

GAME OF THE AMAZONS

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About the game

The Game of the Amazons (Amazons for short) is a two-player strategy game invented in 1988 by Walter Zamkauskas. The game is played by moving pieces and blocking the opponents from squares, and the last player able to move is the winner.

Game is played on 10x10 chessboard. The two players are White and Black; each player has four amazons(pieces).

Rules - Move

White moves first and the alternate moves thereafter. Each move consists of two parts. First, one moves one of one's own amazons one or more empty squares in a straight line (diagonally or orthogonally), exactly as a queen move in chess. It can't cross or enter a square occupied by an amazon of either color or arrow.

Rules - Shoot

Second, after moving, the amazon shoots an arrow from its landing square to another square using another queenlike move. Arrow can travel in any diagonal or orthogonal direction (even backwards along the same path the amazon just traveled). An arrow just like the amazon cannot cross or enter a square where another arrow has landed or an amazon of either color stands.

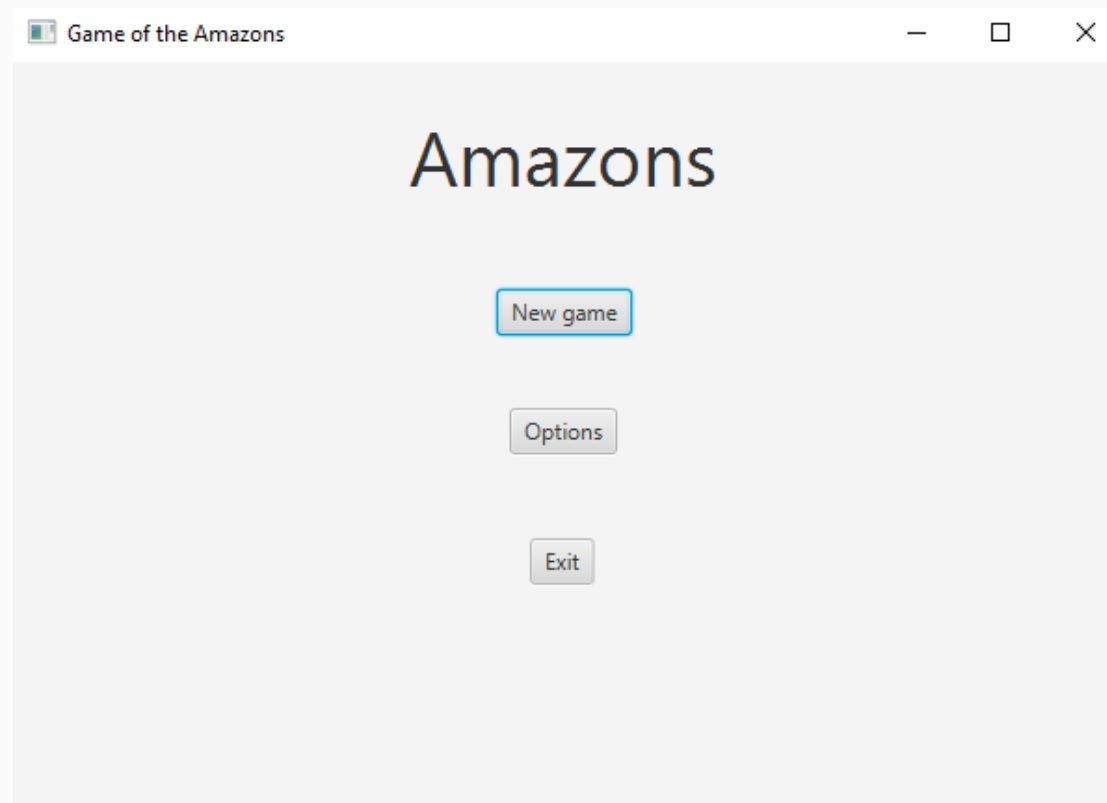
How to open the game

To open the game you need to execute one of the following:

- `exe/Amazons.exe`
- `jar/Amazons.bat`

When the game is started, a menu window will be displayed.

