

**Package** edu.cmu.cs780.hw3

## Class Connect4

java.lang.Object<sup>↗</sup>

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```
public class Connect4  
extends Object↗
```

Homework 3

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### Constructor Summary

#### Constructors

Constructor	Description
<b>Connect4</b> ( )	Initializes the game with an empty board, and randomly decides the starting player.
<b>Connect4</b> (int[ ][ ] newBoard, int checkerCount, int currentPlayer)	Creates a Connect4 game object using a provided game board, the current number of checkers on the board, and the id of the starting player.

### Method Summary

All Methods	Instance Methods	Concrete Methods
Modifier and Type	Method	Description
boolean	<b>hasWinner</b> ( )	Determines if there is a winner based on the current game board state.
boolean	<b>hasWinner</b> (int[ ][ ] gameBoard)	Determines if there is a winner on a given game board.
boolean	<b>isGameOver</b> ( )	Determines if the game has reached an end condition or it can be continued.
void	<b>placeChecker</b> (int columnNum)	Places a checker in the specified column.
<b>String</b> <sup>↗</sup>	<b>toString</b> ( )	Transforms the board into a String to be printed in the terminal.

## Methods inherited from class `java.lang.Object`

`clone`, `equals`, `finalize`, `getClass`, `hashCode`, `notify`, `notifyAll`, `wait`, `wait`, `wait`

## Constructor Details

### Connect4

```
public Connect4()
```

Initializes the game with an empty board, and randomly decides the starting player.

### Connect4

```
public Connect4(int[][] newBoard,  
                int checkerCount,  
                int currentPlayer)
```

Creates a Connect4 game object using a provided game board, the current number of checkers on the board, and the id of the starting player.

#### Parameters:

`newBoard` - input game board represented as a 2D array.

`checkerCount` - current number of checkers on the board.

`currentPlayer` - the ID of the player set to play next.

## Method Details

### isGameOver

```
public boolean isGameOver()
```

Determines if the game has reached an end condition or it can be continued. This method also prints out the game status to the console.

#### Returns:

`true` if the game has reached a draw or a win condition, `false` if the game is not over.

### toString

```
public String toString()
```

Transforms the board into a String to be printed in the terminal.

**Overrides:**

`toString` in class `Object`

**Returns:**

a String of formulated board.

## hasWinner

```
public boolean hasWinner()
```

Determines if there is a winner based on the current game board state.

**Returns:**

true if the current player wins, false otherwise.

## hasWinner

```
public boolean hasWinner(int[][] gameBoard)
```

Determines if there is a winner on a given game board.

**Parameters:**

gameBoard - input Game board represented as a 2D array.

**Returns:**

true if there is a winner, false otherwise.

## placeChecker

```
public void placeChecker(int columnNum)
```

Places a checker in the specified column. If the chosen column is valid (not full), the current player's checker is added to the game board and the role is switched to the other player. If the chosen column is already full, an appropriate message is displayed.

**Parameters:**

columnNum - the index-based column number (0 to 6 inclusive) where the current player wants to place their checker.