

# Autonomous Armada v1.2

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Server Readme

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## Introduction

Autonomous Armada is built on top of the Battle Challenge AI Framework. The server allows remote players to connect through Java Sockets. The central server will maintain and lead the gameplay.

## Software Overview

Autonomous Armada uses Java sockets to support communication between client and server. The server will run in a remote location with a socket connection to each client.

## Quick Start

This section will provide steps to setup and play a game right out of the box.

1. Start the server using the executable jar inside this folder – see instructions below.
2. Choose a map based on the desired number of players using the Server GUI.
3. Connect the client bots with the appropriate IP and Port parameters – see below and see client read documentation for more instructions.
4. Once the game is complete, a video will be created in the “games” directory. You are free to distribute the video as you see fit.

## Starting the Server

The server only takes one optional command line argument, the port number. This number defaults to port 3000.

### Command Line

The following example uses the default port.

```
java battlechallenge.server.BattleshipServer
```

The following example uses the port 4000.

```
java battlechallenge.server.BattleshipServer 4000
```

## Eclipse

Choose "Run->Run Configurations". Right click "Java Application" and select "New".

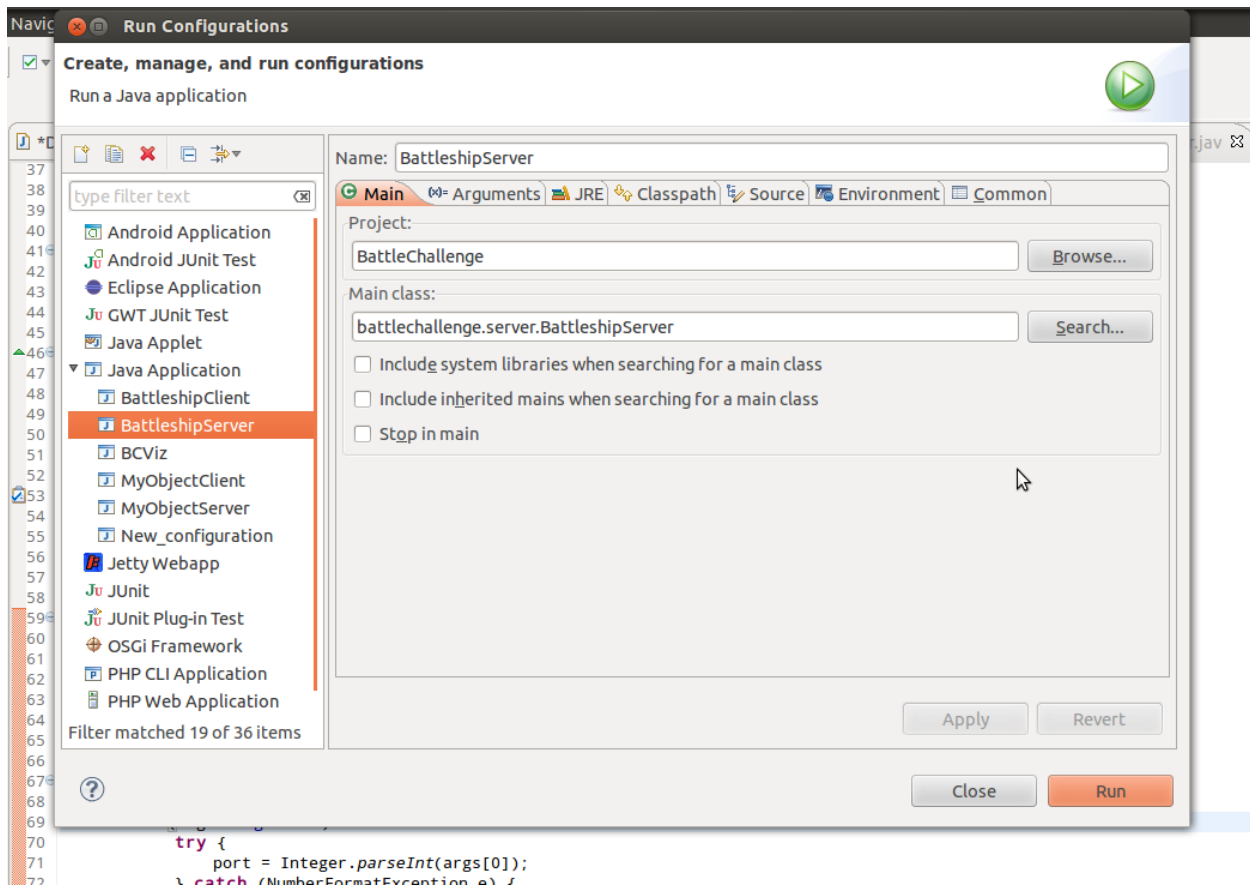
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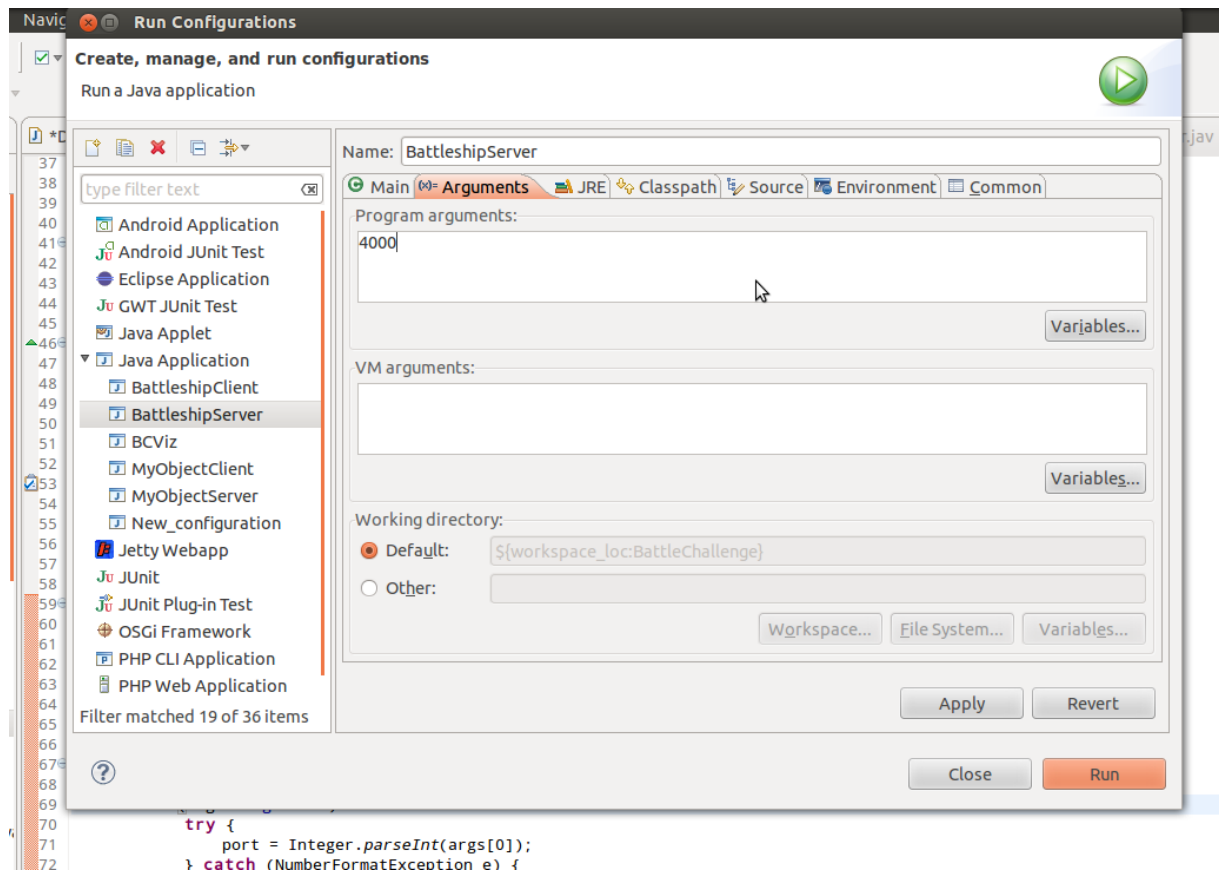
Main Class: "battlechallenge.client.BattleshipServer"

Argumants Tab:

Program Arguments: "4000"

NOTE: Do not use quotes when entering text fields.





