



Cross Wordle

A Word Game by Matteo Salverio

My Game

- The game that I created is called **Cross Wordle**.
- It is like Wordle but takes the gameplay to the **second dimension** with a full crossword-style puzzle **connecting words and ideas**, each being a puzzle of their own.

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Programming Language

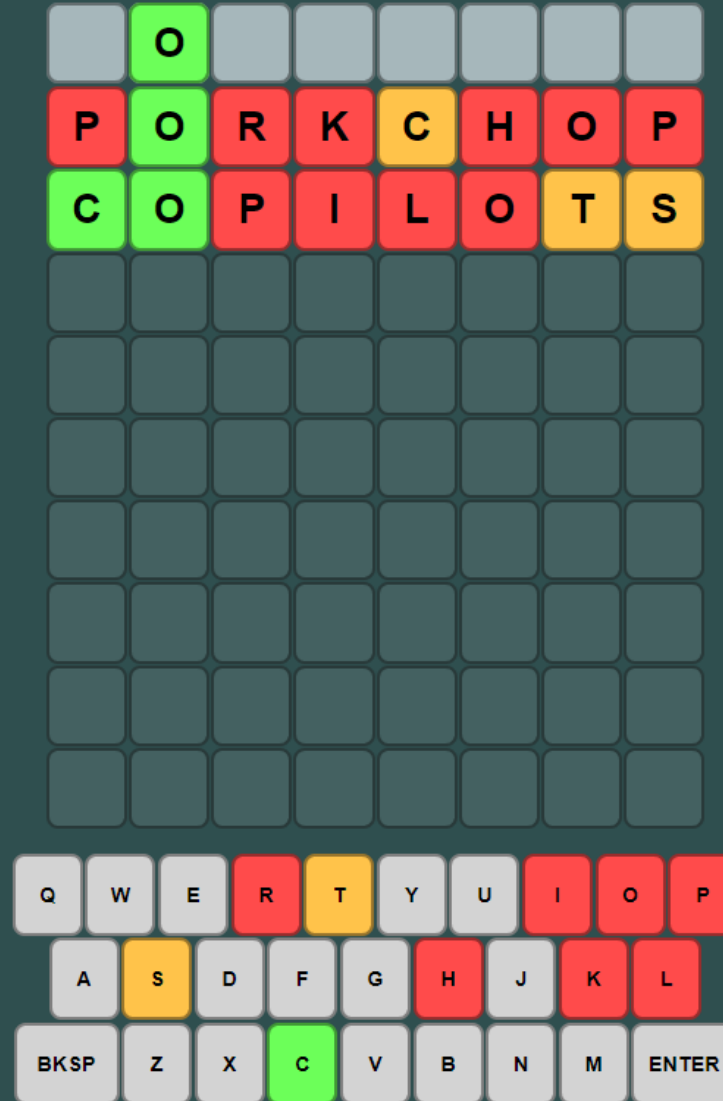
I chose to make this game using *JavaScript on an HTML page*.

- It can utilize **HTML design features**.
- **Seamless communication** between front and back-end.

Gameplay Summary

- The game is played mostly like a crossword puzzle.
- Takes the **simplicity** of Wordle but adds some **extra challenge** to it.

