Programming Data Structures and Algorithms – 2

BSc (Hons)Computing 23.1P

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1 Acknowledgement

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2 Abstract

The report briefly contains the Problem-solving logic for each game, UI screenshot for allowing game player to provide answers and when the game players to provide correct answer and incorrect answers, Exception handling and code segment unit testing. Normalized database table structure screenshots and gaming playing experience, game functionalities, user interfaces, data management and quality assurance procedures.

3 Introduction

3.1.1 Overview of the project

As part of our BSc (Hons) Computing degree program, there is a subject called Programming Data Structure and Algorithms. So, I am assigned to do a project using our theoretical knowledge to implement a game application. There for, I have created five real-world games to represent My theoretical knowledge of data structures and algorithms for real-world scenarios. I created these games to improve the players' problem-solving thinking patterns.

3.1.2 Importance of data structure and algorithm in Game developments

The importance of data structures and algorithms in the industry of game creation cannot be highlighted. They represent the basis on which the logic, mechanics, and connection of games are developed. My project is a great example of how theoretical understanding in these fields is essential for creating interesting and challenging games. With the help of these ideas, we can design effective games, sort out challenging problems, helping both players and developers.

3.1.3 Introduction to game menu option

The game application includes five games and, all created to show how data structures and algorithms are used in real-world environments:

I have created the Knight's tour problem game to identify the navigate a Knight across a chessboard. So that player must understand the correct sequence of moves.

Then I created the Identify the longest common sequence game to find the longest common sequence between randomly selected two strings.

Then I created the Eight Queens' Puzzle game to place the movements of eight queens on an 8*8 chessboard without threatening each other.

Then I created a Tic-Tac-Tac-Tac-Teo game to play with the computer to identify the Min-Max theory.

Finally, I created the Identify Shortest Path game to identify the short distance needed to navigate between randomly selected cities.

So, My Game Application not only fully entertains but also players can educate themselves on the algorithm theories. Also, players can improve their problem-solving thinking pattern. Also, as a developer, I have team used JavaScript to develop the backend of this game application. Then, to design the front pages, I used HTML and CSS languages. Then I used MYSQL to develop the database side. Also, from that, I could successfully develop our theoretical knowledge through practical implementation.

3.1.4 Chapter Summary

I provided the five game options that best represent my knowledge of data structures and algorithms. These games not only entertain players but also provide users and improve their problem-solving abilities. I also pointed out the value of these concepts in game design, focusing on how important they are. My project is an example of how academic theory and real-world application may merge, offering an environment for both education and entertainment.

4 Implementation

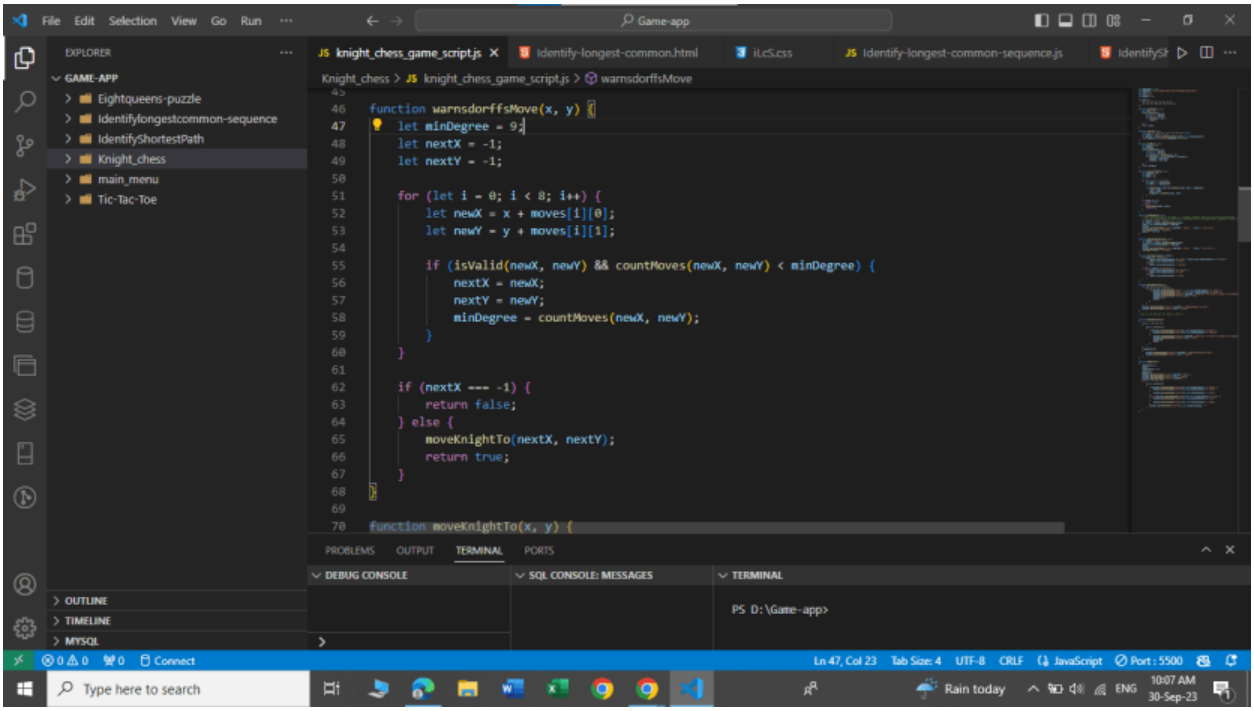
4.1 knight's tour Problem

4.1.1 Program Logic used to solve the problem

Knight’s tour problem is a game that only use knights to the game and it improves the chess knowledge and skills. Knight can only move the way of letter “L”.

The program used two by two array and eight by eight chessboard for the game development. The algorithm used for the game development is “Warns Dorf’s Rule”

Here is the logic used to the solve the problem:



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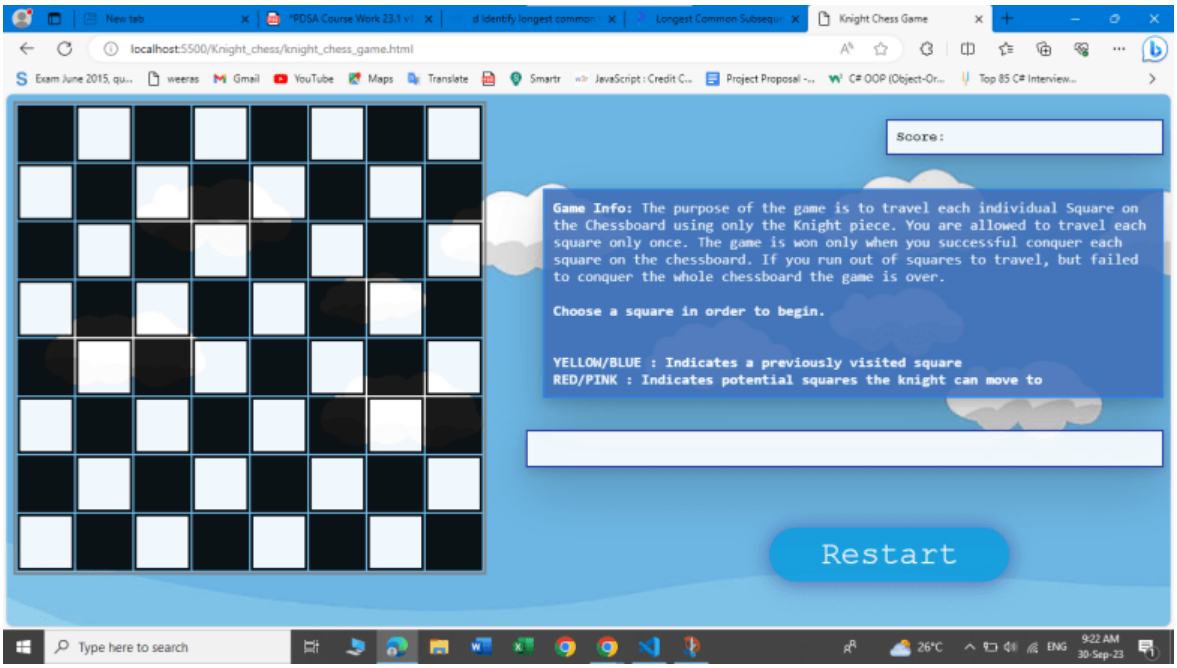

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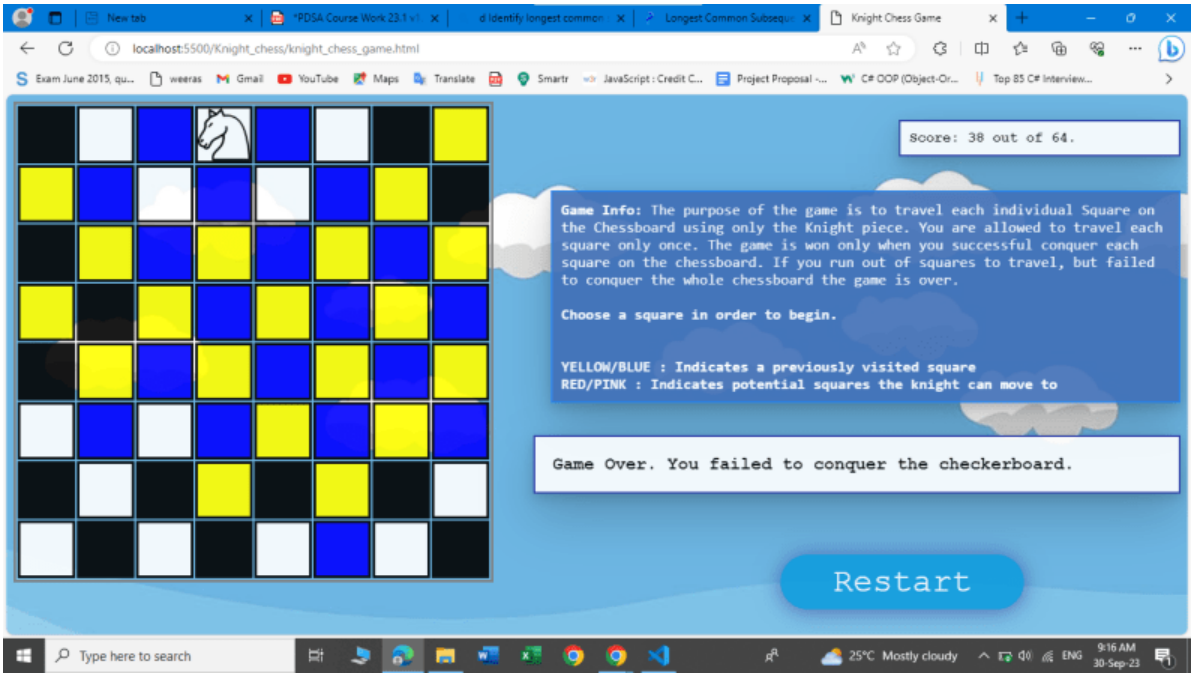

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4.1.3 Validations and Exception Handling in this application

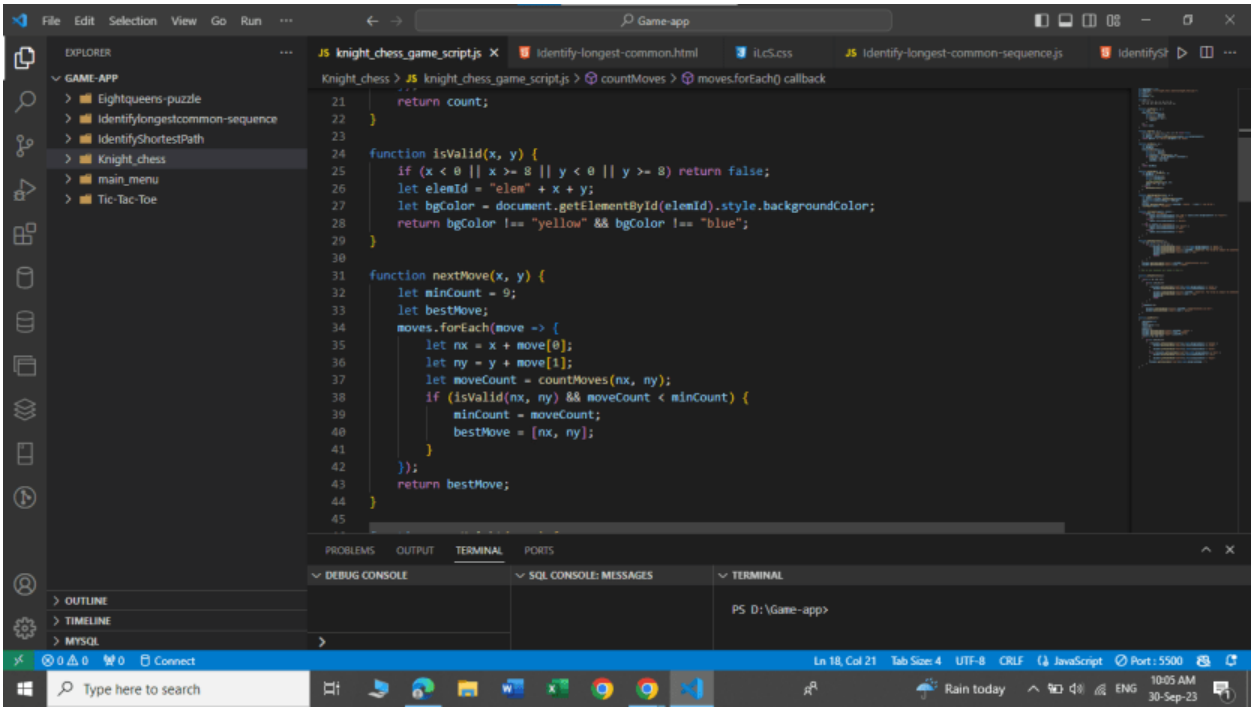
Input Validation:

- The code doesn't check specifically for user input validity as the game depends on user interaction with the chessboard. However, it ensures or the certifies that valid moves are calculated based on the position of knight on the chessboard.

Validation of the Results:

- getGameOverStatus() function checks the output of the game by checking the chessboard status to decide the player has won or not.

