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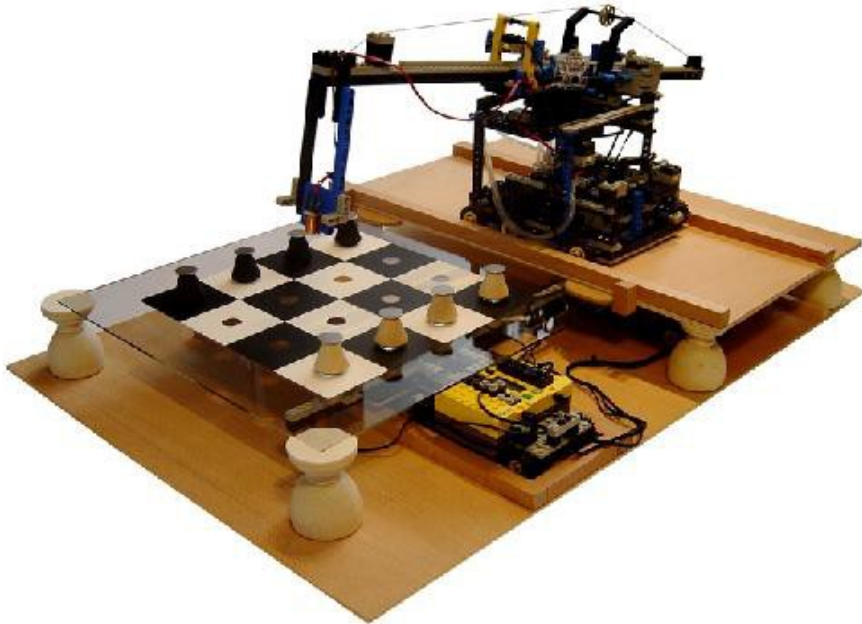
- General Game Playing
- Propositional Logic
- First-Order Logic
- The Game Description Language GDL

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# Introduction: *General* Game Playing

# Computer Game Playing

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## Kasparov vs. Deep Blue (1997)



# General Game Playing

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General Game Players are systems

- able to understand formal descriptions of arbitrary games
- able to learn to play these games effectively.

Translation: They don't know the rules until the game starts.

Unlike specialized game players (e.g. Deep Blue), they do not use algorithms designed in advance for specific games.

# Variety of Games

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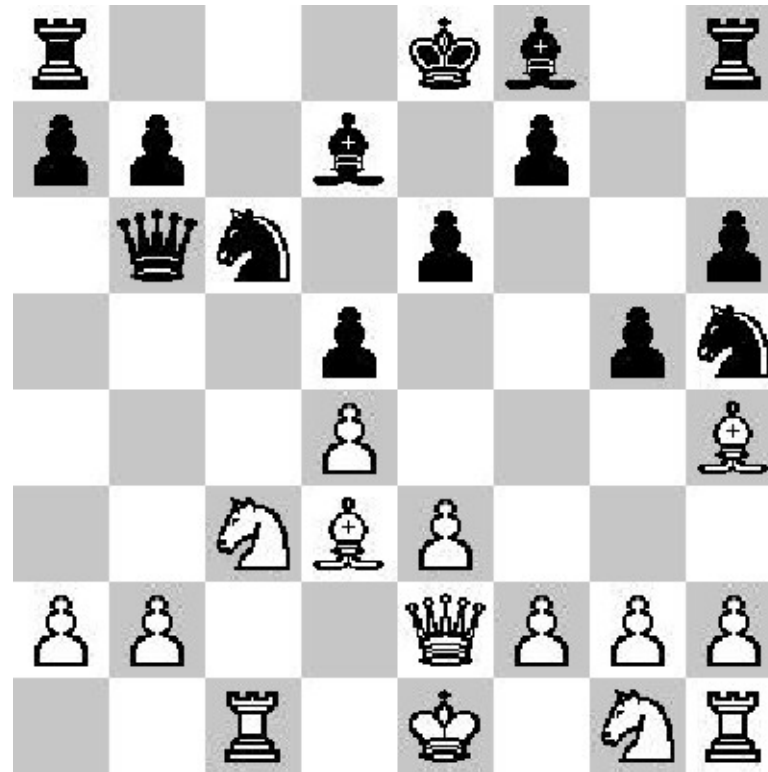
# Noughts And Crosses

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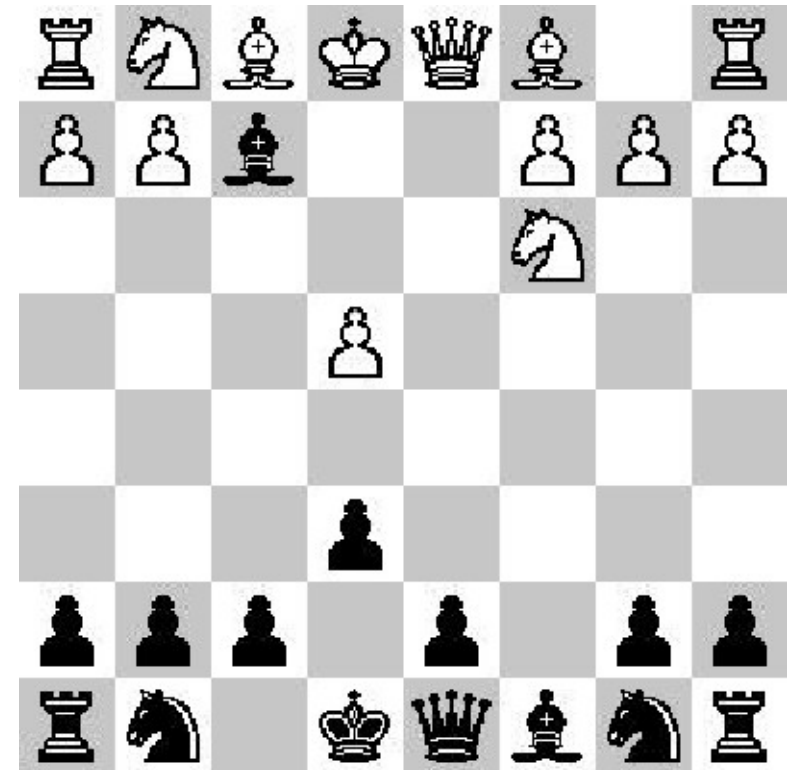
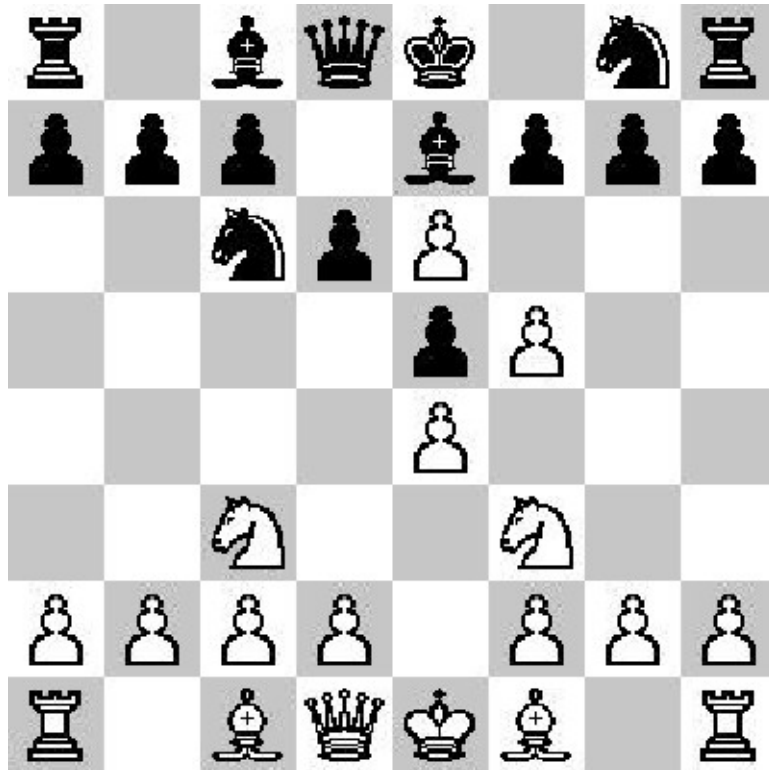


