**Initial Setup**

The project will be developed on a Windows desktop system, using Visual Studio Code as the Integrated Development Environment (IDE). Unlike using C++, this project will be implemented using Python.

**Project Overview**   
  
The Connect4 game is a classic board game where players aim to form a line of four tokens horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. This Python implementation allows two players to play against each other or against the computer. Players take turns dropping tokens into a grid, aiming to outmaneuver their opponent and achieve victory. The game is played on a 6x7 grid, and the first player to connect four tokens in a row wins.

For the Connect4 project, the requirements analysis outlines the key features and functionalities of the game:

**Gameplay Mechanics:**

Players take turns dropping tokens into a 6x7 grid, aiming to connect four tokens horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.

Two players can play against each other or against the computer.

Players input their moves by specifying the row and column where they want to place their token.

**Game Flow:**

The game starts with a welcome message and prompts players to enter their names and choose their tokens (X or O).

Players alternate turns until one player wins or the game ends in a draw.

**Input Validation:**

Input validation ensures that players enter valid moves within the boundaries of the game board and into empty cells.

**Winning Condition:**

The game checks for the winning condition after each move to determine if a player has won.

**End Game Conditions:**

The game ends when one player achieves four tokens in a row or when the game board is full (resulting in a draw).

**Player Interaction:**

Players receive feedback after each move, informing them of the success or failure of their move.

**CPU Player (Optional):**

The game includes an option for a single-player mode where the player competes against the computer.

The CPU generates random moves as its strategy.

**Visual Representation:**

The game displays the current state of the board after each move, allowing players to visualize the game progress.

ASCII art can be used to enhance the visual representation of the game board.

**Behavior Driven Development (Gherkin Specifications)**

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| **Feature: Playing Connect4 Game** |
| As a CLI USER/PLAYER, I want to enter playe game |
| **Scenario**: Player starts the game |
| **Given** the game has started When the game initializes  **Then** the game displays the current board |
| **Scenario**: Player makes a valid move |
| **Given** it is player's turn  **When** the player selects a valid column to drop the token  **Then** the token is placed in the chosen column |
| **Scenario:** Player makes an invalid move (column full) |
| **Given** it is player's turn  **When** the player selects a column that is already full  **Then** the game displays a message indicating the move is invalid |
| **Scenario**: Player wins horizontally |
| **Given** the player has placed four tokens in a row horizontally  **Then** the game declares the player as the winner |
| **Scenario**: Player wins vertically |
| **Given** the player has placed four tokens in a column vertically  **Then** the game declares the player as the winner |
| **Scenario:** Player wins diagonally (positive slope) |
| **Given** the player has placed four tokens diagonally in a positive slope  **Then** the game declares the player as the winner |
| **Scenario: Game ends in a draw** |
| **Given** the game board is full and no player has won  **Then** the game declares a draw |
| **Scenario**: CPU makes a valid move |
| **Given** it is CPU's turn  **When** the CPU selects a valid column to drop the token  **Then** the token is placed in the chosen column |
| **Scenario**: CPU makes an invalid move (column full) |
| **Given** it is CPU's turn When the CPU selects a column that is already full  **Then** the game displays a message indicating the move is invalid |
| **Scenario**: CPU wins horizontally |
| **Given** the CPU has placed four tokens in a row horizontally  **Then** the game declares the CPU as the winner |
| **Scenario**: CPU wins vertically  **Given** the CPU has placed four tokens in a column vertically  **Then** the game declares the CPU as the winner |
| **Scenario:** CPU wins diagonally (positive slope) |
| **Given** the CPU has placed four tokens diagonally in a positive slope  **Then** the game declares the CPU as the winner |
| **Scenario:** CPU wins diagonally (negative slope) |
| **Given** the CPU has placed four tokens diagonally in a negative slope  **Then** the game declares the CPU as the winner |

Data Model

**Input:**

* User Input (Standard Input)

**Output Messages:**

* Welcome to the Connect 4 game!
* Current Player: [Player Name]
* [Connect4 Board Display]
* Invalid move! Please choose an empty cell.
* Invalid input! Please enter numbers.
* [Player Name]'s token is [Player Token]
* [Player Name]'s turn ([Player Token]):
* [Player Name] wins!
* It's a draw!

**Error Handling:**

* Invalid input! Please enter a number.
* Invalid token! Please enter X or O.

Name Model: In the Connect 4 game, the name model represents the names chosen by the players. Each player selects a unique name as their identifier for the game. The name type contains the set of names chosen by the players, ensuring that each player is identified uniquely.

Let Name be the set of player names:

Name={Name1 , Name2​}

Here, each Name represents a player's chosen name, making the name effectively a subset of all possible player names. This approach simplifies the validation of inputs, ensuring that only valid player names are used during gameplay.

For example:

Name={"Player1","Player2"}

In this case, the 𝑁𝑎𝑚𝑒Name set has a cardinality of 𝑛n, representing the number of players in the game. Each element of the set is a unique player name, ensuring that the name remains valid and constrained to the selected player names.

Turn Model: In the Connect 4 game, turns are organized as a sequence of players, where each player takes their turn in order. The active player, who is currently taking their turn, is the player at the head of the sequence.

The player sequence can be represented as follows:

Let Players be a sequence of players:

Players = seq < Player1 , Player2>

Here, each Player represents an instance of a player in the game. The sequence allows for flexibility in the number of players, accommodating changes such as adding more players to the game.

