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FM Domingos Junior28260:05CM Jaime_Sonho0128690:05Puzzle of the dayBlack to playDonateBecome a Lichess PatronSwag StorePlay chess in style We often receive feedback from our SparkChess users and we value it greatly. Whether it's constructive criticism, suggestions, or just a bit of praise, it's our Northern Star pointing us in the right direction. Some bits end up as testimonials on the Download page, the rest become the source for new development ideas. More But one letter I received this week hit different. Not only an echo through time and space, but a powerful testament of how one creation, one game, can become a lifeline. I asked the sender to let us publish the email and she kindly agreed. More We tried to make the user interface clean and playing the game as intuitive as possible. Below you can see a short description of user interface, controls and their functions. Homepage Homepage is divided into the following parts: the chessboard - on the chessboard you can see randomly chosen live game the games offer list - on the right from the chessboard, there is the list of games which the players join or to which they can also publish their own game offer by using the button Create game control buttons PLAY NOW - after clicking this button, a game from the games offer list is randomly chosen. In case there is no game offer available, the system creates and publishes the game offer for the user. Invite a friend - this serves for inviting friends via e-mail or social networks. It is possible to choose between standard variant or chess 960 (Fischer random chess), whether the game will be timed and what the tempo will be, color of the pieces and whether the game will be rated or not (rated game influences the rating of the user. Please note, that rated games can be played only by registered users. After setting the parameters by clicking the button Create game a menu with unique link to the game will appear, and the first person to visit this link will play the game against you. Create game - once the game parameters are chosen (these are the same as in Invite a friend) the game offer will be published in games offer list and other users of the page will be able to accept the challenge by clicking the corresponding game offer. Play against computer - in case you do not want to play against human opponent, you have the option to play chess against computer. In addition to the settings described earlier (e.g. piece color, game clocks etc.) there is one more setting which allows you to choose from 8 predefined levels of AI strength (1 being the easiest, 8 the hardest). announcement area (or the event ticker) - above the control buttons, there is a stripe in which various information (e.g. challenges from other users, draw offers etc.) is displayed to the user. The chess game The page with the chess game itself is divided similarly: the chessboard with the game the block with game info (game clock, captured pieces, chat, scoresheet etc.) buttons with in-game commands Resign - by clicking this button you resign your game Draw - with this button you can offer your opponent a draw, accept a draw offer from your opponent or claim a draw (e.g. on threefold repetition rule) Cancel - the game can be cancelled if both players did not make their move yet Undo - here you can ask your opponent to take back your move More time - adds 10 seconds to your opponent's clock Hint - when playing against computer, you can ask for a hint announcement area (or the event ticker) - above the buttons with in-game commands, various information is displayed to the user (e.g. draw offer etc.). All important functions are free and do not require registration. Registration is free and brings advantages such as the possibility to earn rating points, to save the games in user's profile or advanced appearance settings. Play a friendly chess game online, or compete vs others, learn and improve your chess skills, FREE. Tournaments, teams, ladder, league, tactics, puzzles and more! 982 players online. Welcome to GameKnot, the premier online chess battlefield. You'll enjoy playing chess online - it's a promise! You choose how often to move, no need to finish your chess games in one sitting - check back whenever you have time to play online, today or tomorrow. Play several chess games online simultaneously, try different strategies and chess openings. No additional software to download, easy navigation, free registration, online chess at its best! Colin_McGourty CHESS.com Gserper Play against the computer or a friend. Highlights possible moves for each piece. games/images/garbochess.js,images/chessr2.js The Computer Player is GarboChess and is very skilled. Easy mode is a little bit hard, and hard is very hard indeed, with an ELO above 2500. To castle, move the king two spaces towards the castle like this. And you get this: Note: according to the rules of chess you are only allowed to castle if neither King nor Castle have moved, there is a clear path between, and no part of path (including King) is threatened. Copyright © 2025 Rod Pierce