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# PROJECT 1: CONNECT 4

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# Connect 4: What is it?

- **2 players** have different colored discs: **red or yellow**
- Blue **suspended grid: 6x5 discs** (width x height)
- The **suspended grid has gaps at the top** through which the **player drops the disc** and **it falls straight down** as far as it can go, **occupying the next available space** within that column
- The player has to use his/her own **discs to block** his/her **opponent**

## Goal

**Be the first to connect 4 pieces in a row,  
column or diagonally**



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# Landing Page

## CONNECT4

In this game, players take turns dropping colored discs from the top into a six-column, five-row vertically suspended grid. The pieces fall straight down, occupying the next available space within the column.

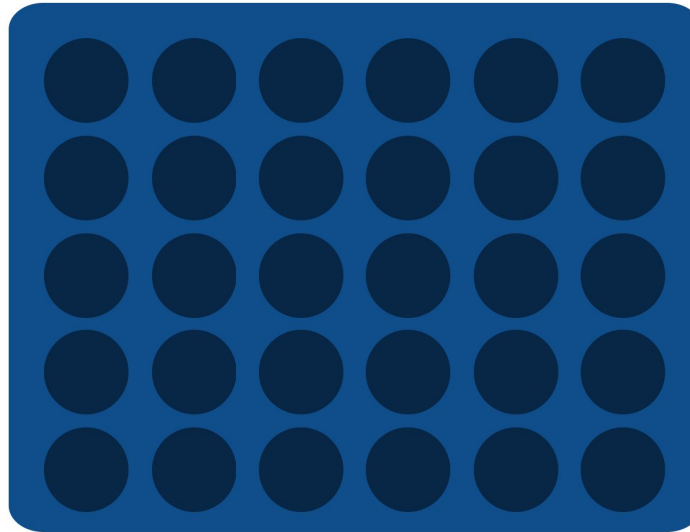
**Goal:** Be the first to connect four pieces of the same color—vertically, horizontally, or diagonally.

Player 1:

Player 2:

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# Game page



**Player 1**

**Reset**

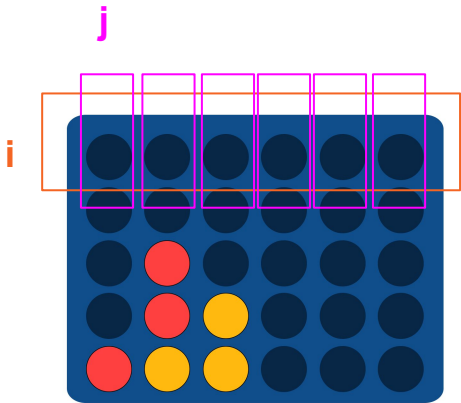
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# Foreseen challenges or obstacles:

1. Create **array (row x column)** that will **save the position** of discs
  2. Apply **CSS and Javascript to slide down pieces "inside the board"** - from the top of it to an available spot in a particular column in the array **considering distances between discs**
  3. Write the **winner logic** with all possibilities considering **vertical, horizontal and diagonal combinations**
  4. **Media query** for tablets, cellphones and laptops/desktops
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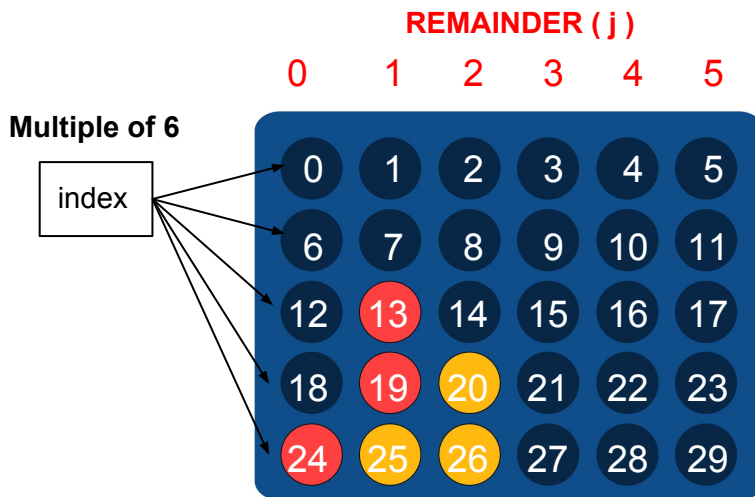
```
//creating board spots where index i represents rows and j represents columns
for (var i = 0; i < row; i++) {
    boardCircles[i] = [];
    for (var j = 0; j < column; j++) {
        boardCircles[i][j] = $('<div>');
        boardCircles[i][j].addClass('circle');
        // console.log('boardCircles -->', boardCircles[i][j]);
        $('<div>').append(boardCircles[i][j]);
    }
}
```

