

# Design Description *version 2 (November 28th, 2022)*

Project Code Defenders - Robo Tournament  
Team Codebenders

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# Project vision



- Software quality and testing are at the heart of software engineering, but they may not always get enough attention from software engineering education.
- CodeDefenders (web game) proposes the use of **gamification** to teach **mutation testing** and to strengthen code writing and testing skills.
- The game supports **team play and competition** by having Attackers - Defenders teams whose goal is to inject errors into code or write unit tests to catch them.
- The “**CodeDefenders: RoboTournament**” project aims at enriching the game by adding support for students tournaments and games against bots.

Game 115 (Attacker)

Scoreboard Timeline Gradle Export Feedback Editor Mode: default Chat

Existing Mutants

All Alive Killed Claimed Equivalent Equivalent

Mutant	by	Modified line	Points	
Mutant 2131	by grant	4, line 6	45	<a href="#">View</a>
Mutant 2132	by grant killed	Modified line 7	0	<a href="#">View</a> <a href="#">View Killing Test</a>
Mutant 2133	by grant killed	Modified line 9	0	<a href="#">View</a> <a href="#">View Killing Test</a>
Mutant 2134	by grant killed	Modified line 5	0	<a href="#">View</a> <a href="#">View Killing Test</a>
Mutant 2238	by sianico killed	Modified line 4	0	<a href="#">View</a> <a href="#">View Killing Test</a>
Mutant 2239	by sianico killed	Modified line 4, line 6	0	<a href="#">View</a> <a href="#">View Killing Test</a>
Mutant 249	by kJac killed	Modified line 6	1	<a href="#">View</a> <a href="#">View Killing Test</a>
Mutant 251	by akhanfir killed	Modified line 7	1	<a href="#">View</a> <a href="#">View Killing Test</a>

Create a mutant here

Reset Attack

```
1 public class SimpleExamples {
2
3     public static int max(int a, int b, int c){
4         if (a >= b && a >= c)
5             return a;
6         else if (b >= a && b >= c)
7             return b;
8         else
9             return c;
10    }
11
12 }
```

Game 115 (Defender)

Scoreboard Timeline Gradle Export Feedback Editor Mode: default Chat

Class Under Test

```
1 public class SimpleExamples {
2
3     public static int max(int a, int b, int c){
4         if (a >= b && a >= c)
5             return a;
6         else if (b >= a && b >= c)
7             return b;
8         else
9             return c;
10    }
11
12 }
```

Live Killed Claimed Equivalent Equivalent

Mutant restrictions: Moderate

Write a new JUnit test here

Defend

```
1 import org.junit.Test;
2
3 import static org.junit.Assert.*;
4 import static org.hamcrest.MatcherAssert.assertThat;
5 import static org.hamcrest.Matchers.*;
6
7 public class TestSimpleExamples {
8     @Test(timeout = 4000)
9     public void test() throws Throwable {
10         // test here!
11     }
12 }
```

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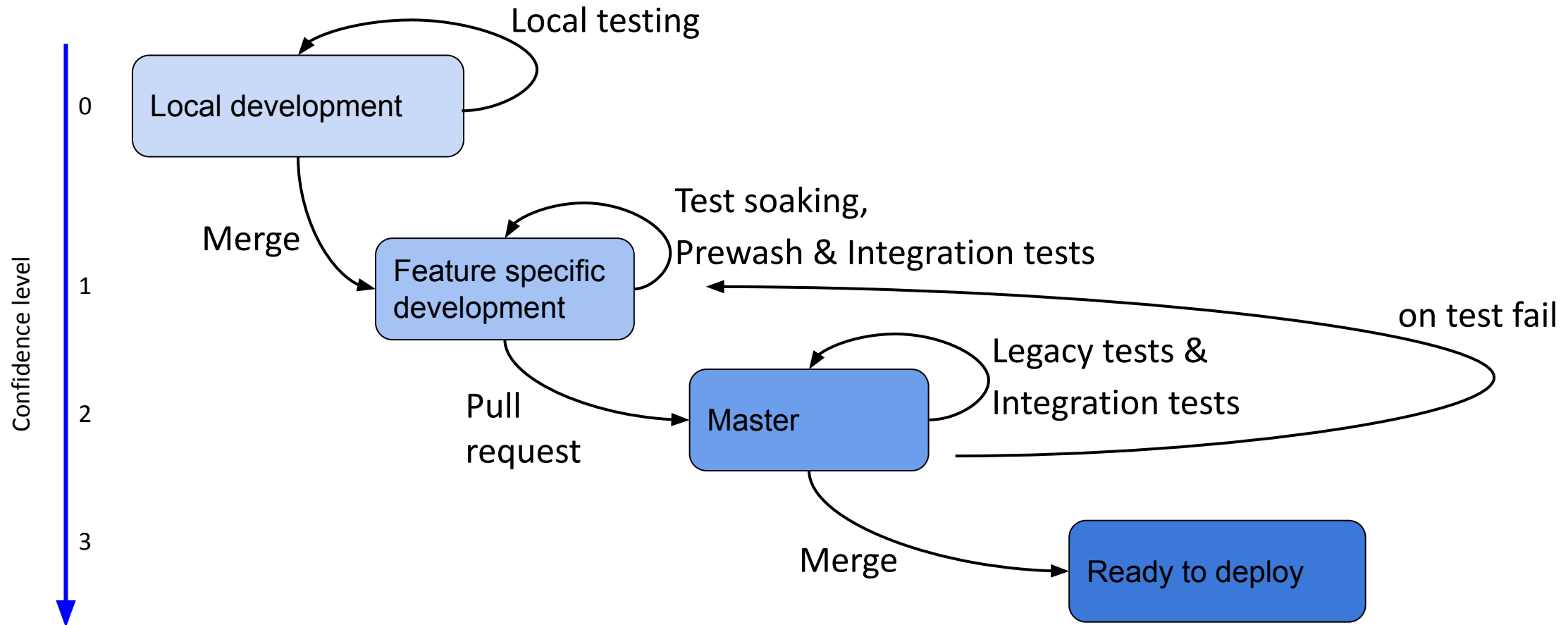
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JUnit Tests

45 All Tests

44 max(int, int, int)

# Development and Testing workflow



# Project requirements

- Design and implement a set of **OpenAPIs for CodeDefenders** which can be used from the tournament application to manage games and players.
- Implement the **tournament application**. This application must use CodeDefenders as a remote service (through the APIs) and must include at least two tournaments modalities.
- Implement a **streaming** component which allows users to follow in progress games live. This component can optionally include an “overall tournament view” showing schedule, standings and other information for each tournament.
- Design and implement a set of **APIs** which allows users to train **bots** over past games data and to let those bots play CodeDefenders.

# What the project is not going to address

- The tournament application will be an **external application**, developed separately. It won't be a plugin of CodeDefenders nor an application running on the same host.
- The tournament application will implement only the **tournament** and **streaming logic**. It won't reimplement or modify in any way the game logic, which is already coded in CodeDefenders and will be accessible through our APIs.
- We won't implement an **AI** playing CodeDefenders. This project requirement is **optional** and we are not planning to realize it because of the current lack of AI knowledge within our team.
- Streaming component will not respect hard real-time constraints

# Desired functionalities (User Stories organized in Epics)

## Tournament Management

[CDF-32](#) Login/Register  
[CDF-41](#) Display tournaments info  
[CDF-33](#) Create Tournament  
[CDF-34](#) Join tournament  
[CDF-42](#) Matchmaking

## Play games in a tournament

[CDF-36](#) Starting games with notification  
[CDF-38](#) Return to tournament app from game page

