

Tic-Tac-Toe Program Plan

Overall Concept:

- Player vs Computer format
- Computer makes calculated moves to win the game or at least make it a draw
- 3x3 game board
- Player can stop or reset the game at any moment
- Input is from JButton
- When the player puts their mark, JButton will disappear and be replaced by the player's move.
- Computer is equipped with multiple strategies that work with different outcomes
- Different levels of difficulty
 - Level 1: Computer makes moves completely randomly
 - Level 2: Computer makes relatively calculated moves(blocks other player to not allow them to win)
 - Level 3: Computer makes properly calculated moves to win

Model:

- Getters and setters
- Methods to find winner
 - If user or computer has three marks creating a straight line, boolean gameOver = true
 - Else: continue game
- Methods for deciding computer moves
 - Places mark to block player

View:

- Getters and setters
- Extends JPanel
- One main panel that uses a border layout
- Center panel
 - uses a grid layout (3x3)
 - Main game panel

- Each slot of the grid layout has a JButton
- Panel for state
 - Indicates player turn
 - Round number
 - Reset/Restart button
 - Button to return to main menu
- Panel for result
 - States whether player won or computer won or if game is still in progress
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- Methods:
 - layoutView()
 - Creates layout for main JPanel as well as sub-panels
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 - updateGUI()
 - Updates the entire view based on user choice
 - restart()
 - Updates the GUI and clears all changes made during game
 - Creates blank game board
 - Boolean gameOver = true

Controllers:

- ActionListener and action performed method for all 9 JButtons/slots
 - If userTurn = true
 - If slotSelected = empty
 - Let user place their mark on selected slot

When user runs code:

- Displayed with five options
 - Level 1:
 - Difficulty Level: Easy
 - Computer makes moves completely randomly
 - Level 2:
 - Difficulty Level: Medium

- Computer makes relatively well-calculated moves
- Keeps placing mark to block player
- Will most likely end up in a draw
- Level 3:
 - Difficulty Level: Hard
 - Computer makes properly calculated moves and tries to win
 - Player must complete their move in under 5 seconds, otherwise mark will be placed at random
- Player vs Player Mode:
 - If player wants to play against a friend or family member rather than the computer
- Exit
 - Closes window and resets interactions
- When an option is selected and the user has finished playing an entire round, they are given three options:
 - Play again
 - Return to main menu
 - Exit Game

Notes:

- Separate JPanels for Menu and Game

Pseudocode:

- Displayed with main menu
- If userChoice = exit
 - Close window and reset interactions
- Else
 - gameLayout()
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