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Kombilo is a go database program. Its main purpose is to search for games in which a given pattern or position occurs. You can also search for other criteria (like time period, players, events).

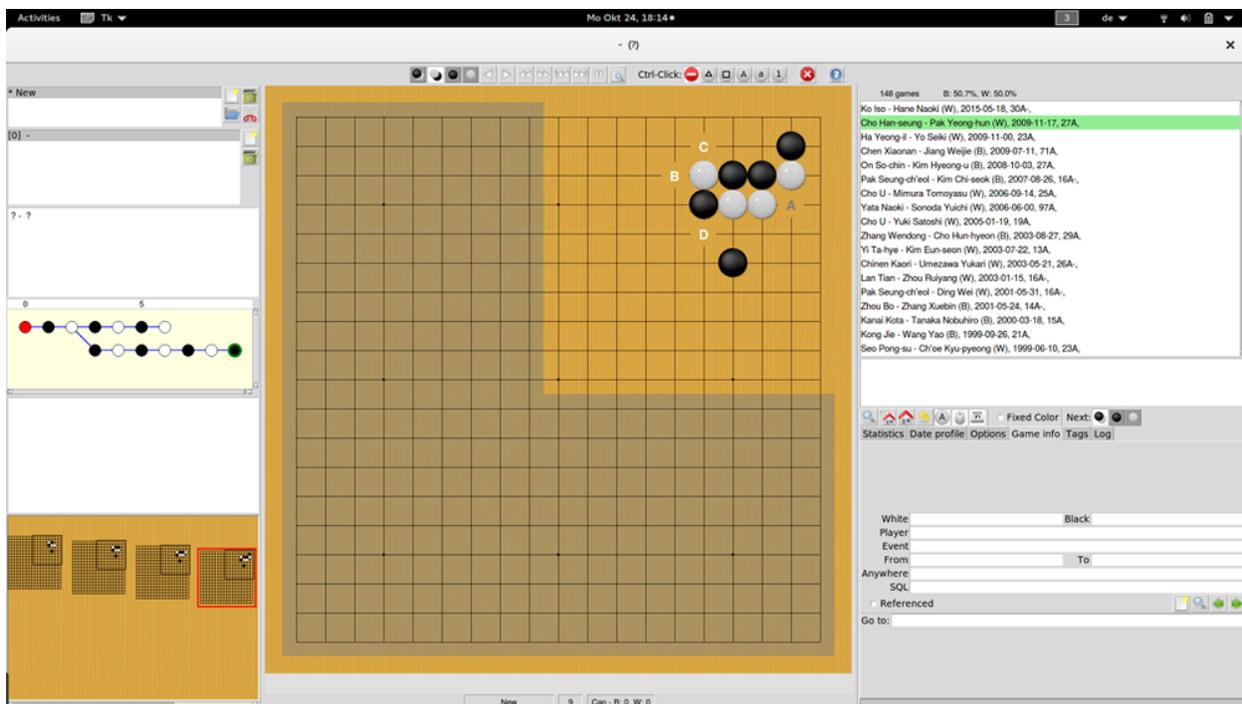
The name 'Kombilo' is the Esperanto word for comb. It allows you to 'go through the game records with a fine-toothed comb'. Pronunciation: 'i' as 'ee' in see, and the stress is on the 'i'.

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INTRODUCTION

Kombilo is a go database program. Its particular strength is searching for move patterns in a collection of SGF files (like searching for all games where a particular opening or a particular joseki is played). You can also search for other properties of the game (like players, events, date, ...).



1.1 Features

- You can search for full board patterns, or for patterns occurring in a corner, on the side or anywhere on the board. All patterns given by symmetries of the board are found as well, and also - unless you disable it - the pattern obtained by exchanging black and white.
- Kombilo comes with a complete SGF editor: so you can add variations of your own, comment the game, add labels etc. The SGF editor can also handle collections, i.e. SGF files containing several games. The tree structure of the current game is shown in a separate window. You can rotate/mirror SGF files.
- Kombilo has built in list of references to commentaries of games in the English go literature. (NB: Kombilo does not come with the game records, but recognizes the games by the Dyer signature.) Those games in your database which Kombilo finds in its list are marked in the game list, and in the game info a reference to the journal/book

which has the commentary is given. Currently the list contains almost 2000 references, and includes references to the game commentaries in all issues of Go World, and in most English go books with game comentaries.

- You can search for pieces of the *game information*, i.e. for player names, events, date, etc., and you can issue complex queries by directly accessing the underlying SQL database.
- After any combination of searches, you can quickly have a *date profile* of the current list of games displayed.
- You can refine pattern searches in many ways: by fixing who should move next in the search pattern, by allowing or disabling search for the pattern with black/white exchanged, by requiring that the pattern should occur before some specified point in the game (before move 50, say), by searching for move sequences, etc. By default, Kombilo also searches in variations. The pattern search has been “parallelized” and hence can use several processor cores. Depending on your hardware, this results in a significant speed-up in comparison to older Kombilo versions.
- In addition to the graphical user interface, there is an interface for using the underlying functionality of Kombilo within Python scripts, or as a C++ library.
- Kombilo is free, and is open source. Your *contributions* are welcome. Feel free to freely distribute it, and feel free to clone or fork the [project on GitHub](#). I will be glad to consider patches you send me for inclusion into the Kombilo code.
- Kombilo has been developed with tools that are available on all major operating systems (at least Linux, Windows, Mac OS X). It is developed (and tested) only on Linux. There is a Windows installer, and it is known to work on Mac OS. Feedback about glitches on Windows and Mac OS are particularly welcome.
- If you think some feature is missing, or if you found a bug, please send me an email (or open an issue on GitHub).

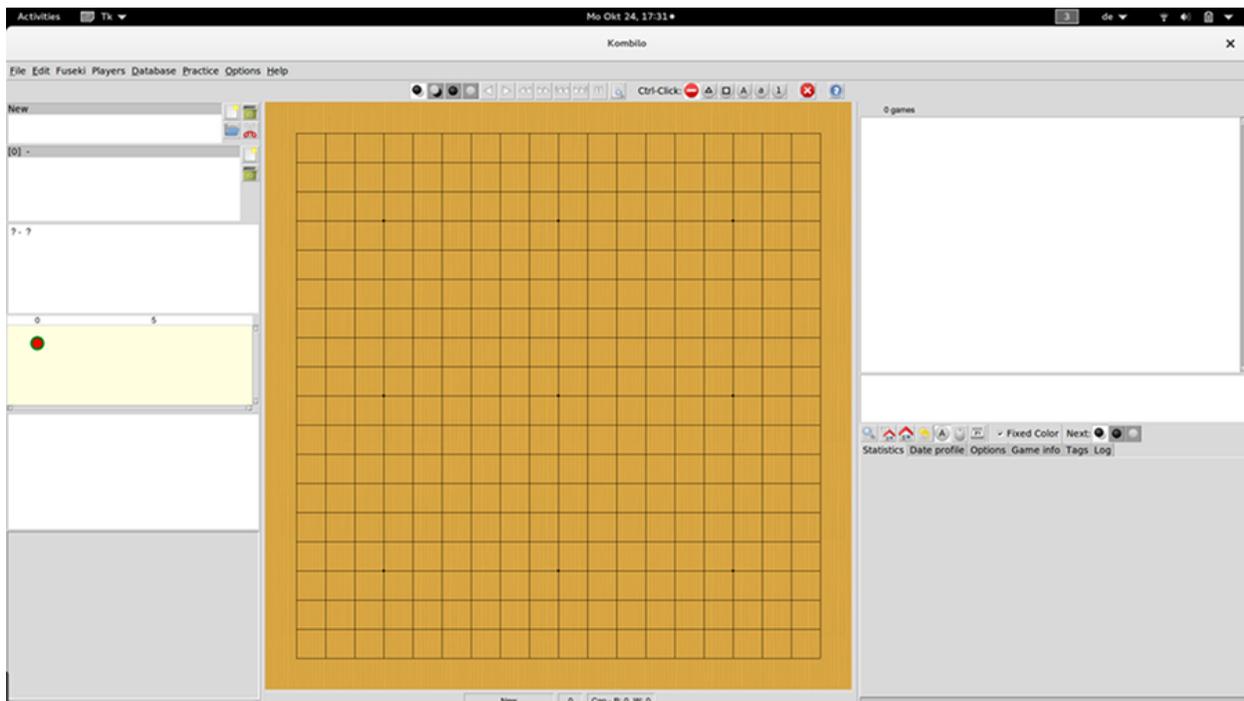
TUTORIAL: GETTING STARTED WITH KOMBILO

This document give you a step-by-step tutorial to setting up Kombilo and to getting started with the program.

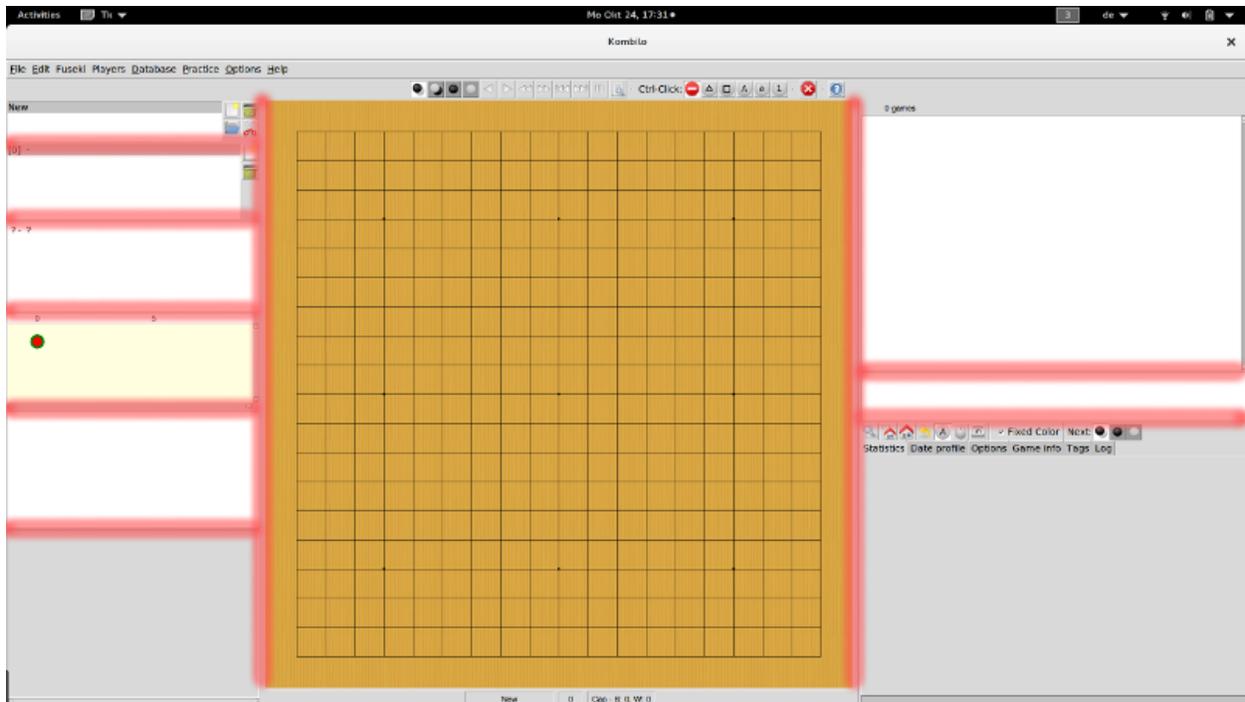
2.1 Getting started

First you need to *install* the program. For Windows, there is an installer which will set up everything for you. For other operating systems, or if there are problems, look at the pertaining instructions: [Linux](#), [Windows](#), [Mac OS X](#).

When you start Kombilo, the **main window** will open, with a go board in the middle, some widgets which belong to the SGF editor on the left, and the game list on the right.



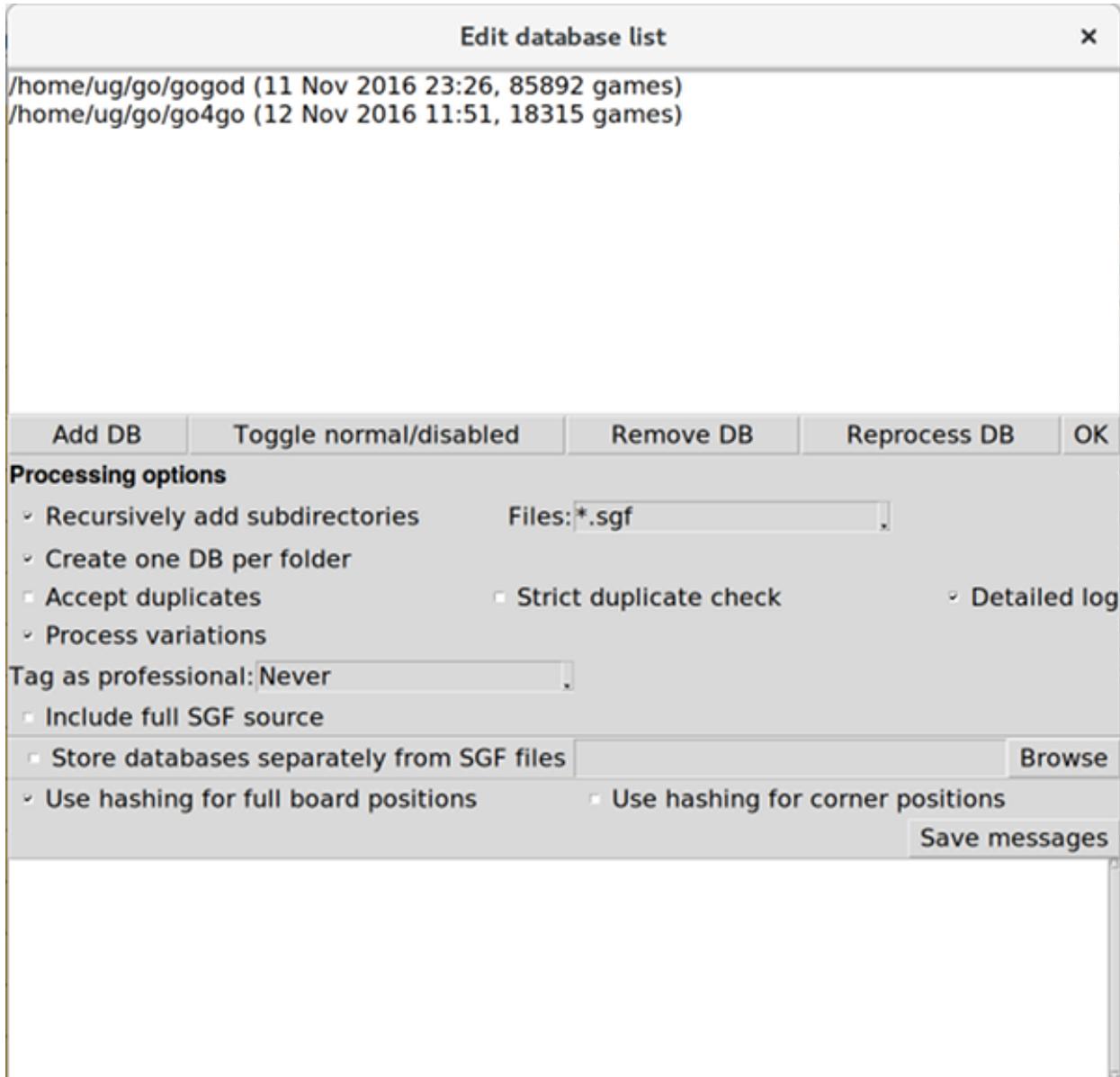
You can change the sizes of the columns by dragging the *sashes* (marked in red in the screenshot below) between them, and similarly for the horizontal panes in the left hand column.



The first thing you have to do now is to add SGF files to the database list; choose the *Edit DB list* command in the Database menu.

A *database* is a collection of SGF files; the default is to create one database per folder of SGF files. Kombilo does not come with any games. You can either download a game collection (*Where to find game records*) from the internet, or buy a commercial one. The [GoGoD encyclopedia](#) comes with more than 85.000 at the time of writing, and is highly recommended. There are also several free collections around.

See also the section about *Requirements on SGF files* in order to understand which kind of SGF files the program can handle.