## Watch a streamed tournament game

[CDF-39](#) View game stream  
[CDF-40](#) Notification of game stream update

## Team Management

[CDF-35](#) Team creation  
[CDF-54](#) Team management  
[CDF-37](#) Join team

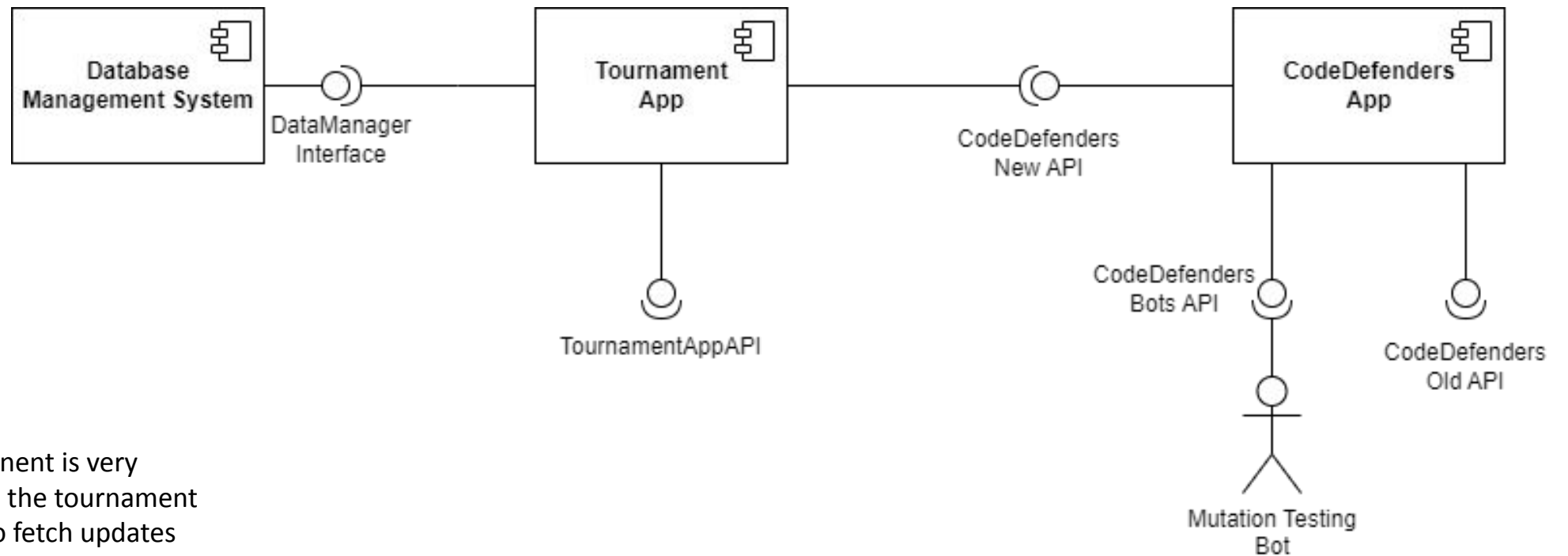
## Play with bots in a tournament

[CDF-43](#) Bots can play  
[CDF-44](#) Bots can be trained

## Avoid CodeDefenders overload

[CDF-31](#) Low latency  
[CDF-69](#) Efficient flow of updates

# High-level component diagram



The streaming component is very likely to be internal to the tournament app, exploiting APIs to fetch updates from CD.

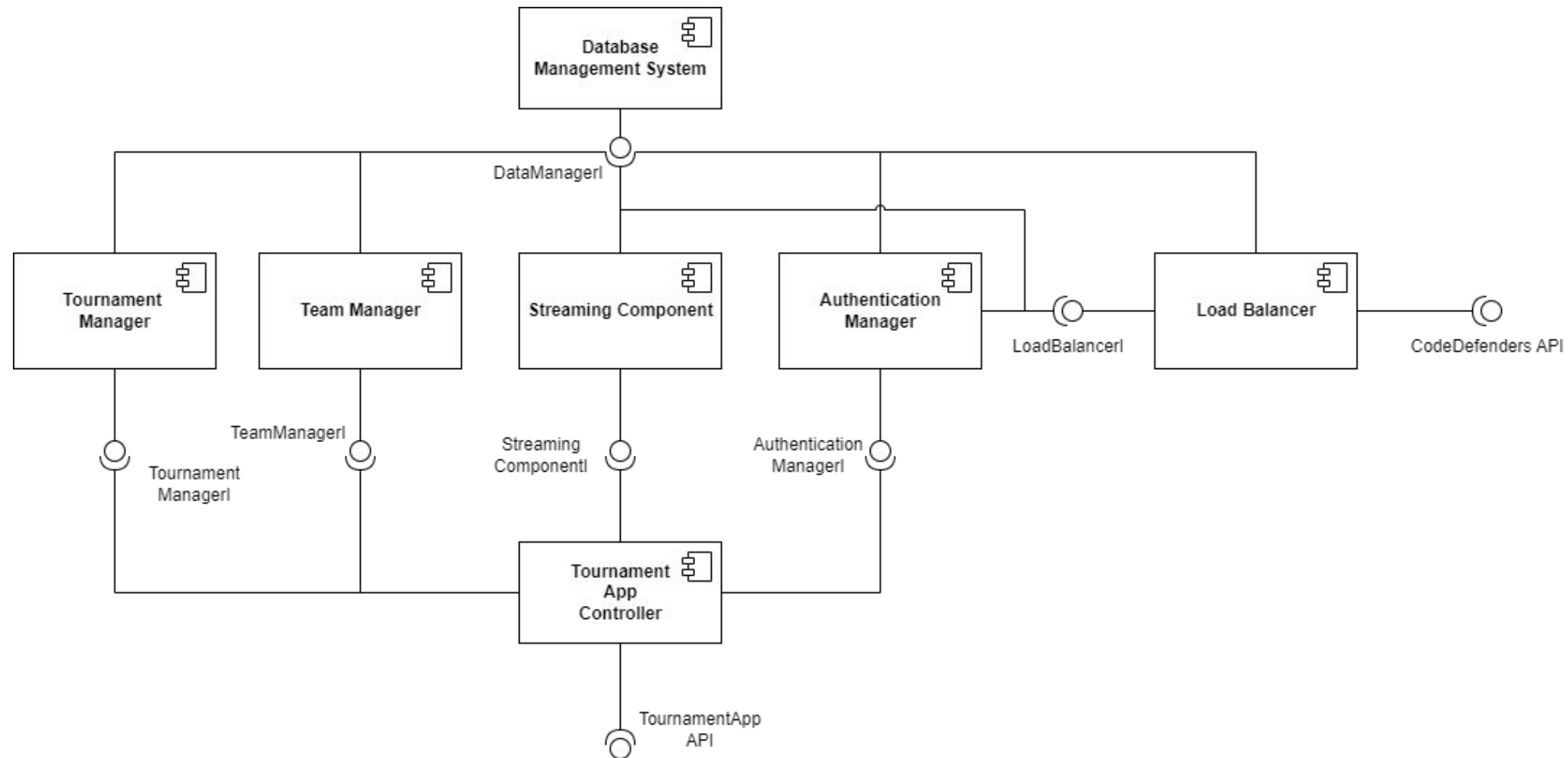


# Software architecture

Each software component addresses the following user stories

- Tournament app:
  - [CDF-41](#), [CDF-33](#), [CDF-34](#), [CDF-42](#), [CDF-35](#), [CDF-37](#), [CDF-54](#),  
[CDF-36](#), [CDF-38](#), [CDF-39](#), [CDF-40](#)
- Code defenders APIs:
  - For bots: [CDF-43](#), [CDF-44](#)
  - Other: [CDF-32](#), [CDF-39](#), [CDF-36](#)

# Zoom on the tournament app



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  - [CDF-35](#), [CDF-37](#), [CDF-54](#)
- Tournament manager:
  - [CDF-41](#), [CDF-33](#), [CDF-34](#), [CDF-42](#)
- Streaming component:
  - [CDF-39](#), [CDF-40](#)
- Authentication manager:
  - [CDF-32](#)
- Tournament app, other:
  - [CDF-36](#), [CDF-38](#)

