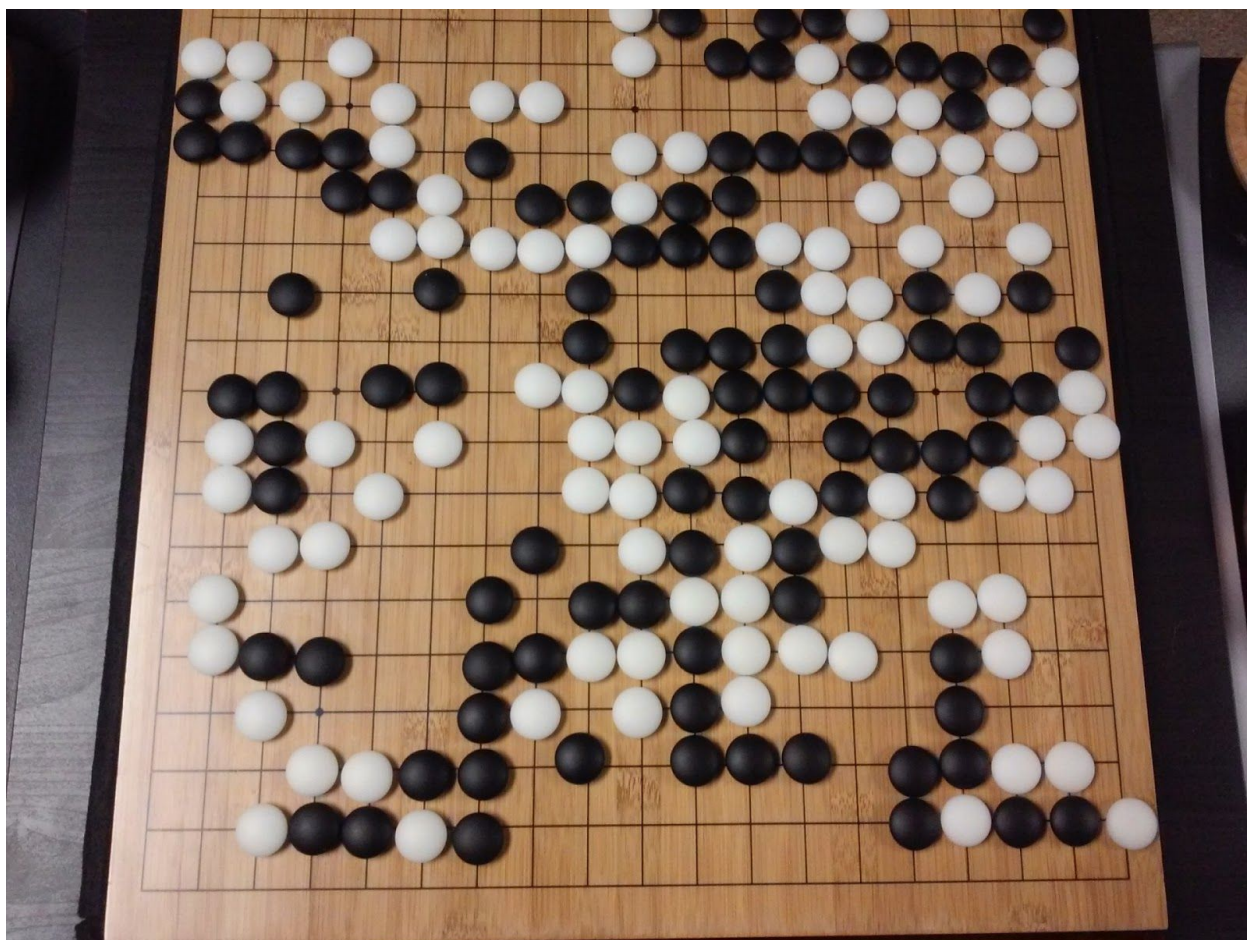


# The history of Go



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According to wikipedia The word "Go" is a short form of the full Japanese word *igo* 囲碁. The Japanese word *igo* probably derives from the Middle Chinese *hūi gi* 圍棋 (Mandarin: *wéiqí*), which literally means "encirclement board game" or "board game of surrounding". To differentiate the game from the common English verb *to go*, "g" is often capitalized,<sup>[14]</sup> or, in events sponsored by the Ing Chang-ki Foundation, it is spelled "goe".<sup>[15]</sup> The Korean word *baduk* derives from the Middle Korean word *Badok*, the origin of which is controversial; the more plausible etymologies include the suffix "dok" added to "Ba" creating the meaning "flat and wide board", or the joining of "Bat", meaning "field", and "Dok", meaning "stone". Less plausible etymologies include a derivation of "Badukdok", referring to the playing pieces of the game, or a derivation from Chinese 排子 (*páizi*), meaning "to arrange pieces".

According to [www.britannica.com](http://www.britannica.com) ›**Go**, probably the world's oldest board game, is thought to have originated in China some 4,000 years ago. ... The game became highly popular in Japan in the first half of the 20th century; it was also played in China and Korea, and its following grew there in the latter decades of the century.