# Chess

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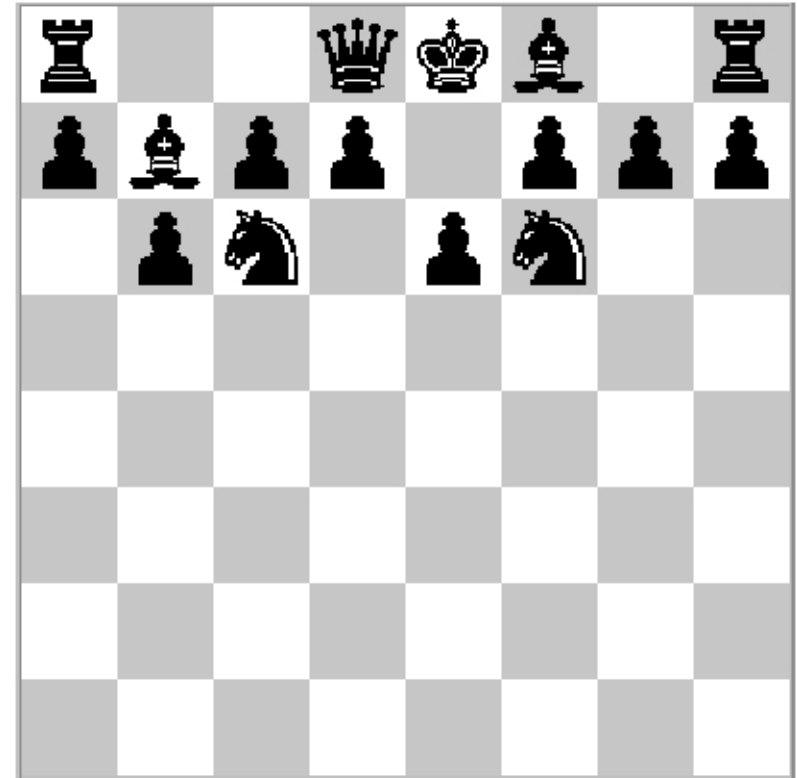
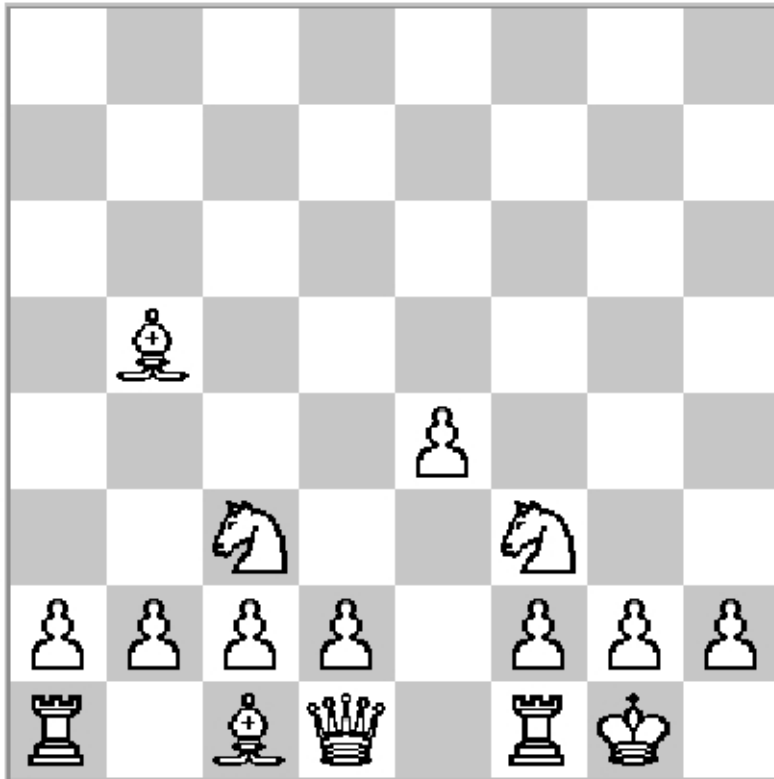


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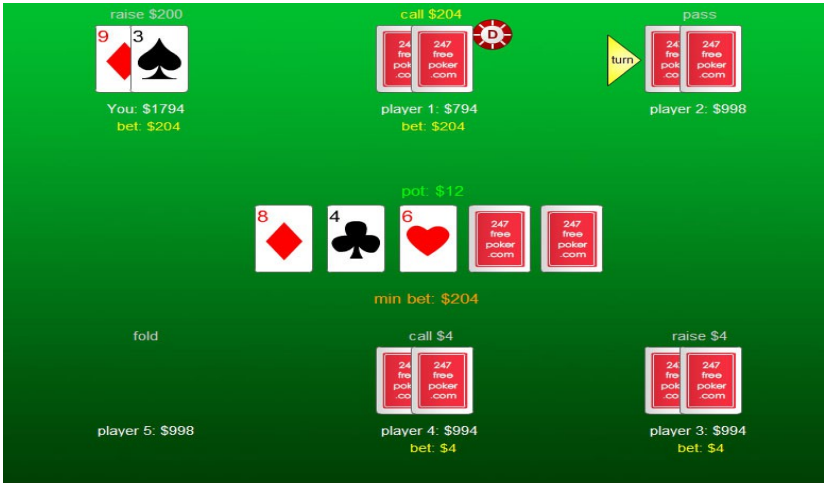
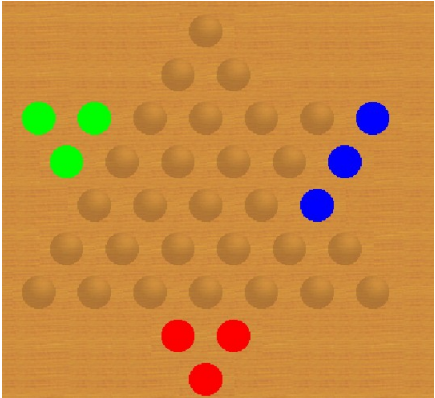
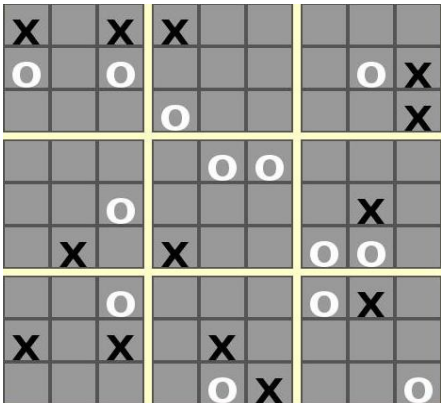




