

Crossword: Where You and Your Favorite Puzzles Connect

The day before the 1996 US presidential election between Republican Bob Dole and Democrat Bill Clinton, the New York Times published a puzzle titled, "[Election Day](#)" which the Times' Crossword puzzle editor Will Shortz called his "[all time favourite crossword](#)".

Take a look at the grid highlights and the corresponding clues and you'll see why.

This is the NYT crossword puzzle from the day before the 1996 presidential election, which Will Shortz called the most amazing puzzle he'd ever seen.

Here are the relevant clues so you can see why.

Across

- 17. Forecast
- 39. Lead story in tomorrow's newspaper (!), with 43-Across
- 68. Title for 39-Across next year

Down

- 23. Sewing shop purchase
- 27. Short writings
- 35. Trumpet
- 39. Black Halloween animal
- 40. French 101 word
- 41. Provider of support, for short
- 42. Much-debated political inits.

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"Most people said, 'How dare you presume that Clinton will win!' And the people who filled in BOB DOLE thought we'd made a whopper of a mistake!"

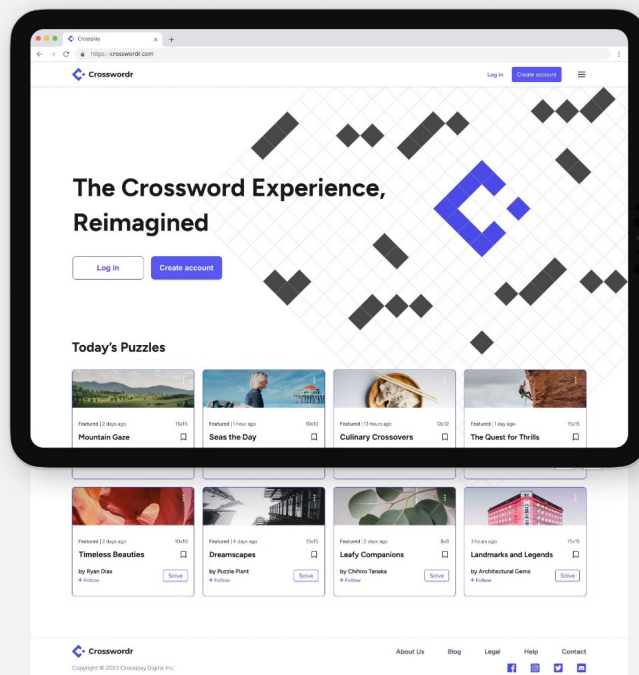
—Will Shortz, New York Times Crossword Editor¹

It's challenging enough to create a puzzle that is interesting and finely-tuned to the sensibilities of a solver, a puzzle that provides the perfect level of resistance to make a solver rack their brains, but being just short of throwing in the towel.

"Election Day" adds an extra element of delight and surprise with its dualistic clues and timely election day reveal.

Crosswordr is a platform made *for* crossword enthusiasts, *by* crossword enthusiasts, so we understand that creative puzzles like the next "Election Day" deserve a place to shine.

Crosswordr give solvers an intuitive and robust platform to let you focus on puzzles that speak for themselves.



