

# chesh

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b>
 1. Pe2e4   Pe7e5   x N P N R B Q           x
 2. Ng1f3   Pd7d6
 3. Pd2d4   Bc8g4
 4. Pd4e5:  Bg4f3:
 5. Qd1f3:  Pd6e5:  8 |   | n |   | R | k | b |   | r | 8
 6. Bf1c4   Ng8f6
 7. Qf3b3   Qd8e7  7 | o |   |   |   |   | o | o | o | 7
 8. Nb1c3   Pc7c6
 9. Bc1g5   Pb7b5  6 |   |   |   |   | q |   |   |   | 6
10. Nc3b5:  Pc6b5:  5 |   |   |   |   | o |   | B |   | 5
11. Bc4b5*  Nb8d7
12. Ke1c1%  Ra8d8
13. Rd1d7:  Rd8d7:  4 |   |   |   |   | P |   |   |   | 4
14. Rh1d1   Qe7e6
15. Bb5d7*  Nf6d7:  3 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 3
16. Qb3b8+  Nd7b8:  2 | P | P | P |   |   | P | P | P | 2
17. Rd1d8#
           1 |   |   | K |   |   |   |   |   | 1
           a b c d e f g h
           x o b o o n r           x

```

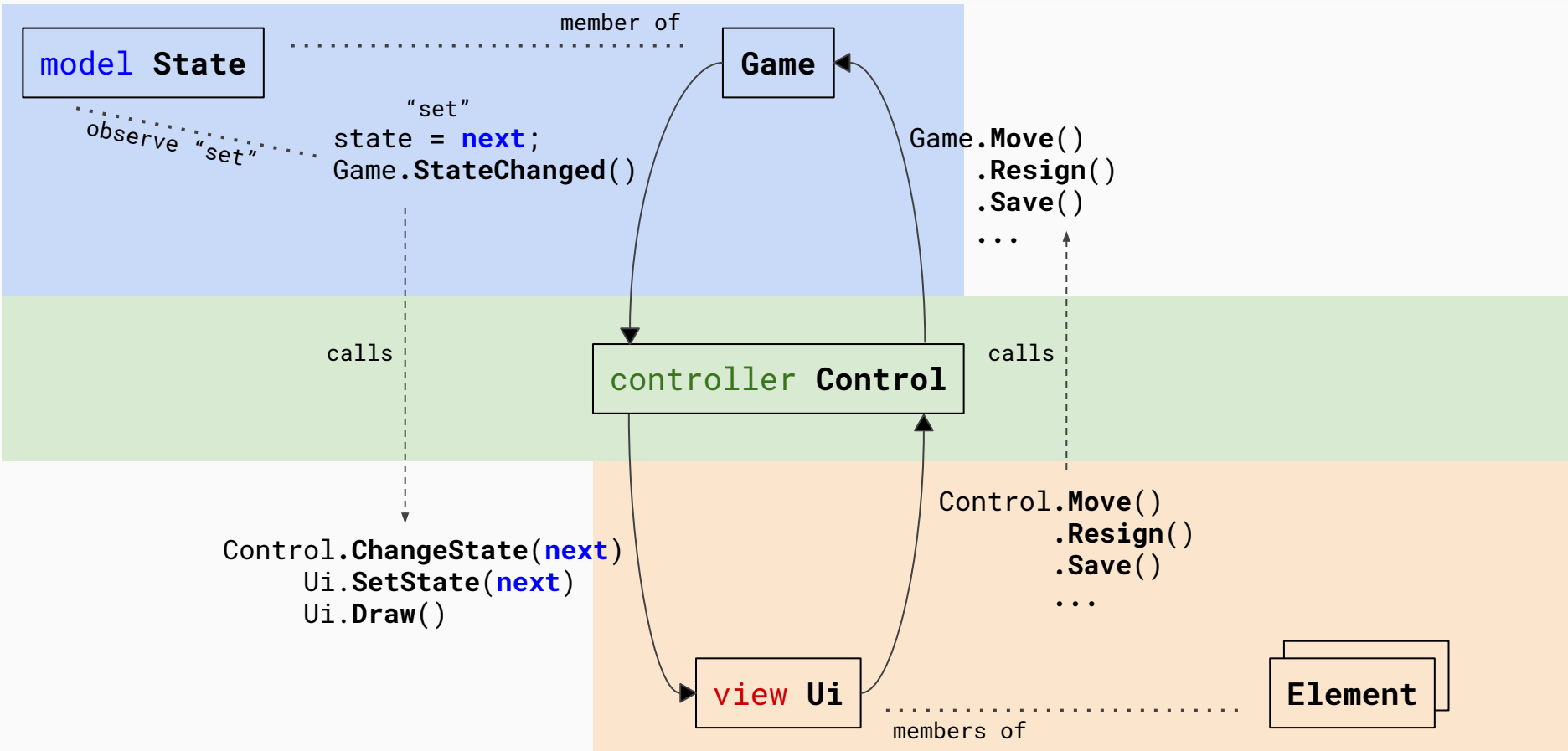
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Checkmate. White wins!

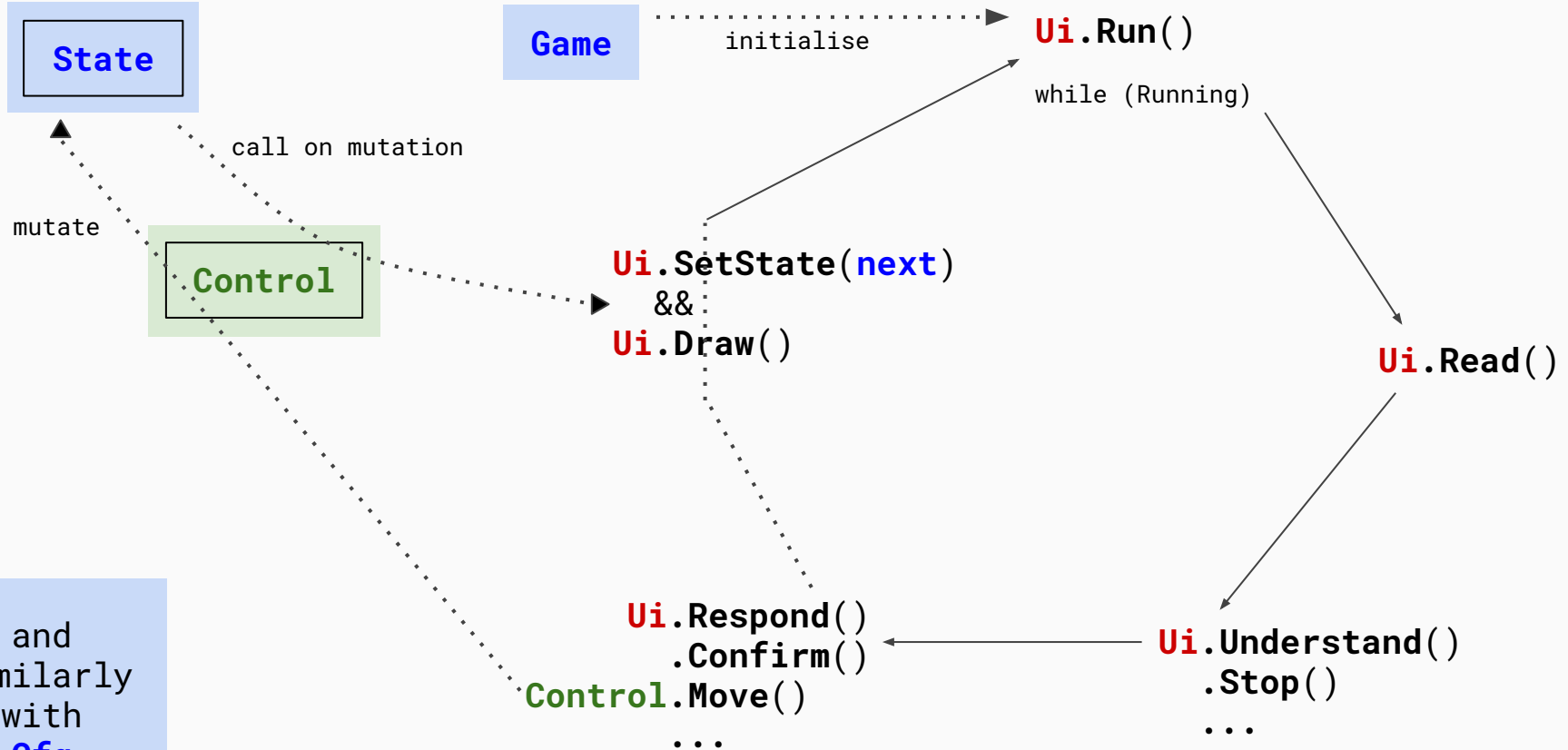
- Basic subset of the game of Chess
- Implemented in C# .NET Core
- Windows/Linux compatible
- Console-based
- 2 Human players



# MVC pattern, Observer pattern



# User interface



## Model-view “move” contract

### Model

- **Assume** input square is within bounds.  $\longleftrightarrow$
- Comprehend move (ie. determine good or bad).
- Change State only if move is good.  $\longleftrightarrow$
- **Assume** .Move() called with <int> coordinates.  $\longleftrightarrow$

### View

- Determine if input square is within bounds.
- **Can assume** State changes only on good moves.
  - But can **ignore** this because view simply reflects State.
- Call .Move() with coordinates as <int>s.

# Data interchange format: JSON

## State

Piece **Selection**  
List<Piece> **Live**

List<Piece> **Dead**

List<(string,long)>  
**History**

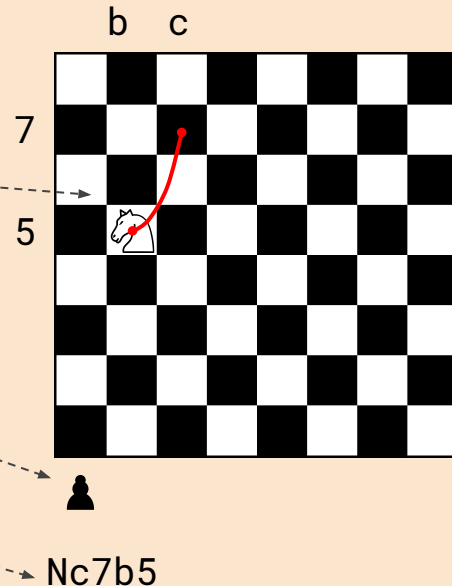
## json string

```
{  
  Selection: <Piece>,  
  Live: [  
    <Piece>  
    ...  
  ],  
  Dead: [  
    <Piece>  
    ...  
  ],  
  History: [  
    <(string,long)>  
    ...  
  ]  
}
```

Helper.ToJson()

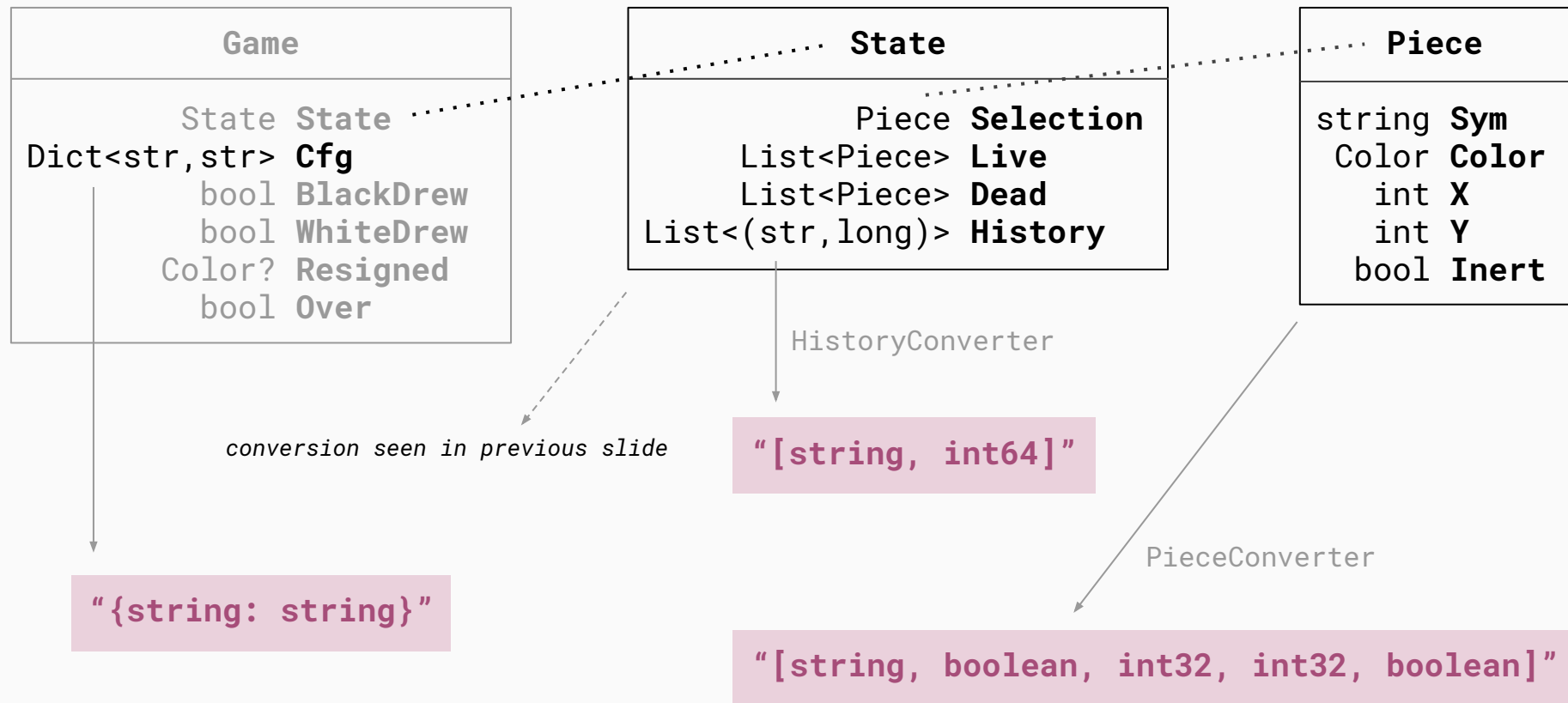
unimplemented

## Ui



Helper.FromJson\*()

# (Model) Classes, JSON representation



## Review: a sample move sequence

User enters "b2 b4" into game prompt

**Ui** does `.Move(2, 2, 2, 4)`

And calls `Control.Move(2, 2, 2, 4)`

← **Control** calls `Game.Move(2, 2, 2, 4)`

← **Game** tries to move Piece from b2 to b4  
(Assume success)

**Game** mutates State

**Control** detects State mutation

The direct avenue of function  
returning is used to pass the  
