

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
 - Handles 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