For example:

Players = seq < PlayerA, PlayerB​>

**Axiomatic Definitions and Functions**

Axiomatic Definitions:

**Player Model:** Each player in the Connect 4 game represents one of the two opponents. Attributes:

Name: Identifies the player. The name is chosen by the user and serves as the unique identifier for the player.

Inventory: Not applicable as Connect 4 doesn't have items.

Game Model: The Connect 4 game manages the flow of the game and interactions between the players and the game environment. Attributes:

Current room: Not applicable as Connect 4 doesn't have distinct rooms.

Collection of rooms: Not applicable as Connect 4 doesn't have distinct rooms.

**Functions**:

**start\_game(Game):** Initializes the Connect 4 game by setting up the board and starting the gameplay loop.

**move(Game):** Handles player moves in Connect 4 by adding tokens to the board.

**play(Game):** Main loop of the Connect 4 game where players take turns placing tokens on the board until there is a winner or a draw. Handles player input, moves, and game state changes.

T2 Implementation

Now that we're ready to implement the program, we'll distinguish between two types of functions: pure and impure. Pure functions only operate within their scope and don't modify any external program state, while impure functions do. Additionally, functions can be categorized as total or non-total. Total functions cover all possible input-value pairs, while non-total functions don't. We'll aim to create pure, total functions wherever possible.

**Connect4 Class:**

class Connect4:

    def \_\_init\_\_(self):

        self.board = [[' ' for \_ in range(7)] for \_ in range(6)]

        self.current\_player = None

        self.winning\_condition = 4

Purity: Pure

Totalization: Totalized

**print\_board(): Prints the game board to the console.**

  def print\_board(self):

        for row in self.board:

            print("| " + " | ".join(row) + " |")

            print("+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+")

Purity: Impure

Totalization: Not totalized

**is\_valid\_move(): Checks if a move is valid.**

  def is\_valid\_move(self, row, column):

        return row >= 0 and row < 6 and column >= 0 and column < 7 and self.board[row][column] == ' '

Purity: Pure

Totalization: Totalized

**make\_move(): Updates the game board with the player's move.**

  def make\_move(self, row, column, token):

        self.board[row][column] = token

Purity: Impure

Totalization: Totalized

**check\_winner(): Checks if the current player has won.**

    def check\_winner(self, token):

        # Check horizontal

        for row in range(6):

            for col in range(4):

                if all(self.board[row][col + i] == token for i in range(self.winning\_condition)):

                    return True

        # Check vertical

        for row in range(3):

            for col in range(7):

                if all(self.board[row + i][col] == token for i in range(self.winning\_condition)):

                    return True

        # Check diagonal (positive slope)

        for row in range(3):

            for col in range(4):

                if all(self.board[row + i][col + i] == token for i in range(self.winning\_condition)):

                    return True

        # Check diagonal (negative slope)

        for row in range(3):

            for col in range(3, 7):

                if all(self.board[row + i][col - i] == token for i in range(self.winning\_condition)):

                    return True

        return False

Purity: Pure

Totalization: Not totalized

**Player Class:**

class Player:

    def \_\_init\_\_(self, name, token):

        self.name = name

        self.token = token

\_\_init\_\_(): Initializes player attributes.

Purity: Pure

Totalization: Totalized

**player\_move() Function:**

def player\_move(game, player):

    while True:

        try:

            row = int(input(f"{player.name}'s turn ({player.token}): Enter row (1-6): ")) - 1

            column = int(input(f"{player.name}'s turn ({player.token}): Enter column (1-7): ")) - 1

            if game.is\_valid\_move(row, column):

                game.make\_move(row, column, player.token)

                break

            else:

                print("Invalid move! Please choose an empty cell.")

        except ValueError:

            print("Invalid input! Please enter numbers.")

player\_move(): Handles the player's move input.

Purity: Impure

Totalization: Not totalized

**cpu\_move() Function:**

def cpu\_move(game, player):

    print(f"{player.name}'s turn ({player.token}):")

    while True:

        row = random.randint(0, 5)

        column = random.randint(0, 6)

        if game.is\_valid\_move(row, column):

            game.make\_move(row, column, player.token)

            break

cpu\_move(): Generates a random move for the CPU.

Purity: Impure

Totalization: Not totalized

**start\_game() Function:**

def start\_game():

    print("Welcome to Connect 4!")

    while True:

        try:

            num\_players = int(input("Enter number of players (1 or 2): "))

            if num\_players == 1 or num\_players == 2:

                break

            else:

                print("Invalid number of players! Please enter 1 or 2.")

        except ValueError:

            print("Invalid input! Please enter a number.")

    game = Connect4()

    player1\_name = input("Enter Player 1's name: ")

    player1\_token = input("Enter Player 1's token (X or O): ").upper()

    while player1\_token not in ['X', 'O']:

        player1\_token = input("Invalid token! Please enter X or O: ").upper()

    player1 = Player(player1\_name, player1\_token)

    player2\_token = 'X' if player1\_token == 'O' else 'O'

    if num\_players == 1:

        player2\_name = "CPU"

    else:

        player2\_name = input("Enter Player 2's name: ")

    player2 = Player(player2\_name, player2\_token)

    print(f"{player2.name}'s token is {player2.token}")

    game.current\_player = player1

    while True:

        print("\n" + "  ".join(str(i) for i in range(1, 8)))

        print("+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+")

        game.print\_board()

        if game.current\_player == player1:

            player\_move(game, player1)

        else:

            cpu\_move(game, player2) if num\_players == 1 else player\_move(game, player2)

        if game.check\_winner(game.current\_player.token):

            print("\n" + "  ".join(str(i) for i in range(1, 8)))

            print("+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+")

            game.print\_board()

            print(f"{game.current\_player.name} wins!")

            break

        if all(token != ' ' for row in game.board for token in row):

            print("\n" + "  ".join(str(i) for i in range(1, 8)))

            print("+---+---+---+---+---+---+---+")

            game.print\_board()

            print("It's a draw!")

            break

        game.current\_player = player2 if game.current\_player == player1 else player1

start\_game()

start\_game(): Initializes the game and controls its flow.

