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1 Naming conventions

In this paper, packet structures for the DGMT protocol will be described in detail. We will employ the following types of terms:

- data_type: the following data types will be employed:
 - *void*: a void pointer. It can have take only value, NULL. This will be used to refer to non assigned variables.
 - by te: an ordered collection of 8 bits.
 - int: an integer of unspecified precision. We will employ both the decimal [0-9]+ and hexadecimal 0x[0-9A-F]+ notations in this paper.
 - **Implentors's note**: implementors are free to choose how they store integer data, as long as the precision employed is enough to represent the whole set of expectable values.
 - int8, int16, int32, int64: integers whose range is in comprised in $[0, 2^x 1]$, where x is equal to the number that appears in the name.
 - bool: a boolean, whose value can be either 1 or 0.
 - ustring: a finite sequence of characters from the Unicode character set.
 - data_type[]: an array of the specified data_type.
- DATA_ENCODING: a byte encoding of a given data_type.
- CONSTANT_VALUE: a constant byte value, used to distinguish different message types or answers.
- variable: a variable used to store sensitive protocol data.

1.1 Encodings

We define the following data encodings:

- BYTE: data is taken as "is", a byte array is formed.
- INTEGER: a big-endian integer encoding of an *int*. The actual interpretation depends on the number of bytes employed.
- BOOLEAN: an encoding for a *bool*. Any non zero value represents 1, while a zero value stands for 0. If more than 1 byte is used, a *bool* array is formed.
- STRING: a ASCII encoding for ustring, using an arbitrary number of bytes.
- USTRING: a UTF-8 encoding for ustring, using an arbitrary number of bytes.
- ARRAY: an encoding for an array of arbitrary data. Individual data has particular encoding, and this data is concatenated at the byte level to form an array. The size of an ARRAY usually refers to the number of elements present in it.

Implementor's note: STRING can actually be interpreted as a USTRING without any loss of data. The reason we define the former is so that we can specify the kind of information we expect to have, although this should be done at a higher level of abstraction.

2 Overview

The DGMT protocol defines how a MindTris client can communicate with a MindTris server.

2.1 Client's state information

Clients must maintain the following state information for each server it connects to. We will describe the state information by defining a series of variables. By default, variables can be of two data_type, one of which must be void.

Implementor's note: This information does not specify the implementation one should use, it merely gives information relevant to the validity of the protocol. For this reason, some information, which could be important for providing good user experience, will not necessarily be described here.

• server_pub_key (byte[]): The server's public RSA key. Used by the client in communications where secret transmission of data is necessary. This variable should include the modulus and exponent integer values of the key. The default value is NULL.

The client keeps track of the current status of the client/server connection. This could be whether the client has logged in, is in a game, etc. It should include information such as following:

- connected (bool): Whether or not the client has received a positive handshake answer from the server. Defaults as 0.
- logged_on (bool): Whether or not the client has successfully authenticated itself as a certain user existing in the server's database. Defaults as 0.
- user (ustring): The user the client has authenticated as. Defaults as NULL.
- lobby_id (int32): The ID of the lobby the user has joined. Defaults as NULL.
- peer_id (int8): The peer ID for the lobby the user is in. Defaults as NULL.
- creator_lobby_id (int32): The ID of the lobby the user has created, if it has created any lobby. Defaults as NULL.
- session_id (int64): the id of the session the server has generated for the current game. Defaults as NULL.
- am_playing(bool): Whether or not the user is in a game. Defaults as 0.

Conversely, server must maintain state information from each client it's connected to. This should include connected, logged_on, ser, lobby_id, peer_id, creator_lobby_id andam_playing. Additionally, it will include the client's public key (client_pub_key), which will be used for communications between peers to authenticate their messages. This key defaults as NULL.

The server should at all times maintain information about lobbies that have been created, which will include their lobby ID, session ID and password. It should also keep a database of all registered users.

2.2 Public Key message structure

In some parts of the protocol, public RSA keys are expected to be transmitted. The expected format for such transmission is the following:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Modulus	INTEGER	2	N/A	The size of the Modulus field.
Size				
Modulus	INTEGER	varies	N/A	The modulus part of the public key.
Exponent	INTEGER	1	N/A	The size of the Exponent field.
Size				
Exponent	INTEGER	varies	N/A	The modulus part of the public key.

We will refer to this as the DGMT RSA Public Key format.

