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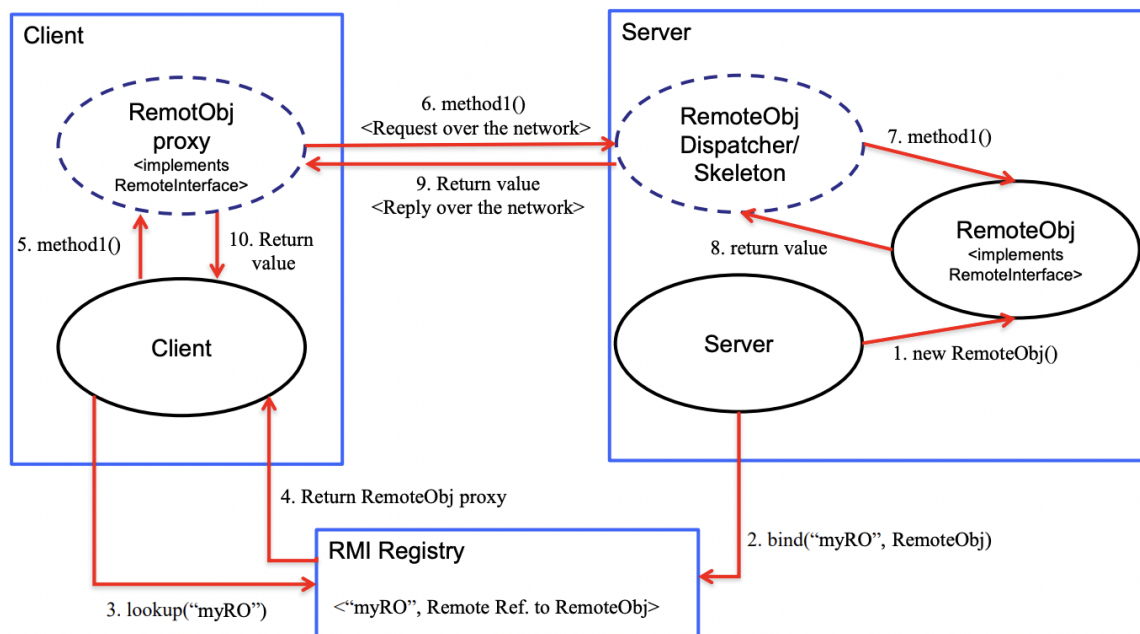
Content

In this project we have to build a distributed Tic-Tac-Toe gaming system using Java, allowing multiple players to connect, play and chat with each other. There should be a GUI for the client and a server responsible for managing games. This system should be designed either using socket or Java RMI

Components

RMI

RMI is used to establish the connection between client and server. The server and client can interact with each other through the methods in the interface.