Purity: Impure

Totalization: Not totalized

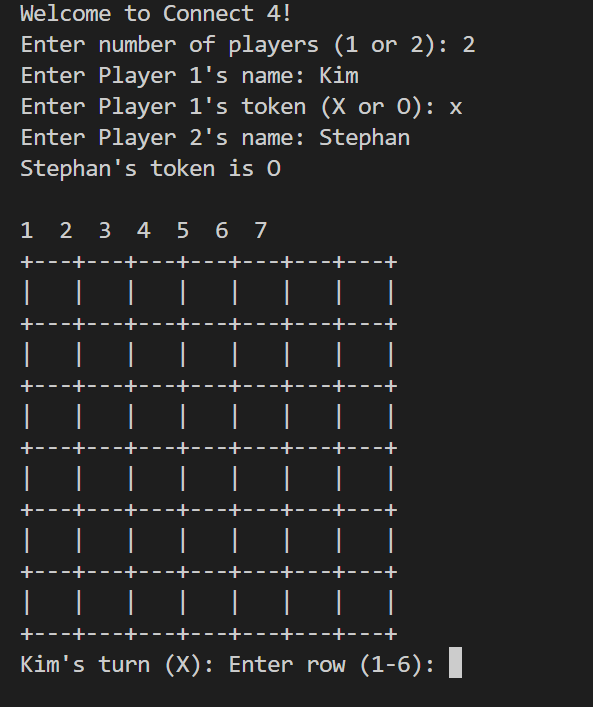
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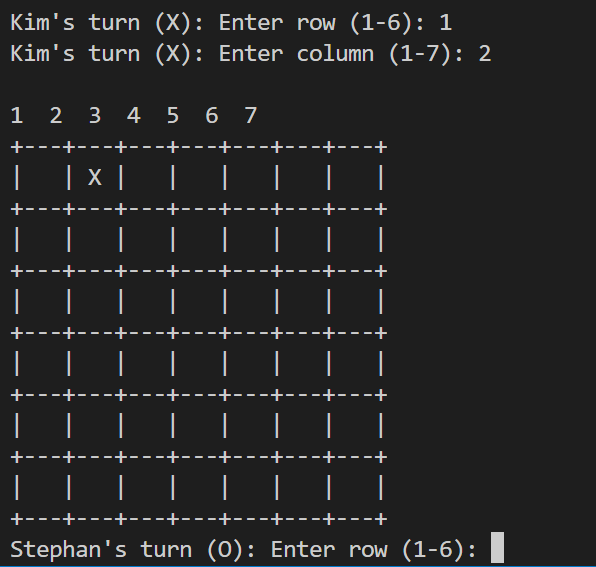
Pure functions only depend on their input parameters and do not modify any external state. In this implementation, \_\_init\_\_(), is\_valid\_move(), check\_winner(), and Player.\_\_init\_\_() are pure functions.

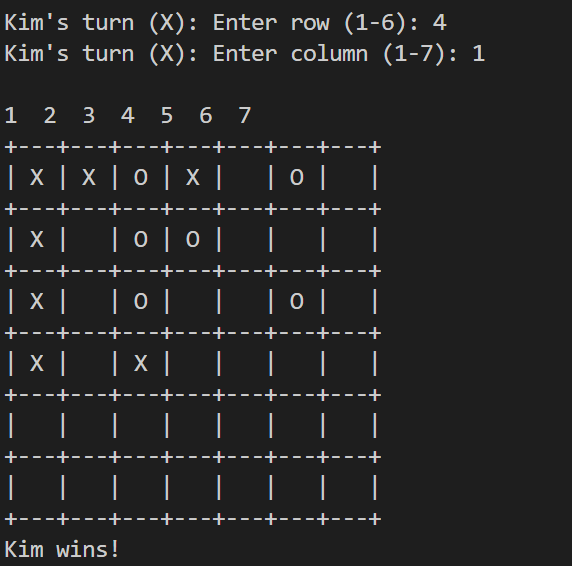
Impure functions either modify external state or have side effects. Functions like print\_board(), make\_move(), and player\_move() are impure because they either print to the console or modify the game state.

Totalized functions cover all possible input-value pairs. Pure functions, such as is\_valid\_move(), check\_winner(), and Player.\_\_init\_\_(), are totalized since they cover all possible valid inputs. Impure functions like print\_board(), make\_move(), player\_move(), and cpu\_move() are not totalized since they don't cover all possible inputs (for example, print\_board() only covers printing the current state of the board).

**Output**







**Testing**

Both manual and automated tests are crucial for verifying that the software behaves as intended, following the specifications outlined in Gherkin and other planning documents. We'll begin by conducting manual tests, which involve using the software to validate whether the expected outputs are produced for specific user inputs.

