

# **General Game Playing**

## **in Common Lisp**

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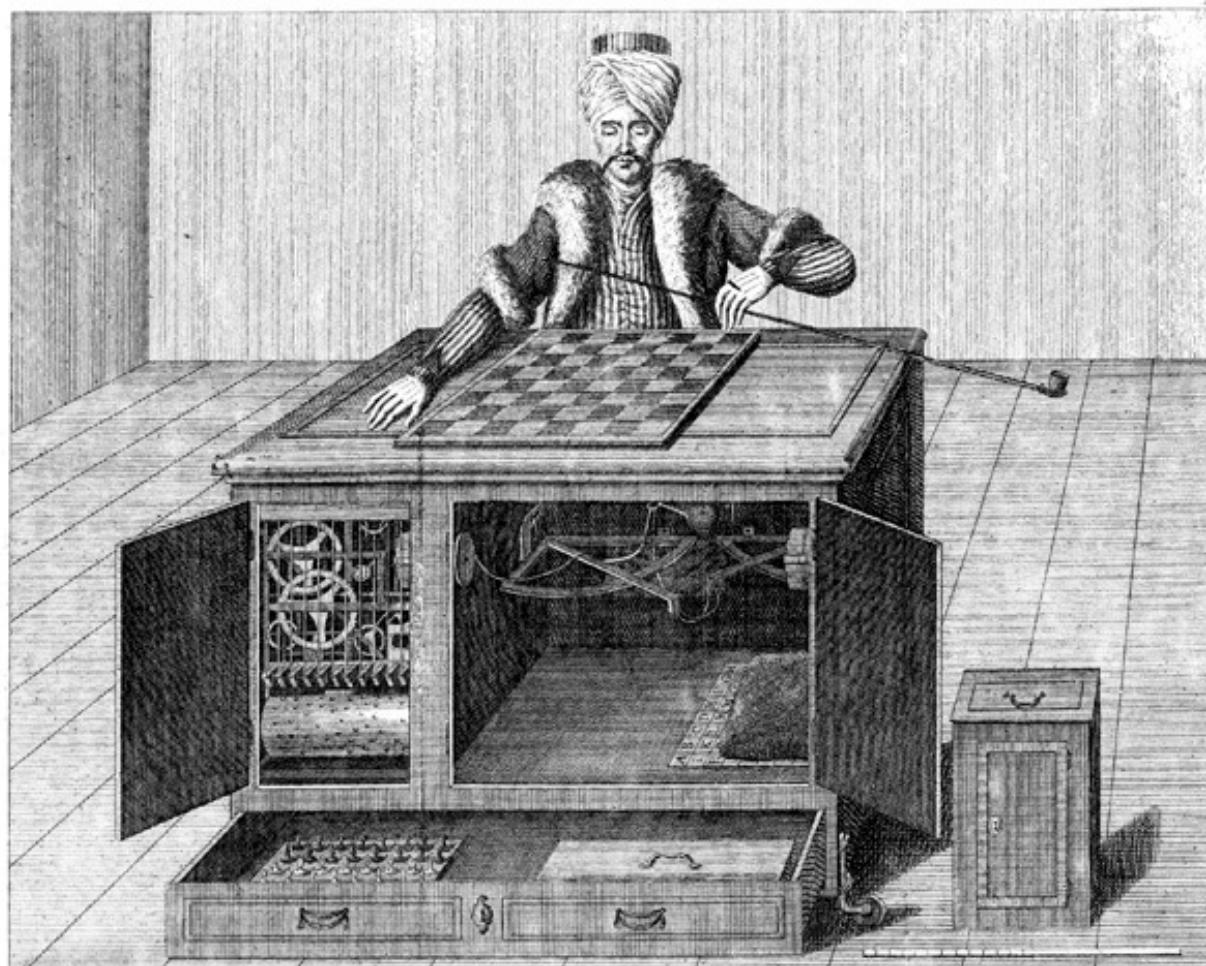
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# Goal

# Game AI



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Der Schachspieler, wie er vor dem Spield gezeigt wird von einem Le. Joueur d'echecs, tel qu'on le montre avant le jeu, par devant.





