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Johan de Koning,

a Dutch professional computer chess and games programmer. Born in 1964, Johan de Koning started computer chess programming in the 80s. In 1987 Johan's chess program [The King](#), completely written in [C](#), had its debut at the [Dutch Open Computer Chess Championship](#) and finished shared fourth. After accepting an offer from [TASC](#), Johan de Koning became professional computer chess programmer. He ported his program to an [ARM2 RISC-processor](#), which was sold as [ChessMachine](#) bundle with [Ed Schröder's](#) 1992 world champion program, including a plugin-card for [PCs](#). Chessmachine the King was famous for its tactical and entertaining playing style, and was further adopted for various [dedicated chess computers](#), most notably [TASC R30](#), [TASC R40](#), [Saitek RISC 2500](#) and [Mephisto Montreux](#). Johan's greatest commercial success was entering the [PC](#) and [Windows](#) mass market, when in 1993 The King became the chess engine of [Chessmaster 4000](#) ^[11] ^[12], which remains the best-selling chess franchise in history ^[13] ^[14].

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