

Section 0: Document Guide

Project

- <https://github.com/JonathanUhlen/Java-Chess>

Conventions Used Throughout

- **Classes:** bold
 - Follow the format: name, explanation
- *Constructors:* italics
 - Follow the format: name, explanation, arguments (if applicable)
- Methods: underline
 - Follow the format: name, explanation, arguments (if applicable), returns (if applicable)

◦	<u>methodName</u>
■	Usage: Short description of what the method does
■	Arguments:
•	(Type) argumentName: purpose of argument
■	Returns:
•	(Type) returnName: purpose of return

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- Excerpts from code: Courier New font

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Section 1: Chess.java

- **Chess: Main class of the project**

- main

- Usage: The main method (entry point for the program. Initializes the board, settings, and starting position.
 - Arguments:
 - None of note
 - Returns:
 - None

Section 2: Board.java

- **Board: Keeps track of the board and pieces on the board. Handles moving pieces and the boardstate**

- getPieceTracker
 - Usage: Returns a piece tracker based on a color and type of piece
 - Arguments:
 - (int) pieceType: the type of piece
 - (int) pieceColor: the color of the piece)
 - Returns:
 - The correct piece tracker
- loadPosition
 - Usage: Loads a given position into PieceTrackers that will be used to place the pieces onto the board
 - Arguments:
 - (String) fen: the FEN string to load
 - Returns:
 - None
- initBoard
 - Usage: Initializes information about the state of the board and the pieces (including PieceTrackers)
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - None
- makeMove
 - Usage: Makes a move on the board
 - Arguments:
 - (Move) move: the move to be made
 - (boolean) isGhost: should the move be played on the board, or is this move just for check(mate) search
 - Returns:
 - None
- changePlayer
 - Usage: Changes information about which player is currently taking their turn
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - None

- checkState
 - Usage: Checks the state of the game to determine how many legal moves the current player has and if they are in check
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - None
- clone
 - Usage: Creates a deep copy of the current Board object into a new Board object
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - (Board) newBoard: the deep copy

Section 3: BoardManager.java

- **BoardManager: Contains useful methods for the board**

- playSound

- Usage: Plays a sound given a sound file
- Arguments:
 - (String) soundFile: the sound file path
- Returns:
 - None

- frameRelativeMousePosition

- Usage: Takes in the position of a JFrame and the mouse position and returns the mouse position relative to the JFrame instead of relative to the entire computer screen
- Arguments:
 - (JFrame) frame: the JFrame the position should be based on
 - (Point) screenRelativeMousePos: the mouse position relative to the entire screen
- Returns:
 - (Point) frameRelativeMousePos: the mouse position relative to the JFrame frame

Section 4: FenUtility.java

- **FenInfo: Information about the loaded FEN string**

- *FenInfo*
 - Usage: Sets the number of tiles to 64
 - Arguments:
 - None

- **FenUtility: Manges FEN strings**

- loadPositionFromFen
 - Usage: Loads a given board position from a FEN string
 - Arguments:
 - (String) fen: the fen string to load
 - Returns:
 - (FenInfo) fenInfo: the information about the current fen position
- buildFenFromPosition
 - Usage: Takes information about the current board position and returns the position's FEN string
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - (String) fen: the fen string for the current position
- changePlayerPerspective
 - Usage: Properly reverses a fen string to show the perspective of the game from the other player
 - Arguments:
 - (String) fen: the fen to reverse
 - Returns:
 - (String) fenReversed: the reversed fen

Section 5: GameStateUtility.java

- **GameStateUtility: Handles wins, draws, and other details of figuring out the current game-state**

- actOnGameState
 - Usage: Acts on the state of the game
 - Arguments:
 - (int) numLegalMoves: the number of legal moves the player has
 - (boolean) inCheck: whether or not the player is in check
 - Returns:
 - The state of the game represented by an integer
- gameOver
 - Usage: Ends the game with a popup
 - Arguments:
 - (String) endState: a message to describe how the game ended
 - Returns:
 - None
- addEndText
 - Usage: Creates a JLabel to explain how the game ended
 - Arguments:
 - (String) text: text to display in the label
 - Returns:
 - JLabel with the specified text
- addCloseButton
 - Usage: Creates a JButton to close the popup
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - (JButton) closeButton: the JButton to close the popup
- createEndWindow
 - Usage: Create the JFrame
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - None

