

## Design Overview for Epic Chess

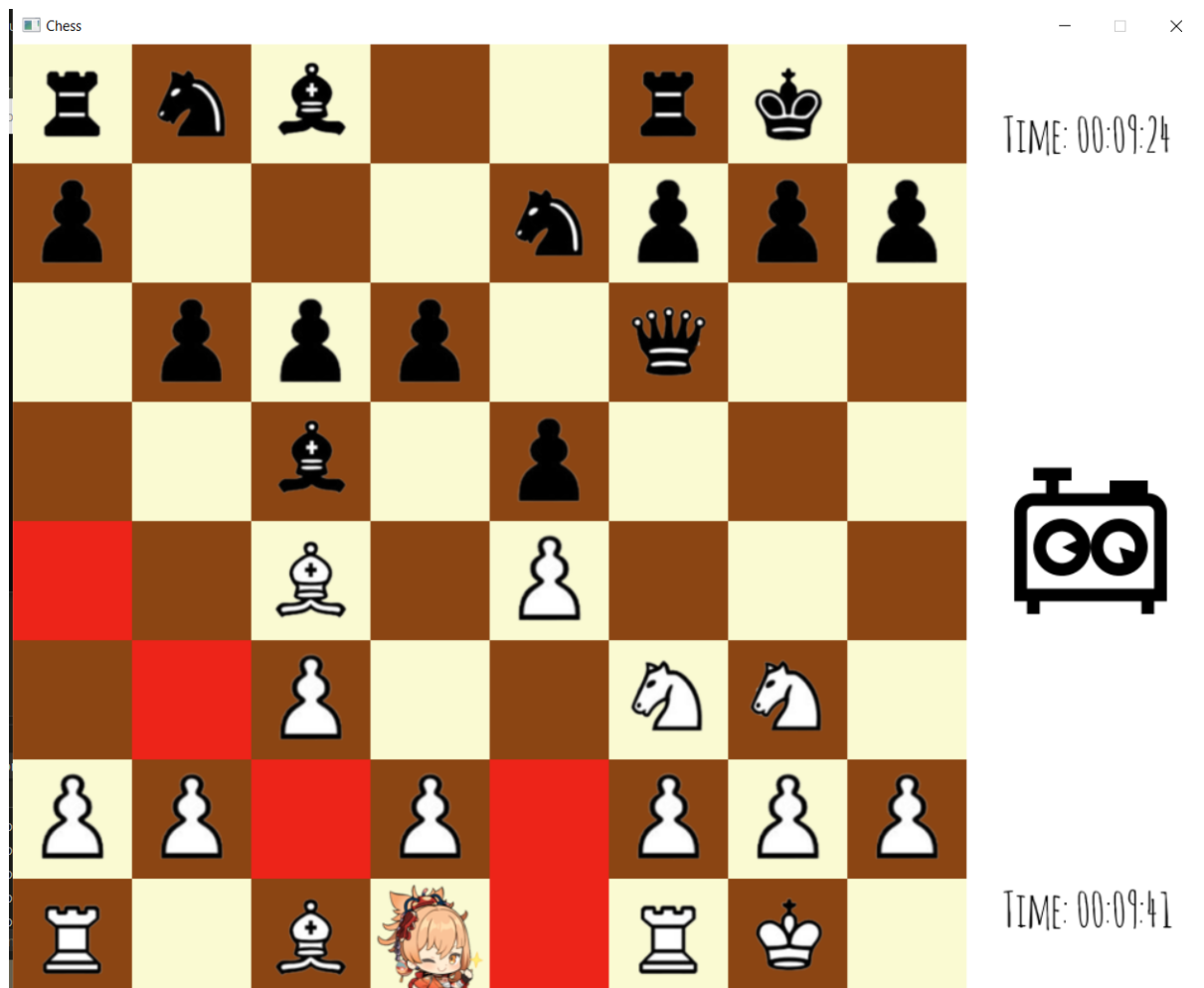
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### Summary of Program

The project I have been working on is called `Epic Chess` game provides support for playing a traditional chess game, where players can take turns making moves. Legal moves are highlighted on the board and the game prevents players from making illegal moves, especially if their king is already in check. In addition, the game also supports special moves such as castling, as well as detecting when a player's king is in checkmate.

The current project in D level only support Player vs Player mode, Player vs AI is set to be available in the HD custom program.



## Required Roles

Describe each of the classes, interfaces, and any enumerations you will create. Use a different table to describe each role you will have, using the following table templates.

Role name: Board

| Responsibility      | Type Details  | Notes                              |
|---------------------|---|------------------------------------|
|                     | Field type, parameter and return types                            |                                    |
| <b>Board</b>        | public class Board  | Represents the chess board         |
| <b>Piece</b>        | public abstract class Piece                                       | Represents a chess piece           |
| <b>Piece.Color</b>  | public enum Color { White, Black }                                | Represents the color of a piece    |
| <b>Current_Turn</b> | Piece.Color Current_Turn { get; private set; }                    | Holds the current turn public      |
| <b>LegalMoves</b>   | public List<(int, int)> LegalMoves { get { return legalMoves; } } | Legal moves for the selected piece |

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|-----------------------|--|--|
| <b>Coordinate</b>     | public Piece Coordinate(int row, int col)                        | Accesses piece at coordinates, avoid obtaining piece outside of the array. |
| <b>Draw</b>           | public void Draw()   | Draws pieces on the board using a nested loop                              |
| <b>Select_Piece</b>   | public bool Select_Piece(int mouseX, int mouseY, int squareSize) | Handles piece selection  |
| <b>Piece_Chosen</b>   | public void Piece_Chosen()                                       | Calculating legal moves for the selected piece                             |
| <b>Deselect_Piece</b> | public void Deselect_Piece()                                     | Deselects the selected piece   |

Role name: Piece

| <b>Responsibility</b> | <b>Type Details</b>                    | <b>Notes</b>             |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|
|                       | Field type, parameter and return types |                          |
| <b>Piece</b>          | public abstract class Piece            | Represents a chess piece |
| <b>PieceColor</b>     | public Color PieceColor { get; set; }  | Holds the piece color    |

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|----------------------|--|---|
| <b>Row</b>           | public int Row { get; set; }   | Holds the row position of the piece   |
| <b>Col</b>           | public int Col { get; set; }   | Holds the column position of the piece  |
| <b>LegalMoves</b>    | public List<(int, int)> LegalMoves { get {<br>return legalMoves; } }     | Legal moves for the selected piece  |
| <b>Coordinate</b>    | public Piece Coordinate(int row, int col)                                | Accesses piece at coordinates, avoid obtaining piece outside of the array.    |
| <b>Draw</b>          | public void Draw()   | Draws pieces on the board using a nested loop                                 |
| <b>Move</b>          | public virtual void Move(int Rowed, int Columned, Board board)           | Moves the piece on the board  |
| <b>Is_Valid_Move</b> | public abstract bool Is_Valid_Move(int Rowed, int Columned, Board board) | Determines if a move is valid, then Move() can update coordinate accordingly. |
| <b>Is_Selected</b>   | public bool Is_Selected(int mouseX, int mouseY, int square_Size)         | Checks if a piece is selected   |
| <b>Has_Moved</b>     | public bool Has_Moved { get; set; }                                      | Indicates if the piece has moved before                                       |

Role name: GameManager

| Responsibility     | Type Details                           | Notes   |
|--------------------|--|---|
|                    | Field type, parameter and return types |   |
| <b>GameManager</b> | public class GameManager               | Manages the game states and controls the game |
| <b>_instance</b>   | private static GameManager _instance   | Holds the singleton instance of GameManager   |
| <b>Menu</b>        | public Menu Menu { get; private set; } | Control the Menu class                        |

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|-------------------------|--|---|
| <b>timeFormat</b>       | Choose_Format timeFormat { get; private set; }                   | Represents the time format choice menu, control through timeFormat class.       |
| <b>ChooseAI</b>         | public Choose_AI_Opponent ChooseAI { get; private set; }         | represents the AI opponent choice menu, controlled from chooseAI opponent class |
| <b>GameState</b>        | public GameState GameState { get; private set; }                 | Represents the current game state   |
| <b>UserInputHandler</b> | public UserInputHandler UserInputHandler { get; private set; }   | Handles user input for game events  |
| <b>Select_Piece</b>     | public bool Select_Piece(int mouseX, int mouseY, int squareSize) | Handles piece selection   |
| <b>GameManager()</b>    | private GameManager()  | Private constructor to ensure the singleton pattern                             |
| <b>Instance</b>         | public static GameManager Instance                               | Handle everything through one single instance in singleton fashion              |

Role name: AI

| Responsibility        | Type Details  | Notes  |
|-----------------------|---|--|
|                       | Field type, parameter and return types                  |  |
| <b>AI</b>             | public static class AI                                  | Represents the Artificial Intelligence for the game  |
| <b>open_mov</b>       | private static List<((int, int), (int, int))> open_mov  | Holds a list of predetermined opening move to instruct the AI, in this case it is the King’s Indian Opening. |
| <b>cur_open_Movs</b>  | private static int cur_open_Movs                        | Tracks the current index of opening moves  |
| <b>GetOpeningMove</b> | public static ((int, int), (int, int)) GetOpeningMove() | Gets the next opening move from the list   |

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|----------------------|--|---|
| <b>Evaluate</b>      | public List<(int, int)> LegalMoves { get {<br>return legalMoves; } }     | Evaluates the board state for black using material as the primary variable of the equation.   |
| <b>Minimax</b>       | public Piece Coordinate(int row, int col)                                | Performs the Minimax algorithm for AI decision-making. The algorithm call it self recursive to evaluate all of the possible moves at depth 3 and return a static evaluation base on material. |
| <b>Draw</b>          | public void Draw()   | Draws pieces on the board using a nested loop   |
| <b>Move</b>          | public virtual void Move(int Rowed, int Columned, Board board)           | Moves the piece on the board  |
| <b>Is_Valid_Move</b> | public abstract bool Is_Valid_Move(int Rowed, int Columned, Board board) | Determines if a move is valid, then Move() can update coordinate accordingly.   |
| <b>Is_Selected</b>   | public bool Is_Selected(int mouseX, int mouseY, int square_Size)         | Checks if a piece is selected   |
| <b>Has_Moved</b>     | public bool Has_Moved { get; set; }                                      | Indicates if the piece has moved before   |

Table 1: <<enumeration name>> details

| Value      | Notes                        |
|------------|------------------------------|
| TimeFormat | Bullet<br>Blitz<br>Rapid     |
| DepthLevel | level1<br>level2<br>level3   |
| GameMode   | PlayerVsPlayer<br>PlayerVsAI |
| Color      | White<br>Black               |

Class Diagram



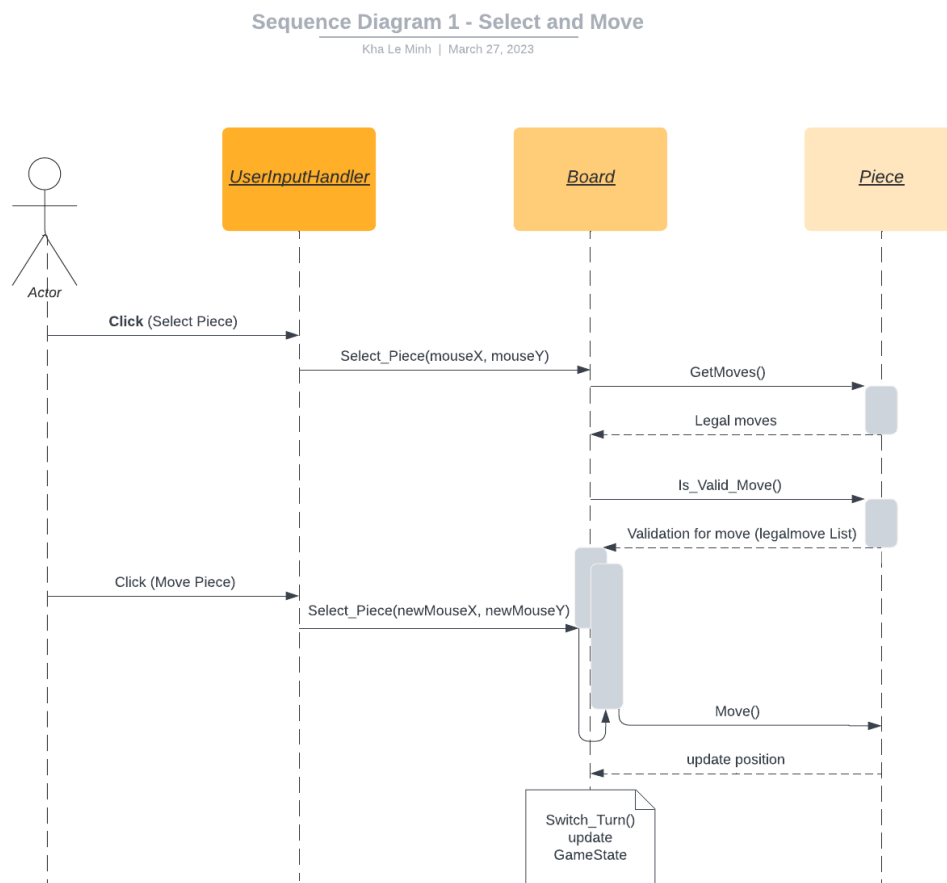


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## Sequence Diagram

Sequence diagram of player click on the piece and move:

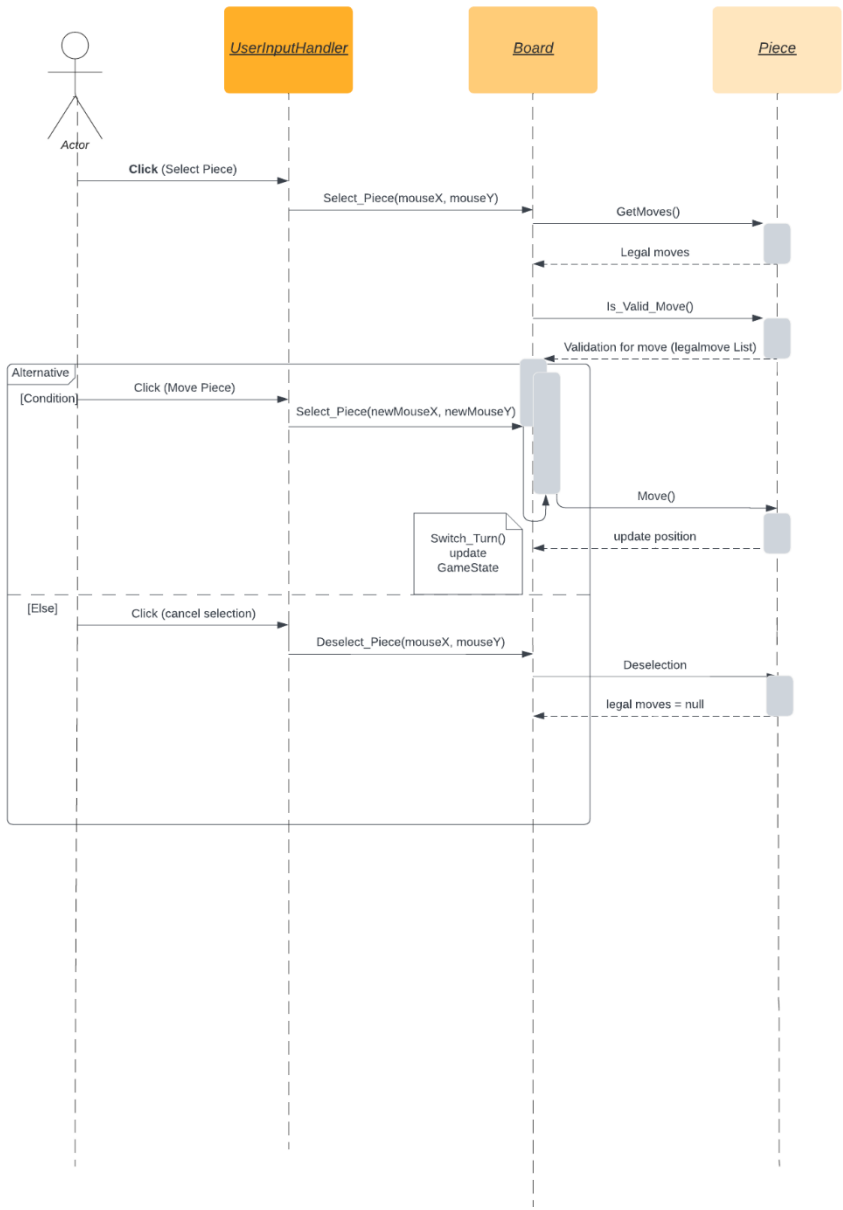
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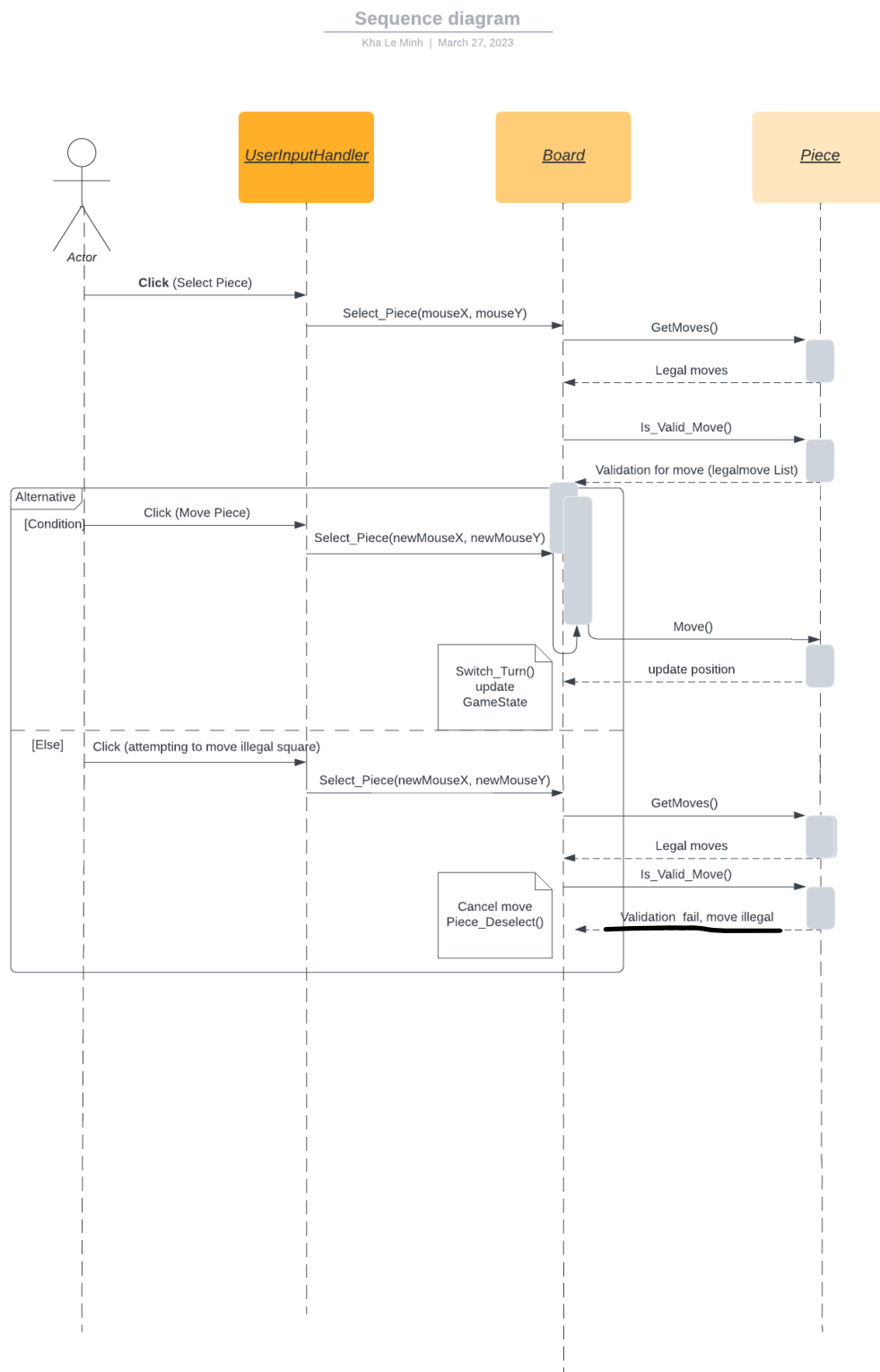
Sequence diagram including deselecting a piece:

Sequence Diagram 1 - Select and Move

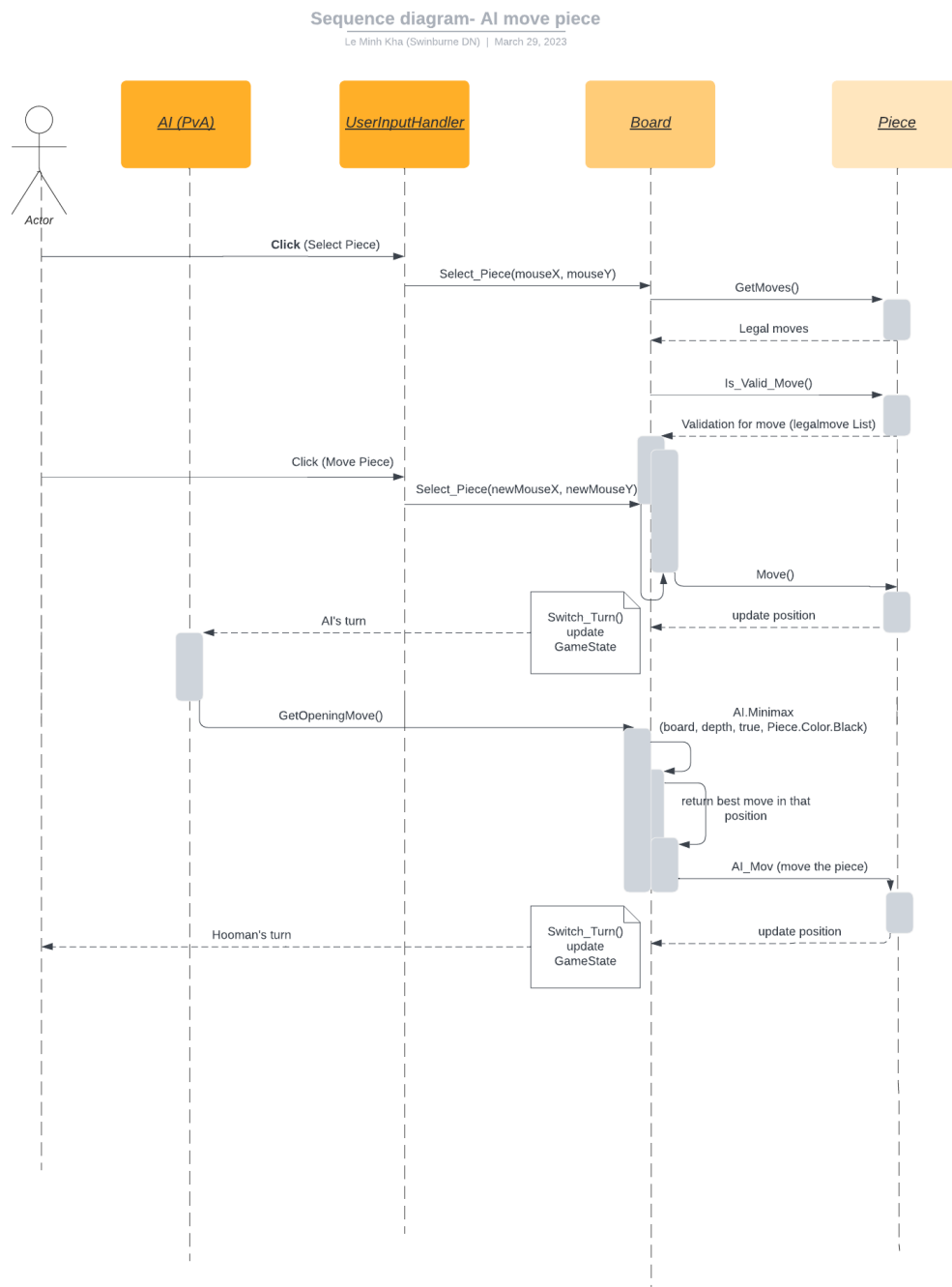
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## Sequence diagram for attempting to move to an illegal square:



Sequence diagram AI using minimax algorithm to move a chess piece:



Link for better inspection:

[https://lucid.app/lucidchart/7a0547c8-9a0d-43eb-8db4-69c18bf9095e/edit?viewport\\_loc=-208%2C-376%2C2220%2C911%2C0\\_0&invitationId=inv\\_df51c41c-9565-4871-9613-346b915c2bd7](https://lucid.app/lucidchart/7a0547c8-9a0d-43eb-8db4-69c18bf9095e/edit?viewport_loc=-208%2C-376%2C2220%2C911%2C0_0&invitationId=inv_df51c41c-9565-4871-9613-346b915c2bd7)

***Question 2: Provide a summary of your program — What does it do? What are some of the key features***

`Epic Chess` uses Splash Kit is a graphical chess application that allows users to play chess against another player (Player vs Player) or against an AI (Player vs AI). The key features of the program include:

**Game Modes:**

Player vs Player: Two players can play against each other in a local multiplayer setup.

Player vs AI: Will be available in HD project design.

A visually appealing chessboard with clear and distinct chess piece icons, making it easy for players to recognize and interact with the game pieces.

A menu screen that allows users to choose between different game modes.

In-game timer for both players, displayed on the screen, to keep track of the time each player has spent on their moves.

**Chess mechanics:**

The program supports some standardized chess rules, such as valid piece movements, capturing, and checkmate detection.

User Input:

The game handles mouse input for selecting and moving chess pieces.

The players can interact with the chessboard using simple click actions for a very smooth gameplay experience.

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**Question3: Describe the main roles: enumerations, classes & interfaces.**

Enumerations:

Piece.Color: An enumeration representing the colour of a chess piece (White or Black).

TimeFormat: An enumeration representing the time format for each side (Bullet, Blitz, Rapid).

DepthLevel: An enumeration representing the AI depth level (level1, level2, level3).

GameMode: An enumeration representing the game mode (PlayerVsPlayer, PlayerVsAI).

Classes:

Board: The class that manage all of the mechanic of a conventional chess game, it represents the chessboard and its game state, including the positions of the pieces and the current turn. It also contains methods to handle piece movements, turn switching, and checkmate detection.

Piece: An abstract class representing a generic chess piece, with properties such as color, position, and methods to handle piece-specific movements.

King, Queen, Rook, Bishop, Knight, Pawn: These classes inherit from the parent Piece class, each representing a specific type of chess piece and their unique movement rules.

Clock: Reference from Clock 3.1 P with some additional methods, it represents the in-game timer for each player, with methods to handle ticking, pausing, and displaying the remaining time.

GUI\_Board: A class responsible for rendering the graphical elements of the chessboard, including the squares, pieces, and any additional visual elements like legal moves and the winner announcement.

PvA and PvP: These static classes define the main game loop and handle the logic for each game mode (Player vs AI and Player vs Player, respectively).

Some of the notable methods that might need some extra explanations are:

#### *Draw () Method:*

The Draw () method is responsible for drawing all the pieces on the chessboard. This method uses a for loop in a for loop to iterate over all the cells on the board. It checks if a piece is present at the cell, and then calls the Draw () method of that piece to draw it on the GUI board. The x and y coordinates of the piece are calculated by multiplying the cell row and column by the size of a single square on the GUI board.

#### *Select\_Piece () Method:*

The Select\_Piece () method is responsible for handling piece selection and deselection. This method takes the mouse x and y coordinates and the size of a single square on the GUI board as input parameters. The method first checks if the clicked cell is valid and then gets the clicked piece using the Coordinate () method. If a piece is already selected, the method checks if the clicked cell is a legal move for the selected piece. If it is, then the Move () method of the selected piece is called to move the piece to the new cell, and the turn is switched to the other player using the Switch\_Turn() method. If the clicked cell is not deemed a legal move, the method will then check if another piece is selected and if it is, then deselects it using the Deselect\_Piece () method. If no piece is currently selected, the method selects the clicked piece if it belongs to the current player.

#### *Piece\_Chosen () Method:*

The Piece\_Chosen () method is called when a piece is selected and is responsible for generating a list of legal moves for the selected piece. This method for loop in a for loop to iterate over all the cells on the board and checks if the selected piece can move to that cell using the Is\_Valid\_Move () method of the piece. If the move is legal, the cell coordinates are added to the LegalMoves list.

#### *CheckMate () Method:*

The CheckMate () method is responsible for detecting if the current player is mated or not. The method first checks if the king of the current player is under attack using the King\_Checked () method. If the king is not being checked, then the method returns false. Else, the method iterates over all the pieces of the current player and checks if any of them can move to a cell where the king is not under attack. If that move is found, the method

returns false, and the game continues. Else, the method returns true, indicating that the current player is in checkmate, and the game is over.

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#### **Question4: Describe the main responsibilities for the classes and interfaces.**

Classes and its responsibility:

##### **Board:**

Manages the chessboard state, including pieces' positions and the current turn.

Handle piece movement and updates

Switch turns.

Check for checkmate conditions.

##### **GUI\_Board:**

Renders the GUI of the chessboard.

Draw squares, pieces, and other visual elements on the board.

Highlight legal moves and announce the winner.

##### **Piece** (abstract):

Represents a generic chess piece with shared properties and methods.

Store piece's color, position, and movement status

Define methods for movement validation and updating positions

Provide a foundation for derived classes to implement specific behaviour

King, Queen, Rook, Bishop, Knight, Pawn: Inherits from Piece and implements specific movement rules and visuals for each chess piece.

Override movement validation methods to implement piece-specific rules



Override drawing methods to display the correct piece visuals

### **Clock:**

Manages the in-game timer for each player.

Count down the remaining time for each player.

Pause and resume the timer based on the current turn.

Display the remaining time for both players.

### **AI**

Generate AI moves based on the current board state.

Evaluate the board state to determine the best move.

Implement search minimax search algorithms to determine best outcome.

Interact with the game environment by providing chosen moves.

### **PvA (Player vs AI):**

Set up the game environment for a human player to compete against an AI opponent.

Manage the game loop, user input, and AI moves.

Handle game state updates, such as checking for checkmate or flagged clocks.

Display game information, including the chessboard, legal moves, and clocks.

### **PvP (Player vs Player):**

Set up the game environment for two human players to compete against each other.

Manage the game loop and user input for both players.

Handle game state updates, such as checking for checkmate or flagged clocks.

Display game information, including the chessboard, legal moves, and clocks.

### **GameManager**

Provide a centralized access point.

The GameManager is implemented as a singleton class, ensuring there's only one instance of it throughout the game. This enables other classes to access game components and game state information easily.

**Question 5 : Show your plans to your tutor, lecturer, help desk staffers, and/or friends to get some feedback.**

Reference for the chess pieces' image as my tutor requested:

Brown, A. (n.d.). *Chess piece queen king game chess pieces transparent - 2D chess piece PNG, PNG Download - Kindpng*. KindPNG.com. Retrieved March 28, 2023, from [https://www.kindpng.com/imgv/ToiTwm\\_chess-piece-queen-king-game-chess-pieces-transparent/](https://www.kindpng.com/imgv/ToiTwm_chess-piece-queen-king-game-chess-pieces-transparent/)

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HD sections: enhancements, and improvement:

Q2:

1. Creating an Artificial Intelligent class to play as an opponent against the player.

This is a 2 phase mission, converting the pseudo code to usable C# code that match with my game and creating a way for the AI to move the piece on the chess board in its turn.

+ Minimax algorithm: It takes in the current board position, the depth to which the algorithm should evaluate, a boolean value indicating whether the AI player is maximizing or minimizing, and the color of the AI player. The method recursively evaluates all possible moves up to the given depth, and returns the best move it finds. The `depth` parameter is a flexible one since it could be pass from the choose opponent class to determine the intelligent of the AI, the higher the depth the more accurate the algorithm search creating a better response from the AI.

# CHOOSE YOUR OPPONENT



LV 1 CROOK



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LV 100 GIGACHAD

The Evaluate() method is the backbone of the minimax algorithm, it is used to calculate a score for the current board position, the current version of the AI is using a very simple method of subtracting the black player's score from the white player's score, or in other word, returning the static evaluation base on the material of the position.

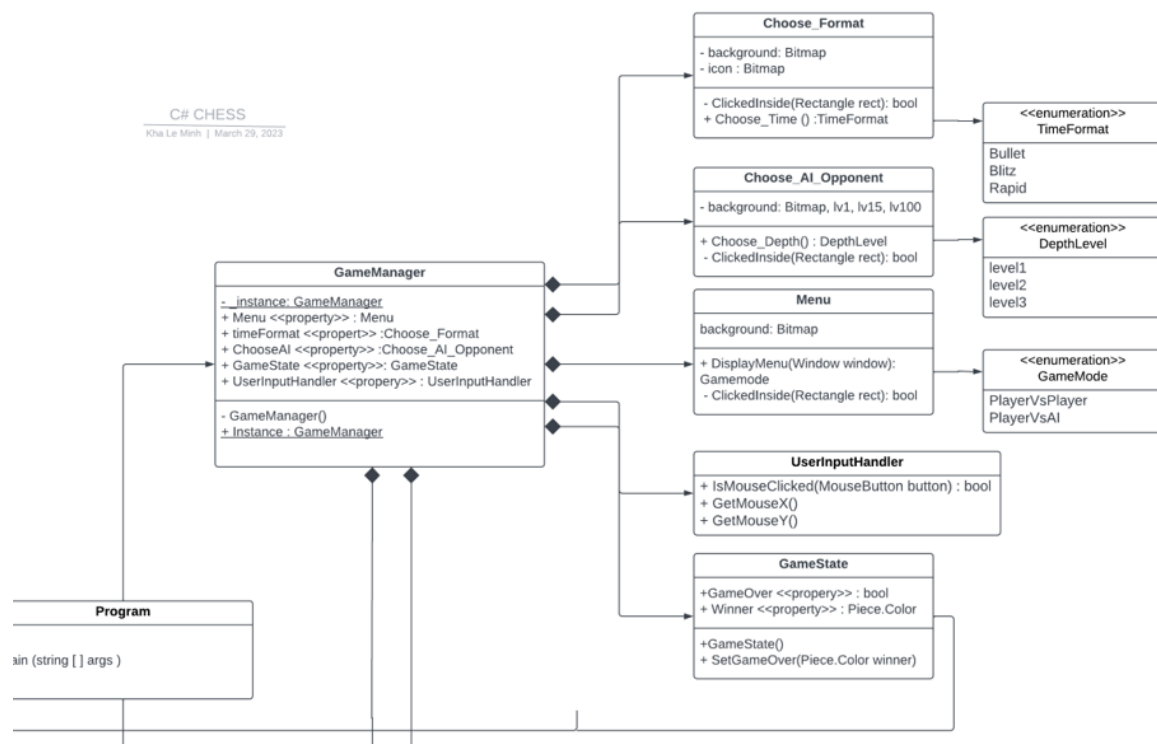
This method of returning a static evaluation of the board is very passive and does not search far, making the AI sometimes make some repetitive moves. Hence, I create a list containing a pre-determined moves for the AI to follow, in chess its call an opening book move and it allows the AI's piece to move closer to enemy piece, making it easier to capture because of the material based evaluation. I chose the move order to be an opening called the King's Indian in chess.

Reference:

Minimax algorithm guide: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-hh51ncgDI>

The pseudo code for Minimax algorithm: <https://pastebin.com/VSehqDM3>

## 2. Applying a Game Manager class to manage the pre-game phase.



As can be seen from this UML class diagram, I created classes to include a welcome menu, a option to choose time format, and option to choose an AI opponent, all of which is managed through the single Game Manger class in a singleton design pattern, making it really easy to manage and change features which is really reminiscence of the command-processor in swin-adventure.

```
private GameManager()
{
    Menu = new Menu();
    timeFormat = new Choose_Format();
    ChooseAI = new Choose_AI_Opponent();
    GameState = new GameState();
    UserInputHandler = new UserInputHandler();
}
```

Static method, Instance, which returns the single instance of the class. This ensures that only one instance of the class can be created and accessed throughout the application.

```

public static GameManager Instance
{
    get
    {
        if (_instance == null)
        {
            _instance = new GameManager();
        }
        return _instance;
    }
}

```

Q3:

Like the previous response, I have already implemented the singleton design pattern for my class. Here are some design pattern that could be implemented into the chess game:

**Strategy Pattern:** Can be used to encapsulate algorithms for piece movement, scoring, and other game mechanics. Each piece can be given a different strategy that governs its behavior on the board.

**Command Pattern:** Can be used to encapsulate user actions (i.e., moving a piece) as objects. This allows the GameManager to execute user actions and also can undo them if needed.