In other parts, a public DSA key is expected. This is the expected format:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
DSA _p Size	INTEGER	2	N/A	The size of the DSA _p field.
DSA_p	INTEGER	varies	N/A	The modulus part of the public key.
DSA _q Size	INTEGER	2	N/A	The size of the DSA _q field.
$\mathrm{DSA}_{\mathrm{q}}$	INTEGER	varies	N/A	The modulus part of the public key.
DSA _g Size	INTEGER	2	N/A	The size of the DSA _g field.
$\mathrm{DSA}_{\mathrm{g}}$	INTEGER	varies	N/A	The modulus part of the public key.
DSA _y Size	INTEGER	2	N/A	The size of the DSA _y field.
DSA_y	INTEGER	varies	N/A	The modulus part of the public key.

3 Client-Server messages

All packets sent between the server and the client must be structured as follows:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Protocol	STRING	4	"DGMT"	Default protocol identifier.
Size	INTEGER	2		The size of the message in bytes, including
				the header.
Payload	BYTE	varies		The content of this field will vary depending
				on the type of message.

3.1 Hello

This message is the first message in the handshake between the server and the client. The client will first send a <code>HELLO_FROM_CLIENT</code> message to the server, who in turn should answer with a <code>HELLO_FROM_SERVER</code> message.

Request:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x00	This identifies the message as
				HELLO_FROM_CLIENT.
Protocol	INTEGER	4	1.2.0.3	Protocol/Client version; the format is
Version				XX.XX.XX.

Response:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x80	This identifies the message as
				HELLO_FROM_SERVER.
Server An-	INTEGER	1	N/A	Server's response. Must be one of
swer				the following: $0x00$ (SUCCESS), $0x01$
				(WRONG_PROTOCOL_VERSION), $0x02$
				(UNKNOWN_ERROR).
Server's	BYTE	varies	N/A	The server's public RSA key. Used for trans-
Public Key				mission of secret data from the client to the
				server. The expected format is the DGMT
				RSA Public Key format.
Message	INTEGER	2	N/A	The size of the Message field (bytes)
Size				
Message	USTRING	varies	N/A	A human readable message from the server to
				the client. This could be a welcome message,
				if the Server Answer was SUCCESS, or a few
				details about the error that occurred.

If the server answers SUCCESS, the client will store the server's public key in its server_pub_key variable. Additionally the state variable connected is set to 1. Any other messages exchanged between the server and the client assume that connected is 1.

3.2 Keep alive

Clients regularly send a message with an empty Payload to the server from the moment they received a HELLO_FROM_SERVER. They are expected to do so every 60 seconds, otherwise the server will drop the connection, and terminate any ongoing transactions with the client.

3.3 User creation

By this process, a client can create a user to be stored in the server's database. The client will first send a CREATE_USER message to the server, who in turn should answer with a USER_CREATION message. This message is only valid when the client connected variable is set to 1.

Request:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x01	This identifies the message as CREATE_USER.
Username	INTEGER	1	N/A	The size of the Username field.
Size				
Username	USTRING	varies	N/A	A name used to login.
Display	INTEGER	1	N/A	The size of the Display Name field.
Name Size				
Display	USTRING	varies	N/A	A name that will be displayed to other users.
Name				
Email Size	INTEGER	2	N/A	The size of the Email field. This value cannot
				be greater than 320.
Email	STRING	varies	N/A	An email address, used to recover a lost pass-
				word.
Encrypted	INTEGER	2	N/A	The size of the Encrypted Password field.
Password				
Size				
Encrypted	BYTE	varies	N/A	We will describe this content below.
Password				

The Encrypted Password field should contain the following data, encrypted with the RSAES-OAEP (RSA Encryption Scheme - Optimal Asymmetric Encryption Padding) (SHA-1) scheme, using server_pub_key.

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Password	STRING	varies	N/A	The password that will be used to login.

Valid usernames must match [:alpha:][:alnum:_.-]*, and valid password must match

Response:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x81	This identifies the message as
				USER_CREATION.
Answer	BYTE	1	N/A	
				• 0x00: the user has been created with success.
				• 0x01: this username already exists.
				• 0x02: invalid username.
				• 0x03: invalid password.
				• 0x04: invalid email.

3.4 Login

By this process, a client can login as a user present in the server's database. The client will first send a LOGIN message to the server, who in turn should answer with a LOGIN_REPLY message. This message is only valid when the client connected variable is set to 1.

