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## Connect Four Lab Design

Upon startup

Prompt user to select the mode(2P, Computer)

If user chooses computer, prompt user to choose a difficulty(Easy, Medium, Difficult)

Then choose a board size(Small, Medium, Large)

Then a line with whoever is currently playing, and print the empty board

Board representation:

2D Array

Pieces are 0, 1, or 2 in the array (empty, player 1, player 2)

Board array example

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[0] [0] [0] [0] [0] [0] [0]
[0] [0] [0] [0] [0] [0] [0]
[0] [0] [0] [0] [0] [0] [0]
[0] [0] [0] [0] [0] [0] [0]
[0] [1] [2] [0] [0] [0] [0]
[0] [1] [2] [2] [0] [1] [0]
```

Display ' ', 'X', or 'O' for empty, player 1, or player 2

Board display example

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  0   1   2   3   4   5   6
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[ ] [X] [O] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]
[ ] [X] [O] [O] [ ] [X] [ ]
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Print out board with updated player moves after every player's turn

Can choose length and width of array (or have 3 predetermined size S,M,L)

Small: 6x5

Medium (default): 7x6

Large: 8x7

Playing:

2 Player mode(local)

Print out which player is currently making their move

Example: "Player 1's move."

"Computer's move."

Prompt which column to put a piece into

Check if either player won after each move

Computer vs person(easy, med, hard)

Easy: Randomly place pieces-no specific order, not attempting to win

Med: If the player has 3 pieces in a row, block it off. If the computer has 3 pieces in a row, complete the 4.

Hard: Computer actively attempts to win (attempt to get 4 in a row by adding on to the number of tokens in a row, if comp has 2 tokens, attempt to make 3 etc), however, the computer will attempt to predict a player's move as well(stop 3 in a row)

Winning condition: get 4 pieces in a row, column, or diagonal out of (3?) games

Keep track via "scoreboard" that is displayed after every game

Counter increments when a player wins

Example:

#### Scoreboard

```
=====
Player 1      Player 2
=====
      0              2
```