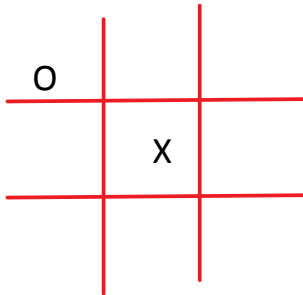


# Tic-Tac-Toe

Step 7 :

- a) When the program starts, it randomly picks any of available 9 cells to make its first move.. Let's assume it picked cell 5 (center piece, number is 5) and User has then selected top Left corner ( number 1)..



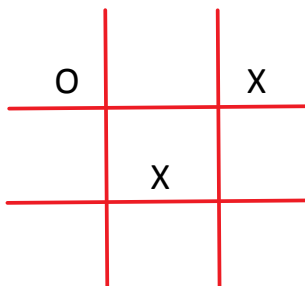
Since every moves are recorded, hence, as per the program the current state of board is {5,1}

- b) From 2nd move onward, program will try to match the current board state (ie {5,1}) in winning.properties file (first). If this is not found, then it will look in draw.properties and then finally in loss.properties file.

- If loss.properties file also have not got any matching combination then program will randomly pick a cell from remaining options.

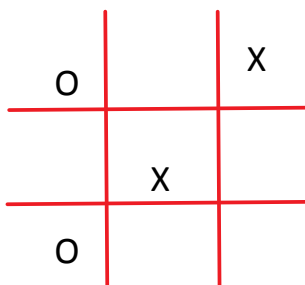
Let's consider a scenarios. where winning.properties file has one of the recorded sequence like {5,1,3,2,7}. Since the first two element of this sequence matches with our current board state, hence the program will select this sequence and pick cell 3 in this move.

Note: if match is found in winning or draw files then program will blindly follow the next element in the sequence.



Now the state of board is {5,1,3}

Let's assume User select cell 7 to block Program win



state of board is {5,1,3,7}

- c) Now it's time for program to make 3rd move. It will again search winning.properties file for a sequence that represent current state of {5,1,3,7}.
- ▶ Let's assume there is no matching sequence in winning and draw properties file but Loss.properties file has sequence of {5,1,3,7,2,4}. This sequence was recorded in past then program failed to anticipate User's move and made a wrong selection.

Note: if match is found in loss files then program will pick the (next+1) element in the sequence.

- ▶ So in this case program will to select (next+1) element in the matching sequence (ie. 4 and not 2).

O		X
X	X	
O		

state of board is {5,1,3,7,4}

Now User may pick cell 6 to avoid a Loss..

O		X
X	X	O
O		

state of board is {5,1,3,7,4,6}

- d) Now it's time to make 4th move and this time program may not find any match in winning, draw or loss files for current state {5,1,3,7,4}.
- ▶ In this case program will pick randomly any cell from available options of 2,8,9.
  - ▶ And if it wins, draw or loss from this random selection, it will update the files accordingly.