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Sample Code

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Use networking frameworks to create a custom protocol for playing a game across iOS, iPadOS, watchOS, and tvOS devices.

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iOS 16.0+ | iPadOS 16.0+ | tvOS 16.0+ | watchOS 9.0+ | Xcode 15.0+

Overview

This TicTacToe sample code project creates a networked game that you can play between different devices, communicating with a custom protocol. The game offers two ways to play:

- On Apple TV, the game uses [DeviceDiscoveryUI](#) to discover nearby iOS, iPadOS, and watchOS devices. After connecting, you can use your device to play against an AI opponent on Apple TV.
- On iOS and iPadOS devices, the game uses Bonjour and TLS to establish secure connections between nearby devices. You can use this mode to play a peer-to-peer two-player game.

Note

This sample code project is associated with WWDC22 session [110339: Build device-to-device interactions with the Network framework](#). It's also associated with WWDC 2020 session [10110: Support local network privacy in your app](#) and with WWDC 2019 session [713: Advances in Networking, Part 2](#).

See Also

Network Protocols

`class NWProtocolTCP`

A network protocol for connections that use the Transmission Control Protocol.

`class NWProtocolTLS`

A network protocol for connections that use Transport Layer Security.

`class NWProtocolQUIC`

A network protocol for connections that use the QUIC transport protocol.

`class NWProtocolUDP`

A network protocol for connections that use the User Datagram Protocol.

`class NWProtocolIP`

A network protocol for configuring the Internet Protocol on connections.

`class NWProtocolWebSocket`

A network protocol for connections that use WebSocket.

`class NWProtocolFramer`

A customizable network protocol for defining application message parsers.