

## Observed Behaviour:

- User Experience
  - Backend hidden from end user
  - Easy access via the web
  - Intuitive GUI
    - New game button
    - Reset button
    - Virtual Keyboard
    - Color Coding
    - Aesthetic CSS styling
- Performance
  - Fast response times from local Java server
  - Smooth animations
  - Efficient word loading
- Error Handling
  - Errors on both the front end and back end are caught allowing for graceful degradation
  - Errors are printed to the console allowing for easy debugging

## Architecture Overview:

- Frontend
  - apiService.js
    - Interacts with the backend server
      - Receives game state information
      - Sends user word guesses
  - app.js
    - The backbone of the frontend
      - Listens for user input
      - Handel's game logic
      - Connects to apiService.js, gameboard.js, and keyboard.js
  - gameboard.js
    - Stores the state of the game board
      - Manipulates the document to display the game board
      - Stores the current and previous guesses
  - keyboard.js
    - Manages the virtual keyboard
      - Takes virtual key inputs
      - Manages the status of keys (correct, present, absent)
- Backend
  - word.txt
    - A text file containing many 5 letter words
  - wordle folder
    - DTO folder

- Contains various data transfer objects
    - GuessRequest
    - GuessResponse
    - ValidationResult
- Exception folder
  - GameException.java
    - Maps error codes to their exceptions
- Model folder
  - Has various classes which in combination are used to store the game state
- Server folder
  - WordleHTTPServer
    - Sets up an HTTP server to handle requests from any connected clients

### Method / Interaction Notes:

- API interactions
  - POST /api/game/new - creates new game with random word
  - GET /api/game/{gameId} - retrieves current game state
  - POST /api/game/{gameId} - submits guess with validation
  - CORS handling - enables cross-origin requests between frontend and backend
- Game logic flow
  - User submits words on the frontend web app
  - Guesses are sent to the WordleHTTPServer
  - Updated game state is sent back to the frontend
  - Repeat
- Frontend interactions
  - Keyboard Events - physical and on-screen keyboard support
  - Tile Management
  - Win/loss dialogs with replay options
  - Error Display - contextual messages for various failure types
- Implementation details
  - Simplified dev stack - removed Maven/Spring for simplicity and clarity
  - Defensive programming - null checks, exception handling, input validation
  - Responsive UI - keyboard interaction and visual feedback
  - User-friendly error handling
  - Input sanitization - case normalization and format validation
  - Response formatting - consistent JSON structure across all endpoints