Request:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x02	This identifies the message as LOGIN.
Username	INTEGER	1	N/A	The size of the Username field.
Size				
Username	USTRING	varies	N/A	A name used to login.
Encrypted	INTEGER	2	N/A	The size of the Encrypted Password field.
Password				
Size				
Encrypted	BYTE	varies	N/A	We will describe this content below.
Password				

The Encrypted User Login Info field should contain the following data, encrypted with the RSAES-OAEP (SHA-1) scheme, using server_pub_key.

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Password	STRING	varies	N/A	The password that will be used to login.

Response:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x82	This identifies the message as LOGIN_REPLY.
Answer	BYTE	1	N/A	
				• 0x00: login success.
				• 0x01: username does not exist.
				• 0x02: bad username/password.
				• 0x03: too many tries, try again later.
				• 0x04: login success, but another instance was disconnected elsewhere.
Answer	BYTE	varies	N/A	The content of this field is determined by the
Payload		Valles	11/11	Answer field.

When Answer is equal to 0x00, the Answer Payload field will contain the data structure below. It should be empty otherwise.

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Display	INTEGER	1	N/A	The size of the Display Name field.
Name Size				
Display	USTRING	varies	N/A	The user's name that is displayed to others.
Name				

Normally, the server will only give a success response if the username and password provided by the client match in the server's database. The variable logged_on is set to 1 and user is set to the provided username on both the server and the client's side.

3.5 Lobby Creation

By this process, a user can create a lobby. This is only possible if logged_on is set to 1, lobby_id is set to NULL and creator_lobby_id is set to NULL.

Request:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x03	This identifies the message as CREATE_LOBBY.
Lobby	INTEGER	1	N/A	The size of the Lobby Name field.
Name Size				
Lobby	USTRING	varies	N/A	The name of the lobby to be created.
Name				
Player	INTEGER	1	N/A	The maximum number of players allowed.
Allowed				
Count				
Has Pass-	BOOLEAN	1	0	Whether or not the lobby will require a pass-
word				word.
Encrypted	INTEGER	2	N/A	The size of the Encrypted Lobby Password
Lobby				field or empty if the Has Password field is 0.
Password				
Size				
Encrypted	BYTE	varies	N/A	This field is empty if the Has Password field
Lobby				is 0.
Password				
Port num-	INTEGER	2	N/A	The client's TCP listen port number, used
ber				for communication between peers.
Client's	BYTE	varies	N/A	The client's public key, used to sign peer-to-
Public Key				peer messages. The expected format is the
				DGMT Public Key format.

The Encrypted Lobby Password field, if provided, should contain the following data, encrypted with the RSA-OAEP (SHA-1) scheme, using server_pub_key.

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Password	STRING	varies	N/A	The password that will requested to join the lobby.

Note that a valid password must match

Response:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x83	This identifies the message as
				LOBBY_CREATION.
Answer	BYTE	1	N/A	
				• 0x00: lobby created with success.
				• 0x01: invalid password.
				• 0x02: you do not have enough rights create a lobby.
				• 0x03: invalid number of players.
				• 0xFF: unknown error.
Lobby	BYTE	varies	N/A	The value of this field depends on the Answer
Creation				field. This is described below.
Payload				

When Answer is equal to 0x00, the following information is included in the Lobby Creation Payload field:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Lobby ID	INTEGER	4	N/A	An ID generated by the server for the lobby
				than has been created. This value should be
				generated so that all current available lobbies
				have unique IDs.
Peer ID	INTEGER	1	N/A	The creator peer's unique ID for this lobby.
				Used to identify peers during the game.
Session ID	INTEGER	8	N/A	This lobby's session's ID. Used in peer-to-
				peer messages to prevent clients from reusing
				signed packets. This is different from lobby
				ID in the sense that a Session ID is required
				to be unpredictable, while lobby IDs can be
				generated for efficient retrieval of lobby lists.

The field is empty otherwise.

3.6 Lobby List Retrieval

Users might want to know the list of available lobbies. This is only possible if logged_on is set to 1.

Request:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comm	ent			
Type	INTEGER	1	0x04	This	identifies	the	message	as
				GET_L	OBBY_LIST.			

Response:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x84	This identifies the message as LOBBY_LIST.
Lobby List	INTEGER	1	N/A	The size of the Lobby List array (number of
Size				elements).
Lobby List	ARRAY	varies	N/A	An array of Lobby data, described below.