Code:



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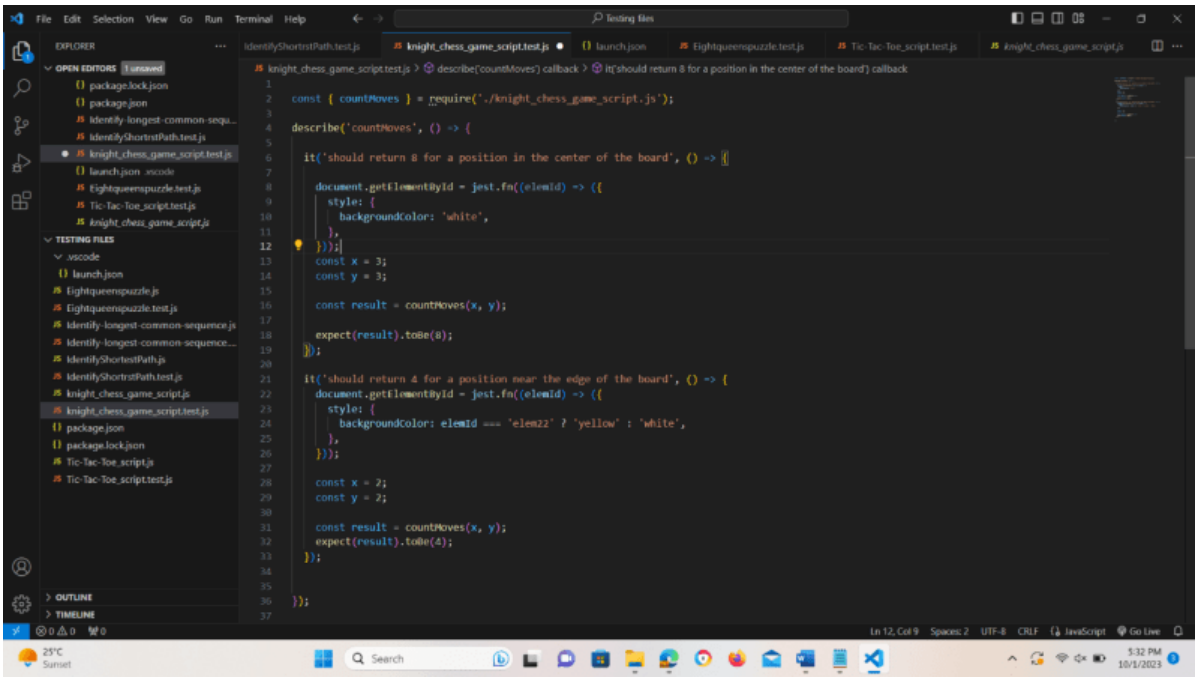

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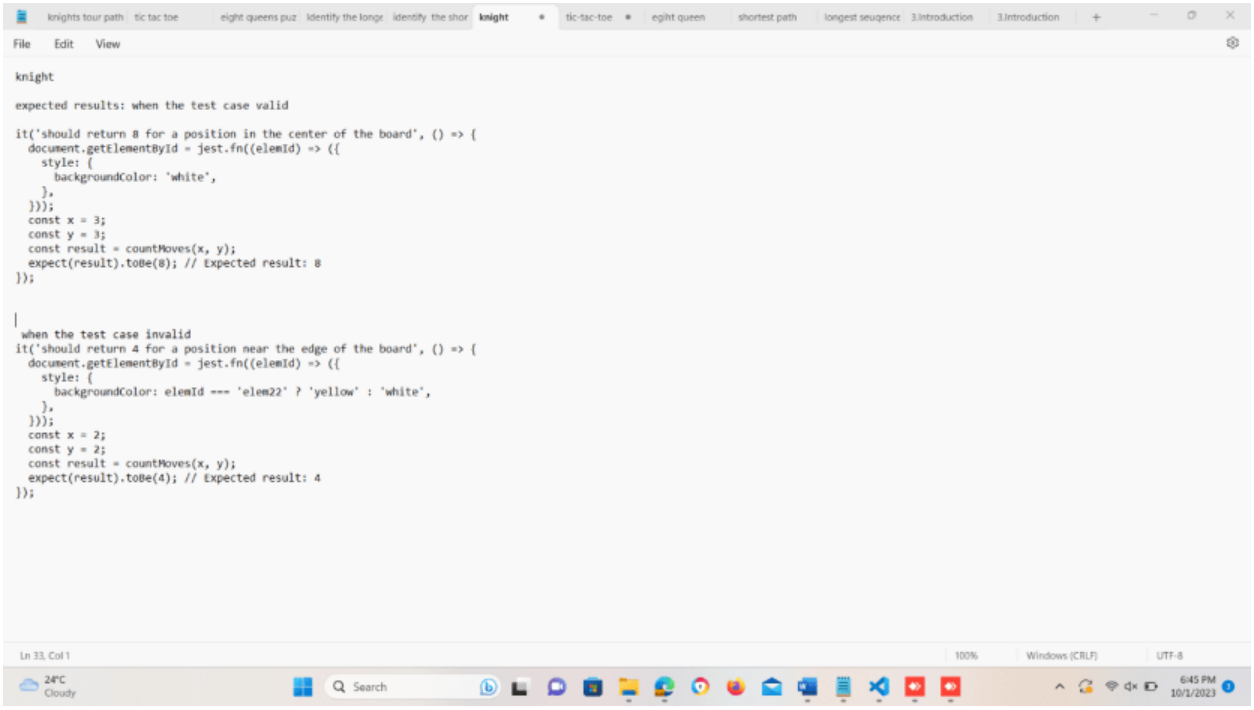

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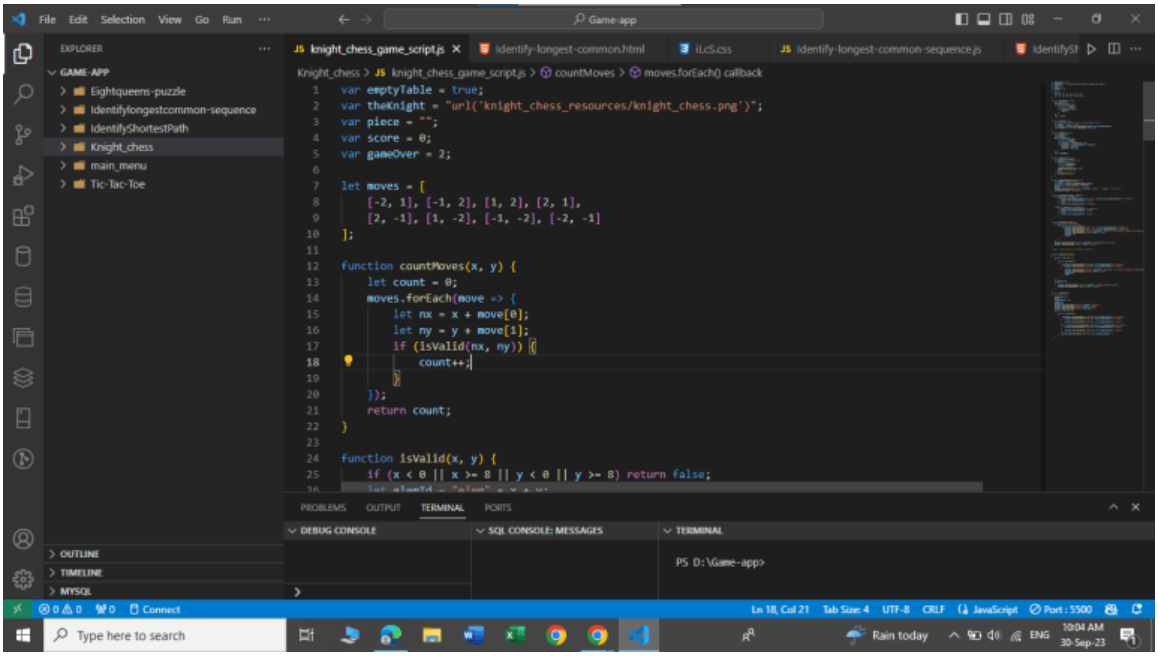

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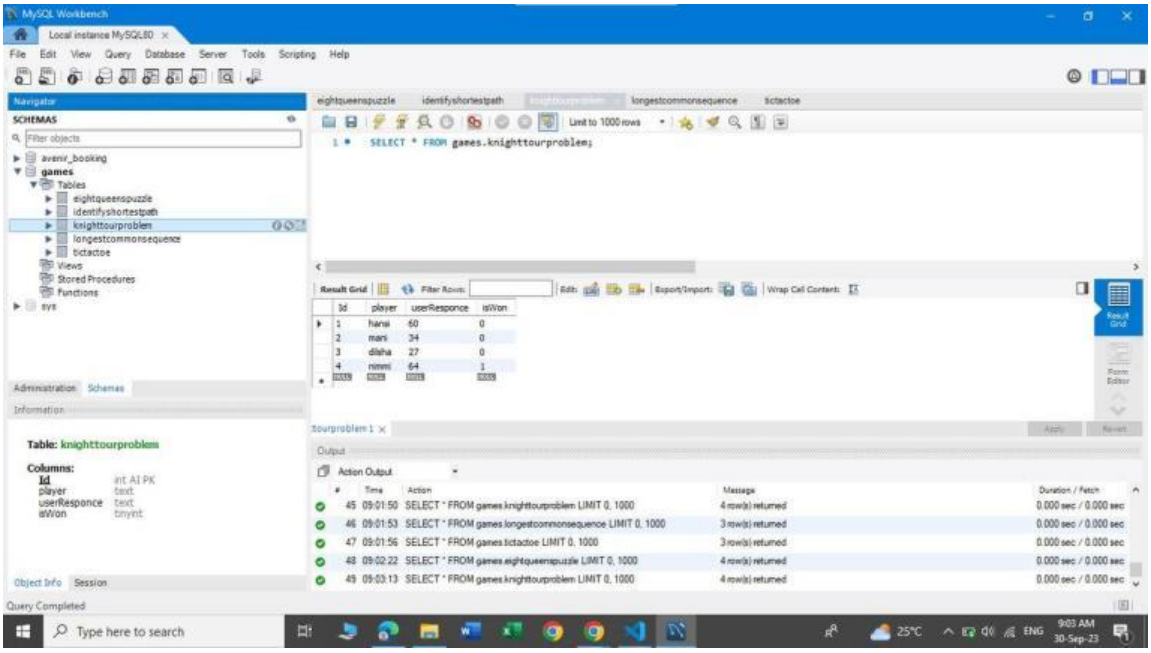

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4.2 Identify longest common sequence

4.2.1 Program Logic used to solve the problem

In the application, the game's logic is built up by generating 2 random strings (s1 and s2), which is used to compare and find the longest common sequence where each character is displayed in separate boxes. An interface is implemented for the players to enter the answer and that string will be comparatively check with he previously generated longest common sequence.

If the answer matches among the strings, a response message will be displayed as "Correct!" and the data of the player with the response will be saved to the database. If the answer mismatches, a response message will be displayed as "Wrong. Try Again!". Once the "New Game" button is clicked it allows the player to restart the game by regenerating a random couple of new strings again. Therefore, a user interactive interface has been designed to overcome the boredom of the players with an efficient calculation by storing all the data to the database.

Here is the logic used to the solve the problem:

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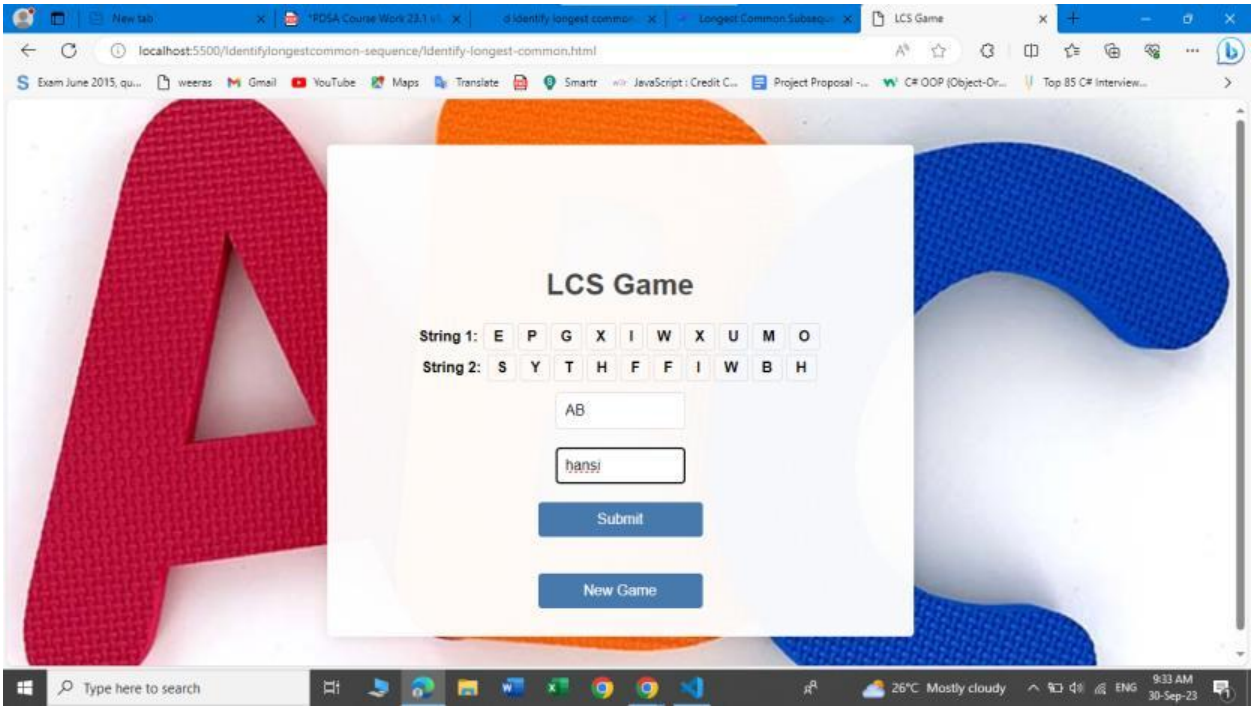