Check (and change, if necessary) the options - mainly whether all subdirectories should also be added, and then use the `Add DB` button to select a directory of SGF files. You can add several directories one after the other. From a performance point of view, it is best not to have too many databases, but rather to group your SGF files into few databases. Having a database of 50,000 games should not be a problem. For much larger databases, you need sufficient memory on your machine. Processing a database of 100,000 might require up to 1.5 gigabytes of RAM for Kombilo. If you uncheck the hash algorithms, the memory usage during processing (and search performance ...) go down considerably.

When you add a directory for the first time, the SGF files will be ‘translated’ into a format that makes the search more efficient. This processing takes quite some time; if you have thousands of games, it will take a couple of minutes even on a very fast machine. But this has only to be done once. The data will be written to several `.db` files in the same directory.

The `sgf` files remain in the directory, and Kombilo will not change them (unless you change the game info or edit the games yourself, of course). After the processing, the pattern search function actually does not use them anymore, but they are needed if you want to play through games with the SGF viewer.

After having added one or more databases, close the `Edit DB list` window using the `OK` button.

Warning: Character encodings

Currently, this version of Kombilo works well only with **UTF-8** encoded files. Most SGF files produced in the western world are pure ASCII (which is a subset of UTF-8, and in particular can be handled by Kombilo), but many SGF files with asian characters are encoded using different character encodings and hence cannot be fed into Kombilo right away. This issue is not totally easy to resolve since the encoding is often not specified in the files. See *Encodings*.

Warning: Collections in very many folders

If you have a collection in very many (like hundreds or more) of folders with relatively few games each, you should switch off the *Create one DB per folder* option.

See *Setting up the SGF databases* for further details.

2.2 Searching for patterns

Now the game list should contain some files, and you can start the first search. Place stones on the board by clicking. Ctrl-click to remove stones, and Shift-click to place *wildcards*.

With the right mouse key (click and drag) you can select the search-relevant region; the rest of the board will be grayed out.

Everything outside that region is ignored: on the one hand it does not matter if there are additional stones on the main board, on the other hand all games will be found which feature the given pattern in the relevant region, no matter what else is on the board. Of course, mirroring and rotating the board is automatically taken into account.



Switch between placing black and white stones alternatingly, or stones of one color only by using the leftmost buttons in the toolbar on top.

When no region is selected, the whole board is relevant.

After defining the pattern and the relevant region, just click the search button (the looking glass in the row of buttons directly below the game list), or press `Control-p` (*p* attern search). In order to go back to the complete game list, use the “reset game list” button - the leftmost button below the game list, or press `Control-r`.

If you click on a game in the game list, the game info (players, result, komi, event, date etc.) is displayed below the game list.

320 games		B: 47.8%, W: 52.2%
1997-03-27f:	Yu Ch'ang-hyeok - Cho Hun-hyeon (B), 1997-03-27, 5A,	Pattern occurs at move 5, next move is at A.
1997-03-20b:	Paek Tae-hyeon - Yi Yeong-sin (W), 1997-03-20, 5A,	
1997-03-19a:	Yoda Norimoto - Kato Masao (W), 1997-03-19, 5A,	
1997-03-16p:	Liu Jing - Wu Zhaoyi (B), 1997-03-16, 5B,	Reference to game commentary is available.
1997-03-06d:	Komatsu Hideki - Kataoka Satoshi (B), 1997-03-06, 5A,	
1997-03-03b:	Yi Ch'ang-ho - Cho Hun-hyeon (W), 1997-03-03, 5A,	
1997-03-01c:	Yo Kagen - Nishida Terumi (W), 1997-03-01, 5H,	"Seen" (has been opened in the SGF viewer).
1997-02-27a:	Hashimoto Shoji - Kato Masao (B), 1997-02-27, 5A,	
1997-02-24a:	Otake Hideo - Kato Masao (B), 1997-02-24, 5G,	
1997-02-24c:	To Eun-kyo - Kim Hye-min (W), 1997-02-24, 5A,	
1997-02-03:	Yi Ch'ang-ho - Cho Hun-hyeon (B), 1997-02-03, 5A,	Currently selected game.
1997-01-23a:	Rin Kaiho - Kato Masao (B), 1997-01-23, 5A,	
1997-01-20a:	Chang Hoo - Wu Zhaoyi (W), 1997-01-20, 5A,	

By double-clicking on a game in the game list, you load the game to the SGF editor and you can look at that game. You can also start the viewer by selecting a game (by a single click) and pressing enter. If you prefer to open the game in a new window, use Shift-Click instead of double-clicking; cf. the *corresponding option*.

If you prefer, you can use your customary SGF editor instead of the SGF viewer coming with Kombilo; use the 'Alternative SGF viewer' command in the Options menu.

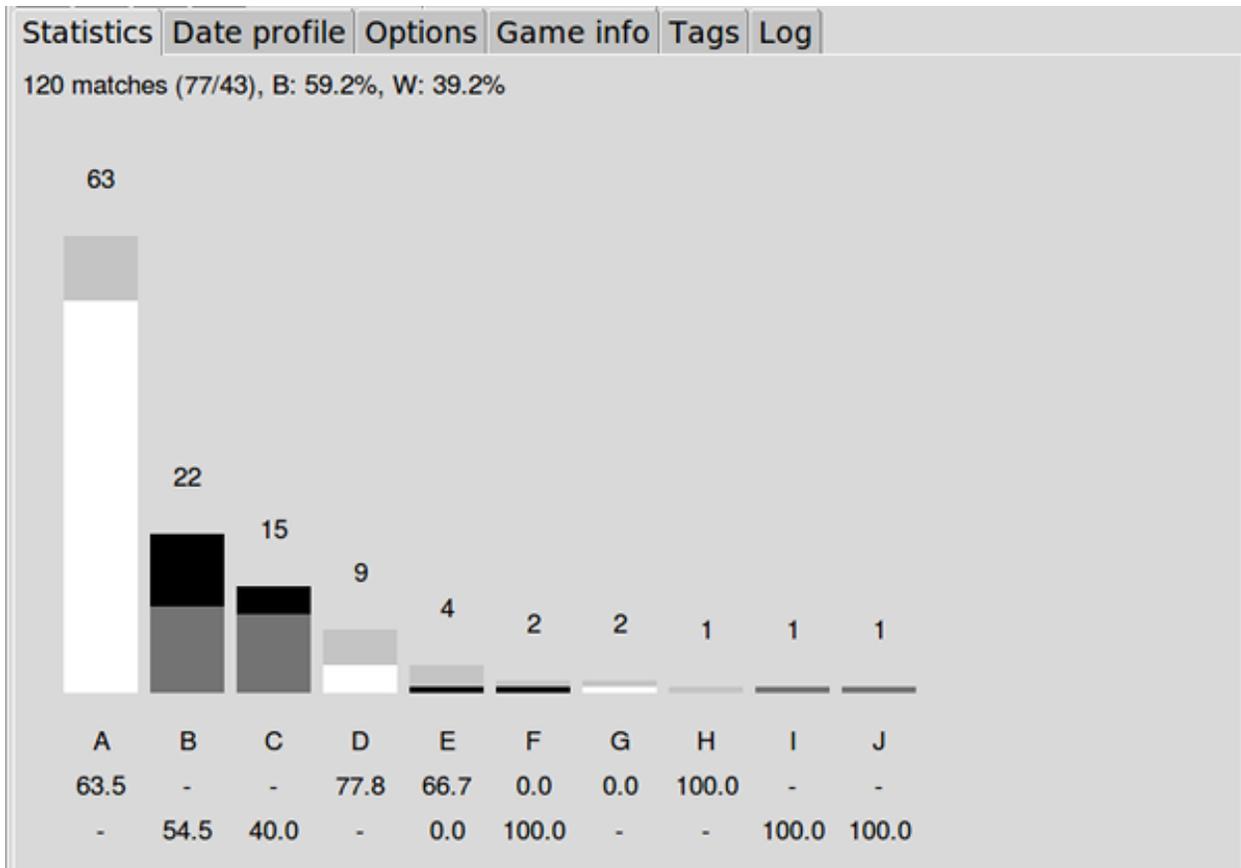
By clicking on a game with the right mouse key, a window will pop up where the complete game info is displayed, and can be edited. **Note:** By pressing OK in this window, the game info is written to the original SGF file.

In the *Statistics* tab in the lower portion of the right hand column, some statistics will be shown about the continuations in the given position.

In the first line you find the number of hits (which, obviously, can be bigger than the number of games in the list); after this number, in parentheses, is the number of matches with colors as on the board respectively reversed colors. Finally, you get the B/W winning percentages corresponding to the hits (i.e. a game where the pattern occurs several times, is counted that often).

Below some information on the continuations in the search position is given. For the ten most frequent continuations, you get

- the number of hits in which this continuation is played
- graphically, it is shown, how often white played at this point after a tenuki (light gray), how often white played there directly after the pattern was finished (white), how often black played there directly after the pattern was finished (black), and finally how often black played after tenuki at the given point.
- finally, below the letter labelling the corresponding point on the board (use the button with the labeled white stone to display the labels on the board), you get the black winning percentage for white playing at this point, and then the black winning percentage for black playing there. (Because there is not enough space, the winning percentage for white is not given, but of course (neglecting jigos etc.) it will be *100% - black winning percentage*.)



The labels are ordered by the number of occurrences of the corresponding continuation. (Unless there were already labels present in the search pattern: in that case Kombilo will use those labels to refer to the same intersections, and thus will not sort by frequency.) The sort criterion can be changed in the Options tab.

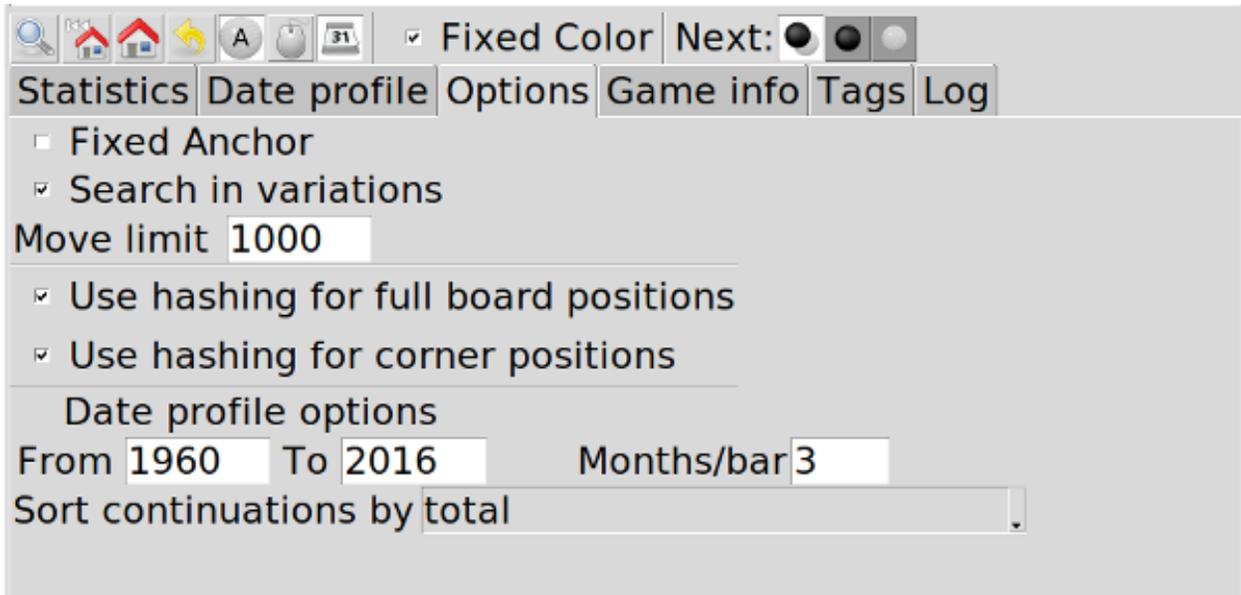
The color of the label indicates whether black or white (or both, depending on the game, in case of the gray labels) played on this point. If you have a sufficient number of games in your databases, this lets you create fuseki and joseki dictionaries very easily: See *SGF tree search*.

Clicking the calendar sheet button on the right of the toolbar below the game list switches the statistics view to a time line view, showing in which time period the different continuations were played.

After a search, you can clear the board with the *start* button above the board. You can reset the game list (such that it contains all the games again) with the *reset game list* button in the toolbar below the game list, or by pressing `Control-r`. You can do both simultaneously using the *reset board and gamelist* button right next to the looking glass below the game list. In the file menu, you can also choose to do a “complete reset” - that will reset Kombilo to the state right after it started up.

2.3 Pattern search options

There are several buttons to customize the search in the game list window:



Usually the pattern obtained by reversing the colors is searched for too, but you can disable that with the ‘fixed color’ option.

As a default, Kombilo uses the ‘smart fixed color’ option, which automatically enables ‘fixed color’ for whole board searches, and disables it for all other searches. You can change that in the *Options in the Options menu*.

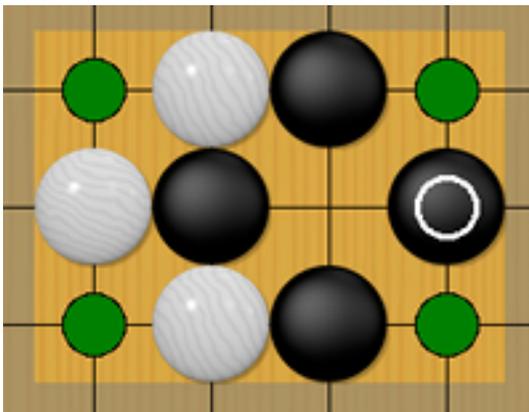
Furthermore, for a pattern on the edge or in the middle of the board, the program also looks for *translations* (in the mathematical sense, i.e., for occurrences of the same pattern at another place along the edge or on the board); this can be disabled by the *fixed anchor* option.

With the *black/white*, *black* and *white* buttons in the line below you can limit the search to patterns where black plays next or white plays next. This is sometimes useful, in particular for joseki searches with very few stones on the board. The default is to allow either a black or a white continuation (or no continuation at all).

Finally, you can impose a move limit, such that only games are found where the pattern occurs before the given limit.

You can also add wildcards to the search pattern, by shift-clicking on some point. These will be marked by small green circles, and mean that in the search these points may be either empty or contain a stone of either color.

For example, the following pattern finds all kos (that are not on the edge):



Shift-clicking again, the green circle will turn black (and, on the next shift-click, white), meaning that positions are found where this position is either empty or has a black stone (or, is empty or white, respectively).

2.4 Game Info search

If you are looking for games by a particular player, from a particular event or from a certain time period, you can use the game info search.

Statistics	Date profile	Options	Game info	Tags	Log
White				Black	
Player	Yi Se-tol				
Event	Mlily match				
From		To			
Anywhere					
SQL					
<input type="checkbox"/> Referenced					   
Go to:					

The games have to match all the requirements (Black Player, Event, ...) simultaneously. The corresponding string has to occur at the beginning of the data, but you can use the percent sign % as a wildcard, i.e. if you enter '% Chikun' as player, games where Cho Chikun played will be found.

The 'Anywhere' entry is simply a text search in the SGF file. This allows you to search for the result (use 'RE[W]' or 'RE[B]'), for games which have a game comment (use 'GC[']', etc.

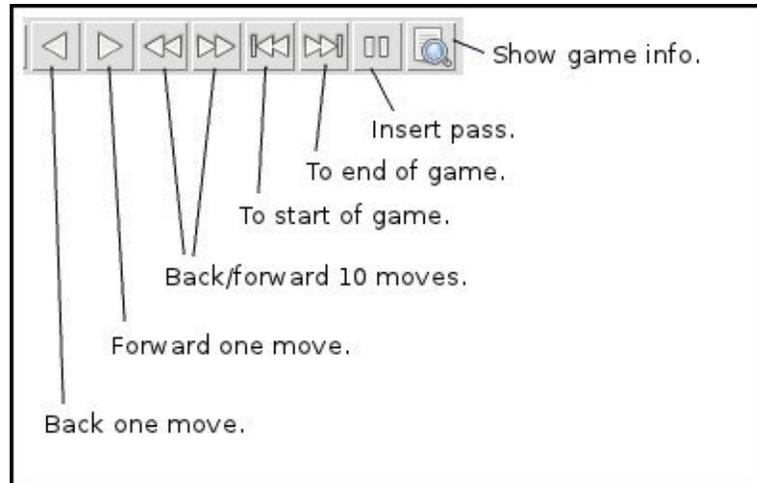
2.5 The SGF editor

You place stones by clicking (with the left mouse key) on an intersection. The four left-most buttons above the board control if you play black/white (resp. white/black) stones alternatingly, or if you place black (resp. white) stones, in order to set up a position.

