# ChineseChekkers

### Overview

ChineseChekkers is a multiplayer board game implemented in Java. This project includes both server and client components, allowing multiple players to connect and play the game.

# Prerequisites

Before you begin, ensure you have the following installed on your system:

- Java Development Kit (JDK) 8 or higher
- Apache Maven

### How to Build and Run

#### Building the Project

1. Clone the repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/your-repo/chinesechekkers.git
cd chinesechekkers
```

2. Build the project using Maven:

```
mvn clean install
```

### Running the Project

#### **Running the Server**

1. Navigate to the target directory:

```
cd target
```

2. Run the server:

```
java -cp classes server.GameServer
```

#### **Running the Client**

1. Navigate to the target directory:

```
cd target
```

2. Run the client:

```
java -cp classes client.GameClient
```

## Project Structure

The project has the following structure:

```
ChineseChekkers/
├─ .gitignore
  - docs/
    ├─ html/
        — annotated.html
        classclient_1_1ClientConnection-members.html

— classclient_1_1ClientConnection.html

        classclient_1_1ClientInputHandler-members.html
        classclient_1_1ClientInputHandler.html
        classclient_1_1ClientOutputHandler__coll__graph.md5
         classclient_1_1ClientOutputHandler__inherit__graph.md5
        └─ ...
      - latex/
        — annotated.tex
        └─ ...
   Doxyfile
   pom.xml
  - Readme.md
  - src/
    ├─ main/
         — java/
            ├─ client/
                ├─ ClientConnection.java
                ├─ ClientInputHandler.java

    ClientOutputHandler.java

                └─ GameClient.java
             — GUI/
                ├─ ClientStartController.java
                ├─ GameOverController.java
                ├─ InGameClientController.java
```



# **UML Diagrams**

The UML diagrams for the project can be found in the UML directory. These diagrams provide a visual representation of the project's architecture and design patterns used.

## Design Patterns

The project utilizes several design patterns, including:

- 1. **Singleton**: Ensures that there is only one instance of the server managing all connections and games.
- 2. **Abstract Factory**: Allows for the creation of different game variants (standard and custom boards and rules) without changing the main game logic.

- 3. **Factory Method**: Responsible for creating appropriate instances of boards and game rules.
- 4. **Observer**: Notifies players about moves, allowing them to see the effects of moves made by other players.
- 5. **Strategy**: Allows for dynamic assignment of different sets of game rules.
- 6. **Facade**: Simplifies client operations by providing a unified interface to manage the connection, input, and output.
- 7. **State**: Manages the different states of the game (waiting for players, player's turn, game over) and changes the behavior of the game based on its state.

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