

# Corner Cases

*covered in our game*

- **Corner case 1:**

In the check-four function, when we tried to check the borders of each move, we neglected many intersections, such that: if we had three (X)'s from the right and the same from left, now if the user enters an X between them the score will increase by 1 not 4, so we solve this problem by checking the whole board after each move to cover all cases.

For example, horizontal check function:

```
//function to check if we connected four horizontally
int Hcheck(int x,int y,char board[x][y],int row,int move){
    int n;
    int count=0;
    int score=0;
    for(int i=0;i<x;i++){
        for(int j=0;j<y;j++){
            if(board[i][j]==board[i][j+1]&&board[i][j]==board[row][move]){
                for(int k=j;k<j+3;k++){
                    if(board[i][k]==board[i][k+1]){
                        count++;
                    }else{
                        count=0;
                        break;
                    }
                }
                if(count==3){
                    score++;
                    count=0;
                }
            }
        }
    }
    return score;
}
```

- **Corner Case 2:**

If the user enters a character move instead of a number, the program will crash into an infinite loop, so we solve this problem by taking the move from the user as a string, and storing it in an array of size for example 20, and check if it is alphabetical by using the built-in function `isalpha()`, if true, we assigned the variable correct move to 0 else, we use `atoi()` function to convert the char to integer and in all

cases, we return correct move.

```
-}  
int check_number(char move[20]) {  
    int correct_move=0;  
    if(isalpha(move[0])!=0) {  
        correct_move=0;  
    }else{  
        correct_move=atoi(move);  
    }  
    return correct_move;  
}
```

- **Corner Case 3:**

In the **main menu** if the user's input wasn't in the choices we ask him to choose again and call our menu function again.

```
printf("the goal of the game is to connect  
printf("we check the score of each player,  
printf("and the player with the higher score  
break;  
default:  
    system("cls");  
    printf("not available choice, TRY AGAIN");  
    menu();  
}
```

- **Corner Case 4:**

In undo & redo, if we undo for the second time, the second undo will be neglected, so to solve this problem we declared a new variable and make it take the value of  $(k-1)$  when  $k$  is the current move in the array **undo**

```

//undo
if(move[0]=='u'&&turn>0&&f>0){
    system("cls");
    board[row][correct_move-1]=' ';
    correct_move=undo[--f];
    row=undol[f];
    i=i-2;
    turn--;
    v++;
    k=f-1;
    if(board[row][correct_move-1]=='X'){
        player1.score= scores_sum(x,y,board,row,correct_move-1);
    }else if(board[row][correct_move-1]=='O'){
        player2.score= scores_sum(x,y,board,row,correct_move-1);
    }
}
} //redo
else if(move[0]=='r'&&v>0){
    system("cls");
    correct_move=undo[++f];
    row=undol[f];
    board[row][correct_move-1]=(turn%2==0? 'X': 'O');
    turn++;
    v--;
    k=f+1;
    if(board[row][correct_move-1]=='X'){
        player1.score= scores_sum(x,y,board,row,correct_move-1);
    }else if(board[row][correct_move-1]=='O'){
        player2.score= scores_sum(x,y,board,row,correct_move-1);
    }
}
}

```

## • Corner Case 5:

When taking the name from the player, it must be case insensitive we solve this problem by using a for loop and a function `tolower()` to convert the string to lowercase.

```

memset(stain,0,sizeof(stain));
game_end(choice);
for(int s=0;s<strlen(player1.name);s++){
    player1.name[s]=tolower(player1.name[s]);
}

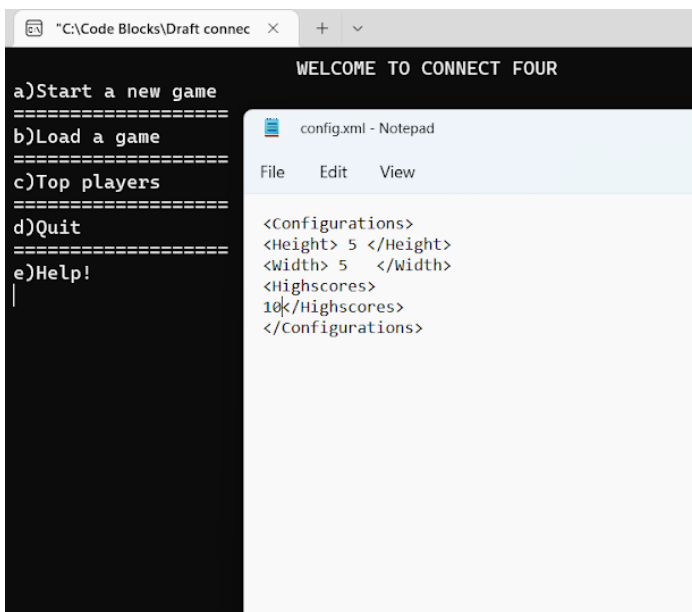
```

