

Chinese Chess Pro v1.0.1

Chinese Chess Pro Sr v1.0

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Chinese Chess Pro Color v1.0

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Chinese Chess Pro is a Chinese Chess program.

Contents of the **Chinese Chess Pro** package :

- **“Chinese Chess Pro”**, the chinese chess program, its window size fits all Macintosh screen.
- **“Chinese Chess Pro Sr”**, the same program as the **“Chinese Chess Pro”** except the window only fits PowerBook screen. It also support Color.
- **“Chinese Chess Pro Color”**, the same program as **“Chinese Chess Pro Sr”** except the icons are different. They are more like real chess pieces than the **“Chinese Chess Pro Sr”**
- **CChess.Book**, a file containing the openbook for the program. You can generate your own openbook file using the program. The program will run without this file, but the strength is much weaker.
- **“Introduction to Chinese Chess”**, a text file contains a very simple introduction to Chinese Chess.
- **“About Chinese Chess Pro”**, the file you are reading.

This version fixes one bug in Chinese Chess Pro v1.0 release. In the old release, you can checkmate the program in a few moves along some opening lines.

The program should be also a little bit stronger because of the above fix.

“Chinese Chess Pro Sr” is the first release.

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How to use Chinese Chess Pro:

This program supports balloon help. You can turn on the balloon help to find out how to use the program.

1. System requirement:

You need to have System 7.0 or above to run **Chinese Chess Pro**. To run **Chinese Chess Pro Sr** or **Chinese Chess Pro Color**, you need to use a Mac with a screen as large as a PowerBook screen.

This is the only requirement.

You also need to put the file 'CChess.book' in the same folder as the Chinese Chess Pro program. While you can run the program without the 'CChess.book' file, the strength will be much weaker.

To make the program to play a good game, you need to have a fast Mac. The faster the better. You will never have a Mac too fast to run this program.

2. To play a game with computer:

Launch the Chinese Chess program. Then select the 'Level' from menu 'Level'.

The default is 'Level 2'. The program plays stronger at higher levels.

When I play on a Quadra 700, I normally play 'Level 4' or 'Level 5'.

It takes a Quadra 700 about 1 min. to make a move at Level 5.

Then select the item 'Configure game' from 'Game' Menu.

First, you can select which side you play. Then you select which side the computer plays. You can also select 'Time Game' and select the time for the game.

Click 'OK' to enter your selection.

That is all you need to do. Now you can start to play the game.

To make a move, you just use Mouse to move the piece.

To take back moves: after you make a move, the computer starts to calculate its move.

After it makes its move, you can use the slider at the left hand side of the board to slide the slider upward. The game will move back as the slider goes up. When the game moves to the position you like, release the slider. Then make your move. If it is computer's turn, it will start to calculate right away.

You can also click the 'Arrow' at both ends of the slider to move it one move at a time.

3. To draw or resign:

when it is your turn to make a move, click the button 'Draw' or 'Resign'.

4. To save the game:

use the 'Save' or 'Save as' in the 'File' menu just like you

would with other applications.

5. To start a new game:

You can select 'New' from the 'File' menu. Or simply move the slider to the top.

6. To print the board:

Select the 'Print' from 'File' menu.

7. To save the board image:

Select 'Save Board Image' from 'File' menu. The saved file is a PICT file.

8. To play with other people over a AppleTalk network:

First, you need to setup a network, then select 'Two Player game' from 'Game' menu.

Now go to the zone that has another Chinese Chess Pro program running. Select that program and you are starting to play the program.

9. To chat with your opponent when playing over a network:

When you play the program over the network, you can chat in the chat window on the right hand side of the board. You just type in your message. Then click the 'Send' button to send the message over.

10. To send your voice to your opponent when playing over a network:

If your Mac supports voice input, you can send your voice to your opponent over the network.

To send a voice, click the 'Record' button under the Chat window.

Then record your voice using a Microphone. When it is done, hit the 'Send Sound' button to send the voice out.

11. To play with other people over a phone line:

If you have a modem and would like to play the program with your friend over a phone line, you can run the AppleTalk Remote Access (ARA) software from Apple first.

Then you can play the program like you would over an AppleTalk network. However, you may have problem to send your voice over the phone line.

12. To add extra opening lines to the open book:

First, you play a game from the start. Then select 'Append Old Book' from 'Open Book' menu, find the file 'CChess.book' file and select it. The program will automatically save the game into the open book file. For now, only the first 10 moves from each side are saved.

13. To generate a new open book:

Play a game from the start. Then select 'Gen New Book' from 'Open Book' menu.

Give the new book file a name. The program will automatically save the game into the file. The difference between this and 11 is the program will wipeout everything already in the file.

To use the file, rename it to CChess.book and put it into the same folder as the chess program.

14. Use the arrow keys to move a game back and forth:

Press the option key first, then you can use the arrow keys to move a game back and

forth.

Known bug list:

1. If you let computer play both sides and click the 'Draw' button to stop the program, the button may become blank. You need to click one more time in this situation. This is the only known bug that I am aware of.

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