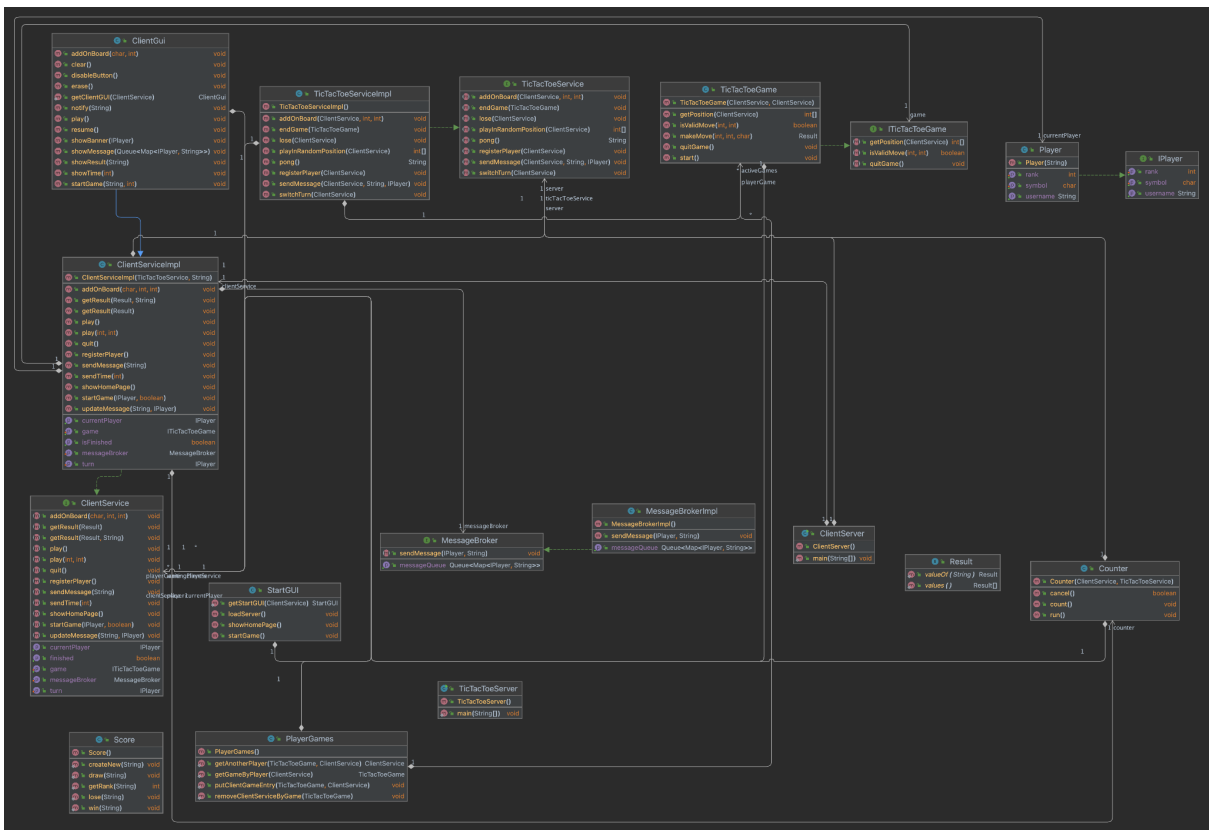


Concurrency

Multithreading and concurrency are used to guarantee the parallel processing of the application