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Getting Started

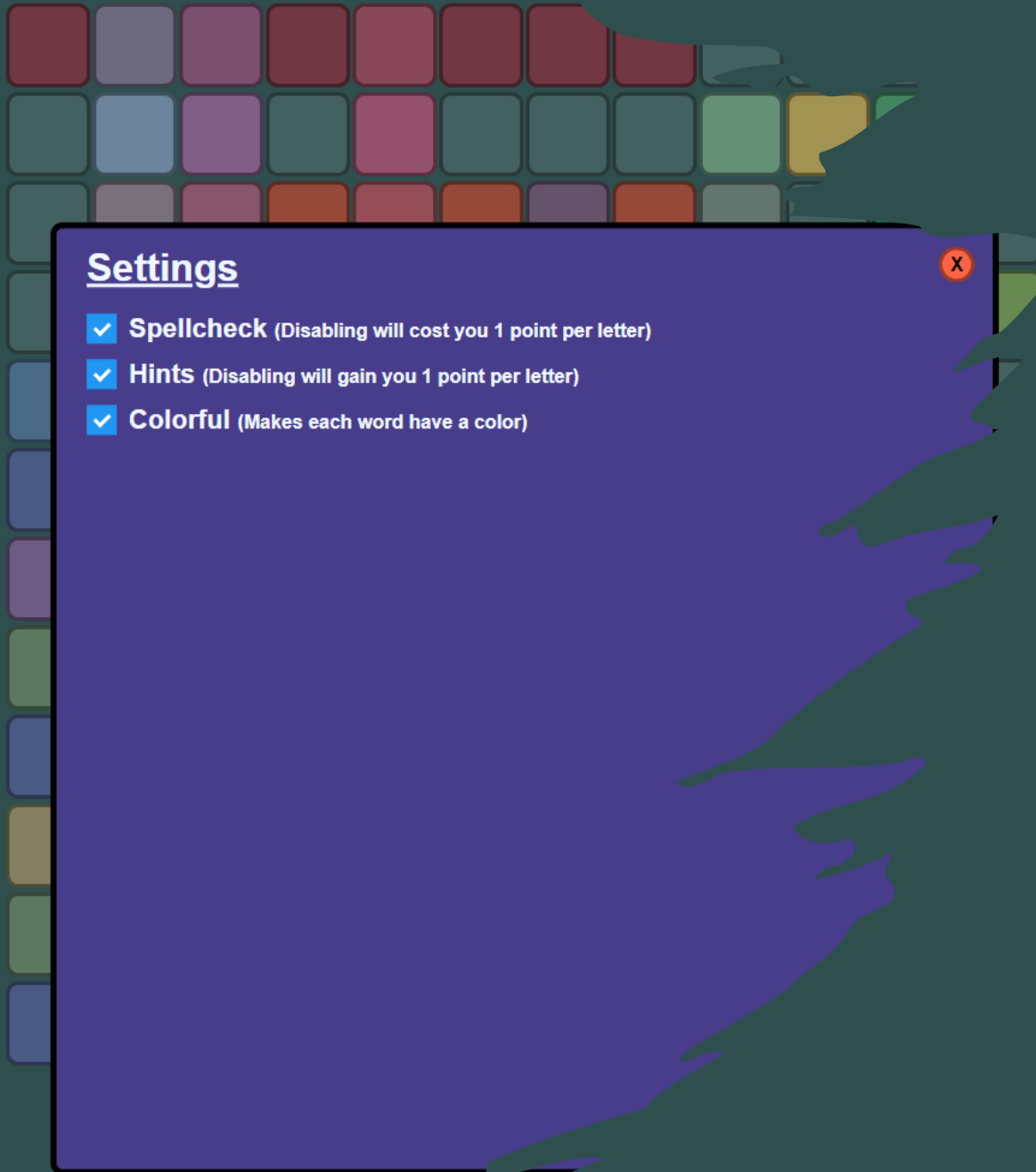
- Upon opening the site for the first time, the player is greeted with a *“How to Play”* screen that gives a quick explanation of the game.

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How to Play



- Click on a row or column to select the word
- Make a guess for what the word is
- **Green** letters are correct and worth 5 points.
- **Orange** letters are in the word, but not where you put them. These are worth 1 point.
- **Red** letters are not in the word, and give no points
- Make sure to work on other words when you get stuck!

