



Chess

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My Favorite Game In The World

What is Chess?

Chess is a board game for two players, called White and Black, each controlling an army of chess pieces, with the objective to checkmate the opponent's king.

It is an abstract strategy game that involves no hidden information and no elements of chance. It is played on a chessboard with 64 squares arranged in an 8×8 grid.

In chess, the player who moves first is called White and the player who moves second is called Black. Their pieces are the white pieces and the black pieces. The pieces are often not literally white and black, but usually contrasting light and dark colors. The 64 squares of the chessboard, which is colored in a checkered pattern, are likewise the "white squares" or "light squares", and "black squares" or "dark squares"; they are usually of contrasting light and dark color rather than literally white and black.

The game is won by checkmating the opponent's king, i.e. threatening it with inescapable capture. There are also several ways a game can end in a draw.

What is it about Chess?

Chess requires a lot of focus and concentration – to the point where you may end up so focused on the game that the rest of the world around you temporarily fades away. For many players, chess is a way to forget about the stresses of the world, and focus on the game at hand.

Beauty Of Chess

There are no age, gender, cultural, or language barriers in the game of chess – meaning you can play the game with anyone. During chess classes, children get a chance to socialize with others, and have fun in the process of learning how to play. And since the game can be played online, you can easily reach players from around the world.



Me and Chess

How did i start playing?

I remember playing chess in desktop computers when I was child like in lower grades. But honestly I do not remember how i played or even understood the game back then. So let me jump to the time I consciously started to play chess. It began when I was in High school. In my way to school there is a place that is kind of simple lounge that i pass through everyday and I was always attracted to the gathered people there. They were always there playing chess every single day. And I was curious that what made them to play so seriously but at the same time they chatter so much and laugh a lot.

Then I started to just stand and watch them play for some quiet days. One day one of them asked me to come and play with them I told him that i don't know to play. Then he recommend some online videos to start of from the ground and know some basic things about chess(like movements ,checkmate and some opening).

After Completing the recommended videos I asked to play with them. They asked the beginner player among them to play with me.

We started to play and he smacked the heck out of me. I remember going home so angry and I couldn't sleep thinking about the games.

After this I watched some additional videos and try to understand the underlying concept of chess. I started playing with chess bots and got better. I returned to place and challenged him again. This time I also won a few games and that boost my confidence and started to play on forward.

What about now?

Well now I am university student and far from my the town where I stared to play chess. Since there is no close place and much free time available to play chess. I switched to play online in sites like Chess.com and Llchess.org. I go in to this platforms as much as time I get to play with players all over the world. It is so cool to play with people that are from all over the world.

What about you?

Do you play chess? Yes

If yes,

What is your fovarite part of the game?

Opening

Middle Game

End Game

What is your fovirite Opening for White?

What is your fovirite Opening for Black?

What do you like about chess?

