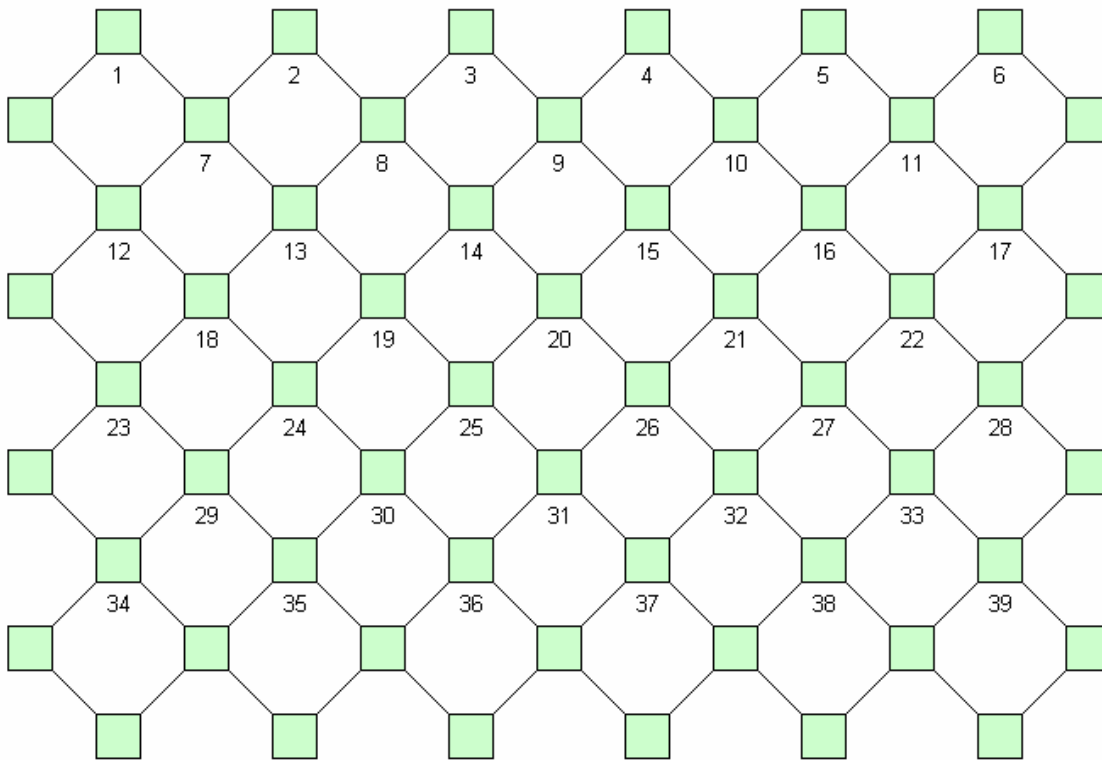


■ Octopus's Garden

I was a member of the team that constructed the MIT Mystery Hunt for 2007. During the introduction, our team leader tells everyone we have constructed 270 puzzles. As she continues to talk, I handed additional “puzzles” to our team leader. In the hour before the hunt opening, I drew out what would look like real puzzles. Below is a puzzle based on one of the fake puzzles I wrote..

In the grid below, the top and bottom row of green boxes are identical; the left-most and right-most columns of green boxes are also identical. Your final answer will be an eight-letter word.



1. 184022719
2. 1669818
3. 12709426
4. 157309903
5. 129747493
6. 11201047
7. 24490041
8. 769242
9. 59257535
10. 468756859
11. 128127337
12. 7303615
13. 3035517

14. 57535915
15. 34091005
16. 235652687
17. 4332185
18. 111678913
19. 54787931
20. 175370
21. 5037851
22. 108837817
23. 2573895
24. 123600929
25. 19658977
26. 17241341

27. 20695009
28. 1025382
29. 38740085
30. 25369351
31. 9348817
32. 1334667
33. 28935127
34. 11367455
35. 26420023
36. 6320027
37. 39907277
38. 15562651
39. 2417701