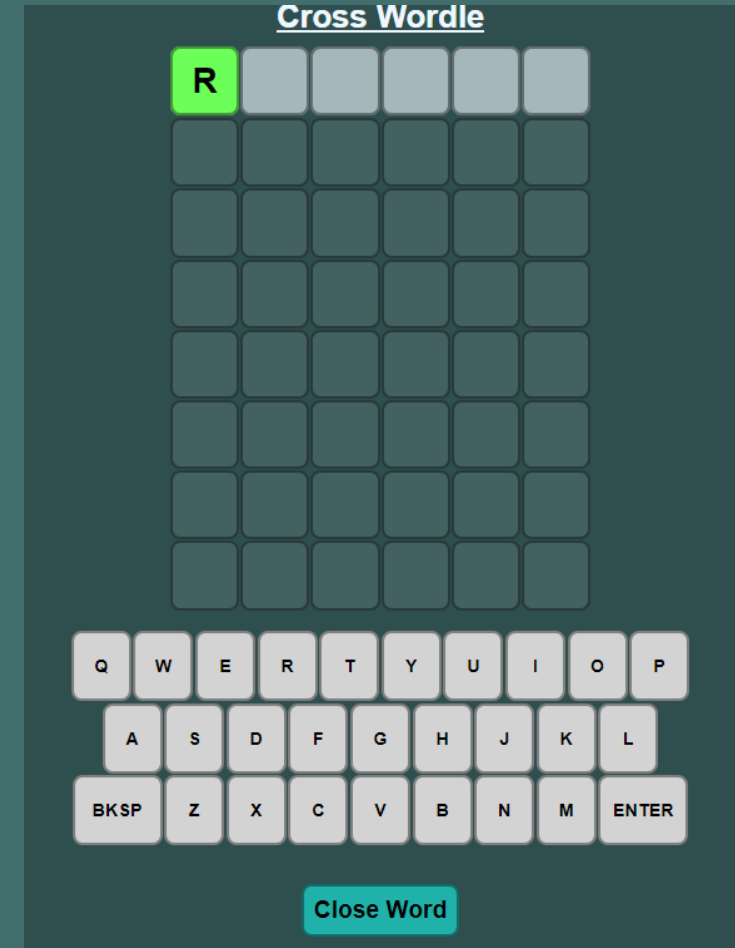
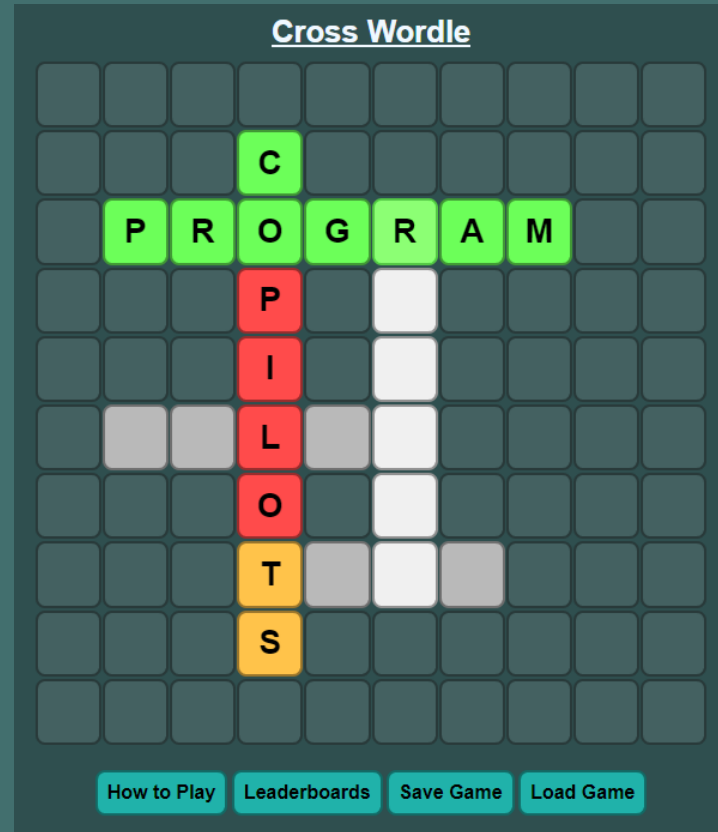


Settings Menu

- A **settings panel** is provided.
- Helpful **features** and **options** to improve experience.