# Important design decisions

- Streaming component
- Load Balancer
- APIs for bots
- Database design

# Streaming component (option 1)

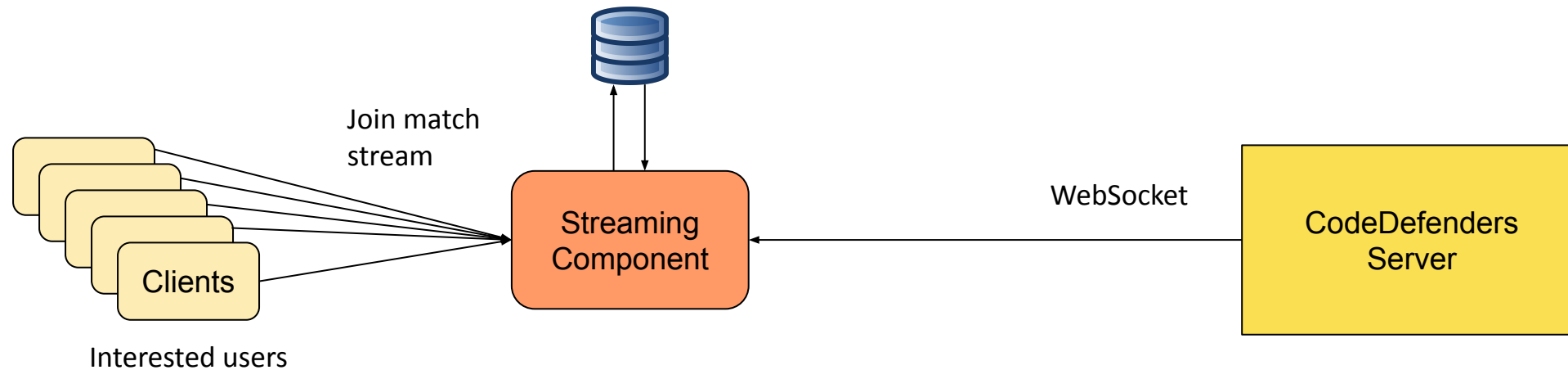


The streaming component periodically updates (frequently to give the impression of real time):

- Polls the CodeDefenders server to retrieve the events happened
- Only for the new events happened notifies the interested users

This solution would be really inefficient (streaming component continuously polling the server by calling the API) and also difficult to implement (we should keep track only of the new events and notifying only them).

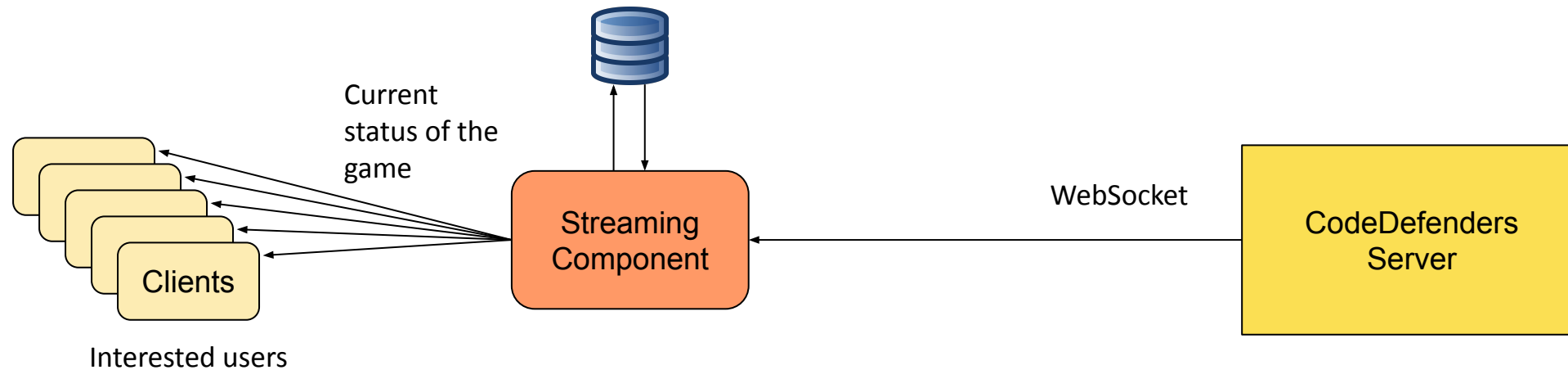
# Streaming component (option 2)



CodeDefenders server establishes a WebSocket with the Streaming Component and sends events to it.

Clients interested in an ongoing game join the stream by sending a request to the Streaming Component. It responds by querying its local db and retrieving the current status of the game (e.g. points for each team). Then a WebSocket is established between each client and the Streaming Component.

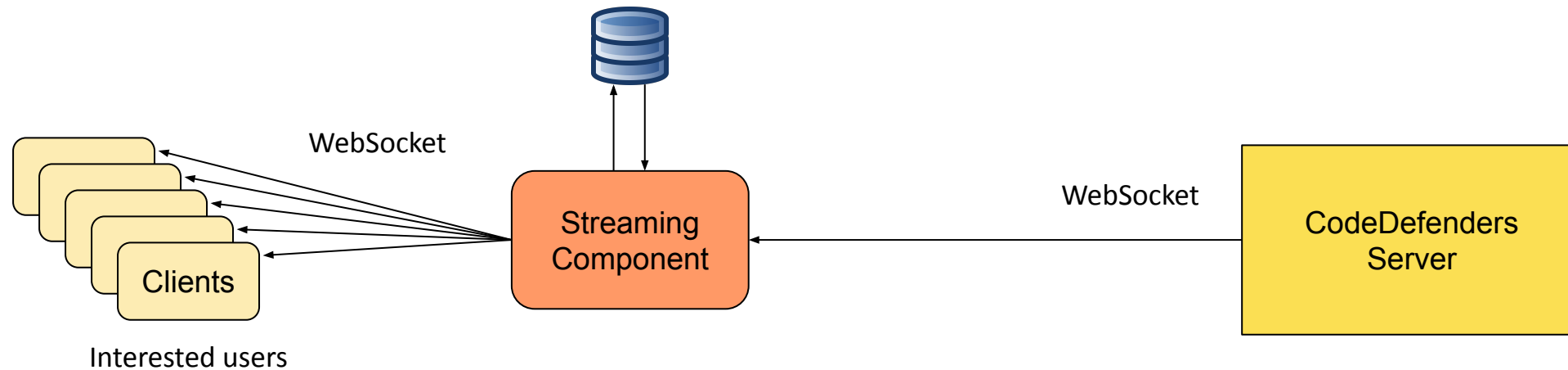
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# Streaming component (option 2)



Every time an event takes place during the game, CodeDefenders server sends an update to the Streaming Component through the WebSocket.

The Streaming Component receives the events and updates its local database (only for important events such as point scored).

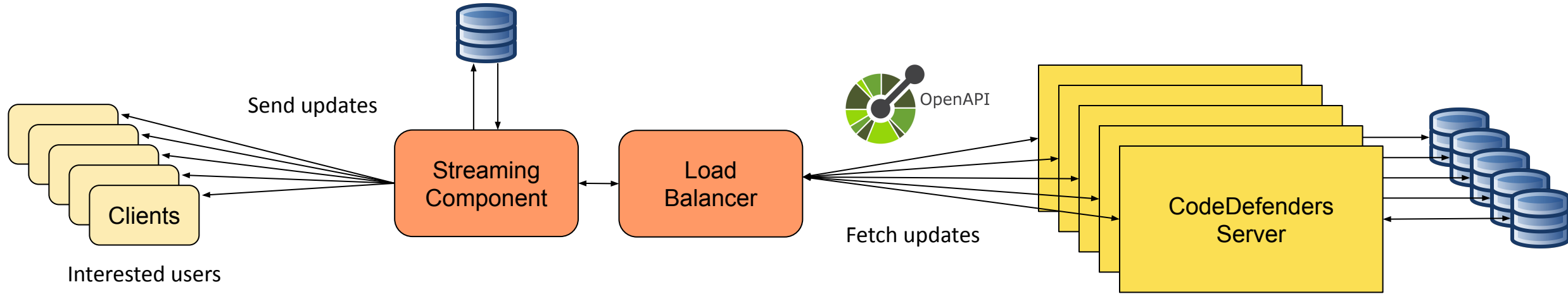
The Streaming Component forwards all the events to the interested clients by means of WebSockets.

The client receives the event and displays visual effects if they are active.

