



Darknet Duel

Darknet Duel is a multiplayer strategy game where players take on the roles of Attacker and Defender in a simulated cyber warfare environment. The project consists of a React-based frontend, a Node.js/Express backend API for authentication and persistence, and a dedicated game server using Boardgame.io for real-time game state management.

Tech Stack

Frontend (darknet-duel-frontend)

- **Framework:** React v19.1.0
- **Build Tool:** Vite v6.3.5
- **Language:** TypeScript ~5.8.3
- **Styling:** Tailwind CSS v3.4.1, DaisyUI v4.7.3
- **State Management:** Zustand v5.0.5
- **Routing:** React Router DOM v7.6.2
- **Real-time:** Socket.io Client v4.8.1

Backend API (backend-server)

- **Runtime:** Node.js (node:20-alpine)
- **Framework:** Express v4.18.2
- **Language:** TypeScript v5.0.4
- **Database Driver:** MySQL2 v3.14.1
- **ORM:** TypeORM v0.3.16
- **Real-time:** Socket.io v4.8.1
- **Documentation:** Swagger UI Express v5.0.1

Game Server (game-server)

- **Runtime:** Node.js (node:20-alpine)

- **Engine:** Boardgame.io v0.50.2
- **Server Framework:** Koa / Express
- **Real-time:** Socket.io v4.7.2

Infrastructure

- **Database:** MySQL 8.0
- **Containerization:** Docker & Docker Compose
- **Proxy:** Nginx
- **CI/CD:** GitHub Actions

Development

To run the entire stack in development mode, follow these steps:

1. Prerequisites:

- Ensure **Node.js** (v20 or higher) is installed.
- Ensure **MySQL** is installed and running locally.

2. Database Setup:

- Create a database named `darknet_duel` (or whatever you specify in your `.env`).

3. Configure Environment Variables:

The `backend-server`, `darknet-duel-frontend`, and `game-server` folders each contain a `.env.example` file.

- Rename `.env.example` to `.env` in each folder.
- Update the values in each `.env` file to match your local configuration.
- **Important:** Ensure the `backend-server .env` points to your local MySQL instance.

4. Initialize Database:

Run the initialization script to set up tables and default data:

```
cd backend-server
npm install
npm run init-db
```

5. Install and Run:

Open three separate terminals and run the following commands in each folder:

Backend Server:

```
cd backend-server
npm run dev
```

Game Server:

```
cd game-server
npm install
npm run dev
```

Frontend:

```
cd darknet-duel-frontend
npm install
```

```
npm run dev
```

6. Access the Application:

- **Frontend:** <http://localhost:5173>
- **Backend API:** <http://localhost:8000>
- **Game Server:** <http://localhost:8001>
- **API Documentation:** <http://localhost:8000/api-docs>

Deployment

Self-Hosting

Note: These instructions assume a **Linux environment** and that **Docker** and **Docker Compose** are already installed and running.

1. Clone the repository:

```
git clone <repository-url>
cd darknet-duel
```

2. Configure Environment Variables:

Create a `.env` file in the root directory with the following content (adjust values as needed):

```
# Database
MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD=secure_root_password
DB_PASSWORD=secure_db_password

# API Keys & Secrets
JWT_SECRET=your_secure_jwt_secret
SERVER_API_KEY=your_secure_server_api_key
XENDIT_API_KEY=your_xendit_api_key

# URLs (Adjust for your environment)
FRONTEND_URL=http://localhost:8002
BACKEND_URL=http://localhost:8000
GAME_URL=http://localhost:8001

# Ports (Optional overrides)
# FRONTEND_PORT=8002
# BACKEND_PORT=8000
# GAME_PORT=8001
```

3. Run with Docker Compose:

```
docker-compose up -d
```

4. Access the Application:

- Frontend: <http://localhost:8002> (or your configured `FRONTEND_PORT`)
- Backend API: <http://localhost:8000>

- Game Server: `http://localhost:8001`
- phpMyAdmin: `http://localhost:8003`

GitHub Actions

The project includes a CI/CD pipeline defined in `.github/workflows/cicd.yml` that automatically builds and deploys the application.

Important: *The application will be deployed and run on the same machine where the self-hosted runner is installed.*

[How to add a self-hosted runner](#)

- **Triggers:** Pushes to `dev` and `main` branches, or manual workflow dispatch.

Setting up Secrets and Variables

[How to use secrets and variables in GitHub Actions](#)

- **Environment Secrets Required:**

- `MYSQL_ROOT_PASSWORD`
- `DB_PASSWORD`
- `JWT_SECRET`
- `SERVER_API_KEY`
- `XENDIT_API_KEY`
- `GHCR_PAT` (GitHub Container Registry Personal Access Token)

- **Environment Variables Required:**

- `FRONTEND_URL`
- `BACKEND_URL`
- `GAME_URL`
- `FRONTEND_PORT`
- `BACKEND_PORT`
- `GAME_PORT`
- `MYSQL_PORT`
- `PMA_PORT`

Default Users

The system comes pre-configured with the following accounts for testing and administration:

Role	Email	Password
Administrator	<code>admin@admin.com</code>	<code>Admin123!</code>
Moderator	<code>moderator@moderator.com</code>	<code>Moderator123!</code>
Regular User	<code>user@user.com</code>	<code>User123!</code>