Software Requirements Specification

for

Project 1 – Chess Game

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# Introduction

## Purpose

This document specifies the software requirements for a chess game. The chess game will allow player vs. player (extra requirement) or player vs. computer. The scope of this SRS covers the entire system.

## Intended Audience and Reading Suggestions

This document is intended for the developers of the chess game, the testers of the game, and the grader of the project.

## Product Scope

The purpose of this product is a game to be enjoyed by users. The objective of the product is to allow users to practice their chess skills and have the option to play against the computer or an opponent.

## References

[1] Software Requirements Specification, 1st ed. Karl E. Wiegers, 1999, p. 6.

[2] https://www.wholesalechess.com/pages/new-to-chess/pieces.html

# Overall Description

## Product Perspective

This chess game is a new, self-contained product. It is not part of a larger system.

## Product Functions

The major functions of the product are:

* The game shall allow the user to choose to play either the computer or another human opponent
* If user chooses the computer as an opponent, then the game shall allow the user to choose a difficulty level
* Once the user chooses their opponent and difficulty level, if applicable, then the game shall allow the user to begin moving chess pieces and playing the game

## User Classes and Characteristics

The chess game shall have two user classes. The first user class is the player class, which is a required user class that will handle the human. The second user class, which is optional, is the AI user class which will handle the side of the AI if that option is selected.

## Operating Environment

Our chess game shall operate within any operating system because of the platform independent nature of java, the only exception being ChromeOS. The jar should be able to operate within any operating system (OS) using any hardware version.

## Design and Implementation Constraints

Any devices, except a mobile like device (since this is not an app). The minimum requirements are required in accordance to each Interactive Development Environment’s requirements, which expect to run on the computer with Java Runtime Environment (JRE) version 6.0 and later. It is recommended to have an IDE downloaded and it could be any IDE.i.e. Netbeat, IntelliJ, or Eclipse etc.

Recommended hardware configurations for an IDE, for example:

* Ubuntu
  + Processor: 2.6 GHz
  + Memory: 2 GB or better
  + Disk space: 850 MB of free disk space or higher
* Window
  + Processor: 2.6 GHz
  + Memory: 2 GB or better
  + Disk Space: 1 GB of free disk space or higher
* MacOS
  + Intel-based core
  + Memory: 2 GB or better
  + Disk space: 850 MB of free disk space

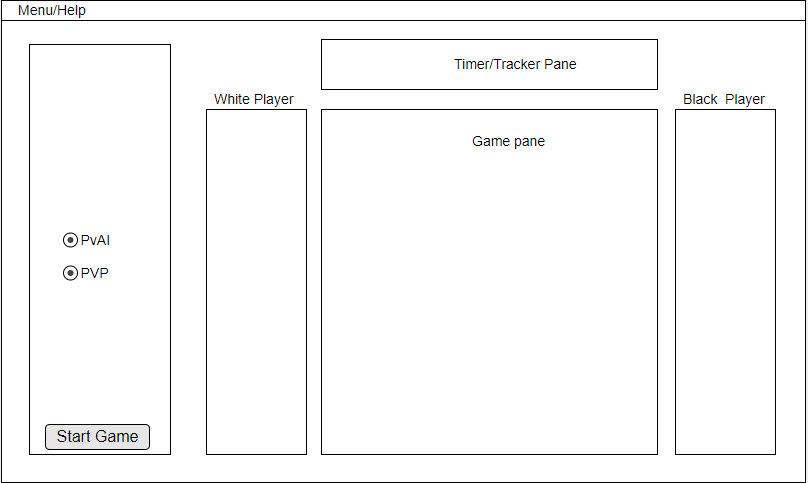
Our chess game shall be developed using java graphical user interfaces and such libraries. To help design and implement the GUI certain graphical prototyping and fxml tools may be used such as scene builder in javafx.

# External Interface Requirements

## User Interfaces

To allow for uniformity and robustness within the application our Graphical User Interface (GUI) will be contained within a non-resizable window. The interface will contain 5 main sections

* A panel on the left wall that will handle setting up and difficulty selection of the game. When a user moves a piece, this pane will become text that displays the moves that are occurring within the game as well as when a player wins or loses. Once a game is finished the pane will switch back to set up mode
* A panel that will contain the actual chess game that will take up most of the space in the GUI. This pane will contain the board and the pieces that make up the game of chess. The game board panel shall allow the user to interact and actually play the game of chess.
* The timer and tracker panel will be directly above of the chess board and keep track of the game clock as well as an arrow that will indicate which player is currently taking their turn.
* The final two panes will be directly to the left and right of the board panel and be used as the player panels(One for white and one for black). These panels will also keep track of the corresponding players pieces as they become captured by the opponent.



