# Designing a Secure and Scalable Multiplayer Game Platform in C

Presented by Team 5, a skilled group of developers and designers.

We bring a diverse set of expertise, covering development and UI design.

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## Introduction to Multiplayer Game Platform



Runs seamlessly on Linux and various operating systems.

### Optimized Server-Client Model

Ensures smooth responsive gameplay with efficient communication.

### **User-Friendly Features**

Easy game discovery and joining with strong security and privacy.

## Initial Multiplayer Test: Tic Tac Toe

#### **Core Features**

- Real-time network play with two participants
- Turn-based logic, synchronized game states
- Server-client multiplayer communication validated

Challenges & Objectives: Simple design limits scalability and complexity



## **Expanding Game Library**

## Two-Player Number Guessing

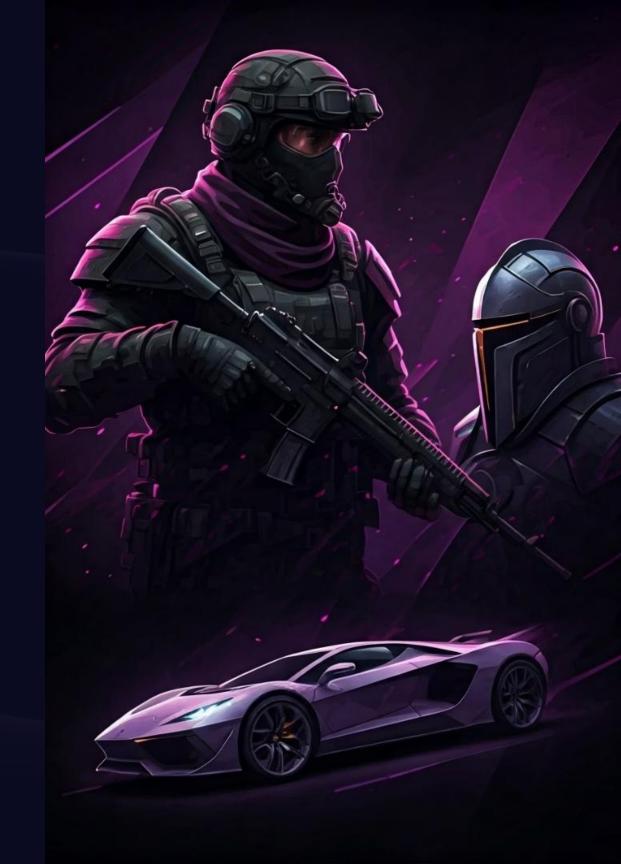
Turn-based TCP socket game guessing secret numbers across network.

#### Chess

Turn-based strategy with move validation and game state saving.

#### Treasure Hunt

Real-time multiplayer treasure collection on a grid.