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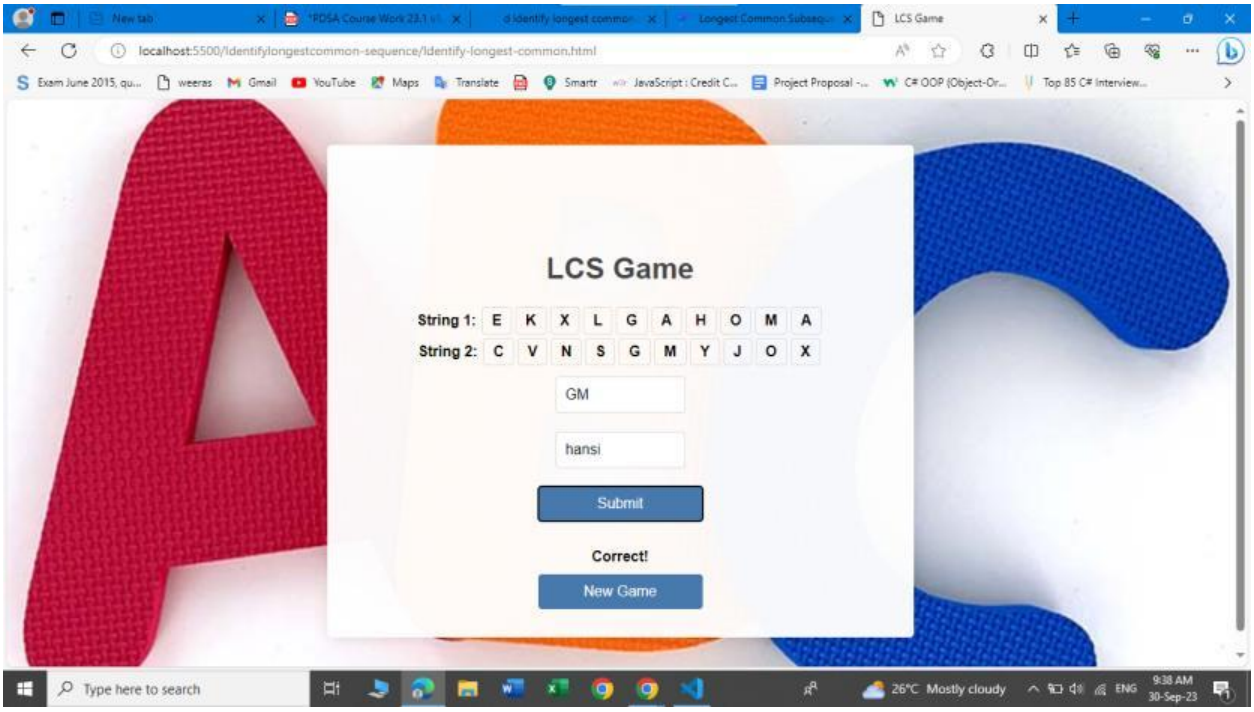

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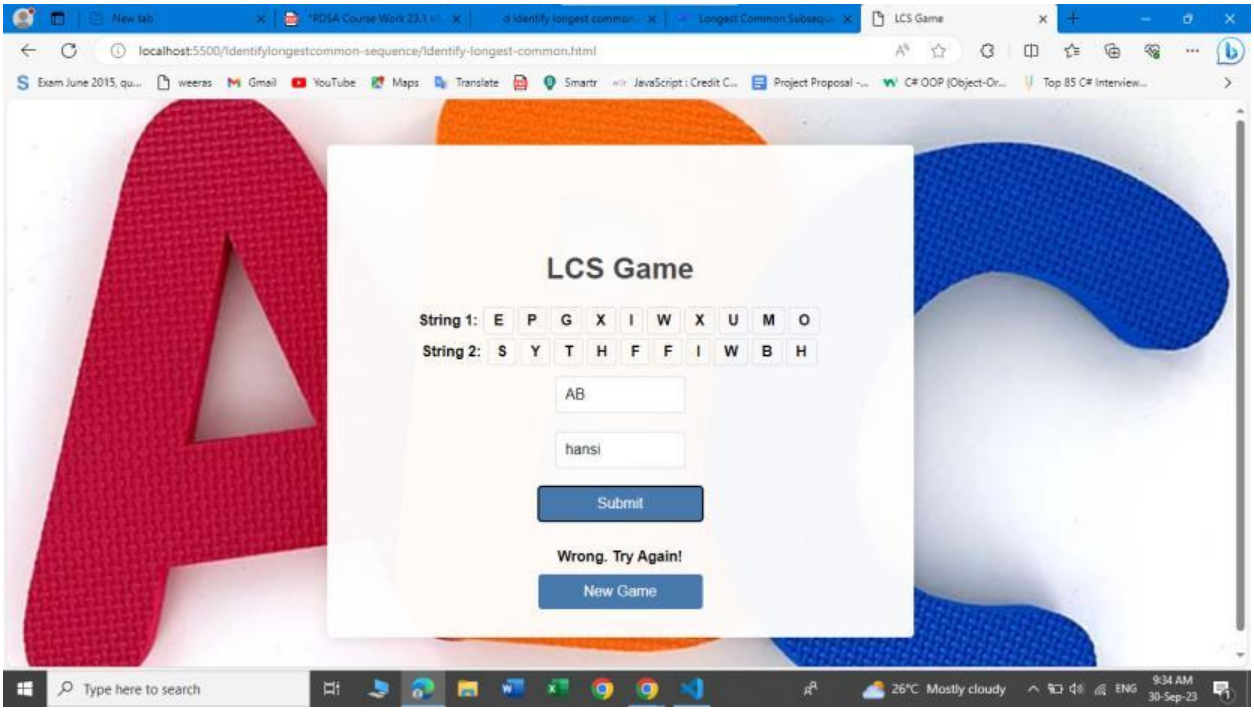

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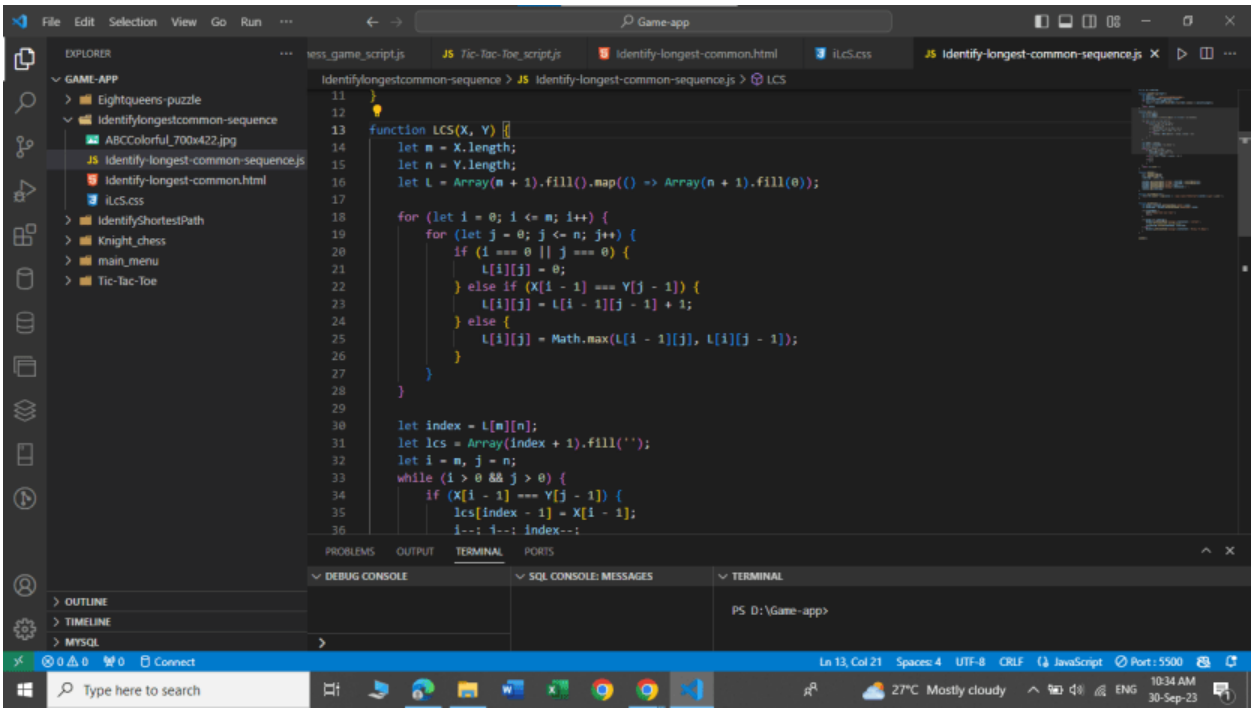
The algorithm used to calculate the Longest Common Sequence (LCS) was “Dynamic Programming”. Between two strings which were randomly generated (s1 and s2) with a 2D dimensional array, as the data structure to store and retrieve data efficiently.

Its purpose of using the mentioned algorithm is to let players engage actively to find the LCS between the two strings



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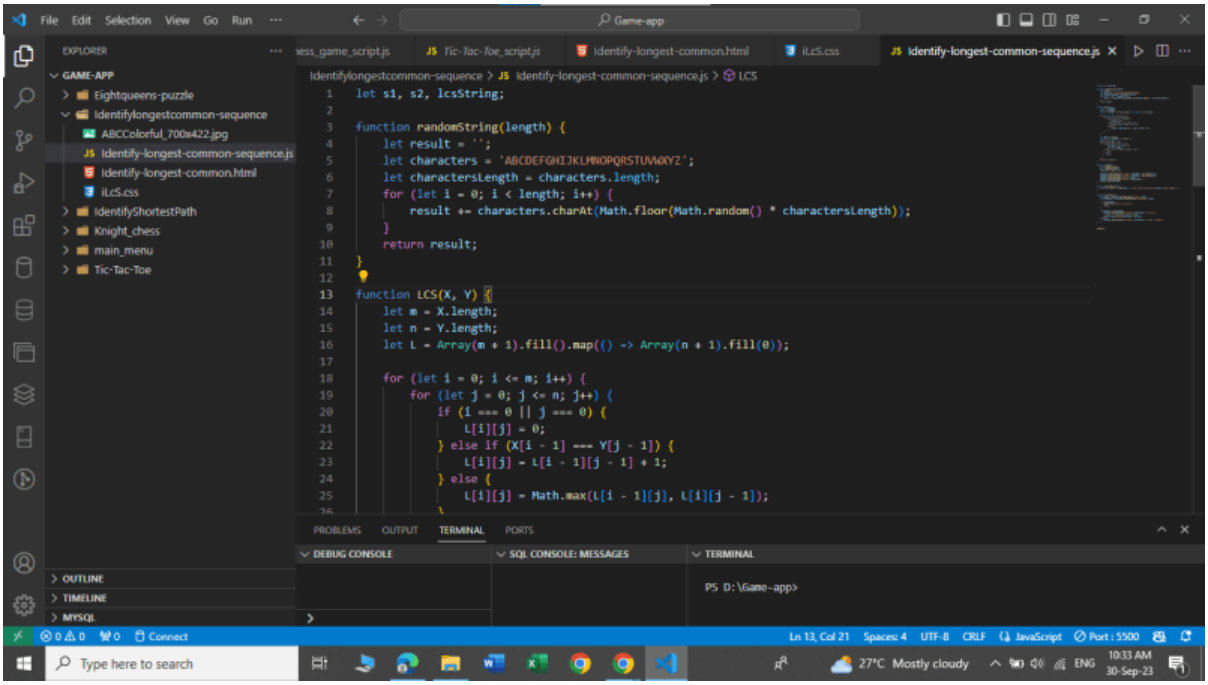

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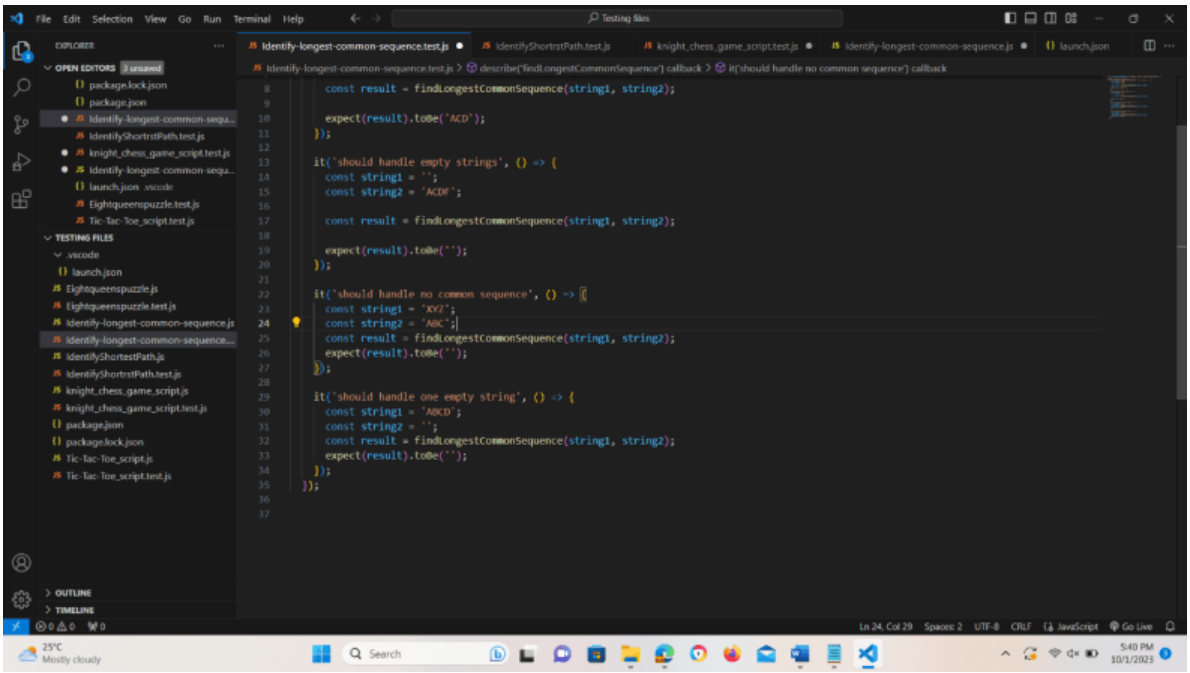

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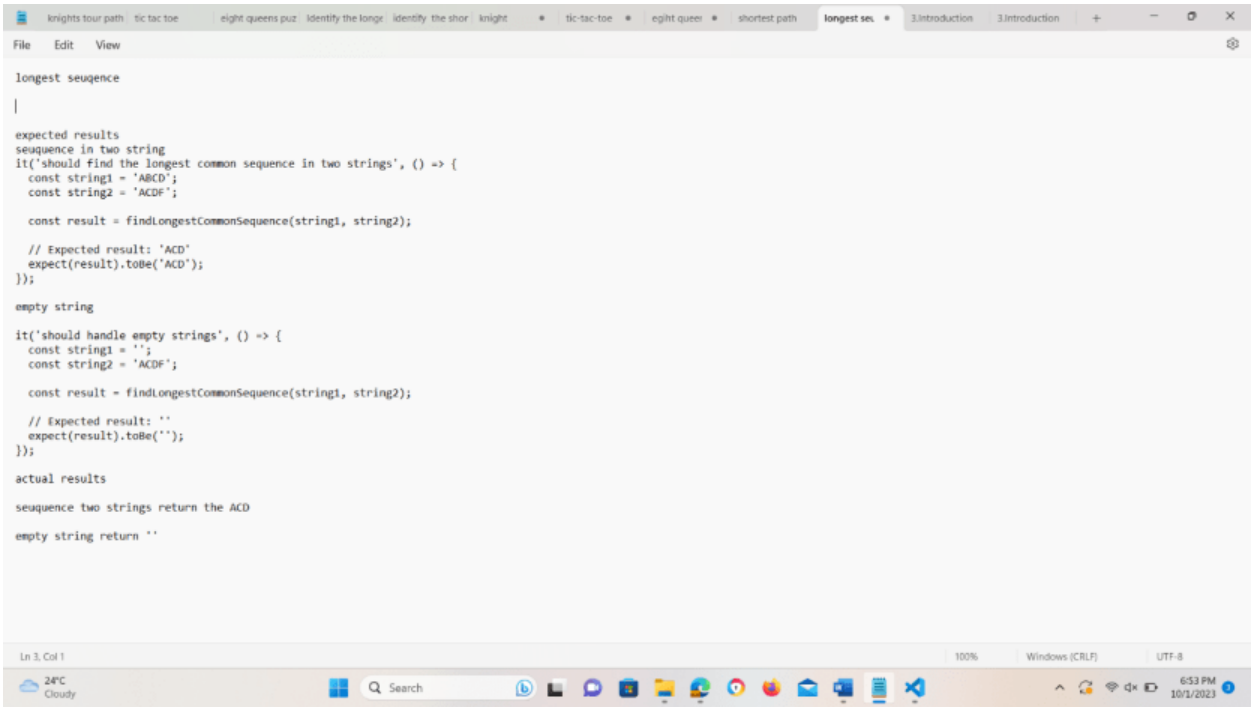