## Hardware Interfaces

The software shall be compatible with a connected mouse or keyboard that is connected to the system. The user shall be able to use these components to interact with the graphical user interface.

## Software Interfaces

Our software will use java fxml and javafx to be implemented for move evaluation.

# System Features

1. Software shall use a user interface
2. Software shall have two forms of AI implementation, a normal difficulty and a hard difficulty
3. System shall allow user input from mouse and keyboard.
4. The game shall begin from a normal starting position and will conclude when a "Check Mate" has been determined.
5. The game shall highlight legal moves for each piece once clicked (Highlight Legal Moves Feature).
6. The game shall allow for a player vs player format (PVP Feature).
7. When a piece is captured the system shall place an icon of the piece under the corresponding player’s name.
8. The system shall track moves as well as display move history and check states of the game in a text field once the game has been started.

## Graphical User Interface

4.1.1 Graphical User Interface

This system feature is a high priority as it will be the central interface that will put everything together and make it interactive for the user. A 10 on the priority scale because the GUI is required for user to interact with the game board and start the game.

4.1.2 Stimulus/Response Sequences for GUI

The list of sequences for this system will include the following input from the player:

* User clicks the start button - This sequence shall allow for the game to begin and will switch the settings pane into a play history pane that will track moves made.
* User selects either Player vs Player or Player vs AI radio buttons – This shall toggle the game mode that will be played once the player clicks the start button
* User selects help menu item- This shall display a text window that will display a user manual for the Graphical User Interface and also a section for the rules of chess that our game will be implementing.
* User chooses either easy or hard AI difficulty button – This shall toggle the difficulty of the AI if the Player vs AI radio button is selected.
* Player selects a piece of their own color – This sequence shall cause the board to highlight all possible tiles that are available for that piece to move to.
* Player selects a highlighted space after selecting one of their own pieces- This sequence shall cause for the selected piece to now occupy the selected tile. Then the turn will be passed to either the next user player or AI player.
* User selects a new game button once the current game has concluded- This shall reload the setting pane over the move history pane so that a player can then choose setting for another game.

4.1.3 Functional Requirements

REQ-1: When the application is started or jar is executed the graphical user interface

shall initialize and display.

## A.I.

4.2.1 Description and Priority

This feature is a high priority because it includes an A.I. for a user to play chess against, including two difficulty levels. Since player versus A.I. is our most basic game mode, this will be a 10 on the priority scale.

4.2.2 Stimulus/Response Sequences

* User selects an A.I. difficulty level – This sets the max depth of the A.I.’s move evaluation algorithm to either 2 or 5. The algorithm will stop at that depth when searching a tree of possible moves, meaning the A.I. will only be able to “think” that many moves ahead.

## User input from keyboard or mouse

4.3.1 Description and Priority of where the inputs are coming from

In the game of chess, the user must decide whether to have the input from a keyboard or the mouse. It is essential to the gaming itself as the user needs the physical hardware for an input, i.e the time clock etc.

4.3.2 Prompt function and store data

There will be a pop-up window where the computer asks the user for an input. The system needs this input and stores where it is necessary. The system keeps track of the stored data and possibly giving the record in the end of the game play.

4.3.3 Playing with Mouse

This is the easiest option as the user can use the mouse to move the piece of the chess on board. it is more of a drag and drop the chess piece on the board. This is recommended due to its simplicity and ease of use.

4.3.4 Playing with keyboard

This is quite more complex as the user needs to know the short-cut command key on the keyboard to move the chess piece, start, etc. The user should be able to use the arrow key to move in directions and be able to have an input format, as such e2e4 to move the chess pieces. The keyboard may have to be customized for sole purpose of the chess game. This is not recommended due to its complexities.