**Manual Testing**

| **Test Case ID** | **1** | **Passed/Failed** |
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| **Feature** | **Start Game** |  |
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| Steps to Do | Enter number of players: 2 | "Welcome to Connect 4!" printed |
| Expected Output | "Enter Players name:" | Welcome message printed |
| Actual Result |  | |

| **Test Case ID** | **2** | **Passed/Failed** |
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| **Feature** | **Start Game** |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Steps to Do | Enter number of players: 3 | "Invalid number of players! Please enter 1 or 2." printed |
| Expected Output | - | Error message printed |
| Actual Result |  | |

| **Test Case ID** | **3** | **Passed/Failed** |
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| **Feature** | **Player Move** |  |
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| Steps to Do | Enter row: 4, Enter column: 2 | Token 'X' placed at (3, 1) on the board |
| Expected Output | Board with 'X' at (3, 1) | Updated board displayed |
| Actual Result |  | |

| **Test Case ID** | **4** | **Passed/Failed** |
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| **Feature** | **CPU Move** |  |
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| Steps to Do | CPU's turn | Random token placed on the board |
| Expected Output | Board with CPU's token placed | Updated board displayed |
| Actual Result |  | |

| **Test Case ID** | **5** | **Passed/Failed** |
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| **Feature** | **Check Winner** |  |
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| Steps to Do | Create winning condition | Check winner function returns True |
| Expected Output | "Player X wins!" or "Player O wins!" | Winner message displayed |
| Actual Result |  | |

| **Test Case ID** | **6** | **Passed** |
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| **Feature** | **Game continue until winner declare** |  |
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| Steps to Do | Continue playing | Check for a continue until win |
| Expected Output | "Game conitune " | Game continue |
| Actual Result |  | |

| **Test Case ID** | **7** | **Passed/Failed** |
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| **Feature** | **Check Valid Move** |  |
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| Steps to Do | Place token on an occupied cell | Check if move is valid |
| Expected Output | "Invalid move! Please choose an empty cell." | Error message displayed |
| Actual Result |  | |

| **Test Case ID** | **8** | **Passed/Failed** |
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| **Feature** | **Check Valid Move** |  |
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| Steps to Do | Enter row: -1, Enter column: 3 | Check if move is valid |
| Expected Output | "Invalid move! Please choose an empty cell." | Error message displayed |
| Actual Result |  | |

| **Test Case ID** | **9** | **Passed/Failed** |
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| **Feature** | **Check Valid Move** |  |
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| Steps to Do | Enter row: 4, Enter column: 8 | Check if move is valid |
| Expected Output | "Invalid move! Please choose an empty cell." | Error message displayed |
| Actual Result |  | |

| **Test Case ID** | **10** | **Passed/Failed** |
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| **Feature** | **Check Valid Move** |  |
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| Steps to Do | Enter row: a, Enter column: b | Check if move is valid |
| Expected Output | "Invalid input! Please enter numbers." | Error message displayed |
| Actual Result |  | |

| **Test Case ID** | **11** | **Passed/Failed** |
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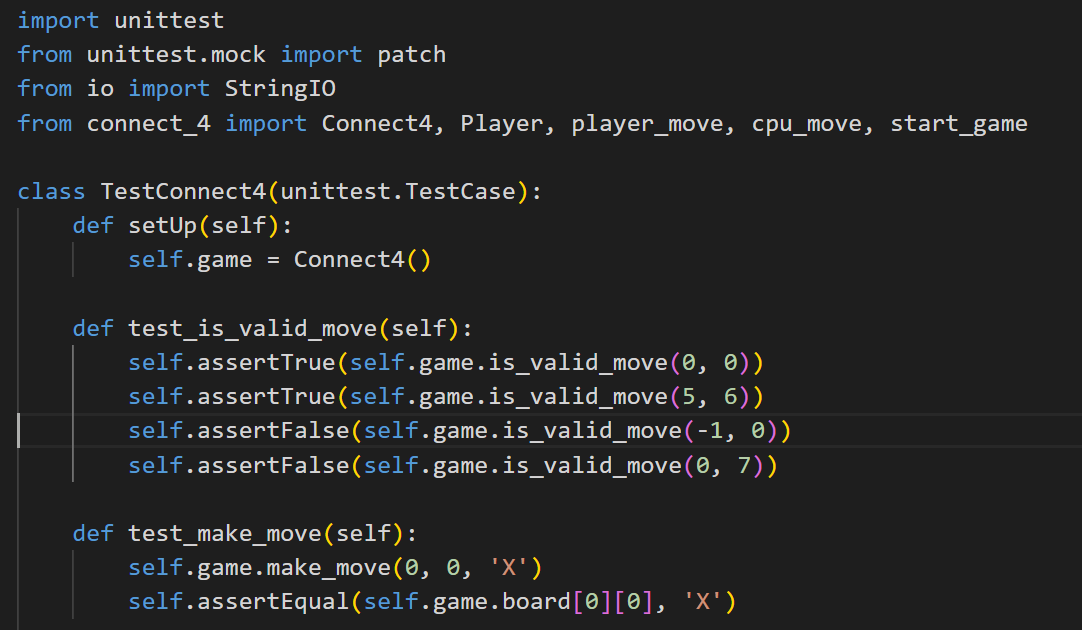
| **Feature** | **Check Valid Move** |  |
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| Steps to Do | Enter row: 3.5, Enter column: 2.5 | Check if move is valid |
| Expected Output | "Invalid input! Please enter numbers." | Error message displayed |
| Actual Result |  | |