## Technology Stack Overview

#### Programming

C language for high performance and cross-platform support

#### Networking

TCP/IP sockets for reliable client-server communication

fork() and UNIX signals for concurrency and event handling

#### Security & Platform

OpenSSL's SHA-256 for integrity verification

Linux CentOS 7 for robustness and security

## Multiplayer Game Workflow

1 Connection & Lobby

Clients connect, join lobby, configure options

2 \_\_\_\_ Matchmaking & Initialization

Server confirms players, starts game state

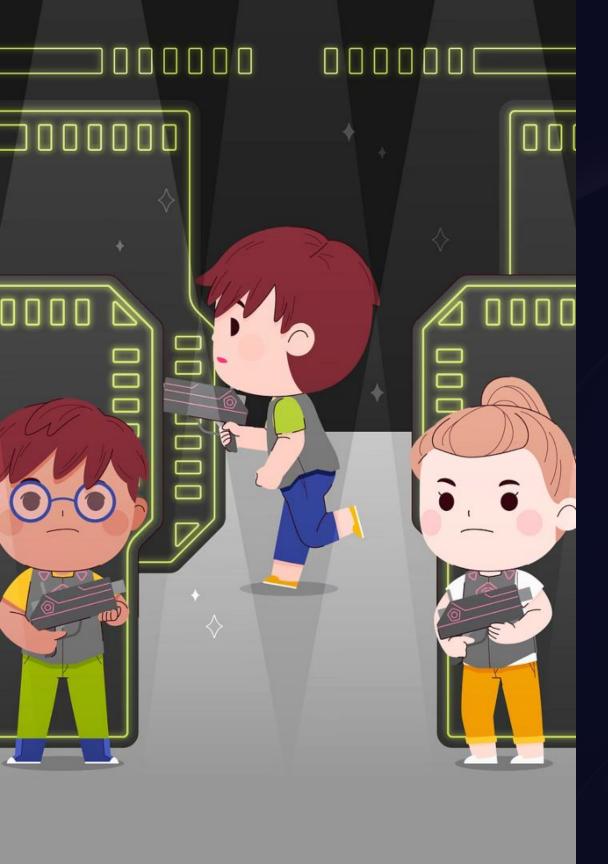
Gameplay & Updates

Players send moves; server broadcasts updates

4 — Game End & Cleanup

Results announced; server frees resources





## Two-Player Number Guessing Game

Game Description

Server picks number 1–100; players alternate guessing via TCP.

- Key Features
  - Turn-based with live feedback ("Too high", "Too low").
  - Clear message protocol for synchronization.

## **Modular Flow Overview**



## setup\_client\_socket()

- Create and connect sock



## interact\_with\_server()

- Create server messages
- Send user input

## cleanup()

Close socket



## setup\_server\_socket()

- Create, bind, listen
- Accept 2 players

## handle\_player() [Thread]

- Prompt guess
- Calculate score 🙈



## send\_scorecard()

- Display final results

cleanup()



## Multiplayer Chess Game

#### **Game Flow**

Menu options; 8x8 board with numeric codes.

#### Gameplay

Turn-based with move validation, check, and checkmate.

#### Networking

Server-client communication via send() and recv() for realtime sync.

#### **Features**

Live board updates and seamless handling of disconnections.

## **Modular Flow Overview**



## setup\_client\_socket()

connect\_to\_server()

