

## Laboratory 7: Master Mind

### [Java API](#)

Master Mind is a code breaking game. A secret code is selected by one player and another player tries to guess the code. The secret code has four positions and each position is assigned a color out of seven possible colors. It is legal to have multiple positions assigned the same color. In this version of Master Mind, the computer selects the secret code randomly.

To win the game, the player must determine the correct position and color of the randomly generated secret code. A guess is composed of selecting a color for each of four positions. After each guess, feedback is obtained which is used to improve the guess until an exact match of each color and position of the secret code is obtained. The secret code must be obtained in eight or fewer guesses.

Feedback is determined as follows:

- A black "button" is awarded for each of the four guess elements that matches both color and position of the secret code.
- A white "button" is awarded for each of the four guess elements that matches a color but is not in the correct position.
- A guess element can be awarded at most one button (may be tricky).
- It is likely that a given guess will have fewer than four (and maybe zero) buttons awarded.

### Starting Files:

- [MasterMind.zip](#) //unzip in your working directory
- [Guess.java](#)
- [MasterMind.java](#)
- [MasterMindAI.java](#)
- [MasterMindAIRandom.java](#)
- [MasterMindAIConsistent.java](#)
- [MasterMindAIMiniMax.class](#)

## Lab:

- Interfaces
- Dynamic Changeability
- Primitive Arrays and ArrayList
- Command Line Arguments

### Part I: Evaluating a Guess

Complete **Guess.java**. You will be comparing a guess to the secret guess to determine the number of black buttons and white buttons to provide as feedback for that guess. The first element of the integer array is the number of black buttons, and the second element is the number of white buttons. The trick is to make sure that a given guess element is not awarded more than one button. You will probably want to assign the black buttons first.

### Part II: Master Mind AI

Complete the **MasterMindAI.java** interface and then implement that interface to write **MasterMindAIRandom.java**. This simple AI makes a random guess, hoping for a miracle.

Implement the MasterMindAI interface again to complete **MasterMindAIConsistent.java**. The strategy that you will employ is straightforward and works quite well. Make a random guess where a guess is four integers (each integer represents a color) between 1 and 7. Make sure that the randomly selected guess is consistent with the feedback provided for all previous guesses. If it is, make that your official guess. If it is not, make another randomly generated guess, repeating the process until you identify a guess that is consistent with previous guesses.

Note that your AI has a reference to the MasterMind game so that it can obtain required information. This is better than having both the AI and MasterMind remember information about MasterMind (namely, all previous guesses and associated feedback). Your AI can simply request information when needed. Of particular importance are the two **getResult** methods in the MasterMind class. One of these can be used to obtain previous feedback (guesses are tested against the secret

code) and the other allows guesses to be compared to one another ("pretend" that one of the guesses, the second parameter, is the secret code).

### **Part III: Master Mind Game**

Complete **MasterMind.java** so that the user can specify the type of game desired at the command prompt. A 0 indicates a human player, a 1 indicates that the game should use MasterMindAIRandom, a 2 indicates MasterMindAIConsistent, and a 3 indicates **MasterMindAIMiniMax**. Your game should also allow the player to change between ais and from ai to human by typing 1, 2, or 3. It is not possible to change from human to ai as the change could occur in the middle of a guess.

**You are required to choose one partner for this lab from your lab section.** Only one submission per team is necessary, but please make sure to include both names at the top of your source code, as well as in the comments section when submitting the lab, so both people can get credit.

**The Lab is due the following Monday before midnight.**