



- ⌚ lichess.org is a completely free, open-source chess platform - exclusively powered by volunteers and donations.
- ⌚ In 2010, Thibault Duplessis began work on Lichess as a hobby project. Gradually, the site improved and the user base grew as an enthusiastic volunteer staff assembled over time to help Thibault build and maintain the site.
- ⌚ Today, Lichess users play more than 3 million games every day. Lichess is one of the most popular chess websites in the world while remaining 100% free. With no investors demanding profits, and a commitment to never show advertisements or charge for features, Lichess staff can focus on improving the site as their only goal.

The screenshot shows the Lichess homepage with a dark mode theme. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for PLAY, LEARN, WATCH, COMMUNITY, and TOOLS. Below the navigation is a search bar and a user profile icon for 'thibault'. The main content area features a grid of game modes: Bullet (1+0, 2+1, 3+0), Blitz (3+2, 5+0, 5+3), Rapid (10+0, 15+15), and Classical. To the right of the grid, there are buttons for 'CREATE A GAME', 'PLAY WITH A FRIEND', and 'PLAY WITH THE COMPUTER'. Below the game modes, a 'Leaderboard' section displays top players like GM Zhigalko\_Sergei and IM Kastar. To the right of the leaderboard is a 'Tournament winners' section. At the bottom right, there's a 'Puzzle of the day' with a black-to-play indicator.

The Lichess homepage, with dark and light modes.

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⌚ Despite starting out as just a chess board, Lichess now has a wide variety of features to meet the needs of the internet chess community:

## ⌚ Play

- ⌚ Hyperbullet to Classical
- ⌚ Tournaments
- ⌚ Team Battles
- ⌚ Simultaneous Exhibitions
- ⌚ 8 Chess Variants

1	Crestbook Chess Club	GM RebeccaHarris 125 + 90 + 88 + 73 + 72 + 68 + 66 + 64 + 63 + 61 + 61 + 59 + 59 + 58 + 58 + 58 + 57 + 56 + 56	1349
2	Zhigalko_Sergel & Friends	GM Zhigalko_Sergel 112 + 91 + 82 + 78 + 70 + 70 + 64 + 63 + 62 + 60 + 58 + 57 + 57 + 57 + 56 + 56 + 54 + 54	1312
3	chess24 Türk��	GM kivanchaznedar 90 + 88 + 78 + 78 + 77 + 76 + 71 + 63 + 62 + 61 + 59 + 57 + 56 + 56 + 55 + 55 + 54 + 52 + 52	1296
4	ShahMatKanal Fan Club	IM AndrewHoma 82 + 66 + 65 + 61 + 58 + 57 + 55 + 55 + 53 + 53 + 53 + 51 + 50 + 50 + 49 + 48 + 48 + 47 + 47 + 47	1095
5	ChessNetwork	LM Lance5500 66 + 60 + 60 + 56 + 56 + 55 + 53 + 53 + 52 + 52 + 51 + 51 + 50 + 50 + 50 + 49 + 48 + 48 + 47 + 46	1053

Standings page from a Streamer Team Battle



GM Maxime Vachier-Lagrave hosting a simultaneous exhibition



## ⌚ Learn

⌚ Class – Easily register student accounts, communicate planned activities, and monitor progress.

⌚ Coach – Find experienced chess coaches looking for new students.

⌚ Studies – Use the interactive shared board to learn together, look at community made study material or store your own analyses.

VARIANT	Bullet	Blitz	Rapid	Classical	Correspondence	Puzzles				
OVER DAYS	1	2	3	7	10	14	21	30	60	90

Teacher's class page view

GM ANDREW TANG  
Play me in any time control from bullet to classical (no analysis)  
Location Plymouth, Minnesota Antarctica  
Rating FIDE: 2538 3123 2691 2730 30 2441  
Hourly rate \$1/bullet game or \$50/hr, training games only  
Availability ✕ Not accepting students at the moment  
Active 3 minutes ago

GM SERGEI ZHIGALKO  
УЧУ ПОБЕЖДАТЬ!! Официальный сайт: zhigalko-sergei.com  
Location Minsk Belarus  
Languages Русский язык  
Rating FIDE: 2695 3067 4 2750 2779 2650 2361  
Hourly rate 50\$-70\$ Цена зависит от количества часов занятий  
Availability ✓ Accepting students  
Active 2 minutes ago

Coach listings

An example study on the Sicilian



## Events

- ⌚ Titled Arenas – prize events with the world's elite bullet and blitz players duking it out.
- ⌚ Marathons – quarterly 24-hour events where endurance is key for a shot at the coveted top 100 finisher trophies.
- ⌚ Broadcasts – follow live games from OTB events with commentary on the largest tournaments.
- ⌚ Streamers – see when your favourite chess streamers are live, or find new streamers to watch.



The podium finishers of a recent event: GMs Alireza Firouzja, Magnus Carlsen and Dmitry Andreikin



Live broadcast of Tata Steel Masters 2020



## ⌚ Community

- ⌚ Teams - Create groups for your club-mates, for shared interests, for fan clubs or anything you choose.
- ⌚ Create tournaments and simulcs for team member participation only, or host a Team Battle between up to 10 teams.
- ⌚ Or just sit back and watch some of the top masters play some games.

⚡ BULLET		
○	GM alireza2003	3255
✈	GM DrNykerstein	3203
⚡	GM penguigm1	3183
○	GM RebeccaHarris	3104
○	GM nihalsarin2004	3100
○	GM Watneg	3052
○	GM ARM-777777	3051
○	GM BabaRamdev	3039
⚡	GM Zhigalko_Sergei	3033
○	IM toivok	3024

Bullet leaderboard in April 2020



- ⌚ A site the size of Lichess requires a significant number of people to maintain it. It also requires money for expenses, such as servers and other hosting services. The number of people who have contributed to these things is difficult to count precisely but fall into the following categories:
- ⌚ **Volunteers** - Lichess would not exist without the thousands of hours of time from volunteers, both from devs, who create new features and/or bugs, and our administrative team, who police the site and help with long-term vision.
- ⌚ **Patrons** - Patrons are regular users who donate money to Lichess and provide a steady stream of income to the site, sufficient to run the servers and handle expenses. The full costs are available publicly [here](#).
- ⌚ **Players** - Finally, the players who come to Lichess to have fun, relax and learn, without whom this would all be pointless!



Lichess public meet-up 2019



⌚ Users can also support Lichess through our store at [lichess.org/swag](https://lichess.org/swag)



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⌚ 90,000 peak online users

⌚ 92 translated languages

⌚ 3 million games per day

⌚ 23 fully translated languages

⌚ 4,000 moves per second

⌚ 3,000+ FIDE and national titled players



3,314 Patrons donating to Lichess



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