

System structure

In this project, we use simple b/s structure to support multi-pairs players playing at the same time

1. frontend:
2. backend:

backend is written in golang using multi-threads and channels to support concurrency. To see the detail structure, go to the next part: how to support multiple player concurrently.

C/S communication

We use websocket protocol to build a steady channel between client and server

1. message from user: "play-pawn", "join-room", "leave-room"

```
1      Action    string `json:"action"`
2      RoomName  string `json:"message"`
3      X         int32  `json:"x"`
4      Y         int32  `json:"y"``
```

- 1 Besides actions above, user can also disconnect the websocket connection without notifying server.

2. message from server

user can parse the json file in websocket connection to sync with other players

this structure bellow maintains the metadata of a gomoku Room

the 10-by-10 board is encoded in a single row 100 bytes array

```
1      RoomName    string    `json:"roomName"`
2      Player      int32     `json:"player"`
3      Player10online bool     `json:"player10online"`
4      Player20online bool     `json:"player20online"`
5      Turn        int32     `json:"turn"`
6      Board       [100]byte  `json:"board"``
```

how to support multiple players concurrently

We use 3 different kinds of threads to support multi-players in multi-rooms.

1. server thread

1. handle http handshake and upgrade its to websocket connection
2. maintain users' and rooms' registration

2. client thread

the client thread consists of 2 sub threads:

1. read thread: read data from user and send them to correct handler
2. write thread: send msg back to user

3. room thread

room thread maintain the metaData of a gomoku game, including players' info, game info.

1. handle user join/leave room
2. handle user play a pawn in the room

