Tic Tac Toe Plan

Rules

- Two players choose a symbol "o" or "x"
- Each player takes a turn by marking a space in a 3x3 grid
- If a player gets three of their symbols in a row either horizontally, vertically or diagonally then the player wins
- If the board is full then the game is a tie
- A user can only mark empty spaces

Variables and constants and their types

The actual game board will be initialised as a list of whitespace representing each empty space on the board. Throughout the game items in the list will be overwritten by the players as they select a space.

To allow the users to take turns I will use a boolean variable called x and after a players turn I will invert the value of the variable by using the line x = not x to change the boolean value to allow for the other player to take their turn.

I will use two user inputted variables to hold each player names as strings, and any input will be accepted.

Use of data structures and files

The only data structure I will use is a list to hold the gameboard and the users turns. This is useful as I can easily use list indexes when I am checking the game board for winning patterns.

User interface - how the user will interact with the program. The messages they will receive.

The user will input their move as an integer 1-9 which corresponds to a square on the board. As the list I am using has 9 objects yet begins at zero, I will take away 1 from the users input to correspond with the list index for that input, rather than confusing the user with an input of 1-8.

If a user tries to choose a place in the list that has already been taken then the program will tell them that this space has been taken and ask the user to re-input their choice. The user will also be alerted when the input is invalid, for example if it is out of range, or an incorrect data type.

When a winning combination is detected then the user is told that they have won the game.

Algorithm flowchart

In folder

Test plan

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Test Nu m	Purpose of Test	Test type	Test Data	Expected outcome
1	Test invalid input	Range	13	Invalid input message
2	Test invalid input	Range	-1	Invalid input message
3	Test invalid input	Valid boundary	1	Invalid input message
4	Test invalid input	Valid boundary	9	Invalid input message
5	Test invalid input	Invalid boundary	0	Invalid input message
6	Test invalid input	Invalid boundary	10	Invalid input message
7	Test invalid input	Data type	"one"	Invalid input message
8	Test invalid input	Data type	"yes"	Invalid input message
9	Test valid input	Valid	2	User selection is marked
10	Test valid input	Valid	5	User selection is marked
11	Test taken index	Valid	1 (x2)	Invalid input message
12	Test taken index	Valid	7 (x2)	Invalid input message
13	Test win combination	Valid		Player win message given
14	Test win combination	Valid		Player win message given
15	Test win combination	Valid		Player win message given
16	Test win combination	Valid		Player win message given
17	Test win combination	Valid		Player win message given

18	Test win combination	Valid	Player win message given
19	Test win combination	Valid	Player win message given
20	Test win combination	Valid	Player win message given