The Lobby List contains an array with the following data structure:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Lobby ID	INTEGER	4	N/A	The lobby ID.
Lobby	INTEGER	1	N/A	The size of the Lobby Name field.
Name Size				
Lobby	USTRING	varies	N/A	The name of the lobby to be created.
Name				
Player	INTEGER	1	N/A	The number of players present in the lobby.
Count				
Player	INTEGER	1	N/A	The maximum number of players allowed.
Allowed				
Count				
Password	BOOLEAN	1	0	Whether or not this lobby requires a pass-
Protected				word to join.
Creator	INTEGER	1	N/A	The size of the Creator field.
Size				
Creator	USTRING	varies	N/A	The display name of the creator of this lobby.

3.7 Joining a lobby

Users can decide to join a particular lobby. This is only possible if logged_on is set to 1 and if lobby_id is NULL.

Request:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x05	This identifies the message as JOIN_LOBBY.
Lobby ID	INTEGER	4	N/A	The lobby ID.
Password	INTEGER	1	N/A	The size of the Password field.
Size				
Password	STRING	varies	N/A	The lobby's password.
Port num-	INTEGER	2	N/A	The client's TCP listen port number, used
ber				for communication between peers.
Client's	BYTE	varies	N/A	The client's public key, used to sign peer-to-
Public Key				peer messages. The expected format is the
				DGMT DSA Public Key format.

Response:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x85	This identifies the message as JOINED_LOBBY.
Lobby ID	INTEGER	4	N/A	The lobby ID.
Answer	BYTE	1	N/A	
				• 0x00: joined lobby with success.
				• 0x01: wrong password
				• 0x02: lobby is full
				• 0x03: unknown error
Anguar	BYTE	verios	N/A	The content of this field is determined by the
Answer	DILE	varies	IN/A	The content of this field is determined by the
Payload				Answer field.

When Answer is equal to 0x00, the Answer Payload field will contain the data structure below. It should be empty otherwise.

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Lobby	INTEGER	1	N/A	The size of the Lobby Name field.
Name Size				
Lobby	USTRING	varies	N/A	The name of the lobby to be created.
Name				
Player	INTEGER	1	N/A	The maximum number of players allowed.
Allowed				
Count				
Creator	INTEGER	1	N/A	The Peer ID of the creator of this lobby.
Peer ID				
Peer ID	INTEGER	1	N/A	The joining peer's unique ID for this lobby.
				Used to identify peers during the game.
Session ID	INTEGER	8	N/A	This lobby's session's ID. Used in peer-to-
				peer messages to prevent clients from reusing
				signed packets. This is different from lobby
				ID in the sense that a Session ID is required
				to be unpredictable, while lobby IDs can be
				generated for efficient retrieval of lobby lists.
Client List	INTEGER	1	N/A	The size of the Client List array (number of
Size				elements).
Client List	ARRAY	varies	N/A	An array of clients currently present in the
				lobby, described below.

The Client List array should implement the following data structure:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Peer ID	INTEGER	1	N/A	The peer's unique ID for this lobby. Used to
				identify peers during the game.
Display	INTEGER	1	N/A	The size of the Display Name field.
Name Size				
Display	USTRING	varies	N/A	The name used by the client.
Name				
IP Address	INTEGER	4	N/A	The client's IPv4 address, as described in
				RFC 791.
Port num-	INTEGER	2	N/A	The client's TCP listen port number, used
ber				for communication between peers.
Client's	BYTE	varies	N/A	The client's public key, used to sign peer-to-
Public Key				peer messages. The expected format is the
				DGMT DSA Public Key format.

Once the server responds, both ends set the lobby_id variable for this client to the value given by

3.8 Leaving a Lobby

A user can decide to leave a lobby. In this case, it sends the following message to the server:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x06	This identifies the message as LEAVE_LOBBY.

Note that this message will only be valid if logged_on is set to 1 and if lobby_id is different than NULL. The server, instead of responding directly to this message, will respond with an UPDATE_CLIENT_STATUS message, which is described in section 3.10.

3.9 Kicking a user

The user who created the lobby can decide to kick another user. This message has to be sent:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment	
Type	INTEGER	1	0x07	This identifies the message a	S
				KICK_USER_FROM_LOBBY.	
Peer ID	INTEGER	1	N/A	The ID of the peer who will be kicked.	