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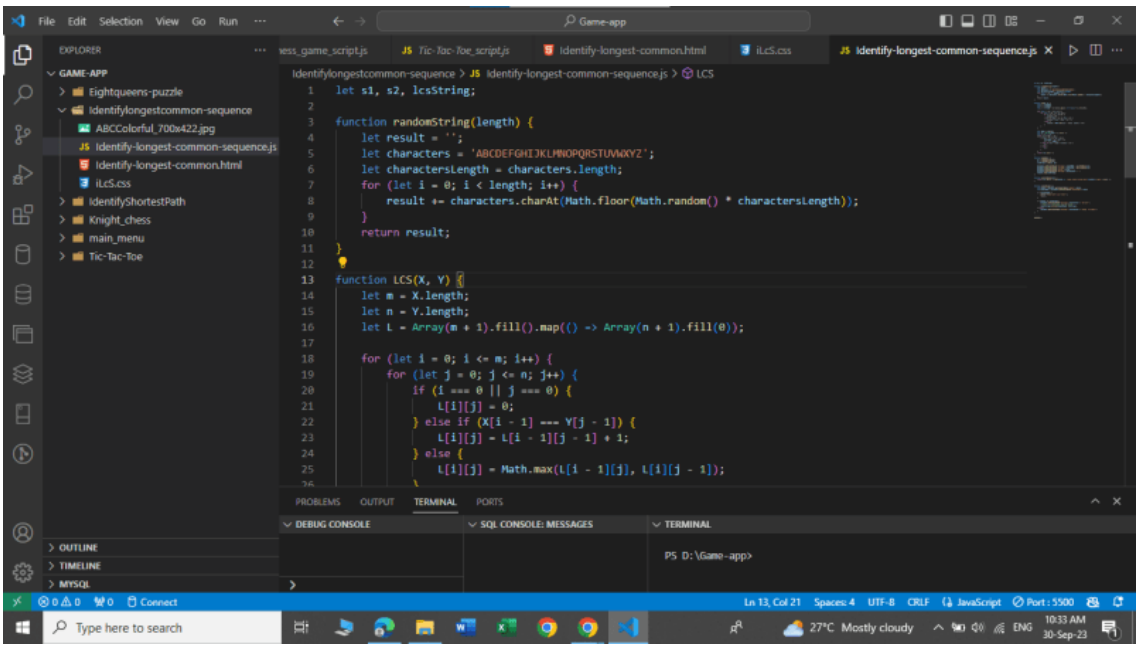

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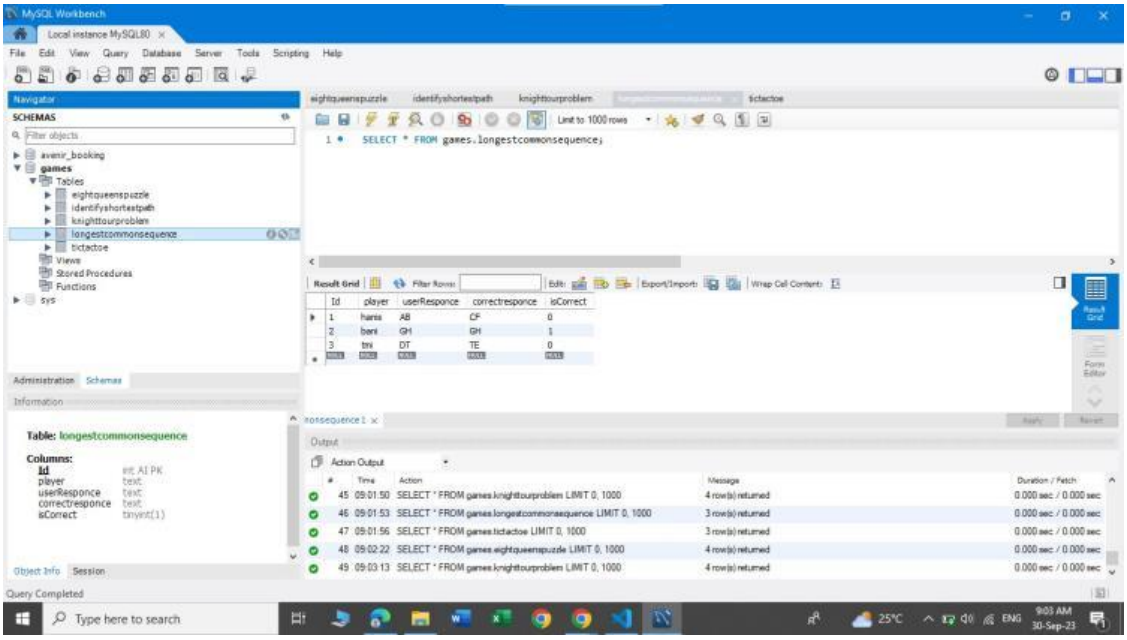

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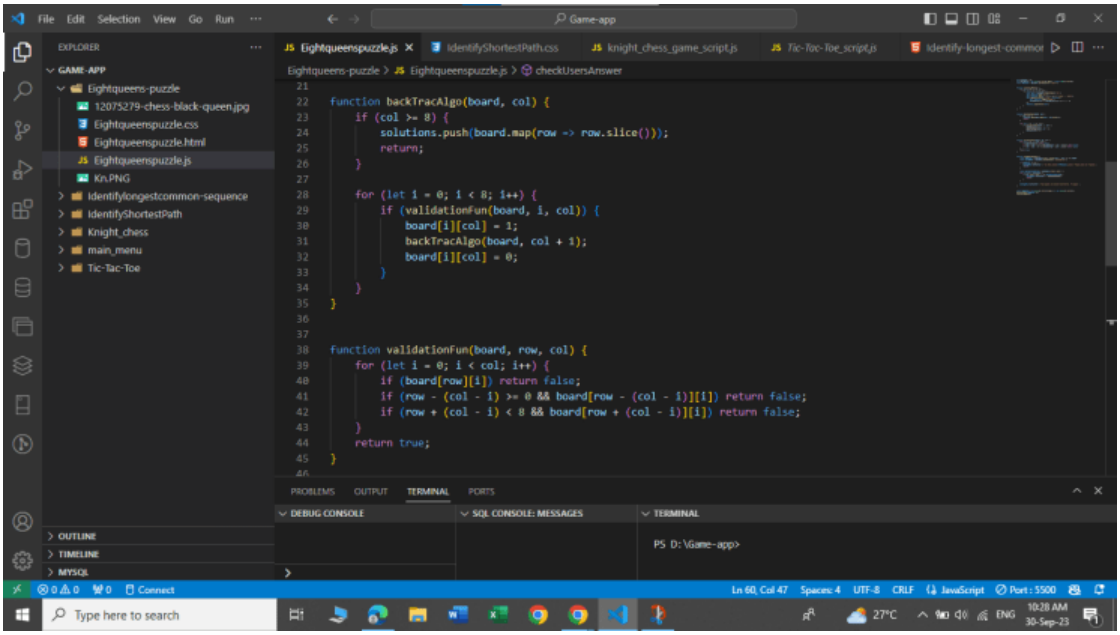
4.3 Eight queens' puzzle

4.3.1 Program Logic used to solve the problem

In basically on this game use chessboard as well as the eight queens. That's the reason game name became "Eight queen's puzzle". Here we have used data structures and algorithms to develop this game and solve the problem in the game.

The algorithm used for the solve problem is "Recursive backtracking algorithm" and used eight by eight chessboard for develop the game.

Here is the logic used to the solve the problem:



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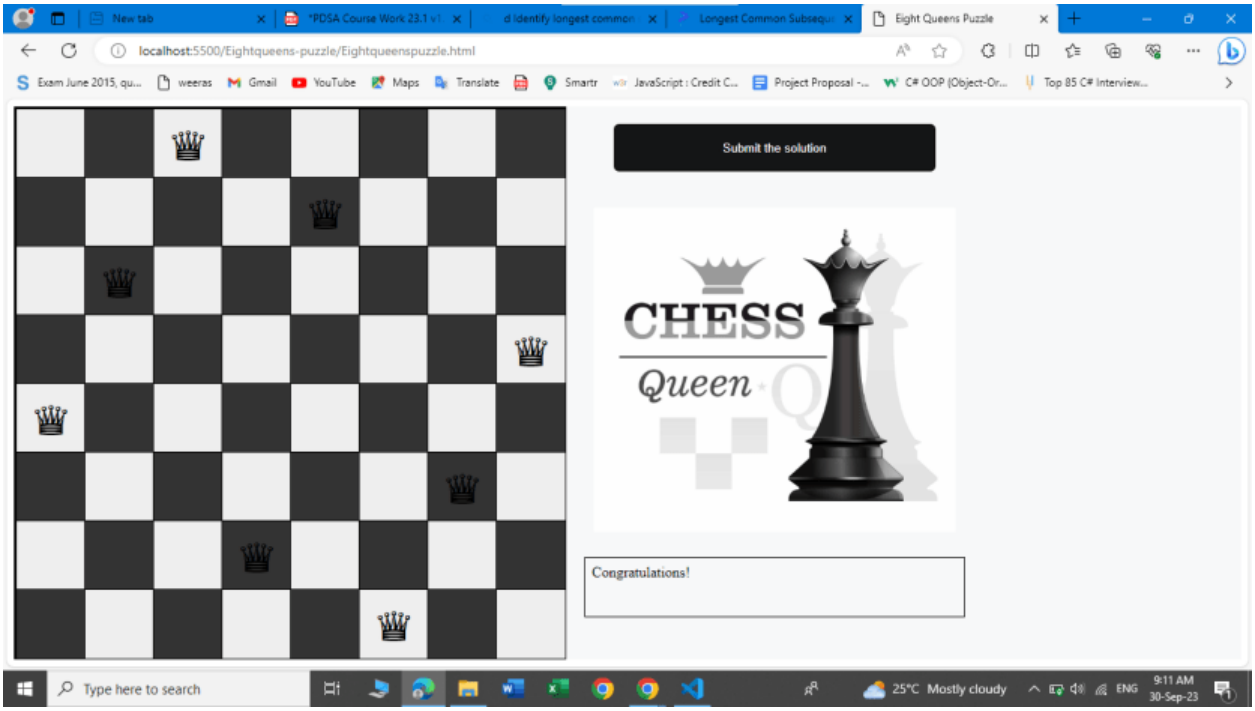

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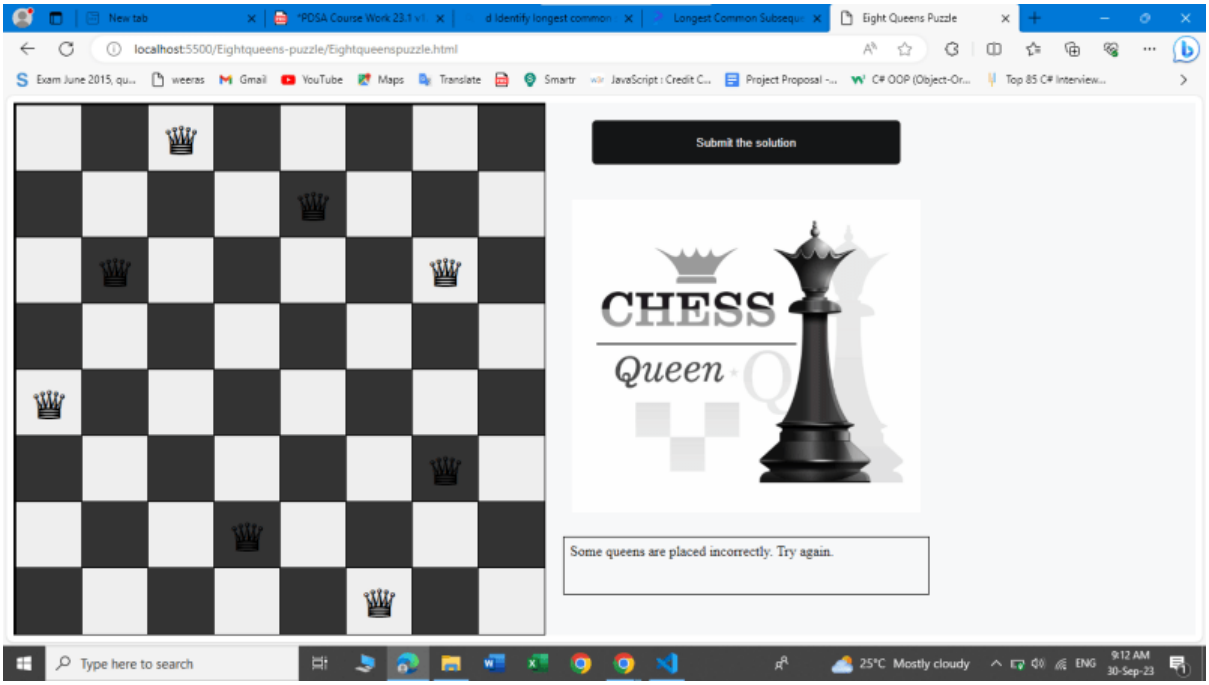