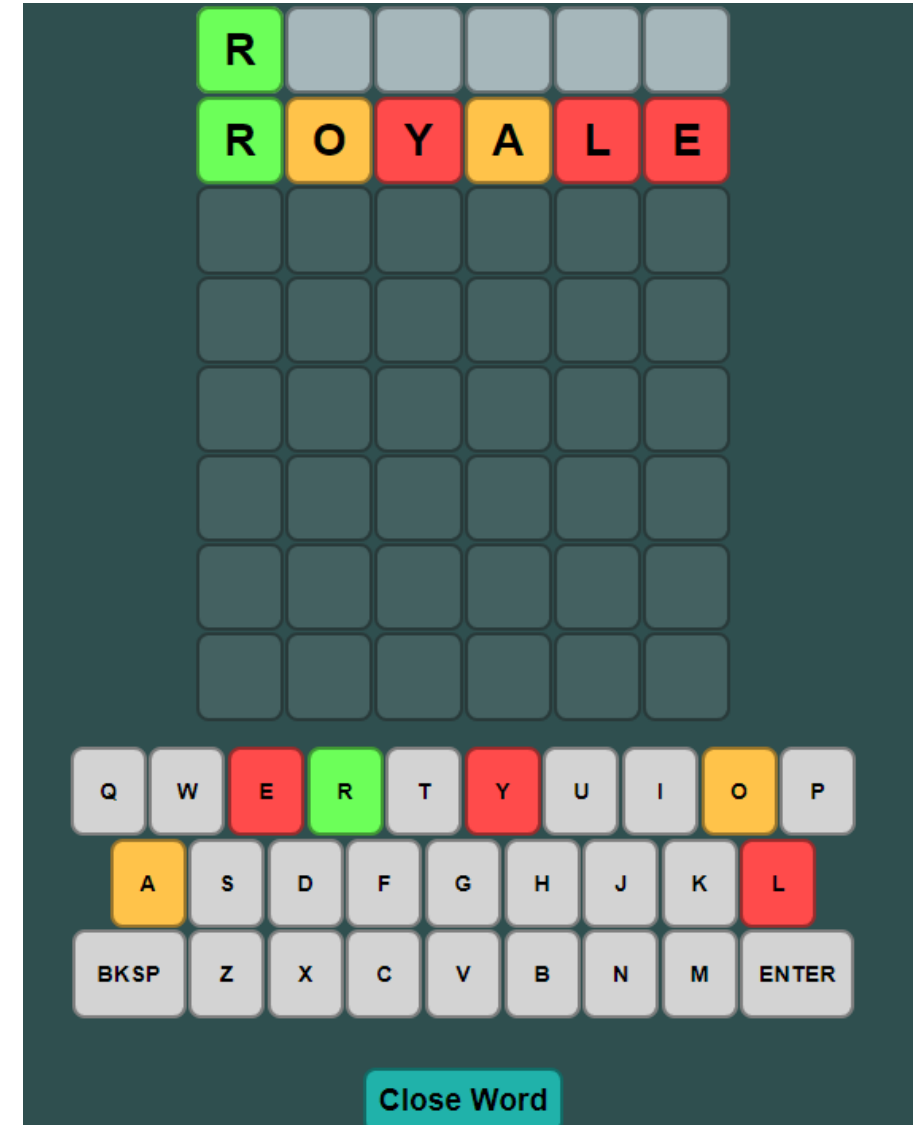
Selecting a Word

- Hover and click on desired word.
- Wordle-like panel for each word.



Making a Guess

- The player may type using their physical keyboard, or the **on-screen keyboard** to enter letters.
- Guess will be **spellchecked** and submitted as an attempt.
- **Green letters** are correct, **orange letters** are in the incorrect place, and **red letters** are incorrect.
- The player does not have to remember what they have already found.



Finishing the Game

- Score is calculated as follows:
 - **Green Letters:** 5 points
 - **Orange Letters:** 1 point
 - **Red Letters:** 0 points
- If the player is within the top five players based on their score earned, they will be displayed on the leaderboard.



Letter Correctness Detection

- Letters are checked for their correctness relative to the word.
- I will now explain how this process works and the code behind it.



