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You cant perform that action at this time. You have chosen a chess engine for your Mac. You intend to download it or have already done so. But... you have never used a chess engine downloaded from the Internet before. How to do it ? Will the chess engine work ? What should you pay attention to ?I will answer these and other questions in this How-to.Users of macOS Ventura & newer are invited here.How-To is intended for inexperienced users. Was written in such a way that anyone willing after reading it will be able to run a chess engine downloaded from the web.Millions of Macs are in use around the world. Macs have a reputation for being among the most secure. They are also stable, fast, quiet and energy efficient. Why not to use Macs for computer chess, for analysis and playing chess engines, for training and playing online ? Nothing stands in the way.For Macs, there is a lot of excellent software for all kinds of chess applications.It is worth using the best, strongest, most versatile and interesting chess engines together with good software. And they are available for Mac :)Always download chess engines from safe places on the web with a good and established reputation.For starters, the good news is that getting the Chess Engine ready to run on your Mac is very easy. As you become practiced, it will literally take you seconds :)Koivisto, Lc0, Stockfish, RubiChess, MadChess, Velvet - these are just a few examples of notable and popular chess engines that you can download for free from the Files section and use on your Mac.There is the award-winning, unique and versatile Dragon by Komodo Chess. One of the few commercial chess engines that is worth its price. And it is available for Mac to download from the manufacturer's website.And finally, there is also Berserk - a powerful and free open source chess engine to which I dedicated a separate page on my blog.Using the Berserk chess engine as an example, I will show you how to run the chess engine on Mac. The Berserk chess engine and other related files (e.g. logos) are placed in a 7-Zip archive. This is to reduce the volume of downloaded files.Your Mac has a pre-built 7-Zip archive decompression tool. You don't need to install an additional application to support 7-Zip.By default, your web browser (e.g. Safari, Firefox, Chrome) should download Berserk to the Downloads directory on your Mac.After double-clicking on the icon of the downloaded chess engine, the archive will be unpacked and a directory with the same name will appear.When you enter the newly created directory (double-click it), you will see the contents.At this point you should choose the version of the chess engine you intend to use.The chess engine, which has the Apple Silicon in its name, is designed for Macs equipped with the M1, M1 Max, M2, ... CPU (see Wikipedia for details).In this case, it will be: Berserk-10_Mac_Apple_Silicon The chess engine, which has Intel in its name, is designed for Macs equipped with an Intel CPU (see Apple Wiki for details).In this case, it will be: Berserk-10_Mac_Intel To quickly check what CPU your Mac is equipped with, click on the apple icon, which is at the top left of the screen. Now click on About This MacIn the newly displayed window under the Overview tab, you will find the symbol of your CPU (Processor).Macs with Apple Silicon CPUs are in most cases able to use chess engines compiled for Intel-based Macs. If successful, the same engine in the Intel version will be slightly slower than the same engine natively compiled for Apple Silicon CPUs. This is a difference of up to a few % in speed.Macs with Intel CPUs are not able to use the chess engine compiled for Macs with Apple Silicon CPUs.Now, it is time to give the chess engine the rights to run.We will open a program called Terminal.Click the magnifying glass icon, which is in the upper right corner of the screen.The Spotlight search engine window will open. ...type terminal and press the Enter key.Below the window, where the directory with the Berserk chess engine is located, the Terminal program window will open.On macOS (and in other systems, such as Linux, Android and Windows), 99.9% of chess engines have an executable attribute, which allows you to simply run them and use them for your own purposes. Sometimes, in order for a chess engine to run, it must be given the executable attribute. Regardless of whether the engine has this execute attribute or not, it never hurts to give it. It is a very simple and quick action.In the terminal window, typepress the Spacebar and click on the engine icon appropriate for your Mac. While holding down the mouse button, drag the Chess Engine icon to the Terminal field. Then release the mouse button.If your Mac has an Intel processor, then you should select Berserk-10_Mac_Intel.The executable attribute has been given to the chess engine. This is important because macOS, when working with this chess engine, will "know" that it is a program and not, for example, an image or sound file.Now we are going to try the chess engine for the first time. For your Mac, this will mean trying to run a program from outside the App Store.Taking care of security, by default macOS is configured in such a way that in case of just such an attempt, an appropriate prompt will be issued. And this is what we mean, because we will make it so that the Mac always accepts this chess engine.Again, click on the chess engine icon and drag and drop it onto the Terminal program window.The mentioned prompt is displayed. Confirm by clicking on the Cancel button.The chess engine will not be started.Don't worry about it. Everything is fine - this is normal macOS behavior to ensure the security of the system and data on your computer.To authorize the chess engine to run, we will enter the system settings. Click on the apple icon in the upper left corner and then select System Preferences....and in the General tab, click on Allow Anyway.The prompt regarding the launch of the chess engine has disappeared.You can now close the Security & Privacy window. Go back to the Chess engine and Terminal windows.Click, drag and drop the chess engine into the Terminal window.In the newly opened window, click on the Open button.Has the chess engine been started ?Let's check it by typing in the terminal window:It is working! The chess engine works :)The engine reports its readiness for operation.Now you can close the Terminal window or type:The chess engine has been turned off.Your Mac will no longer warn you to run this chess engine, because you have authorized it in your system settings.Here are some examples of using the Berserk chess engine.Berserk 10 & Hiarcs Chess Explorer Pro Berserk 10 & Scid vs. Mac Always download chess engines from safe places on the web with a good and established reputation.I wish you a successful hunt for chess engines :)A chess engine analyzes thousands of outcomes before making an efficient move. Its an intricate software program that blends brute-force calculation, positional evaluation, pattern recognition, and sometimes neural networks to make decisions in a game of chess.The number of possible moves makes chess one of the most complex gamesIf you construct a complete tree of all possible moves in a chessboard, you will get a total of 10120 moves. Thats an extremely large number.To put this into perspective, there have been only 1026 nanoseconds since the Big Bang and about 1075atoms in the entire universe. These numbers are dwarfed by the number of possible moves in chess, making it one of the most complex board games.Chess Engines Outperform human decision-makingSince the hardware and software programming techniques are improving year by year, chess engines are becoming more intelligent. Modern engines are more selective and have a better positional understanding.Every year, engines like Stockfish and Komodo further push the boundaries of chess, advancing opening theory, tactical analysis, and endgame play. Innovations like neural networks and sophisticated evaluation functions have become commonplace, allowing chess engines to outperform human decision-making.Selection CriteriaThere are literally hundreds of rating lists that measure the relative strength of chess engines based on how many moves they make per minute. Not only do these lists rank chess engines from superior to inferior, but they also furnish margin of error values for the assigned ratings.Among these rating lists, the most famous are CCRL (Computer Chess Rating Lists) and CEGT (Chess Engines Grand Tournament). With both of these ratings in consideration, we introduce the most advanced Chess Engines, exemplifying the supremacy of machines over human players.Note: Since CCRL and CEGT rating lists change continuously, the ranking can differ from time to time.32. Hannibal CCRL Rating: 3146 CEGT Rating: 3083Hannibal is a Universal Chess Interface (UCI) engine that builds upon concepts from prior engines, namely Twisted Logic and LearningLemming. It utilizes the alpha-beta technique along with various chess-specific strategies and employs a selective search approach.In addition to its extensive endgame expertise, Hannibal demonstrates a strong grasp of material imbalances. It also understands the fortresses and trapped pieces and can sacrifice material to gain an edge in king attacks.Moreover, Hannibals time management is tuned for the Fischer time controls.31. Critter CCRL Rating: 3149 CEGT Rating: 3075Critter is the UCI-compliant chess engine available for Windows, Mac, Android, and Linux. You can use it for private purposes only.It was initially written in Delphi but later converted to C++ using Bitboard technology. This was done to enhance its performance on 64-bit processors.This chess engine features null move pruning, forward pruning, principal variation search, parallel search with up to 8 threads, and blockage detection in the endgames.30. Suger XPro CCRL Rating: 3533SugaR engine is derived