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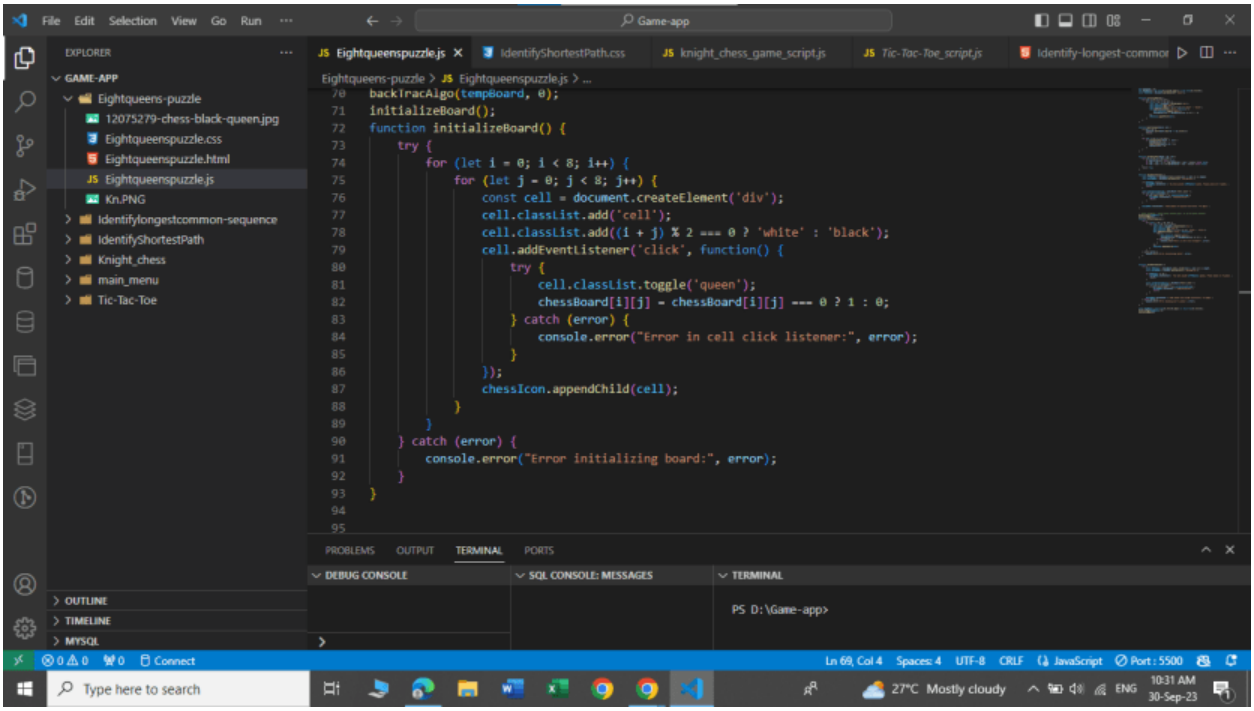

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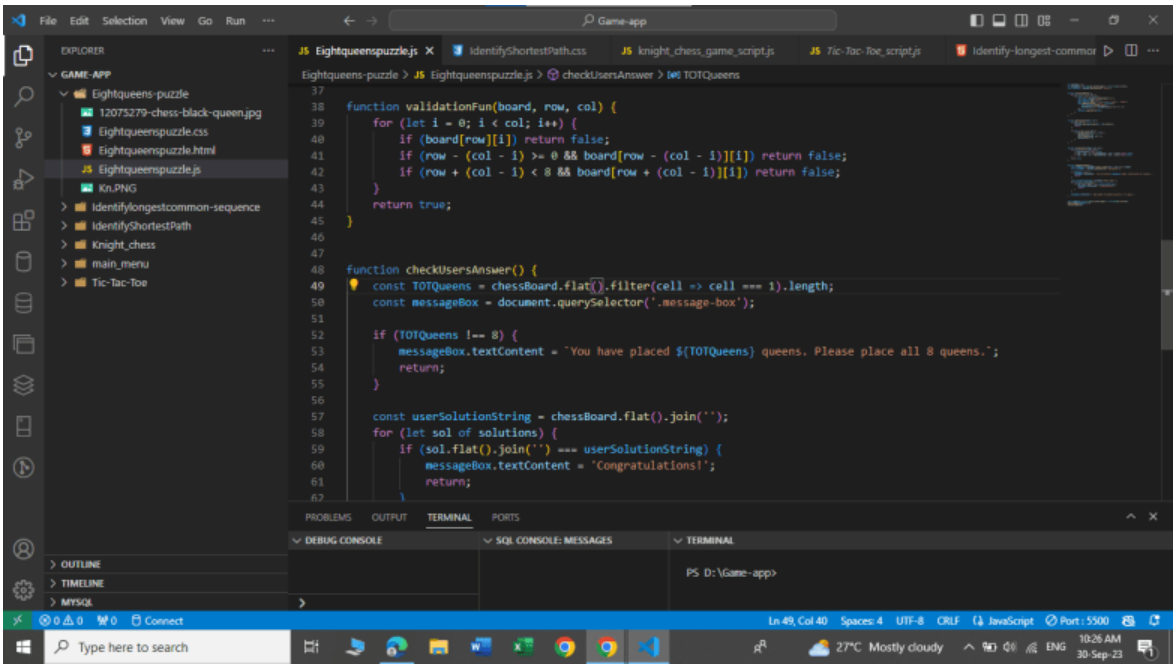

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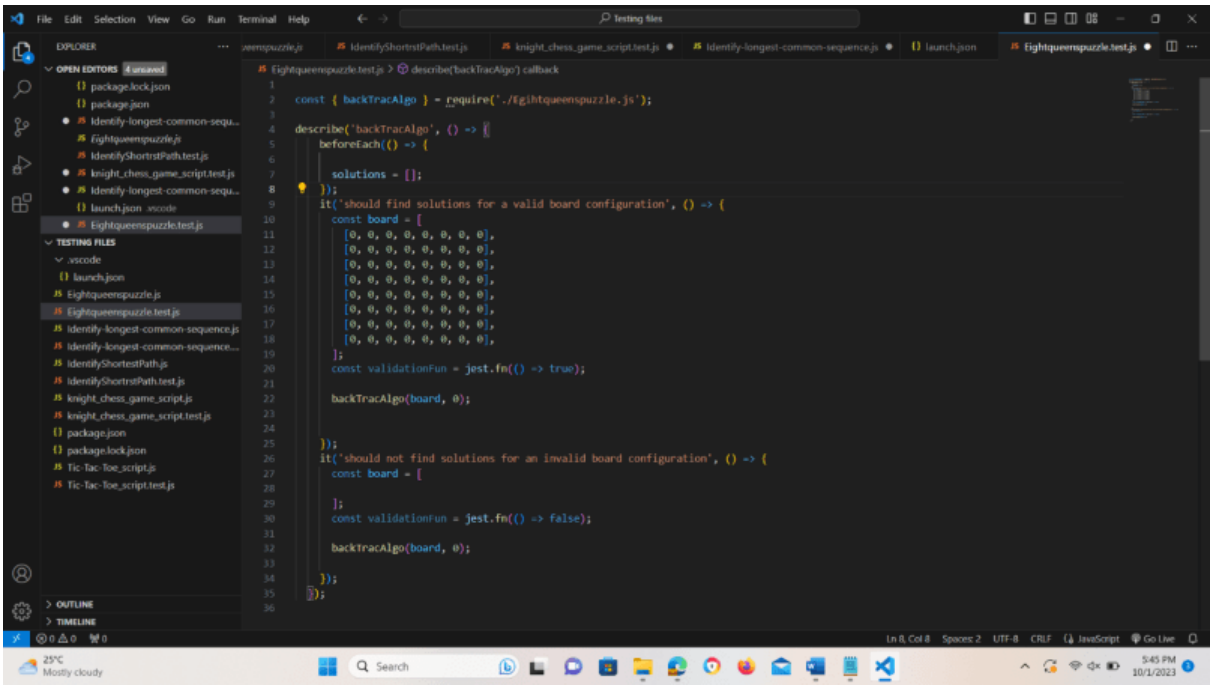

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describe('backTracAlgo', () => {
    beforeEach(() => {

      solutions = [];
    });
    it('should find solutions for a valid board configuration', () => {
      const board = [
        [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
        [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
        [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
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        [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
        [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
      ];
      const validationFun = jest.fn(() => true);

      backTracAlgo(board, 0);


    });
    it('should not find solutions for an invalid board configuration', () => {
      const board = [

      ];
      const validationFun = jest.fn(() => false);

      backTracAlgo(board, 0);

    });
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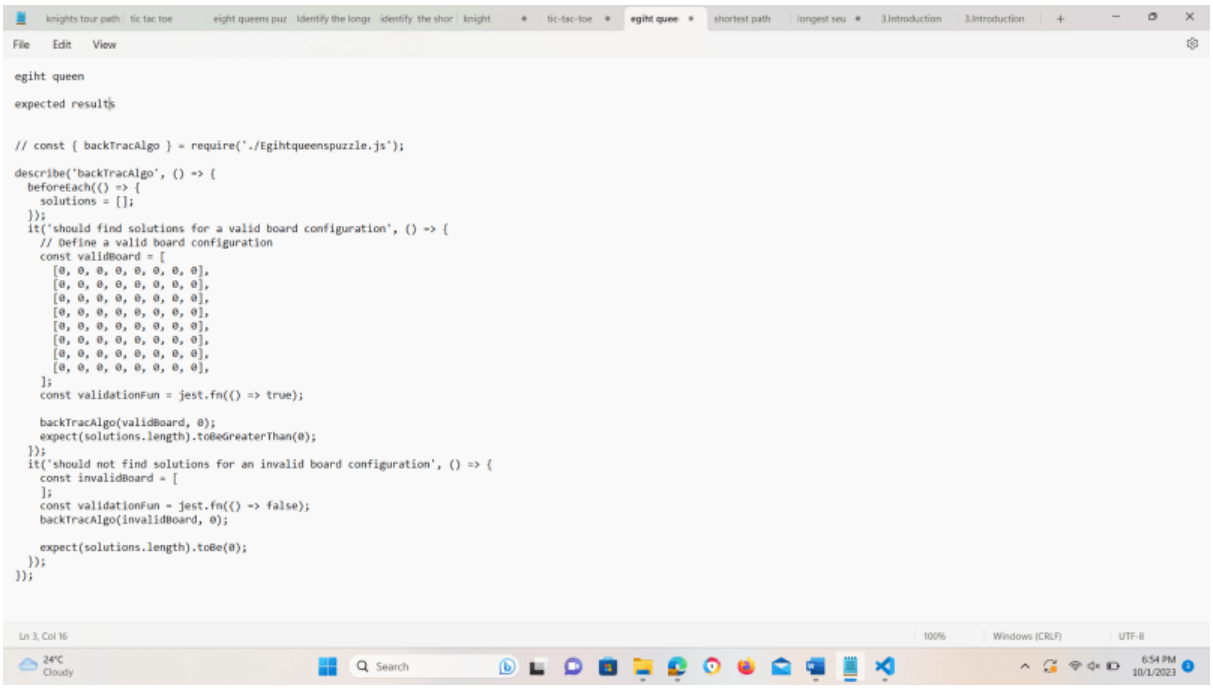
Results:



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    const validationFun = jest.fn(() => true);

    backTracAlgo(validBoard, 0);
    expect(solutions.length).toBeGreaterThan(0);
  });
  it('should not find solutions for an invalid board configuration', () => {
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    const validationFun = jest.fn(() => false);
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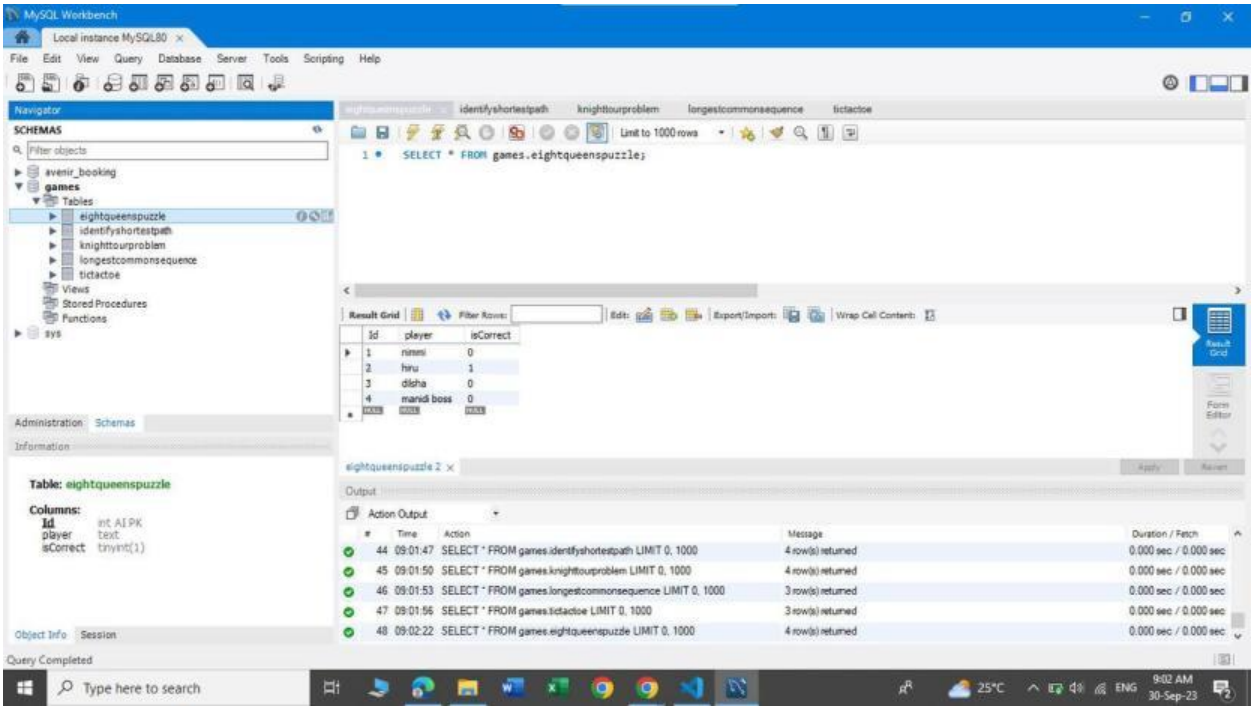

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4.4 Tic-Tac-Toe

4.4.1 Program Logic used to solve the problem

On this game I have used min max algorithm to use the problem. There I was designed optimal moves that could have a single player. And I can assume to get win that when I can assume the optimal move by using min max algorithm.

Firstly, I must create a function as a make move. And then I consider which is the best path to defeat the opponent by studying the square where he moves.in min max algorithm its recursively call the next players move. Function will be return a negative value or positive value to check whether winning status achieved or not. If it will be a draw. I would return zero.

