

Project Specification

1. Login Screen [public]

- Input fields for username and password (used for both login and registration).
- Buttons to "Login" or "Register."
- Display validation messages for incorrect credentials or other issues.
- A link for password reset.

2. High Scores Screen [public]

- A user interface to select different high score categories (e.g., total games played, shortest time to win, fewest turns to win).
- A table or list displaying high scores for each category.

3. Lobby Screen [private]

- Display a list of existing, joinable games with details (theme, current players, grid size).
- Buttons to create a new game and to join games from the list.

4. Game Screen [private]

- Initial state indicating the game hasn't started.
- Options for grid size configuration with validation.
- Options for choosing the game theme.
- Options to modify grid size (default 8x8)
- Options to set a time limit for each turn (default 30 seconds).
- Display list of players in the game, showing current and maximum number allowed.
- Minimalistic chat feature for player communication.

During the Game:

- Display of total elapsed game time.
- Score (number of collected cards) per player.
- Timers for total time per player.

After the Game Ends:

- UI displaying the winner's name.
- "Play Again" button and indication of number interested players.
- "Start New Game" button (only visible to host, interested players will automatically join)
- "Go Back to Lobby" button
- UI showcasing new high scores and sharing options, if applicable.

5. User Account Screen [private]

- Account management (change username, reset password; email not changeable).
- UI for uploading custom images into a selected theme.
- List of uploaded images with deletion options and approval status. (uploaded images are not immediately available for use in games until approved)
- Toggle for privacy settings to hide game activity.

Additional Considerations and Enhancements

- **Feedback Mechanisms:** Popup messages and inline UI elements for user actions.
- **Responsive Design:** Ensure compatibility across various devices and screen sizes.
- **Credits:** Link to the creator's GitHub profile somewhere.
- **Animations:** Implement animations for card flipping, victory celebrations, and indications for players who lost.