In order to delete stones or to place labels, you have to select the appropriate tool among the 'edit tools' in the data window. Then you can perform the corresponding operation by holding down the Control key and clicking on an intersection.

With Shift + right-click you can go to the node where some move was/will be played.

Kombilo's main board has two more features which are related to the pattern search: You can place wildcards on the board (resp. delete them) by shift+click, and you can select the relevant area for the pattern search by clicking the right mouse key, and dragging.



The navigation keys above the board let you move around in the current game record: one move back, one move forward, 10 moves back, 10 moves forward, to the beginning resp. to the end of the current game. All these can also be done by using keys: left, right, up, down, home, end.

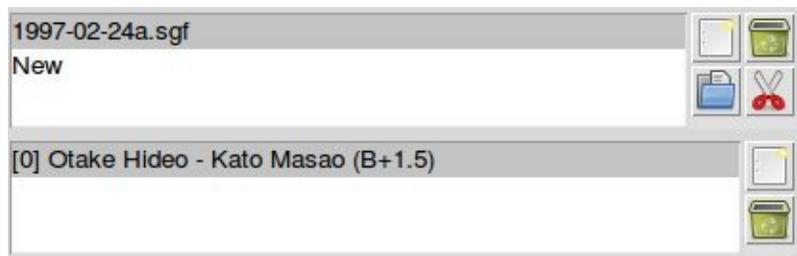
If the current SGF file contains variations, you can switch between the alternatives for the current move with the PageUp and PageDown keys.

You can also use the SGF editor without the database functionality by opening games from the game list in the external viewer by *Shift-click*.

2.5.1 The SGF data column

In the left column of the window, you find all kinds of information about the currently opened SGF files.

File list



At the top of the right hand column, there is a list of all SGF files that have been loaded during the current session. The currently active file is highlighted; you can change that by clicking on another item in the list. The buttons on the right let you create a new file, open a file from disk, delete a file, or split a collection. Deleting a file just means deleting it from this file list. The file on your disk will not be deleted. Splitting a collection serves to split an SGF file which contains several games into many files with one game each. You will be asked for a filename, and the files will then be saved under the names filename0.sgf, filename1.sgf, filename2.sgf, etc.

If changes have been made to a file after it has been saved, the file name is preceded by a *.

Warning: By default, Kombilo will not ask you if you want to save the changes, so you have to pay attention to the *, and save the files yourself, if you want to keep the changes! You can change this behavior by selecting the *corresponding option*.

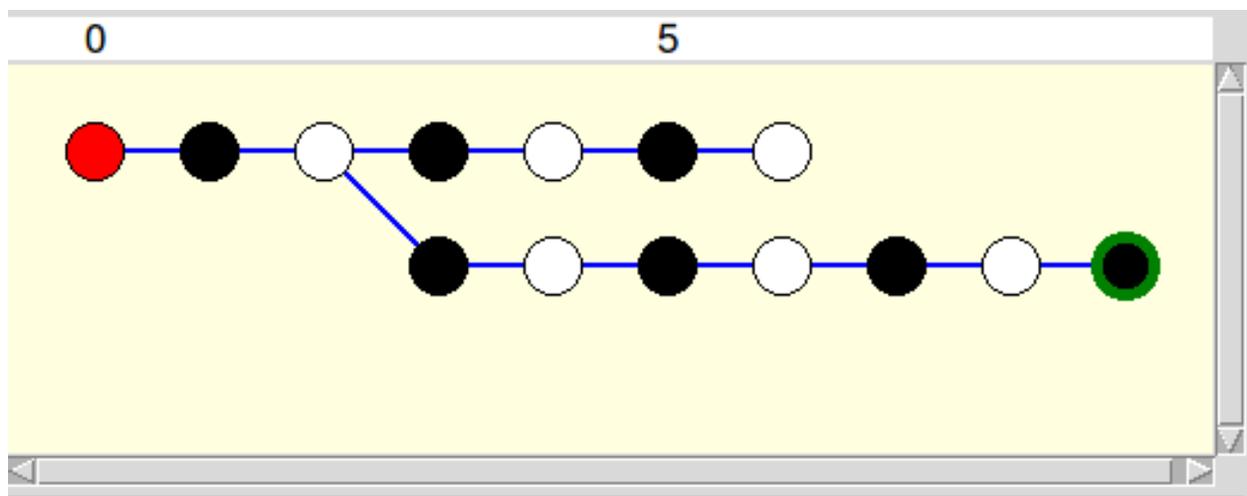
Game list

Below the file list there is a list of game records in the current SGF file. (Usually SGF files contain just a single game, so chances are that you will never use this pane. You can just minimize it to height 0.) You can select games by clicking on them, and change the order by drag and drop. The buttons on the right let you create new games and delete games from the list.

Game info

This shows part of the game information (names of players, result, date, etc.) of the current game. In order to see the full game information, or to edit it, use the button depicting a small looking glass over a sheet of paper above the go board.

Game tree



Here the tree structure of the current game is shown. Nodes with a black/white move are shown black resp. white; others are red. Nodes with a comment or a label on the board have a small blue dot in the center.

The green mark shows the current move (i.e. it corresponds to the position currently shown on the main board).

By clicking on a node, you can go to the corresponding move.

Comments

In this window the comments which the SGF file contains for the current node are displayed.

2.6 The game list column

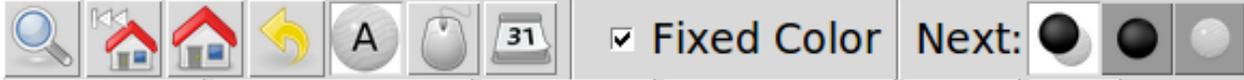
The right column of the Kombilo window is the game list column.

At the top, the game list window shows the number of games currently in the list, and the B/W winning percentages (the two numbers will often not add up to 100% since there might be Jigo's, unfinished games etc.)

Right below the list, there is a frame where (part of) the game information for the currently selected game in the list is shown (just click on a game to select it).

At the bottom, there is a “notebook” with one sheet (“tab”) each for the pattern search statistics, the date profile, the pattern search options, the game info search, tags and for messages.

Right above the notebook, there is a toolbar with several buttons and switches.



The ‘search’ button starts a pattern search. The ‘home/start’ button resets the game list and clears the board. The ‘home’ button resets the game list, so that it includes all the games in the database again. The ‘back’ button jumps back to the previous search: the position on the board is restored as well as the game list. (Previous search patterns are also shown on small boards in the “History” frame of the data window.)

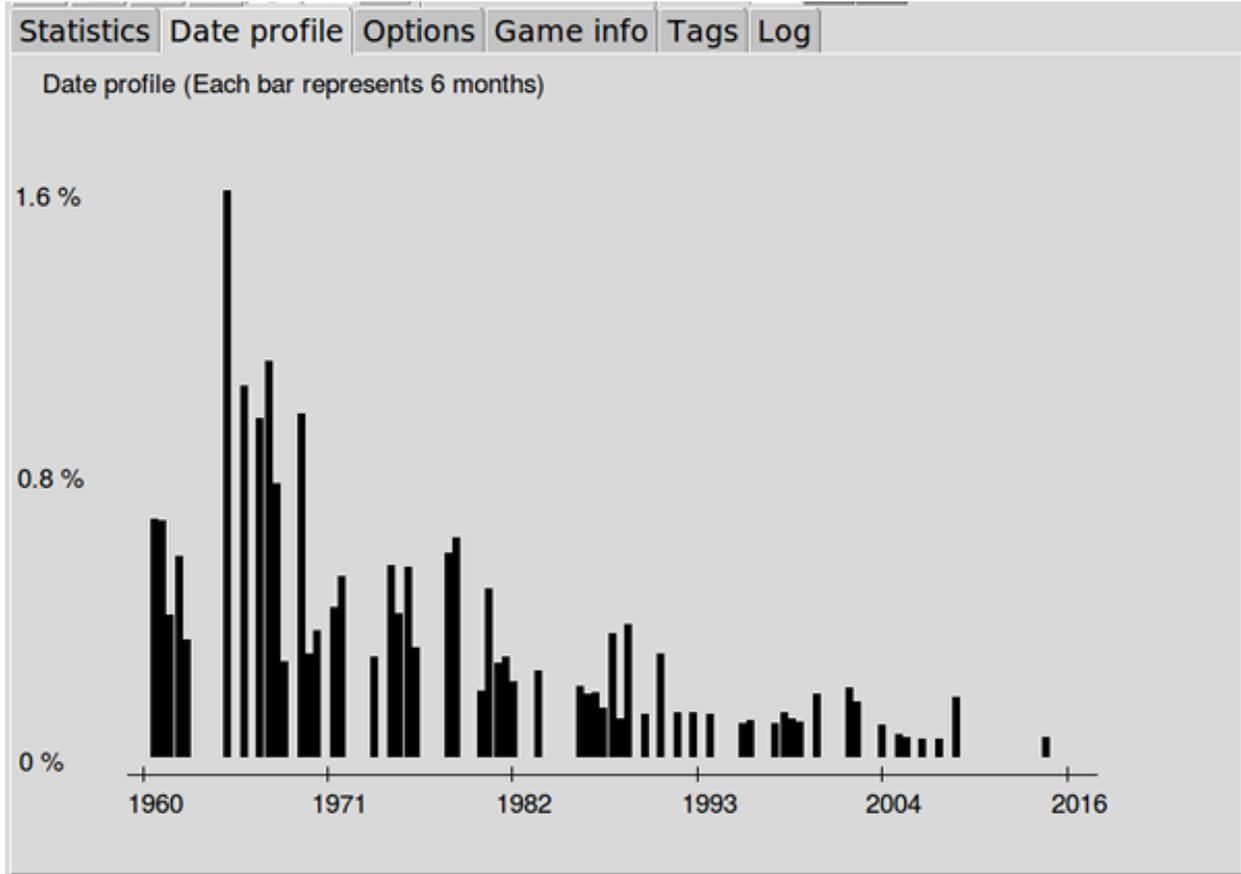
With the button depicting a labeled white stone, you can display the labels showing the continuations in the current search pattern (resp. remove them again). The button depicting a mouse toggles the *1-click mode*. If this mode is active, every click on the board triggers a search. That can be quite practical in order to play through joseki sequences, say. If this mode is inactive, single clicks will just place a stone on the board. In this case, you can place a stone and start a search at the same time by double-clicking.

Check the *fixed color* checkbox to disable searching for patterns where black/white are exchanged. Use the *Next* option to specify that either player or black or white should move next in the selected area.

In the game info search window, you see entry fields for the search criteria: white/black player, player, event, etc. If you select the ‘Referenced’ option, only games with a reference to a commentary will be shown. The “clear” button clears all entries; the back and forward buttons restore the entries from previous searches. Unlike the back button for pattern searches, they do not change the game list. Last but not least, there is the button to start a search; you can also start the search by pressing Enter in one of the entry fields.

The **Go to: field** makes it easy to find specific games in the game list quickly. The ‘Go to’ entry always works with respect to the current sort criterion. Let’s assume that you sorted the database by date. Then entering something in the ‘Go to’ field will jump to the closest game in the game list the date of which starts with what you entered.

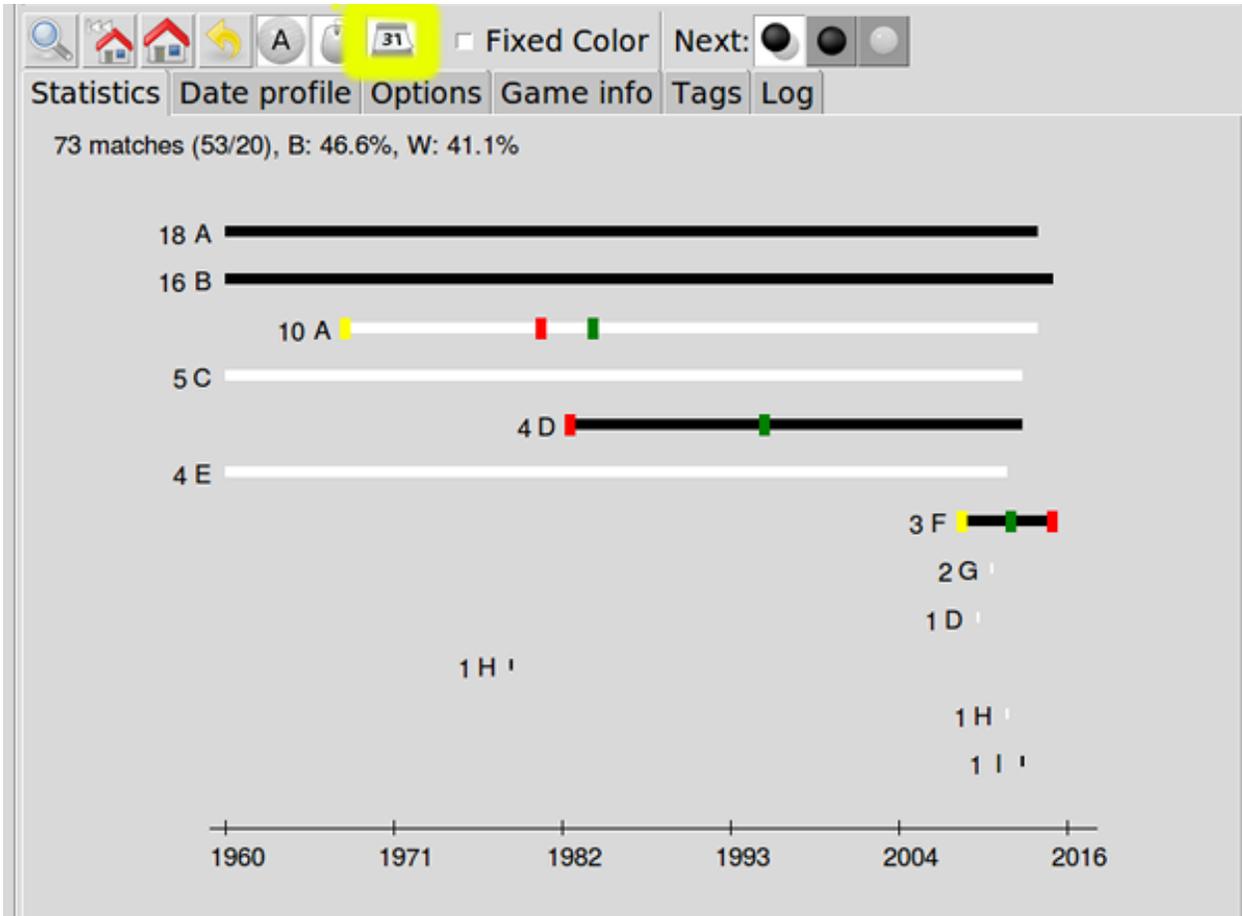
2.6.1 Date profile of the database



The *Date profile* tab shows you how the games which are currently in the game list are distributed over time. The height of each bar shows the proportion of games in the current game list with respect to all games in the database in the same time period. Say you do a pattern search, and then select the *date profile* tab. If one bar is twice as high as another one, then this means that in the first time period the pattern was played twice as much as in the second one. The height of the bars does not contain information about the absolute number of games in the current game list.

