

Milestone 3:
Game API Design



UNO!

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High Level Endpoints

Game

- POST** /api/games → creates new UNO game
- GET** /api/games/:gameId → gets current game state
- POST** /api/games/:gameId/start → starts game once all players have joined
- POST** /api/games/:gameId/end → ends game and record result
- POST** /api/games/:gameId/play-card → play a card during the player's turn
- POST** /api/games/:gameId/draw-card → draw a card from the deck
- GET** /api/games/:gameId/turn → checks whose turn it is and turn over

Global Chat

- GET** /api/chat/global → fetches all messages in global chat room
- POST** /api/chat/global → sends messages to global chat

Game Chat

- GET** /api/games/:gameId/chat → retrieves all chat messages in game
- POST** /api/games/:gameId/chat → sends message to game chat

User & Profile

- POST** /api/users/register → create new user
- POST** /api/users/login → authorized user
- GET** /api/users/:id → receives user information
- GET** /api/users/:id/profile → grabs user's profile info
- PUT** /api/users/:id/profile → updates profile

High Level Endpoints

Game Results & History

GET /api/games/:gameId/results → *retrieves final results of game*

POST /api/games/:gameId/results → *saves game results (for outcomes/ranks)*

GET /api/games/:gameId/history → *retrieves full game history (start/end times, player performance, and rank)*

Game Cards

GET /api/games/:gameId/cards → *retrieves all cards in the game and their location*

PUT /api/games/:gameId/cards/:cardId → *moves card (deck to hand, hand to discard)*

Participants

GET /api/games/:gameId/participants – *lists all players in game, their turn order, cards in hand, and UNO status*

POST /api/games/:gameId/participants – *adds players to game*

PUT /api/games/:gameId/participants/:participantId – *updates participant info (cards, UNO call, etc.)*

Endpoint Play-Card

Validation Checks

- Must ensure request has required fields: playerId, gameId, card
- Verify that the provided game and player exist before using.
- Check that it is the correct players turn.
- Confirm the player owns the card they are placing.
- Validate the card attempting to be played (UNO rules).
- If a special card is placed ensure the rules are maintained.

Edge Cases

- The next player disconnects
- A player never plays a card

State Updates

- Remove cards from hand
- Update top card on pile
- Add card to player hand
- Turn skips
- No cards left ends the game

Event Triggers

- game:card:played – show all players
- player:hand:remove – remove the played card from hand
- game:turn:skip – Skip a players turn
- game:end – A player no longer has any cards ends the game

Endpoint Draw Card

Validation Checks

- Ensure the system has playerId and gameId
- Confirm its the players turn as you cannot draw cards out of turn
- Make sure the deck resets if its empty

Edge Cases

- Deck runs out of cards
- If a player draws a card that is playable
- Drawing cards after the game has ended

State Updates

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- Draw top card from the deck
- Update the deck count
- Drawing a card ends players turn next player turn automatic

Event Triggers

- game:card:drew – new card added to players hand
- game:player:drew – new card for player to see(priv)
- game:deck:update – new deck count
- game:turn:update – new card drawn skips players turn

Socket.io Event Summary

Game Events

Focus on in-game mechanics these are responsible for the flow of the game, game rules to be upheld, and prevent client side interference.

Previous Examples:

- `game:card:played` – A card was played
- `game:card:drew` – Player draws a card

Player Events

Main focus is the player and handling their cards, ensuring they are following the rules of the game, and who's turn it is currently.

Previous Example:

- `player:hand:init` – Players initial hand start of game.

Lobby Events

These events will be to used for creating games, joining games, and handling lobby chat.

Previous Example:

- `lobby:game:create` – Create a new game