

Multiparty Battleship Game

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Project Overview

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|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 1 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 2 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 3 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 |
| 4 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 |
| 5 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 |
| 6 | 60 | 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 |
| 7 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 |
| 8 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 |
| 9 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 |

Figure: 10 × 10 Battleship board.

- The game is driven by seven actions: Create, Join, Fire, Report, Win, Wave and Contest
- Each corresponds to a specific transition (or lack of) in the game's state.



Registered on a blockchain "emulator"
(akin to a bulletin board)

Core Implementation

The game is setup in three phases:

- **Commitment Phase:** Players commit their fleet layout without revealing it: **Join and Create**.
- **Commitment Update Phase:** Players take turns firing at each other and updating their board commitments accordingly: **Fire and Report**.
- **Announcement Phase:** A player declares victory, and others may contest it: **Win and Contest**.

A commitment scheme allows one party to bind themselves to a particular set of data without revealing that data:

- The commitment is implemented as a hash of the player's fleet layout combined with a secret nonce.
- The player runs a **Zero-Knowledge Virtual Machine** program which enforces the fleet layout to be valid.

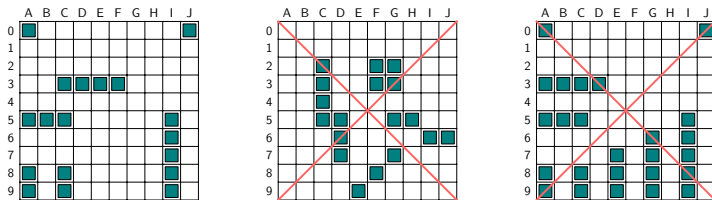
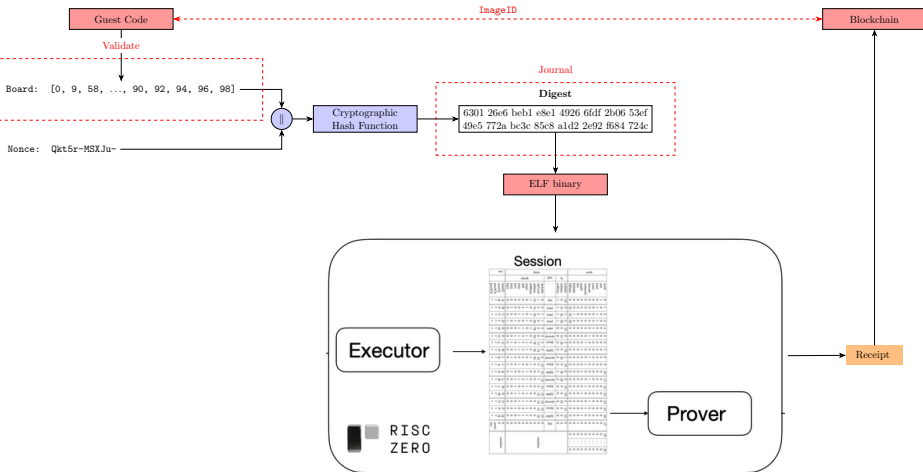


Figure: A set of battlefield grids exemplifying the rules of the game.

Commitment Phase

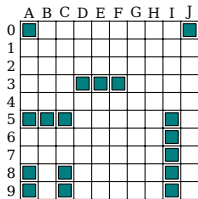
zkVM application



Commitment Update Phase

Fire game action - Host's Perspective

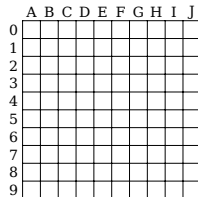
The **fire game action** require proof that the fleet is not sunk.



Check
✓

Board Vector:

[0, 33, 34, 35,
50, 51, 52, 58, 68,
78, 80, 82, 88, 90,
92, 98]



Check
✗

Board Vector:

[]

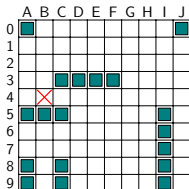
We compare the **committed board digest** stored on-chain with the one **submitted in the journal** during the fire game action:

```
if data.board != player.current_state {  
    return format!("Fleet commitment does not  
                    match recorded state\n");  
}
```

[Listing:](#) Validation of commitment hash on the blockchain's side

Commitment Update Phase

Report game action - Host's Perspective



Shot fired by opponent

MISS

B4

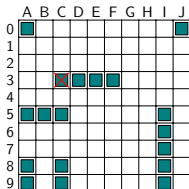
Report: Miss

Shot Position: B4

Board Vector:

[0, 32, 33, 34, 35,
50, 51, 52, 58, 68,
78, 80, 82, 88, 90,
92, 98]

Shot reported



Shot fired by opponent

HIT

C3

Report: Miss

Shot Position: C3

Board Vector:

[0, 32, 33, 34, 35,
50, 51, 52, 58, 68,
78, 80, 82, 88, 90,
92, 98]

Shot reported

Figure: Correct Miss report (above) and incorrect Miss report (below).

