

Initiating a game

Iteration: 1

Primary Actor: Player

Goal in Context: Starting a game with another player

Preconditions: The player is logged in

Trigger: The player selects a game and clicks play

Scenario:

1. The game matches another player of similar skill level
2. An object of the game selected is created
3. The UI displays the game board to both players

Postcondition: the selected game is ready to play for both players

Exceptions:

1. The player is matched to themselves

Priority: high

When available: initial release

Frequency of Use: high, once every game

Channel to actor: network UI update

Secondary Actors: game host server

Channel to secondary Actors: network Open

Issues:

Game Data fetch by Client-side computer

Use Case:

Iteration: 1

Primary Actor: Client-side UI

Goal in Context: allow the client to retrieve necessary data for gameplay

Preconditions: the player is logged in and in a game

Trigger: the player initiates a game, the game is refreshed

Scenario:

1. The computer fetches the game data
2. The UI reflects any changes

Postcondition: the user can see the updated game board

Exceptions:

1. The client is attempting to fetch unauthorized data

Priority: high

When available: 1

Frequency of Use: high, every time a game is refreshed

Channel to actor: network

Secondary Actors: end user, game logic server

Channel to secondary Actors: UI display, network

Open Issues: What should the refresh rate be?

Dropping a Connect Four Checker

Iteration: 1

Primary Actor: Active player

Goal in Context: The active player dropping their checker, completing their turn

Preconditions: A valid game is active

Triggers: The beginning of the game and the end of a turn that doesn't result in the end of the game.

Scenario:

1. A game is initiated and validated
2. Player 1 makes the first move

Postcondition: the move reflected in the UI and displayed to both players

Exceptions:

1. The game is not valid, for example, a player is matched with themselves.
2. A player quits or disconnects, ending the game.

Priority: high, this is the core of the Connect Four gameplay.

When available: first release.

Frequency of Use: high, used multiple times every game.

Channel to actor: network UI update

Secondary Actors: Passive player, game host server

Channel to secondary Actors: network Open

Issues:

Moving a Checker Checkers

Iteration: 1

Primary Actor: Active Player

Goal in Context: The active player moves their piece to a different square in accordance with the rules of the game

Preconditions: A valid game is active

Trigger: The beginning of the game and the end of a turn that doesn't result in the end of the game.

Scenario:

1. A game is initiated and validated
2. Player 1 makes the first move

Postcondition: the move reflected in the UI and displayed to both players

Exceptions:

1. The game is not valid, for example, a player is matched with themselves.
2. A player quits or disconnects, ending the game.
3. Then checker has no legal moves

Priority: high, this is the core of the Checkers gameplay.

When available: first release.

Frequency of Use: high, used multiple times every game.

Channel to actor: network UI update

Secondary Actors: Passive player, game host server

Channel to secondary Actors: network Open

Issues:

Promoting to a King Checkers

Iteration: 1

Primary Actor: Active player

Goal in Context: The active player promotes one of their men to the pieceType King

Preconditions: A valid game is active

Trigger: A man reaches the opposite end of the board

Scenario:

1. Active player moves a man to the opposite end row
2. Active player's piece is changed to a King

Postcondition: the move and promotion reflected in the UI and displayed to both players Exceptions:

1. The game is not valid, for example, a player is matched with themselves.
2. A player quits or disconnects, ending the game.
3. The player has a forced capture

Priority: high, this is a core mechanic Checkers gameplay.

When available: first release.

Frequency of Use: high, used a few times a game. Channel to actor: network UI update

Secondary Actors: Passive player, game host server

Channel to secondary Actors: network Open

Issues:

Ending a game

Iteration: 1

Primary Actor: active player

Goal in Context: displaying to all players that the game is over, and if they lost, won or drew.

Preconditions: A game is active

Trigger: A winning, losing, or drawing move, or a player quits

Scenario:

1. The server detects that the game is over
2. The players' stats are updated
3. The UI displays to all players whether they won, drew or lost
4. The UI displays the option to leave the game

Postcondition: The game is over

Exceptions: The game will always end

Priority: high

When available: first release

Frequency of Use: High, used every game

Channel to actor: network

Secondary Actors: passive players, game logic server Channel

to secondary Actors: network Open Issues: