

Coding challenge

About this challenge

The goal of this test is for us to have some code to chat about on the interview, and for you to showcase your programming skills. It is not so much about finishing and solving the problem, but about delivering a well designed solution and code that you find of good quality. Because we are mainly working with Java, we would like you to do this in Java.

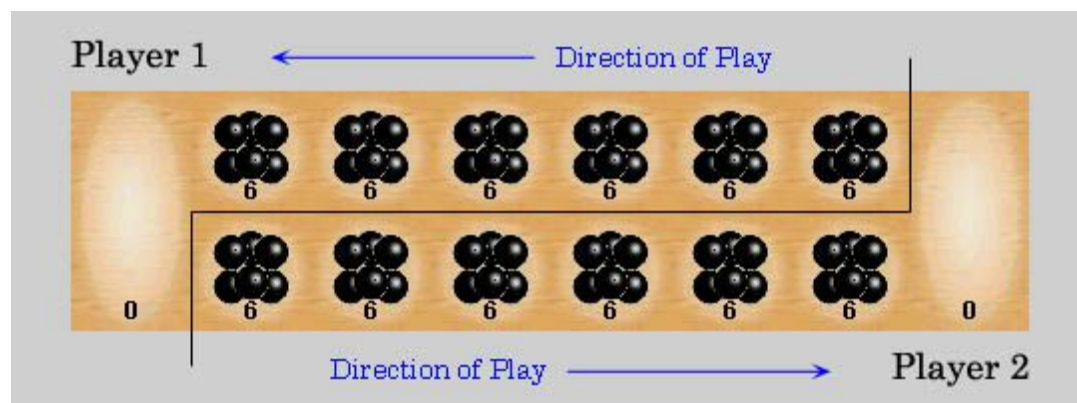
We are asking you to program a (web) application that runs a game of 6-stone Kalah. The general rules of the game are explained on Wikipedia: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kalah> and also below in this document.

Please note that the Wikipedia article explains 3 and 4-stone Kalah; we would like your implementation to be 6-stone.

This web application should enable to let 2 human players play the game; there is no AI required. It doesn't need a fancy web interface or front end.

We don't expect you to spend more than 4-6 hrs on this, if you could send or share your code after that it would be great.

About the game



Each of the two players has six pits in front of him/her. To the right of the six pits, each player has a larger pit, his Kalah or house. At the start of the game, six stones are put in each pit.

The player who begins picks up all the stones in any of their own pits, and sows the stones on to the right, one in each of the following pits, including his own Kalah. No stones are put in the opponent's' Kalah. If the players last stone lands in his own Kalah, he gets another turn. This can be repeated any number of times before it's the other player's turn.

when the last stone lands in an own empty pit, the player captures this stone and all stones in the opposite pit (the other players' pit) and puts them in his own Kalah.

The game is over as soon as one of the sides run out of stones. The player who still has stones in his/her pits keeps them and puts them in his/hers Kalah. The winner of the game is the player who has the most stones in his Kalah.