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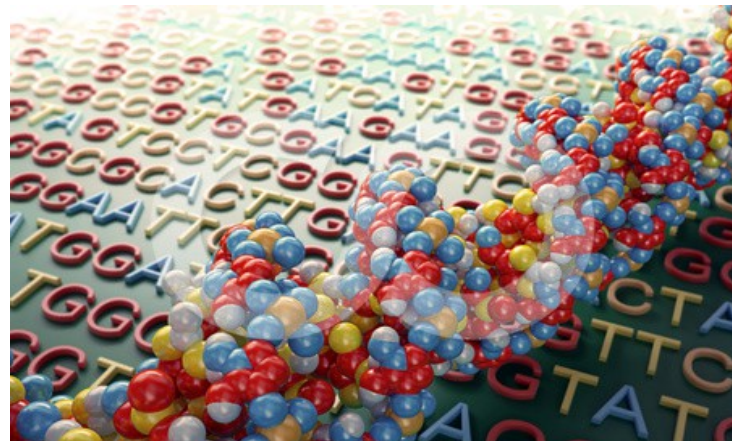
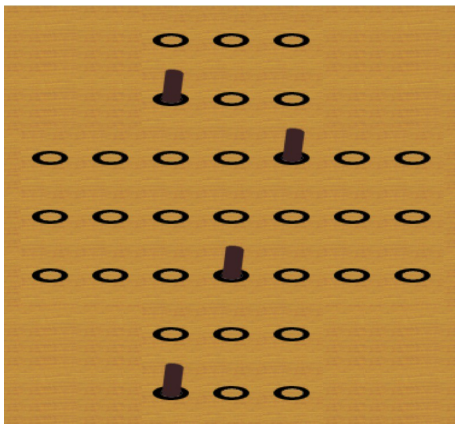


# Other Games



# Single-Player Games (aka. Planning)

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# International Activities

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Websites – [www.general-game-playing.de](http://www.general-game-playing.de)  
[games.stanford.edu](http://games.stanford.edu)

- Games
- Game Manager
- Reference Players
- Development Tools
- Literature

World Cup, administered by Stanford

- 2005 – Cluneplayer (USA)
- 2006 – Fluxplayer (Germany)
- 2007, 2008 – Cadiaplayer (Iceland)
- 2009, 2010 – Ary (France)
- 2011 – TurboTurtle (USA)
- 2012 – Cadiaplayer (Iceland)

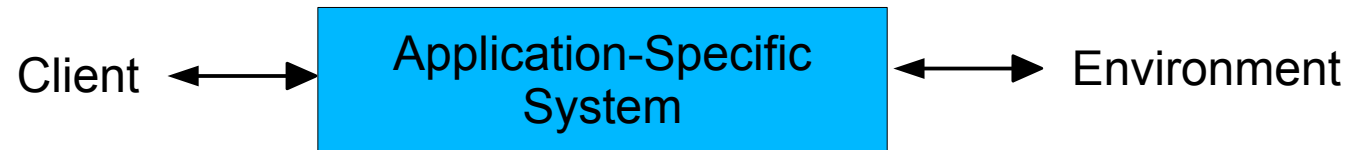
# General Game Playing and AI

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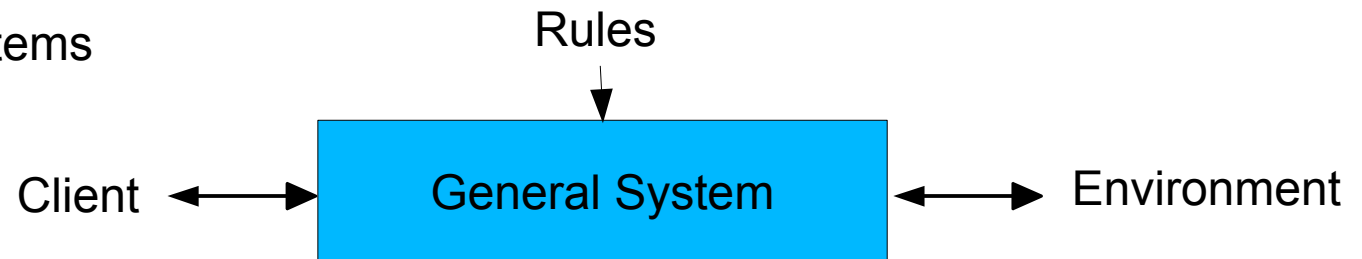
## Why games?

- Many social, biological, political, and economic processes can be formalised as (multi-agent) games.
- General game-players are examples of systems that can adapt to radically different environments without human intervention.

## Ordinary Systems



## General Systems



# Finite Synchronous Games

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## Finite environment

- Environment with finitely many positions (= states)
- One initial state and one or more terminal states

## Finite Players

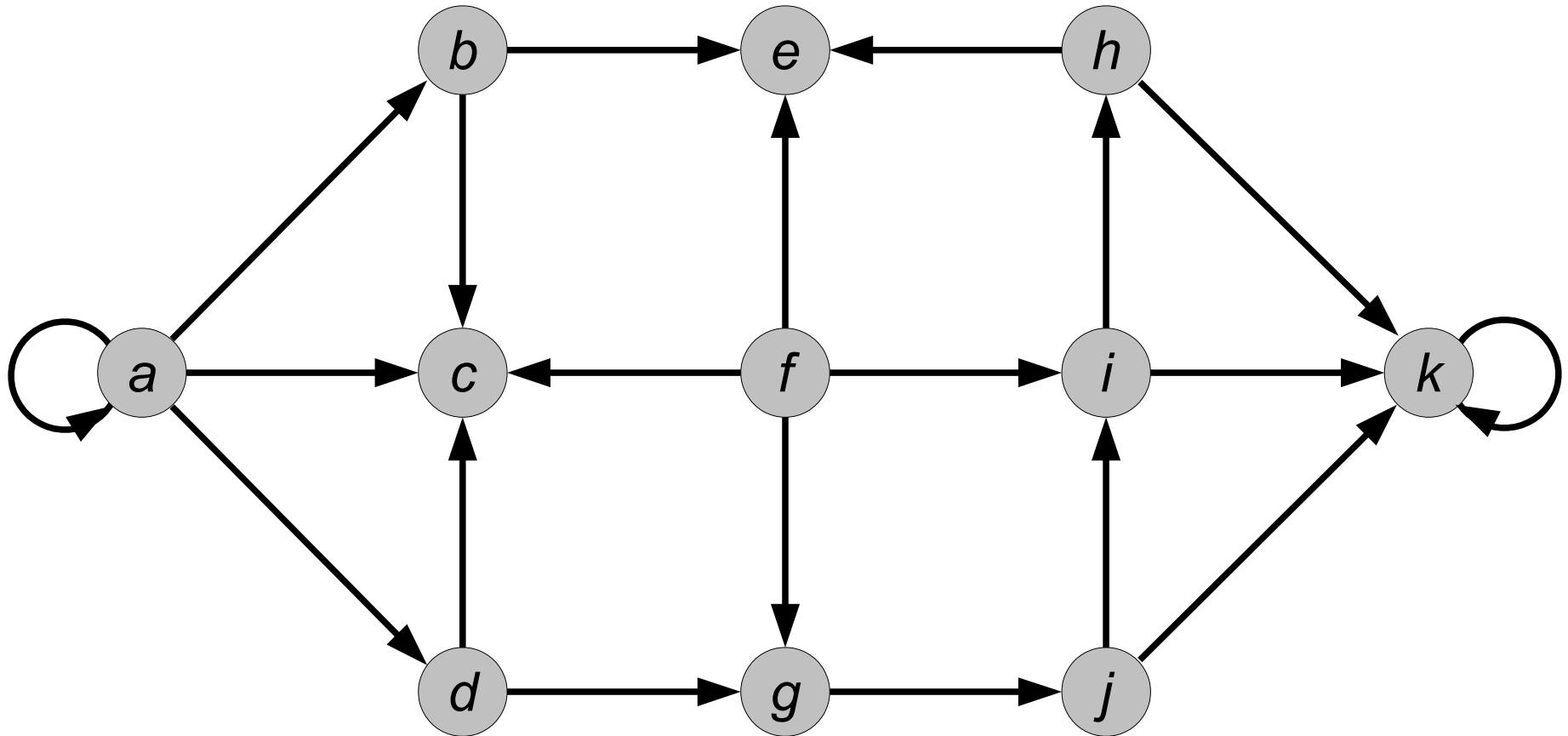
- Fixed finite number of players
- Each with finitely many “actions”
- Each with one or more goal states

## Synchronous Update

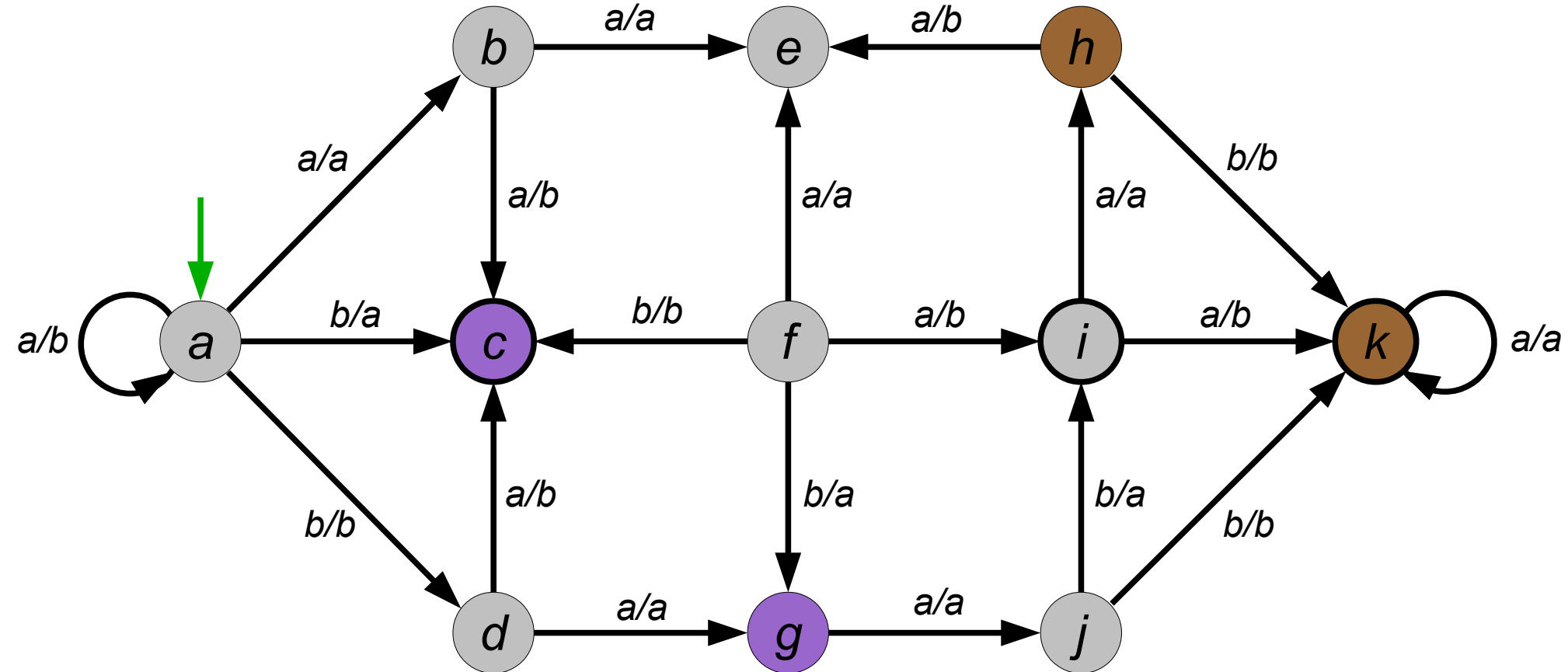
- All players move on all steps (possibly some “no-ops”)
- Environment changes only in response to moves

# Games as State Machines

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# Initial State, Terminal States, & Simultaneous Moves





# Direct Description

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Since all of the games that we are considering are finite, it is possible in principle to communicate game information in the form of tables (for legal moves, update, etc.)

Problem: Size of description. Even though everything is finite, the necessary tables can be large (e.g.  $\sim 10^{44}$  states in Chess)

Solutions:

- Reformulate in modular fashion
- Use compact encoding

# States versus Features

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In many cases, worlds are best thought of in terms of **atomic features** that may change; e.g. “position-of-white-queen”, “black-can-castle”. Moves (a.k.a. actions) affect subsets of these features.

States represent all possible ways the world can be.

As such, the number of states is exponential in the number of features of the world, and the transition tables are correspondingly large.

Solution: Represent features directly and describe how actions change individual features rather than entire states

# Example: Noughts And Crosses

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	1	2	3
1	X		
2		O	
3			X

```
cell(1,1,x)
cell(1,2,b)
cell(1,3,b)
cell(2,1,b)
cell(2,2,o)
cell(2,3,b)
cell(3,1,b)
cell(3,2,b)
cell(3,3,x)
control(oplayer)
```

# Game Description Language (GDL): Facts and Rules

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## Some Facts

```
role(xplayer)
role(oplayer)

init(cell(1,1,b))
init(cell(1,2,b))
...
init(cell(3,3,b))
init(control(xplayer))
```

## Some Rules

```
legal(P,mark(M,N)) <=
    true(cell(M,N,b)) ^
    true(control(P))

next(cell(M,N,x)) <=
    does(xplayer,mark(M,N))

next(cell(M,N,o)) <=
    does(oplayer,mark(M,N))
```

All highlighted expressions are pre-defined keywords in GDL.

# Pure Logic: No Built-In Assumptions

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## What we see

```
legal(P, mark(M, N)) <=  
    true(cell(M, N, b)) ^  
    true(control(P))  
  
next(cell(M, N, x)) <=  
    does(xplayer, mark(M, N))  
  
next(cell(M, N, o)) <=  
    does(oplayer, mark(M, N))
```

## What they see

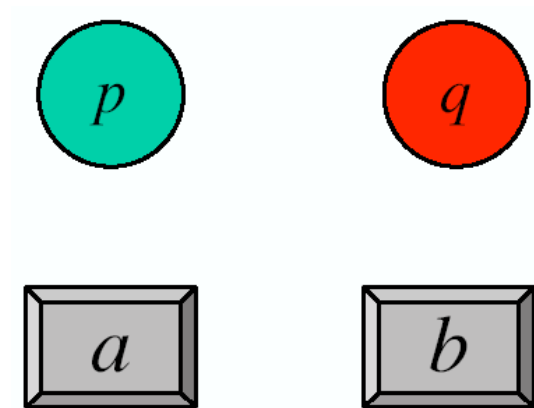
```
legal(P, dukepse(M, N)) <=  
    true(welcoul(M, N, kwq)) ^  
    true(himenoing(P))  
  
next(welcoul(M, N, ygg)) <=  
    does(lorchi, dukepse(M, N))  
  
next(welcoul(M, N, pyr)) <=  
    does(gniste, dukepse(M, N))
```

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# Propositional Logic

# A Simpler Example First: the Buttons-And-Light Game

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Pressing button  $a$  toggles  $p$ .

Pressing button  $b$  interchanges  $p$  and  $q$ .

Initially,  $p$  and  $q$  are off. Goal:  $p$  and  $q$  are on.