# General<sup>1</sup> Game Playing

[1] for some value of "General"

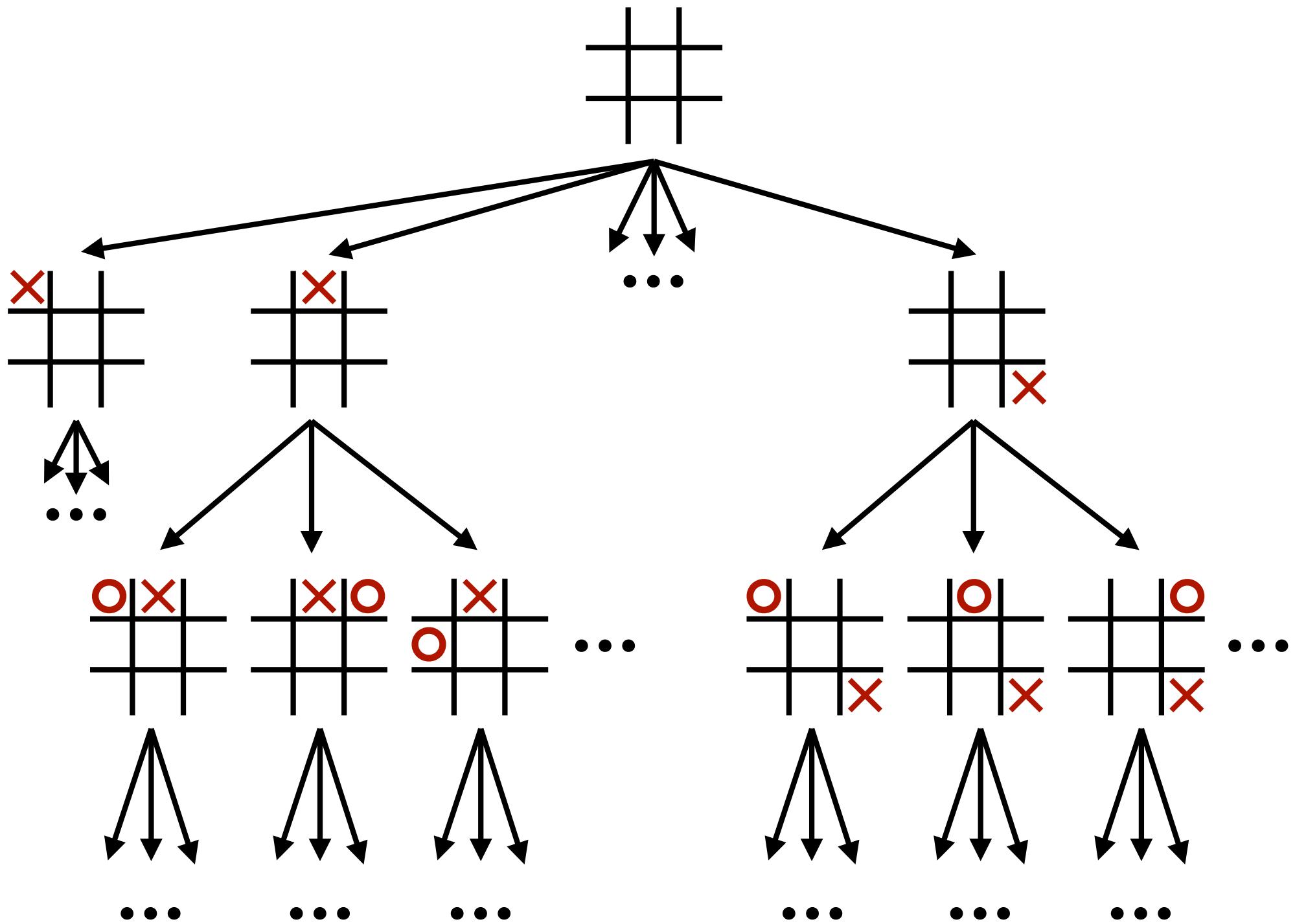
**Discrete  
Finite  
Playable  
Winnable**

**Simultaneous Moves  
Perfect Information  
Deterministic**

# **Reasoning**

# **Playing**

# **Intelligence**



**Game  
Description  
Language**

;;;; Initial State & Roles

```
(role x)
(role o)

(init (control x))
(init (cell 1 1 blank))
(init (cell 1 2 blank))
(init (cell 1 3 blank))
(init (cell 2 1 blank))
(init (cell 2 2 blank))
(init (cell 2 3 blank))
(init (cell 3 1 blank))
(init (cell 3 2 blank))
(init (cell 3 3 blank))
```

;;;; Useful Rules

```
(<= (row ?n ?mark)
      (true (cell ?n 1 ?mark))
      (true (cell ?n 2 ?mark))
      (true (cell ?n 3 ?mark)))

(<= (column ?n ?mark)
     (true (cell 1 ?n ?mark))
     (true (cell 2 ?n ?mark))
     (true (cell 3 ?n ?mark)))

(<= (diagonal 1 ?mark)
     (true (cell 1 1 ?mark))
     (true (cell 2 2 ?mark))
     (true (cell 3 3 ?mark)))

(<= (diagonal 2 ?mark)
     (true (cell 1 3 ?mark))
     (true (cell 2 2 ?mark))
     (true (cell 3 1 ?mark)))

(<= (line ?mark) (row ?n ?mark))
(<= (line ?mark) (column ?n ?mark))
(<= (line ?mark) (diagonal ?n ?mark))

(<= open
  (true (cell ?row ?col blank)))
```

;;;; Terminal

```
(<= terminal (line x))
(<= terminal (line o))
(<= terminal (not open))
```

;;;; Goal Values

```
(<= (goal ?player 100)
    (line ?player))

(<= (goal ?player 0)
    (line ?other)
    (distinct ?player ?other))

(<= (goal ?player 50)
    (not (line x))
    (not (line o))
    (not open))
```

;;;; Legal Moves

```
(<= (legal ?player (mark ?row ?col))
    (true (cell ?row ?col blank))
    (true (control ?player)))

(<= (legal ?player noop)
    (true (control ?other))
    (distinct ?player ?other))
```

;;;; State Transitions

```
(<= (next (control x)) (true (control o)))
(<= (next (control o)) (true (control x)))

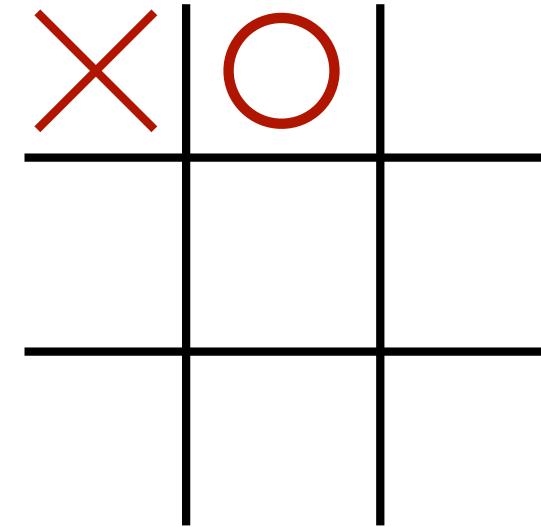
(<= (next (cell ?row ?col ?player))
    (true (cell ?row ?col ?player))
    (distinct ?player blank))

(<= (next (cell ?row ?col ?player))
    (true (cell ?row ?col blank))
    (does ?player (mark ?row ?col)))

(<= (next (cell ?row ?col blank))
    (true (cell ?row ?col blank))
    (does ?player (mark ?x ?y))
    (or (distinct ?row ?x)
        (distinct ?col ?y))))
```

( true . . . )

```
(true (control x))  
(true (cell 1 1 x))  
(true (cell 1 2 o))  
(true (cell 1 3 blank))  
(true (cell 2 1 blank))  
(true (cell 2 2 blank))  
(true (cell 2 3 blank))  
(true (cell 3 1 blank))  
(true (cell 3 2 blank))  
(true (cell 3 3 blank))
```

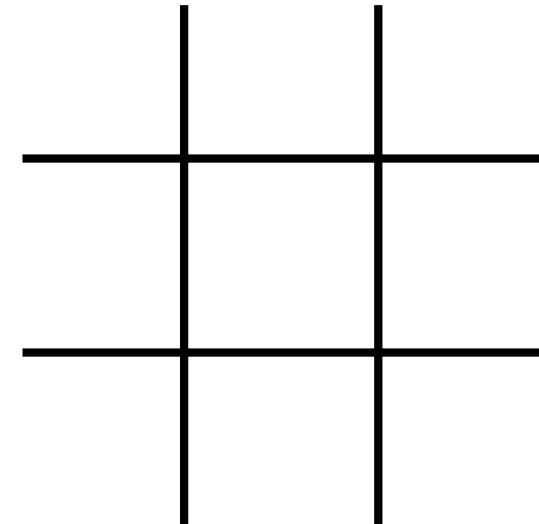


**(role ...)**  
**(init ...)**

(role x)

(role o)

(init (control x))  
(init (cell 1 1 blank))  
(init (cell 1 2 blank))  
(init (cell 1 3 blank))  
(init (cell 2 1 blank))  
(init (cell 2 2 blank))  
(init (cell 2 3 blank))  
(init (cell 3 1 blank))  
(init (cell 3 2 blank))  
(init (cell 3 3 blank))



(<= head  
body . . . )

```
(<= (row ?n ?mark)
     (true (cell ?n 1 ?mark))
     (true (cell ?n 2 ?mark))
     (true (cell ?n 3 ?mark)))

(<= (line ?mark) (row ?n ?mark))
(<= (line ?mark) (column ?n ?mark))
(<= (line ?mark) (diagonal ?n ?mark))

(<= open
  (true (cell ?row ?col blank)))
```

(terminal)  
(goal player value)  
(legal player move)  
(next ...)

```
(<= terminal (line x))  
(<= terminal (line o))  
(<= terminal (not open))
```

(terminal)  
(goal player value)  
(legal player move)  
(next ...)

```
(<= (goal ?player 100)
     (line ?player))
```

```
(<= (goal ?player 0)
     (line ?other)
     (distinct ?player ?other))
```

```
(<= (goal ?player 50)
    (not (line x))
    (not (line o))
    (not open))
```

(terminal)  
(goal player value)  
(legal player move)  
(next ...)

```
(<= (legal ?player (mark ?row ?col))  
     (true (cell ?row ?col blank))  
     (true (control ?player))))
```

```
(<= (legal ?player noop)  
     (true (control ?other))  
     (distinct ?player ?other)))
```

(terminal)  
(goal player value)  
(legal player move)  
(next ...)

*; Control flips each turn.*

(**<=** (**next** (**control** **x**))  
  (**true** (**control** **o**)))

(**<=** (**next** (**control** **o**))  
  (**true** (**control** **x**))))

*; Any cell that's already marked  
; stays marked next turn.*

```
(<= (next (cell ?row ?col ?mark))  
      (true (cell ?row ?col ?mark))  
      (distinct ?mark blank))
```

*; If a player chooses to mark a  
; blank cell, that cell will have  
; their mark next turn.*

```
(<= (next (cell ?row ?col ?player))  
     (true (cell ?row ?col blank))  
     (does ?player (mark ?row ?col))))
```

*// All currently-blank cells that  
// WEREN'T marked stay blank.*

```
(<= (next (cell ?row ?col blank))  
      (true (cell ?row ?col blank))  
      (does ?player (mark ?x ?y))  
      (or (distinct ?row ?x)  
          (distinct ?col ?y))))
```

**cl-ggp**

**<https://sjl.bitbucket.io/cl-ggp/>**

# cl-ggp

Works<sup>1</sup> with  
SBCL, CCL, ABCL, and ECL

[1] for some value of "Works"

cl-ggp

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# cl-ggp

cl-ggp is a tiny framework for writing general game players in Common Lisp.

The cl-ggp system handles the GGP protocol for you and *nothing else*. If you plan on doing your own GDL reasoning, this is all you need.

The cl-ggp.reasoner system contains a simple Prolog-based reasoner using the Temperance logic programming library. It's useful as a starting point for when writing players.

