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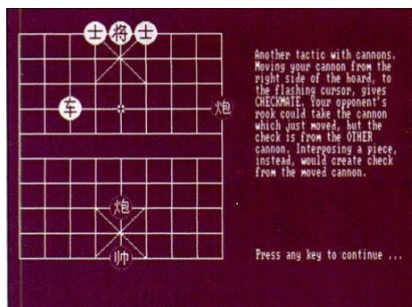
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Xian,

an early [Chinese Chess](#) program by [Nick Jacobs](#) which was commercially available in 1988 for the [IBM PC](#) running under [DOS](#), later also ported to [Windows](#) ^[1]. Xian played the [1st Computer Olympiad, London 1989](#) ^[2]. Xian guarantees never to make an illegal repetitive move, but still lacks the knowledge to handle cases when a repetition would be legal - and in some cases it allows the opponent to make an illegal repetitive move ^[3].

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Xian's DOS Screen with on-line tutorial ^[4]

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