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Boredom-Busting Board Games for Engineers

Sub-Headline:

All work and no play made Jack a dull boy, and if you don't want to end up sticking your face into a hole you hacked into a wall with an axe, maybe it's time for you to whip out these board games and have some R&R with your friends.

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In this list, we've rounded up some of the best board games for engineers – but hey, even your non-engineer friends can enjoy this if they're up for a bit of fun!

1. Villa Paletti

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Villa Paletti is basically a more colourful Jenga, where you try to build the tallest tower you can with a limited number of columns. You'd quickly realize that the best way to go higher is to take columns from your lower levels without the whole thing crashing down. This is especially great for structural engineers, but hopefully you don't apply the same concept to your actual work.

2. X-Machina

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In X-Machina, you get Cog Cards that you can use to create inventions based on the requirements of your customer. The Cog Cards, however, are always woefully inadequate, and you need to be very inventive in explaining to your customer how your "invention" meets his specifications. In this game, you can hone and showcase your creativity and ability to think quickly – both required traits for a good engineer!

3. Wits and Wagers

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This is a spin on the traditional trivia game. A question is asked, and you either have to answer the question or bet on a friend who you think knows the answer. It's making quantitative and educated guesses based on extremely limited data while learning how to work with and learn more about your friends!

4. RoboRally

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Programmers might find RoboRally particularly interesting. In this game, you each have one robot that has to cross a treacherous factory floor while accomplishing goals in the right order and dodging other players' robots. Be warned, this game takes strategy, route-planning, and quick decision-making skills to reach the finish line!

5. Burp

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Taking it down a notch from all our other fast-paced board games, Burp is rather light and easy to understand – but still challenging to pull off. You need to build a pier from which you can start fishing using a limited number of planks and small rocks. Build an unsound dock and it will collapse, big a large dock, and your fishing haul would be larger. And if you lose some of the pieces, you can always pick up rocks from your yard.

Of course, there are a whole lot of other board games that you can try, depending on your interests. You might want to look at *Strain*, *Power Grid*, *Leonardo Da Vinci*, or even *Cards Against Humanity*. I do suggest that you take particular interest in playing *Diplomacy* – though it might not be an engineering-specific game, it provides insight into the workings of an office, and might just make your work relationships much better.

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Whatever game you choose to play though, just remember, have fun and don't lose those tiny pieces!

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