

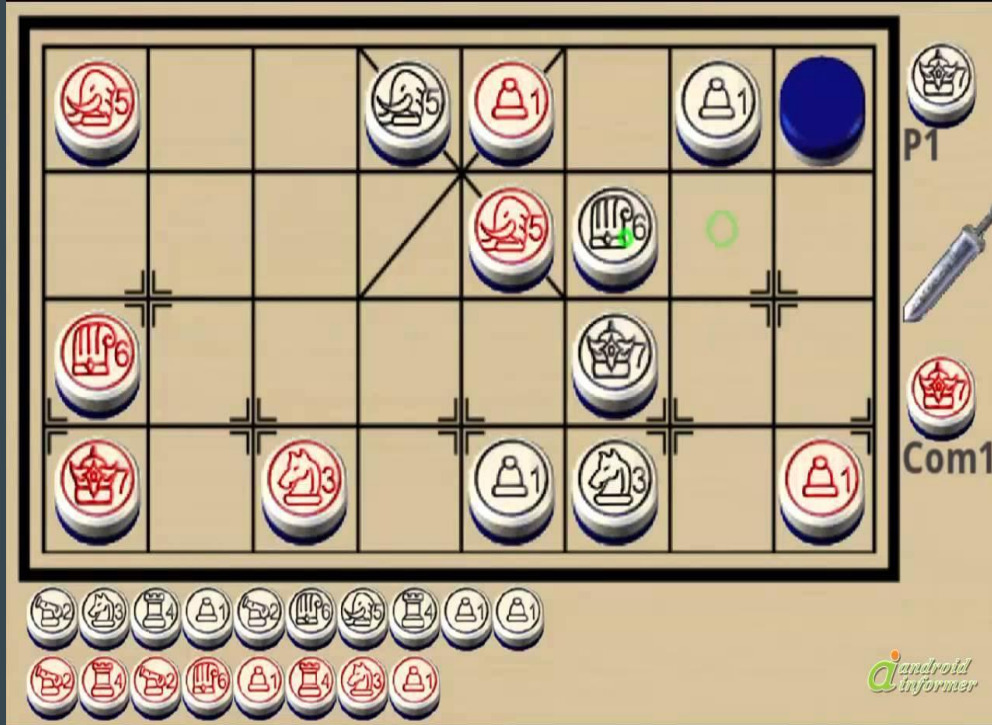
Banqi

Generic Team Name

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What is Banqi?



- Known as Half Chess, Dark Chess, and Blind Chess
- Played on a 4 x 8 grid
- 16 pieces for each player
- Pieces:
 - General (1)
 - Advisor (2)
 - Elephant (2)
 - Chariot (2)
 - Horse (2)
 - Soldier (5)
 - Canon (2)

Piece Hierarchy

Name of piece	Number per side	Notes
General , marshal, "king" 帥 <i>shuài</i> , 將 <i>jiàng</i>	  × 1	Highest rank. Captures everything except soldiers.
Advisor , guard, minister*, assistant, mandarin, warrior 仕 <i>shì</i> , 士 <i>shì</i>	  × 2	Second-highest rank in Taiwanese version.
Elephant , war elephant, minister* 相 <i>xiàng</i> , 象 <i>xiàng</i>	  × 2	
Chariot , rook, cart 俥 <i>jū</i> , 車 <i>jū</i>	  × 2	Second-highest rank in Hong Kong version.
Horse , cavalry 偶 <i>mǎ</i> , 馬 <i>mǎ</i>	  × 2	
Soldier , private, pawn 兵 <i>bīng</i> , 卒 <i>zú</i>	  × 5	Lowest rank, except able to capture the general.
Cannon , catapult 炮 <i>pào</i> , 砲 <i>pào</i>	  × 2	Abilities differ in Taiwanese variations.