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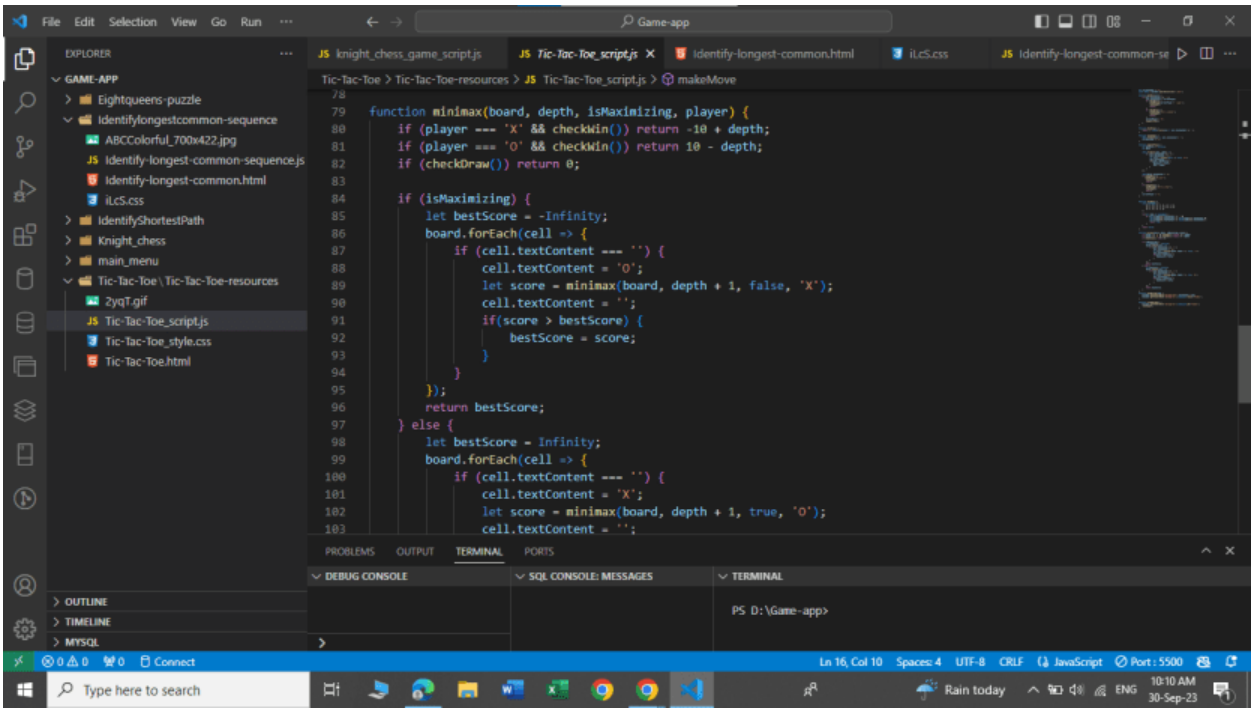

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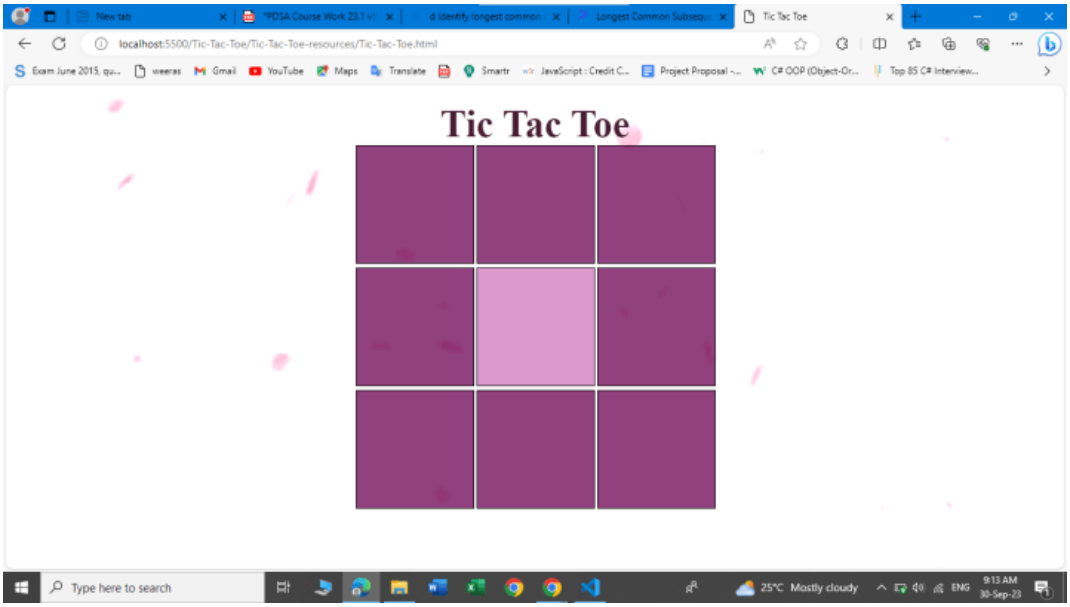

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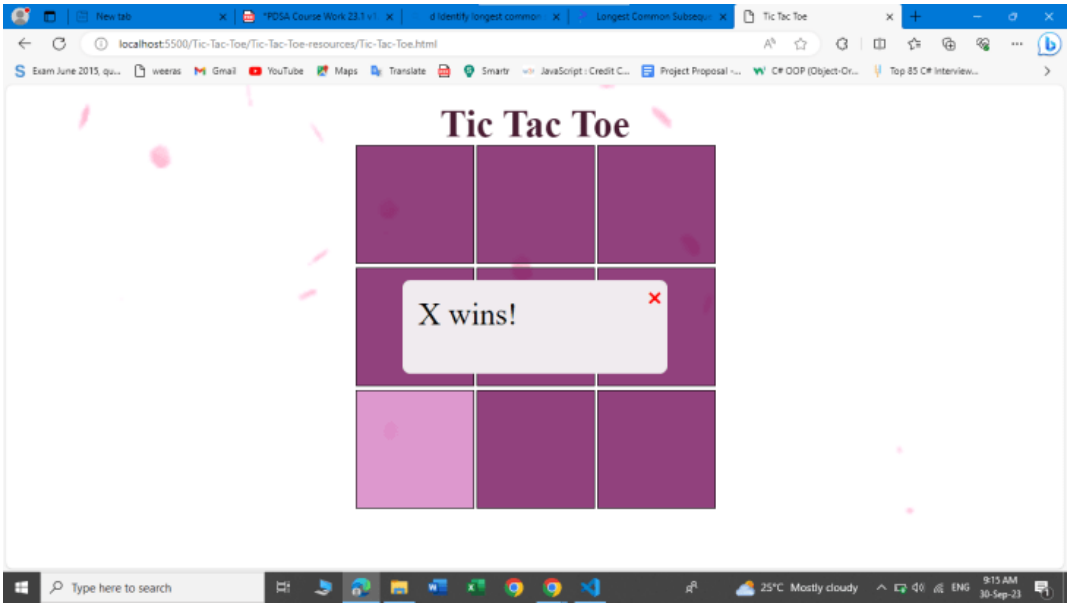

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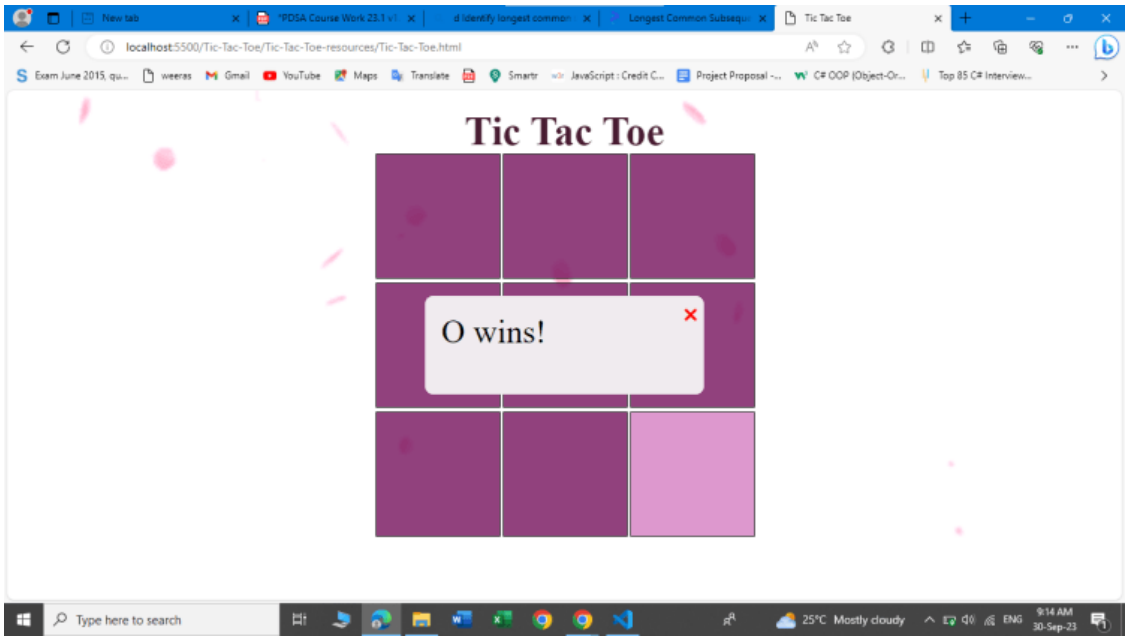

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4.4.3 Validations and Exception Handling in this application

1. Input Validation:

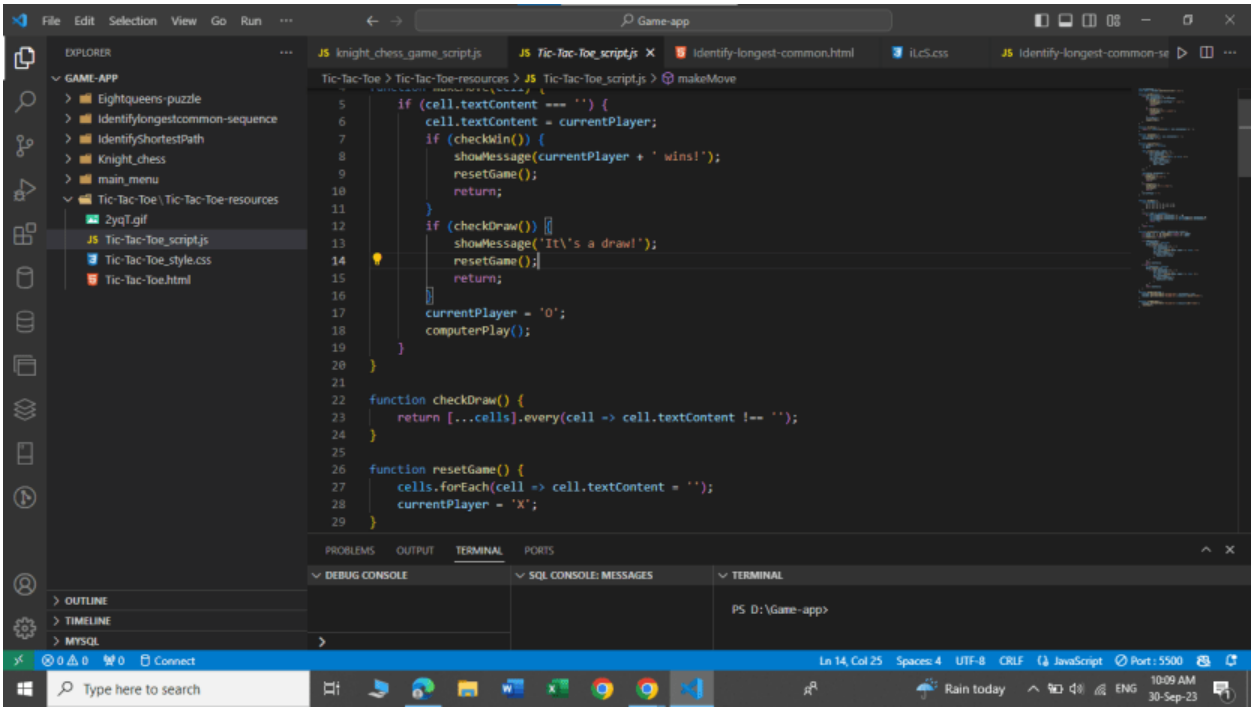
- I codded validation part to ensure that users next move is for an empty cell *(“`cell.textContent === ''`)*

2. Winning and Draw Validation:

- I added another function called `checkWin()`. That function will return +1 for a win -1 for lose and zero for the draw.

4. Error Handling in `computerPlay()`:

- In `computerPlay()` function I added exception handling to ensure that computers next move is a valid one and make sure to handle if an error occurs in minmax algorithm.



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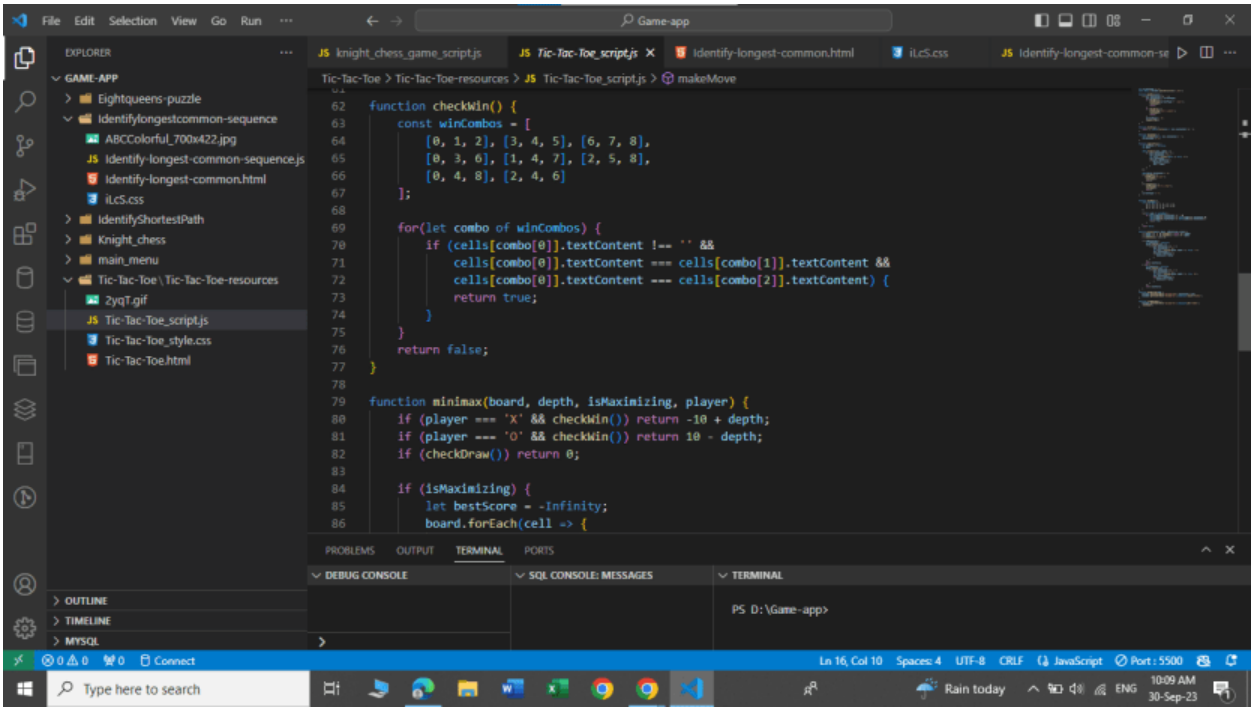