# Propositional Logic: Vocabulary

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Proposition Symbols:  $p, q, r$

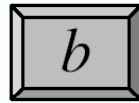
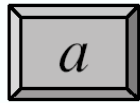
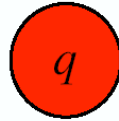
Logical Connectives:

- $\neg p$  (negation, read: "not p")
- $p \wedge q$  (conjunction, read: "p and q")
- $p \vee q$  (disjunction, read: "p or q")
- $p \leq q$  (implication, read: "p if q")
- $p \leq \geq q$  (equivalence, read: "p if and only if q")

Sentences: built from proposition symbols and connectives  
e.g.  $p \leq \geq (q \wedge \neg r) \vee \neg q$



## Example: Buttons and Lights



Proposition Symbols:    *initp*, *initq*,  
                              *truep*, *trueq*,  
                              *nextp*, *nextq*,  
                              *doesa*, *doesb*,  
                              *goal*

The logic of this game:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{nextp} &\Leftrightarrow (\neg \text{truep} \wedge \text{doesa}) \vee (\text{trueq} \wedge \text{doesb}) \\ \text{nextq} &\Leftrightarrow (\text{trueq} \wedge \text{doesa}) \vee (\text{truep} \wedge \text{doesb})\end{aligned}$$
$$\neg \text{initp}$$
$$\neg \text{initq}$$
$$\text{goal} \Leftrightarrow (\text{truep} \wedge \text{trueq})$$

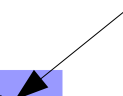
# Propositional Logic: Semantics

## Truth table

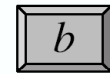
p	q	$\neg p$	$p \wedge q$	$p \vee q$	$p \leq q$	$p \leq \Rightarrow q$
<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>
<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>
<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>
<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>

## Example

				$\varphi$		$\psi$	
truep	trueq	doesa	doesb	$\neg \text{truep}$	$\neg \text{truep} \wedge \text{doesa}$	$\text{trueq} \wedge \text{doesb}$	$\varphi \vee \psi$
<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>
<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>

nextp 

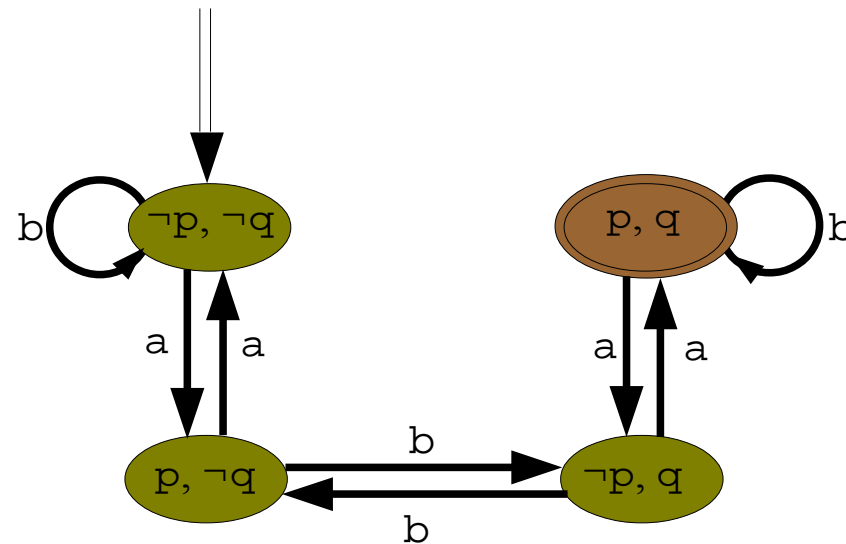
# Knowing What Happens in Buttons-and-Lights

$$\begin{aligned}\text{nextp} &\Leftrightarrow (\neg \text{truep} \wedge \text{doesa}) \vee (\text{trueq} \wedge \text{doesb}) \\ \text{nextq} &\Leftrightarrow (\text{trueq} \wedge \text{doesa}) \vee (\text{truep} \wedge \text{doesb})\end{aligned}$$


truep	trueq	doesa	doesb	nextp	nextq
false	false	true	false	true	false
false	false	false	true	false	false
true	false	true	false	false	false
true	false	false	true	false	true
false	true	true	false	true	true
false	true	false	true	true	false
true	true	true	false	false	true
true	true	false	true	true	true

# Summary: State Transitions for Buttons-and-Lights

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## More on Semantics: Models

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A **model** (in propositional logic) is an arbitrary subset of the proposition symbols.

$\mathcal{M}$  is a **model for a sentence**  $\phi$  under the following conditions:

- $\mathcal{M}$  model for a proposition  $\phi$  iff  $\phi \in \mathcal{M}$
- $\mathcal{M}$  model for  $\neg\phi$  iff  $\mathcal{M}$  not a model for  $\phi$
- $\mathcal{M}$  model for  $\phi \wedge \psi$  iff  $\mathcal{M}$  model for  $\phi$  and model for  $\psi$
- $\mathcal{M}$  model for  $\phi \vee \psi$  iff  $\mathcal{M}$  model for  $\phi$  or model for  $\psi$  (or both)
- $\mathcal{M}$  model for  $\phi \leq \psi$  iff  $\mathcal{M}$  model for  $\phi$  whenever  $\mathcal{M}$  model for  $\psi$
- $\mathcal{M}$  model for  $\phi \leq \psi$  iff  $\mathcal{M}$  model for  $\phi$  just in case  $\mathcal{M}$  model for  $\psi$

If all models of sentences  $\Phi$  also satisfy  $\phi$ , then  $\phi$  is a **logical consequence** of  $\Phi$ .

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# First-Order Logic

# First-Order Logic: Vocabulary

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Object Variables:	$x, y, z$
Object Constants:	$a, b, c$
Functions:	$f, g, h$
Predicates:	$p, q, r$
Connectives:	$\neg, \wedge, \vee, \leq, \leq \Rightarrow$
Quantifiers:	$\forall, \exists$

The **arity** of a function or predicate is the number of arguments that can be supplied.