- **License:** MIT
- **Documentation:** <https://sjl.bitbucket.io/cl-ggp/>
- **Mercurial:** <https://bitbucket.org/sjl/cl-ggp/>
- **Git:** <https://github.com/sjl/cl-ggp/>

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 **READ THIS**

Made with Lisp and love by [Steve Losh](#) in Reykjavík, Iceland.

```
cd local-projects
git clone https://github.com/sjl/cl-ggp.git
git clone https://github.com/sjl/temperance.git
```

**cl-ggp**

**cl-ggp . reasoner**

```
(make-reasoner <rules>)

(initial-state      <reasoner>)
(legal-moves-for  <reasoner> <state> <role>)
(terminalp         <reasoner> <state>)
(goal-value-for   <reasoner> <state> <role>)
(next-state        <reasoner> <state> <moves>)
```

```
CL-USER> (ql:quickload '(cl-ggp cl-ggp.reasoner))  
; ...
```

```
CL-USER> (ggp.reasoner:make-reasoner  
           (ggp:read-gdl-from-file "tictactoe.gdl"))  
#<GGP.REASONER::REASONER {1015346923}>
```

```
CL-USER> (defparameter *reasoner* *)  
*REASONER*
```

```
CL-USER> (ggp.reasoner:initial-state *reasoner*)
```

```
((GGP-RULES::CONTROL GGP-RULES::X)
 (GGP-RULES::CELL 1 1 GGP-RULES::BLANK)
 (GGP-RULES::CELL 1 2 GGP-RULES::BLANK)
 (GGP-RULES::CELL 1 3 GGP-RULES::BLANK)
 (GGP-RULES::CELL 2 1 GGP-RULES::BLANK)
 (GGP-RULES::CELL 2 2 GGP-RULES::BLANK)
 (GGP-RULES::CELL 2 3 GGP-RULES::BLANK)
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 (GGP-RULES::CELL 3 2 GGP-RULES::BLANK)
 (GGP-RULES::CELL 3 3 GGP-RULES::BLANK))
```

```
CL-USER> (ggp.reasoner:legal-moves-for
           *reasoner*
           (ggp.reasoner:initial-state *reasoner*)
           'ggp-rules::x)

((GGP-RULES::MARK 1 1)
 (GGP-RULES::MARK 1 2)
 (GGP-RULES::MARK 1 3)
 (GGP-RULES::MARK 2 1)
 (GGP-RULES::MARK 2 2)
 (GGP-RULES::MARK 2 3)
 (GGP-RULES::MARK 3 1)
 (GGP-RULES::MARK 3 2)
 (GGP-RULES::MARK 3 3))
```

```
CL-USER> (ggp.reasoner:legal-moves-for
           *reasoner*
           (ggp.reasoner:initial-state *reasoner*)
           'ggp-rules::o)

(GGP-RULES::NOOP)
```

**Reasoning**  
**Playing**  
**Intelligence**

# **GGP Game/Network Protocol**

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# GGP.org | Tiltyard Hosting

**Games you've never seen before.** Play over 100 different games against humans or intelligent computers.

Would you like to start a Two-Player Free-For-All match? Yes!

You can include human players, computer players, and random players.

Listing of the 50 most recently played matches, of which 2 are ongoing:						
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7m ago	 Alloy_0_10_1	100		Maze	 View	
15m ago	 QFWFQ Alloy_0_9	35	65	Iterated Ultimatum	 View	
26m ago	 Alloy_0_9 QFWFQ	10	26	Iterated Tinfoil ...	 View	
38m ago	 Alloy_0_9	0		Hidato (37 hexes)	 View	
40m ago	 Alloy_0_10_1 ggtest1	0	100	Reversi	 View	
52m ago	 QFWFQ Alloy_0_9	100	0	Quarto	 View	
57m ago	 Alloy_0_10_1 ggtest1	70	50	Two-Player Free-F...	 View	
1h ago	 Alloy_0_10_1 ggtest1	0	100	9-Board Tic-Tac-T...	 View	
1h ago	 Alloy_0_10_1	0		Untwisty Complex 2	 View	
1h ago	 Alloy_0_10_1 ggtest1	32	60	Iterated Tinfoil ...	 View	
2h ago	 QFWFQ Alloy_0_9	100	0	Amazons (8x8)	 View	