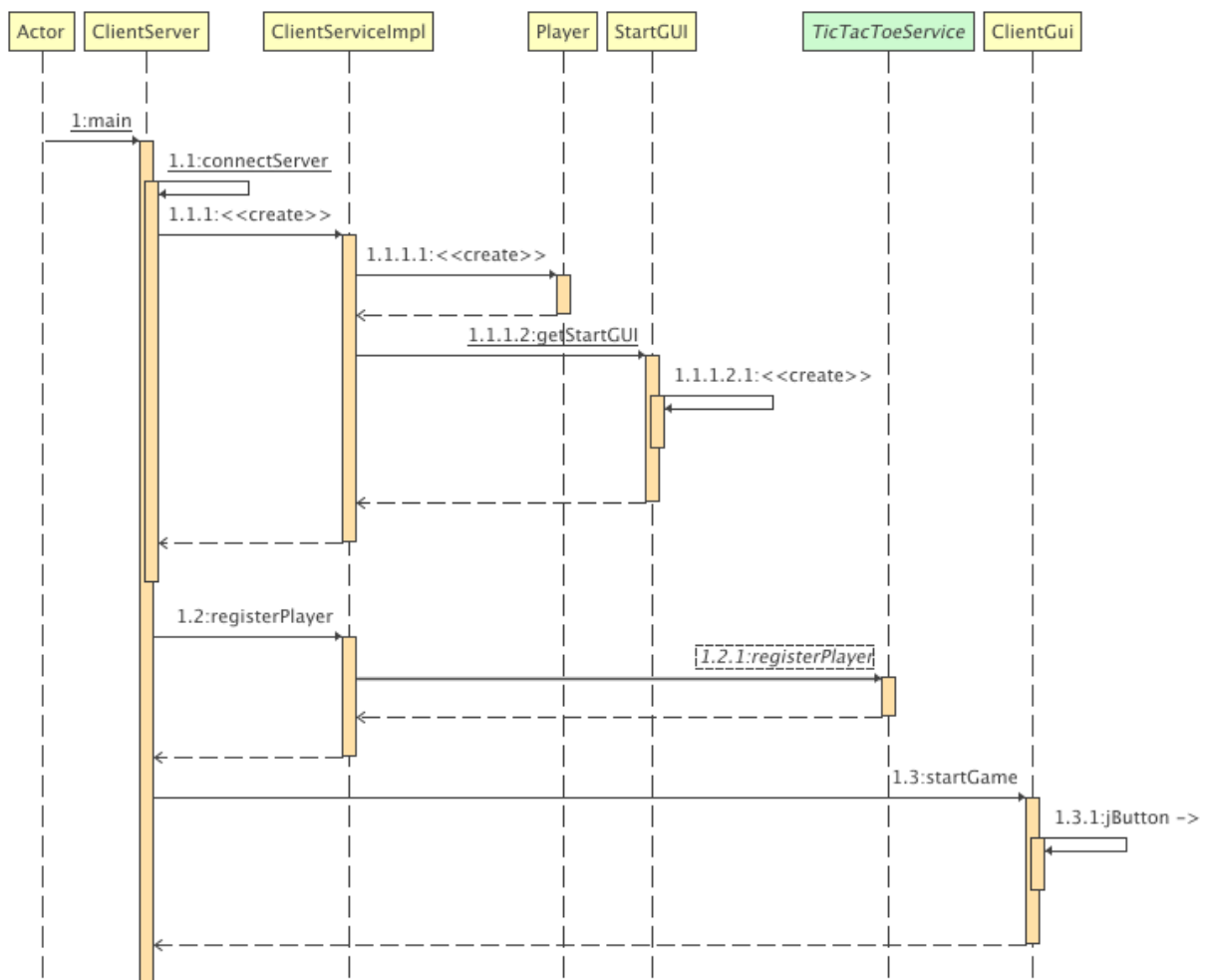
Class Design

Class Diagram

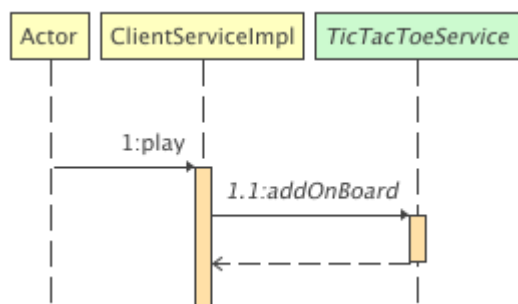


Client

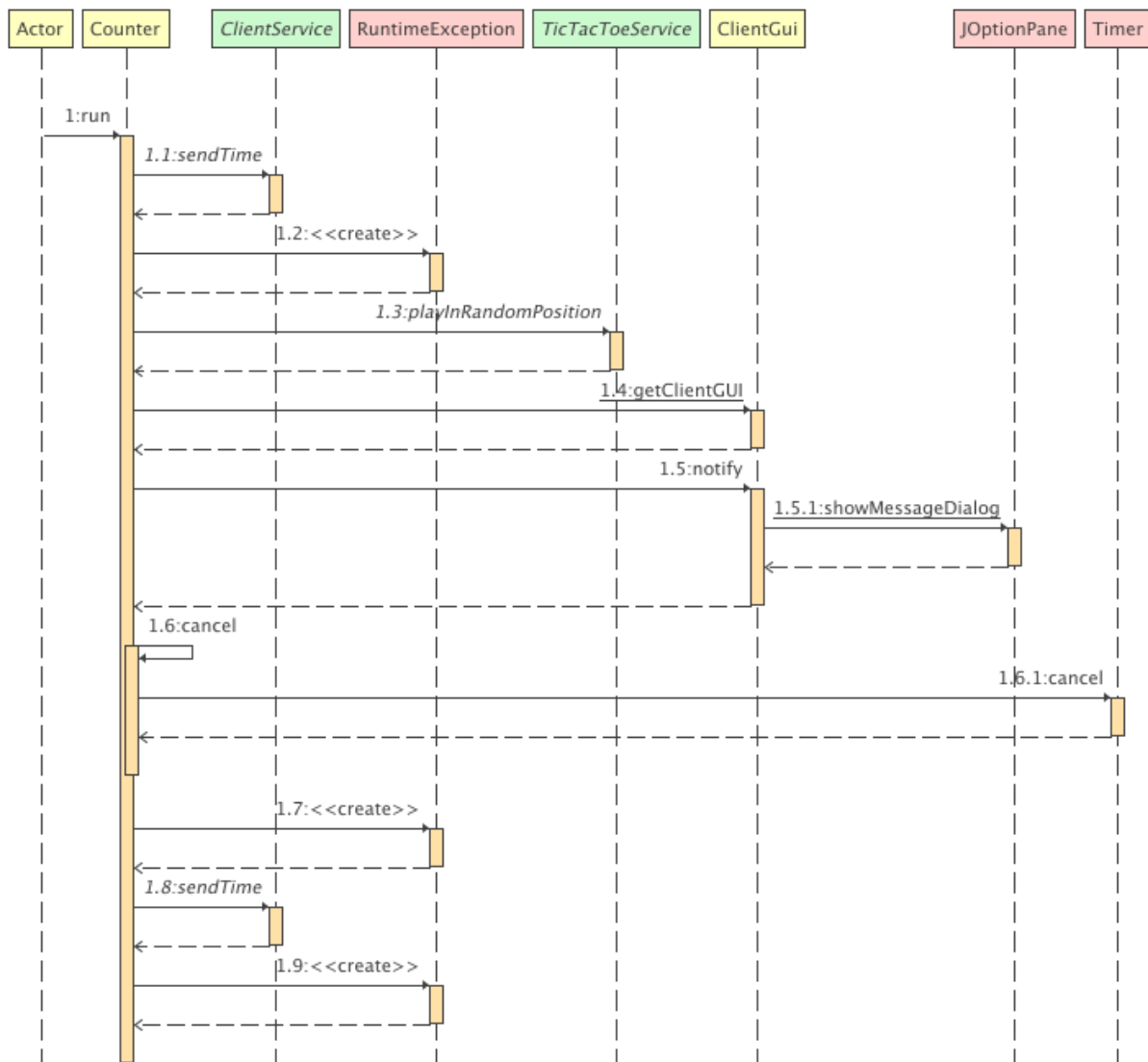