This solution would be efficient (events are notified only once) and would also reuse a paradigm already used in CodeDefenders to handle other types of events (i.e. chat messages).



# Streaming component

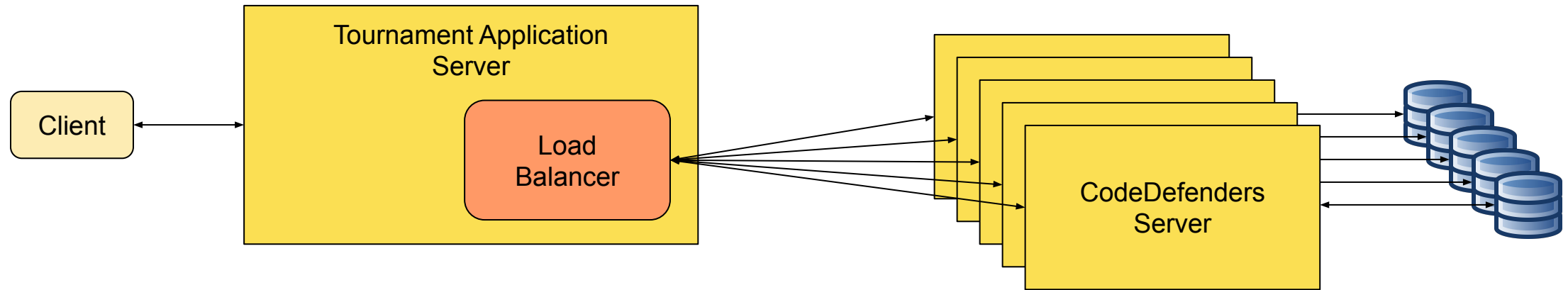


Since the customer explicitly required that also our streaming component must communicate with CodeDefenders by means of OpenAPIS, we had to opt for option 1.

The streaming component periodically (real time updates are not required):

- Polls the CodeDefenders server instance hosting a specific match to retrieve the events happened
- Only for the new events happened notifies the interested users

# Load Balancer



We will implement our own load balancer.

When a new game needs to be created the load balancer selects the CodeDefenders server with the minimum number of active games and issues a create game request to it.

The tournament app stores a mapping between active games and CodeDefenders instances in order to be able to redirect players and spectators requests to the correct server. The load balancer component addresses [CDF-31](#).

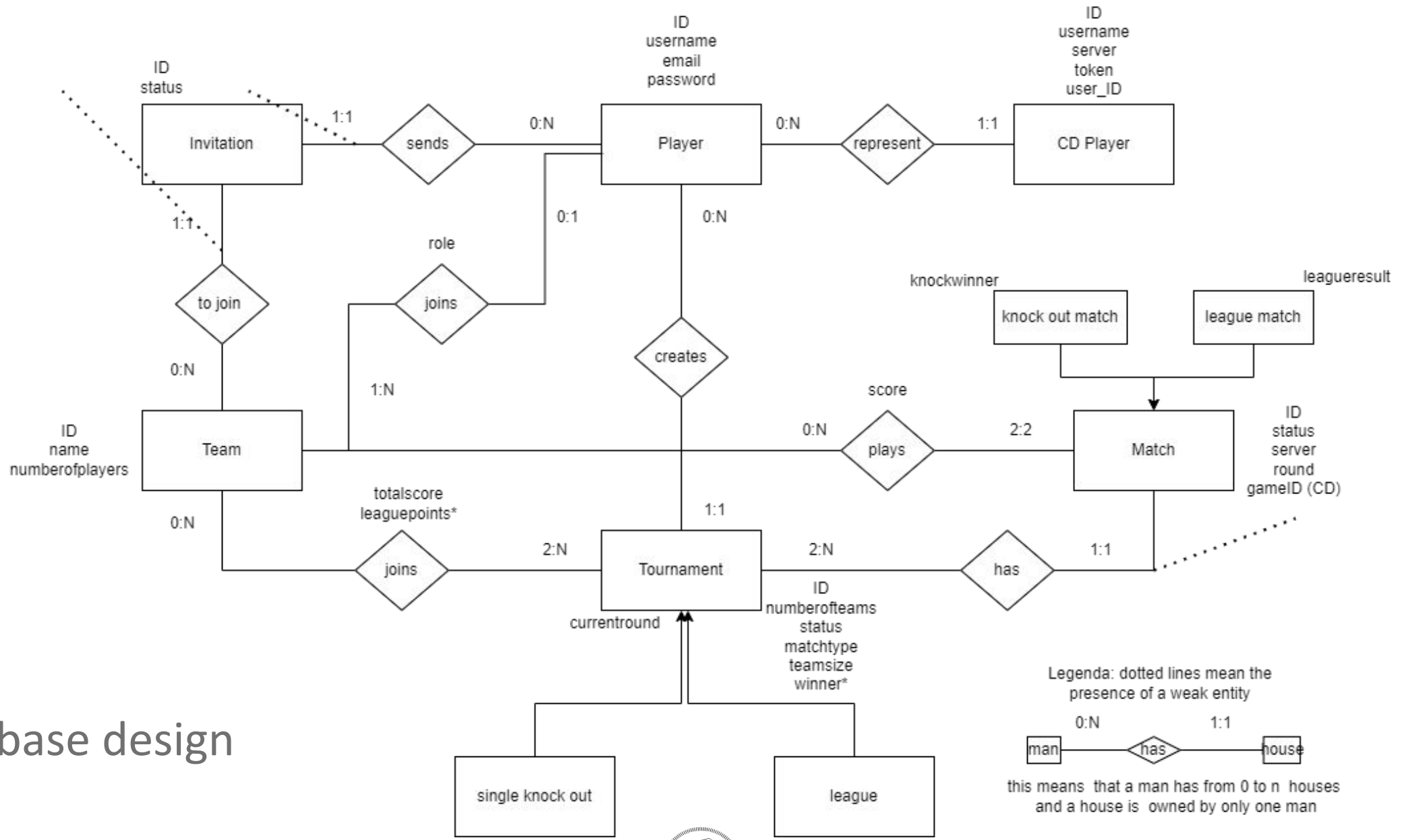
- The load balancer is completely transparent for clients and applications
  - Clients will send requests and receive responses as if they were talking directly to a CodeDefenders server. They are unaware of the architecture behind the load balancer.
- The load balancer exploits the concept of stickiness
  - The first time a client interacts with the load balancer it gets a cookie that lasts until the end of the session.
  - Every time the same client sends a new request, the load balancer recognizes the cookie and sends the request always to the same CD server.
  - This mechanism is necessary so that the web session for one client is managed only by one CD server.

# Exposed CodeDefenders APIs

/api/classes	GET	Get the list of uploaded classes
/api/class	GET	Get a class by its ID
/api/history	GET	Get the history of all played games, or filter by class ID and/or user ID
/api/player	GET	Returns a player's username and userId from its playerId
/api/user	GET	Returns a user's informations from its ID
/api/game	GET	Get the status of the game with the specified ID
/admin/api/game	POST	Create a new game with the specified class, settings and teams
/admin/api/game/start	POST	Start a game
/admin/api/game/end	POST	End a game
/api/game/settings	GET	Get the settings of the game with the specified ID
/api/game/test	GET	Get a test by its ID
	POST	Upload a test providing its code and target game

# Exposed CodeDefenders APIs

/api/game/mutant	GET	Get a mutant by its ID
	POST	Upload a mutant providing its code and target game
/api/game/mutant/equivalences	GET	Get unresolved equivalence claims for the game with the specified ID
/api/game/mutant/equivalence/claim	POST	Claim the mutant with the specified ID as equivalent, meaning that it doesn't affect the behavior of the code
/api/game/mutant/equivalence/resolve	POST	Resolve the pending equivalence claim for a mutant, either by accepting it as equal or uploading the code for a killing test
/admin/api/auth/register	POST	Register a new user with a username, password, email triplet
/admin/api/auth/token	GET	Get an authentication token for the Bot API, tied to a specific user