move's `Ret` value to `Ui.Move()`

**Control** sets **Ui**'s state-json-string  
And calls `Ui.Draw()`

Finish `Ui.Move()` with appropriate `.Respond()`



## Pc2c4+

**piece type**  
[PRNBQK]

**source**  
[a-h][1-8]

**destination**  
[a-h][1-8]

**move type**  
[ &\*#+:p%RNBQ]+

### (History)

| white  | black |
|--------|-------|
| Pa2a4  | Ph7h5 |
| Nb1c3  | Pb7b5 |
| Pa4b5: | Ng8f6 |
| ...    |       |

#### ← save

- Opt to save on quit (to "chesh.log")

#### → load

- Pass filename as argument to Chesh.exe
- Ignores whitespace

# Move annotation (yet another algebraic notation ...)

## mutually exclusive

castling AND capturing  
castling AND promoting  
castling AND enpassant  
enpassant AND capturing  
enpassant AND promoting  
checking AND checkmating

|                  | :   | +   | #   |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|
|                  | cap | chk | cmt |
| [RNBQ]=@ promote | @:  | @+  | @#  |
| % castle         |     | %+  | %#  |
| p en passant     |     | p+  | p#  |
| : capture        |     | *   | &   |

|                  | : AND + | : AND # |
|------------------|---------|---------|
| [RNBQ]=@ promote | @*      | @&      |

## Examples

A Pawn's regular move.

**Pa2a4**

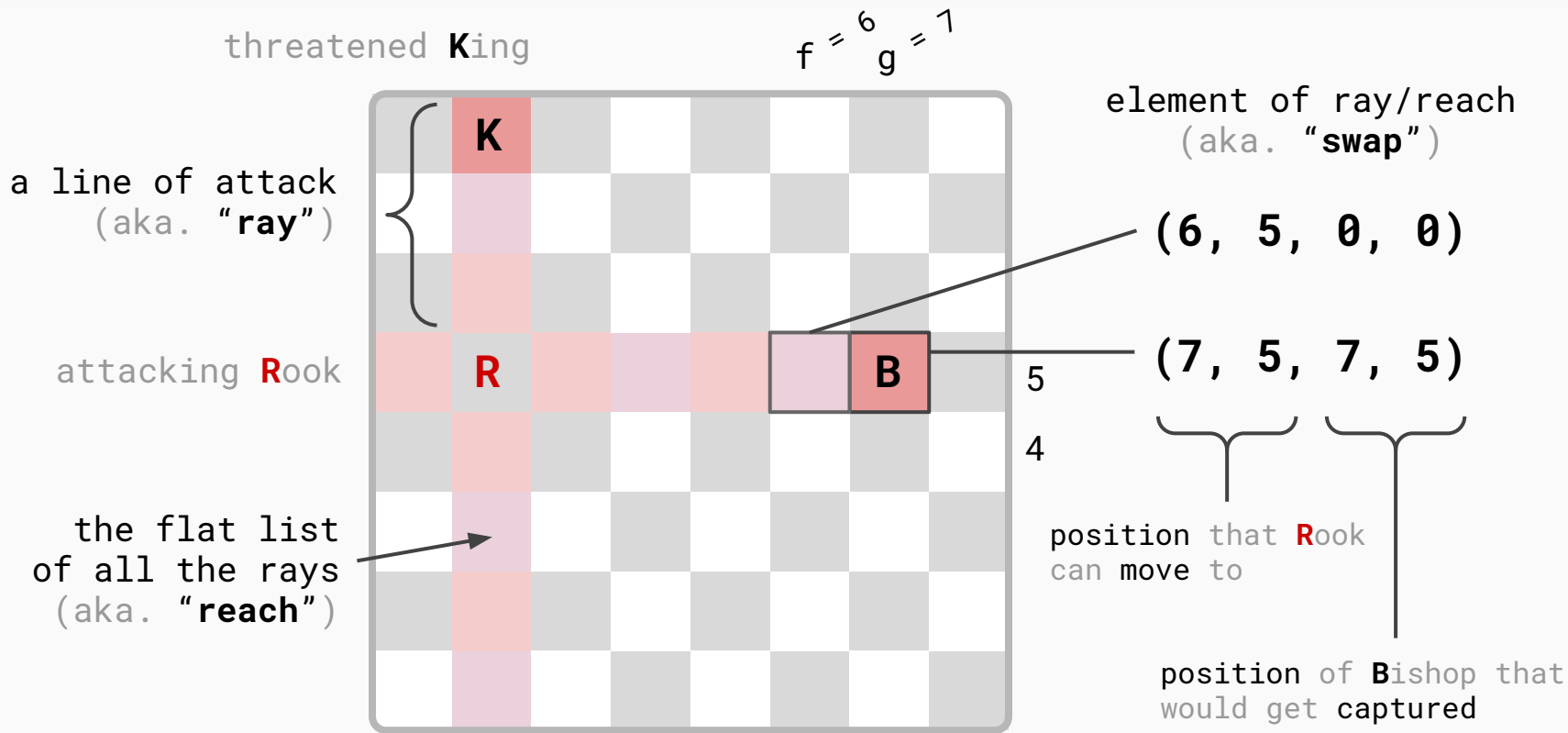
White's queenside castling.

**Ke1c1%**

A Pawn gets promoted to a Queen while simultaneously capturing an enemy and checkmating their King:

**Pg7f8Q\***

# Attack



# Implemented functionality

## Game mechanics

- Basic movement of pieces
  - Castling
- Capturing
  - En passant
- Promotion
- Check detection
- Checkmate detection
- Tie game
- Resign game
- Reset game
- Undo move

## User interface

- Player input prompts
- Sub-prompts for responses and confirmations
- ASCII board
- Captured pieces
- History of moves
- Saving/loading
  - Playback
- Game menu
- Basic configuration

# hindsight

## **More user friendly:**

- Typing in the coordinates is not very user-friendly.
- Selecting, moving, possibility viewing, should all be done responsively, using arrow, tab, and enter keys.
- Use colors and/or unicode, at least.

## **More extensible UI structure:**

- Elements need a more opaque and comprehensive interface with the main UI loop/control.
- The UI itself should be MVC.

## **More network-ready:**

- Not so much calculation need be done by the “server”. The “client” (ie. view) is also capable of calculating move legality, detecting check, etc.
- Make the server minimal and the client heavy.

# demo

**Source:**

<https://github.com/agarick/mff/tree/master/chesh>