Connect to the server



Play game

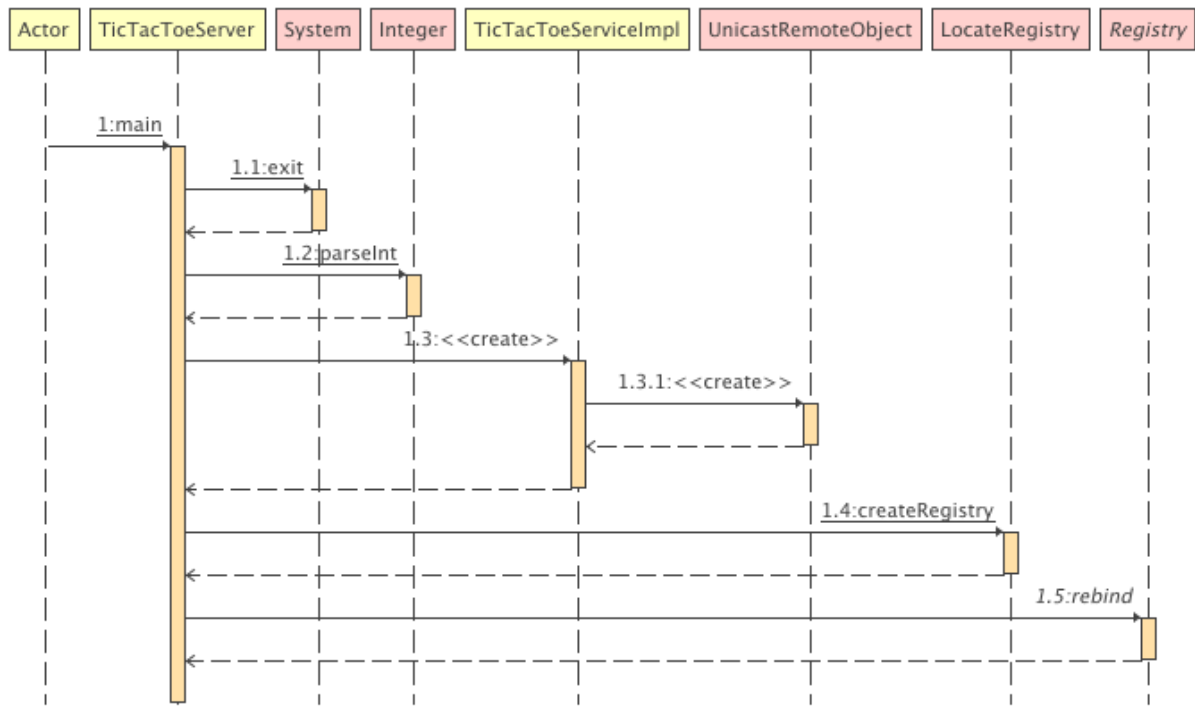


Countdown

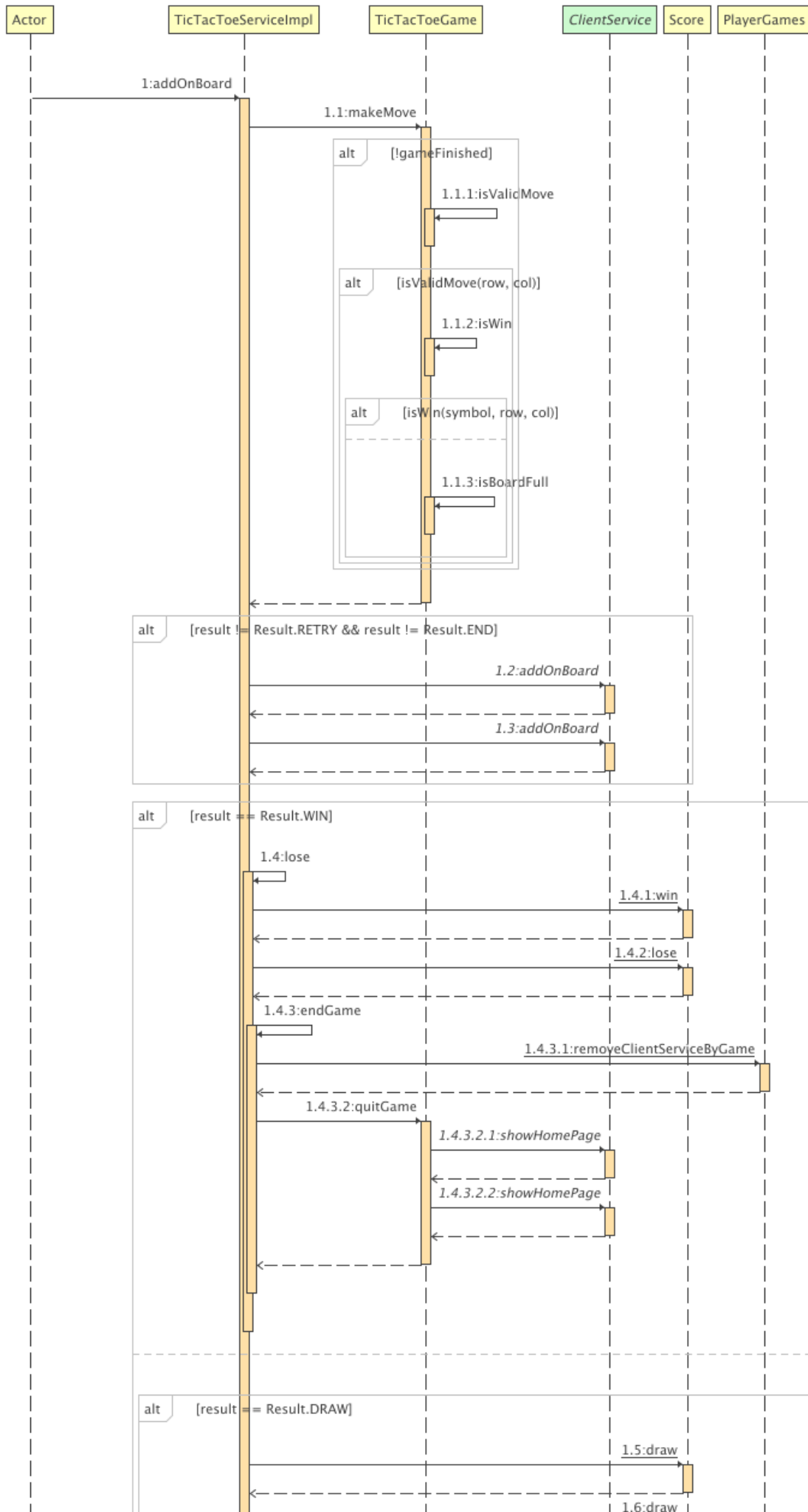


Server

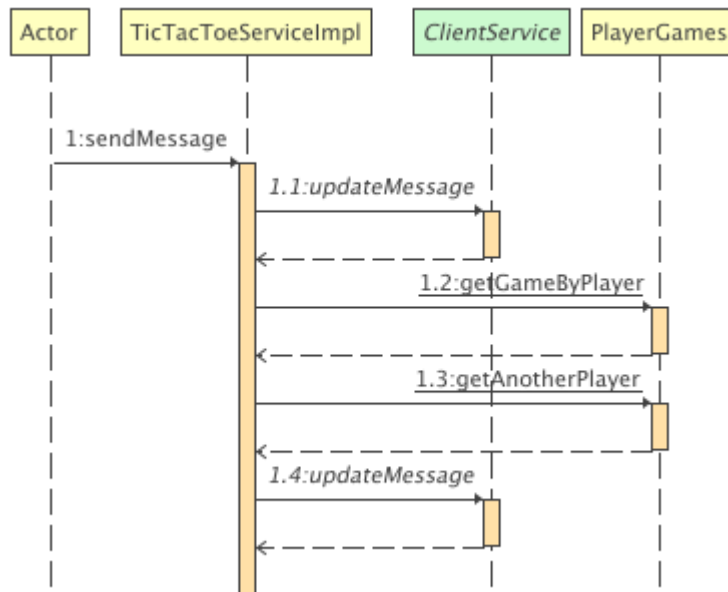
Set up server



Play game


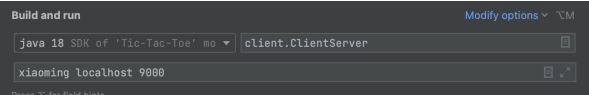

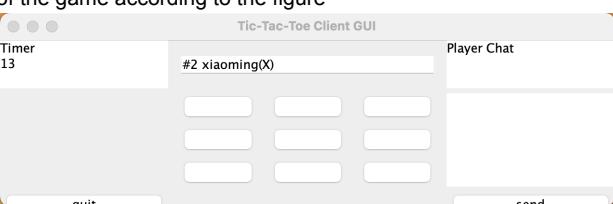
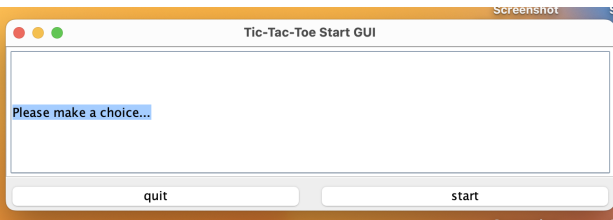


