

DAY 5 – Game Logic in React, Conditional Rendering, State Patterns, Grid System & Git/GitHub Basics

1. Why Games in React?

Games help students understand:

✓ State updates ✓ Conditional rendering ✓ Arrays & indexes ✓ Click events ✓ Turning logic into UI ✓ Thinking like a developer

Tic Tac Toe is the best game to introduce logic building.

2. Understanding Game Structure (Tic Tac Toe Example)

The board:

- 3×3 grid (9 squares)
- Each square uses:
 - Value (X or O)
 - Click handler

Basic State Design:

```
const [board, setBoard] = useState(Array(9).fill(null));
const [isXTurn, setIsXTurn] = useState(true);
```

3. Understanding Grid Layout (CSS)

To create a grid:

```
.board {
  display: grid;
  grid-template-columns: repeat(3, 100px);
```

```
    gap: 5px;
  }
```

Each cell (square):

```
.square {
  background: white;
  border: 2px solid black;
  font-size: 40px;
  display: flex;
  justify-content: center;
  align-items: center;
  height: 100px;
  cursor: pointer;
}
```

4. Building the Tic Tac Toe Board

Component Structure:

```
App.jsx
├─ Board.jsx
│   └─ Square.jsx
```

5. Square Component

```
function Square({ value, onClick }) {
  return (
    <button className="square" onClick={onClick}>
      {value}
    </button>
  );
}
```

Props used:

- `value` → "X" or "O"
 - `onClick` → callback to update board
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6. Board Component

Rendering the grid:

```
<div className="board">
  {board.map((value, index) => (
    <Square
      key={index}
      value={value}
      onClick={() => handleClick(index)}
    />
  ))}
</div>
```

7. Game Logic: Handling Clicks

```
function handleClick(index) {
  if (board[index] !== null || winner) return;

  const newBoard = [...board];
  newBoard[index] = isXTurn ? "X" : "O";

  setBoard(newBoard);
  setIsXTurn(!isXTurn);
}
```

Explanation:

- Prevent clicking already filled squares
- Update board value
- Switch turns (X → O → X)

8. Winner Logic (Very Important)

Winning combinations:

```
const winningPatterns = [
  [0,1,2],
  [3,4,5],
  [6,7,8],
  [0,3,6],
  [1,4,7],
```

```
[2,5,8],  
[0,4,8],  
[2,4,6]  
];
```

Check winner:

```
function checkWinner(board) {  
  for (let [a, b, c] of winningPatterns) {  
    if (  
      board[a] &&  
      board[a] === board[b] &&  
      board[a] === board[c]  
    ) {  
      return board[a];  
    }  
  }  
  return null;  
}
```

9. Calling Winner Function

Inside Board component:

```
const winner = checkWinner(board);
```

10. Display Winner

```
{winner && <h2>Winner: {winner}</h2>}
```

Or show turn:

```
{!winner && <h2>Turn: {isXTurn ? "X" : "O"}</h2>}
```

11. Reset Game Button

```
<button onClick={() => {  
  setBoard(Array(9).fill(null));  
  setIsXTurn(true);  
}}>  
  Reset Game  
</button>
```

12. Full Tic Tac Toe Code (Combined Example)

```
function TicTacToe() {  
  const [board, setBoard] = useState(Array(9).fill(null));  
  const [isXTurn, setIsXTurn] = useState(true);  
  
  const winner = checkWinner(board);  
  
  function handleClick(index) {  
    if (board[index] || winner) return;  
  
    let newBoard = [...board];  
    newBoard[index] = isXTurn ? "X" : "O";  
  
    setBoard(newBoard);  
    setIsXTurn(!isXTurn);  
  }  
  
  return (  
    <div>  
      <h1>Tic Tac Toe</h1>  
  
      <div className="board">  
        {board.map((value, index) => (  
          <Square  
            key={index}  
            value={value}  
            onClick={() => handleClick(index)}  
          />  
        ))}  
      </div>  
  
      {winner && <h2>Winner: {winner}</h2>}  
  
      {!winner && <h2>Turn: {isXTurn ? "X" : "O"}</h2>}  
  
      <button onClick={() => {  
        setBoard(Array(9).fill(null));  
        setIsXTurn(true);  
      }}>  
        Reset
```

```
        </button>
      </div>
    );
  }
```

13. What Students Learn from Tic Tac Toe

✓ Component communication ✓ Props & callbacks ✓ Array cloning using spread operator ✓ Conditional rendering ✓ Game logic (math + UI) ✓ Grid layout ✓ State flow ✓ Handling events

These concepts help them build:

- Memory games
- Quiz games
- Word scramble
- Minesweeper
- Hangman
- 2048 (advanced)

14. Git Basics (Must Teach)

Git = Version Control Helps track changes in your project.

15. Basic Git Commands (Beginner Friendly)

Initialize Git

```
git init
```

Check status

```
git status
```

Add all files

```
git add .
```

Commit

```
git commit -m "first commit"
```

Connect to GitHub

```
git remote add origin <repo-url>
```

Push Code

```
git push -u origin main
```

16. Git Branch Basics

Create branch:

```
git branch feature-ui
```

Switch branch:

```
git checkout feature-ui
```

Merge:

```
git merge feature-ui
```

17. Why Teach Git on Day 5?

Because now students:

- Know components
- Know state
- Built 3–4 projects
- Are ready to store their code online
- Must learn real developer tools

18. Mini Tasks for Students

- ✓ Create a repo for "Tic Tac Toe"
 - ✓ Push code to GitHub
 - ✓ Add README.md
 - ✓ Version control practice
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