

## Project 3, Fascicle 4: Out of Sync

Entire project due by May 18. **Suggested completion date for this Fascicle:** May 10

### Async Game AI

As demonstrated in lab, we want our Minimax game AI to run in a background task so that the main WPF UI doesn't lock up while the AI is computing its best move. To do that, you need to run the `FindBestMove` inside of a task using `Task.Run`, then `await` the return value of that task before applying the AI's move and rebinding the UI. Any function that uses `await` must be marked as `async` in its signature, so your view model's `ApplyMove` method will need to be `async`, and you must change the return type to `Task` instead of `void`. That means the `MouseUp` event handler that calls `ApplyMove` must also be `async`, so it can `await` the result of `ApplyMove`. Easy!

However, you must be careful to prevent the user from making changes to the board while the AI is doing its work. The `Undo` button definitely modifies the board, but so too does moving the mouse (which probably calls `GetPossibleMoves` when the mouse enters a square, and that function calls `ApplyMove...`). This can't be allowed, so you will need to modify your UI code to lock down all UI interactions while the `ApplyMove` is running. I recommend setting the `IsEnabled` property of your window to `false` before calling `ApplyMove`, and then back to `true` after `ApplyMove` returns. Then add checks in all UI methods to return if `IsEnabled` is `false`.