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Butcher's [Tacuinum Sanitatis](#)  
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**Butcher** (Rzeźnik in Polish <sup>[1]</sup>) a [Chess Engine Communication Protocol](#) compliant chess program written by [Marek Kołacz](#) in [C](#), released in September 2001 <sup>[2]</sup>. Executables are available for [MS-DOS](#), [Windows](#) and [Linux](#). Since version 1.60, Butcher is able to perform a [parallel search](#) under [Windows](#) using [processes](#) and a [shared hash table](#). A master process spawns worker processes, which run independently without any supervision. The Master process prepares all the structures necessary to split the node and continues the search. Worker processes simply use existing "split nodes" to start their search and report the results. The master process is responsible to kill the workers upon exit <sup>[3]</sup>.

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## Tournament Play

Rzeźnik aka Butcher played all [Polish Computer Chess Championships](#), and won its first edition, the [PCCC 2002](#), and the open category of the [PCCC 2004](#) and [PCCC 2006](#) <sup>[5]</sup>, and otherwise was always a top scorer, at the [PCCC 2012](#) best Polish program. Butcher further played multiple [CCT Tournaments](#), and had its tournament debut at the [CCT3](#) in May 2001.

## Publications

- [Maciej Szmit](#) (2006). *The 5th Polish Computer-Chess Championship: The Second Comeback of Butcher*. [ICGA Journal](#), Vol. 29, No. 4 » [PCCC 2006](#)

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- [Butcher \(disambiguation\)](#) from Wikipedia
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## References

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2. <sup>^</sup> [New Butcher](#) by [Grzegorz Sidorowicz](#), [CCC](#), September 24, 2001
3. <sup>^</sup> [Butcher's Homepage](#)
4. <sup>^</sup> This picture is showing a 14th century butcher doing his trade in a traditional manner, unknown master, [Butcher](#) from [Wikipedia](#)
5. <sup>^</sup> [Maciej Szmit](#) (2006). *The 5th Polish Computer-Chess Championship: The Second Comeback of Butcher*. [ICGA Journal](#), Vol. 29, No. 4

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