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My Favorite Players

Bobby Fischer

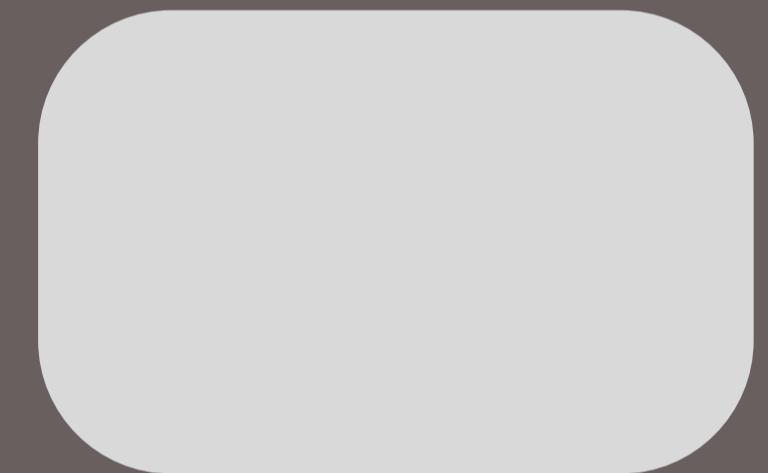
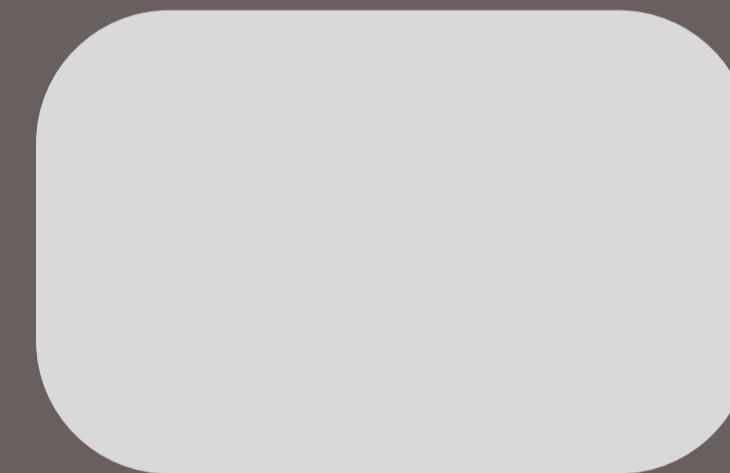
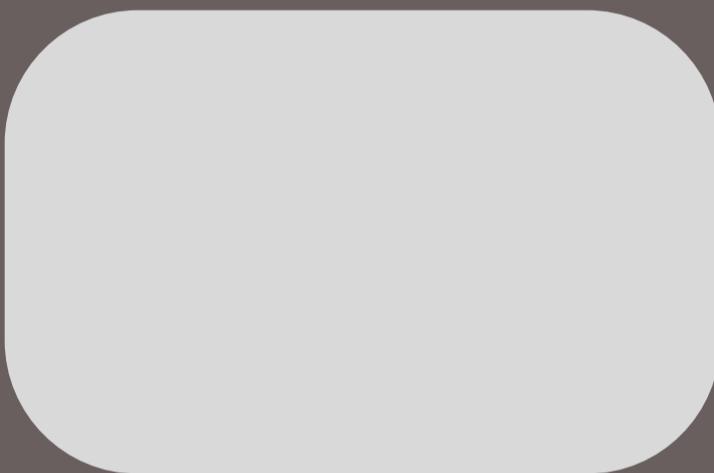
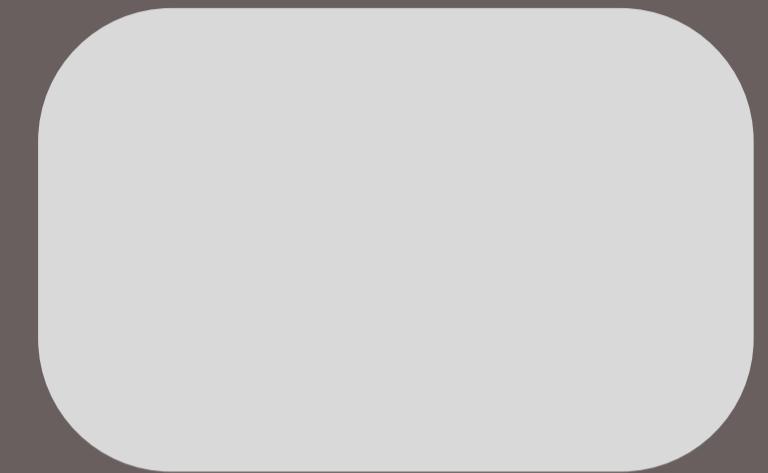
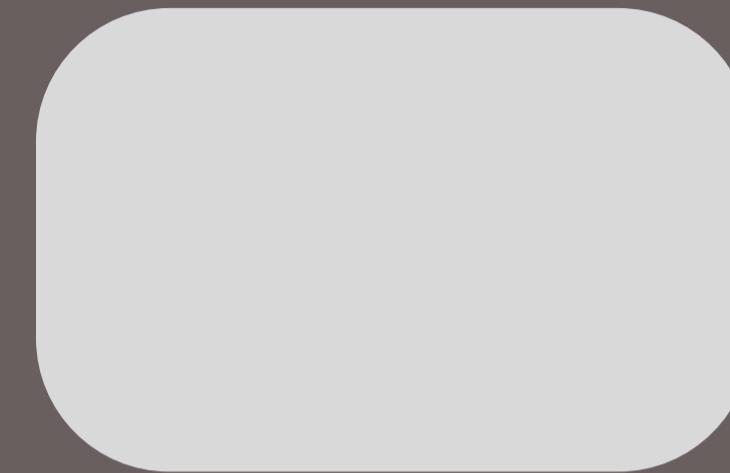
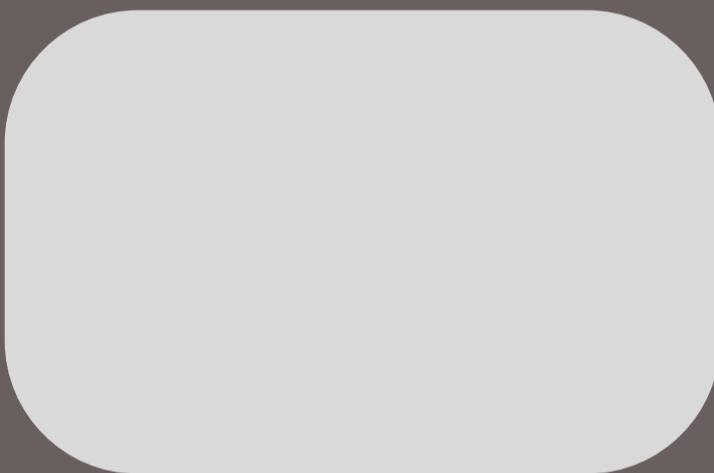
Gary Kasparov

Magnus Carlson

Hikaru nakamora

Vishy Anand

Alpha zero



You may notice that the last image is not a person. Yes it is not a person, it is an AI chess program and is one of my favorite player. I like how the AI is developed without human chess knowledge i.e. It learns chess by playing its self and making its neural network better every time. It came up with some new astonishing ideas that humans did not even bother to think about it.

