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CSE 241/505
Object Oriented Programming
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Homework # 3
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In this homework, you will write your game of Connect Four program in C++ using object oriented techniques. Your main class for this homework will be named **ConnectFour**. This class will have a private inner class named **Cell** to represent a Connect Four cell. The class **Cell** will hold the position of the cell (A, B, C, etc) and the row number (1, 2, 3, etc). This class will also include all necessary setters/getters, constructors etc. Remember a cell can be empty, user (user1, user2) or computer.

Next, write a class named **ConnectFour** to represent and play the game. The class **ConnectFour** will hold a vector of vector of **Cell** objects to represent the living cells. In other words, this class will have **vector< vector<Cell> > gameCells;** in its private section. The class **ConnectFour** will also have the following features and functions

- There is no limit for the board. Your game will resize according to the parameter for the constructor.
- There should be at least 3 constructors.
- The class will have functions to read and write from files. You will decide on the file format.
- The class will have functions to return the current width and height of the board
- The class will have a function that displays the current board on the screen
- The class will have two functions named play that plays the game for a single time step. First function does not take a parameter and it plays the computer. The second function takes a cell position and it plays the user.
- The class should have a function that returns if the game ended.
- The class should have a function named playGame. This function plays the game by asking the user the board size first then asks the user to play and the computer plays, etc.
- The class will have a static function that returns the number of living cells in all the games. Be careful here because there could be more than one game active at the same time.
- The class will have a function that takes another object **ConnectFour** as parameter and compares the Connect Four games. It returns true if the first game is better for the user, otherwise it returns false.
- Any other functions (public or private) needed.

Write your main function to test both classes. Make at least 5 objects of class **ConnectFour** and play the games at the same time.

You will use all the object oriented techniques that we learned in the class including **const**, **static**, **inline** keywords.

Notes:

- Do not use any C++ features that we did not learn during the lectures.

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- Do not use any functions from the standard C library (like **printf**)

- Read the chapter about file input output for reading and writing text files using streams.
- Do not use anything that we did not learn in the lectures.
- Do not forget to indent your code and provide comments.
- Check the validity of the user input.
- **Test your programs very carefully at least with 10 different runs. Submit at least two saved files with toue HW.**
- You should submit your work to the moodle page.