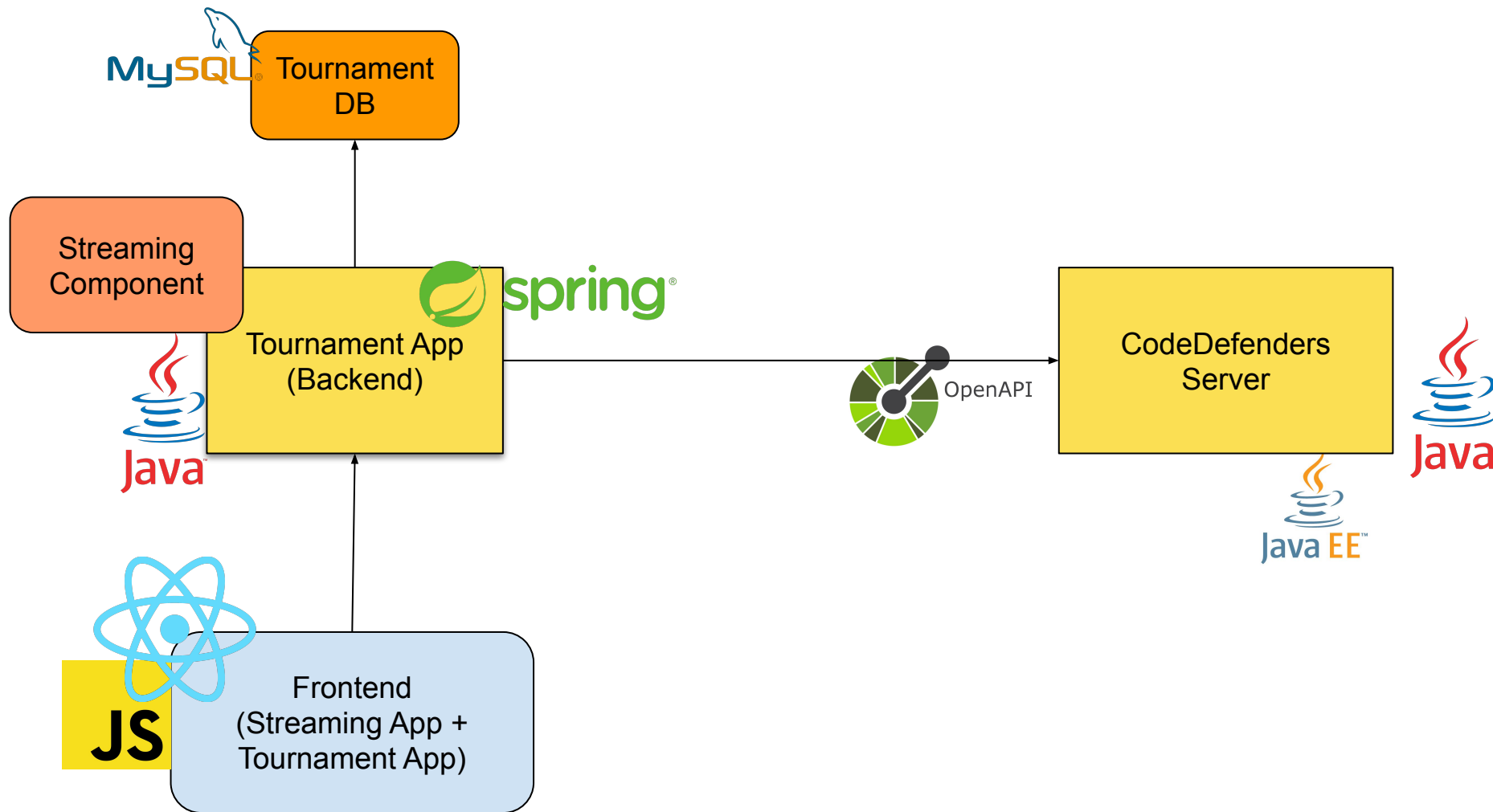


## Database design

# Database Design

- Players compete in matches through their teams
- Teams can be of variable size
  - this way tournaments with teams of max size of one player are possible, in other words, 1v1 matches are supported
  - tournament logic can but doesn't need to set conditions for team size
- Each match is assigned to exactly one tournament, and has exactly two teams as competitors (attackers vs defenders)
- Database design does not differentiate human players and bots

# Technologies we are going to use





# Motivations for technologies

## Java + Spring:

- Java knowledge quite already spread among the team
- Integrates very well with concepts taken from JavaEE
- More support than JavaEE on forums and so on (also tutorials online)
- Allows to structure a Java Web application in an easy way

## MySQL:

- The structure of the data we need will suit perfectly in a relational database.
- Team already familiar with this technology.

## React:

- Free, open-source, and explanatory JavaScript library with simplistic learning curve
- Used for building simple or complex user interfaces, stable front-end framework
- Supports multi-purpose, clean architecture and platform-specific modules

# Graphical User Interface

Tournament web app should have user interface for

- Team management
  - CDF-35, CDF-37, CDF-54
- Tournaments overview
  - CDF-34, CDF-36, CDF-41
- Tournaments creation
  - CDF-33, CDF-42
- Watching live score of matches (streaming component)
  - CDF-39, CDF-40

With support for desktop and mobile devices

Welcome to tournament application of Code Defenders web game!

## Tournaments

Home

Sign In

Create Team

Manage Teams

Name	Starting Date	Type		
the code league	16.10.2022	started	Join	Live Score
cr tour	14.10.2022	not started	Join	Live Score
Chunin tour	14.10.2022	started	Join	Live Score

Welcome to tournament application of Code Defenders web game!

## Sign In

Home

Sign In

Create Team

Manage Teams

Username

Password

Sign in

[Create Account](#)

# Home page



## Code Defenders Tournaments

Team  
management

Create new  
Tournament

FAQ

Log in or  
Register

Filter by:   Players   Teams   Date   Type   Search by name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name ▲

Starting date ▼ Type

The battle for steaming hot coffee

17.10.2022.

SET

Join

Live score

Peculiar bugs and how to find them

12.10.2022.

RR

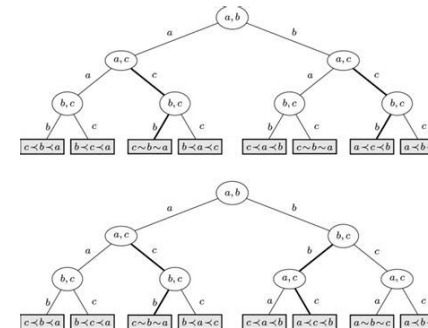
Join

Live score

Currently playing: Johnny vs Sans

Next match on Friday 14. October 14:00 GMT

Bob vs Johnny



Participating:

Bob

Sans

Johnny

...

FER championship

16.1.2023.

DET

Join

Live score



# Code Defenders Tournaments -> Team management

Join Team

Create new  
Team

Manage your  
team

Log out

Filter by: Players

Search by name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name ▲

Date created ▼ Score

Steaming hot coffee enjoyers

16.10.2022.

0

Join

Guys from the basement

14.10.2022.

32

Join

The quick brown fox

11.10.2022.

69

Join

...

Join

...

Join

...

Welcome to tournament application of Code Defenders web game!

## Team creation

Enter new team name:

Please select whether your team will be open or closed to new members:

Open



Invia



# Code Defenders Tournaments -> Team management

Join Team

Create new Team

Manage your teams

Log out

Your teams

Search by name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name ▲

Date created ▼ Score

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0

Edit

Leave

Guys from the basement

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Edit

Leave

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69

Confirm

Cancel

Player:

Role:

Sans

Leader

Hrvoje

Member

Promote to leader

Kick from the team

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.....

...





# Code Defenders Tournaments

Team  
management

Create new  
Tournament

FAQ

Log out

Tournament Name: \_HotKey Tournament\_  
Matchmaking: ☐ random ☒ manual

Type:

DET  
**SET**  
RR

Create

Complete Tournament definitions:

FER championship

16.1.2023.

DET

Edit

...



# Code Defenders Tournaments

Team  
management

Create new  
Tournament

FAQ

Log out

Tournament Name: HotKey Tournament

Type: SET

Finish

Cancel



Assign participants manually

Add participants by name: \_The Guys\_\_\_\_

Team TD

Dream Team

...