Note that this message will only be valid if logged_on is set to 1, lobby_id is different than NULL and if creator is set to 1. The server, instead of responding directly to this message, will respond with an UPDATE_CLIENT_STATUS message, which is described in section 3.10.

3.10 Update client lobby status

The server is supposed to notify clients in a lobby of any status updates from other clients joining, leaving or being kicked from the lobby. The server sends this message to all present clients (that is, those whose lobby_id matches the lobby in question), including the one whose status has been updated, if they happen to have been kicked or left the lobby.

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x88	This identifies the message as
				UPDATE_CLIENT_STATUS.
Lobby ID	INTEGER	4	N/A	The ID of the lobby in question.
Status Up-	BYTE	1	N/A	
date				• 0x00: has joined the lobby
				• 0x01: has left the lobby
				• 0x02: has been kicked from the lobby
Peer ID	INTEGER	1	N/A	The ID of the peer whose status has been
			,	updated.
Status	BYTE	varies	N/A	Depending on the type of Status Update, the
Payload				content of this field will differ.

When Status Update is equal to 0x00, the following information is included in the Status Payload field:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Display	INTEGER	1	N/A	The size of the Display Name field.
Name Size				
Display	USTRING	varies	N/A	The name used by the joining client.
Name				
IP Address	INTEGER	4	N/A	The joining client's IPv4 address, as de-
				scribed in RFC 791.
Port num-	INTEGER	2	N/A	The joining client's TCP listen port number,
ber				used for communication between peers.
Client's	BYTE	varies	N/A	The client's public key, used to sign peer-to-
Public Key				peer messages. The expected format is the
				DGMT DSA Public Key format.

When the Status Update is equal to 0x01 or 0x02, clients are expected to terminate the connection they have with the corresponding peer. Additionally, the variable lobby_id is set to NULL and creator is set to 0.

3.11 Starting a game

Users having created a lobby can choose to start a game. They are easily identified for having creator_lobby_id different than NULL.

Request:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x10	This identifies the message as START_GAME.

Response:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x90	This identifies the message as
				GAME_STARTING.
Answer	BYTE	1	N/A	
				• 0x00: engaging with game start procedures.

The server's answer is only interesting when an unknown error is triggered. Otherwise, a correct game start procedure will force the server into telling every client in the lobby matching the client's creator_lobby_id to start loading a game, a message we will describe in the next section.

3.12 Loading a game

The server can request clients having joined a certain lobby to start loading a game. Games can take a certain amount of time to allocate resources in a given client, which is why we expect clients to take some time before they give an answer to the server. Additionally, server includes first pieces to be played during the game.

Request:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x91	This identifies the message as LOAD_GAME.
First	INTEGER	1	10	The size of the First Pieces array.
Pieces				
Array Size				
First	ARRAY	varies	N/A	An array including the IDs of the first pieces
Pieces				being played, each of them is encoded as 1-
				byte INTEGER.

Response:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x11	This identifies the message as LOADED_GAME.
Answer	BYTE	1	N/A	
				 0x00: loaded game, connected to all peers 0x01: can't connect to certain peers
Answer	BYTE	varies	N/A	The content of this field is determined by the
Payload				Answer field.

When Answer is equal to 0x01, the Answer Payload field will contain the data structure below. It should be empty otherwise.

Name		Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Peer	ID	INTEGER	1	N/A	The size of the peer ID array.
Array Si	ize				
Peer IDs	5	ARRAY	varies	N/A	The IDs of each of peer this peer couldn't
					connect to. Each of these is represented as a
					1-byte INTEGER.

3.13 Beginning of a game

The server, once it received a successful LOADED_GAME answer from all connected players, will decide as to the beginning of a game. It will simply send this message to all of them:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x92	This identifies the message as BEGIN_GAME.

3.14 Obtaining new pieces

The server is responsible for telling each player about the next pieces to be played. It can do so any time it wishes. For this purpose, this message is sent to each client:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x93	This identifies the message as NEW_PIECES.
Piece	INTEGER	4	N/A	The number of the first piece in the Pieces
Number				array.
Offset				
Pieces Ar-	INTEGER	1	10	The size of the Pieces array.
ray Size				
Pieces	ARRAY	varies	N/A	An array including the IDs of the new pieces,
				each of them is encoded as 1-byte INTEGER.