Rules

- Starts with all 32 pieces randomly placed face down on the board
- First player flips a piece, the color of the piece is the color they will play with
- Turns alternate until the game is finished
- In a turn a player can
 - Flip a face down piece
 - Move a piece up, down, left or right
 - Capture an opponent's piece that is lower in the hierarchy

General > Advisor > Elephant > Chariot > Horse > Cannon > Soldier

- Exceptions
 - Cannons can capture any rank by moving any distance in a row or column and jumping over a single intermediate piece
 - Soldiers can capture the General

Decisions

- Implementing Taiwanese version
- Coded as a Java executable
- Database will be created to keep track of accounts
- Keeps track of user statistics (win loss ratio, etc.)
- GUI will be implemented using some Java API (most likely Swing)
- User can have any number of games with other users
- Will be implemented “Words With Friends” style

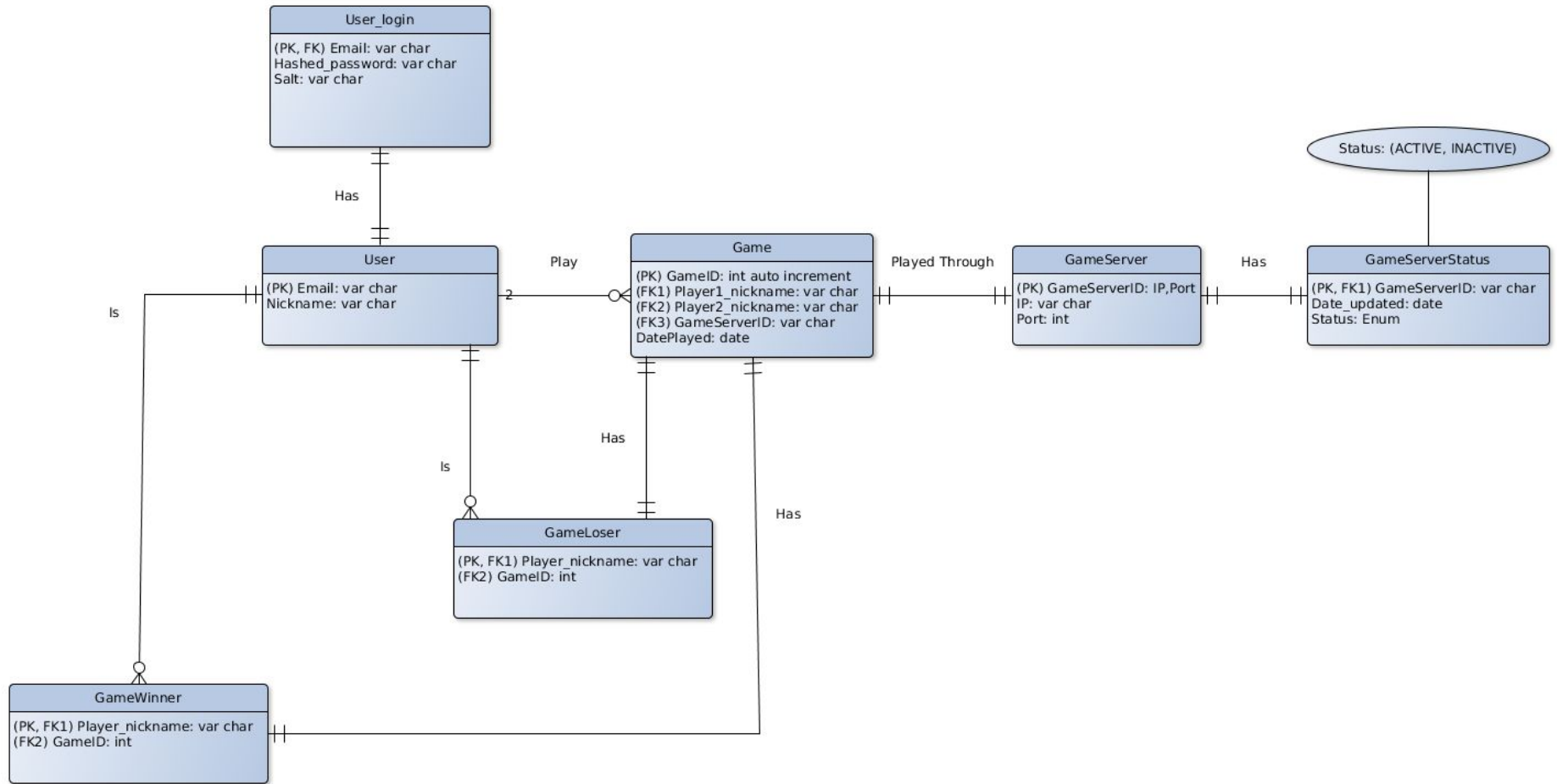
Web Server and Database

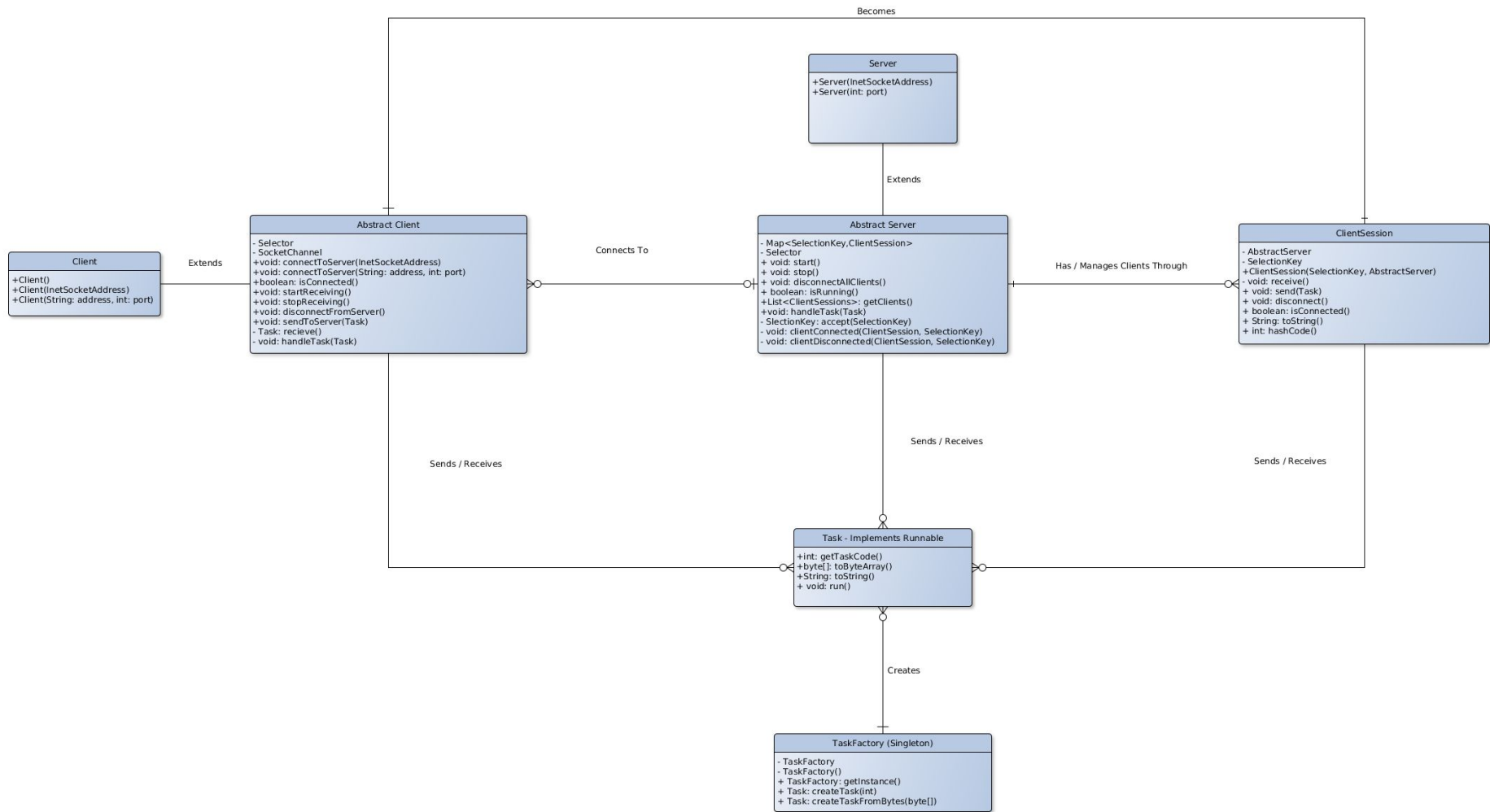
Web Server

- Clients will connect via TCP (Transmission control Protocol) using socket-based communication
- TCP vs UDP
 - Latency
 - Reliability
- Clients will send “requests” to the server

Database

- Keeps track of Account information
 - Store nickname, email, passwords (salt/hashed)
- Keeps track of active servers
- Will have an active MySQL server so queries can be made to retrieve an active list of server's





Use Case Diagram