Teams that join  
tournament will  
appear here

OR

Assign automatically



# Code Defenders Tournaments

Team  
management

Create new  
Tournament

FAQ

Log out

Tournament Name: \_HotKey Tournament\_\_\_\_

Type: SET

Finish

Cancel



Add participants by name: \_\_\_\_\_

The Guys from the basement

Assign participants manually

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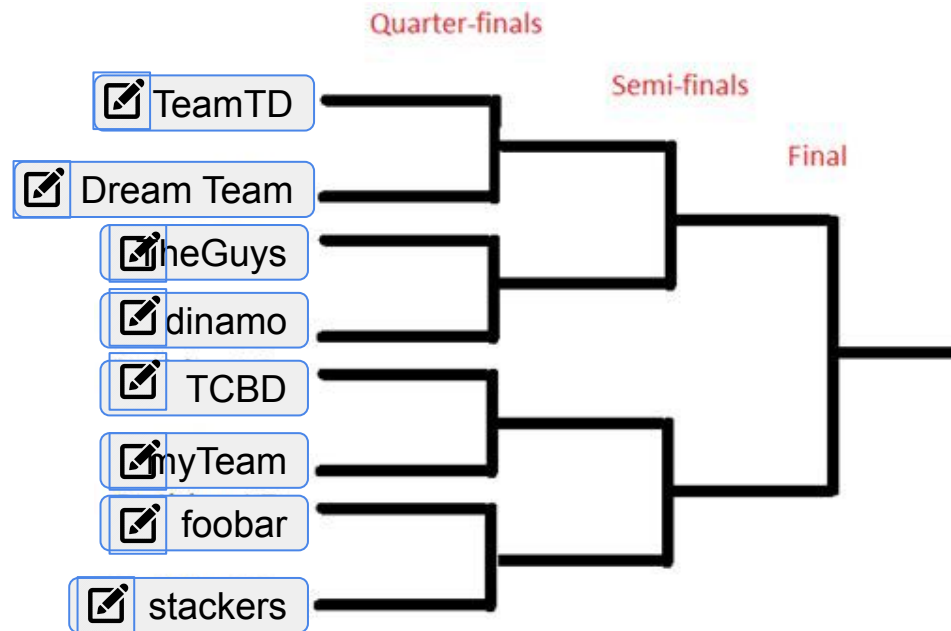
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## How to navigate in this app?

- There are buttons to change view on left side panel,
- To return to home page simply click on Tournaments next to CodeDefenders logo
- CodeDefenders logo redirects you to CodeDefenders web game

## How to create new tournament?

- 1) Choose type from dropdown list
  - 2) Firstly add participants and then assign automatically or manually by choosing from dropdown list, (one of options is to free that slot)
- \*) while adding manually list of participants on the right shows only participants not yet assigned to position on tournament tree

## How to manage teams?

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# Live score



Code Defenders

## Tournaments

Match: Finals

Tournament: The battle for steaming hot coffee

Attacker: Johnny

9

Animation  
on event

Defender: Sans


12

History: Johnny scored 2 points for injecting **error**

....

# Home page

## Mobile phone support



# Code Defenders Tournaments

[Team management](#)[Create new Tournament](#)[FAQ](#)

Filter by: [Players](#) [Teams](#) [Date](#) [Type](#)  
Search by name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name ▲

Starting date ▼

Type

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SET

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12.10.2022.

RR

FER championship



Quarter-finals

Semi-finals


Final


16.1.2023.

DET

[Join](#)[Live score](#)


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POLITECNICO  
MILANO 1863

39



Mälardalen  
University

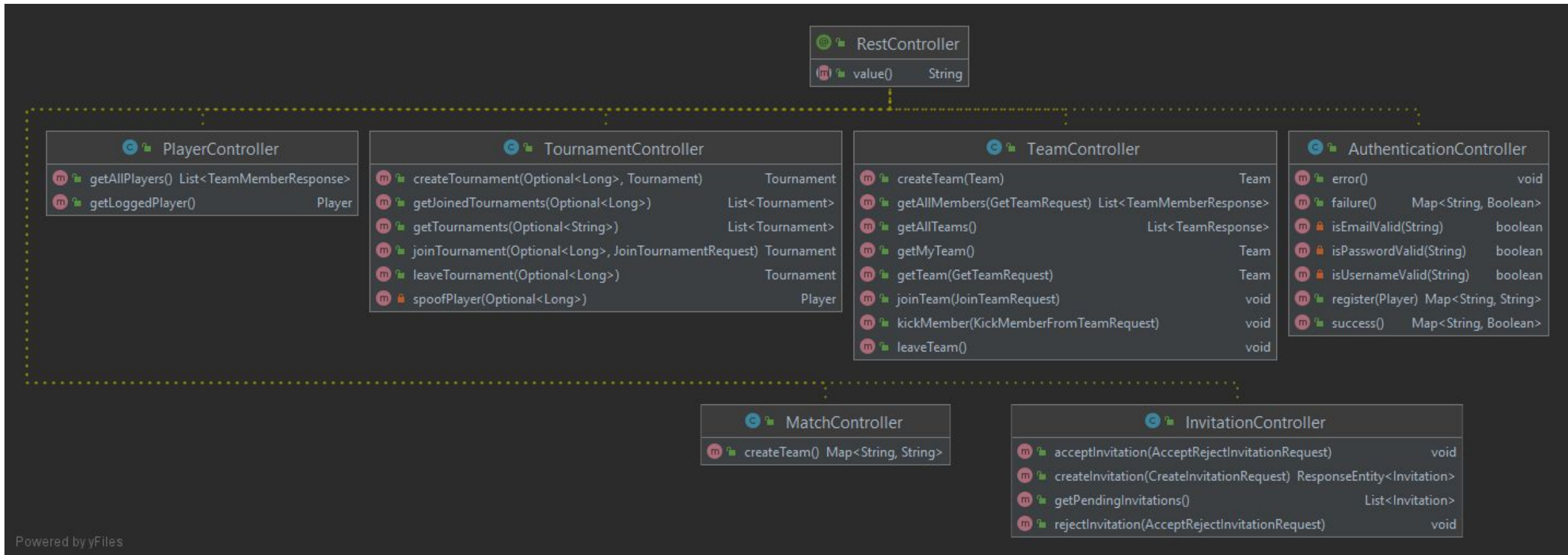
# Detailed backend software design

In the following slides we provide class diagrams describing backend components.