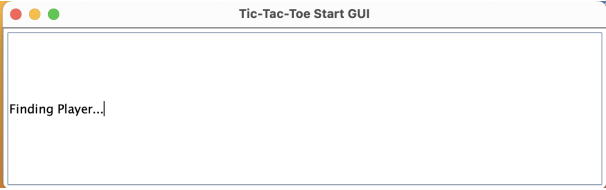


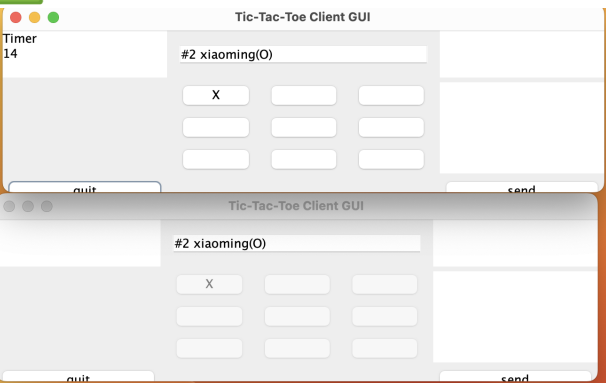
Sending message



Analysis

Client

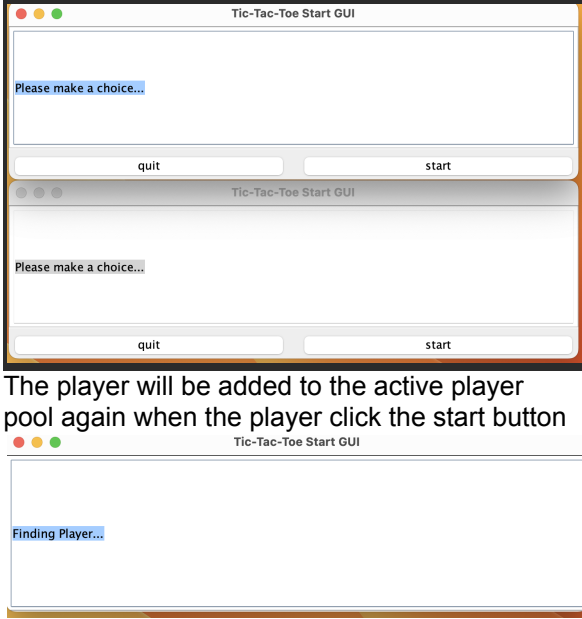
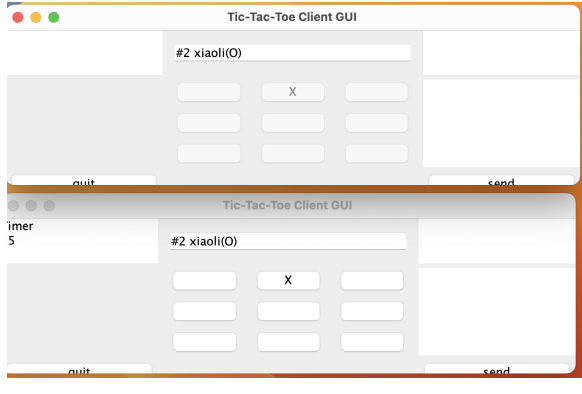
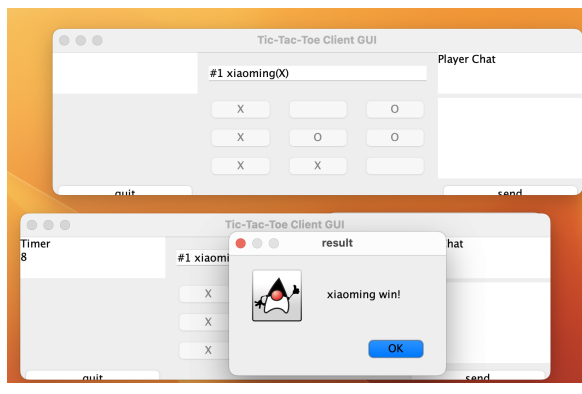
	Requirement	Result
1	When the client application is launched for the first time, a player should be able to pass Their username as a command-line argument.	 
2	A simple graphical interface (GUI) that visually represents the Tic-Tac-Toe game board in the middle,including the current state of the game	 <p>Start GUI and Client GUI are created to indicate the state of the game according to the figure</p>  