## • Corner Case 6:

Handling any indentation problem in XML file, (safe not corrupted)

Cases handled:

- Spaces between tags and numbers
- Spaces between number and opening tag, then between number and closing tag
- \t between number and opening tag, then between number and closing tag
- \n between number and opening tag, then between number and closing tag
- \n or \t between closing of a certain tag and opening of another



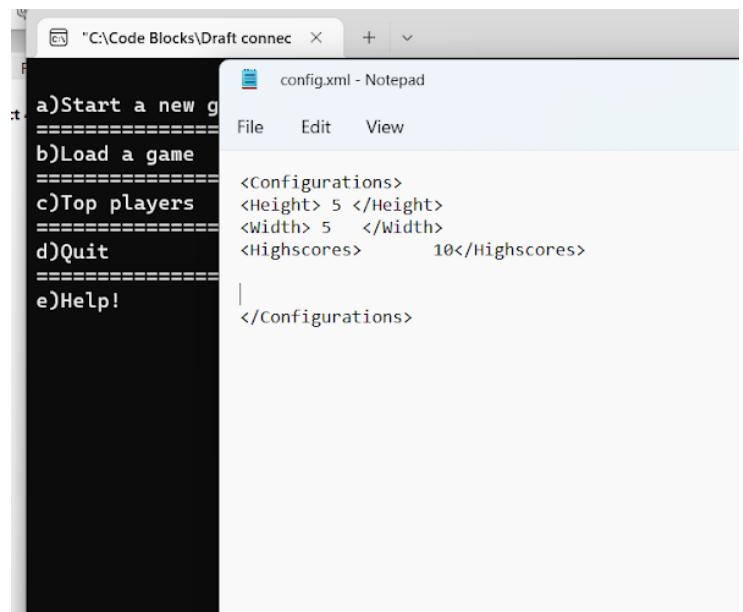
The terminal window displays a menu for 'WELCOME TO CONNECT FOUR' with options: a)Start a new game, b)Load a game, c)Top players, d)Quit, and e)Help!. The Notepad window shows the content of config.xml with properly formatted XML tags and values.

```
WELCOME TO CONNECT FOUR

a)Start a new game
=====
b)Load a game
=====
c)Top players
=====
d)Quit
=====
e)Help!
|

config.xml - Notepad
File Edit View

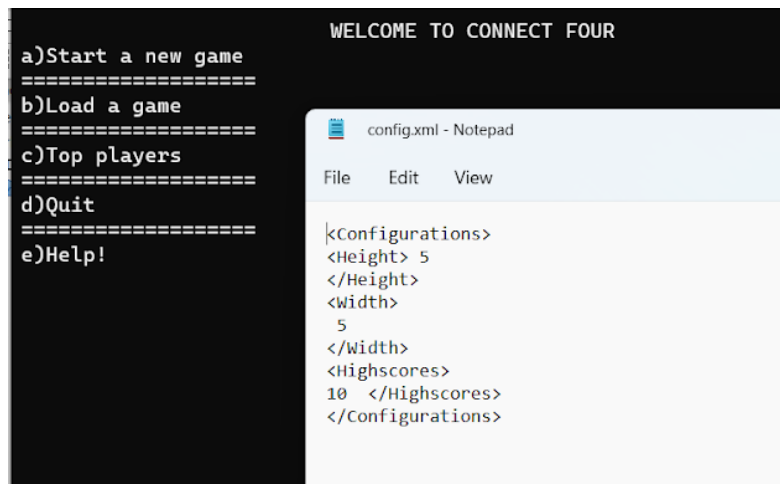
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The terminal window displays the same menu as the previous screenshot. The Notepad window shows the content of config.xml with incorrect formatting, including missing closing tags and extra spaces.

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WELCOME TO CONNECT FOUR

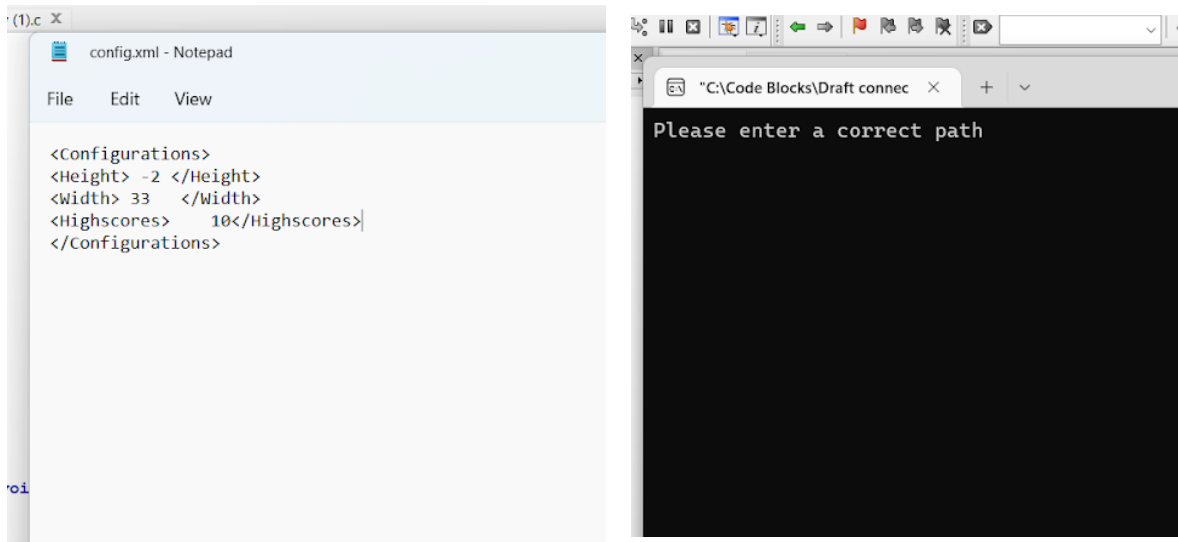
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```

