Design Document for GameOn

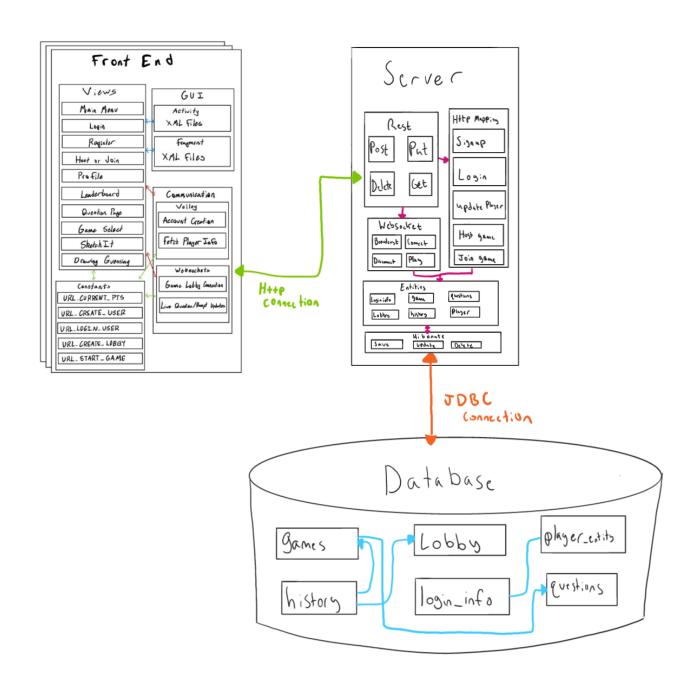
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Frontend:

The frontend designed and implemented their code in a few different ways. We took full advantage of both activities to run the larger processes, as well as fragments to show quick information that could be used across multiple activities, or to show multiple items in rapid succession (i.e. error messages, changing photos, displaying drawings). We also took advantage of the many different types of layouts, such as constraint, linear, frame, and scrolling to best fit the needs of each specific page. For saving the client's account information, we used a static class that can be called to retrieve that player's info as needed.

With regards to communication, we used 1 overviewing main point for both Volley and Websocket communication. For each of these, we made a separate class with generic methods that would then be called by activities in order to keep all methods localized to 1 location. This allows us to open only 1 connection to the database and server for each communication type, instead of opening a new connection for each instance, thus preventing potential overflow issues.

Backend:

The backend will consume JSON objects through a HTTP connection and then decide whether it is handled by a request mapping or needs to be upgraded to a websocket. The controller will update or create the neccessary table records with the infromation from the JSON and then return a HTTP Response code and JSON object that includes a server response and the requested information. When upgraded to a websocket, the client is identified as either a host or player and has permissions as such. This decides what controls and actions they have over the lobby. Communication between clients is handled through broadcasting JSON string messages to other clients in the same lobby.

Database:

The database uses hibernate and the JDBC connector to connect to MySQL. It contains information for player entities, game scores, history of games, login info and questions to pull from. Our database also has a table that holds temporary data such as Lobby in which records are deleted when the lobby closes. This table allows the server to identify which playerids are connected to which lobby codes and what game they are currently playing. The tables include one-to-many, many-to-many, and one-to-one relationships. Like other groups, we utilize MySQL and MariaDB for our database, this is because it was easy to implement as well as easy to set up a client-server relationship.