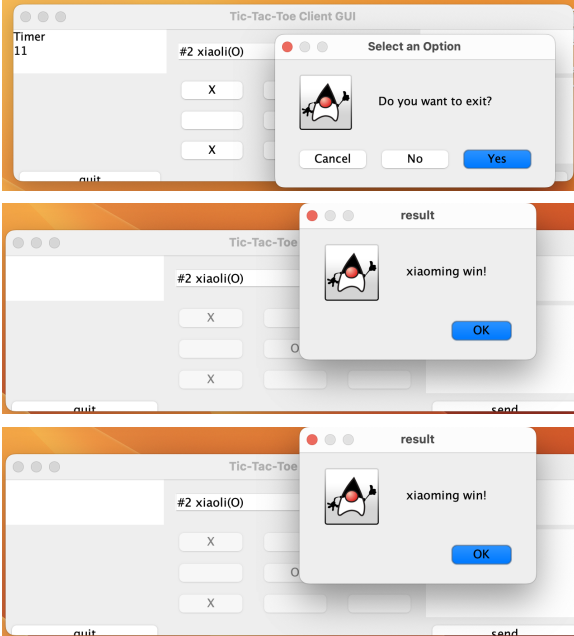
3	<p>As soon as the client launches the program, the player should see an empty board, with a text on top of the board showing "Finding Player" before the server finds a match.</p>	<p>✓ The message "Finding Player" is shown when the server finds the match</p> 
4	<p>When a player has a turn, they may click on an empty cell of the Tic-Tac-Toe board their assigned symbol should be drawn to that cell to indicate their move.</p>	<p>✓ A 3*3 tables of buttons are given to allow players to click on and the symbol assigned is drawn on the cell.</p>
5	<p>After a game starts, a text should be shown on top of the board showing the current player's name (the player who has the turn to make a move), with an 'X' or 'O' written beside their name to indicate the symbol that has been assigned to them by the server.</p>	<p>✓</p> 
6	<p>The client should then inform the current move to the server, and then the turn will be switched to the other player</p>	<p>✓</p> 
7	<p>When two players start a new game, they will take turns making moves on the Tic-Tac-Toe board, Which should be visually reflected on both of their client GUIs.</p>	<p>✓</p> 
8	<p>There should be a chat window (on the right side of the GUI) that enables players to communicate with their opponents in real time. Only the last 10 messages should be displayed in the chat window, where the most recent message should appear at the bottom.</p>	<p>✓</p>

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Server

	Requirement	Result
1	The server should be able to handle multiple clients (players) that join the system and want to play the game	✓
2	When a new client (player) joins the system, they will be added to a pool of active players in the system.	✓
3	From the pool of active players, the server should match any two players to start a new game. The Server should continue to match players whenever there are active players in the pool. For an odd number of players, the last remaining player should wait until another player joins the system (the server may communicate this information to the corresponding client so that it keeps showing "Finding Player").	<p>✓ The players registered should be added to the active players pool. The server should match the players randomly. If there are odd number of players, the last one should wait till the new players enter</p>
4	When a game starts, the server may randomly select which player should take the first turn, and assign a symbol to each player (either 'X' or 'O')	✓
5	After a game is finished, if a player agrees to find a new game, they should be moved to the pool of active players again	<p>✓ When a game is finished, it will go back to the home page</p>

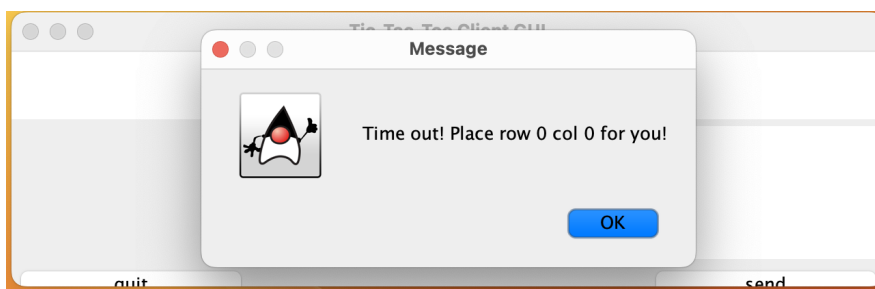
		 <p>The player will be added to the active player pool again when the player click the start button</p>
6	<p>he server should continuously update the game's state as the players make moves, and communicate The game's current state to the players after each move</p>	<p>✓ The server is continuously checking the status of the game, if a player make a move, it will disable the buttons and take turns to the other player</p> 
7	<p>The server should also check for a winning condition after each move. When the game is finished (a player wins, or the game ends as a draw), the server should communicate the result to both players.</p>	<p>✓ The server continuously check the winning state, and it will inform the both players if one of them wins, or there is a draw</p> 