## Allowing Clients To Connect

### Local Network

For games on your own machine just use the default settings for IP and port. If you changed the port on the server, you will have to match that with the client.

Sever:

```
java battlechallenge.server.BattleshipServer
```

Client:

```
java -cp ../libs/jewelcli-0.7.6.jar:. battlechallenge.client.BattleshipClient --n=David --b=DavidBot
```

```
java -cp ../libs/jewelcli-0.7.6.jar:. battlechallenge.client.BattleshipClient --n=David2 --b=DavidBot
```

### IP Assigned to Your Computer

Provide each client with your IP address.

Sever:

```
java battlechallenge.server.BattleshipServer
```

Client:

```
java -cp ../libs/jewelCli-0.7.6.jar:. battlechallenge.client.BattleshipClient --n=David --b=DavidBot --i=143.215.110.249
```

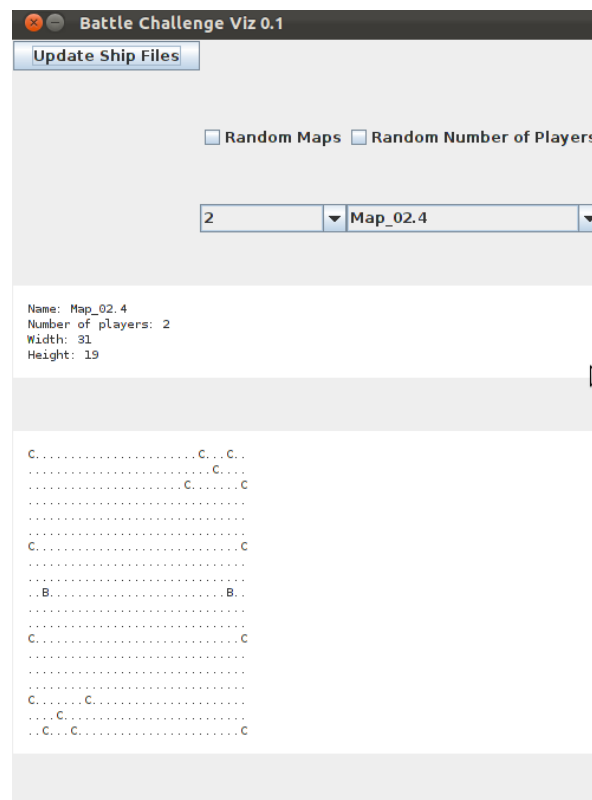
```
java -cp ../libs/jewelCli-0.7.6.jar:. battlechallenge.client.BattleshipClient --n=Loser --b=StarterBot --i=143.215.110.249
```

## IP Assigned to Home Router

Coming soon... this is a pain in the ass...

## Using the Server GUI

I don't care and am tire of writing... The GUI should be self-explanatory.However, the random check boxes do not actually work yet. Coming Soon!



## Building Custom Maps

The map file is broken in to two sections: headers and map

### Naming Convention

New maps should be named “Map\_(number of players).(index or version)” ex. Map02.0, Map04.3 and Map\_08.1c.

### Header

Three comma separated values make up the header.

1. Width: Number of columns
2. Height: Number of rows
3. Number of Players: Number of bases inside the map

### The Map

The map is made up of ASCII characters:

- “.” – Ocean or open space
- “B” – Base, where a players ships will be placed when enough minerals have been earned.
- “C” – Island (formally cities). Players need to place their ships on these locations to earn minerals.
- “W” – Walls, boundaries which are not destructible. This causes the bot to navigate around them.

Example:

```
...B...  
...C...  
B.CWC.B  
...C...  
...B...
```

## **Apendix A – Updates**

### **Documentation**

- August 6, 2012 – Initial document.
- August 15, 2012 – Fixed spelling/formatting mistakes. Added quick start section.

### **Software (JAR Executable)**