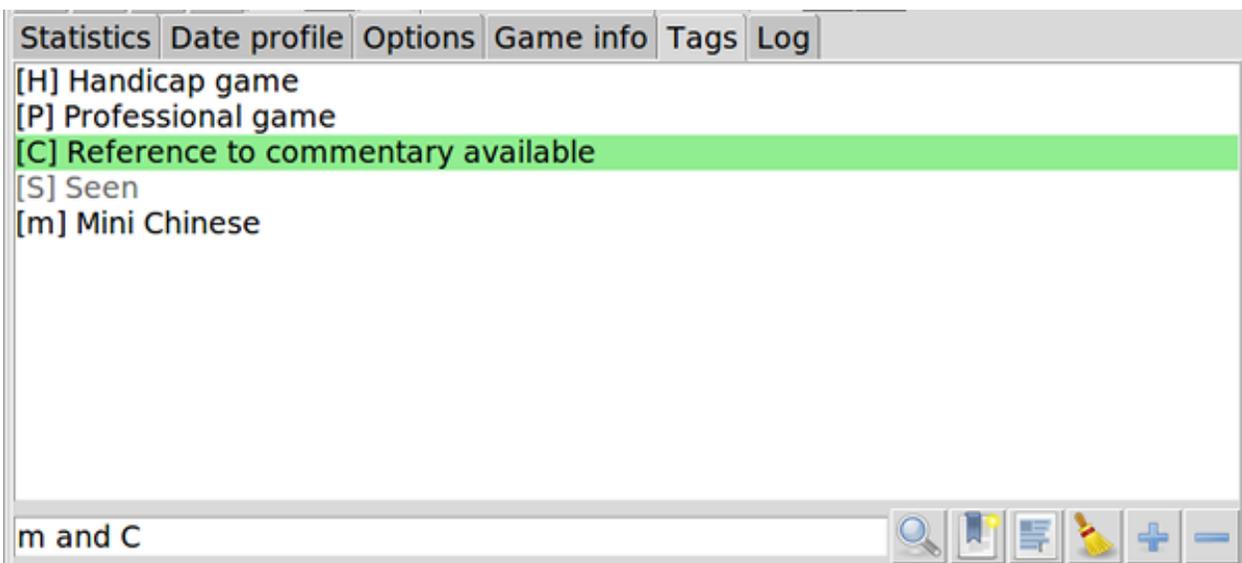
The time period shown can be changed in the *Options* tab.

You can also get date profile information on the different continuations in a pattern search: Open the statistics tab and enable the date profile view by clicking the calendar icon (the right-most icon in the icon set right above the statistics notepad):



2.6.2 Tags

You can tag games in order to find them more easily and to carry through more complicated searches.



The *Tags* tab lists all existing tags. The following ones are built into Kombilo and are set (semi-)automatically:

- Handicap game; set automatically for all handicap games.
- Professional (a game where at least one professional player plays). You can choose during processing whether and in which way Kombilo should set this tag.
- Reference to commentary available; set automatically for all games for which a reference to a game comment in the literature is available (and known to Kombilo). You can configure which books/journals should be considered here by editing the file `kombilo.cfg` accordingly.
- Seen: set automatically for all games which you opened in the SGF viewer.

If you select a game in the game list, the tags which it carries are highlighted in the tag list. On the other hand, you can specify how tagged games should be marked in the game list (text color/background color).

Tag search

The tags in the tag list have an *abbreviation* which is written in square brackets on the left hand side of the entry. You can search for tags using these abbreviations, and combining them using the logical operators `and`, `or`, `not`, and parentheses. So for example:

- **H** searches for all handicap games.
- **S and C** searches for all games you have previously opened, and for which a reference to a commentary is available.
- **A and B and not C** searches for all games which carry the tags A and B, but not the tag C (assuming that you created these tags before; see below).

Just enter the search expression into the entry field below the tag list and press enter, or click the looking glass button right of this field.

Creating new tags/deleting tags

To create a new tag, add its abbreviation (which must not yet be taken) followed by a space and the description of the tag, like this:

```
N My new tag
```

and click the button showing a plus sign.

To delete a tag from the tag list (and hence to remove it from all games), enter its abbreviation and click the button showing a minus sign.

Setting/removing tags on games



To specify the tags of a **single game**, select the game in the game list. The tags which it currently carries are highlighted. You can now select/deselect tags in the tag list by clicking them (use Control-click to select multiple entries). To set the chosen combination of tags on the selected games, click the second button from the left in the tags toolbar.

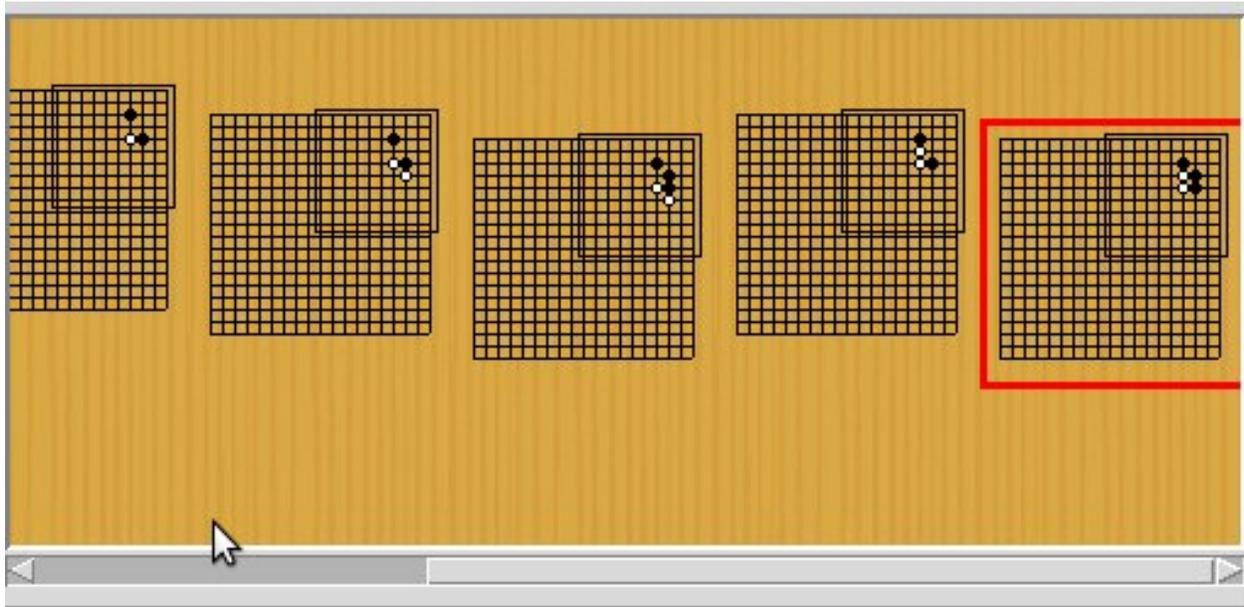
To add a tag to **all games currently in game list**, enter its abbreviation into the text entry field, and click the third button from the left. To remove a tag from all games currently in the game list, enter its abbreviation into the text entry field and click the fourth button from the left (depicting a broom).

For instance, you could create a tag `A Large Avalanche Joseki`, do a pattern search for the large avalanche joseki, and tag all games in the resulting game list with the tag `A`. Then you can easily search for all these games, also in combination with other tags, and you can search for all games where the large avalanche does not occur, by searching for `not A` - and again, this can be combined with searching for other tags.

2.6.3 Search history

Selecting the *Edit Advanced Options* menu entry you can choose whether to display the search history at the bottom of the left hand column (the default) or as a tab on the right.

Click on one of the small boards to go back to the corresponding pattern search (i.e. the pattern and the game list are restored to what they have been right after the search).



See also the *Search History* in the manual.

2.7 Analyzing a game

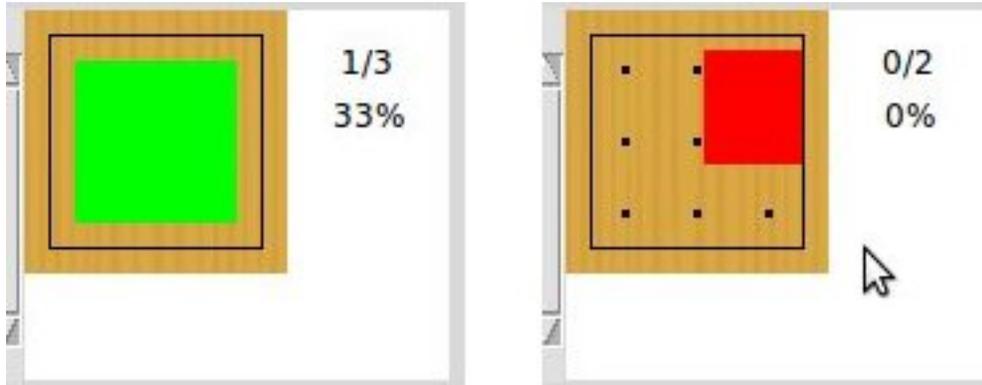
If you want to analyze a game of your own, just load it into the main board with the ‘Open’ command in the file menu (or use the ‘Open’ button next to the file list in the data window). Use the navigation buttons to navigate through the file, and search for patterns appearing in your game: for the first few moves you may want to do a whole board search, in order to see up to which point the fuseki you played also occurs in professional games, and afterwards you have to select an appropriate relevant region.

You can also load a fuseki or joseki dictionary. For example, Kombilo works quite well with [Kogo’s joseki dictionary](#). To navigate all the variations, you should enable the ‘Show next move’ option. You may want to edit the file and change the date (SGF DT property) to a fake date in the future before adding it as a database, so that it will always be shown on top of the game list.

2.8 Guess next move mode

One fun way to study go is to replay professional games by guessing the next move. If you click on the corresponding button in the SGF edit toolbar in the data window, you enter Kombilo's guess mode. That means that clicks on the board will be interpreted as guesses - if it coincides with the next move in the current SGF file, that move is played; otherwise no stone is placed on the board.

When you switch to the 'guess next move' mode, a small frame appears next to the game tree, which gives you some feedback on your guesses. If your guess is right, it displays a green square (and the move is played on the board).



If the guess is wrong, it displays a red rectangle; the rectangle is roughly centered at the position of the next move, and the closer your guess was, the smaller is that rectangle. Furthermore the number of correct guesses and the number of all guesses, as well as the success percentage are given.

Of course, if you just can't find the next move, you can always use the 'Next move' button above the board.

2.9 Further notes

2.9.1 Using Kombilo with non-latin (Unicode) characters

Kombilo works out of the box with UTF-8 encoded SGF files, but currently not with other encodings. To add non-UTF-8 files, you would have to find out their encoding and then recode them.

2.9.2 How can I reset the correct/wrong counter in the "guess next move" mode?

You can reset the counter by quitting and reentering the "guess next move" mode.

2.10 Known issues

2.10.1 SGF tree restrictions

The SGF tree algorithm currently ignores wild cards and move sequences.

2.10.2 Menu bar not shown

When the Kombilo window is maximized, sometimes the menu bar is not shown (on Ubuntu Linux). After un-maximizing, the menu is shown, and it is preserved when the window is maximized again.

2.10.3 Quitting Kombilo is slow

Shutting down the program is quite slow, and it is not really clear (to me) what causes this.

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3.1 Installation

3.1.1 Linux

The following instructions cover the installation of Kombilo under Ubuntu Linux. If you use another flavor of Linux and are somewhat familiar with it, you will easily adapt them.

With the following commands you can install Kombilo on a Ubuntu system. Lines starting with a # are comments - no need to type them.

There are two main steps to the installation: installing Python and the Python packages, and then installing Kombilo as a Python package. See below for more details on the different steps.

```
# Install the packages that Kombilo depends on:
sudo apt install python-pip python-tk libsqlite3-dev libboost-dev

# Install kombilo (you could also do that inside a virtualenv environment; if
# you do not know what that is, you can ignore this)
pip install kombilo
```

This will install kombilo (the executable will sit in `~/.local/bin` which should be in your `PATH` environment variable, so that you can just

```
# start the program
kombilo
```

If it is not found, try invoking Kombilo by `~/.local/bin/kombilo` (in your home directory).

Now continue with the *Getting started* section of the tutorial.

Uninstall: To uninstall, do `pip uninstall kombilo`. (To also remove the database files created by Kombilo, you should remove the databases from within Kombilo before uninstalling.)

Upgrading: Upgrading from one 0.8.* version to another can be done via pip (`pip install -U kombilo`). If you still have an old Kombilo instance (version 0.7.*) around, it does not interact with Kombilo 0.8.*. You have to newly process the SGF databases when upgrading from 0.7.* to 0.8.*.

3.1.2 Mac OS X

In principle, installing packages using pip also works on Mac OS X. Currently Kombilo is distributed only in the format of a source distribution, so you would need to make sure that in addition to Python (with Tkinter) and pip you have a C++ compiler and the SQLite and Boost libraries required for compiling Kombilo. Then, you can `pip install kombilo`.

Step-by-step instructions: Install on a Mac using MacPorts

From a post by user [pleiade76](#) to the [LifeIn19x19](#) forum:

```
# The steps in some details (using MacPorts):

# Install the following packages:

sudo port install boost          # --> Collection of portable C++ source libraries
sudo port install python27      # --> An interpreted, object-oriented programming_
↳ language
sudo port install sqlite3      # --> an embedded SQL database engine
sudo port install py27-tkinter # --> Python bindings to the Tk widget set
sudo port install py27-pip     # --> A tool for installing and managing Python_
↳ packages
sudo port select --set pip pip27

# Build kombilo with pip:
pip install kombilo

# the binary kombilo is located in:
# /opt/local/Library/Frameworks/Python.framework/Versions/2.7/bin/
```

Step-by-step instructions: Install on a Mac using homebrew

Adapted from a post by Marcel Grünauer to the [LifeIn19x19](#) forum.

This assumes that you already have installed [homebrew](#). Update homebrew and the packages already installed:

```
$ brew update
$ brew outdated -q | brew upgrade
```

Install packages required for the build (you may have to `brew tap homebrew/dupes` before):

```
$ brew install boost
$ brew install homebrew/dupes/tcl-tk
```

In case you already had homebrew's python 2.7 installed:

```
$ brew uninstall python
```

Then:

```
$ brew install python --with-tcl-tk
```

You can test the Tk installation with:

```
$ python
>>> import Tkinter
>>> Tkinter._test()
```

If you have previously already installed Pillow for macOS's own python in `/Library/Python/2.7/site-packages/` you may have to remove that first with `sudo pip uninstall Pillow`. The problem is that this is linked against macOS's Tcl and Tk frameworks, whereas homebrew's python is linked against homebrew's Tcl. This caused the message "Class TKApplication is implemented in both `/usr/local/opt/tcl-tk/lib/libtk8.6.dylib` and `/System/Library/Frameworks/Tk.framework/Versions/8.5/Tk`" and a "Segmentation fault: 11".

Now you can:

```
$ pip install Pillow
$ pip install kombilo
$ kombilo
```

Further remarks

As pleiade76 points out, another option is using the Windows installer inside wine.

Also see these [notes on Tcl/Tk on macs](#).

See also the *Only one mouse button* option.

3.1.3 Windows

There is an installer provided for Kombilo which should *just work* and which is the easiest option. Alternatively (and that would be the cleaner way, even if a little more cumbersome) you can also install Python 2.7 from python.org and then install Kombilo as a Python package via `c:\python27\scripts\pip.exe install kombilo`.

Uninstall: The installer automatically installs a program to uninstall Kombilo. To also remove the database files created by Kombilo, you should remove the databases from within Kombilo before uninstalling.

Upgrading from version 0.7: There is no automatic upgrading. Just deinstall the old Kombilo version and install the new one. Versions 0.7.* and 0.8.* can also coexist, so you could leave the old version until you are convinced that the new version works. You will have to newly process your databases for 0.8.* when coming from 0.7.*. Before deinstalling 0.7.* you should remove the databases (in the *Edit DB list* window) because the database files will not be removed by the uninstaller.

Upgrading from one 0.8. version to another one:* There is no automatic upgrading. It is probably safest (but should not be required) to deinstall the old version, and then install the new one. Your configuration file and the databases you hav inserted will be kept. There is no need to reprocess the databases.

If you want to make changes to the program, you will need to build the program yourself. For this, you will need Python 2.7 and a C++ compiler (Microsoft Visual Studio C++ 2008; or MinGW32 seem to be the best choices). You will also need to install the boost libraries and SQLite3. Then `pip install kombilo` should do the job.

Alternatively, clone the git repository and proceed from there. See the `v0.8win` branch for the build setup that is used to create the Windows installer, in particular the file `appveyor.yml`.

If you want to change only the Python part, you could also start from the git repository and add the `libkomilo.pyd` file (and the microsoft `.dll` files) from a Kombilo instance created by the installer.

3.1.4 Development

If you want to work on Kombilo or Libkombilo yourself, you can clone the git repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/ugoertz/kombilo.git
```

Make sure (before ...) that you have git installed, and also install SWIG:

```
sudo apt-get git swig
```

Before you can compile the libkombilo extension, you need to run swig:

```
cd kombilo/kombilo/libkombilo
swig -c++ -python libkombilo.i
mv libkombilo.py ..
cd ../..
```

Compile the translation files:

```
cd ../lang/en/LC_MESSAGES
msgfmt -o kombilo.mo kombilo.po
cd ../../de/LC_MESSAGES
msgfmt -o kombilo.mo kombilo.po
cd ../../../../..
```

You are now again in the directory containing the file `setup.py`. Now you can install Kombilo as a Python package from the development directory (so changes you make in the source code will be reflected immediately). You probably want to do this inside a *virtualenv* environment:

```
pip install -e .
```

You can then invoke Kombilo with `kombilo` and the SGF viewer with `v`.

3.1.5 Build the documentation

The documentation is available on the [Kombilo website](#). If you want to build it from the sources, proceed as follows:

If you installed Kombilo from a `tar.gz` archive, then you can skip this step. If you installed directly from its Git repository, and want to use the documentation offline (either directly or from the Kombilo Help menu), then you need to build the documentation yourself. If you install it from a `tar.gz` file, then you can skip this step.

Kombilo documentation

Install [Sphinx](#) and other required packages (`pip install -r requirements-doc.txt` in a *virtualenv* would be the preferred way), or globally by

```
sudo apt-get install python-sphinx
```

and in the `doc/` directory, run

```
make html
```

to build the **HTML** documentation (to be found in `doc/_build/html/`), or

```
make latexpdf
```

to build a pdf file. (For the latter, you need to have LaTeX installed on your computer).

Libkombilo documentation

Install [Doxygen](#) by

```
sudo apt-get install doxygen
```

and in the `lk/doc/` directory, run

```
doxygen
```

Besides a lot of warnings, this will generate HTML and LaTeX files of the documentation in `lk/doc/build/`.

3.1.6 Updating the translation files

To update the template file with all messages that should be translated (the *pot file*), do:

```
xgettext -d kombilo -s *.py lang/en/LC_MESSAGES/kombilo.po
```

(This does not fetch the text from `default.cfg` that should be translated, so if things changed there, they have to be added manually.)

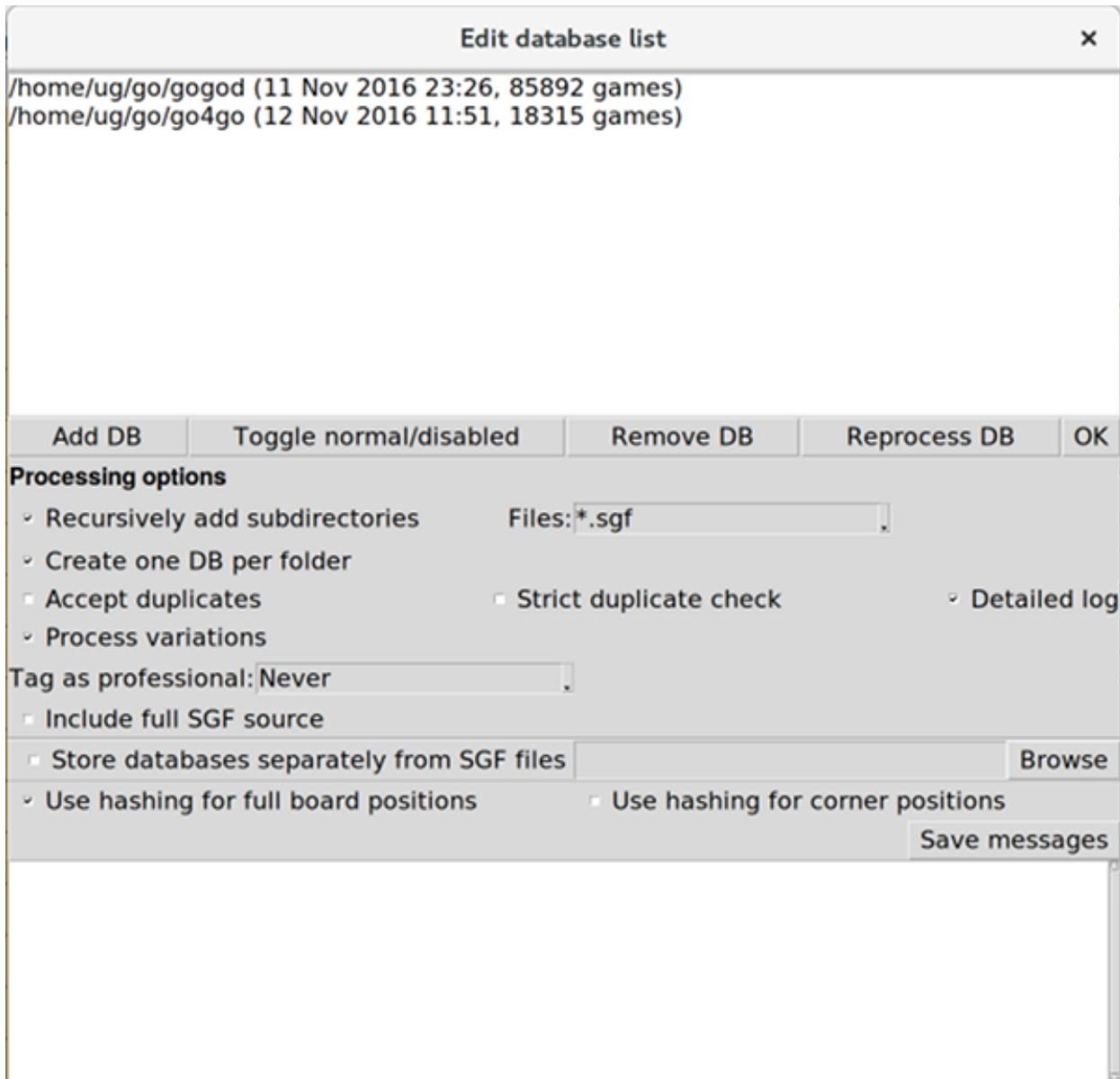
Then, for all (non-English) languages, do:

```
msgmerge -N lang/LANGUAGE/LC_MESSAGES/kombilo.po kombilo.po > new.po  
mv new.po lang/LANGUAGE/LC_MESSAGES/kombilo.po
```

You can then translate strings using a tool like `poedit`. Finally, you have to compile the `po` files to `mo` files, for instance using `poedit` or the standard command line tool `msgfmt`.

3.1.7 Setting up the SGF databases

Before you can start working with Kombilo, you need to add your SGF files. For Kombilo, a database is just a directory with SGF files in it. Select `Edit DB list` in the Database menu. A new window will open.



Add databases

In the lower section *Processing options* you can select which kind of files you want to add, whether to recursively add all subdirectories, whether to accept duplicates, and whether to store variations in the database for pattern search. You can also select whether all games (or none) of the database should be considered as pro games, or whether this should be decided by the rank specified in the files.

Strict duplicate check This option affects how Kombilo decides whether two games are a duplicate of each other. Usually, two games are compared using the *Dyer signature*. If *Strict duplicate check* is selected, Kombilo in addition compares the final positions of the two games. In the very rare (but existent) case that two different games have the same Dyer signature, this is a more precise check. It has the disadvantages of being slower, and of marking games as different where there is just a small variation in the recording of the end game moves (which also is a rare, but existent phenomenon in the SGF collections around).

Create one DB per folder. The default behavior of Kombilo is to create one database per folder (so descending

recursively into some folder many databases might be created). Whether this is suitable or not depends on the number of folders, and the number of files in each folder. Unless you have special needs (and a computer with very little or very much RAM), it is recommended to aim at databases of between 10000 and 50000 games.

If you prefer, you can specify a folder where the Kombilo files should be stored. If you do not name a folder here, the files will be stored in the folder containing your SGF files.

Finally, you can choose which algorithms you want to use with your databases. (You can also *disable the hashing algorithms* for each pattern search, but you can only use them if you selected the corresponding option before processing the games.)

The hashing algorithms speed up searches for full board and corner positions respectively, on the other hand the processing takes slightly longer, more disk space is consumed, and Kombilo uses more memory when running, and especially when processing new games.

Include full SGF Usually Kombilo puts the *root node* of each SGF file into the database. This contains all the game information (such as player names, event, etc.), but not the moves themselves. From inside Kombilo this information can be accessed using the *Anywhere* field in the game info search. If there you also want to access the moves of the game (or if you want to use a database from your own scripts and need that information there), select this option. Then the full SGF will be copied to the database. Correspondingly, the database files will be much larger. (This is not required for the pattern search, nor for opening and playing through games from the game list.)

Messages during processing

In the lower text area, Kombilo will output messages about the processed games.

- **Duplicates:** Games which are duplicates to games already in the database are named. Being a duplicate is tested with the method chosen in the options. In every case, the Dyer signature (position of moves 20, 31, 40, 51, 60, 71) is compared. With strict duplicate checking, in addition the final position is compared. Games in *disabled* databases will not be considered for duplicate checks. Also see *Find duplicates*.
- **SGF Error:** If there was an SGF error, Kombilo issues a warning. It tries to do its best to recover, and will insert as much of the game as it understands into the database anyway.
- **Unacceptable board size:** Currently, Kombilo processes only 19x19 games.
- **not inserted:** For games which are not inserted into the database, this message is appended to the error message. Otherwise, the game is inserted.

You can switch off the messages about duplicates and names of the processed folders by disabling the *Detailed log* option.

Kombilo will create several database files: `kombilo.db`, `kombilo.da`, and if you use the hashing algorithms, also `kombilo.db1` and `kombilo.db2`.

Toggle normal/disabled

If you want to temporarily exclude a database from some searches, select it and use this button to set its status to 'disabled'. It will then be marked as 'DISABLED' in the database list. Its games will not show up anymore in the game list, and will not be found by any search. Nevertheless, Kombilo's database files written during the processing are still available, and if you toggle the status back to 'normal', you can use that database again without processing it again.

Remove a database

If you want to remove a database from Kombilo's list completely, select it and press this button. The database files Kombilo has written will then be deleted. Of course, the SGF files themselves will not be deleted (Kombilo will

actually never change them.) If you want to add this database again later, it will have to be processed again.

Reprocess a database

If you made any changes to the SGF files in one of the database directories (or added/deleted SGF files in there), you should reprocess the database, so that the pattern search really uses the information corresponding to the current version of the SGF files.

Reprocessing keeps all the tags on your database. This is usually the desired behavior. If you prefer to have all tags deleted, instead of reprocessing, remove the databases and then add them again.

Save messages

If there are errors in the SGF files, or if Kombilo finds duplicates, a message is issued. The ‘save messages’ button allows you to save these messages into a file, such that you can look at them later again in order to correct the errors. (After correcting any errors, you should reprocess the corresponding databases.)

Further notes

With Ctrl-click and Shift-click you *can select several databases* in the list simultaneously. The “Toggle normal/disabled”, “Remove” and “Reprocess” buttons will then apply to all the selected databases.

Currently it is not possible to add single games to a database, or to delete single games.

3.2 Searching

There are two main ways to search in your database: by patterns occurring in the games (*Pattern search*), and by properties written out in the SGF file (such as the players, the result, the date, the event where the game was played etc.). We call the latter type of search a *Game info search*.

Furthermore, you can search for tags - either games that were automatically tagged by Kombilo (e.g. handicap games), or for games that you tagged yourself - (*Tag search*), and for the Dyer signature of a game (*Signature search*). This is typically used less often, but may be useful to quickly find a game whose Kifu you have in printed form.

3.2.1 Pattern search

Enter the pattern you want to search for by “putting down” the black and white stones on the board, and select the size of the pattern (the “relevant region” for the search) by clicking with the right mouse button and dragging.

Search options

fixed color If this is set, the pattern is searched only as it is given on the board. Otherwise, the pattern with black and white exchanged is also considered. In the list of results given at the end of each line in the game list, hits where the colors are exchanged are marked by a minus sign following the move number.

next move Specify whether black or white should move next in the search region.

fixed anchor Do not “move” the pattern along the side or within the center of the board.

Search in variations Usually, Kombilo searches for the pattern in all variations in the game. If you switch this off, only the first (“main”) variation will be considered.

move limit Find only occurrences before or at the given move number.

algorithms Choose whether Kombilo should use hashing algorithms for full board patterns and/or for corner patterns. (If you want to use them, you have to choose them when creating the database from your SGF files.)

date profile options You can also adjust some options concerning the date profiles (for the continuations in pattern searches, and the date profile of the whole database): the range that should be displayed, how fine-grained the date profile for the whole database should be, and the sort criterion for the continuations.

Wildcards

You can put down a wildcard by shift-clicking. A green dot means that this spot may either be empty, or contain a black stone, or contain a white stone. A black dot means that the spot may be empty or contain a black stone, and analogously for a white dot. You can go from empty to green, black, white, etc. by shift-clicking several times.

Move sequences

You can search for move sequences, i.e., specify that some stones of the pattern have to be played in a certain order. To do so, first create the final pattern of the sequence. Then put numbers as labels on those stones that constitute the sequence that must have been played to arrive at this pattern. You can leave stones unnumbered - this means that they have to be present in the results before the move sequence starts.

Warning: Currently there is no good way of dealing with captures, i.e., if a stone of your sequence captures other stones, you cannot search for the sequence with the current mechanism. This is only a problem of the user interface; a mechanism of telling Kombilo about the captured stones is currently missing (and will hopefully be added some time).

Further notes

Warning: Passes in the game

In the unlikely case that one of the players passed in the middle of the game (but see file 1998-04-21a in the GoGoD database), the handling of continuations is not consistent between the different algorithms.

3.2.2 SGF tree

Kombilo can compute a whole tree of pattern search results by recursively searching for all continuations arising in a pattern, then for the continuations in the new patterns, and so on. In this way, you can easily compile joseki or fuseki dictionaries. This function is available starting from an arbitrary search pattern.

The end result will be a (possibly quite large) SGF file. In each node, some information about the pattern represented in that node and about the continuations will be printed.

The searches will use the game list which is active when you start the SGF tree search. So if you (after a suitable game info search) have just all the games by a specific player in your game list, then you can create a fuseki/joseki dictionary for this player.

To use the SGF tree search, set up a search pattern, and then select *SGF tree* from the *Database* menu. You can configure the SGF tree search by specifying the following options:

Minimum number of hits The search is continued only for continuations with at least as many hits as specified by this number. Black/white continuations are considered separately.

Maximum number of branches If there are more continuations, only as many as specified here are considered. Continuations are ordered with respect to the given sort criterion (see below).

Depth The depth of the search, i.e. the highest distance (number of moves) between the starting position and the search position.

Comment head A line that will be prepended to every comment. The default, `@@monospace` will make Kombilo print the comment in a fixed-width font, which is better suited for tabular data than the default font.

Sort continuations by The sort criterion for continuations.

Put results into new SGF file If checked, then a new SGF file is created for the results. Otherwise, the results are appended to the current SGF file. In the latter case, the node with the search pattern must not have children.

Reset game list If checked, the game list is reset to its state when the SGF tree search was started before each pattern search. Otherwise (the default), it is reset to its state after the pattern search for the parent node. In the first case, the numbers given in the SGF file (number of games, number of continuations) will include games where the relevant position arises with a different order of moves. With the default setting, only games where the position arises by the same order of moves as given by the SGF file are counted.

The node of the SGF file where you start the search must not have any children before the search.

3.2.3 Game info search

In the game info search tab, you can search for properties of the game which are written out in the SGF file.

For all text search fields (except for *Event*, *Anywhere*, *SQL*), Kombilo returns all games where the corresponding game info starts with the given string; i.e., if you search for *Cho* as player, you will get games by *Cho Chikun* as well as *Cho U* (and all other Cho's).

For the *Event* and *Anywhere* fields, all games are returned where the given text occurs anywhere in the event field or in the whole SGF file, respectively.

You can in addition use the percent sign `%` as a wildcard yourself, e.g.: if you search for `%Hideki` as the player, you will get all games of *Matsuoka Hideki* as well as those of *Komatsu Hideki* etc.

Player matches black player and white player names.

from, to Specify dates in the form `YYYY` or `YYYY-MM` or `YYYY-MM-DD`. If you want to search for a date in a different form, you need to use the *Anywhere* or the *SQL* search field.

SQL This is passed directly to the database as the `WHERE` clause of an SQL statement. Examples:

```
not PW like 'Cho%'
DATE < 1900-00-00 or DATE >= 2000-00-00
```

The column names of the SQL table are

```
PB (player black)
PW (player white)
RE (result)
EV (event)
DT (the date as given in the sgf file)
date (the date in the form YYYY-MM-DD)
filename
sgf (the full SFG source).
```

In SQL statements, you have to take care of *escaping* characters yourself; in particular, single quotes occurring inside the search string must be doubled:

```
PB = 'Yi Ch''ang-ho'
```

3.2.4 Tag search

The tags in the tag list have an *abbreviation* which is written in square brackets on the left hand side of the entry. You can search for tags using these abbreviations, and combining them using the logical operators `and`, `or`, `not`, and parentheses. So for example:

- **H** searches for all handicap games.
- **S and C** searches for all games you have previously opened, and for which a reference to a commentary is available.
- **A and B and not C** searches for all games which carry the tags A and B, but not the tag C (assuming that you created these tags before; see below).

Just enter the search expression into the entry field below the tag list and press enter, or click the looking glass button right of this field.

3.2.5 Signature search

In order to check for duplicates in the database, Kombilo computes a modified [Dyer signature](#) of every game in the database. The signature of a game is given by the coordinates (in SGF format) of the moves 20, 40, 60, 31, 51, 71. This almost always characterizes a game uniquely.

In order to detect games which differ only by a symmetry of the board, Kombilo uses a symmetrized Dyer signature: the Dyer signatures for the game and for all rotations/reflections of the game are computed, and then the smallest of these (with respect to the lexicographic order) is stored.

You can also search for the signature. This might be useful to see if a certain game is in the database if you have the game record in some (foreign-language) book, say, and cannot read the player's names.

Select *signature search* from the database menu, and a window will pop up, where you can enter the coordinates of the corresponding moves. If you click on an intersection on the board, the corresponding coordinates will be entered in the currently active text entry below, and the next entry will be made active. So you can enter the signature simply by clicking on the places where moves 20, 40, ... were played. You can also omit some of them (in most cases, two or three of the moves will be enough to characterize a game uniquely).

You can print the signature of a game to the log tab by selecting it in the game list and pressing *Ctrl-v*.

3.2.6 Export search results

If you want to save some information on a pattern search, you can use the 'Export search results' function in the Database menu. This will open a new window with a very simple text editor. It will contain the search pattern, the search pattern with the continuations, some statistical information on the search, and the number of hits in each database.

You can edit the information and in the end save the text to a file. I would be interested in hearing your opinion if other or additional information should be given, or if the information should be presented in another format.

Before the text editor opens, you will be asked if you want "ASCII" or "Wiki" style output. Usually you will choose 'ASCII', which produces plain text. If you want to use the output for Sensei's Library, choose 'Wiki' instead. You can also choose if all continuations, or if only ten of them should be displayed.

The text editor has a button which lets you include the complete current game list (names of players, etc.).

3.3 The game list

The game list shows the current list of games. Depending on your configuration, it shows the *white player*, the *black player*, the *result*, the *date*. In the options menu, you can choose to include (or exclude) the *file name* as the first item, and the *date* as the last item.

After a pattern search, the game list shows a list of hits for each game: the move number when the pattern occurred; the continuation (if any); a minus sign if the pattern occurred with black/white exchanged.

Entries with different color (or background color) reflect tags set on games. This behavior can be configured in `kombilo.cfg`.

3.3.1 Statistics

The statistics tab shows information about the continuations in the most recent pattern search. For each of the 12 most common continuation, a bar indicates the frequency. The black/white parts of the bar indicate the number of times that black/white played in the pattern region immediately after the pattern was completed. The dark gray/light gray parts indicate the number of times that black/white played in the pattern region after a tenuki.

You can switch to *date profile statistics* by clicking the calendar icon (the right-most icon above the statistics tabs). This will display, for the most popular continuations, detailed information about the first/last hit (within the period of time chosen in the *Options*), and, if there were noticeable changes in popularity, the point in time when the move became popular (yellow marker), the average date (green marker), the point where it became less popular (red marker). Of course, this kind of information is pretty subjective; in other words, it is not so clear whether the formulas used for computing the marker positions yield relevant results. (Feedback appreciated!)

3.3.2 Date profile

The bar diagram shows the distribution of games in the current list in comparison to all games in the database, by date. The height of the bars indicate the proportion of games in current list versus games in complete database. *The height of the bars does not contain absolute information*, i.e. even if there are only very few games in the current list, the highest bar will have full height.

3.3.3 Tags

You can tag games in order to find them more easily and to carry through more complicated searches. The *Tags* tab lists all existing tags. The following ones are built into Kombilo and are set (semi-)automatically:

- Handicap game; set automatically for all handicap games.
- Professional (a game where at least one professional player plays). You can choose during processing whether and in which way Kombilo should set this tag.
- Reference to commentary available; set automatically for all games for which a reference to a game comment in the literature is available. You can configure which books/journals should be considered here by editing the file `kombilo.cfg` accordingly.
- Seen: set automatically for all games which you opened in the SGF viewer.

If you select a game in the game list, the tags which it carries are highlighted in the tag list. On the other hand, you can specify how tagged games should be marked in the game list (text color/background color).

Creating new tags/deleting tags

To create a new tag, add its abbreviation (which must not yet be taken) followed by a space and the description of the tag, like this:

```
N My new tag
```

and click the button showing a plus sign.

To delete a tag from the tag list (and hence to remove it from all games), enter its abbreviation and click the button showing a minus sign.

Setting/removing tags on games



To specify the tags of a **single game**, select the game in the game list. The tags which it currently carries are highlighted. You can now select/deselect tags in the tag list by clicking them (use Control-click to select multiple entries). To set the chosen combination of tags on the selected games, click the second button from the left in the tags toolbar.

To add a tag to **all games currently in game list**, enter its abbreviation into the text entry field, and click the third button from the left. To remove a tag from all games currently in the game list, enter its abbreviation into the text entry field and click the fourth button from the left (depicting a broom).

For instance, you could create a tag `A Large Avalanche Joseki`, do a pattern search for the large avalanche joseki, and tag all games in the resulting game list with the tag `A`. Then you can easily search for all these games, also in combination with other tags, and you can search for all games where the large avalanche does not occur, by searching for `not A -` and again, this can be combined with searching for other tags.

Importing/exporting tabs

You can export the tags in your current database, and import them later to a (different) database. (Use the corresponding menu items in the Database menu.) The games are identified by the Dyer signature and some additional hash code, so the imported tags will be set precisely on the games *with the same moves* as the games that carried the tags when exporting.

3.3.4 GoTo field

Use this field (in the game info search tab) to jump to a game in the game list quickly by entering a few letters of the current sort criterion (see the options/game list menu). E.g., if you sort the games by date, entering `1990` will bring you to the games from 1999; if you sort the games by white player, entering `Cho` will bring you to the games with white player Cho.

3.3.5 Search history

A right-click on one of the board brings up a small menu, which lets you delete that entry, put the entry on hold resp. release it. In the options you can configure the maximum number of search patterns which should be remembered. If this number is reached, the oldest patterns are deleted, unless they are on hold.

You can also use the back button in the toolbar in the right hand column to return to the previous search pattern. The patterns are organized in a tree; this makes the back button work in the most sensible way. Depending on the depth

inside this search history tree, the small boards are placed with a vertical offset. (This offset is assigned when the small board is created and not changed afterwards; if patterns in the tree are deleted, the depth of other patterns changes, but their vertical offset will not reflect this.)

Optionally, you can have the search history as the bottom pane of the left hand column.

3.3.6 Log

In this tab, Kombilo prints out some information about its actions (timing of searches etc.).

3.3.7 Find duplicates

Use `Find duplicates` in the `Database` menu to produce a list of duplicates in the database (or rather, in all the databases that are currently active). The list will be presented in a new window and can be saved as a text file. The duplicate check will be strict (i.e., the Dyer signature and the final position will be compared) or non-strict (only the Dyer signatures will be compared) depending on the setting of the corresponding processing option. This option can be changed in the `Edit DB list` window or in the `Options-Advanced` menu.

3.4 The SGF editor

Most of the SGF editor handling should be self-explanatory, so this section is rather brief.

Warning: By default, Kombilo does not ask for a confirmation before discarding unsaved changes, or before deleting a game. You can change this in the options menu, or in the `kombilo.cfg` configuration file.

3.4.1 Guess mode

Activating the *guess next move* button (depicting a question mark) in the SGF edit toolbar in the data window starts Kombilo's guess mode. That means that clicks on the board will be interpreted as guesses - if it coincides with the next move in the current SGF file, that move is played; otherwise no stone is placed on the board. For obvious reasons, the *show next move* option will be disabled as long as the guess mode is active..

When you switch to the 'guess next move' mode, a small frame appears next to the game tree, which gives you some feedback on your guesses. If your guess is right, it displays a green square (and the move is played on the board).

If the guess is wrong, it displays a red rectangle; the rectangle is roughly centered at the position of the next move, and the closer your guess was, the smaller is that rectangle. Furthermore the number of correct guesses and the number of all guesses, as well as the success percentage are given.

If you just can't find the next move, you can always use the 'Next move' button above the board to move forward in the game.

3.4.2 Export current position/SGF

Similarly to the *Export search results* function, you can "Export current position" (in the database menu): this will open a text editor with the current position. Again, you can choose "ASCII" or "Wiki" type. In addition, Kombilo can put the next moves (up to 9 moves) on the board, marked by the numbers 1 to 9.

Finally, you can also export the SGF source of the current game (see the File menu), in a text editor.

3.4.3 Miscellaneous remarks

With the **rotate/flip SGF file** menu items (in the Edit menu), you can rotate and flip the game; the SGF file is changed so as to describe the game with the new orientation. This is useful if you want to change a game record to obey the usual convention that the first move is in the upper right corner.

With the **split collection** button (depicting scissors) right to the list of files, you can split one SGF file containing several games into a collection of files, one for each game.

With *Copy current SGF files to folder* in the Database menu you can copy the SGF files corresponding to the games currently in the game list to some folder (e.g. in order to use them with a different program).

@@monospace in SGF comments. If you put the string @@monospace as the first line of a comment of an SGF node, Kombilo will display the comment in a fixed width font. This is useful whenever you want to output tabular data in a node (see the *sgftree* script).

In the **Game info** edit window, in the *Other SGF tags* entry field you must enter correct SGF code, i.e. special signs such as] and \ must be escaped by a preceding \.

3.5 Key and mouse bindings

3.5.1 Global key bindings

- Control-r reset game list
- Control-a clear board and reset game list
- Control-s select statistics tab
- Control-o select options tab
- Control-g select game info search tab
- Control-d select date profile tab
- Control-t select tags tab
- Control-p start pattern search
- Control-b go back to previous search
- Control-e print information about previous search pattern to log tab
- Control-j toggle *1-click mode*

If the *search-history-as-tab* option is 1, then there is also

- Control-h select search history tab

3.5.2 Board key bindings

- Left/right: back/forward 1 move
- Up/down: back/forward 10 moves
- Home/end: to start/end of game
- PgUp/PgDown: navigate variations
- Control-i: open game info

3.5.3 Game list key bindings

- Up/down/PgUp/PgDown: move in game list
- Home/End: scroll to left/right
- Return: open selected game in viewer
- Control-v: print Dyer signature of selected game to log tab

3.5.4 Mouse bindings

- Use Left-click to put stones on the board.
- With Right-click and drag, you select the search-relevant region.
- Use Shift + Left-click you can put (change/remove) *Wildcards* on the board.
- With Shift + Right-clicking on a stone, you can go to the point in the SGF file, where this stone was played.
- The mouse wheel lets you scroll the game list, or scroll through the current game, depending on where the mouse pointer is located.
- The next button triggers a pattern search, the back button goes back to the previous search. (This does not work on Windows.)

3.6 Configuring Kombilo

The most common options can be changed in the *Options* menu. (Choose *Edit advanced options* for some more obscure things like font sizes etc.) In special cases, you could *edit the file kombilo.cfg* directly (when Kombilo is not running). Finally, the appearance can be modified by creating/changing the file `kombilo.app` accordingly.

3.6.1 Window layout

You can change the width of the three columns of the main window, as well as the height of the entries in the left and right hand columns by dragging the “sashed” between them to the left/right (or up/down, resp.). Move your mouse pointer slowly over the region between the columns; it should change its look when you are over the sash.

See also the *maximize window* option.

3.6.2 Custom menus

The custom menus can be used to add your own menu entries. Upon selecting a menu entry, Kombilo can do a pattern search for some pre-defined pattern and/or a game info search and/or open a html file in your web browser. For example, you could create entries for fuseki or joseki patterns, for players, or for titles.

To edit the custom menus, select the corresponding entry in the Options menu. You see a list of the currently existing menus, submenus and entries. The first line with a * represents the Kombilo main menu. You can add submenus or entries to the menus, or delete them.

When an entry is selected, you can

- Add pattern information by pressing the corresponding button. The pattern (and search-relevant region, and the search options) will then be associated with this menu entry.

- Add game info information by clicking the corresponding button. The current entries in the game info search window will then be associated with the current menu entry.
- Add a HTML file by entering the file name in the corresponding field, or by browsing for a file.

3.6.3 Options in the Options menu

Fuzzy stone placement Place the stones on the main board slightly off the exact point, in a random direction, to make the position look more natural. (Well, some people might think that it is just ugly, so you can switch it off here).

Show next move In case a SGF file has been loaded, show the position of the next move with a circle.

Show last move This marks the most recent move with a small circle. Thanks to Bernd Schmidt who provided a patch for this. (The SGF file is not changed.)

Show Coordinates Show coordinates around the board. **Ask before discarding unsaved changes** If this option is enabled, Kombilo will ask for confirmation before discarding unsaved changes in an SGF file (i.e. before deleting the game from the game list, and before exiting Kombilo).

Jump to match This controls the behaviour of the SGF viewer when you open a game from the game list after a pattern search. If this option is checked, the viewer will jump directly to the position where the pattern you searched for was found in that game.

Smart fixed color If this option is enabled, the 'fixed color' option will be automatically enabled when you select the whole board as search-relevant region, and disabled when you select a smaller region. (You can nevertheless change that after selecting the region and before starting the search.) This is useful because if 'fixed color' is not used, Kombilo regards a position and the same position with swapped colors as equivalent; in the case of whole board searches that can lead to counter-intuitive results when you look at the continuations (e.g. place a black resp. white stone on the upper left resp. upper right hoshi, do a whole board search without 'fixed color', and look at the continuations).

Themes

Kombilo offers you to change its look according to one of a number of themes. Which themes are available depends on your operating system. Just try them out. The effects will be visible immediately (but the difference might not be all that large). The choice of themes depends on the operating system.

Language

Kombilo tries to determine the language it should use from your operating system. If you want to change the language that Kombilo uses, you can do so using this menu. All languages for which a translation is available are shown, specified by their language code. Note that after changing the language, you must restart the program to make the change become effective.

The 'Game list' submenu

Sorting the game list First of all, in the 'Game list' submenu of the Options menu, you can choose how to sort the game list: by name of white or black player, date or filename.

You can reverse the whole game list by selecting the *Reverse order* option. So if you would like to sort the whole list by date, with the most current games at the top, you could disable 'Sort per database', choose 'Sort by date', and select 'Reverse order'.

Show date/show filename Depending on where your SGF files come from, it might be interesting to include the filename in the game list (as was done automatically in previous Kombilo versions), or to omit it. Similarly, it might

be interesting to include the date (if it cannot be read off from the file name, say, or to omit it). These two options allow you to control this. Changing either of these options will reset the game list.

3.6.4 Advanced Options

Almost all configurable options can be changed in the options menu, either directly or in the *Edit advanced options* window.

Description of most of the options:

Shaded stone mouse pointer (Don't) Show the current position of the mouse pointer on the board and the color of the next stone to be played by a shaded stone. **Open game in external SGF viewer** By default, by double-clicking on a game in a game list, the game is opened in Kombilo's main window. (You can open the game in an external viewer, by shift-clicking, though). If this option is active, double-clicking opens the game in an external viewer (v.py or an alternative SGF viewer). In that case, shift-clicking opens the game in the Kombilo main window.

Alternative SGF viewer If you want to use your customary SGF viewer/editor instead of the viewer coming with Kombilo, enter the command to start it and the command line options that tell it to open a certain sgf file here (put an %f where the filename should be). (If your viewer supports it, you can also put an %n where the move number the viewer should jump to directly should be put.)

If your viewer supports jumping directly to a certain move in a game, you can use %n as a placeholder for the move number of the first hit. Similarly, if your viewer supports SGF collection, you can use %g as a placeholder for the number of the concerning game in the given SGF file.

Under Windows, the file name is put in quotes. This is necessary if the path contains spaces. If you don't want the quotes (or want to set them yourself), you can use %F instead. **Maximize window** (*Windows only*) If this is active, Kombilo will try to maximize its main window on startup. This option will become effective when you start Kombilo the next time (not immediately).

If you choose to open games in Kombilo's external viewer, you can use the 'Maximize external viewer' option to have the viewer's windows maximized. **search_history_as_tab** (new in 0.7.1) Set this to 1 in order to put the search history frame as a tab in the right hand column. If the option is 0, then the search history will be displayed as the bottom pane of the left hand column. The default for this option is 1.

Uppercase labels If you want to use the 'Export search results' function to produce output for Sensei's Library, it is useful to use lowercase labels for the continuations, since only lowercase letters are automatically understood by Sensei's Library. If you do not want to do that, and find that uppercase labels look better, you can use this option.

Only one mouse button Some Mac OS X users have a mouse with only one button. Using this option, they can mark the search-relevant region with (left) mouse button click + drag. (On Macs, this is the default; on other operating systems, selecting the search region by right-click and drag is the default.)

Number of previous searches remembered As explained above, with the 'back' button you can jump back to the previous search. This option controls the number of previous searches that are remembered. The default is 30, and if your machine has only a small amount of memory, you probably should not set it much higher, or Kombilo might run out of memory and crash. On the other hand, if you have lots of memory, it might be convenient to set it to a higher number, or even to 0, which means 'no limit': all searches are remembered, as long as there is enough memory.

Some further internals such as the location of the database files could be accessed by editing the file `kombilo.cfg` directly. This file is a plain text file which you can edit yourself. *You should not edit this file while Kombilo is running.* It is created when Kombilo is started for the first time.

Note: Location of the `kombilo.cfg` file

Depending on your platform, the `kombilo.cfg` file will be stored in the following place:

Linux/Mac OS: `~/.kombilo/08/`, where `~` is your home directory; on Linux, this is typically `/home/yourusername/`.

Windows: In the folder `kombilo\08\` inside the `APPDATA` folder; typically `APPDATA` is something like `\Users\yourusername\AppData\Roaming\`.

Lines starting with a `#` are comments. Most options are explained by comments in this file.

In addition to the options, you can also define how tagged games should be displayed (background/foreground color) in the game list, and which references to commentaries in the literature should be displayed in the game list.

3.6.5 kombilo.app

You can change some 'global properties' like background color, type and size of the font used in the game list and in the text windows etc. by creating a file 'kombilo.app' in the same directory as `kombilo.cfg`. This is a plain text file; if you change it, please make sure to save the new version as plain text (ASCII), too.

Here is an example which shows the format of the file:

