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Insomniac,

a chess program written by [James Robertson](#) in [C++](#). He liked the name Insomniac because it implies someone who is tireless, but also somebody who is a little bit crazy ^[1]. Insomniac used various [fractional extensions](#) over the time like [one-reply-to-check extensions](#), and [extends](#) half a ply whenever there is a check in the tree ^[2]. Concerning [mate extensions](#) after [null move](#), there were early issues with scores rarely in the mate range ^[3], presumably due to [failing-hard](#). Insomniac had it tournament debut at the [DOCCC 1999](#), and further played the [WMCCC 2000](#) in [London](#), the [WCCC 2002](#) in [Maastricht](#), [ICT 2001](#), [ICT 2002](#), [DOCCC 2002](#) and the first four [CCT Tournaments](#). The Insomniac team was completed by [book author Josef Zwinger](#).

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