Example 1



If-Else Tree Example

```
// Returns an array of colors for a guess on a given word
function checkGuess(wordId, guess) {
  let arr = []; // Array of colors
  let word = dataList.words[wordId].word; // Current word

  for (let i = 0; i < word.length; i++) { // Cycle through each letter
    if (word[i] == guess[i]) // If the guess letter matches the word letter
      arr.push(green); // The letter is correct

    else if (word.indexOf(guess[i]) > -1) // If the word contains the guess letter
      arr.push(orange); // The letter is in the word

    else // If the word does not contain the letter
      arr.push(red); // The letter is incorrect
  }

  return arr; // Return the array of colors to be used when displaying the guess
}
```

Code Snippet

```
// Returns an array of colors for a guess on a given word
function checkGuess(wordId, guess) {
  let arr = []; // Array of colors
  let word = dataList.words[wordId].word; // Current word
  let letters = []; // Count of each letter in the word
  let lettersFound = []; // Count of how many of each letter the guess contains

  // Fill the arrays from 65 (the ascii value for 'a') to 90 (the ascii value for 'z')
  for (let i = 65; i <= 90; i++) {
    letters[i] = 0; // Set the count to zero
    lettersFound[i] = 0;
  }

  // Count each letter in the word
  for (let i = 0; i < word.length; i++)
    letters[word[i].charCodeAt()];

  // Correct letters are prioritized
  for (let i = 0; i < word.length; i++) { // For each letter in the word
    if (guess[i] == word[i]) { // If letters match
      lettersFound[guess[i].charCodeAt()]; // Add one to the count of that letter
      arr[i] = green; // The letter is correct
    }
  }

  for (let i = 0; i < word.length; i++) { // Count all other letters after
    if (guess[i] == word[i]) // If letters match,
      continue; // Skip this time because they were already checked

    else if (word.indexOf(guess[i]) > -1) { // If the letter is in the word
      lettersFound[guess[i].charCodeAt()]; // Add one to the count of that letter

      // If the amount of the letter is greater in the guess than in the word:
      if (lettersFound[guess[i].charCodeAt()] > letters[guess[i].charCodeAt()])
        arr[i] = (red); // The letter is incorrect

      else
        arr[i] = (orange); // The letter is in the word somewhere
    }

    else // If the letter is not in the word
      arr[i] = (red); // The letter is incorrect
  }

  return arr; // Return the array of colors to be used when displaying the guess
}
```

Example 2



Art style

- Simplistic, yet **colorful** design.
- Neutral background color makes the letter spaces **really stand out**.
- Simple design allows for better focus.



Saving/Loading Game

- You can also **save your game state** as a file, so that you can leave and return to play later.
- This feature also allows you to **load custom puzzles**, which can be created using the feature I will show next.

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Load Game

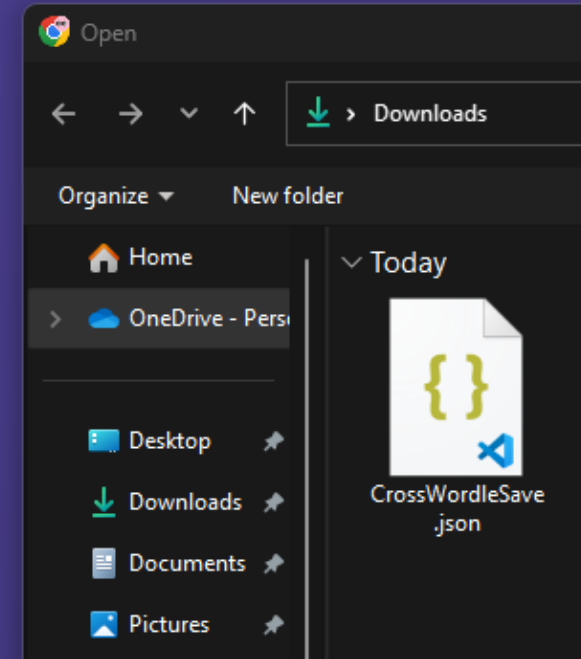
This allows you to load a previous game you played with all your data, or play a custom puzzle which you can make with the page linked below

Load New Puzzle:

[Choose File](#) No file chosen

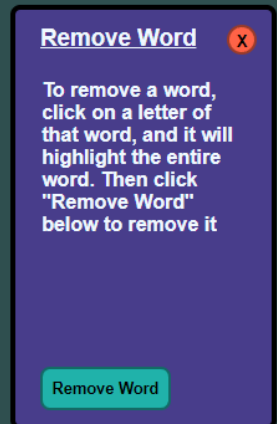
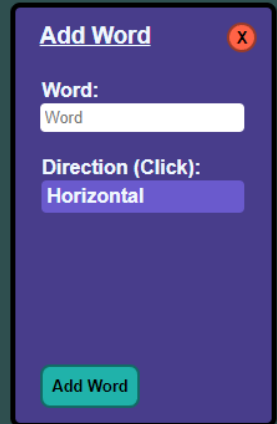
Create a Puzzle:

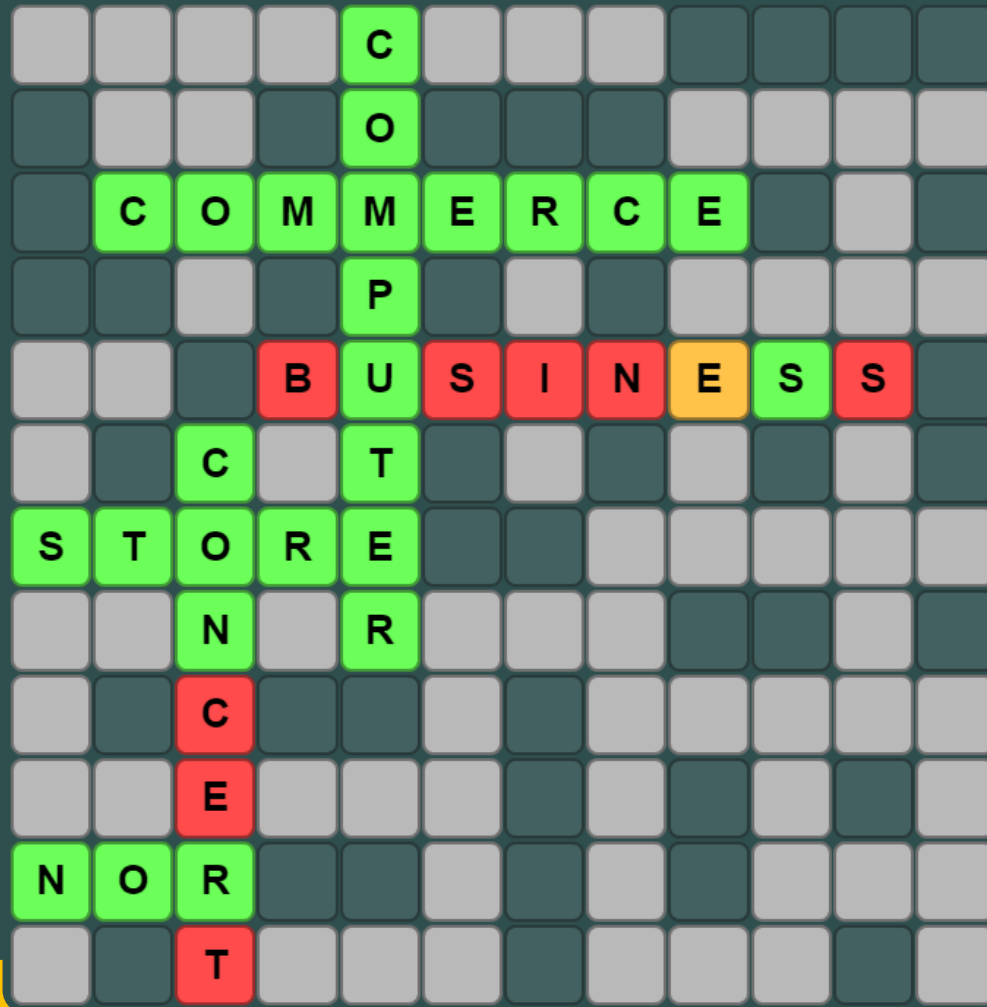
[Click here to create your own puzzle!](#)



Creating Custom Puzzles

- Using a tool that I created alongside the game; you can **create your own puzzles** for others to try out.
- You can also **edit existing puzzles**, to make your ideal puzzle.





Custom Puzzles Create Scalability

- Near limitless puzzle possibilities.
- You can create truly challenging puzzles with little effort.

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Thank You