Here are the games played each players that are my favorite among their games:

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Here are some source links to know about each players :

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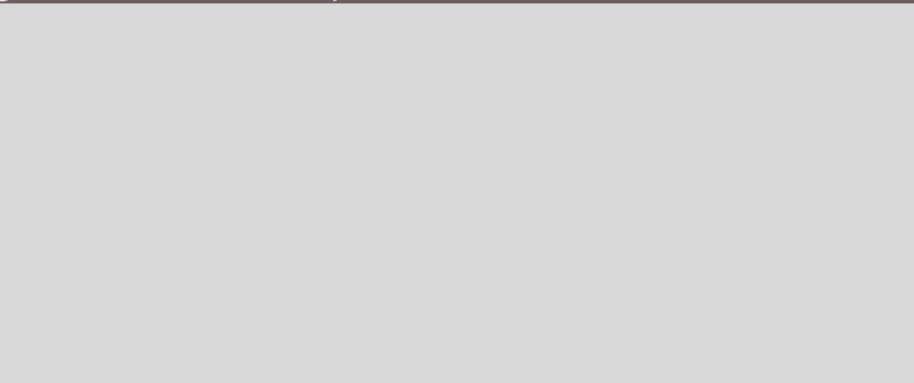
Chess Pieces

Pawn

A pawn may move by vertically advancing to a vacant square ahead. The first time a pawn moves, it has the additional option of vertically advancing two squares, provided that both squares are vacant. Unlike other pieces, the pawn can only move forwards. In the below diagram, the pawn on c4 can only move to c5; the pawn on e2 can move to either e3 or e4.

When capturing the opponent piece it can move diagonally on step.

If the white reaches the top row it can be promoted to any other pieces of the same color except the pawn itself and king. Same for black pawns that reaches the bottom row.

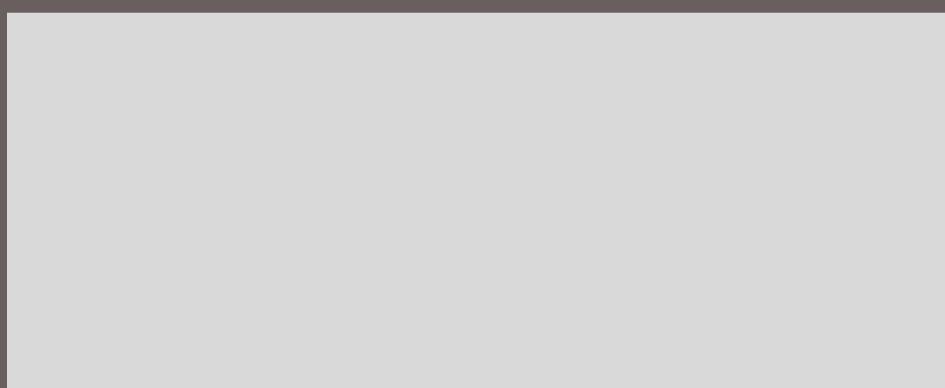


Rook

A rook can move in any straight line direction whether it is horizontal or vertical direction.

It moves and captures in same manner.

When countering pieces on the way if it is opponent piece it can capture it and settle there or if it the same color piece it can't pass it so if there is empty squares before the occupied square it can settle there.



Concepts and Rules

The main concept in the chess i think is check and checkmate. Where check means that placing your one of your piece(except the king) to a place where it is possible for the piece that is placed in that position to capture the opponent king. when you put your piece in that position it is called check. And if the opponent can't do anything to not be captured by that piece then it is called checkmate.

The Game over rule is simple if you can checkmate your king you have won. If any of the opponent king is not possible to be checkmated in a fair game then it is draw.

But there are still some rules that you should know like un'passant or you can't move your king to a square where it is possible for your opponent pieces to go that position.