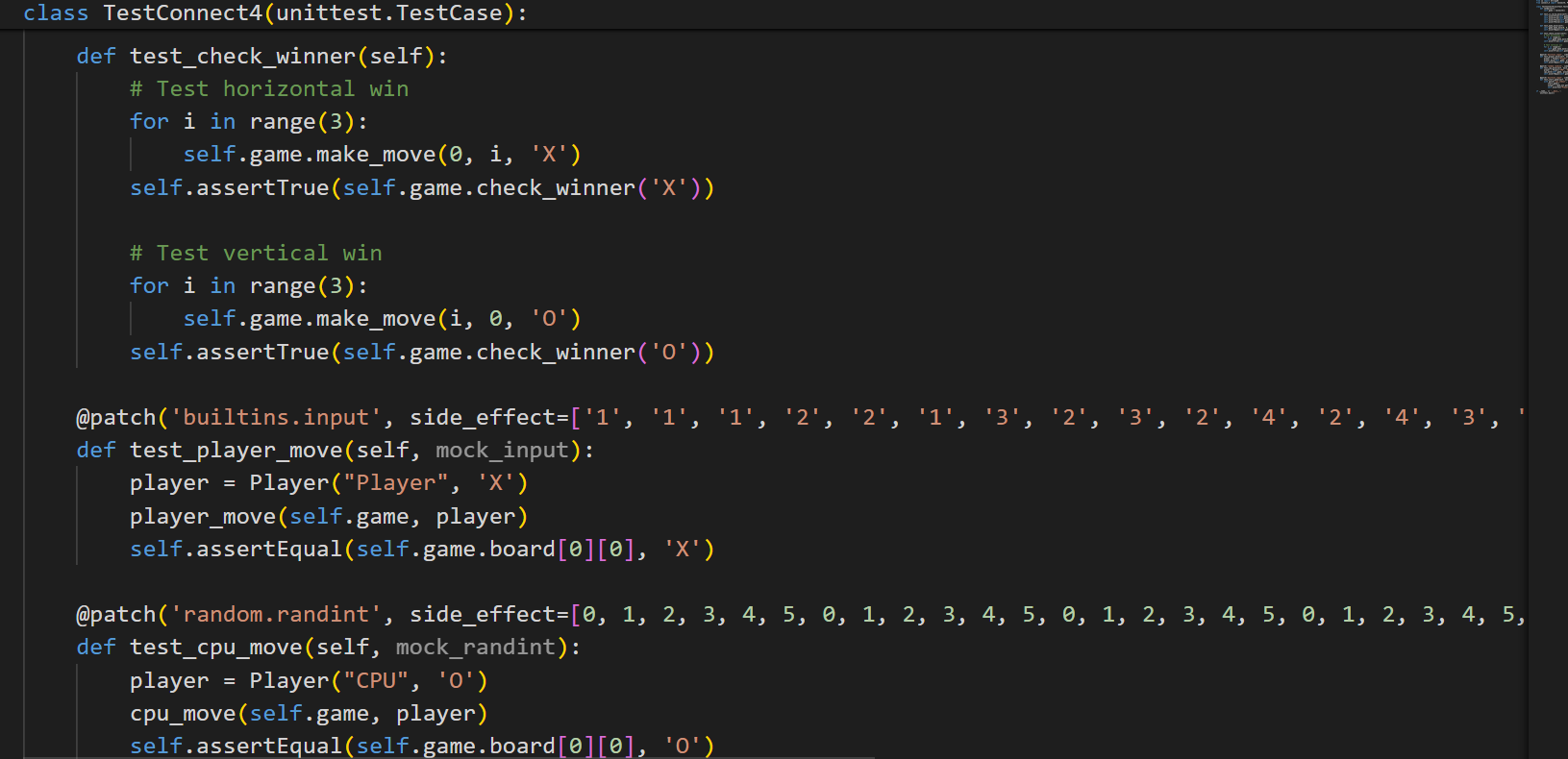
**Automated testing:**

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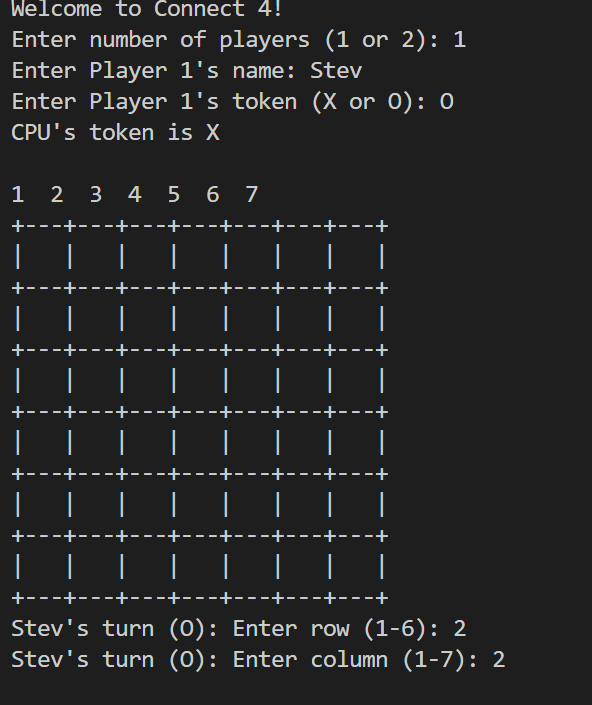
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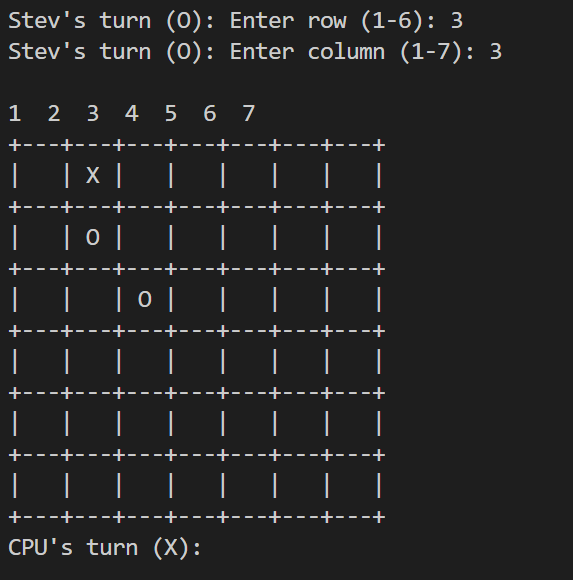
**Setup for testing**