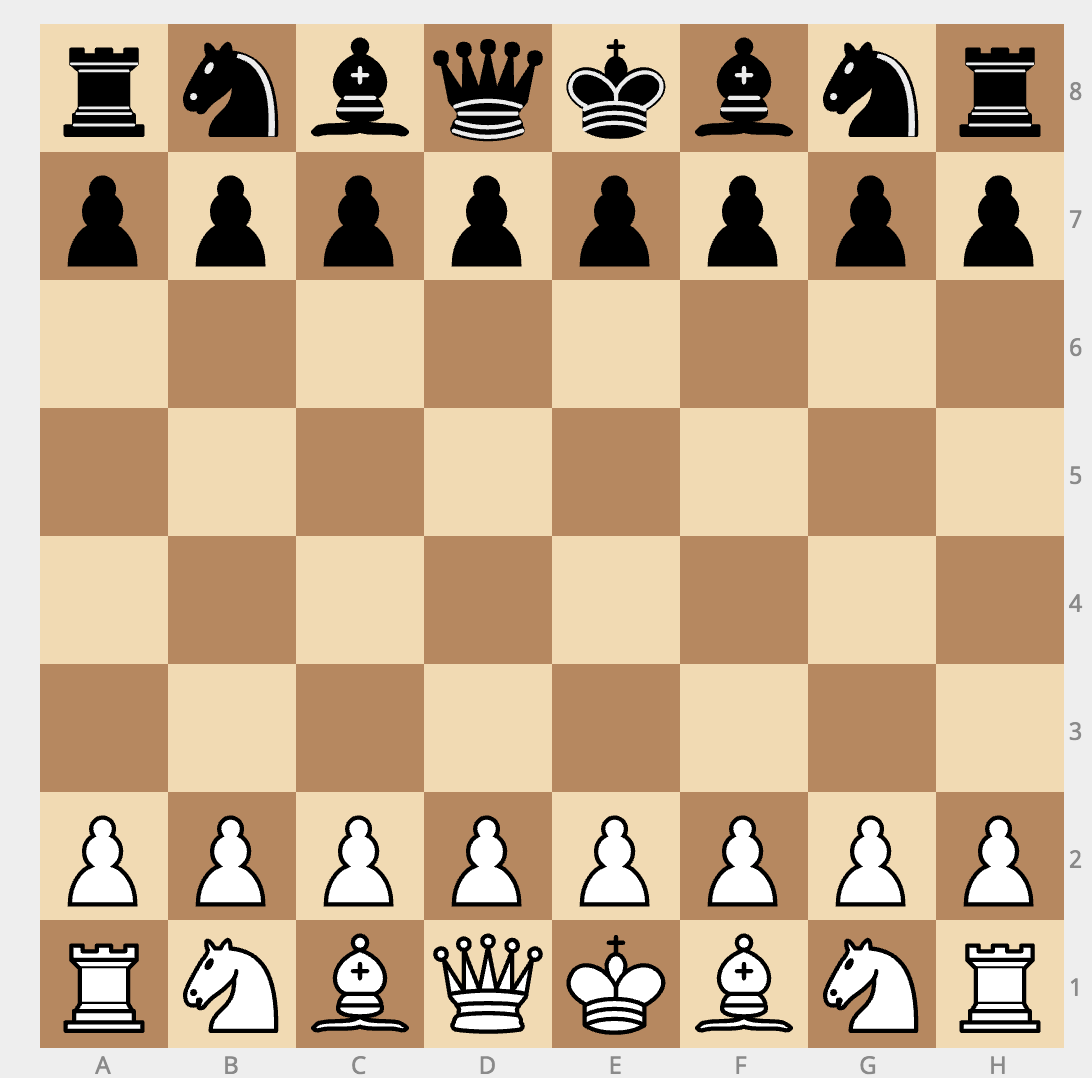
## Handling Game setup and Game Ending

4.4.1 Description and Priority of Game setup and Game Ending

This system feature is intended to make sure that the game is playable this means that the game will start with a standard chess board setup and finish once a player is put into the position of checkmate. This system feature is a 8 on the priority scale since it makes sure that the game starts and ends properly and that the game is played correctly

4.4.2 Stimulus/Response of Game setup and Game Ending

The list of sequences for this feature are as follows:

* When the game has been started the board shall load into the starting position. The starting position will consist of pieces in this layout:
* When the game reaches a checkmate state the game shall declare the winner and end the game.

4.4.3 Functional requirements of Game setup and Game Ending

* The game only allows for the movement of pieces to spaces that they are legally allowed to move.
* When a king is in check and has no possible way to get out of check the game shall declare a checkmate and decided the winner and end the game.