# How did I tackle those obstacles?

2. Apply **CSS and Javascript** to slide down pieces inside the board - from the top of it to an available spot in a particular column in the array **regarding distances between discs**. *How to select a particular column?*

```
$('.circle').click(function() {
  console.log('hi');
  var position = $(this).index();
  console.log('position clicked', position);
  var counter = 0;
  var startPosition = 0;
  var endPosition = 0;

  if(position % 6 === 0) {
    console.log('if statement running');
    var j = 0;
    startPosition = 25;
    endPosition = 25;
    var d = 92;
    // console.log('left');
    if (player === 1) {
      fillAvailableSlots(j, "yellow");
      move(j, startPosition, endPosition, "slide-yellow");
      player += 1;
      currentPlayer = $('#current-player').text("Player 2");
      checkForWinner(boardCircles);
      checkTiedGame(boardCircles);
    } else {
      fillAvailableSlots(j, "red");
      move(j, startPosition, endPosition, "slide-red");
      player = 1;
      currentPlayer = $('#current-player').text("Player 1");
      checkForWinner(boardCircles);
      checkTiedGame(boardCircles);
    }
  }
})
```



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2. Apply **CSS and Javascript** to **slide down pieces inside the board** - from the top of it to an available spot in a particular column in the array **regarding distances between discs**

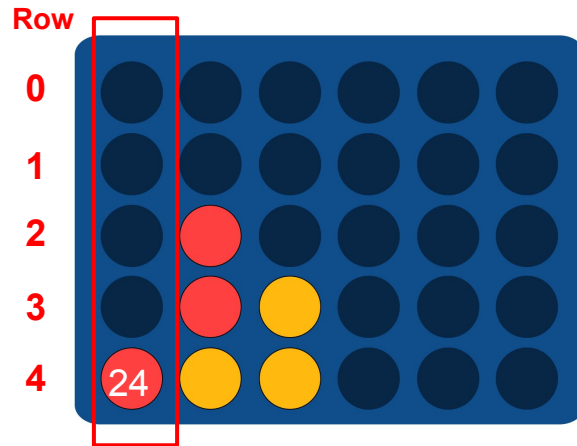
```
function fillAvailableSlots(column, color, numOfSlots) {  
  var numOfSlots = 0;  
  for (var i = 0; i < row; i++) {  
    console.log('varredura');  
    if (boardCircles[i][column].hasClass('circle')) {  
      numOfSlots += 1;  
    }  
  }  
  console.log('number of available slots', numOfSlots);  
  if (numOfSlots !== 0) {  
    boardCircles[numOfSlots-1][column].removeClass('circle');  
    boardCircles[numOfSlots-1][column].addClass(color);  
  }  
  // else {  
  //   boardCircles[numOfSlots-1][column].removeClass('circle');  
  //   boardCircles[numOfSlots][column].addClass(color);  
  // }  
  setTimeout(fillAvailableSlots, 2000);  
}
```

Index = 24

Remainder = 0

Column = 0

Scan rows within the  
column 0





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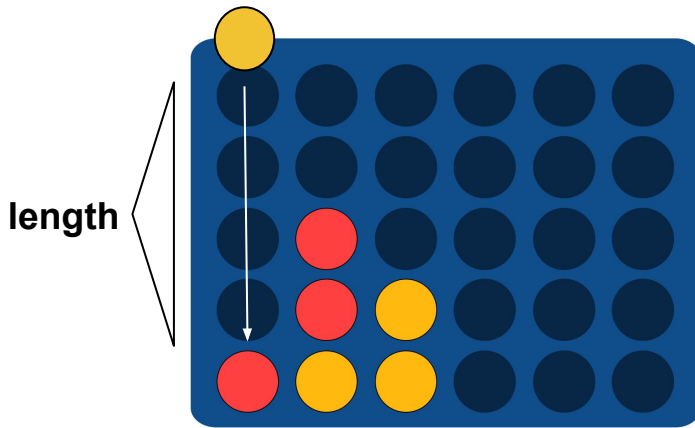
2. Apply **CSS and Javascript** to **slide down pieces inside the board** - from the top of it to an available spot in a particular column in the array **regarding distances between discs**

```
//This function creates a div and slide it down on the board
function move(column, leftStart, leftEnd, color) {

    //total height of container = 350
    var totalHeight = 370;
    var distanceBtwDivs = 80;
    //create a div
    var slideCircle = $('<div>');
    // slideCircle.addClass('slide-circle');
    //add it a class of color
    slideCircle.addClass(color);
    //set left position to it according to the argument given in the function
    slideCircle.css('left', leftStart);
    //append this div to the container, which represents the board
    $('.container').append(slideCircle);

    //account for number of available slots on the board
    var numOfSlots = 0;
    for (var i = 0; i < row; i++) {
        if(boardCircles[i][column].hasClass('circle')){
            numOfSlots += 1;
        }
    }

    /*if there are 5 available slots then distance to slide piece down on the board
    *will be total height of the container
    */
    if (numOfSlots === 5) {
        slideCircle.animate({top: totalHeight, left: leftEnd}, 200);
        slideCircle.fadeOut(50);
    }
}
```