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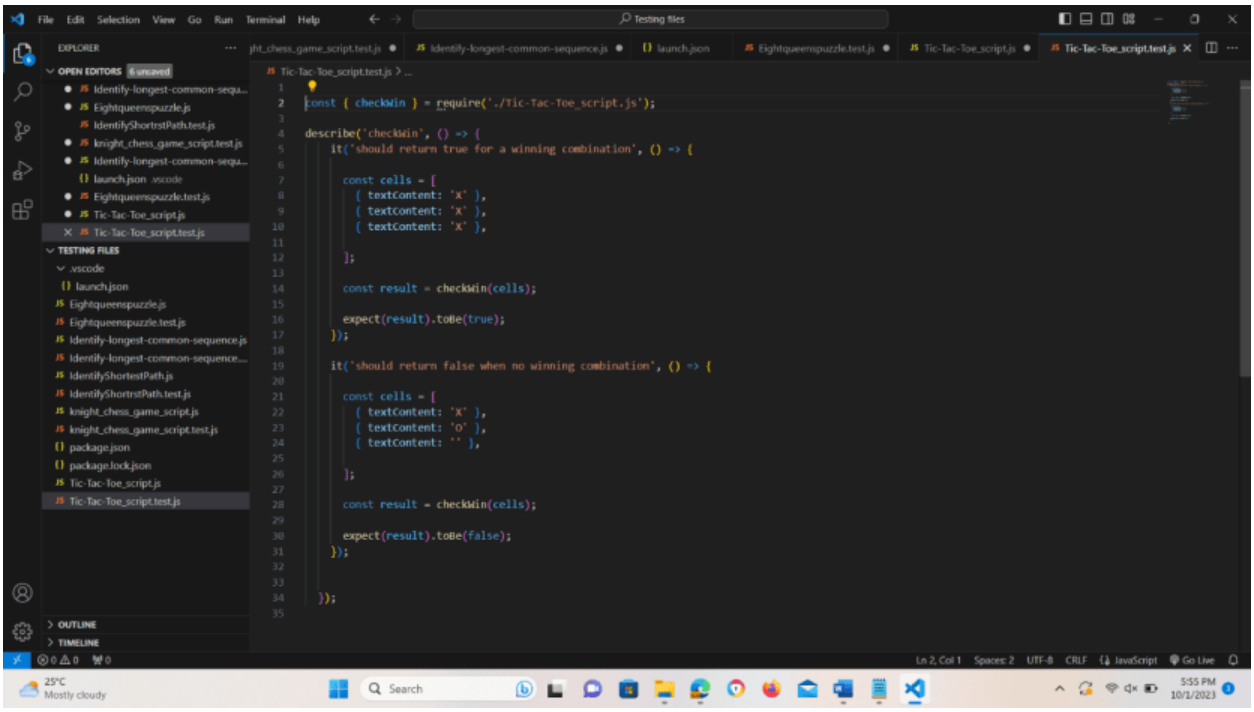

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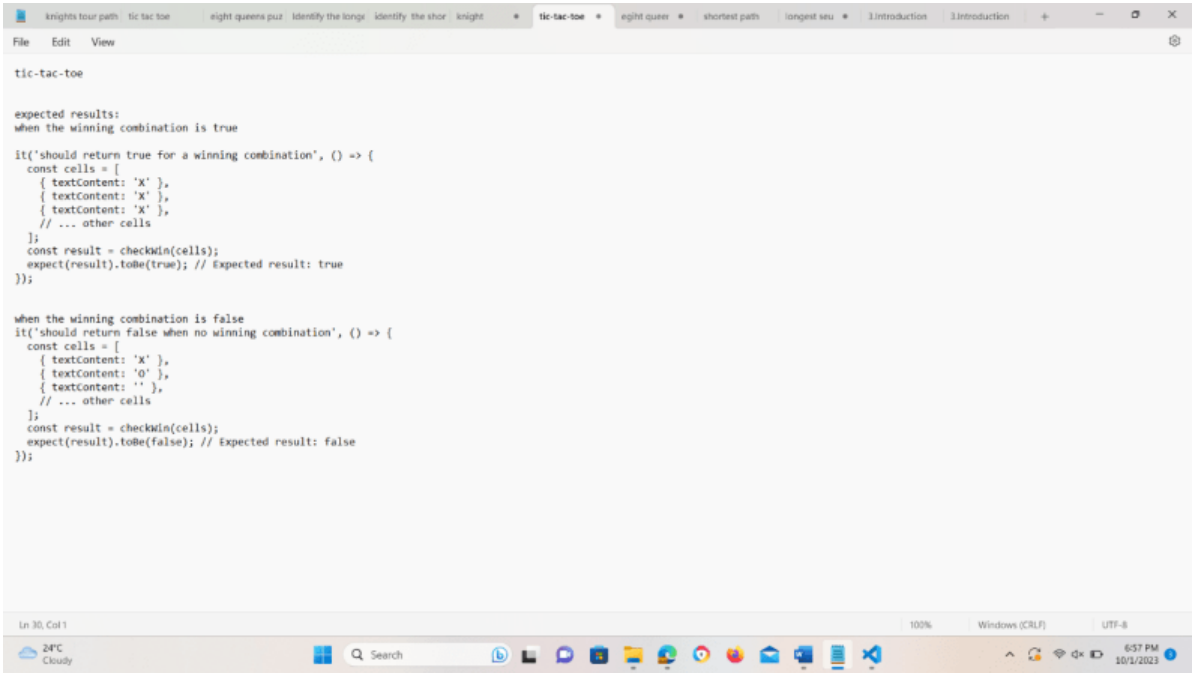

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There is a function for the bellman ford algorithm on that algorithm calculate shortest distance and return the value. Besides that, handle the cell which consists negative value by using digit trace algorithm .it there values is correct those values assign to the database.

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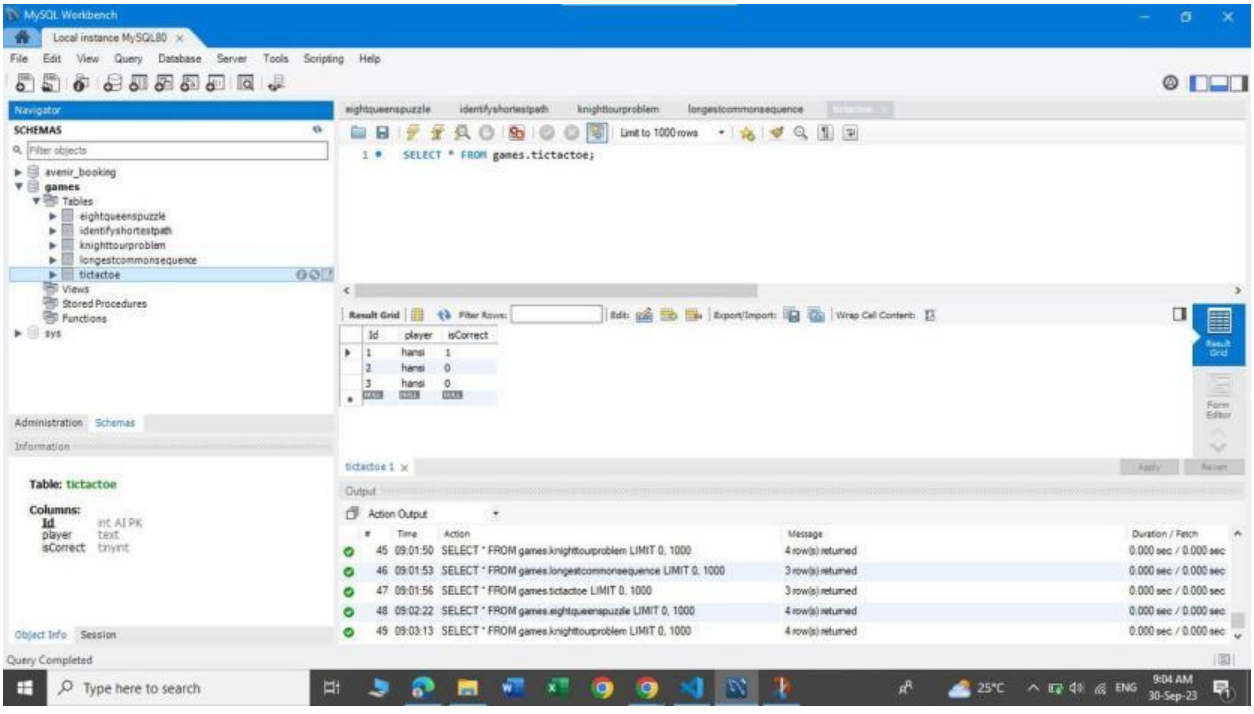

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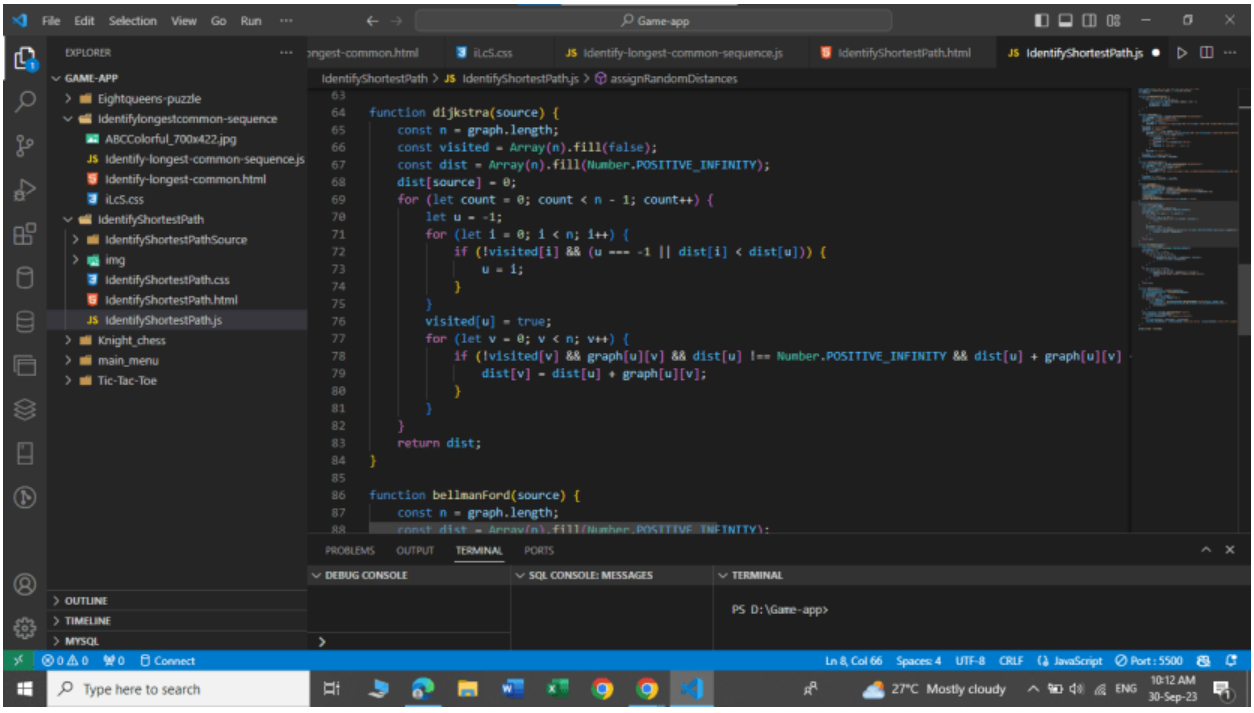

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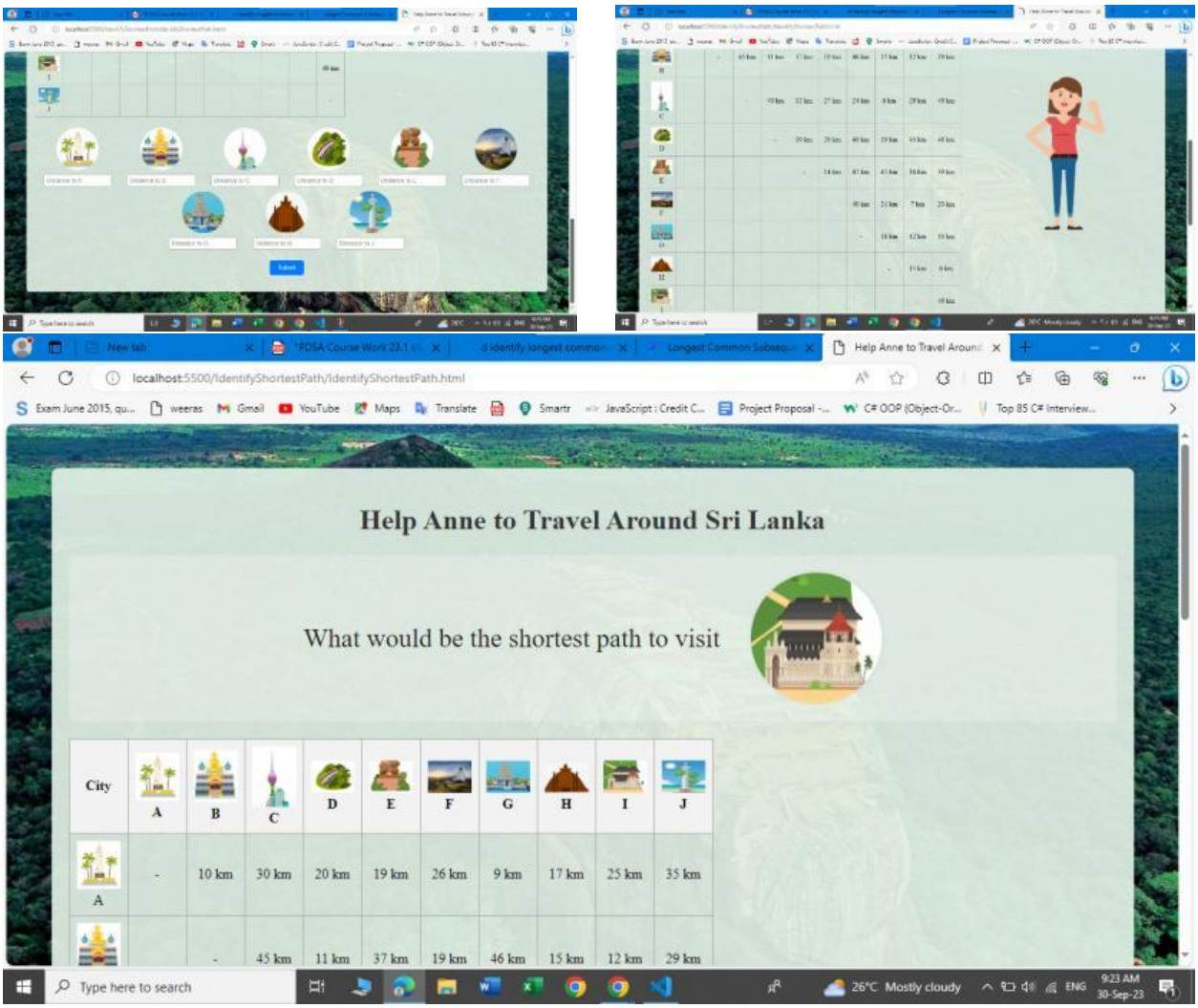

