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Joker playing card ^[2]

The French program **Joker** was a variation of the [Écume](#) chess engine by [Marc-François Baudot](#) and [Jean-Christophe Weill](#). The idea behind it was "Entropic extension", if the position was not stable enough, an [extension](#) of the search was made (the stability was considered as a function of the last move). The idea came from [Vincent David's](#) Ph.D. thesis ^[1].

Joker won the [2nd French Computer Chess Championship](#). Écume hold the second place. Joker did show some impressive play, but the idea was abandoned, the search was too slow (Even if it was coded in [assembly language](#)).

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2. [^] [Joker playing card](#) in [SVG](#) based on the french representation. This card has been made with [GNOME games](#) in mind and has been successfully tested with Nautilus, [Eye of Gnome](#) (both of them use [librsvg](#)) and [Inkscape](#). Author: [David Bellot](#) - [Berkeley, CA](#), USA, August 12, 2005, [Joker - Wikimedia Commons](#)

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