```
*font:                Helvetica 10
*background:          grey88
*foreground:          black
*activeBackground:   grey77
*activeForeground:    black
*selectBackground:   grey77
*selectForeground:    black
*Listbox.background: white
*Text.background:    white
*Entry.background:   white
*Canvas.background:  grey88
*Label.background:   grey88
```

3.6.6 Miscellaneous

The files containing the board image and the black and white stones are `icons/board.png`, `icons/black.png` and `icons/whiteN.png`, where `N` is a number between 0 and 15.

3.7 Troubleshooting

In case of errors, Kombilo writes some information to the file `kombilo.err` which is in the same directory as your `kombilo.cfg` file.

If you encounter problems, feel free to *contact me*.

3.8 Contributing

Kombilo intentionally is an open-source project. It has profited much from the contributions of its users in the past, and all your feedback and contributions are very much appreciated.

Development is concentrated on the [Kombilo project page on GitHub](#).

3.8.1 Tell me how you like Kombilo

Any kind of feedback is appreciated. Tell me which parts of Kombilo you like, and which ones need improvement. Did you use the Kombilo engine in your own scripts? I would be glad to learn about your results.

3.8.2 Ask questions, report bugs

If you have any problems, feel free to ask! Either by email at ug@geometry.de, or via the [issue tracker](#).

3.8.3 Ideas

I have lots of ideas of new features I would like to implement, and I also would like to learn your ideas and priorities!

3.8.4 Development

If you have time to delve into Kombilo development, check out the git repository:

```
git clone https://github.com/ugoertz/kombilo.git
```

Feel free to fork the project and do send me pull requests for improvements or fixes you made.

3.8.5 Documentation

I try to maintain a reasonably complete documentation, but there surely are gaps and probably some inaccuracies. Please notify me, if you think that something is not explained well.

3.9 Miscellaneous notes

3.9.1 References to commentaries

Kombilo has built in a list of references to game commentaries in the english go literature. The games are referenced by the Dyer signature (a signature assigned to the game which encodes the positions of move 20, 40, 60, 31, 51, 71, and which in practice characterizes a game uniquely); in particular Kombilo does not contain the game records. If Kombilo recognizes a game for which it has a reference, the corresponding line in the game list is highlighted by a light green background (by default - you can change this by editing the `kombilo.cfg` file), and a line which gives the actual reference is appended to the game info which is shown when that line in the game list is selected. (This is printed in blue, to show that it is not part of the game info proper, but was added by Kombilo.)



Currently, the list contains around 2000 references; in particular all issues of Go World, and many English books with game commentaries.

The references are stored in the file `references` in the `data` folder inside the main Kombilo directory. This is just a text file which you could edit yourself. The format should be self-explanatory. You can also download the [current version](#) of this file from the Kombilo source code repository and save it as the `references` file.

If you want only references to sources which you own to be shown, you can define exclude or include rules in the file `kombilo.cfg`.

Of course, additions to the list of references are very welcome. I think it would make sense to add references to other journals, like the American Go Journal, the British Go Journal, the Deutsche Go-Zeitung, the Revue Francaise de Go, etc.

3.9.2 Command line arguments

Kombilo.py

You can give file names of SGF files as command line arguments, and Kombilo will open these files upon startup. The file names should be given with the complete path. If blanks occur in the path or in the file name, it has to be put inside quotation marks.

v.py

The `v.py` SGF viewer accepts one SGF file name as the first argument, and optionally a move number as the second argument. The file will be opened at the specified move number.

3.9.3 Encodings

Kombilo can use SGF files with non-ASCII characters such as umlauts (äöü), accents (éèê), asian language characters, etc, **but currently it can only handle UTF-8-encoded files**. Of course, in addition the appropriate fonts to display these characters must be installed on your computer.

3.9.4 Requirements on SGF files

There are a few requirements on the SGF files that are used in the databases. They will be satisfied by ordinary game records, but might not be satisfied by “strange” SGF files.

First of all, the filename of an SGF file always has to end in `.sgf`.

In addition, at the very beginning an initial position can be set up. This is what happens in handicap games, for example. So handicap stones are treated correctly. It is also possible to set up an initial position consisting of black and white stones, like a go problem. On the other hand, “during the game”, i.e. after the first black or white move has been played, no stones may be added or removed except for the ordinary alternating black/white moves (and except for captures, of course). In particular, all stones in the initial position have to be set up in the same node of the SGF file. Unfortunately, in a few handicap games of the Go Teaching Ladder, this is not the case; you will have to edit these files manually if you want to use them with Kombilo.

SGF collections: Kombilo’s SGF editor can handle SGF files with several games in them, and so can the search engine. Nevertheless it is not a good idea to use games in that form, for performance reasons. It is better to split the collections, and then feed them into Kombilo. The problem with collections is that whenever the SGF file has to be read (for game info searches or to display the game info), the whole collection has to be read from disk, and has to be parsed.

The viewer does accept most SGF features. It displays labels, but it does not properly display text labels with more than one letter/digit. It ignores some of the new SGF tags like “good for black”, “bad for white”,

Kombilo ignores everything before the first ‘(;’. In particular, it will accept files with an email header and an SGF file after that. Be aware, though, that the header will be lost when you change the game info of that game: whenever Kombilo writes an SGF file, it will only write the game (resp. the game collection) itself.

Kombilo by default creates a separate database for each folder of SGF files (not including the files in subfolders - each subfolder will get its own database). This causes problems if you have your files in very many folders (hundreds, or more), because at certain points Kombilo will try to open all database files at the same time (e.g., when checking for duplicates). In that case, please uncheck the *Create one DB per folder* option.

3.9.5 Where to find game records

Here are some sources of game records:

- [GoGoD encyclopedia](#) has more than 85,000 games.
- [Go4go](#) has more than 40,000 games.
- [Games of strong players on KGS](#)
- [List of links to SGF collections on u-go.net](#)
- [List of links to SGF collections on Sensei’s library](#)

USING THE KOMBILO ENGINE IN YOUR OWN SCRIPTS

This document describes how to use the Kombilo database from your own Python scripts, enabling you to do all kinds of data mining on your SGF databases.

4.1 Getting started

It is easiest to create some databases using Kombilo, and then just use the database files `kombilo.d*` (or first copy them somewhere).

Then, a pattern search can be done in a few lines:

```
# set up the KEngine, load the database files
K = KEngine()
K.gamelist.DBlist.append({ 'sgfpath': '.', 'name':('.', 'kombilo1'),
                           'data': None, 'disabled': 0})
K.loadDBs()

# let us check whether this worked
print K.gamelist.noOfGames(), 'games in database.'

# define a search pattern
p = Pattern('''
            .....
            .....
            ...X...
            ...X..
            ...OX..
            ...OO..
            .....
            ''', ptype=CORNER_NE_PATTERN, sizeX=7, sizeY=7)

# start pattern search
K.patternSearch(p)

# print some information
print K.patternSearchDetails()
```

For a slightly extended example, see `basic_pattern_search`. Instead of appending items to `K.gamelist.DBlist` manually as above, you can also use the `py:meth:GameList.populateDBs` method, see e.g. `sgftree`.

4.2 The scripts in the examples directory

4.2.1 basic_pattern_search.py

4.2.2 sgftree

This script takes an initial position, searches for it in the given database, and then searches for all continuations, then for all continuations in the newly found results etc. In this way, a tree of positions is computed, and in the end everything is written into an SGF file, with some information about the search results at each step. (Note that this functionality is also available from within Kombilo.)

Before starting the script, you need to write a configuration file. In the [databases] section, information about the databases to be used should be given, in the [options] section some options must be set.

Mandatory options are

```
output # name of the output file
```

Further options:

```
initialposition # the initial position; see below for examples, default: empty board
boardsize # board size, default: 19,
anchors # the rectangle within which the top left corner of the search pattern
          # may move, default: (0, 0, 0, 0),
selection # the region on the board which is used as the search pattern,
           # default: ((0, 0), (18, 18)),

depth # the highest move number that is considered, default: 10
min_number_of_hits # variations with less hits are not considered (black/white
                   # continuations are considered separately) default: 10
max_number_of_branches # if there are more continuations,
                       # only those with the most hits are considered, default: 20

gisearch # a query text for a game info search to be carried out
          # before the pattern searches, default: no game info search
reset_game_list # should each search start from the initial game list, or from
                # the list resulting from the search for the parent node?
                # (This determines whether for some node all games featuring
                # this position should be seen, or only those where it arose
                # by the same sequence of moves as in the SGF file),
                # default: False
comment_head # text that should be prepended to every comment,
              # default: @@monospace
```

The default value for `comment_head` is `@@monospace` which causes Kombilo to display the comment in a fixed width font. This is useful for output in tabular form.

In the [searchoptions] section, you can pass search options to Kombilo; possible choices are

```
fixedColor, nextMove, searchInVariations, moveLimit
```

Example config file (starting from the empty board):

```
[databases]
d0 = /home/ug/go/gogod10W, /home/ug/go/gogod10W, kombilo1
d1 = /home/ug/go/go4go, /home/ug/go/go4go, kombilo1
d2 = /home/ug/go/go4goN, /home/ug/go/go4goN, kombilo1
```

```
[options]
output = out1.sgf
# start with empty board:
initialposition = '(;)'
depth = 15
min_number_of_hits = 20
max_number_of_branches = 20
[searchoptions]
fixedColor = 1
```

Example config file (starting with opposing san ren sei):

```
[databases]
d0 = /home/ug/go/gogod11W, /home/ug/go/gogod11W, kombilo3
[options]
output = out2.sgf
initialposition = '(;AB[pd][pp][pj]AW[dd][dp][dj])'
depth = 15
min_number_of_hits = 5
max_number_of_branches = 20
[searchoptions]
fixedColor = 1
```

4.2.3 profiler

This script performs a number of pattern searches and writes a HTML file with information about the results and the time used for the searches. This makes it easy to compare Kombilo performance with different search parameters. Invoking the script for different versions of the underlying libkombilo library, you can also experiment with changes to the search algorithms, or compare new algorithms to the existing ones.

Usage:

Invoke the script as

```
./profiler.py s1
```

where `s1` is a subdirectory containing the following files.

Mandatory files:

```
kombilo1.d* # kombilo database files
hgsummary # a text file whose first line should contain information about the
           # revision (inside the hg source code repository) of libkombilo
           # used in this instance; to get started, just put the date (or
           # anything) as the first line of a text file.
jquery.js # The `jQuery <http://jquery.com>`_ javascript library which is
           # used in the HTML file produced by the script. Obtain a current
           # version from the `jQuery <http://jquery.com>`_ web site.
```

Optional files:

```
libkombilo.py, _libkombilo.so # the files providing the libkombilo library
                              # If you do not put them in the subdirectory,
                              # they are taken from the ``src/`` directory of
                              # your Kombilo installation.
```

Of course, you could easily to change the script to read the database from a different path or to use more than one database.

4.2.4 test_pattern_search

In this directory there are a couple of scripts which I used to test the pattern search for consistency. You can use them as starting points for your own scripts.

final_position.py

This script takes a database, and searches for the final position of each game in the database. If the number of results is different from 1, the file names of the games having this patterns are printed. (Typically these are games which have duplicates in the database, or which are very short.)

After searching for each final position, the script searches for the position at move 50 in each game.

Usage: invoke as

```
./various_tests.py s1
```

where `s1` is a subdirectory which contains data as for the *profiler* script. Output is to the console (instead of an HTML file).

various_tests.py

This script carries out a number of pattern searches, for various patterns and with various parameters, and checks the results for consistency.

Usage: invoke as