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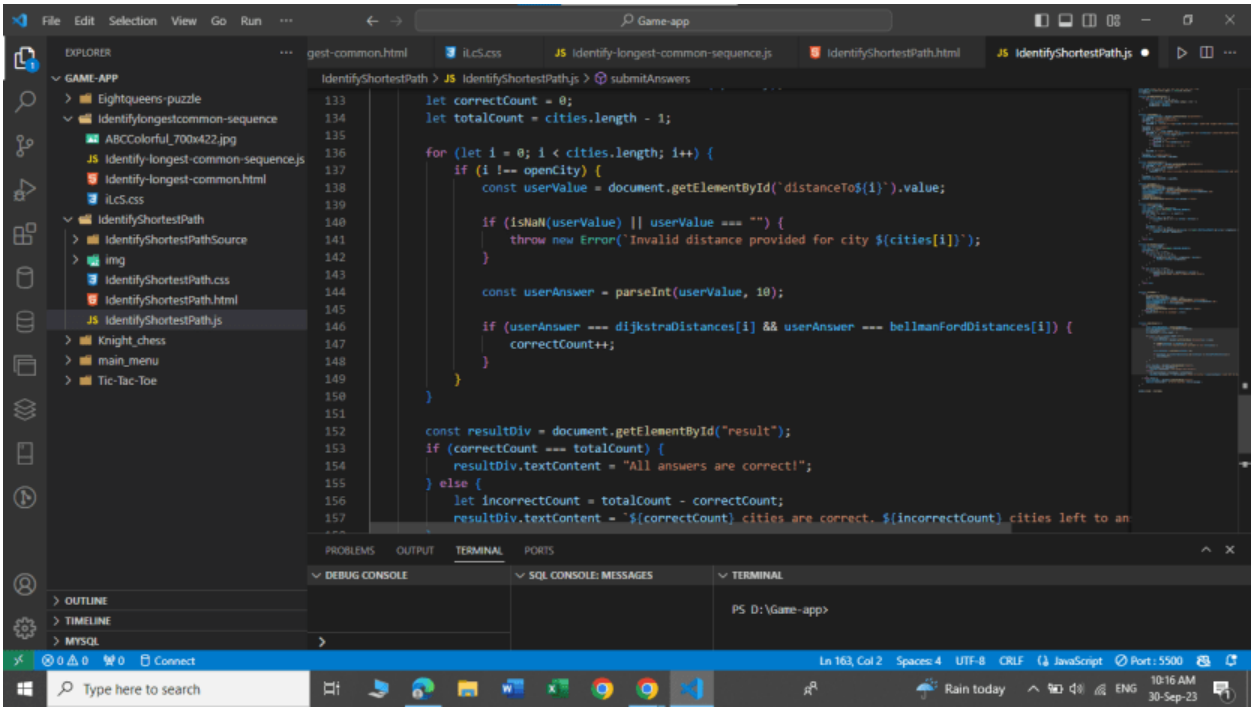

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4.5.4 Unit Testing

Testing code:

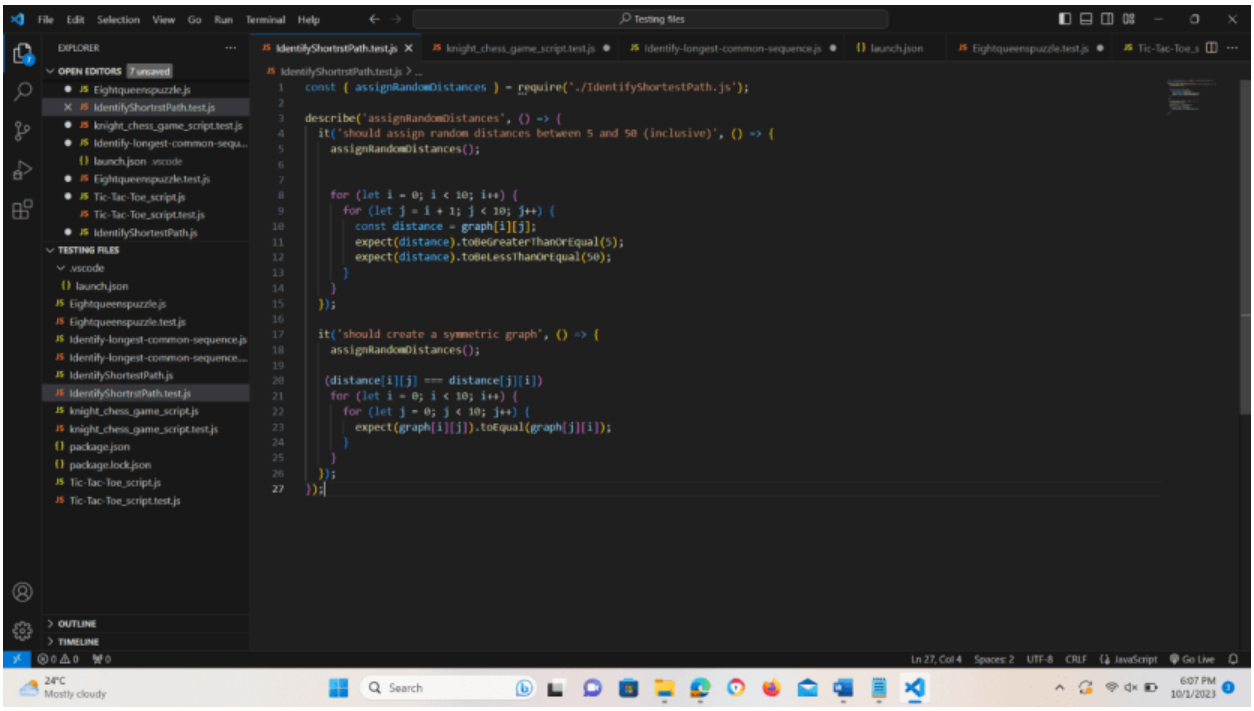

Figure 37

Results:

Figure 38

4.5.5 Indicate the Data Structures used with its purpose

And there is a function which is use to randomly assign distances to the graph. And another function used to create a distance table. And there is a function that is used to users for giving there inputs to the server.startGame() function is use to select two cities randomly and put the distance table the distance of two cities randomly .

There is a function for the bellman ford algorithm on that algorithm calculate shortest distance and return the value. Besides that, handle the cell which consists negative value by using digit trace algorithm .it there values is correct those values assign to the database.

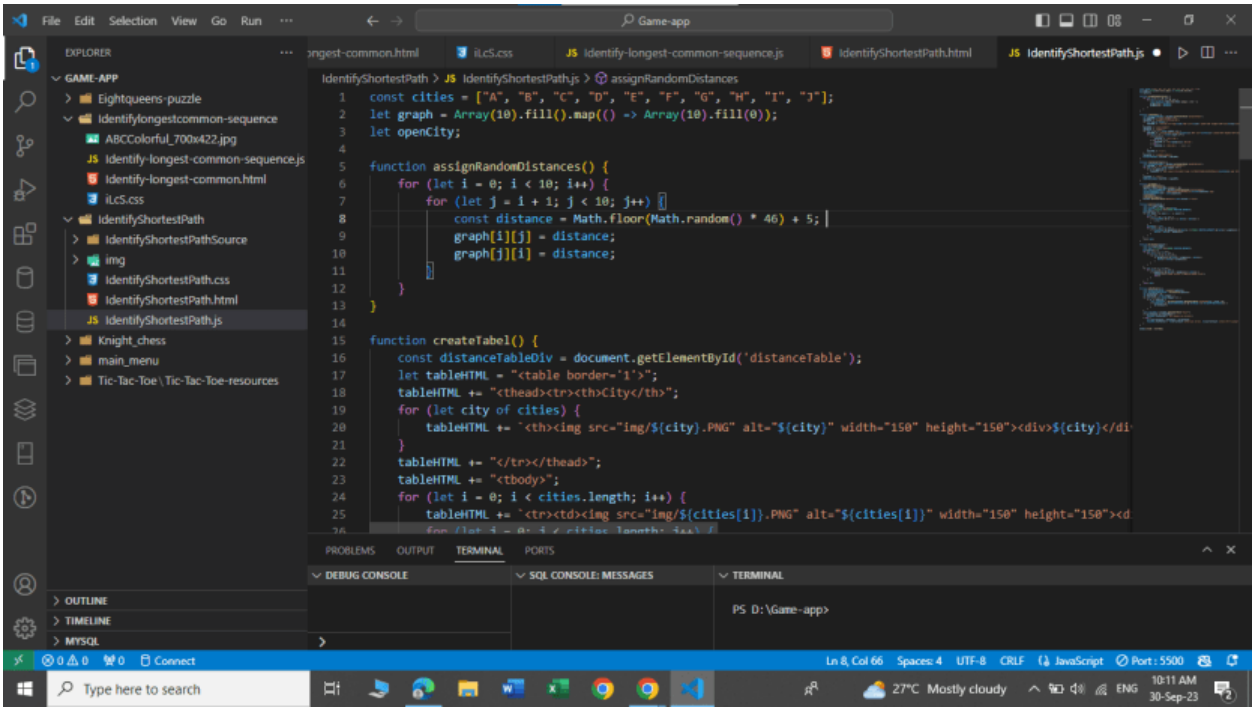

Figure 39

4.5.6 Normalized DB Table Structure

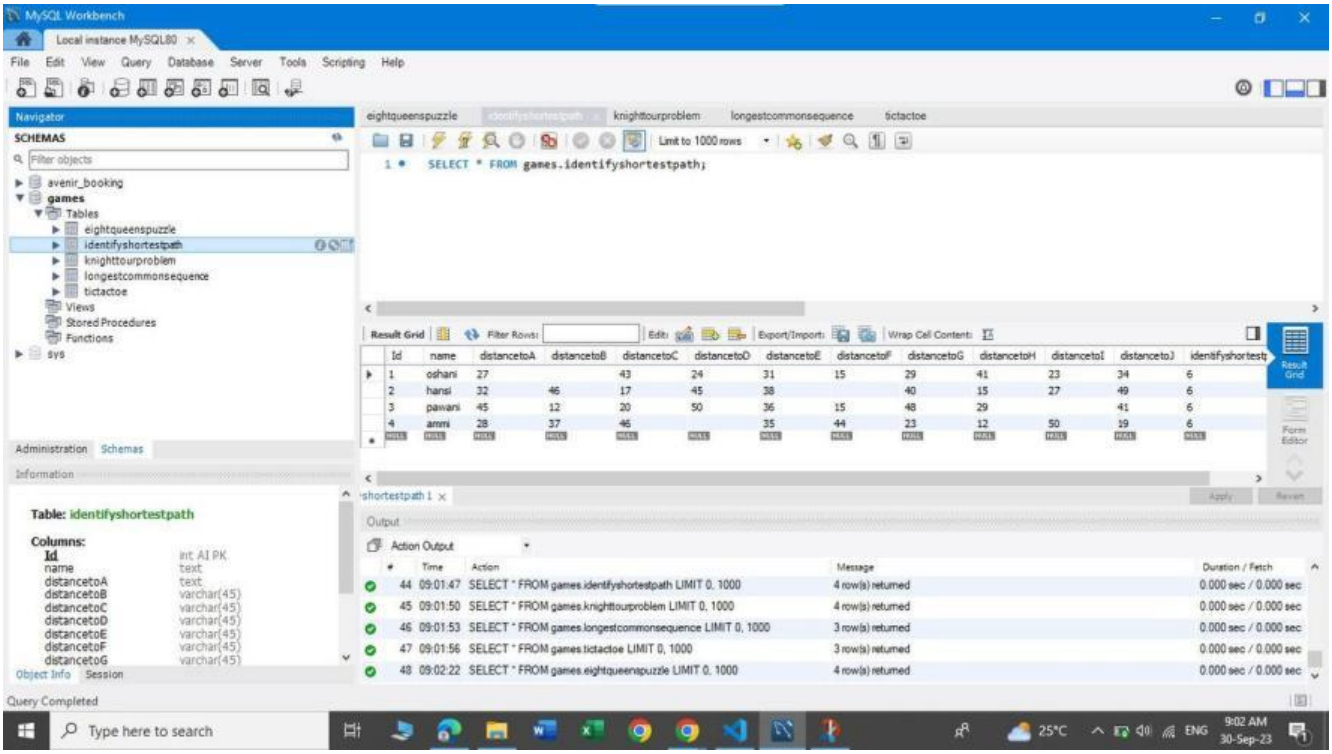

Figure 39

5 Conclusion

5.1 Summary of the Project

The project's goal is to create a game store which includes 5 gaming applications that uses Data Structures and Algorithm theory to play and solve problem in a practical setting. Randomly chosen beginning places, a user interface for player interaction, and database integration to preserve successful player responses and unsuccessful player responses are some of the main components added. The project is based on below algorithms with the below features.
Algorithm used:
Warns Dorf's Rule
Dynamic Programming
Backtracking
Minimax Algorithm
Bellman-Ford Algorithm/Dijkstra's Algorithm

To determine how to move a Knight around a chessboard, I developed the Knight's Tour Problem game. Therefore, the player must comprehend the proper order of moves.

Then, to discover the longest common sequence between two strings that were chosen at random, I developed the game Identify the Longest Common Sequence.

Then, to arrange eight queens' motions on an 8 by 8 chessboard without endangering one another, I invented the Eight Queens' Puzzle game.

Then, to find the Min-Max theory, I made a Tic-Tac-Toe game to play with the computer.

To determine the shortest route between two randomly chosen cities, I lastly developed the game Identify Shortest Path.

As mentioned before the project makes use of a variety of data structures, including dynamic arrays for computational speed, databases for player records, and arrays for representing chessboards. I also focused on providing a user-friendly and interesting gaming experience is ensured by the user interface's UX design with both pleasure and education by applying algorithmic techniques. Thorough unit testing confirms the game's dependability and usefulness. In the end I were able to successfully combines theory and practice in game production, giving players a unique challenge and an enjoyable gaming experience.

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5.3 Appendices

5.3.1 Timeline

Activity	Week -01							Week -02							Week -03							Week -04						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Planning																												
Gathering the requirements																												
Research stage																												
Analyzing data																												
Designing the system																												
Implementing the system																												
Testing errors																												
Documentation																												