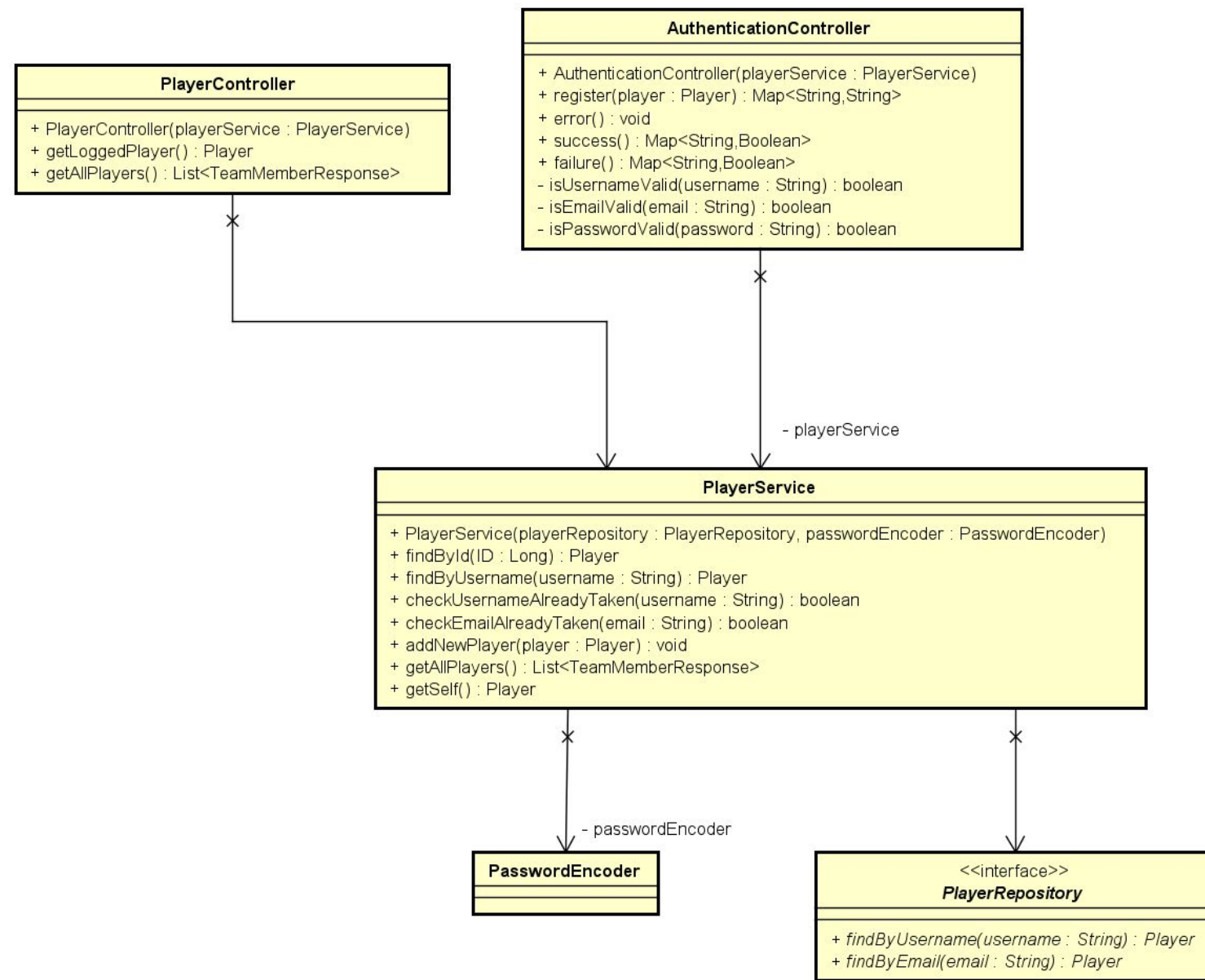
Backend has been implementing following Spring Boot conventions.



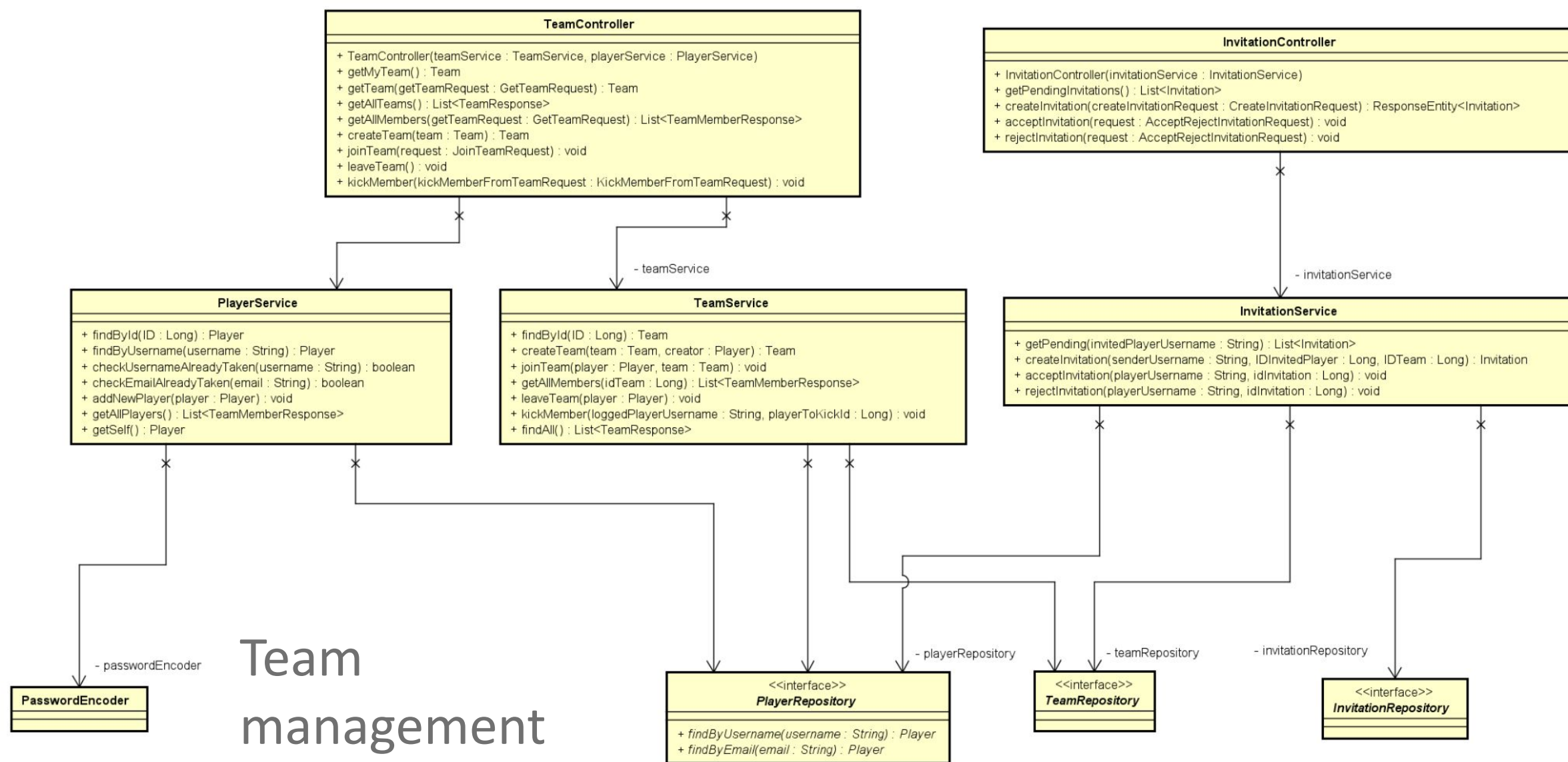
# Class Diagrams (Controllers package)



# Player and authentication class diagram



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## Team management class diagram

