



When the user first comes to the board area I would like the board to be in the center of the screen, empty of pieces, and the clocks not running. To the left are the choices of sets and board colors. What ever set the user clicks on, his progress table appears on the right of the board with what checkmarks he has completed for that particular set. Here in my example I have clicked on the Intermediate Set and I can see that I have completed one of them, number 1. The user does not have to go in order but can choose any of the positions. Also if he wishes he can play a position he has already completed for extra practice if he so desires. No extra checkmark is given for one he has already done.

I like the drop down idea to be able to select positions, but you have loadfens listed. Instead I would like the numbers 1-100 to select from. If I select #56, then loadfen #56 loads up on the board and I can begin.

Also I have decided to do away with selecting levels of computer strength. My thoughts on this now is to just have it play at level 20 for all positions in all sets. Playing the computer when it makes tons of mistakes serves no purpose in making the student progress.

The way I have this set up seems to me to be almost self explanatory for a user. He clicks on a set, then the number of the set, and then begins. His progress on each set is shown on the right. Chess players become addicted to getting checkmarks. That is something I have found out in all the years of my teaching. This is what in my opinion will keep them coming back for more and why my lessons have become so popular. Students like to see some sort of progress.