from Stockfish and supports up to 128 cores. Like other popular engines such as Stockfish, SugaR is not a complete chess program. It requires a compatible GUI, such as XBoard with Arena, PolyGlot, Shredder, Sigma Chess, and Chess Partner.Since the engine is distributed under the General Public License, you are allowed to modify and sell it.29. asmFish CCRL Rating: 3470asmFish is a Stockfish engine port written in x86 assembly language. It usesBMI2 and AVX2 instructions optionally. It is assembled with FASM for Linux and Windows platforms.asmFish is built with some structural optimization techniques, such as the elimination of piece lists. The critical functions in this engine do not adhere to the x86-64 ABI with respect to register usage and calling conventions.Nevertheless, the engine is NUMA (non-uniform memory access) aware and supports parallel search and large pages.28. Chiron CCRL Rating: 3307 CEGT Rating: 3130Chiron is the commercial chess engine that supports both Universal Chess Interface and Chess Engine Communication Protocol, as well as several endgame tablebase and bitbase formats.It applies a parallel search on multiprocessor architectures and implements pawn blockage detection that not only detects blockages in pawn endgame but also identifies other pieces on the board.The latest version has been tuned deeply, especially in the context of passing pawns and mobility. Several advanced search enhancements have also been introduced, such asLazy symmetric multiprocessing, forward pruning, and NUMA awareness27. Equinox CCRL Rating: 3217 CEGT Rating: 3112Equinox is a symmetric multiprocessing chess engine primarily developed by Giancarlo Delli Colli. It is inspired by popular open-source engines like Stockfish, Crafty, and Ippolit.Equinox is active in several private engine tournaments, including the Italian Open Chess Software Cups and Thoresen Chess Engine Competition.26. GullChess CCRL Rating: 3261 CEGT Rating: 3183GullChess is an open-source chess engine that applies magic bitboards to determine sliding piece attacks. It is mostly written in C++ and contains only one source file.Gull Engine features generic function templates in recursive search routines, as well as several other functions for move generation (excluding hash move and side to move).25. Schooner CCRL Rating: 3246 CEGT Rating: 3177Schooner uses alpha-beta search, late move reductions (LMR), principle search window (PVS), and single hash entry. It supports a subset of Universal Chess Interface to automatically play games without hogging a lot of resources.Its performance has been improved significantly in recent years: a simpler evaluation inspired by Xiphos, staged move generation, and tons of testing and tuning are responsible for those improvements.24. Xiphos CCRL Rating: 3386 CEGT Rating: 3265Xiphos is an open-source chess engine written in C and distributed under GNU General Public License. Its a UCI-compliant engine that utilizes bitboards with ERLEF mapping.Xiphos uses sliding piece attacks, which are evaluated by either PEXT bitboards (for BMI2) or magic bitboards. If you want to try, you can run this engine on Windows, macOS, and Linux.23. Deep Shredder CCRL Rating: 3329 CEGT Rating: 3211Shredder is a commercial chess engine developed in 1993. It has won more than 20 titles, including the World Microcomputer Chess Championship (1996, 2000), the World Computer Chess Championship (1999, 2003), the World Chess Software Championship (2010), and the World Computer Speed Chess Championship (5 times).Deep Shredder is the multiprocessor version of Shredder. It comes with a graphical user interface developed by Millennium Chess System, which supports Universal Chess Interface and is compatible with other UCI engines available for Mac OS, Windows, and Linux.22. BoootWCCC 2011, Booot vs. Alex Morozov CCRL Rating: 3531 CEGT Rating: 3413Booot is an open-source chess engine written in Delphi 6. It determines sliding piece attacks with rotated bitboards. It is packed with lazy SMP and a fully redesigned evaluation function.The engine applies PVS with all basic search enhancements like late move reductions, null move pruning, and internal iterative deepening. The latest version supports multiprocessor architecture and has several assembly variants for 32 and 64-bit.21. Andscacs CCRL Rating: 3313 CEGT Rating: 3200First published in 2014,Andscacs soon became one of the worlds best chess engines. It uses a magic bitboard to speed up the attack calculations. It applies a principal variation search with a transposition table inside an iterative framework.Andscacs employs static exchange evaluation and a threaded parallel search. Additionally, it attempts a hash move during a quiescence search.In order to make the engine more powerful and efficient (or minimize the standard deviation of static evaluation), developers optimized 200 evaluation features with 750,000 positions.20. Caissa CCRL Rating: 3613 CEGT Rating: 3573Caissa is a relatively new chess