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GENERAL GAME PLAYING

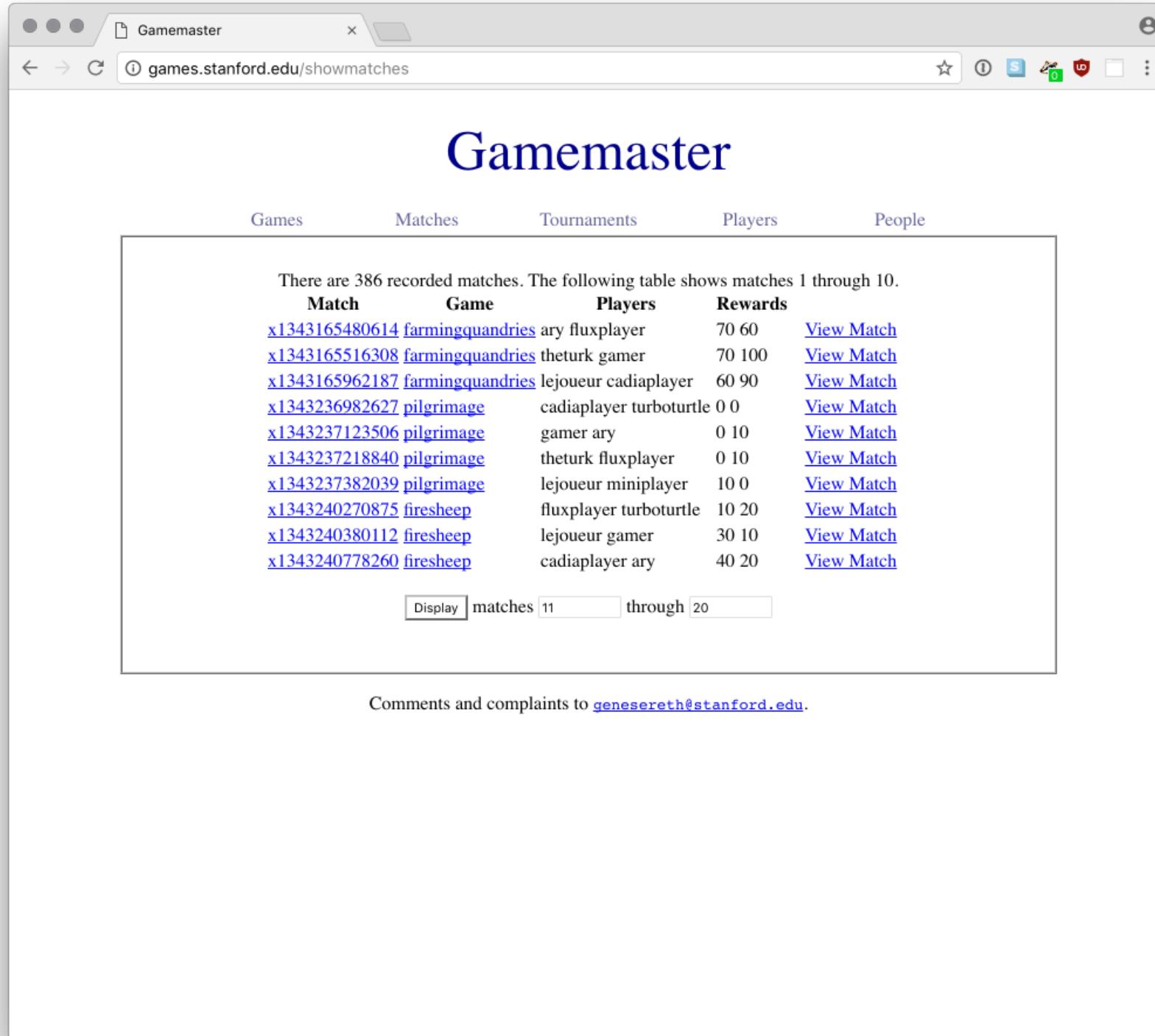
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# **ggp-base**

**<https://github.com/ggp-org/ggp-base>**

**cl-ggp**

**<https://sjl.bitbucket.io/cl-ggp/>**

**cl-ggp**

**cl-ggp . reasoner**

```
(defclass my-player (ggp:ggp-player) ...)

(player-start-game <player> <rules> <role> <deadline>)
(player-update-game <player> <moves>)
(player-select-move <player> <deadline>)
(player-stop-game <player>)
```