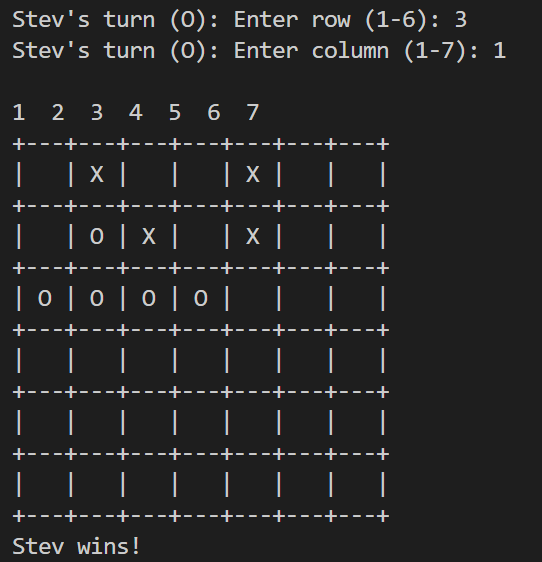




Running the code and output of tests:



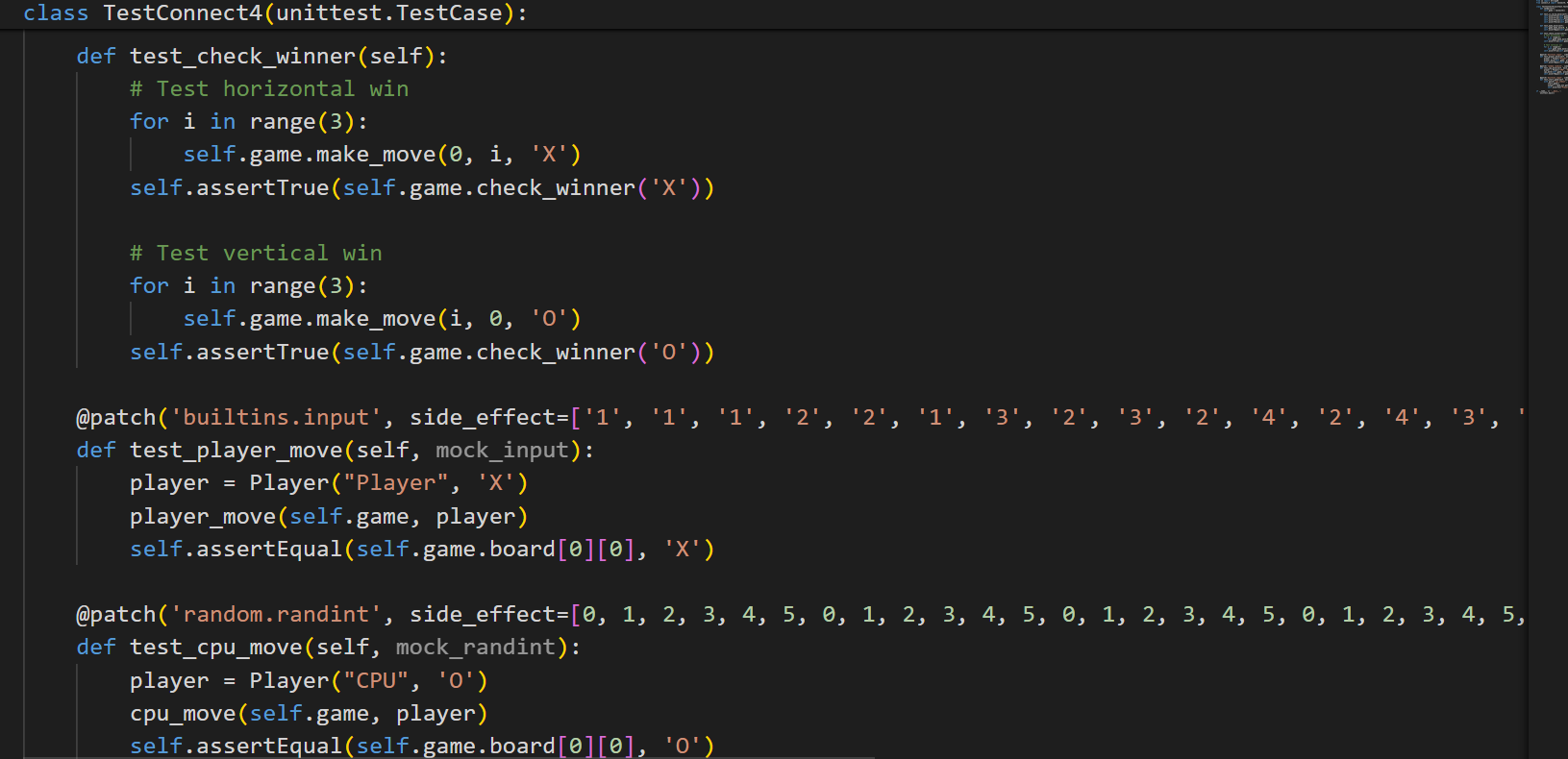


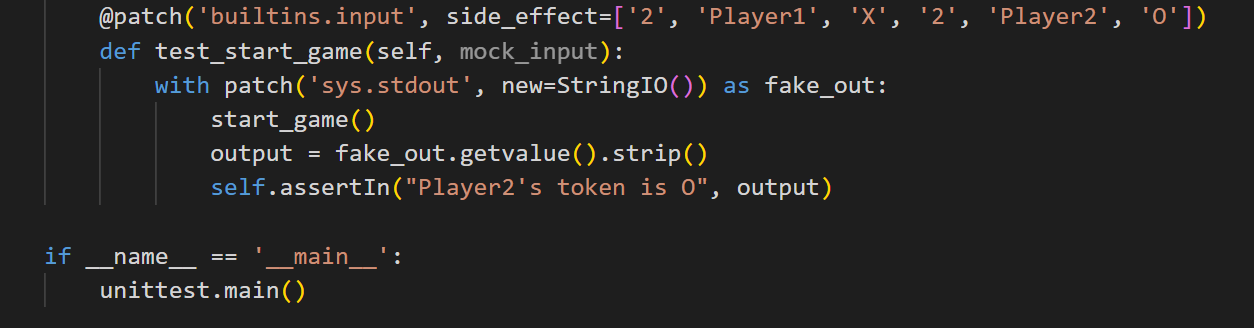


Game is stopped when user quit it.

**Appendix A**

**Full automated testing code:**





T4 Git version control discussion

Git commits serve as checkpoints in a project's history, capturing the state of the codebase at specific moments. These commits are invaluable for the Farkle project, allowing developers to revert back to previous versions if needed and providing a clear record of changes. This functionality enables quick recovery from errors or unintended modifications and helps track changes over time, ensuring the project's stability and progress.

