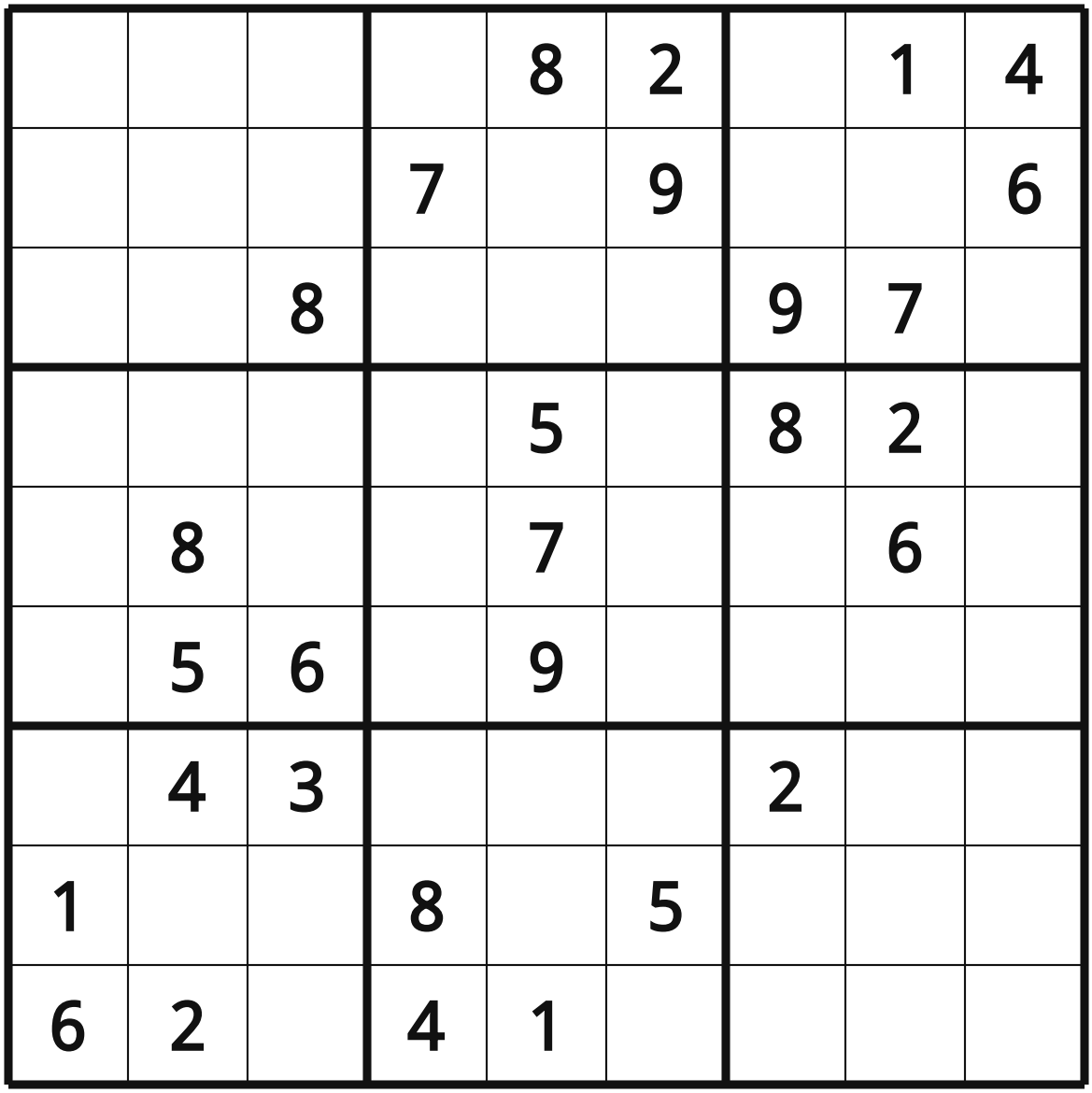
# The Nutcracker

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Fill every row, every column and every 3×3 box with the numbers 1 to 9.

Scanning alone will stall. Work with the candidates a square can still take.

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