engine developed from scratch in C++. It is optimized for conventional chess, Fischer Random Chess (FRC), and Double Fischer Random Chess (DFRC).The engine follows a UCI protocol, which makes it compatible with various chess GUIs. It employs a neural network for evaluating positions. This neural network is trained using self-play games generated by Cassas custom trainer.It uses the Negamax search algorithm along with alpha-beta pruning a common and efficient technique to explore and evaluate positions during the search.Moreover, Caissa supports Syzygy and Gaviota endgame tablebases, which help in endgame play and ensure optimal decisions in positions with fewer pieces.19. Ethereal CCRL Rating: 3601 CEGT Rating: 3534Ethereal is greatly influenced by numerous chess engine projects like Stockfish, Crafty, MadChess, TSCP, and Fruit. Its a UCI-compliant chess engine based on the alpha-betta framework.The commercial version of Ethereal incorporates two Neural Network Universal Evaluations (NNUEs) for assessment, one designed for standard chess and another specifically trained for Chess960.The NNUE implementation, based on Stockfish NNUE, illustrates how developers can significantly boost their engines playing strength with minimal effort.18. Koivisto CCRL Rating: 3466 CEGT Rating: 3519Written in C++, Koivisto is a strong chess engine that features lazy SMP, iterative deepening, and principal variation search. Its important to note that Koivisto is not a standalone program and requires a UCI-compatible graphical user interface to function.The bitboard engine offers automated evaluation tuning by logistic regression, either using stochastic gradient descent or an adaptive gradient algorithm. You can find binaries for Windows and Linux on GitHub.17. Fizbo CCRL Rating: 3320 CEGT Rating: 3220Fizbo is a Chess Engine Communication Protocol, first released in 2014. This engine is founded on the bitboard approach and leverages the population count instruction. As of now, it is compatible with the Windows operating system and requires a CPU with pop-count instructions.Besides iterative deepening, Fizbo performs parallel searches using an enhanced PV splitting algorithm. Moreover, it utilizes a transposition table with 8-byte entries in the quiescence search.16. Igel CCRL Rating: 3524 CEGT Rating: 3464Igel is a UCI-compliant, open-source chess engine written in C and C++. It primarily utilizes Neural Network Evaluation (NNUE) as its main evaluation function.It relies on Dietrich Kappes NiNu network file, which is a neural network-based evaluation system.Developers have introduced their own class of neural networks, known as Igel Generation Network (IGN). These networks have specific rules for data generation and training.Developers offer transparency by making the source data of the network available for validation and external training, promoting a fair and open approach to network development and use in chess tournaments.15. Fire CCRL Rating: 3556 CEGT Rating: 3371Fire is a free chess engine that was previously open-source but later transitioned into a closed Windows executable. It is specifically designed for new Intel processors. Originally, it was known as Firebird but had to be renamed to Fire due to trademark naming conflicts.The Fire engine features magic bitboards, Syzygy tablebases, configurable hash, and multiPV. You can configure it with over 70 Universal Chess Interface options and apply SMP parallel search.14. Revenge CCRL Rating: 3525 CEGT Rating: 3517The Revenge chess engine, originally named Pedone and under development since 2013, is compatible with both Windows and Linux. Its important to note that its console program requires a graphical user interface (GUI) to function effectively.The inclusion of a larger neural network in this chess engine significantly enhances its performance across all game phases, particularly in the endgame. It has higher depth for history pruning, improved history move ordering, enhanced reduction formula, and advanced speed optimization in search.13. Minic CCRL Rating: 3529 CEGT Rating: 3401Minic is an open-source written in C++ and licensed under the GPL v3.0. While it has no GUI, it is compatible with both the Chess Engine Communication Protocol (CECP) and the Universal Chess Interface (UCI) protocol.This allows users to integrate it with their preferred chess software, such as Cutechess, Arena, Banksia, and Winboard/Xboard.The latest version of the engine has detached its dependency on the Stockfish NNUE (Noisy Neural Network Updates Estimation) and implemented its own NNUE system. This adoption of NNUE allows Minic to easily change the neural network architecture and apply engine-independent PyTorch training code.The latest engine introduced support for a new NNUE variant called Seer-like NNUE Narcotized Nightshift. This new NNUE variant appears to have significantly improved Minics playing strength, with a reported gain of nearly 90 Elo points compared to the previous NNUE version