Pushing commits to the Git repository ensures that changes made on a local machine are shared with others, providing team members access to the latest version of the codebase. Similarly, pulling updates the local machine with changes made by others, ensuring everyone works with the most recent version. For team collaboration on the Farkle project, pull requests are particularly useful. They allow developers to propose changes, have them reviewed by peers, and then merge them into the main repository, maintaining code quality and stability through thorough examination before integration.

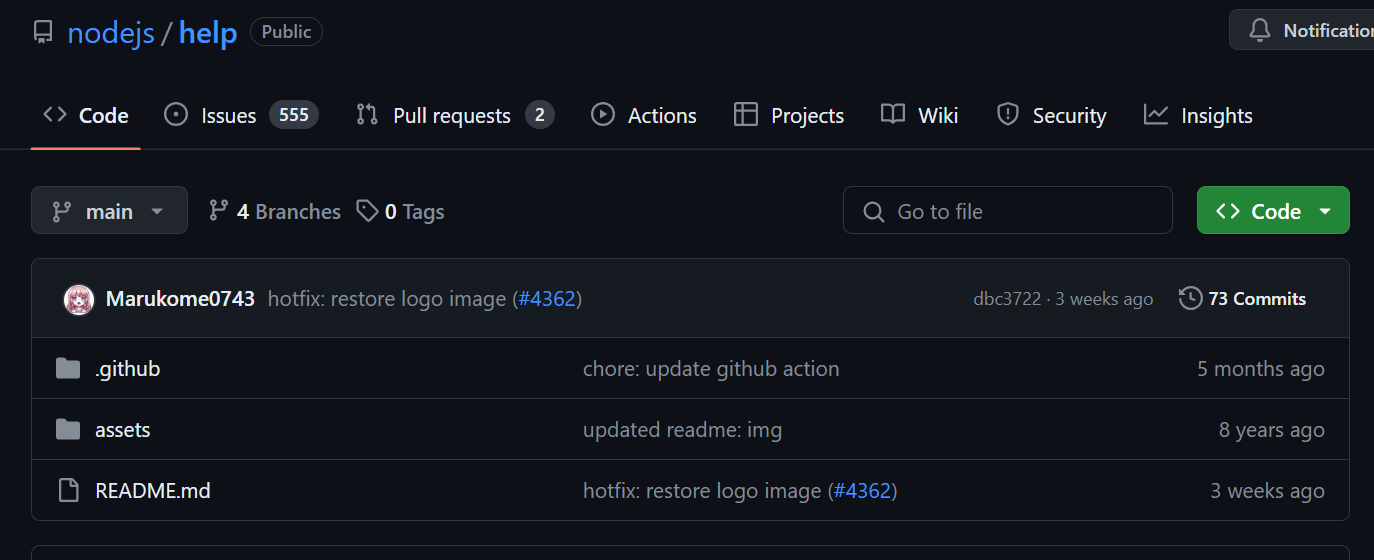
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**Case study**

