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La Dame Blanche, a [WinBoard](#) compliant chess engine written by [Marc-Philippe Huget](#) in [C](#) ^[1]. La Dame Blanche played two [French Computer Chess Championships](#), the [FCCC 1997](#) and [FCCC 1998](#), and was first released in January 1999 ^[2]. La Dame Blanche applies [Alpha-Beta](#) with [killer heuristic](#), and uses [rotated bitboards](#) to determine [sliding piece attacks](#).

Marc-Philippe dedicated his program to [Alan Turing](#) and [Mikhail Botvinnik](#), who inspired him to write a chess program, and further used [GNU Chess](#) and [EXchess](#) for his first ideas ^[3]. Along with La Dame Blanche, Marc-Philippe realized a [Book Builder](#) as open source program, to convert a [PGN file](#) into an [opening book](#) ^[4].

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