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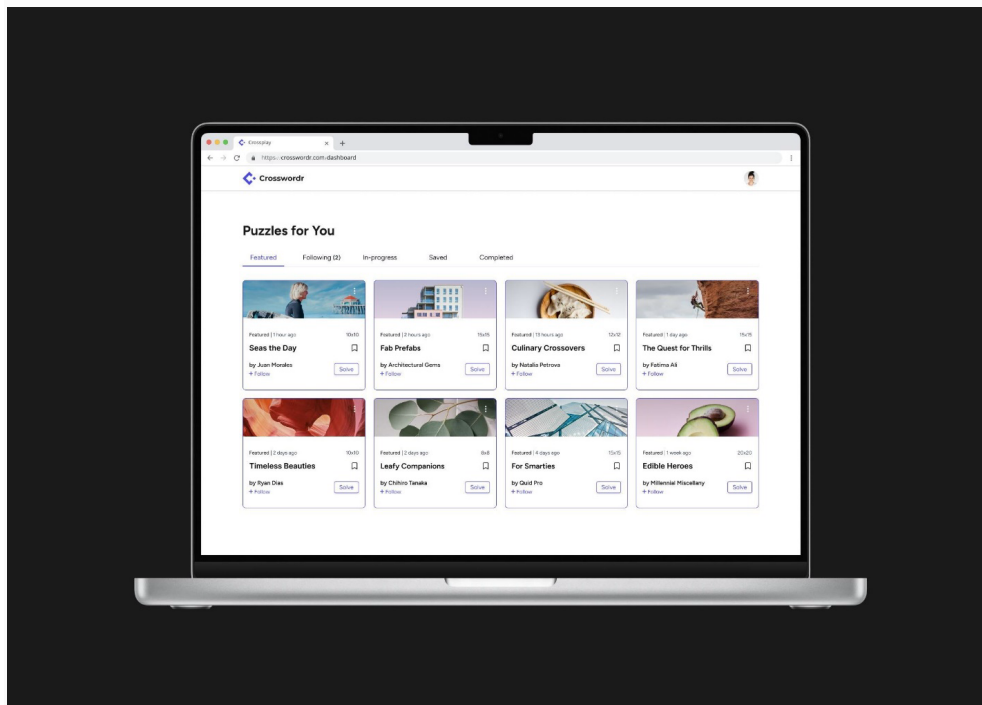
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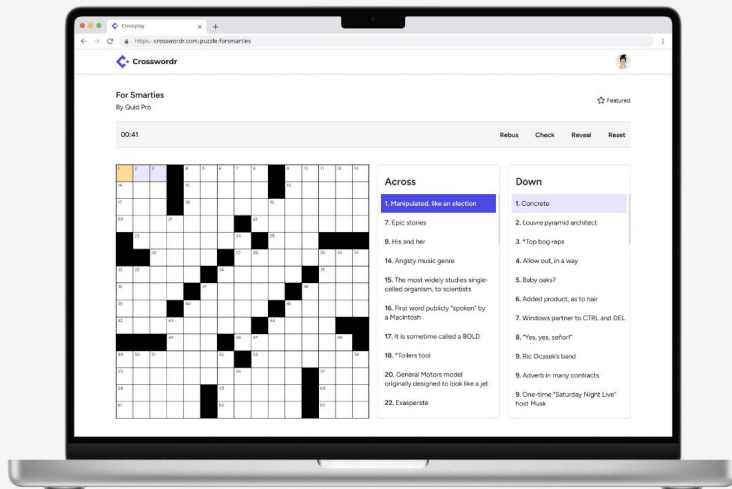
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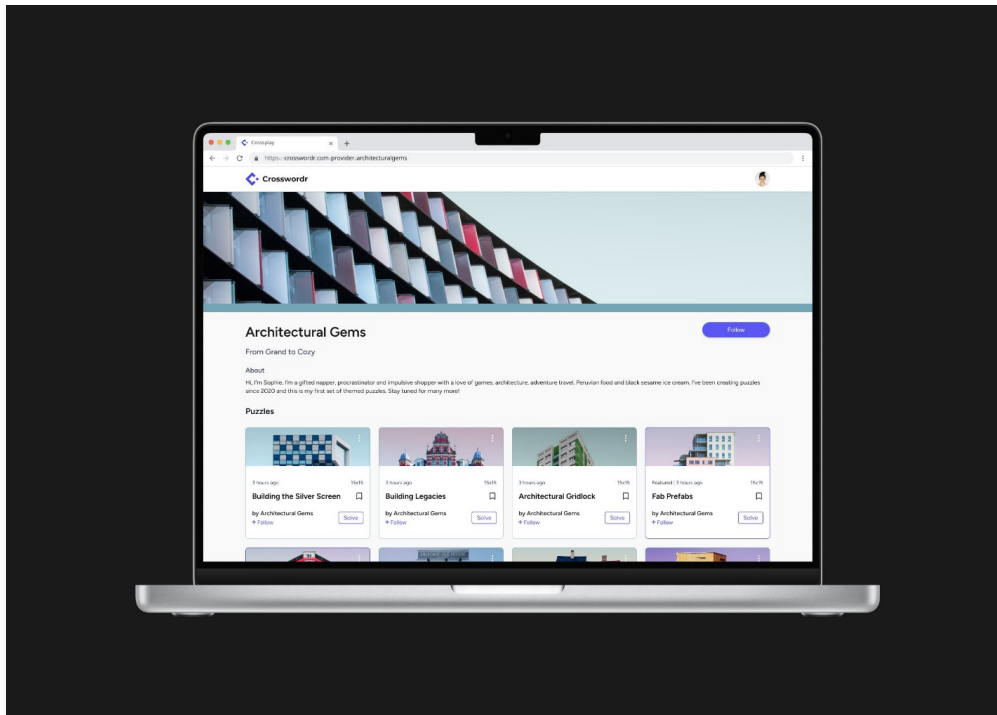
The puzzle is the pièce de résistance and we've designed the puzzle page with simplicity in mind.



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