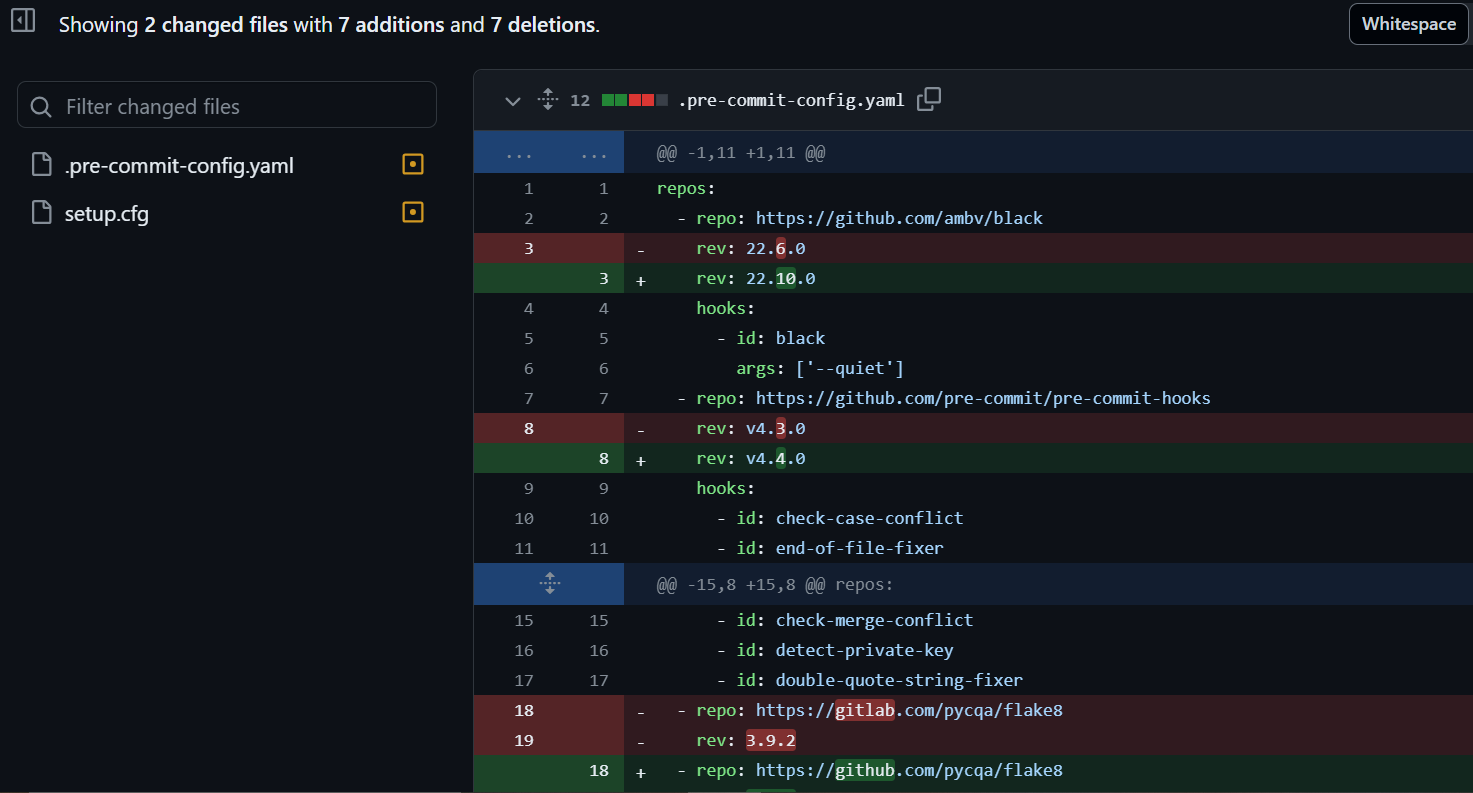
For a case study of git, I study nodejs repositoryt to get idea about git and github.

<https://github.com/nodejs/help>

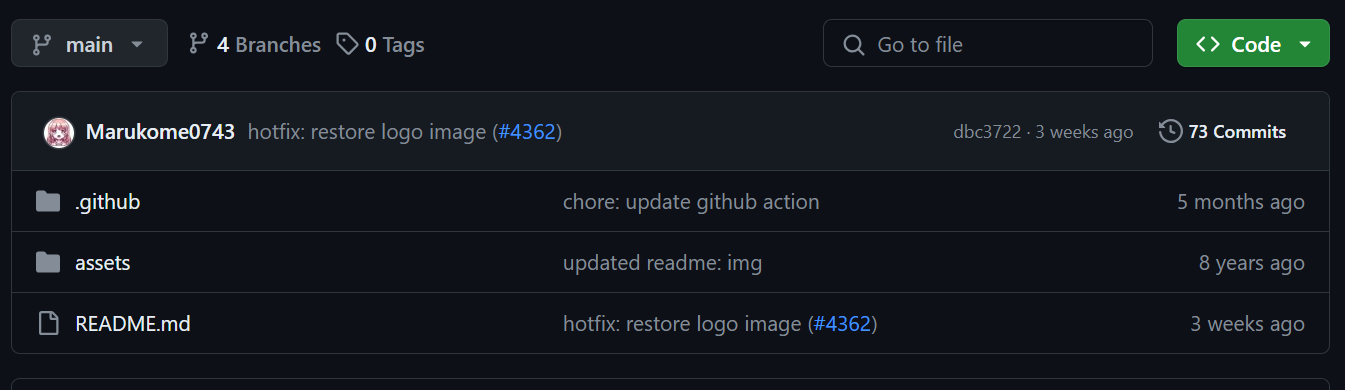
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