# Random Player

**Reasoning  
Playing  
Intelligence**



king of the united states



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## In the news



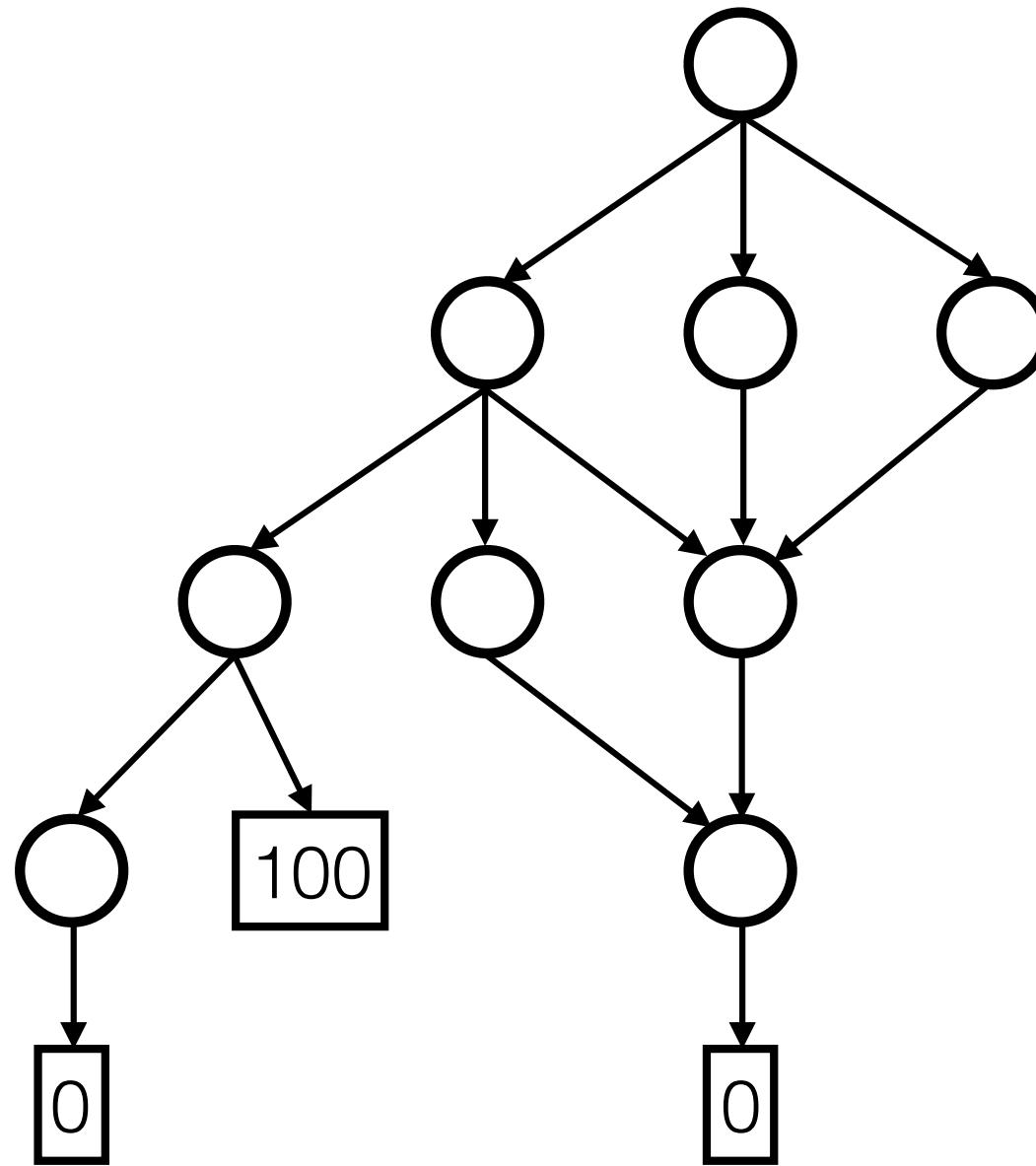
### According To Google, Barack Obama Is King Of The United States

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Ask Google who is the [King Of United States] and Google will

# Search the Game Tree<sup>1</sup>

[1] for some value of "Tree"

