

Chess3D

A 3D Chess implementation written in pure Java. This project features a custom-built 3D rendering pipeline (software renderer) to display the board and pieces, integrated with a 2D Swing interface for game logic and controls.



Features

- **Custom 3D Engine:** Loads `.obj` meshes and renders them with custom projection, camera handling, and directional lighting.
- **Classic Chess Rules:** Implements standard movement logic (Asian variant: no castling, no en passant).
- **Hybrid UI:** 3D view for visualization, 2D overlays for game status.
- **Move Validation:** Visual highlighting of legal moves; prevents illegal moves.
- **Pawn Promotion:** GUI dialog to select promotion piece (Queen, Rook, Bishop, Knight).

Getting Started

Prerequisites

- Java Development Kit (JDK) 17 or higher.
- Maven 3.6+ (optional, if building from command line).

Build and Run

1. Clone the repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/jdrp/chess-3d.git  
cd chess-3d
```

2. Run using Maven:

```
mvn clean compile exec:java -Dexec.mainClass="ui.App"
```

3. Build a standalone JAR:

```
mvn clean package  
java -jar target/chess3d-1.0.0-SNAPSHOT.jar
```

Controls

- **Left Click:** Select a piece. Valid moves will be highlighted. Click a highlighted tile to move.
- **Right Click + Drag:** Rotate the 3D camera around the board.
- **Mouse Wheel:** Zoom in and out.

Project Structure

- `rendering.*`: The custom 3D graphics pipeline (meshes, lighting, camera, rasterization).
- `chess.*`: Game logic, piece definitions, and move generation.
- `ui.*`: Application entry point and window management.

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