Section 6: Graphics.java

- **Graphics: Draws graphical elements onto the screen**
 - drawPosition
 - Usage: Draws the pieces onto the board
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - None
 - drawBoard
 - Usage: Draws the board
 - Arguments:
 - (ArrayList<Integer>) highlightTiles: a list of tiles to highlight (intended for highlighting legal moves)
 - Returns:
 - None
 - createApplication
 - Usage: Creates the JFrame
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - None

Section 7: JSONUtility.java

- **JSONUtility: A custom JSON handler**

- stringToDictionary
 - Usage: The primary method of the JSON class. Converts a string to a dictionary
 - Arguments:
 - (String) JSONString: the string to convert
 - Returns:
 - (HashMap<String, String>) JSONDict: the converted dictionary
- write
 - Usage: Writes data to a file
 - Arguments:
 - (String) file: the directory to write to
 - (String) data: the data to write to the specified file
 - Returns:
 - None
- read
 - Usage: Reads a file and returns its contents as a string array
 - Arguments:
 - (String) file: the file to read
 - Returns:
 - (List<String>) data: the data as a string from the file
- removeCharAt
 - Usage: Removes a character from a certain position in a string
 - Arguments:
 - (String) str: the string to edit
 - (int) n: the index of the character to be removed
 - Returns:
 - The new string

Section 8: Move.java

- **MoveFlag: Different flags a move can have**
- **Move: Contains information about a move on the board**
 - *Move*
 - Usage: Constructor 1 for Move class
 - Arguments:
 - (int) moveValue: the value of the move (16-bit binary integer that holds the starting tile, ending tile, and flag)
 - *Move*
 - Usage: Constructor 2 for the Move class
 - Arguments:
 - (int) startTile: the starting tile for the moving piece
 - (int) endTile: the desired tile for the moving piece
 - *Move*
 - Usage: Constructor 3 for the Move class
 - Arguments:
 - (int) startTile: the starting tile for the moving piece
 - (int) endTile: the desired tile for the moving piece
 - (int) flag: special flag for the move
 - startTile
 - Usage: Returns the start tile
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - The start tile
 - endTile
 - Usage: Returns the end tile
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - The end tile
 - isPromotion
 - Usage: Whether or not the move is a pawn promotion
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - Whether or not the move is a pawn promotion
 - isCastle
 - Usage: Whether or not the move is a castle

- Arguments:
 - None
- Returns:
 - Whether or not the move is a castle
- moveFlag
 - Usage: Returns the move flag
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - The move flag

Section 9: MoveData.java

- **MoveData: Initializes some precomputer move data**
 - *MoveData*
 - Usage: Computes some basic information about moves
 - Arguments:
 - None

Section 10: MoveUtility.java

● **MoveUtility: Handles move generation**

- returnMoveValues
 - Usage: Returns a list of move values from a list of move objects
 - Arguments:
 - (List<Move>) listOfMoves: the list of move objects
 - Returns:
 - (List<Integer>) moveVals: the list of move values
- returnEndingTiles
 - Usage: Returns a list of ending tiles from a list of move objects
 - Arguments:
 - (List<Move>) listOfMoves: the list of move objects
 - Returns:
 - (List<Integer>) endTiles: the list of end tiles
- generateMoves
 - Usage: Generates legal moves
 - Arguments:
 - (Board) board: the board to generate moves for
 - Returns:
 - (List<Move>) psuedoLegalMoves: a list of legal moves
- generateSlidingMoves
 - Usage: Generates the legal moves for sliding pieces (bishops, rooks, and queens)
 - Arguments:
 - (int) startTile: the starting tile for the piece being checked
 - (int) piece: the sliding piece being checked
 - Returns:
 - (List<Move>) movesGenerated: a list of sliding moves generated
- generateKingMoves
 - Usage: Generates legal moves for kings
 - Arguments:
 - (int) startTile: the starting tile for the piece being checked
 - Returns:
 - (List<Move>) movesGenerated: a list of king moves generated
- generateKnightMoves
 - Usage: Generates legal moves for knights
 - Arguments:
 - (int) startTile: the starting tile for the piece being checked
 - Returns:

- (List<Move>) movesGenerated: a list of knight moves generated
- generatePawnMoves
 - Usage: Generates legal moves for pawns
 - Arguments:
 - (int) startTile: the starting tile for the piece being checked
 - Returns:
 - (List<Move>) movesGenerated: a list of pawn moves generated
- generatePawnCaptures
 - Usage: Generates legal captures for pawns
 - Arguments:
 - (int) startTile: the starting tile for the piece being checked
 - Returns:
 - (List<Move>) movesGenerated: a list of pawn captures generated
- generateEnPassantCaptures
 - Usage: Generates legal en passant captures for pawns
 - Arguments:
 - (int) startTile: the starting tile for the piece being checked
 - Returns:
 - (List<Move>) movesGenerated: a list of en passant captures generated

Section 11: Piece.java

- **Piece: Framework to create instances of each piece**

- checkColor

- Usage: Find the color of a piece using bitwise AND
 - Arguments:
 - (int) piece: the piece to find the color of
 - (int) color: this is usually Piece.White. The purpose of this function is to compare the color against colorAnd and return the result
 - (boolean) colorOnlyShiften: whether or not the color should be shifted to return a value of (0 or 1) or (8 or 16)
 - Returns:
 - The comparison of the color of the piece

- pieceColor

- Usage: Finds the color of a piece
 - Arguments:
 - (int) piece: the piece to find the color of
 - Returns:
 - The color of the piece

- pieceType

- Usage: Finds the type of a piece
 - Arguments:
 - (int) piece: the piece to find the type of
 - Returns:
 - The type of the piece

- checkSliding

- Usage: Figures out if a piece is a sliding piece or not
 - Arguments:
 - (int) piece: the piece to find the behavior of
 - Returns:
 - Whether or not the piece is sliding

Section 12: PieceTracker.java

- **PieceTracker: Keeps track of all pieces (adding pieces to the board, removing pieces, changing piece location)**
 - *PieceTracker*
 - Usage: Facilitates the creation of a new PieceTracker for a given type of piece
 - Arguments:
 - (int) maxCountPerPieceType: the maximum amount of a given type of piece possible in a game
 - (int) color: the color of the piece tracker
 - (int) type: the type of the piece tracker
 - addPieceToTile
 - Usage: Adds a new piece to a given tile
 - Arguments:
 - (int) tile: the index of the tile to add a piece to
 - Returns:
 - None
 - removePieceFromTile
 - Usage: Removes an existing piece from a given tile
 - Arguments:
 - (int) tile: the index of the tile to remove a piece from
 - Returns:
 - None
 - movePiece
 - Usage: Moves a piece from a starting tile to an ending tile
 - Arguments:
 - (int) startingTile: the tile index the piece is currently on
 - (int) endingTile: the tile index the piece should move to
 - Returns:
 - None
 - clone
 - Usage: Clones the current PieceTracker object to a new PieceTracker object
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - (PieceTracker) newPieceTracker: cloned piece tracker

Section 13: PromotionUtility.java

- **PromotionUtility: Handles details of promotions**

- getPromotionPiece
 - Usage: Returns the piece chosen for promotion
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - (int) promoteTo: the piece to promote to
- addPromotionmenu
 - Usage: Creates a JComboBox to select the piece to promote to
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - (JComboBox) promotionType: the JComboBox
- createPromotionWindow
 - Usage: Creates the JFrame
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - None

Section 14: Settings.java

- **Settings: Displays settings onto the screen**

- drawSettings
 - Usage: Compiles the different settings and options and returns them as a JPanel
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - (JPanel) settingsPanel: a JPanel containing the settings and options for the game
- playerColor
 - Usage: Creates the combo box for the players desired starting color
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - (JComboBox<String>) playerColor: the combo box for the player color choices
- boardTheme
 - Usage: Creates the combo box for the board theme
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - (JComboBox<String>): boardThemesDropdown: the JComboBox for the board theme
- customFenPosition
 - Usage: Creates a text field for a custom fen position
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - (JTextField) customFenBox: the JTextField for the custom fen position
- changePerspective
 - Usage: Changes the perspective of the game (which player is being viewed). Note, the perspective also changes after each move automatically
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - (JButton) changePerspective: the button to change perspective

- showLegalMoves
 - Usage: Toggles whether or not legal moves are shown
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - (JButton) toggleLegalMoves: the button that toggles legal moves
- newGame
 - Usage: Starts a new game
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - (JButton) newGame: the button that toggles legal moves
- pieceMaterial
 - Usage: Shows piece advantage/score
 - Arguments:
 - None
 - Returns:
 - (JLabel) material: a label with the piece materials