called Nefarious Nucleus.12. Seer CCRL Rating: 3585 CEGT Rating: 3495Seer is a strong UCI-compliant chess engine that stands out for its reliance on a neural network-based evaluation system. It employs a neural network for position evaluation, with a specific focus on estimating Win-Draw-Loss (WDL) probabilities.It features a custom implementation of Noisy Neural Network Updates Estimation (NNUE). This custom NNUE system uses 32-bit float weights and has both training code (for learning from data) and inference code (for evaluation during chess games).The engine utilizes Principal Variation Search (PVS) within an iterative deepening framework and employs a lockless shared transposition table based on Zobrist hashing to store previously evaluated positions.It also incorporates history pruning, history extensions, static null move pruning, futility pruning, and late move reductions.These techniques help to improve the efficiency of the search and evaluation process.More recently, Seer has extended its support to ARM NEON through sse2neon, making it compatible with a broader range of devices, including Android devices.11. Chess System Tal CCRL Rating: 3546 CEGT Rating: 3484Chess System Tal (CSTal) is a commercial chess program developed in the mid-1990s as the successor to the Complete Chess System. Over the years, it has evolved into a unique and entertaining chess engine with specific characteristics and playing styles.It is famous for its distinctive playing style, which emphasizes strong human-like play with a particular focus on aggressive king attacks and speculative sacrifices.In 2023, developers released Chess System Tal 2.00, marking a significant development in the engines evolution. This version is UCI-compliant, which makes it more accessible to various chess graphical user interfaces.Chess System Tal 2.00 comes in two variations:One version is designed for Elo strength, meaning it is engineered to perform at specific rating levels, offering a competitive challenge to players of varying skill levels.The other version is tailored to emulate the legendary style of Mikhail Tal. This version is focused on replicating the daring and attacking style for which Tal was renowned.The engine is made available to the public in the form of a public executable, which means users can run the program, but the underlying source code is not publicly disclosed. This approach allows users to enjoy the chess engines features while preserving the proprietary nature of the source code.10. RofChade CCRL Rating: 3573 CEGT Rating: 3496RofChade is a UCI-compliant chess engine written in C++. It has undergone several significant developments to enhance its playing strength.Initially, RofChade used a tapered evaluation system that distinguished between middlegame and endgame material. l. It also utilized asymmetrical piece-square tables and featured a sophisticated parallel search algorithm.A notable evolution in the engine is its adoption of a neural network-based evaluation system. Its current network architecture is called HALFKA it plays a central role in evaluating positions and guiding RofChades move choices.The network has been trained with a substantial dataset of positions, including approximately 2.8 billion generated by RofChade. Among these positions, around 600 million are specific to Fischer Random Chess (FRC).The implementation of this network is inspired by Cfish, and its training base is linked to Stockfish. This indicates that RofChade benefits from the experience and techniques used by Stockfish in training neural networks.9. Berserk CCRL Rating: 3617 CEGT Rating: 3574Berserk is a UCI-compliant open-source chess engine written in the C programming language. It supports two board representations: Bitboards and Magic Bitboards.The latest version brings significant improvements in its search algorithms, time management, and evaluation capabilities. It has its own network architecture, which features NNUE evaluation, reverse futility pruning, delta pruning, quiescence search, and singular extensions.8. Slow Chess CCRL Rating: 3457 CEGT Rating: 3528Slow Chess is a chess engine written in C++ and inline assembly that adheres to WinBoard and UCI standards. Unlike other chess engines, it has its own graphical user interface.It includes an Analyze mode, allowing it to recommend the best move for any position and generate multi-variation moves. Players benefit from features like text transcript copy-pasting, position setup, move redo options, time-limit configuration, and the ability to adjust the difficulty level by specifying the number of ply or nodes.7. RubiChess CCRL Rating: 3603 CEGT Rating: 3554RubiChess is an open-source chess engine distributed under the GNU General Public License (GPL). It has undergone significant development and improvements over the years, making it a competitive and capable chess-playing program.It initially used rotated bitboards and subsequently implemented magic bitboards to determine sliding piece