## 4.5. Highlight Legal Moves Feature

4.5.1 Description and Priority of Highlight Legal Moves Feature

This system feature is a low priority as it an extra feature to help the player view their possible moves in the game. On the scale of 1-9, this feature receives a 2 because without it, the game would still work.

4.5.2 Stimulus/Response Sequences for Highlighted Legal Moves Feature

The list of sequences for this feature are as follows:

* User clicks on the piece they wish to move. There are six pieces the user may select to move: pawn, rook, bishop, knight, queen, and king.
* Once the user has selected a piece, certain squares will be highlighted, indicating where the user can move that piece. Below are what will happen for each piece selected:

1. Pawn:

* If it’s the pawn’s first move, the pawn may go 2 spaces forwards (system will highlight the 2nd space forward).
* If it is not the pawn’s first move and there are no available pieces for the pawn to capture, the pawn may move one space forward (system will highlight the 1st space forward).
* If it is not the pawn’s first move and there are available pieces for the pawn to capture, the pawn may move two spaces diagonally to capture the piece (system will highlight the 2nd space diagonally).

1. Rook: the rook can move either forwards, backwards, left or right for 1 to 7 spaces as long as there are no other pieces in it’s path (system will highlight all squares directly in front, behind, left or right up to the next taken space in all directions).
2. Bishop: the bishop can move diagonally as long as there are no other pieces in it’s path (system will highlight all squares in each diagonal direction up to the next taken space in each direction).
3. Knight: a knight can move forwards, backwards, left or right by 2 spaces and then one more space in a perpendicular direction (the system will highlight the squares in these options). The knight may go over spaces that are occupied by other pieces.
4. Queen: the queen can move either forwards, backwards, left, right, or any diagonal direction for 1 to 7 spaces as long as there are no other pieces in it’s path (system will highlight all squares directly in front, behind, left, right, and each diagonal direction up to the next taken space in all directions).
5. King: the king can move only one space either forwards, backwards, left, right, or diagonally (system will highlight each first square directly in front, behind, left, right, and each diagonal direction).

* Finally, the user may choose to either move their selected piece to one of the highlighted squares or they may choose to select a different piece to view other available options.

## 4.6. Player vs Player

4.6.1 Description and Priority of Player vs Player Feature

This system feature is of medium priority as it is an extra feature that will allow two people to play against each other instead of only against the AI. On the scale of 1-9, this feature receives a 5 because while without it the game will still function as designed but would add more for the end user.

4.6.2 Stimulus/Response Sequences for Player vs Player Feature

The list of sequences for this feature are as follows:

* User chooses Player vs Player (PVP) mode on start screen.
* One PVP mode is selected the game will start and the two players will then take turns moving their respective pieces
* Once “Check-Mate” has been detected the game will end.

## 4.7. Icon Capture Feature

4.7.1 Description and Priority of Icon Capture Feature

This system feature is a low priority as it an extra feature to assist the user(s) in knowing viewing which pieces they have captured from the opponent. On the scale of 1-9, this feature receives a 2 because without it, although the player may be confused, the game would still work.

4.7.2 Stimulus/Response Sequences for Icon Capture Feature

The list of sequences for this feature are as follows:

* When a player captures an opponent’s piece, no matter which piece, it will be removed from the board.
* The removed piece will then appear as an icon below the player’s side panel, signifying they have captured their opponent’s piece.

## 4.8. Text Field Logging

4.8.1 Description and Priority

This feature is not core to the functionality of the chess game, but provides important information to the user such as moves and when the game has ended. This will be a 4 on the priority scale.

4.8.2 Stimulus/Response Sequences

* When a user or A.I. makes a move, the move is logged and displayed in the text field.
* When a user or A.I. puts the opponent in checkmate, the game ends and the winner is logged and displayed in the text field.

## 4.9. Captured Piece Log

4.9.1 Description and Priority

This feature is not core to the functionality of the chess game and serves more as a visual aid to show the player the pieces that have been captured. When a piece is captured an icon representing the corresponding piece will appear under the name of the player who captured the piece. This will be a 3 on the priority scale.

* + 1. Stimulus/Response Sequences
  + User or A.I. captures a piece.
  + Icon of piece captured is placed under the captor’s name.