- **Corner Case 7:**

Handling if numbers read from XML file are out of range, (less than 1)  
Then file is considered corrupted, user is asked for another path



- **Corner Case 8:**

Handling wrong input of user in all 3 game modes,  
If user inputs a letter not shown in list printed or a column number out of range of columns (1:y) then loop iterations increase by 1, turn is still constant and user is asked to repeat input

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  | | | | |
  -----
  |X|O| | |
    1 2 3 4 5
Rowan 1's turn
Number of moves made: 1
score1=0
score2=0
Press 'u' for undo,'r' for redo
Press 's' to exit and save,'e' to exit game without saving
Time from starting the game=0:2
-2
WRONG INPUT, TRY AGAIN
77
WRONG INPUT, TRY AGAIN
r
WRONG INPUT, TRY AGAIN
w
WRONG INPUT, TRY AGAIN
|

```

- **Corner Case 9:**

If user inputs a wrong number for loading a saved game,  
It directly returns to main menu with letting user know that game is  
unavailable

```

choose the saved game to load

Choose which game to load(1/2/3)?6

Game Unavailable                                WELCOME TO CONNECT FOUR

a)Start a new game
=====
b)Load a game
=====
c)Top players
=====
d)Quit
=====
e)Help!

```

Those were the main highlight, we're sure many more are covered in  
our code, but we had to include the most important ones.