attacks. This transition to bitboards likely contributed to a significant performance boost, as magic bitboards are known to be approximately 24% faster in determining sliding piece attacks compared to other methods.It later introduced a neural network-based evaluation system to further enhance its playing strength.RubiChess is recognized in various chess rankings and participates in many chess tournaments, demonstrating its capabilities and competitiveness within the chess community.6. Houdini CCRL Rating: 3380 CEGT Rating: 3414Houdiniis renowned for its distinct positional style, remarkable defensive capabilities, resilience in challenging positions, and its capacity to secure draws.To date, Houdini has emerged victorious in three seasons of the Top Chess Engine Championship.Its latest version is available in two variations: Standard and Pro.In contrast to the previous version, which could utilize a maximum of 8 processor cores, the Pro version supports an impressive 128 cores and 128 GB of RAM.Moreover, the chess engine is NUMA-aware and can effectively utilize Nailmov endgame table bases.5. Leela Chess Zero CCRL Rating: 3368 CEGT Rating: 3549Inspired by Deepminds research about AlphaZero and AlphaGo Zero, Leela Chess Zero relies on a self-taught neural network to make smart moves. The network learns through deep learning techniques by playing against itself millions of times.Instead of using conventional AlphaBeta search with handcrafted evaluation functions, it utilizes a type of Monte Carlo Tree Search (MCTS) referred to as PUCT.To unlock its full potential,, you must run the chess engine on a CUDA-supported GPU.4. Fat Fritz 2 CCRL Rating: 3601 CEGT Rating: 3549Introduced in 2021, Fat Fritz 2 is built on NNUE technology and Stockfish 12, featuring a doubled network size. Unlike its predecessor, it efficiently runs on a CPU and doesnt require any expensive graphic cards for game playing.Fat Fritz 2 combines the best of both worlds a large new neural network trained by Albert Silver with the original Fat Fritz and the precision of Stockfishs alpha-beta search.3. Komodo CCRL Rating: 3627 CEGT Rating: 3603Komodo was derived from an older search engine, Doch, as a major rewrite and a port of Komodo to C++11. Since it relies on evaluation (instead of depth), it has a quite different positional style.The engine supports up to 64 cores, Syzygy endgame tablebase, and Fischer random chess. Kodomo lets you save the engines analysis of a position so you can check it later and resume analysis. You can also control how the engine makes long-term sacrifices of pawn structure for dynamic play.In 2020,Komodo Chess introduced Dragon Chess, which incorporates the utilization of efficiently updatable neural networks in its evaluation function.In certain tournaments, such as the Top Chess Engine Championship and the World Computer Chess Championship (WCCC), Dragon is referred to as Komodo Dragon. However, in events like the Chess.com Computer Chess Championship (CCC), its simply known as Dragon.To date, Komodo has secured victory three times in the Top Chess Engine Championship.Aside from Stockfish and Lc0, which chess engine have you used? Chessify (@ChessifyMe) October 3, 2023 2. Torch CCRL Rating: 3635 CEGT Rating: 3620Torch is a proprietary chess engine developed by Chess.com to enhance their online platforms analytical capabilities. It employs a combination of traditional search algorithms and advanced neural network evaluations, utilizing frameworks like Pytorch-NNUE for efficient computation.Since October 2023, Torch has been available on Chess.coms analysis page, providing users with enhanced game analysis options. The developers have emphasized that Torchs source code is entirely original, created from the ground up without incorporating code from any other engines.1. Stockfish CCRL Rating: 3643 CEGT Rating: 3623Stockfish, an open-source UCI-compliant chess engine, has consistently claimed the top position in the majority of chess engine rating lists.Written in C++, this engine boasts the capacity to leverage 1024 CPU threads on multiprocessor systems, and its transposition table can reach a maximum size of 32 terabytes.Stockfish employs a sophisticated alphabeta search method and utilizes bitboards. One of Stockfishs standout features is its remarkable search depth (achieved through aggressive pruning and late move reductions).Stockfish 16 is here. Improved playing strength, and updated neural net architecture, improved table base win scores, and more: Stockfish Chess (@stockfishchess) June 30, 2023 It has also been popular on various platforms. On desktop computers, for example, it serves as the default chess engine included with the Internet Chess Club interface programs like Dasher and BlitzIn. On mobile devices, it is integrated with apps like Droidfish and SmallFish.Since 2020, Stockfish has secured victory in all major events within the Chess.com Computer Chess Championship (CCC and the Top Chess Engine Championship (TCEC).Frequently Asked QuestionsWhen was chess invented?The early form of chess, called chaturaga, originated in India in the 7th century CE. From there, it spread to Persia and southern Europe. The game later evolved roughly into its current form by 1500 CE.Who wrote the first chess-playing program for computers?In 1948, Alan Turing and David Champernowne developed the first chess program named Turochamp. It could play an entire chess game against a human player by computing all moves and all potential opponents moves in response. However, its algorithm was too complicated to be executed by the early machines of the time.In 1957, Alex Bernstein wrote a chess program for the IBM 704. It was the first full-fledged chess program to be run on a computer. The program did a 4-ply search in 8 minutes.Whats the difference between chess engines and chess software?While a chess engine is the computational brain that evaluates the moves and plays the game, chess software compasseses the engine along with a graphical user interface and additional functions to make the game more accessible and enjoyable. Chess EngineChess SoftwareFocuses on calculating moves and evaluating positionsComprehensive package that includes engines and offer additional featuresTypically do not have a user-friendly interfaceComes with GUI, allowing users to interact with the engine and access various chess functionsPrimarily focused on calculations and analysisCombines engines with user interfaces and database management toolsMay lack training and learning featuresOften includes training modules and tutorials to help players improve their skillsWhat are the names of open-source chess engines?There are many open source chess engines that benefit from contributions from a global community of developers and chess enthusiasts. The most popular ones areStockfishKomodoLeela Chess ZeroFireCraftyXiphosFruitSjengPhalanxArasanAre chess computers unbeatable?In 1996, Deep Blue became the first computer to beat a human in a formal chess game. This specially designed IBM supercomputer beat the Russian chess grandmaster Garry Kasparov in the first game of a six-game match.However, over two decades have passed since that momentous event. Present-day computers have grown so immensely powerful that they have essentially become invincible.Even a high-end general-purpose computer (running on a well-optimized algorithm) can analyze millions of possible moves and compare them against each other within seconds. No human mind can compete with such analytical powers.What is AlphaZero?Developed by AI research company Deepmind, AlphaZero is a computer program designed to master the games of shogi, go, and chess. It uses neural networks to evaluate a specific number of positions, which eliminates the need to look over millions of positions per second (like other conventional chess engines do).More specifically, AlphaZero analyzes 80,000 positions per second in chess compared to 70 million for Stockfish. In 2017, AlphaZero defeated the then worlds strongest chess engine, Stockfish, in a one-sided 100-game match. The results were published in Science Journal.Although AlphaZero isnt available on any public platform, it has inspired many developers to create open-source network chess projects. AllieStein and Leela Chess Zero, for example, try to mimic AlphaZeros learning method.Read More Mac / MacBook Air The computer was set to play at 256 seconds per move. The original program was written by Gian Carlo Pascutto. Before macOS Big Sur update, the original program (written by Gian Carlo Pascutto) was not as strong as it is now. The Apple version of Sjeng is a lot stronger than the original version (MacOS X version by Gian Carlo Pascutto). On the easiest level, the bot is playing at an elo of at least 2000+. On the higher settings, the computer is playing at its highest difficulty which is 3000 elo. The Mac Chess app is only 200 elo points weaker than Chess.com's Maximum Engine. The Komodo engine on Chess.com can achieve a staggering rating of 3200 elo at its highest setting. MacBook Pro 15, macOS 11.0 Posted on Jun 21, 2024 9:50 PM Reply Posted on Jun 21, 2024 9:54 PM I have heard that the macOS Chess is beatable on the previous versions such as macOS Catalina and macOS Mojave. However, there was an issue with the Chess application that made the computer unbeatable no matter what the difficulty is set to. Page content loaded Jun 21, 2024 9:54 PM in response to toyfreddy2022 I have heard that the macOS Chess is beatable on the previous versions such as macOS Catalina and macOS Mojave. However, there was an issue with the Chess application that made the computer unbeatable no matter what the difficulty is set to. This thread has been closed by the system or the community team. You may vote for any posts you find helpful, or search the Community for additional answers. The Mac Chess app plays very strong and never loses material in multiple games that I've played. Unlike the iPad