## Adalogical Ænigmas

Gentle patron,

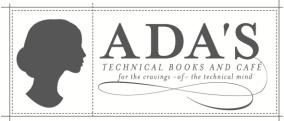
Good luck!

With the *glorious* return of spring comes again the treasured opportunity for long walks (between rain showers) and reveling in the sun's light (when it shines). On one such perambulation, I took note of the ripples on the surface of a puddle, and it put me in mind of *consequences*, the effects engendered by our actions, which are sometimes felt at surprising distances. This ænigma explores such effects.

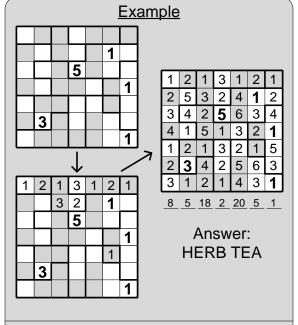
In the grid below, please enter a number into *every* square. Each heavily outlined *region* must contain all of the numbers from 1 up to the size of that region. It sounds *easy*, doesn't it?

To make it more *interesting*, though, you may not place two instances of the *same* number (of necessity, from different regions) into the same row or column unless there are *at least* that number of squares *between* them that do *not* contain that number. For example, if you place two 3's in the same row or column, there must be at least 3 squares between them that do not contain "3".

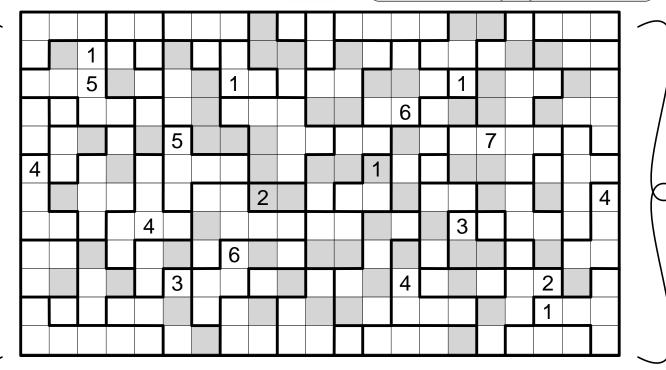
Once you've completely filled the grid (which, I fear, may take somewhat *longer* than usual this time), you can move on to finding the final answer to my ænigma. Note that some squares are shaded light grey. Within each column, please sum up all of the numbers in shaded squares, and convert that sum into a letter (where 1 is A, 2 is B, etc.). If you read those letters from left to right, they should yield a clue to your final answer.



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