# First-Order Logic: Syntax

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## Terms

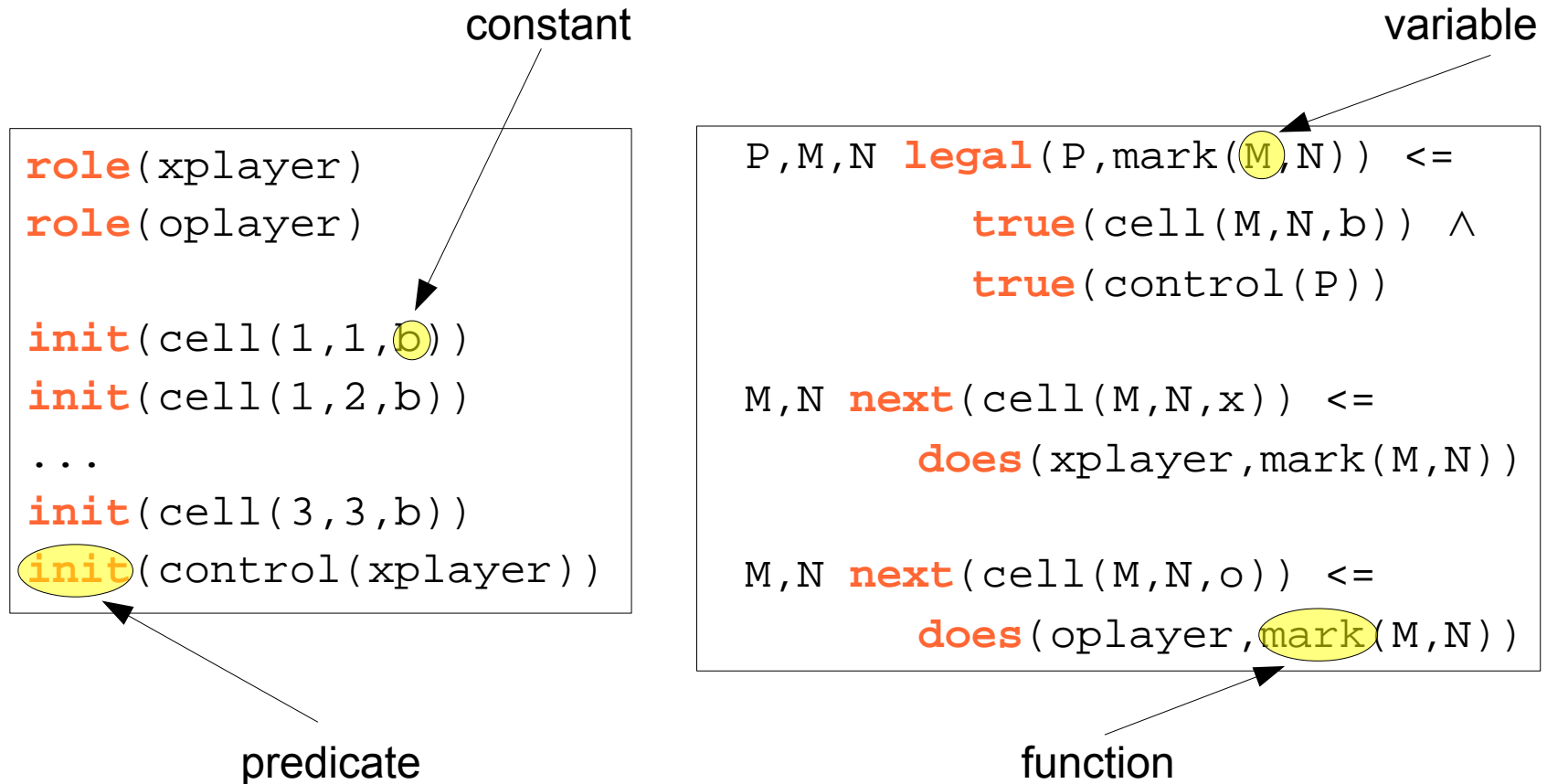
- Variables:  $x, y, z$
- Constants:  $a, b, c$
- Functional terms:  $f(a), g(a, x), h(a, b, f(y))$

## Sentences

- Atoms:  $p(x), q(a, g(a, b))$
- Literals:  $p(x), \neg p(x)$  (i.e. atoms and negated atoms)
- Sentences:  $p(a) \vee \neg p(a)$   
 $\forall x \exists y p(x, y) \leq \exists y \forall x p(x, y)$   
 $\forall x p(f(x)) \leq \exists y q(x, f(y)) \wedge \neg r(a)$



# Example



# First-Order Logic: Semantics

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The **Herbrand universe** for a logic language is the set of all terms without variables.

Example 1:

- Object Constants:  $a, b$
- Herbrand Universe:  $\{a, b\}$

Example 2:

- Object Constant:  $a$
- Unary function:  $f$
- Herbrand Universe:  $\{a, f(a), f(f(a)), \dots\}$

# Semantics (Cont'd)

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The **Herbrand base** is the set of all variable-free atoms.

Example:  $\{p(a), p(b), q(a,a), q(a,b), q(b,a), q(b,b)\}$

A **model** is an arbitrary subset of the Herbrand base.

Examples:

- $\mathcal{M}_1 = \{p(a), q(a,b), q(b,a)\}$
- $\mathcal{M}_2 = \{p(a), p(b), q(a,a), q(a,b), q(b,a), q(b,b)\}$
- $\mathcal{M}_3 = \{\}$

# Semantics (Finished)

$\mathcal{M}$  is a **model for a sentence**  $\varphi$  (in which all variables are bound by a quantifier) under the following conditions:

- $\mathcal{M}$  model for a variable-free atom  $\varphi$  iff  $\varphi \quad \mathcal{M}$
- $\mathcal{M}$  model for  $\neg\varphi$  iff  $\mathcal{M}$  not a model for  $\varphi$
- $\mathcal{M}$  model for  $\varphi \wedge \psi$  iff  $\mathcal{M}$  model for  $\varphi$  and model for  $\psi$
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- $\mathcal{M}$  model for  $\forall x \varphi$  iff  $\mathcal{M}$  model for  $\varphi\{x/t\}$  for all terms  $t$  in the Herbrand universe
- $\mathcal{M}$  model for  $\exists x \varphi$  iff  $\mathcal{M}$  model for  $\varphi\{x/t\}$  for some  $t$  in the Herbrand universe

$\varphi\{x/t\}$  means to replace each occurrence of  $x$  by  $t$  in  $\varphi$ .

# Examples

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Recall the models

- $\mathcal{M}_1 = \{p(a), q(a,b), q(b,a)\}$
- $\mathcal{M}_2 = \{p(a), p(b), q(a,a), q(a,b), q(b,a), q(b,b)\}$
- $\mathcal{M}_3 = \{\}$

Some examples:

- $\mathcal{M}_1$  is a model for  $p(a) \wedge \neg p(b)$ , whereas  $\mathcal{M}_2$  and  $\mathcal{M}_3$  are not.
- $\mathcal{M}_2$  is a model for  $p(b) \leq p(a)$ . So is  $\mathcal{M}_3$  (!)
- All three are models for  $\forall X \forall Y q(X,Y) \leq q(Y,X)$

If all models of sentences  $\Phi$  also satisfy  $\varphi$ , then  $\varphi$  is a **logical consequence** of  $\Phi$ .

# Logic Programs: A Subset of First-Order Logic

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## Clauses

- Facts: atoms
- Rules:  $\text{Head} \leq \text{Body}$

$\text{Head}$ : atom

$\text{Body}$ : sentence built from  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ , literal

All variables in a clause are universally quantified (over the whole clause).

A **logic program** is a finite collection of clauses.

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# General Game Description Language GDL

# Back to General Game Playing

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In the Game Description Language (GDL), a game is a logic program.  
GDL uses the constants 0, 1, ..., 100 and the following predicates as keywords.

- `role(r)` means that `r` is a role (i.e. a player) in the game
- `init(f)` means that `f` is true in the initial position (state)
- `true(f)` means that `f` is true in the current state
- `does(r,a)` means that role `r` does action `a` in the current state
- `next(f)` means that `f` is true in the next state
- `legal(r,a)` means that it is legal for `r` to play `a` in the current state
- `goal(r,v)` means that `r` gets goal value `v` in the current state
- `terminal` means that the current state is a terminal state
- `distinct(s,t)` means that terms `s` and `t` are syntactically different



# Back to Noughts And Crosses

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	1	2	3
1	X		
2		O	
3			X

```
cell(1,1,x)
cell(1,2,b)
cell(1,3,b)
cell(2,1,b)
cell(2,2,o)
cell(2,3,b)
cell(3,1,b)
cell(3,2,b)
cell(3,3,x)
control(oplayer)
```

# Noughts and Crosses: Elements of the Vocabulary

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- **Object constants**  
`xplayer, oplayer`      Players  
`x, o, b`      Marks  
`noop`      Move
- **Functions**  
`cell(number, number, mark)`      Feature  
`control(player)`      Feature  
`mark(number, number)`      Move
- **Predicates**  
`row(number, mark)`  
`column(number, mark)`  
`diagonal(mark)`  
`line(mark)`  
`open`  
`draw`

# Players and Initial State

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```
role(xplayer)
role(oplayer)

init(cell(1,1,b))
init(cell(1,2,b))
init(cell(1,3,b))
init(cell(2,1,b))
init(cell(2,2,b))
init(cell(2,3,b))
init(cell(3,1,b))
init(cell(3,2,b))
init(cell(3,3,b))
init(control(xplayer))
```

# Move Generator

