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ZX Chess II, Cover ^[4]

ZX Chess, (ZXChess, ZX81 Chess, Timex 1000 Chess) a family of chess programs for the [Sinclair ZX81](#) developed by [Artic Computing](#) and distributed by Artic and other vendors since 1981. Opposed to the 1982 stable mate [1K ZX Chess](#) by [David Horne](#), which takes less than one [KiB](#) or [memory](#), ZX Chess requires the 16 KiB expansion. There is no author mentioned on the booklet, but according to an interview with Artic's co-founder Richard Turner, published in [Your Computer](#), May 1982 ^[1], his fellow, co-founder and Artic's director [Chris Thornton](#), already programmed in machine language. The development took about one year, and ZX Chess was Artic's initial top seller. Chris Thornton, who was credited as author of [Spectrum Chess](#) and [Turbo Chess](#) ^[2] for the [ZX Spectrum](#), was presumably also involved in the development of ZX Chess. [The Spacious Mind](#) mentions [Anthony Adam](#) as author of ZX Chess II ^[3].

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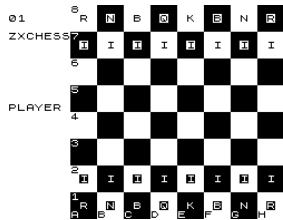
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