Amazons menu

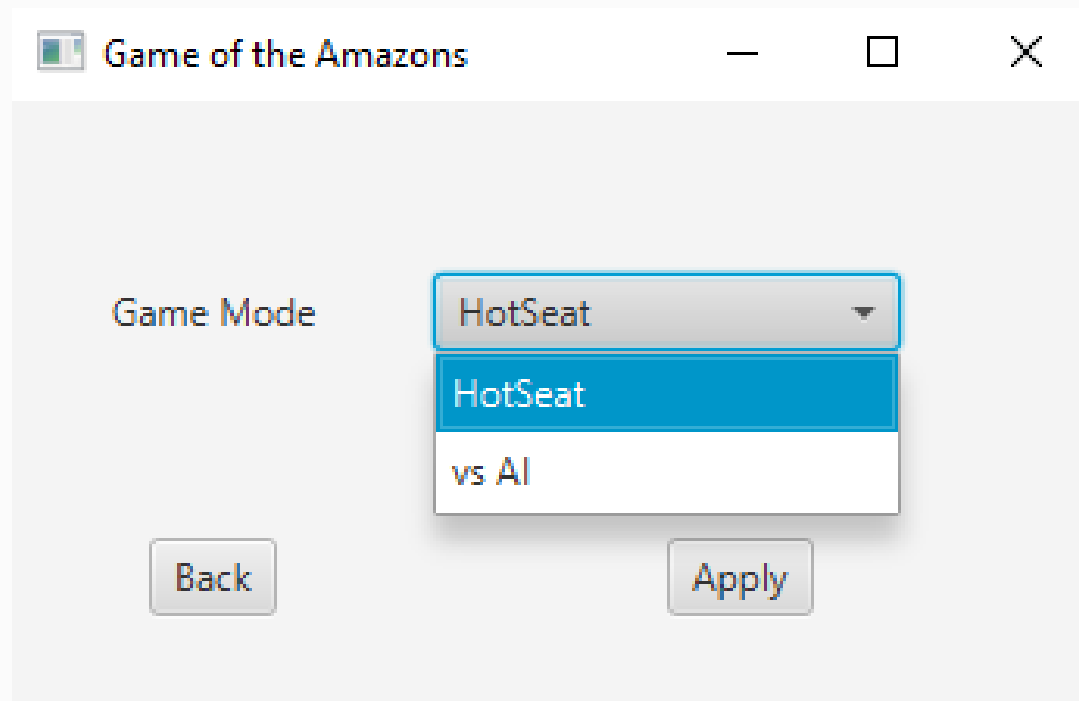


Amazons menu

From this menu you can now:

- Start a new game;
- Go to options menu;
- Exit the game.