```

legal(P,mark(M,N)) <=
    true(cell(M,N,b)) ^
    true(control(P))

legal(xplayer,noop) <=
    true(control(oplayer))

legal(oplayer,noop) <=
    true(control(xplayer))
  
```

## Conclusions:

```

legal(xplayer,noop)
legal(oplayer,mark(1,2))
...
legal(oplayer,mark(3,2))
  
```

X		
	O	
		X

```

true(cell(1,1,x))
true(cell(1,2,b))
true(cell(1,3,b))
true(cell(2,1,b))
true(cell(2,2,o))
true(cell(2,3,b))
true(cell(3,1,b))
true(cell(3,2,b))
true(cell(3,3,x))
true(control(oplayer))
  
```

# Physics: Example

```

cell(1,1,x)
cell(1,2,b)
cell(1,3,b)
cell(2,1,b)
cell(2,2,o)
cell(2,3,b)
cell(3,1,b)
cell(3,2,b)
cell(3,3,x)
control(oplayer)

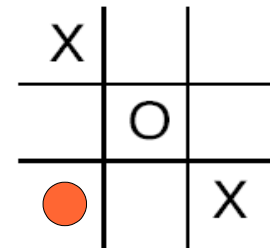
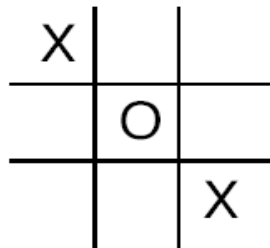
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oplayer  
 ──────────▶  
 mark(1,3)

```

cell(1,1,x)
cell(1,2,b)
cell(1,3,o)
cell(2,1,b)
cell(2,2,o)
cell(2,3,b)
cell(3,1,b)
cell(3,2,b)
cell(3,3,x)
control(xplayer)

```



# Physics

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```
next(cell(M,N,x)) <= does(xplayer,mark(M,N))
```

```
next(cell(M,N,o)) <= does(oplayer,mark(M,N))
```

```
next(cell(M,N,W)) <= true(cell(M,N,W)) ∧  
                      does(P,mark(J,K)) ∧  
                      (distinct(M,J) ∨ distinct(N,K))
```

```
next(control(xplayer)) <= true(control(oplayer))
```

```
next(control(oplayer)) <= true(control(xplayer))
```

# Supporting Concepts

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row(M,W) <=

**true**(cell(M,1,W)) ∧  
**true**(cell(M,2,W)) ∧  
**true**(cell(M,3,W))

column(N,W) <=

**true**(cell(1,N,W)) ∧  
**true**(cell(2,N,W)) ∧  
**true**(cell(3,N,W))

diagonal(W) <=

**true**(cell(1,1,W)) ∧  
**true**(cell(2,2,W)) ∧  
**true**(cell(3,3,W))

diagonal(W) <=

**true**(cell(1,3,W)) ∧  
**true**(cell(2,2,W)) ∧  
**true**(cell(3,1,W))

# Termination and Goal Values

```

terminal <=
    line(x) ∨ line(o)
terminal <=
    ¬open
line(W) <=
    row(M,W) ∨
    column(N,W) ∨
    diagonal(W)
open <=
    true(cell(M,N,b))
  
```

```

goal(xplayer,100) <= line(x)
goal(xplayer, 50) <= draw
goal(xplayer,  0) <= line(o)

goal(oplayer,100) <= line(o)
goal(oplayer, 50) <= draw
goal(oplayer,  0) <= line(x)

draw <=
    ¬line(x) ∧ ¬line(o) ∧ ¬open
  
```



# Knowledge Interchange Format

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Knowledge Interchange Format (a.k.a. KIF) is a standard for programmatic exchange of knowledge represented in relational logic.

Syntax is prefix version of standard syntax.

Some operators are renamed: **not**, **and**, **or**.

Case-independent. Variables are prefixed with ?.

$r(X, Y) \leq p(X, Y) \wedge \neg q(Y)$

`(<= (r ?x ?y) (and (p ?x ?y) (not (q ?y))))`

or, equivalently,

`(<= (r ?x ?y) (p ?x ?y) (not (q ?y)))`

Semantics is the same.

# Noughts And Crosses in KIF

```

(role xplayer)
(role oplayer)

(init (cell 1 1 b))
(init (cell 1 2 b))
(init (cell 1 3 b))
(init (cell 2 1 b))
(init (cell 2 2 b))
(init (cell 2 3 b))
(init (cell 3 1 b))
(init (cell 3 2 b))
(init (cell 3 3 b))
(init (control xplayer))

(<= (next (cell ?m ?n x))
    (does xplayer (mark ?m ?n))
    (<= (next (cell ?m ?n o))
        (does oplayer (mark ?m ?n))
        (<= (next (cell ?m ?n ?w))
            (true (cell ?m ?n ?w))
            (does ?p (mark ?j ?k))
            (or (distinct ?m ?j)
                (distinct ?n ?k)))
            (<= (next (control xplayer))
                (true (control oplayer)))
            (<= (next (control oplayer))
                (true (control xplayer)))

            (<= (legal ?p (mark ?m ?n))
                (true (cell ?m ?n b))
                (true (control ?p)))
            (<= (legal xplayer noop)
                (true (control oplayer)))
            (<= (legal oplayer noop)
                (true (control xplayer)))

            (<= (row ?m ?w)
                (true (cell ?m 1 ?w))
                (true (cell ?m 2 ?w))
                (true (cell ?m 3 ?w)))
            (<= (column ?n ?w)
                (true (cell 1 ?n ?w))
                (true (cell 2 ?n ?w))
                (true (cell 3 ?n ?w)))
            (<= (diagonal ?w)
                (true (cell 1 1 ?w))
                (true (cell 2 2 ?w))
                (true (cell 3 3 ?w)))
            (<= (diagonal ?x)
                (true (cell 1 3 ?w))
                (true (cell 2 2 ?w))
                (true (cell 3 1 ?w)))

            (<= (line ?w)
                (or (row ?m ?w)
                    (column ?n ?w)
                    (diagonal ?w)))

            <= open
                (true (cell ?m ?n b)))

            (<= terminal
                (or (line x) (line o)))
            (<= terminal
                (not open))

            (<= (goal xplayer 100)
                (line x))
            (<= (goal xplayer 50)
                draw
                (<= (goal xplayer 0)
                    (line o))
                (<= (goal oplayer 100)
                    (line o))
                (<= (goal oplayer 50)
                    draw
                    (<= (goal oplayer 0)
                        (line x))

            (<= (legal ?p (mark ?m ?n))
                (true (cell ?m ?n b))
                (true (control ?p)))
            (<= (legal xplayer noop)
                (true (control oplayer)))
            (<= (legal oplayer noop)
                (true (control xplayer)))

            (<= (row ?m ?w)
                (true (cell ?m 1 ?w))
                (true (cell ?m 2 ?w))
                (true (cell ?m 3 ?w)))
            (<= (column ?n ?w)
                (true (cell 1 ?n ?w))
                (true (cell 2 ?n ?w))
                (true (cell 3 ?n ?w)))
            (<= (diagonal ?w)
                (true (cell 1 1 ?w))
                (true (cell 2 2 ?w))
                (true (cell 3 3 ?w)))
            (<= (diagonal ?x)
                (true (cell 1 3 ?w))
                (true (cell 2 2 ?w))
                (true (cell 3 1 ?w)))

            (<= (line ?w)
                (or (row ?m ?w)
                    (column ?n ?w)
                    (diagonal ?w)))

            <= open
                (true (cell ?m ?n b)))

            (<= terminal
                (or (line x) (line o)))
            (<= terminal
                (not open))

