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## Introduction

Tic-Tac-Toe is a simple game played between two opponents using $X$ and $O$ symbols on a hand drawn 3 by 3 grid. Each game lasts approximately one minute and involves basic strategic and tactical skills.

## Object of the Game

The game begins by one player selecting an $X$ symbol and the other player selecting an $O$ symbol. Each player then takes turns strategically drawing their chosen X or O symbols into one of the nine quadrants until they have placed three of their symbols in a row. The first player to place three of their X or O symbols in a horizontal, vertical, diagonal row wins the game. The sequence below shows a victory by player X .


Move 1


Move 2


Move 3


Move 4


Move 5


Move 6


Move 7

## The Draw

When neither player can achieve placing three of their symbols in a horizontal pr vertical, or diagonal line, the game is considered a draw.

## Strategies

The table below lists strategies that can be used to increase the chances of winning the game.

| Strategy | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| Win | Placing a third symbol next to two symbols in a row. |
| Block | Blocking an opponent who has two symbols in a row. |
| Fork | Creating an opportunity where an opponent has two possibilities <br> to win by having two non-blocked lines of two symbols. |
| Center | Placing a symbol in the center quadrant. |
| Opposite Corner | Placing a symbol in the opposite corner quadrant of the <br> opponent's symbol. |
| Empty Corner | Placing a symbol in a corner quadrant. |
| Empty Side | Placing a symbol in the middle quadrant on any of the four sides. |

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