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1 Chess Game UI Configuration Manual

1.1 Prerequisites

- Node.js (version 16.0 or higher)
- npm (comes with Node.js)
- Windows PowerShell or Command Prompt

2 Step-by-Step Installation Guide

2.1 Step 1: Extract and Navigate to Project

bash

After extracting the zip file, navigate to the chess application directory
cd chess_app_modified

2.2 Step 2: Install Dependencies

bash

Install all required packages and dependencies

npm install

This will install React, Vite, chess libraries, and all UI components automatically

2.3 Step 3: Start the Backend Server

bash

Open a new terminal window and start the Express server

node src/actions/server.cjs

Keep this terminal running - the server handles AI model communication and game logging

2.4 Step 4: Launch the Frontend Application

bash

In a separate terminal window, start the React development server

npm run dev

This starts the Vite development server with hot reload capability

2.5 Step 5: Access the Game Interface

- Open your web browser
- Navigate to: <http://localhost:5173>
- The Chess AI Arena interface will load automatically

2.6 Step 6: Verify Complete Setup

- Backend server runs on port 5000
- Frontend application runs on port 5173
- Test the connection by playing a move - the game log should update
- AI models (OpenAI O1, DeepSeek R1) are accessible through the interface

2.7 Important Notes

- Keep both terminal windows open while using the application

- The backend server must be running before starting games with AI opponents
- Game logs are automatically saved to src/actions/gameLog.txt
- The application supports real-time chess gameplay with AI analysis and move validation

2.8 Troubleshooting

- If port 5173 is busy, Vite will automatically suggest an alternative port
- Ensure Node.js version compatibility by running node --version
- Check that all dependencies installed correctly with npm list

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