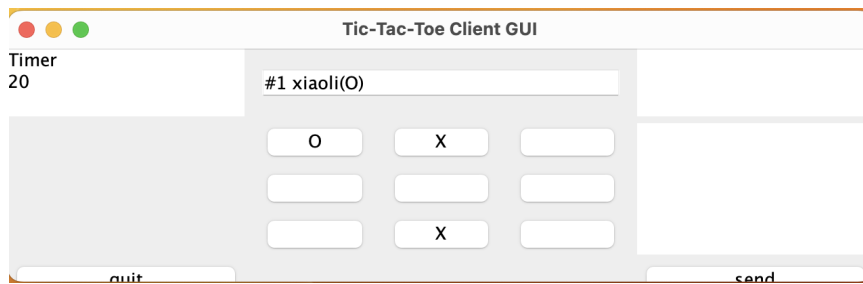
8	<p>If a player quits the system in the middle of a game, their current match will be forfeited and the other player will be declared as the winner.</p>	<p>✓ If one player click the quit button, there would be a option dialog confirming whether to quit. If it clicks yes, the other party will win this game and they will go back to the home page. If it clicks no, the play will continue</p> 
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Additional feature

Timing ✓

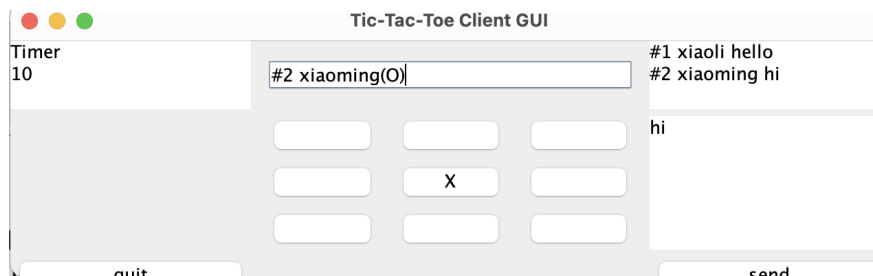
Each player should have at most 20 seconds to complete a move during the turn. If the time runs out and the player has not made a move, it should randomly choose any empty cell of the board, draw a player symbol and inform the move to the server. The turn will be switched to the next player





Ranking ✓

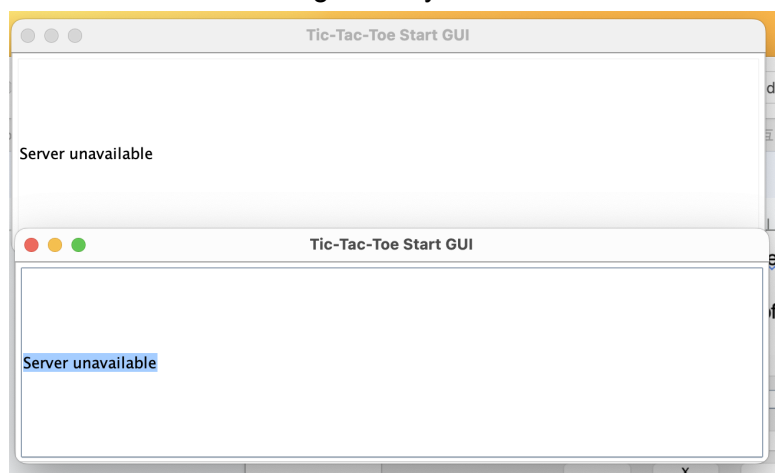
- Each player should be assigned a rank # based on the total rating points they accumulated.
- The player starts with point 0 and get 5 for each win, minus 5 for each lose and +2 for each draw.
- The rank should be visible in front of their username and the chat messages



Fault Tolerant

Server Side ✓

During the server crash all the players should see the message “Server unavailable” and then the clients will exit gracefully after 5 seconds.



Client Side ○

Requirement: During the client crash, the game will be paused for 30 seconds. If the client rejoins the system during the client, the game will resume. Otherwise the game will be ended as a draw

Analysis

I have not implemented this function very well. The main reason for it is that I have not created a data structure to track the username and its related clientService at the early stage, and check whether it's a new user or the existing user who wants to reconnect. There is no suitable object to store the status of the game as well. More work needs to be done in this area.

Conclusion

Both server and client applications are designed and implemented under the principle of low coupling and high cohesion. Each class is designed to focus on the specific tasks. Concurrency and multithreading are applied to the application in order to allow the application to process multiple tasks at the same time. In order to improve the application design further, a database may need to be added to store the information of each player. More works should be done to track the status of client.