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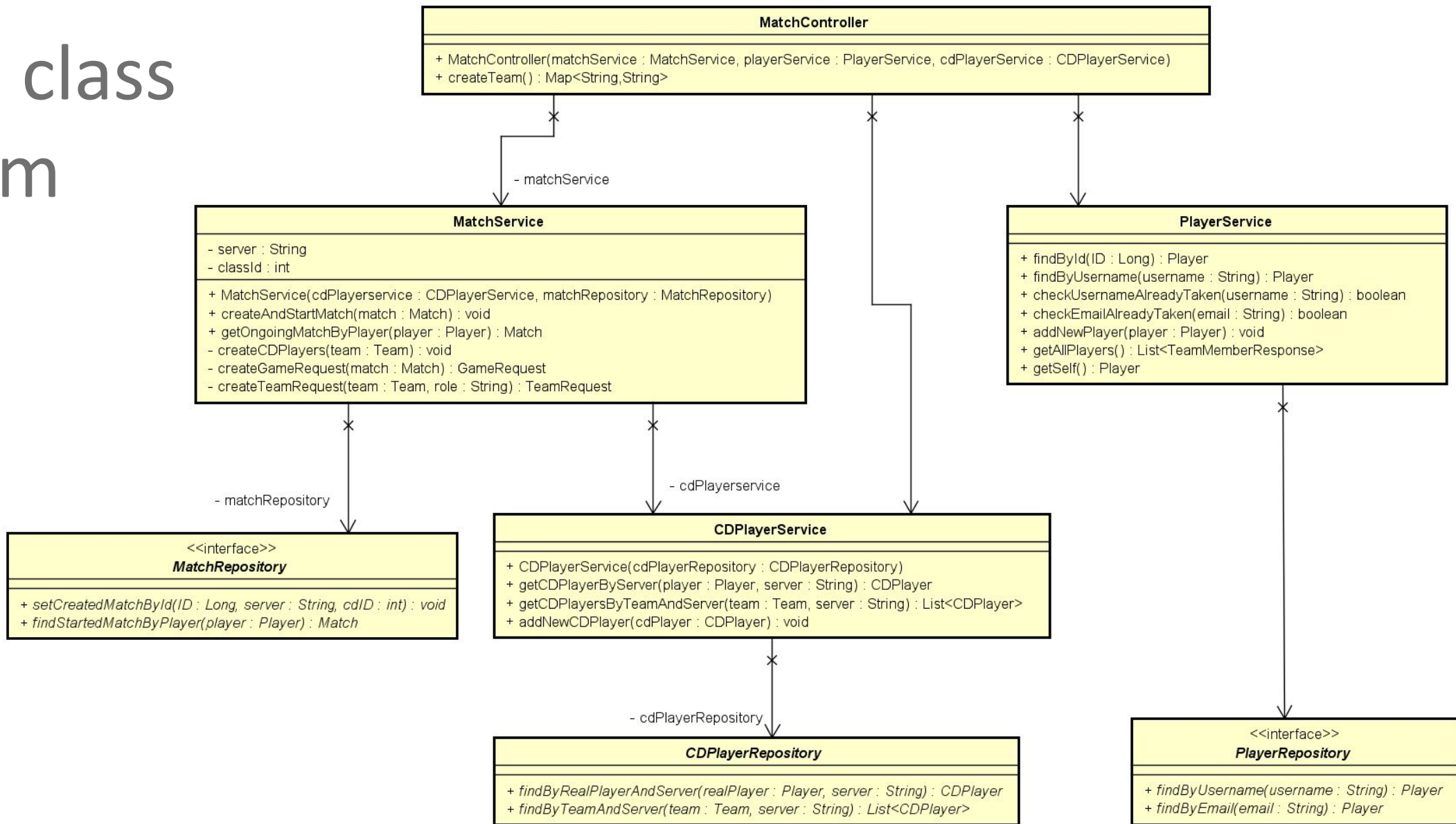
# Tournament management class diagram



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# Match class diagram



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# Detailed frontend software design

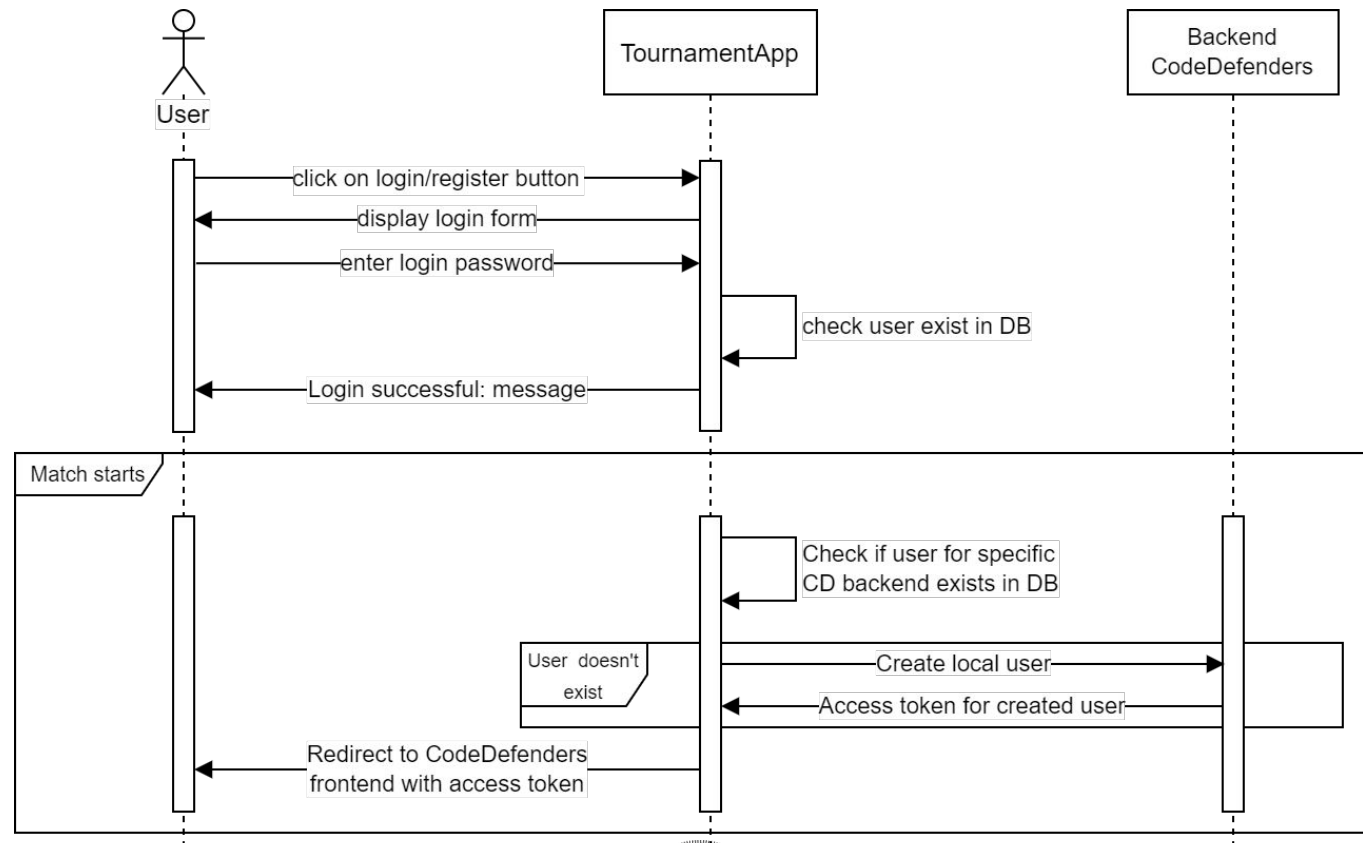
A detailed description of each component design for frontend will be added later on and updated at the beginning of each sprint to match its current implementation.

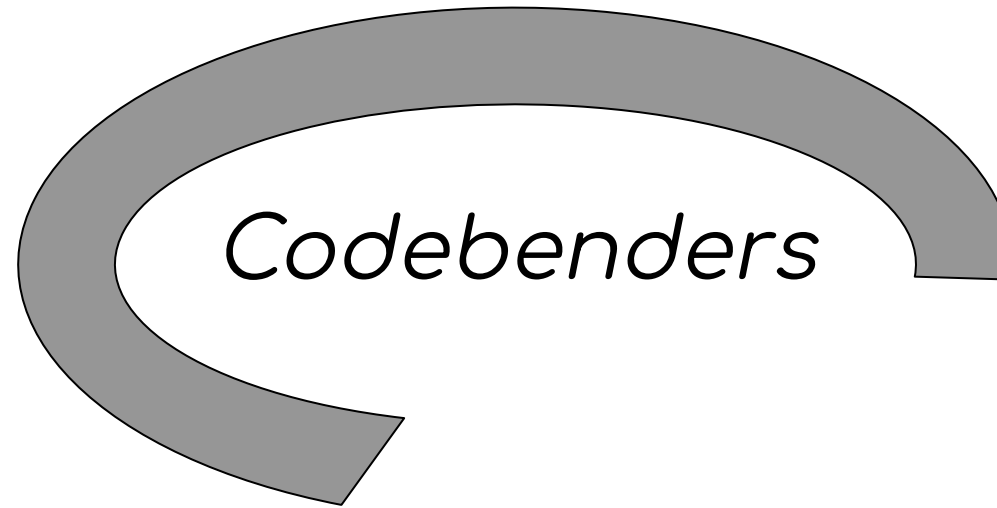
# Authentication sequence

The users register and login on our TournamentApp, with no interaction with the CodeDefenders backend.

When a match starts, we check if our user has a corresponding user on the CodeDefenders instance hosting the game. If it doesn't, we create it and get the access token; otherwise it already exists and we already have the token.

We redirect the user to the target game page on CodeDefenders specifying the authentication token, so that the CodeDefenders login page is skipped





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