            (<= (goal xplayer 100)
                (line x))
            (<= (goal xplayer 50)
                draw
                (<= (goal xplayer 0)
                    (line o))
                (<= (goal oplayer 100)
                    (line o))
                (<= (goal oplayer 50)
                    draw
                    (<= (goal oplayer 0)
                        (line x))

```

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tictactoeLarge suicide	2	../stylesheets/tictactoeLarge/tictactoeLarge.xml	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	v1
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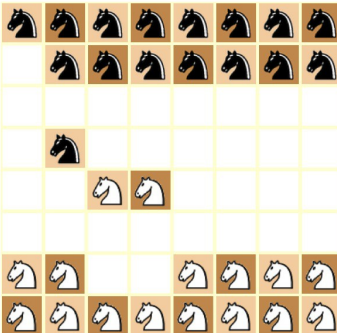
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**MATCH:** knightthrough.1304115991776, **STEP:** 4, **SEEN BY:** WHITE ▾

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The chessboard shows a state where White has pieces along the top and bottom ranks. Black has pieces in the second and third ranks from the top. Two White pawns are positioned in the fourth rank from the top.

**PLAY CLOCK:**

**REMAINING:** Inactive (Not the current step)

**PLAYERS:**

WHITE	REDSELL
BLACK*	FLUXPLAYER_TEST

**HISTORY:**

	WHITE	BLACK
3.	(MOVE 3 2 4) 4)	NOOP
2.	NOOP	(MOVE 1 7 2) 5)
1.	(MOVE 4 2 3) 4)	NOOP

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**REMAINING STATE:**  
**(CONTROL BLACK)**

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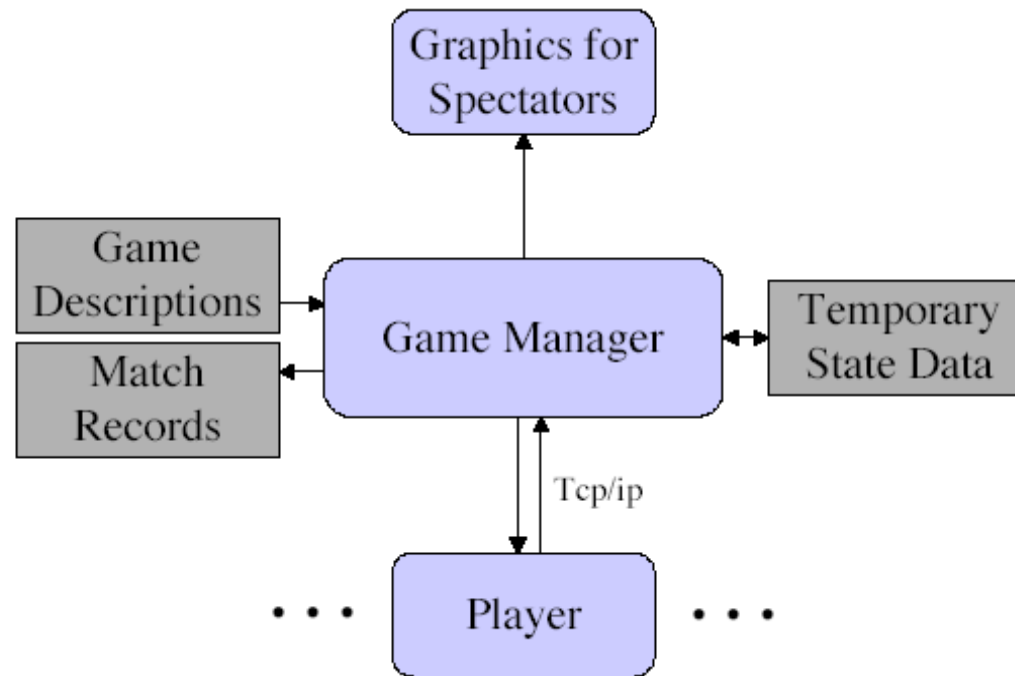
**WIDEMASTER:** Stephan Schiffel  
This visualization is part of GGP Server.  
Design partially provided by the Stanford Logic Group.

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# Games

# Game Manager

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# Communication Protocol

- Manager sends **START** message to players  
(**START** <MATCH ID> <ROLE> <GAME DESCRIPTION>  
<STARTCLOCK> <PLAYCLOCK> )
  - Match ID: the name of the game
  - Role: the name of the role you are playing (e.g. **xplayer** or **oplayer**)
  - Game description: the axioms describing the game
  - Start/play clock: how much time you have before the game begins/per turn
- Manager sends **PLAY** message to players  
(**PLAY** <MATCH ID> <PRIOR MOVES> )  
Prior moves is a list of moves, one per player
  - The order is the same as the order of roles in the game description
  - e.g. ((**mark** 1 1) **noop**)
  - Special case: for the first turn, prior moves is **nil**
- Players send back a message of the form **MOVE**, e.g. (**mark** 3 2)
- When the previous turn ended the game, Manager sends a **STOP** message  
(**STOP** <MATCH ID> <PRIOR MOVES> )

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We provide programs that might help you to implement your own General Game Playing system. All programs contain source code and are distributed under GPL.

### GAMECONTROLLER

GameController is a standalone game master clone written entirely in Java and developed as part of the GGPServer project. It is particularly useful for testing your own general game playing system. GameController comes with a simple GUI and a command line interface. Send bug reports and suggestions to [Stephan Schiffel](#).

Download the most recent version from the [sourceforge project page](#).

System requirements:

- Java 1.6 runtime environment

Usage:

```
java -jar gamecontroller-KY2.jar
```

### BASIC PROLOG PLAYER

A basic player implemented in ECLIPSe Prolog based on code from FLUXPLAYER.

Download current version (1.1)

System requirements:

- ECLIPSe Prolog version 5.10 or higher

Changes since version 1.0

- the port should be free now after stopping the player

(last update: 12 March 2009)

### BASIC JAVA PLAYER

A basic player implemented in Java which comes with a framework for implementing your strategies, analyzing the game, etc. It can be found on the [Palamedes-IDE website](#).

### BASIC C++ PLAYER

A basic player implemented in C++ with the reasoner of the prolog player above.

Download current version (1.6)

System requirements:

- Linux/Unix (or any system which provides sockets)

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# GameControllerApp

GameController (tictactoe)

MatchID

Startclock

Playclock

Role	Type	Host	Port	Value
XPLAYER	RANDOM	-	0	0
OPLAYER	RANDOM	-	0	100

Start Stop Exit Clear Log

```

INFO(12:43:15.123): match:TestMatch_1, GDL v1
INFO(12:43:15.129): game:tictactoe
INFO(12:43:15.129): starting game with startclock=10, playclock=5
INFO(12:43:15.131): step:1
INFO(12:43:15.134): current state:((CELL 1 1 B)(CELL 1 2 B)(CELL 1 3 B)(CELL 2 1
B)(CELL 2 2 B)(CELL 2 3 B)(CELL 3 1 B)(CELL 3 2 B)(CELL 3 3 B)(CONTROL XPLAYER))
INFO(12:43:15.135): role: XPLAYER => player: local(Random)
INFO(12:43:15.136): role: OPLAYER => player: local(Random)
INFO(12:43:15.137): Sending start messages ...
INFO(12:43:15.152): time after gameStart's runThread: Mon May 02 12:43:15 EST
  
```

# Background Reading

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## Logic

- Russell & Norvig AIMA: Chapter 7 – Section 7.4  
Chapter 8 – Sections 8.1 and 8.2

## General Game Playing

- `games.stanford.edu/competition/misc/aaai.pdf`



# New Online Course on General Game Playing

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- [www.coursera.org/courses/ggp](http://www.coursera.org/courses/ggp)

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