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### **Amateur,**

a free chess engine by [Will Singleton](#) written in [C](#). Amateur's primary platform was the [Macintosh](#), it was early used as engine for the [Fixation](#) internet chess interface. In July 2002 Version 2.0 was released compatible with the [Chess Engine Communication Protocol](#). Amateur's version history <sup>[1]</sup> indicates the use of [null move pruning](#) in conjunction with [multi-cut](#). Amateur played multiple [online tournaments](#) such as the [CCT Tournaments](#) at [FICS](#) and [ICC](#).

## History

Amateur is a development of a program already written in 1977 in [6502 assembly](#), then expanded in 1986 on the [68000](#) <sup>[2]</sup>:

My current program is a development of a program I wrote in 1977 in 6502 assembly, and then expanded in 1986 on the 68000. I converted it to [C](#) last year, and then over time put in all I learned from [this newsgroup](#) and a full set of [ICCA journals](#). It's been a slow, incremental process, but at this point, right now, I can say that it's an honest program, and I know what's in it and how it works.

In 2002 Will released a [WinBoard](#) version, also mentioning starting from scratch again <sup>[3]</sup>.

I released it to kind of memorialize all the work that went into it, and I certainly have learned a lot. But I can't improve it much more, given the limitations of its "design." So the next version will be a new project, from scratch. The goal is to have a good, extensible design, using whatever knowledge I've gained along the way.

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- [Under 2600 Club](#) by [Will Singleton](#), [CCC](#), December 07, 1998
- [amateur experiment](#) by [Will Singleton](#), [CCC](#), March 26, 2000
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- [Amateur](#) from [WBEC Ridderkerk](#)
- [Fixation: Amateur Chess Engine](#)
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1. <sup>^</sup> [Amateur](#) from [WBEC Ridderkerk](#)
2. <sup>^</sup> [Re: Bionic Vs Crafty Debate: some data required](#) by [Will Singleton](#), [CCC](#), January 25, 1999
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