Commitment Update Phase

Report game action - Host's Perspective

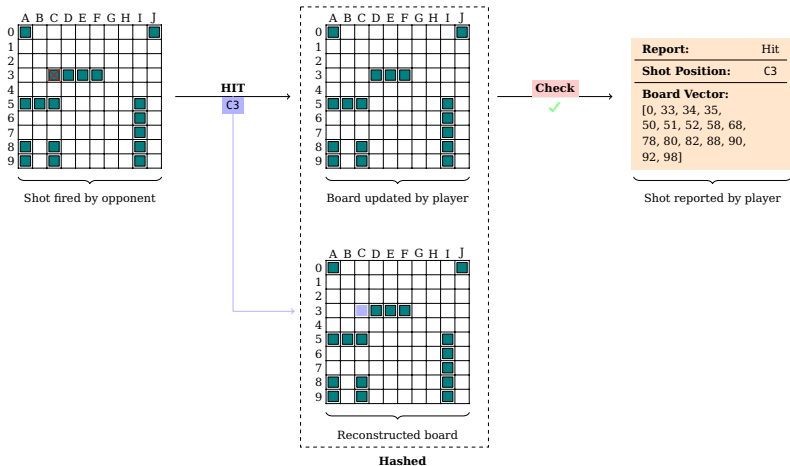


Figure: Correct Hit report.

Again, validates that the **board digests** are consistent:

```
if data.board != player.current_state {  
    return format!("Reported board does not match  
                    stored commitment");  
}
```

Listing: Validation of the commitment.

Makes sure the **shot advertised** by the player **is correct**.



Update game state with new digest submitted in the journal:

```
player.current_state = data.next_board.clone();
```

Listing: Updating the stored board state.

- Both can be executed “out of turn.”
- Fleets must not be fully sunk for either action!

```
assert!(  
    !input.board.is_empty(),  
    "Your fleet is fully sunk..."  
);
```

Listing: Asserts that the board vector isn't empty.

Both handlers validate consistency of **board digests** (stored and committed).

- Successful win claim **generates a note**: *who*, *when*, and *what* the final committed board looked like.

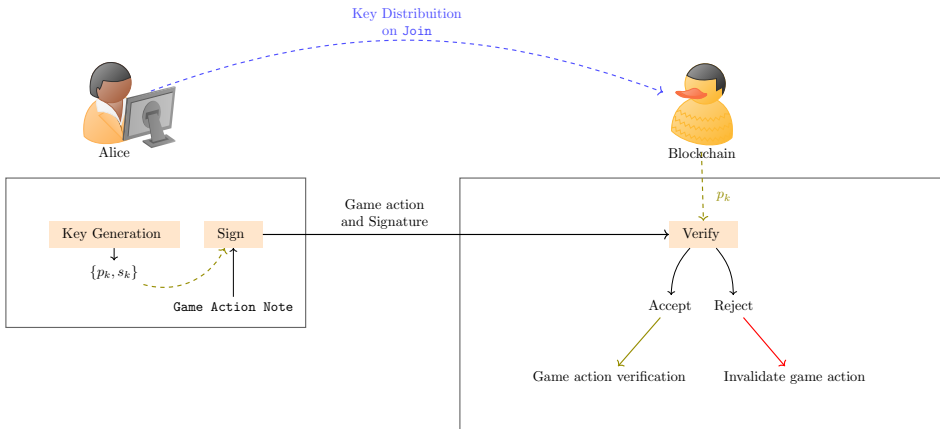
```
pub struct PendingWin {  
    pub claimant: String, // Fleet ID that claimed win  
    pub board: Digest,    // Committed board hash  
    pub time: Instant,    // Time when claim was made  
}
```

Listing: Structure of note created in a game after a win claim.

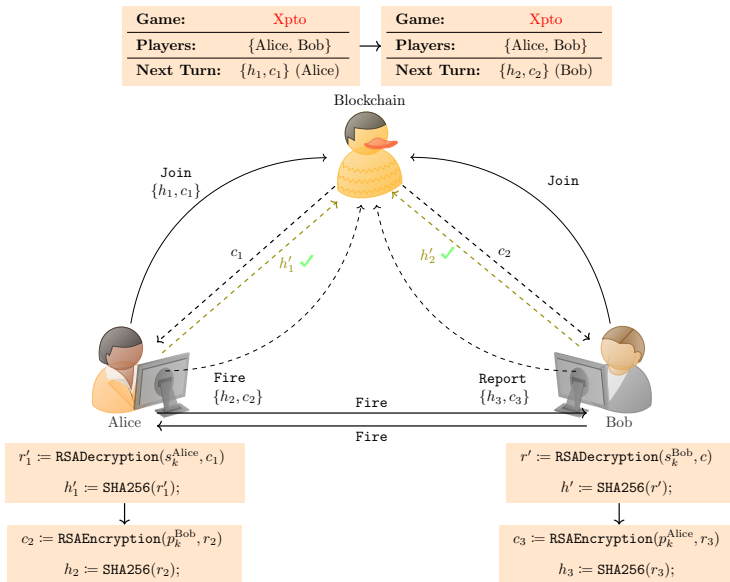
- Successful contestation **wipes** PendingWin note!
- Win subject to **peer validation**.

Extra Functionalities

In Star Trek, *Dilithium* is a rare material that cannot be replicated. Similarly, signatures cannot be replicated or forged: **each one is unique.**



Token-based Turn Management



```
let token_hash = Sha256::digest(&token);  
let enc_token = rsa_pubkey  
    .encrypt(&mut OsRng, Pkcs1v15Encrypt, &token).ok()?;
```

Listing: Player with turn creates new token, hashes and encrypts it.



```
let dec_token = rsa_privkey  
    .decrypt(Pkcs1v15Encrypt, &enc_token)  
    .map_err(|_| "Decryption failed, not player's turn?");
```

Listing: Target player decrypts the token and passes it to the zkVM.



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