# How did I tackle those obstacles?

3. Write the **winner logic** with all possibilities regarding **vertical, horizontal and diagonal combinations**

```
var checkForWinner = function(circles) {  
  // console.log('checkWinner');  
  // console.log(circles);  
  
  //scan rows  
  for (var j = 0; j < 3; j++) {  
    for (var i = 0; i < row; i++) {  
      //if statement that checks if yellow has a sequence in any row  
      if (circles[i][j].hasClass('yellow') && circles[i][j+1].hasClass('yellow') && circles[i][j+2].hasClass('yellow') && circles[i][j+3].hasClass('yellow')) {  
        console.log('checkWinner ----> if statement')  
        setTimeout(function(){  
          alert('Yellow Wins!!!');  
        }, 250);  
      }  
      //if statement that checks if red has a sequence in any row  
      if (circles[i][j].hasClass('red') && circles[i][j+1].hasClass('red') && circles[i][j+2].hasClass('red') && circles[i][j+3].hasClass('red')) {  
        console.log('checkWinner ----> if statement')  
        setTimeout(function(){  
          alert('Red Wins!!!');  
        }, 250);  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```

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3. Write the **winner logic** with all possibilities regarding **vertical, horizontal and diagonal combinations** discs

```
var checkTiedGame = function(array) {  
  var counter = 0;  
  for (var i = 0; i < row; i++) {  
    for (var j = 0; j < column; j++) {  
      if (array[i][j].hasClass('yellow') || array[i][j].hasClass('red')) {  
        counter += 1;  
      }  
    }  
  }  
  if (counter === 30) {  
    console.log('checkTiedGame---> if statement')  
    setTimeout(function(){  
      alert ('Try again!!!');  
    }, 250);  
  }  
}
```

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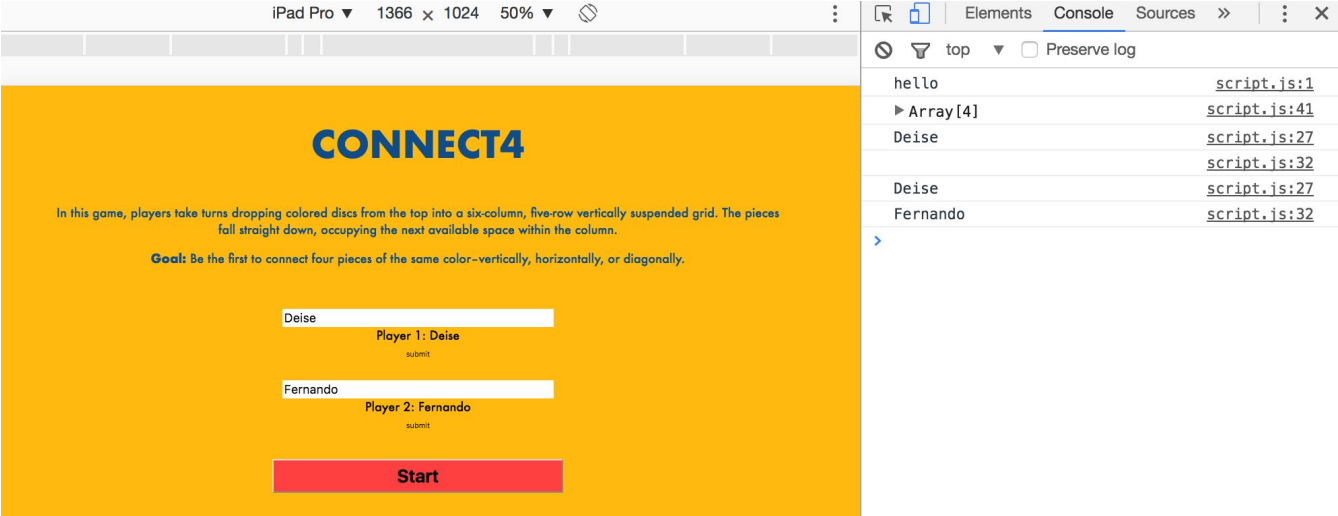
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```

24     var players = [];
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26     $(".submit-button").click(function() {
27         var inputName1 = $("#player1").val();
28         console.log(inputName1);
29         players.push(inputName1);
30         $('#yellow').html(inputName1);
31
32         var inputName2 = $("#player2").val();
33         console.log(inputName2);
34         players.push(inputName2);
35         $('#red').html(inputName2);
36
37         $('input[name=player]').each(function() {
38             players.push($(this).val());
39         });
40
41     });
42
43     console.log(players);

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**Thank you!**

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