

TIC TAC TOE GAME – PROJECT REPORT

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1. Title of the Project

Tic Tac Toe Game in C (Human vs Human & Human vs Computer)

2. Aim of the Project

To design and implement a **console-based Tic Tac Toe game in C**, supporting both **Human vs Human** and **Human vs Computer** game modes, while demonstrating structured programming concepts.

3. Objectives

1. Implement a 3×3 Tic Tac Toe board using **2D arrays**.
 2. Demonstrate the use of **functions** for modularity.
 3. Apply **conditional logic** and **loops** for turn handling and game flow.
 4. Use **random number generation** (`rand()`, `srand()`) for computer gameplay.
 5. Implement **win detection** and **draw detection** algorithms.
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4. Problem Statement

Develop a **C program** that allows two modes of Tic Tac Toe gameplay:

Mode 1: Human vs Human

- Two players take turns entering positions (1–9).
- The program validates moves and updates the board.

Mode 2: Human vs Computer

- User plays as ‘X’, computer plays as ‘O’.
- Computer selects valid moves randomly.

The program must correctly check for:

- Win (row/column/diagonal match)
 - Draw (board is full)
 - Invalid move input
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5. Technologies / Concepts Used

- **C Language**
 - Header Files:
 - stdio.h – Input/Output
 - stdlib.h – Random functions (`rand`)
 - time.h – Seed generator (`time(0)`)
 - **2D Arrays**
 - **Functions and Calls**
 - **Loops (`while`, `for`)**
 - **Conditionals (`if-else`)**
 - **Random number generation**
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6. Project Overview

The program uses a **global 3×3 board** and several functions:

- `resetBoard()` — Initializes board with positions 1–9
 - `displayBoard()` — Prints the board layout
 - `humanMove()` — Handles user move input and validation
 - `computerMove()` — Randomly selects an empty position
 - `checkWin()` — Checks rows, columns, diagonals
 - `checkDraw()` — Determines if board is full
 - `playHumanVsHuman()` — Game loop for two players
 - `playHumanVsComputer()` — Game loop vs computer
 - `main()` — Displays the menu and starts the game
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7. Algorithm / Pseudocode

Start

Algorithm

Seed random using time (o)

Show menu → (1) Human v/s Human , (2) Human v/s Computer
Read choice

If choice = 1 (Human v/s Human)

Reset board, t = 0

Loop

Display board

If t even → player 'X' plays

Else → player 'O' plays

Ask position (1-9), convert to row / col

If cell filled → ask again

Place symbol

Check win → If row / col / diagonal same → show board &
declare winner → Exit

Check draw → If all cells filled → Print "Draw" → Exit

t++

End Loop

Else if choice = 2 (Human v/s computer)

Reset board, t = 0

loop

Display board

If t even → human enter position for 'X'

Convert, validate, place 'X'

Else → computer generates random 1-9 → If empty
place 'O'

Check win → if 3 same symbols in row / col / diagonal

If t even → Human wins else Computer wins → Exit

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Check draw → if board full → Print "Draw" → Exit
t++
End loop

Else
Print "Invalid Choice"

Stop

8. Code Explanation (Brief)

- The board is a **global 3x3 array**, accessible to all functions.
 - The game runs in loops and alternates turns using $t \% 2$.
 - Winning patterns are checked using three rows, three columns, and two diagonals.
 - Draw occurs when no cell contains numbers 1–9.
 - Computer uses `rand()` to choose a valid empty spot.
 - Recursive re-calling of `humanMove()` ensures valid input.
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9. Output

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▶ manish@Manish:~/Workspace/project/output$ ./"pro"
TIC TAC TOE GAME
1. Human vs Human
2. Human vs Computer
Choose mode: 2
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1	2	3

4	5	6

7	8	9

Player (X), enter position 1-9: 7

1	2	3

4	5	6

X	8	9

Computer's turn (0):

1	2	3

4	5	0

X	8	9

Player (X), enter position 1-9: 9

1	2	3
4	5	0
X	8	X

Computer's turn (0):

1	2	3
4	5	0
X	0	X

Player (X), enter position 1-9: 1

X	2	3
4	5	0
X	0	X

Computer's turn (0):

X	2	3
4	0	0
X	0	X

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Player (X), enter position 1-9: 4
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X	2	3
X	0	0
X	0	X

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You Win!
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10. Possible Enhancements

- Add smarter computer AI (minimax algorithm).
 - Add colored output for X and O.
 - Add option to replay the game.
 - Replace recursion in `humanMove()` with loops.
 - Save score history.
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11. Conclusion

This project successfully implements a **functional and interactive Tic Tac Toe game** using C language.

It demonstrates core programming concepts such as:

- Modular programming
- Decision-making
- Loops
- 2D array manipulation
- Randomization
- Game logic handling

It provides a strong foundation for further game development and more advanced AI integration.