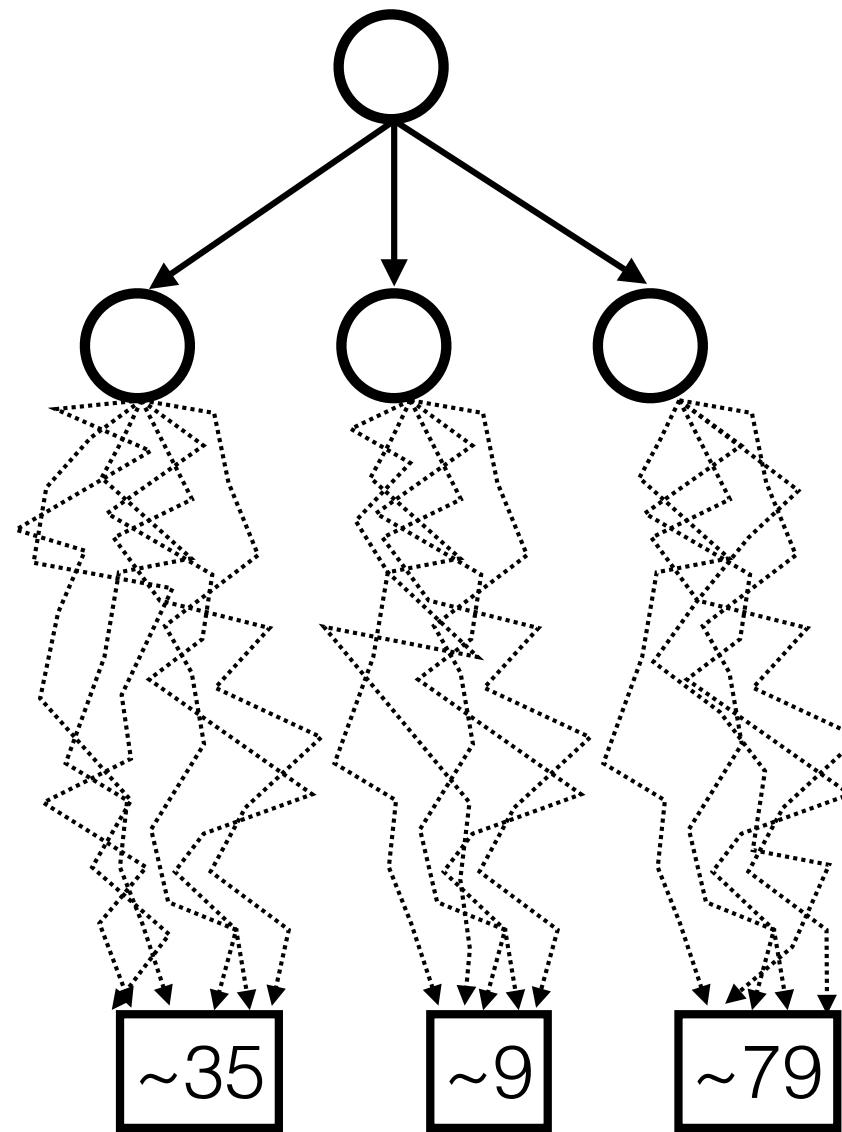


**Depth-first search**  
... with minimax  
... and alpha/beta pruning  
... and iterative deepening  
... and transposition tables

# **Heuristic**

**game state → estimated value**

# Monte Carlo Search



# Monte Carlo Player

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**Improved Reasoning**

**Faster Prolog Implementations  
Propositional Networks**

# **Improved Search**

**Parallelize  
Monte Carlo Tree Search  
Heuristics in Playouts**

# **Relaxing Restrictions**

**GDL-II**

## **General Video Game Playing**

**Thanks!**

## **The GDL & GGP Protocol Spec**

[http://logic.stanford.edu/classes/cs227/2013/readings/gdl\\_spec.pdf](http://logic.stanford.edu/classes/cs227/2013/readings/gdl_spec.pdf)

## **cl-ggp**

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## **ggp-base**

<https://github.com/ggp-org/ggp-base>

## **When Google's Algorithms Fail, Barack Obama Becomes King of USA**

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/When-Google-s-Algorithms-Fail-Barack-Obama-Becomes-King-of-US-465897.shtml>

## **Other GGP Resources**

<http://www.ggp.org/>

<http://www.general-game-playing.de/>