Additionally, clients can encourage the server to do so:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x13	This identifies the message as
				GIVE_NEW_PIECES.
Piece	INTEGER	4	N/A	The number of the first piece requested.
Number				
Offset				
Piece Re-	INTEGER	1	N/A	The number of pieces requested.
quested				
Number				

Reaction by the server to this message is done at the server's discretion.

3.15 End of a game

Clients send the results of a game to the server when it finishes:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x14	This identifies the message as GAME_END.
Results	INTEGER	1	N/A	The size of the Results array.
Array Size				
Results	ARRAY	varies	N/A	An array of results for each different client.

The Results array will include the following:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Peer ID	INTEGER	1	N/A	The ID of the peer whose result is from.
Winning	INTEGER	1	N/A	Ranks determine the order at which players
Rank				lost. The player who ultimately won should
				be rank 1. Players whose rank can't be de-
				termined should be rank 0.
Score	INTEGER	4	N/A	The score of the client at the end of the game.

4 Peer-to-Peer messages

Peer-to-peer messages work inherently different from Server/Client messages. Unlike the former, peer-to-peer do not follow a request-response pattern.

All packets sent between the peers must be structured as follows:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Protocol	STRING	7	"DGMTP2P"	Default protocol identifier.
Size	INTEGER	2		The size of the message in bytes, including
				the header.
Payload	BYTE	varies		The content of this field will vary depending
				on the type of message.

Basically, clients are expected to connect to each other the moment they join a lobby. The client having joined last must initiate the connection. They must use the TCP port each individual peer is listening to, as provided by the server. Before they engage in any conversation, they must go through a handshake phase.

4.1 Handshake

Before engaging in any real communication, peers must authenticate with each other, by following a secure three-way handshake procedure.

During this phase, one peer initiates the connection. This is done by sending a CONNECTION_REQUEST message, to which the other peer will respond with a CONNECTION_ACCEPTED message, if the request is valid. The handshake ends with the peer's initiating sending a CONNECTION_ACKNOWLEDGED message, acknowledging the other peer's authenticity, and responding to the other's peer challenge.

Connection request

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x00	This identifies the message as
				CONNECTION_REQUEST
Lobby ID	INTEGER	4	N/A	The lobby ID the peers are connected to.
Initiating	INTEGER	1	N/A	The ID of the peer who initiates the connec-
Peer ID				tion.
Listening	INTEGER	1	N/A	The ID of the peer that accepts the connec-
Peer ID				tion.
Initiating	INTEGER	8	N/A	A random number issued by the peer initi-
Challenge				ating the connection, for the purpose of only
Code				one handshake attempt.

The peer accepting the connection, will check whether the Lobby ID, Initiating Peer ID and Listening Peer ID are valid. If they are not, he should terminate the TCP connection. Otherwise he will send the following message:

Connection challenge accepted

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x01	This identifies the message as
				CONNECTION_ACCEPTED
Lobby ID	INTEGER	4	N/A	The lobby ID the peers are connected to.
Initiating	INTEGER	1	N/A	The ID of the peer who initiates the connec-
Peer ID				tion.
Listening	INTEGER	1	N/A	The ID of the peer that accepts the connec-
Peer ID				tion
Initiating	INTEGER	8	N/A	The challenge code issued by the peer initi-
Challenge				ating the connection.
Code				
Listening	INTEGER	8	N/A	A random number issued by the peer accept-
Challenge				ing the connection, for the purpose of only
Code				one handshake attempt.
Signature	INTEGER	2	N/A	The size of the signature field in bytes.
Size				
Signature	BYTE	varies	N/A	The accepting peer's signature for the mes-
				sage between the Lobby ID and Listening
				Challenge Code. The signature is generated
				by the Digital Signature Algorithm.