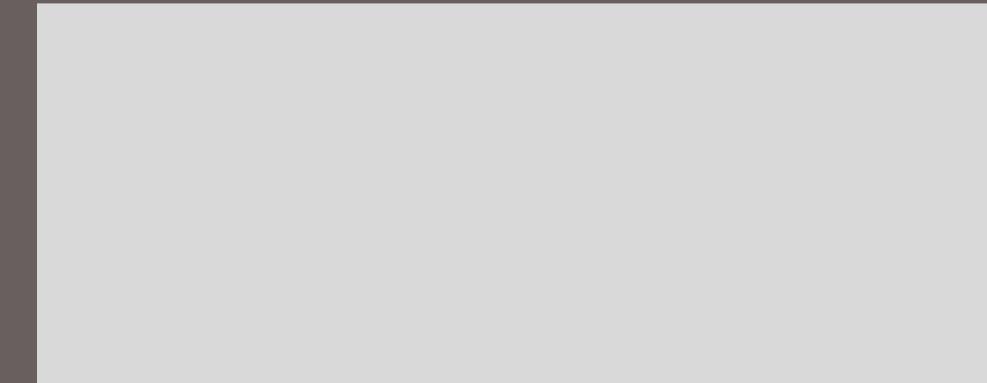
You can checkout all the concepts and rules [here](#).

Understanding Chess

Horse

A horse move in a lit bit complicated way compared to the other pieces and that makes it special. It moves in "L" shape i.e. It can move one square vertical then two squares horizontal or two square vertical then one squares horizontal to every direction contained in the board. It can move to any empty space whether there is any piece on the way or not. and to move and capture is the same. I think this feature makes Horse so unique and so powerful in some positions.

By the way Horse is my favorite piece.

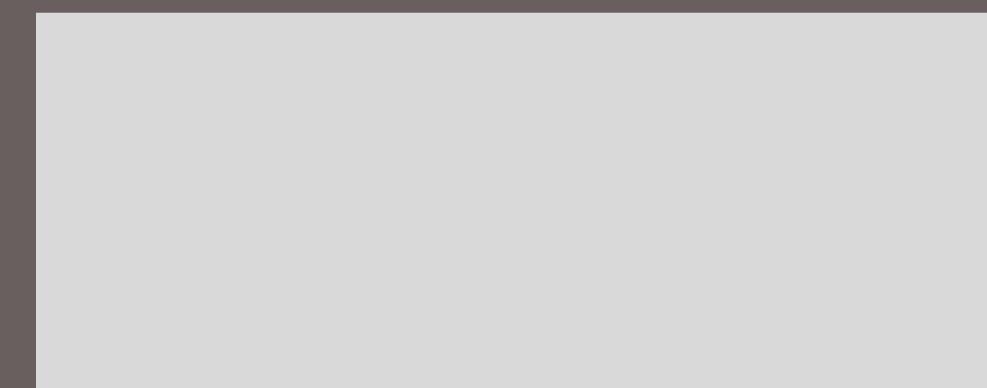


Queen

A queen can move both diagonally and in any straight line direction, i.e. It can move like a bishop or a rook.

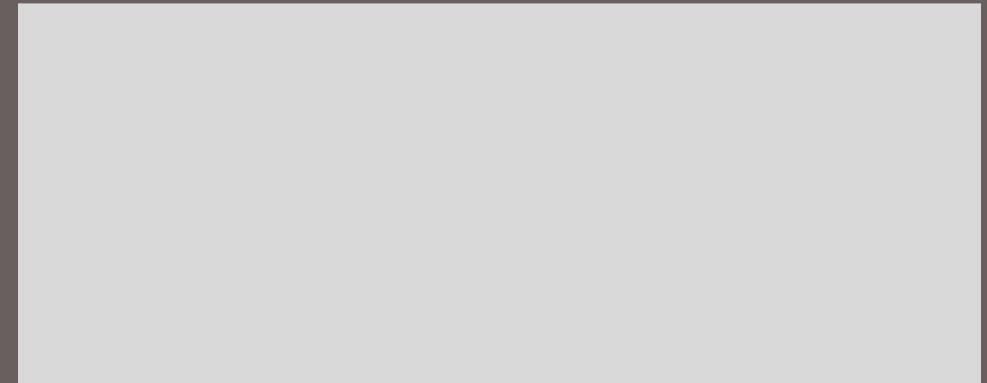
The movement rules that apply to the bishop and the rook apply to the queen too.

Since the queen can easily move the entire board easily it the second most powerful piece on the board next to the king.



Bishop

A bishop moves diagonally following its position color. i.e. If there is a bishop on black square that means that bishop can only go to black squares following diagonal direction. It can not pass a piece on the way. If the piece on the way is your opponent piece you can capture that piece and settle there.



King

The king is most powerful and most prioritized piece among the chess pieces.

It is due to the concept of the chess game is based on which is the "capture" of the king or checkmating the king. So in chess your main aim should be protecting your king and mobilizing your pieces to checkmate the opponent king. The king can move in all directions one square inside the board. and it move and capture in the same manner.