- Request board state

- Create an connect soket
- Input IP & port

- Send player info



## Server

## setup\_server\_socket()

- Create, bind, listen
- Accept 2 players

## initialize\_board() [Thread]

- Receive moves
- Update board state
- Checkmate detection 📜

## interact\_with\_game()

- Display board
- Validate move format

## cleanup()

## send\_game\_state()

- Sync board to both clients
- Display winner

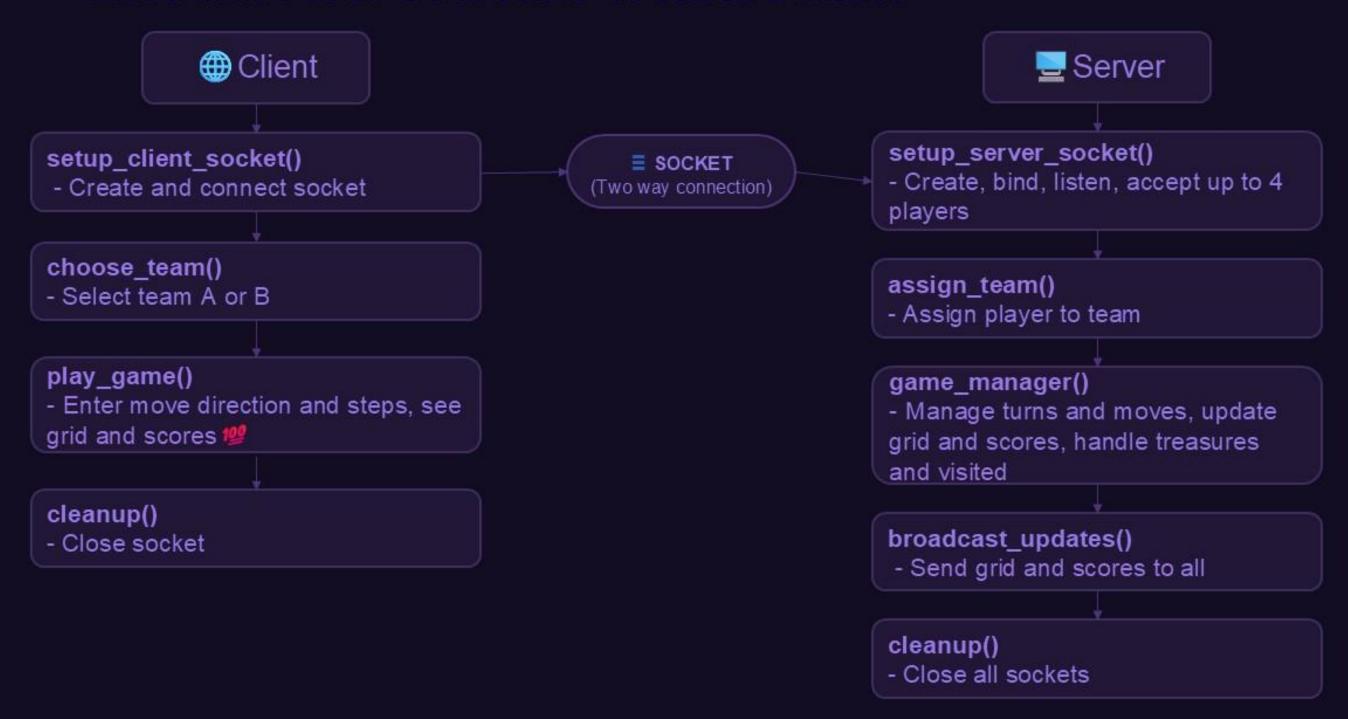
## Treasure Hunt Game Overview

#### **Gameplay Highlights**

- Team-based treasure collection on 10x10 grid
- Real-time multiplayer engagement
- Text-based movement commands
- Live score updates drive competition
- Random treasure placement adds challenge
- Encourages strategic teamwork



## **Modular Flow Overview-Treasure Hunt**



## Project Highlights – Multiplayer Gaming Platform

A unified web platform for real-time multiplayer gaming. Play with friends or anonymous users seamlessly.

#### **User Experience**

- Clean, responsive UI for smooth gameplay
- Dynamic game rooms with unique IDs
- Real-time chat, scoreboards, and timers

#### **Key Features**

- Matchmaking and private rooms support
- Game state sync via Flask routes
- Modular design for easy game addition



## Server-Client Architecture



- **1. Server**: Creates and binds socket, listens and accepts connections.
- 2. Uses fork() to handle multiple players concurrently.
- 3. Controls gameplay logic and scoring mechanisms.
- **4. Client**: Connects to server, sends moves, and receives updated game board.

## Process Synchronization & Signal Handling

## Parallel Player Handling

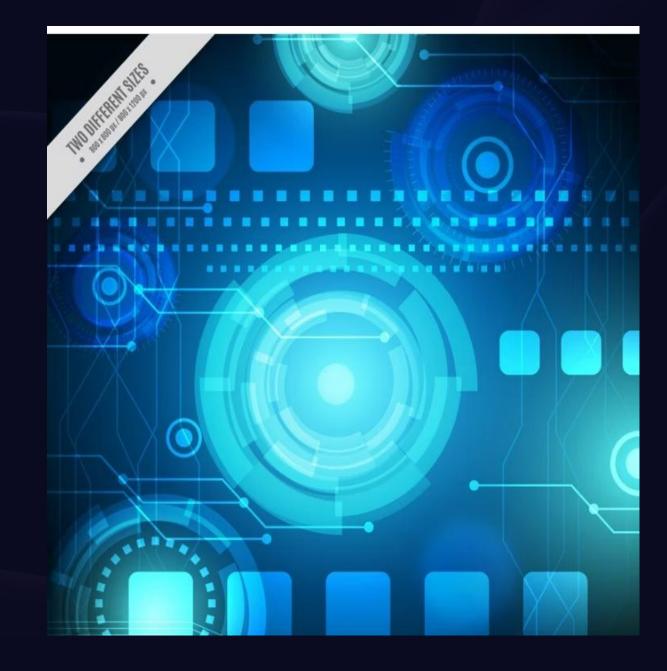
fork() creates separate processes for each player interaction.

### Signal Management

Signals update victory status and manage disconnections effectively.

## Synchronization

Avoids conflicting moves ensuring game state consistency.



## **Conclusion & Future Scope**



- Deployed a networked Tic-Tac-Toe with real-time process control.
- Plans include GUI development and 3+ player support.
- Future remote play with matchmaking functionality.



## Summary and Q&A

### Secure Architecture

Framework implemented primarily in C for robustness and performance.

## Integrated Technologies

Combines networking, concurrency, and cryptography seamlessly.

### Ready for Growth

Designed for scaling and addition of advanced features.