Q4:

The design pattern I have implemented is the singleton because it is the most simple and practical to implement of all the proposed design pattern into my code. Firstly, It would be a mess and hard to keep track of the classes that allow player to choose game mode and such in pre-game. Therefore, applying singleton through game manager just make a lot of sense.

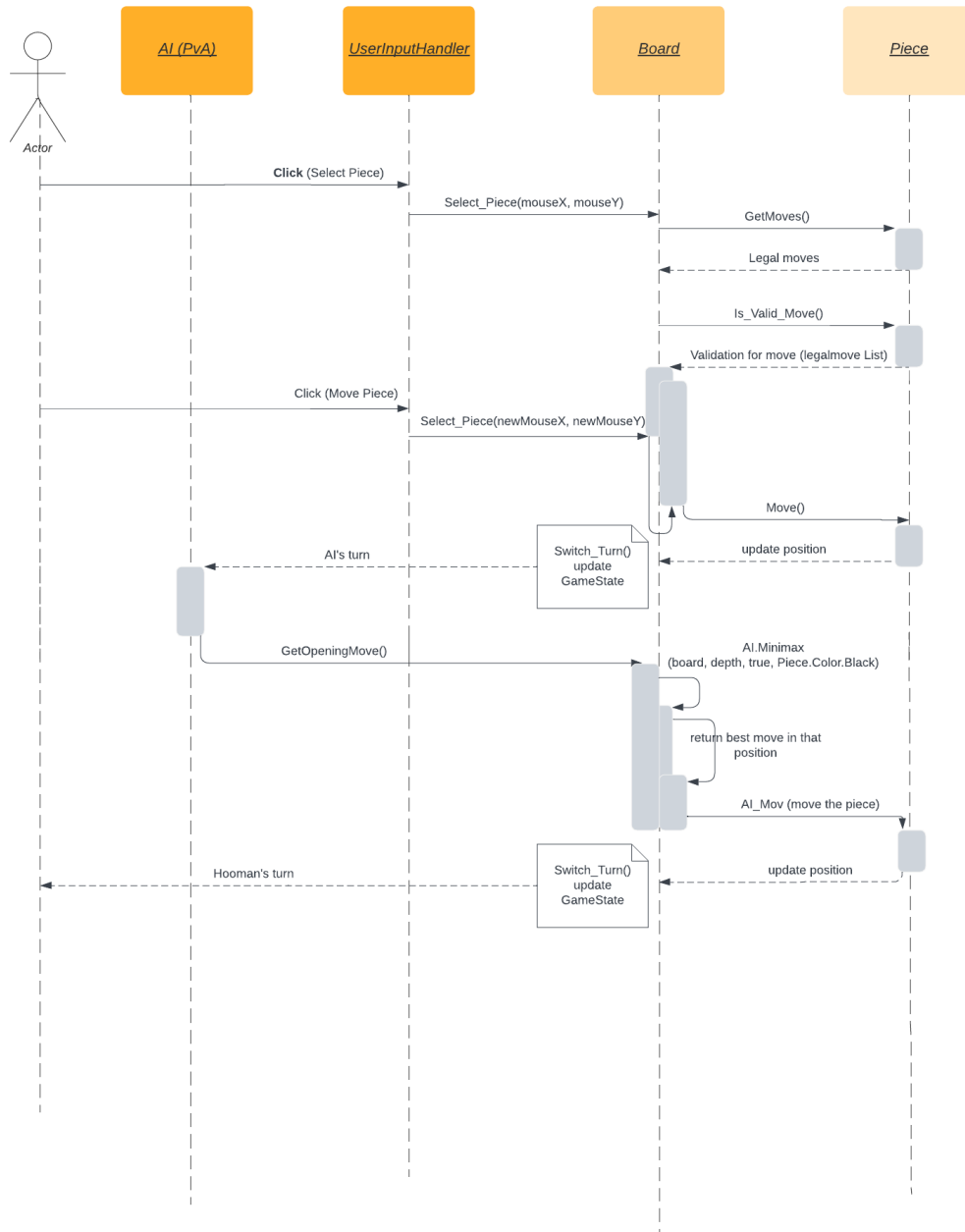
The strategy pattern is typically implemented for a family of algorithms that can be interchanged at runtime. However, in the case of my chess game, the rules of the game are predetermined as fixed and cannot be interchanged at runtime. Hence, applying the strategy pattern may cause unnecessary complication without actually adding any benefits.

As for the command pattern, it is usually used to encapsulate requests or operations as objects, allowing them to be treated as variables and passed as arguments. However, in the case of the chess game, there are not really any explicit commands to encapsulate as objects. Instead, the game logic is determined by the sequence of user inputs and board state.

Q5: Updated additional sequence diagrams:

### Sequence diagram- AI move piece

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Q6:

It is quite evident that the HD program is much more complex than the D level program due to the implementation of the minimax algorithm and the singleton design pattern through Game Manager class. The ability to choose which game mode, time format you want to play make the game much more dynamic.

Moreover, the implementation of the minimax algorithm to adapt to the game of chess is a demanding process that requires a high level of expertise. However, the potential benefits of this implementation are noteworthy, as it enables players to engage in challenging gameplay against AI opponents, even in the absence of human counterparts.

Similarly, the singleton pattern, although relatively uncomplicated, provides significant advantages to the program by making the code more comprehensible and facilitating its extension in the future.