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# Number Guessing Game

## SOCKET PROGRAMMING & RMI

Socket-Programming enables communication between devices using network sockets. RMI (Remote Method Invocation) is a Java feature to call methods on remote objects like local ones. Java RMI simplifies client-server communication with remote calls to methods like `createRoom()`, `joinRoom()`, and `submitGuess()`.

## MULTIPLE NODES & LOCAL CLOCKS

Each client has its own:  
Local guess list (to track new guesses).  
Thread for periodic server updates.  
The server maintains a global game state for each room.  
Why Local Clocks?  
Reduces server load by letting clients manage their own state.

## MUTUAL EXCLUSION (TOKEN-BASED)

Implementation:

- Implicit token system: The server acts as a central authority.
- Only the server can: Start a game, Validate guesses, Declare a winner.

Why This Approach?

- Ensures only one client can modify game state at a time.

## MULTITHREADING

Implementation:

Client-side thread checks for game updates every second. Server-side synchronization ensures thread-safe operations.

Example: `AtomicBoolean` in the client controls the update thread.

Benefit: Smooth UI experience without freezing.

## CLOCK SYNCHRONIZATION

Logical Clocks (ClockSync class) track event order. Each RMI call increments the clock to maintain consistency.

When a player submits a guess, the server increments the clock before processing. Ensures all clients see events in the correct order.

## DEADLOCK MANAGEMENT

Synchronized methods in `GameLogic` prevent race conditions.

- Example:  
synchronized boolean `joinRoom()` ensures only one player joins at a time.

Avoiding Deadlocks:

- No nested locks; short critical sections.

## LOAD MANAGEMENT

Implementation:

- Thread-per-client updates (non-blocking): Clients poll the server periodically for updates.
- `GameRoom` instances isolate room-specific logic.

Scalability:

- New rooms can be created dynamically.

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