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Barony of [Breda](#), the home of The Baron ^[3]

The Baron,

a [Chess Engine Communication Protocol](#) compatible chess engine developed by [Richard Pijl](#) started in August 2001. Richard's intention was to make a [knowledge](#) based engine rather than a fast searcher, with main focus on [endgame](#) knowledge. The Baron's [search](#) started out to be pretty much [brute force](#), except for [null-move pruning](#), but more recently ^[1] more extensive use of [futility pruning](#) and [late move reductions](#) have been implemented. The Baron further applies position [learning](#) and has its own type of [endgame bitbases](#) ^[2].

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[Richard Pijl](#) operating The Baron versus [Peter Svidler](#), Chess Classic Mainz 2005 ^[4] ^[5]

Tournaments

So far, The Baron participated at six [World Computer Chess Championships](#), the [WCCC 2005](#), [WCCC 2007](#), [WCCC 2008](#), [WCCC 2009](#), [WCCC 2011](#), and the [WCCC 2015](#), and various over the board and online tournaments, such as the [Dutch Open Computer Chess Championship](#), [International CSVN Tournament](#), [International Paderborn Computer Chess Championship](#), [CCT Tournaments](#), and the [The Chess Programmers Tournament](#) organized by [Richard Pijl](#) himself. [Opening book authors](#) were [Carlos Pesce](#) ^[6], [Arturo Ochoa](#) ^[7] ^[8], and [Sebastian Böhme](#) ^[9]. In May 2014, The Baron won the [PT 46](#), in June 2015, the [PT 48](#), and in November 2017 the [PT 52](#). At the [IGT 2016](#) in [Rome](#), The Baron came in third behind winner [Chiron](#) and [Booot](#).

Chess960

A version of The Baron able to play [Chess960](#) competed at [Livingston Chess960 Computer World Championship](#), the [Chess960CWC 2005](#) and [Chess960CWC 2006](#).

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