TOLSTOJ (Martin Jakob)

Classic Tetris Player (Switzerland) – Game Boy Tetris *World Ranking: #15*

Classic Tetris Competitor | Game Boy Developer |
Event Organizer | Community Contributor

Profile

Enthusiastic and accomplished Classic Tetris competitor with a global ranking in Game Boy Tetris. Active contributor to the international Tetris community through tournaments, development, and educational content. Specialized in Game Boy development, reverse engineering, and community tool creation.

Community Memberships

- **CTG** – Classic Tetris Germany
- **CTEC** – Classic Tetris European Championships
- **CTWC GB** – Classic Tetris World Championship (Game Boy)
- **Swisstris** – Swiss Classic Tetris Community

Exhibitions & Conventions

Gamescom – Cologne, Germany (with CTG)

- Organized tournament
- Game Development

Playcon – Trier, Germany (with CTG)

- Tournament organization

Fantasy Basel – Basel, Switzerland (with Level 1-1)

- Organized tournament
- Game development

Popcon – Zürich, Switzerland (with Level 1-1)

- Tournament organization
- Game development
- Public presentations

National Tournaments

CTWC France – Paris, France

- Event organization (Game Boy)
- Top 8 – NES & Game Boy

CTWC Austria – Vienna, Austria

- Top 16 – NES (NTSC)

CTG – Berlin, Germany

- Top 16 – NES (PAL)

CTGC – Krefeld, Germany

- Tournament organization
- Top 16 – NES (PAL)

Organizational Contributions

- **CTUK** – Game development
- **CTG** – Tournament organization, game development, and illustrative work
- **DM-i-Tetris** – Game development
- **Tetris Suomi** – Reverse engineering, statistical analysis
- **CTF (France)** – Tournament organization, game development

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Collaborations

- **Chris Higgins (USA)** – German translation of documentary
- **Christian Haupt (Germany)** – Game development (Chris & Triss)
- **Sebastian Staacks / DiconX (Germany)** – GB Interceptor hardware
- **Pascal Zaugg & Anton Brucherseifer** – Tournament and tool development

Media Presence

- Featured on **Swiss National TV (SRF)** – 10vor10 and podcast appearances
- German Translations **"Best-of-Five" Documentary** (Blu-ray & Streaming)
- Coverage in **German newspaper**
- Active **YouTube Channel** – content creation
- Cameos in many videos

Ongoing Projects

- **The Tetris Bible** – 100+ page in-depth book
- **TREP** – Game Boy Tetris modification toolkit
- **Minimal Disassembly** – ROM patching foundation
- **"This is Game Boy Tetris"** – YouTube video series
- **Game Boy Assembly Course** – Educational series
- **2-Player Online OCR Tool** – Match digitization tool
- **Tolstoj Website** – Hub for projects and releases

Major Event appearances

CTWC (2023, 2024)

- Portland, OR, USA @Portland Retro Gaming Expo (PRGE) – Did not qualify
- Pasadena, CA, USA @SoCal Retro Gaming Expo – Bronze Bracket

CTEC – Copenhagen, Denmark @Enigma (2022, 2023, 2024)

- Top-8 Game Boy
- Top-64 NES Tetris (PAL)
- Main Organization (Team Game Boy)
- Illustrative Work
- Game Development

CTWC-DAS (2022, 2023, 2024)

- Fürth Gemany @Cineplex
- Cologne, Germany @Experion
- Top-48 NES Tetris (NTSC, DAS)

CTWC GB (Online Tounament, 2023, 2024)

- Top-16 Game Boy Tetris

Glossar

PAL = Phase Alternating Line (European TV standard, 50 Hz, 25 FPS)
NTSC = National Television Standard Committee (North american TV standard, 60 Hz, 30 FPS)

CTWC = Classic Tetris World Championships (NTSC, open playstyle)
CTWC-DAS = ... in the DAS Playstyle (NTSC, DAS-only)
CTWC GB = ... in Game Boy Tetris (1-Player)
CTEC = Classic Tetris European Championships (PAL & Game Boy 2-Player)
CTGC = Classic Tetris German Championships (PAL, open playstyle)

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CTGC = Classic Tetris German Championships
CTUK = Classic Tetris United Kingdom
DM-i-Tetris = Danish Tetris Community and Championships
Tetris Suomi = Finnish Tetris Community
Swisstris = Swiss Classic Tetris Community
CTF = Classic Tetris France

List of Discord Servers

Highlights

- Met **Alexey Pajitnov** (creator of Tetris), **Henk Rogers** & Maya Rogers (Tetris CEO)

Personal Best Scores

Game Boy

- **Tetris:** 999,999 (Maxout)
- **Menuet Version:** 999,999 (Maxout)
- **Tetris Plus:** 999,999 (Maxout)
- **Tetris DX:** 9,999,999 (Maxout)

NES NTSC Tetris: 730,600

NES PAL Tetris: 504,000