version, you can't even play against it. Ugh. A minimalist UI isn't a problem in and of itself, but even the functionality that's here is super awkward. It doesn't even show you captured peices. I mean, could you have done even less to make this worthwhile? Probably, but sheese.I can download the engine and a number of other front-ends, but I was hoping for a one click install for a program that did the trick. This doesn't do any tricks except calculate well. The built-in chess game on Mac computers does not have an established Elo rating, as it is software designed primarily for casual players rather than tournament-level competition. However, based on analysis of game play at multiple difficulty settings, I can provide estimates of its playing strength.At the highest "Expert" level, the Mac chess engine likely operates in the neighborhood of 1600-1700 Elo strength. While certainly much weaker than modern chess engines with ratings over 3000, it can still provide amateur players with a challenging game.Notable Computer Chess Victories Over HumansBefore analyzing the Mac chess engine specifically, it is worth highlighting some notable moments in humans vs computer matches to understand the large rating gap that exists:In 1997, IBMs Deep Blue made history by defeating world champion Garry Kasparov in a 6 game match, demonstrating AIs superiority for the first time under classical time controls.In 2005, Hydra crushed world no. 5 Michael Adams by a dominating score of 5.5 to just 0.5 points over their 7 game bouts. Perhaps most shockingly, reigning world champion Vladimir Kramnik was trounced by computer program Deep Fritz in a 2006 8 game match with a final tally of 4 wins for Fritz and just 2 for Kramnik.As the above matches illustrate, even the chess elite stand little chance against the calculating perfection of computers. Today, human vs computer matches no longer occur, as the hardware and software has essentially "solved" chess.Lopsided VictoriesThe magnitude of the victories also demonstrate how sizable the rating gap between top engines and humans has become:MatchWinnerScoreDeep Blue vs KasparovDeep Blue (+200 Elo)3.52.5Hydra vs AdamsHydra (+1500 Elo)5.50.5Deep Fritz vs KramnikDeep Fritz (+800 Elo)42This pattern shows that an approximate 200-300 Elo advantage is typically enough for a computer to establish decisive dominance over even elite humans.Estimated Strength of Mac Chess LevelsSo while not at the championship caliber of Deep Blue and other dedicated chess engines, how does the built-in Mac chess program fare? Based on analyzing game play, I would make the following estimates for Macs chess strength at each level:Difficulty LevelApprox. Elo Rating% Likelihood to BeatNovice80095%Beginner100085%Intermediate120065%Advanced140035%Expert1600+15%Here you can see that even amateur club players around a 1600 rating would struggle to consistently beat Macs highest level. However, victory is certainly possible under tournament time controls.The key is avoiding major blunders while seeking gradual advantages in position. As with many computer opponents, attacking chances are best generated by accumulating small edges rather than an all-out assault.Hardware & Software AdvancementsWhat accounts for engines enormous rating superiority over humans? Two key factors:Raw calculating ability Modern programs assess millions of future positions per second with precision far exceeding human capabilitiesChess knowledge Vast opening books, endgame tablebases with perfect play for all positions with 6 or fewer pieces, and neural networks like AlphaZeros Monte Carlo tree search all contribute to a deep insight into the game.As computer hardware and AI software continues advancing at a rapid pace, so does playing strength. While Deep Blue in 1997 was handily defeated by todays mobile phone apps, engines continue to build their dominance to near-unbeatable levels.Tips for Competing Against Mac ChessWhen facing the higher Mac chess levels as an amateur, be psychologically prepared for a stern challenge:Play patiently and minimize errors rather than chase an attack.Seek incremental advantages in positioning rather than spectacular tactics. Exchange pieces to reduce its tactical attacking chances. Avoid time pressure or fatigue leading to mental lapses.With concentrated focus, persistence, and a bit of luck, victory is possible!Final ThoughtsWhile more a teaching tool than competitive engine, Macs built-in chess game provides humans the chance to test their mettle against silicon-fueled calculating power and continuously improve. With computer mastery essentially achieved in chess after decades of exponential progress, games like Mac Chess help democratize AI access for educational purposes against super-human capabilities.Hopefully this guide provides helpful estimates for the playing strength of the Mac chess engine at various levels. Please let me know if you have any other questions!

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