Amazons options



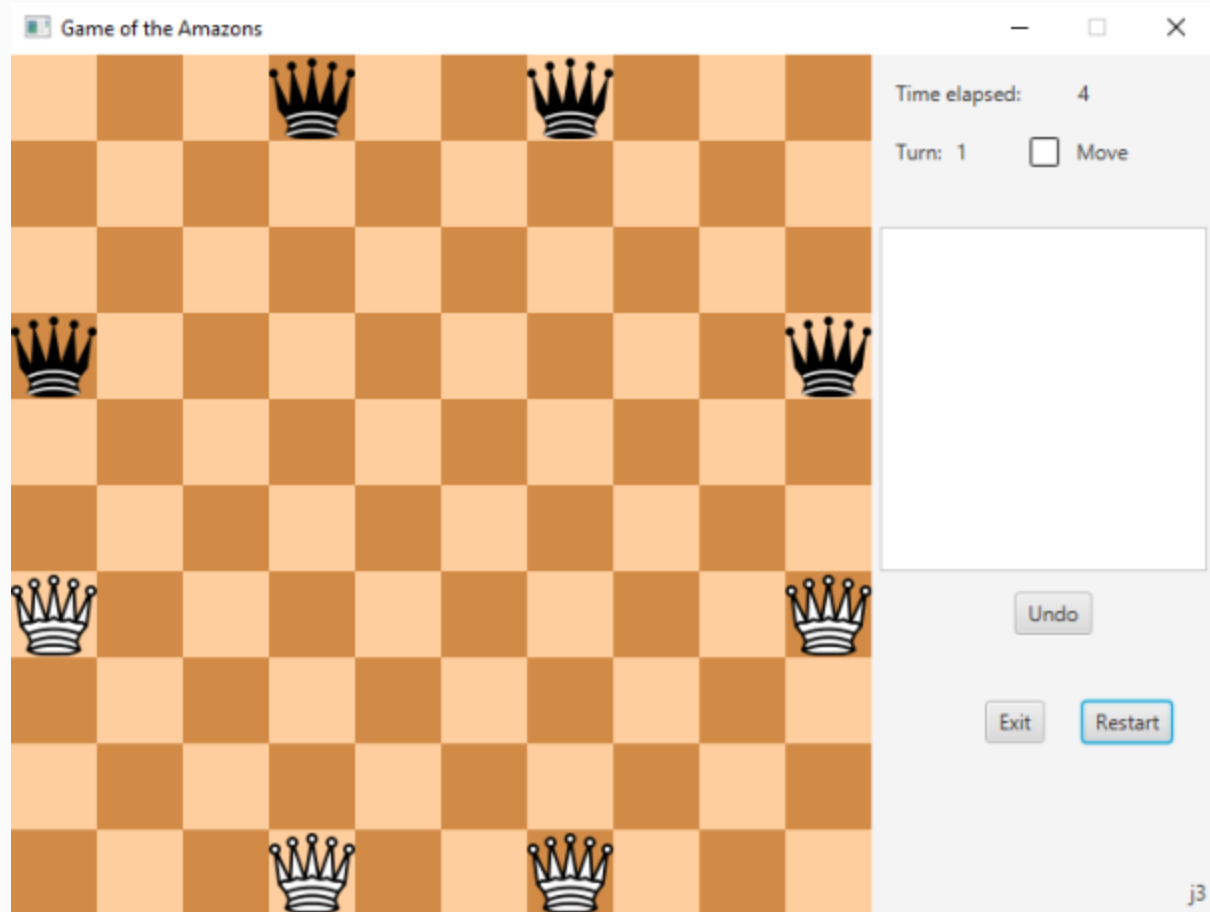
Amazon options

In this menu you can select game mode:

- HotSeat – play with friend locally;
- Vs Ai – play against computer.

After selection you can apply changes or go back to menu.

Amazon game



Amazon game

In this window you can play the game. Before that let's see what is on the screen:

- Board – board of the game with amazons in starting positions;
- Status of the game on the right.

Game status

There are informations about:

- Elapsed time;
- Elapsed turns;
- Who player makes the move (color square);
- Moves list;
- Buttons for reseting the game and exiting;
- Button for undo previous actions.

How to play - HotSeat

When you play in HotSeat mode, you can move Amazons by clicking on them and dragging on desired location. After moving, you can shoot by clicking on amazons that performed move action and dragging to desired location. Then the next player makes his move, shoots and so on.

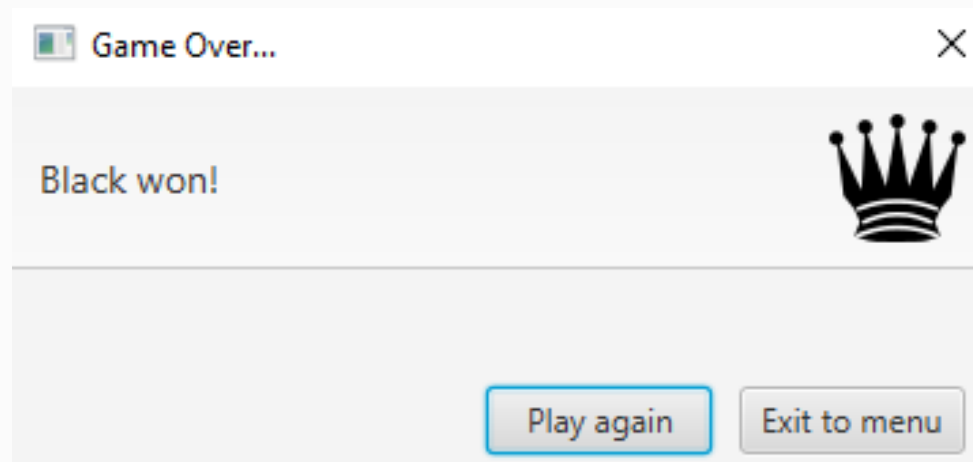
How to play - vs Ai

White is human player and Black is computer.

White moves exactly the same as in HotSeat mode.

In Black turns, computer moves automatically.

Game end



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Depending on game result, a new window will appear with informations who won. From this point you can click "Play again" button to play again in the same mode or exit to menu.

Bibliography

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Game_of_the_Amazons