The peer initiating the connection will check if the message corresponds to an ongoing handshake request, and verify that the signature matches the one it has for the peer accepting the connection, as provided by the server. If the message is not valid, he should terminate the TCP connection. Otherwise, the peer will assume that he has initiated a connection with the proper peer, and will send the final message:

Connection Challenge Acknowledged

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x02	This identifies the message as
				CONNECTION_ACKNOWLEDGED
Lobby ID	INTEGER	4	N/A	The lobby ID the peers are connected to.
Initiating	INTEGER	1	N/A	The ID of the peer who initiates the connec-
Peer ID				tion.
Listening	INTEGER	1	N/A	The ID of the peer that accepts the connec-
Peer ID				tion
Initiating	INTEGER	8	N/A	The challenge code issue by the peer initiat-
Challenge				ing the connection.
Code				
Listening	INTEGER	8	N/A	The challenge code issued by the peer accept-
Challenge				ing the connection.
Code				
Signature	INTEGER	2	N/A	The size of the signature field in bytes.
Size				
Signature	BYTE	varies	N/A	The initiating peer's signature for the mes-
				sage between the Lobby ID and Listening
				Challenge Code. The signature is generated
				by the Digital Signature Algorithm.

The accepting peer will verify that the fields match a previous CONNECTION_ACCEPTED, and then check the signature for the peer initiating the connection, as provided by the server. If OK, he assumes that a connection has been established with the proper peer. Otherwise, he should terminate the TCP connection.

4.2 Chat

Chat messages don't rely on the server for transmission. They are sent directly to each peer.

Chat Message:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x10	This identifies the message as CHAT_SEND.
Session ID	INTEGER	8	N/A	The lobby's session's ID. This makes reusing
				of old signed packets harder.
Chat	INTEGER	2	N/A	The size of the Chat Message field.
Message				
Length				
Chat Mes-	USTRING	varies	N/A	A chat message sent by the peer we are con-
sage				nected to.
Signature	INTEGER	2	N/A	The size of the signature field in bytes.
Size				
Signature	BYTE	varies	N/A	The client's RSA signature for the Session ID
				and Chat message, generated with DSA.

4.3 Game Round packets

Most importantly, peers are supposed to send each other packets for each round that has been played. Rounds happen every 100ms.

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x11	This identifies the message as ROUND.
Round	BYTE	varies	N/A	The data about the round, this is described
Data				below.
Signature	INTEGER	2	N/A	The size of the signature field in bytes.
Size				
Signature	BYTE	varies	N/A	The client's RSA signature for the Round
				Data field, generated with DSA.

Round Data include a bunch of gameplay dependent data.

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Session ID	INTEGER	8	N/A	The lobby's session's ID. This makes reusing
				of old signed packets harder.
Round	INTEGER	4	N/A	The round number. Games start at round
Number				number 0, and this number increases by 1
				for each subsequent round.
Moves Ar-	INTEGER	1	N/A	The size of the Moves array.
ray Size				
Moves	ARRAY	varies	N/A	An array of moves the player has made dur-
				ing the round.
Round	INTEGER	1	N/A	The size of the Round Data Hashes field.
Data				
Hashes				
Array Size				
Round	ARRAY	varies	N/A	An array of peer hashes, this is described
Data				next.
Hashes				

The Moves array will include the following:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Move Time	INTEGER	4	N/A	The time in milliseconds of the move being
Stamp				executed.
Piece	INTEGER	4	N/A	The number of the piece being moved.
Number				Games start with piece number 0, and this
				number increases by 1 for each new piece that
				comes.
Piece Ori-	INTEGER	1	N/A	The orientation of the piece. The default
entation				piece position is 0x00, and this number in-
				creases by 1 each time the piece is rotated in
				a clockwise fashion.
Piece X	INTEGER	1	N/A	The X offset of the location where the piece
Offset				has been dropped.
Piece Y	INTEGER	1	N/A	The Y offset of the location where the piece
Offset				has been dropped.

The Round Data Hashes array should include the following information for each player present in the game.

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Peer ID	INTEGER	1	N/A	The Peer ID of the peer whose hash is from.
Round	BYTE	20	N/A	The SHA-1 hash of the Round Data field sent
Data Hash				by the above client.

4.4 Keep alive

Peers regularly send each other a message with an empty Payload to the server from the moment they established a connection. They are expected to do so every 60 seconds.

4.5 Relaying

It is possible for peers connected to the same lobby to relay messages between each other. This can be useful when the peer-to-peer network is a ring or a tree. For this purpose, they use the following message structure:

From Message:

Name	Encoding	Size (B)	Default	Comment
Type	INTEGER	1	0x12	This identifies the message as MESSAGE_FROM.
From Peer	INTEGER	1	N/A	The ID of the peer whose the message comes
ID				from.
Message	INTEGER	2	N/A	The size of the Message field.
Length				
Message	BYTE	varies	N/A	A DGMTP2P message, which includes the
				header.