```
./various_tests.py s1
```

where `s1` is a subdirectory which contains data as for the *profiler* script, and to which the output html page is written.

4.3 API

4.3.1 The kombiloNG module

The kombiloNG module provides much of the Kombilo functionality without the Graphical User Interface. You can use it to do pattern searches etc. in your Python scripts.

class `kombiloNG.Cursor` (**args*, ***kwargs*)

A Cursor which is used to traverse an SGF file. See the documentation of the *sgf* module for further details.

class `kombiloNG.GameList`

A Kombilo list of games. The list can consist of several Kombilo databases. You do not construct instances of this class yourself. Rather, every *KEngine* instance `K` has a unique instance `K.gamelist` of *GameList*.

As in Kombilo, the *GameList* maintains a list of games that are “currently visible” (think of all games matching some pattern). All search methods and many other methods work with this “current list”.

addTag (*tag*, *index*)

Set tag on game at position *index* in the current list.

exportTags (*filename*, *which_tags=[]*)

Export all tags in all non-disabled databases into the file specified by *filename*.

If *which_tags* is specified, then it has to be a list of positive integers, and only the tags in the list are exported.

getIndex (*i*)

Returns *dbIndex*, *j*, such that `self.DBlist[dbIndex]['current'][j]` corresponds to the *i*-th entry of the current list of games.

getProperty (*index*, *prop*)

Return a property of the game at position *index* in the current list of games. Here *prop* should be one of the following constants:

- `GL_FILENAME` - the filename
- `GL_PB` - the black player
- `GL_PW` - the white player
- `GL_RESULT` - the result
- `GL_SIGNATURE` - the symmetrized Dyer signature
- `GL_DATE` - the date.

getSGF (*index*)

Return the SGF source of the game at position *index* in the current list of games.

This returns the SGF if `sgfInDB` was `True` when processing the db; otherwise it returns the root node SGF.

getTags (*index*)

Get all tags of the game at position *index* in the current list.

get_data (*i*, *showTags=True*)

Return entry in line *i* of current list of games (as it appears in the Kombilo game list window).

importTags (*filename*)

The file given by *filename* should be a file to which previously tags have been exported using `exportTags()`.

This method imports all the tags into the current databases. The games are identified by the Dyer signature together with a hash value of their final position. So unless there are duplicates in the database, this should put the tags on those games where they were before exporting. In case of duplicates, all duplicates will receive the corresponding tags.

listOfCurrentSGFFiles ()

Return a list of file names for all SGF files of games in the current list of games.

noOfGames ()

Return the number of games in the current list of games.

noOfHits ()

Return the number of hits for the last pattern search.

noOfSwitched ()

Return the number of hits where the colors are reversed for the last pattern search.

populateDBlist (*d*)

Add the databases specified in the dictionary *d* to this GameList. *d* must have the following format:

For each key *k*, *d[k]* is a list of three entries. The first entry is the `sgfpath`, i.e. the root folder where (and below which) the SGF files of this database are stored.

The second entry is the path where the Kombilo database files are stored, and the third entry is the name of these database files, without the extension.

The keys are assumed to be strings. If ‘k’ ends with ‘disabled’, then the disabled flag will be set for the corresponding database.

After adding the databases in this way, you must call `KEngine.loadDBs()` to load the database files.

printGameInfo (*index*)

Return a pair whose first entry is a string containing the game info for the game at *index*. The second entry is a string giving the reference to commentaries in the literature, if available.

printSignature (*index*)

Return the symmetrized Dyer signature of the game at *index* in the current list of games.

reset ()

Reset the list, s.t. it includes all the games from `self.data`.

class `kombiloNG.KEngine`

This is the class which you use to use the Kombilo search functionality.

After instantiating it, you need to tell the `gamelist` which databases you want to use, e.g. using `GameList.populateDBlist()`, and then call `loadDBs()`. Afterwards you can use `patternSearch()`, for instance.

See the Kombilo documentation on further information how to get started.

Further notes.

After a pattern search, the continuations are assembled into the list `self.continuations`, whose entries are instances of `lk.Continuation`, storing total number of hits, position in `currentSearchPattern`, number of black continuations, number of black wins after black play here, number of black losses after black play here, number of black plays here after `tenuki`, number of white continuations, number of black wins after white play here, number of black losses after white play here, number of white plays here after `tenuki`, label used on the board at this point.

addDB (*dbp*, *datap*=(‘’, ‘#’), *recursive*=*True*, *filenames*=‘*.sgf’, *acceptDupl*=*True*, *strictDuplCheck*=*True*, *tagAsPro*=0, *processVariations*=*True*, *algos*=*None*, *messages*=*None*, *progBar*=*None*, *showwarning*=*None*, *index*=*None*, *all_in_one_db*=*True*, *sgfInDB*=*True*, *logDuplicates*=*True*)

Call this method to newly add a database of SGF files.

Parameters:

- dbp*: the path where the `sgf` files are to be found.
- datap*: the path where the database files will be stored. Leaving the default value means: store database at *dbp*, with base filename ‘`kombilo`’. Instead, you can specify a pair (path, filename). Then `path/filenameN.d[ab]?` will be the locations of the database files. Every Kombilo database consists of several files; they will have names with `?` equal to `a`, `b`, ... `N` is a natural number chosen to make the file name unique.
- recursive*: specifies whether subdirectories should be included recursively
- messages*: a ‘message text window’ which receives status messages
- progBar*: a progress bar
- showwarning*: a method which display warnings (like `Tkinter.showwarning`)
- index*: where to add this in the `DBlist` (`None` means: add at end)
- all_in_one_db*: Put all games found in this folder and all its subfolders into one `db` (rather than creating one `db` per folder)

addOneFolder (*arguments, dbpath, gl=None*)

This should really be named `add_one_folder`: Adds all sgf files in the folder `dbpath` to `gl`, or to a newly created `GameList`.

copyCurrentGamesToFolder (*dir*)

Copy all SGF files belonging to games in the current list to the folder given as `dir`.

dateProfile (*intervals=None*)

Return the absolute numbers of games in the given date intervals among the games in the current list of games.

Default value for `intervals` is

```
[ (0, 1900), (1900, 1950), (1950, 1975), (1975, 1985), (1985, 1992),
  (1992, 1997), (1997, 2002), (2002, 2006), (2006, 2009), (2009, 2013),
  ]
```

dateProfileRelative ()

Return the ratios of games in the current list versus games in the whole database, for each of the date intervals specified in `dateProfile()`.

gameinfoSearch (*query*)

Do a game info search on the current list of games.

- `query` provides the query as part of an SQL clause which can be used as an SQL WHERE clause.

Examples:

```
date >= '2000-03-00'
PB = 'Cho Chikun'
PB like 'Cho%'
PW like 'Go Seigen' and not PB like 'Hashimoto%'
```

After the `like` operator, you can use the percent sign `%` as a wildcard to match arbitrary text.

The columns in the database are

```
PB (player black)
PW (player white)
RE (result)
EV (event)
DT (the date as given in the sgf file)
date (the date in the form YYYY-MM-DD)
filename
sgf (the full SFG source).
```

gameinfoSearchNC (*query*)

Returns the number of games matching the given query (see `gameinfoSearch()` for the format of the query) **without changing the list of current games**.

get_datapath (*datap, dbpath*)

Ensure not to overwrite existing files: Add counter to `path/file.db` such that new Kombilo databases can be written.

get_pattern_from_node (*node, boardsize=19, **kwargs*)

Return a full board pattern with the position at `node`. `**kwargs` are passed on to `Pattern.__init__()`.

loadDBs (*progBar=None, showwarning=None*)

Load the database files for all databases that were added to the gamelist.

parseReferencesFile (*datafile*, *options=None*)

Parse a file with references to commentaries in the literature. See the file `src/data/references` for the file format.

The method builds up `self.gamelist.references`, a dictionary which for each Dyer signature has a list of all references for the corresponding game.

`datafile` is expected to be a “file-like object” (like an opened file) with a `.read()` method.

patternSearch (*CSP*, *SO=None*, *CL='ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz123456789'*, *FL={}*, *progBar=None*, *sort_criterion=None*, *update_gamelist=True*)

Start a pattern search on the current game list.

- *CSP* must be an instance of *Pattern* - it is the pattern that is searched for.
- You can specify search options as *SO* - this must be an instance of `lk.SearchOptions` (see below).
- *CL*, *FL*, *progBar* are used with the Kombilo GUI.
- *sort_criterion* will be used for sorting the continuations:
 - total: by number of occurrences
 - earliest: by earliest occurrence (earliest first)
 - latest: by latest occurrence (latest date first)
 - average: by average date of occurrence (earliest date first)
 - became popular: by weighted average which tries to measure when the move became popular (earliest date first)
 - became unpopular: by weighted average which tries to measure when the move became unpopular (latest date first)

Search options. Create an instance of `lk.SearchOptions` by

```
so = lk.SearchOptions
```

You can then set particular options on `so`, e.g.:

```
so.fixedColor = 1
so.searchInVariations = False
```

Available options:

- *fixedColor*, values: 0 = also search for pattern with colors reversed; 1 = fix colors as given in pattern; default value is 0
- *nextMove*, values: 0 either player moves next, 1 = next move must be black, 2 = next move must be white; default value is 0
- *moveLimit*, positive integer; pattern must occur at this move in the game or earlier; default value is 10000
- *trustHashFull*, boolean, values: true = do not use `ALGO_MOVELIST` to confirm a hit given by `ALGO_HASH_FULL`, false = use `ALGO_MOVELIST` to confirm it; default value is false
- *searchInVariations*, boolean; default value is true
- *algos*, an integer which specifies which algorithms should be used; in practice, use one of the following:

```
lk.ALGO_FINALPOS | lk.ALGO_MOVELIST
lk.ALGO_FINALPOS | lk.ALGO_MOVELIST | lk.ALGO_HASH_FULL
lk.ALGO_FINALPOS | lk.ALGO_MOVELIST | lk.ALGO_HASH_FULL | lk.ALGO_HASH_
↪CORNER
```

The default is to use all available algorithms.

patternSearchDetails (*exportMode='ascii', showAllCont=False*)

Returns a string with information on the most recent pattern search.

signatureSearch (*sig*)

Do a signature search for the Dyer signature *sig*.

tagSearch (*tag*)

Do a tag search on the current game list.

tag can be an expression like *H* and (*X* or not *M*), where *H*, *X*, *M* are abbreviations for tags (i.e. keys in `self.gamelist.customTags`). In the simplest example, `tag == H`, i.e. we just search for all games tagged with *H*.

class `kombiloNG.Node` (**args, **kwargs*)

A Node of an SGF file. Also see the documentation of the `sgf` module.

class `kombiloNG.Pattern` (*p, **kwargs*)

A pattern, i.e., a configuration of black and white stones (and empty spots, and possibly wildcards) on a portion of the go board.

To create a pattern, pass the following arguments to `Pattern`:

- **p**: The pattern as a string (`. . . XXO . . X`). Blanks and line breaks will be ignored. Commas (to mark hoshis) will be replaced by periods.
- **ptype** (optional): one of

```
CORNER_NW_PATTERN, CORNER_NE_PATTERN, CORNER_SW_PATTERN, CORNER_SE_PATTERN
# fixed in specified corner

SIDE_N_PATTERN, SIDE_W_PATTERN, SIDE_E_PATTERN, SIDE_S_PATTERN
# slides along specified side

CENTER_PATTERN
# movable in center

FULLBOARD_PATTERN.
```

- **sizeX**, **sizeY**: the size (horizontal/vertical) of the pattern (not needed, if `ptype` is `FULLBOARD_PATTERN`).
- **anchors** (optional): A tuple (right, left, top, bottom) which describe the rectangle containing all permissible positions for the top left corner of the pattern.

One of `ptype` and `anchors` must be present. If `ptype` is given, then `anchors` will be ignored.

- **contlist** (optional): A list of continuations, in *SGF format*, e.g. `;B[qq];W[de];B[gf]`,
- **toleft** (optional): a pair of coordinates, specifying the top left corner of the pattern, needed for translating `contlist` into coordinates relative to the pattern
- **contsinpattern** (optional; used only if `contlist` is not given): `X` (black) or `O` (white). If given, the labels 1, 2, 3, ... in the pattern are extracted and handled as continuations, with 1 played by the specified color.
- **contLabels** (optional): A string of same size as `p`, with labels that should be used for labelling continuations.

Warning: Continuation and captures

With the *Pattern* class it is not currently possible to deal with captures made by one of the moves of the continuation list. While the libkombilo library allows to do this, I have yet to think of a good interface to access this functionality.

getInitialPosAsList (*hoshi=False, boundary=False*)

Export current pattern as list of lists, like [['?', 'X', '?'], ['O', '?', '?']]

If *boundary==True*, a boundary of spaces, '-', '|', '+ 's is added. If *hoshi==True*, hoshi points are marked with '?'. (Of course, this is only applicable for fullboard or corner patterns, or patterns with fixed anchor.)

kombiloNG.translateRE (*s*)

Try to provide accurate translation of REsult string in an SGF file. See also the notes of Andries Brouwer at <http://homepages.cwi.nl/~aeb/go/misc/sgfnotes.html>

4.3.2 The sgf module

The sgf module provides functionality for handling SGF files.

class `sgf.Cursor` (*sgf, sloppy=False, encoding='utf8'*)

The `Cursor` class takes SGF data (as a string) and provides methods to traverse the game and to retrieve the information for each node stored in the SGF file.

To create a `Cursor` instance, call `Cursor` with the following arguments:

- `sgf`: The SGF data as a string.
- `sloppy` (optional, default is `False`): If this is `True`, then the parser tries to ignore deviations from the SGF format.
- `encoding` (optional, default is `'utf-8'`): **This option is currently not used.** Later, the parser will decode the file with the specified encoding.

currentNode ()

Get an instance of class `Node` for the node the cursor currently points to.

exportGame (*gameNumber=None*)

Return a string with the game attached to self in SGF format (with character encoding utf-8!). Depending on `gameNumber`:

- if `None`: only the currently “active” game in the collection is written (as specified by `self.currentGame`)
- if an integer: the game specified by `gameNumber` is written
- if a tuple of integer: the games for this tuple are written
- if `'ALL'`: all games are written

getRootNode (*n*)

Get the first node of the `n`-th node of this SGF game collection. Typically, SGF files contain only a single game; `getRootNode(0)` will give you its root node.

next (*n=0, markCurrent=None*)

Go to `n`-th child of current node. Default for `n` is 0, so if there are no variations, you can traverse the game by repeatedly calling `next()`.

noChildren ()

Returns the number of children of the current node, i.e. the number of variations starting here.

previous ()

Go to the previous node.

updateRootNode (data, n=0)

Update the root node of the n-th game in this collection.

data is a dictionary which maps SGF properties like PB, PW, ... to their values.

class `sgf.Node (node)`

The Node class represents a single node in a game. This class is a wrapper for `lk.Node` class. It has dictionary style access to `sgf` property values.

This class does not inherit from `lk.Node`. To construct a Node, pass an `lk.Node` instance to `__init__`. It is stored as `self.n`.

You can check whether a Node `node` has an SGF property and retrieve its value like this: `if 'B' in node: print node['B']`. Similarly, using `node['B'] = ('pp',)` and `del node['B']` you can set values and delete properties from `node`.

add_property_value (ID, item)

Add `item` to the list `self[ID]`.

get_move_number ()

Returns the move number where the node sits inside the game. This is a list of non-negative integers. The entries with even indices mean “go right by this amount in the game tree”; the entries at odd places mean “go down as many steps as indicated, i.e. pass to the corresponding sibling”.

pathToNode ()

Returns ‘path’ to the specified node in the following format: `[0, 1, 0, 2, 0]` means: from `rootNode`, go * to next move (0-th variation), then (* to first variation, then * to next move (0-th var.), then * to second variation, * then to next move.

In other words, a cursor `c` pointing to `rootNode` can be moved to `n` by `for i in n.pathToNode(): c.next(i)`.

remove (ID, item)

Remove `item` from the list `self.n[ID]`.

4.3.3 Libkombilo constants

Pattern types:

```
CORNER_NW_PATTERN
CORNER_NE_PATTERN
CORNER_SW_PATTERN
CORNER_SE_PATTERN

SIDE_N_PATTERN
SIDE_W_PATTERN
SIDE_E_PATTERN
SIDE_S_PATTERN

CENTER_PATTERN

FULLBOARD_PATTERN
```

Algorithms:

```
ALGO_FINALPOS  
ALGO_MOVELIST  
ALGO_HASH_CORNER  
ALGO_HASH_FULL
```

4.4 Libkombilo

To study the underlying C++ library in detail, look at the [Libkombilo documentation](#). A good starting point is the `cpptest.cpp` program in `lk/examples`.

HISTORY/UPGRADING

5.1 Upgrading

When upgrading between major versions (e.g., 0.5 to 0.7), you always have to newly process your databases. Since processing is pretty fast by now, it should not hurt too much.

Between minor versions in the 0.7 branch, the database file format did not change. You can copy your kombilo.cfg file (which contains, among many options, the database locations) to the new directory, and thus keep your databases, including all tags.

5.2 History/Change log

5.2.1 0.8

0.8.3 (November 2016)

Several minor changes, mostly to ensure compatibility with Mac OS X.

Added references to the comments at [Go Game Guru](#).

0.8.2 (November 2016)

- Reduce memory usage at several points: pattern searches, search history, processing
- Improve user interface (thanks to D. Sigaty for several suggestions)
- Improve handling of collections distributed among many folders
- Add references to commentaries (Go World now complete; several books added)
- Several minor bug fixes

0.8.1 (October 2016)

- Add Windows Installer
- Minor bug fixes

0.8 (October 2016)

Major changes:

- *SGF tree function* in Kombilo: continue searching recursively for all continuations arising from some search pattern.
- Add framework to translate the application to other languages (plus German translation)
- Install Kombilo as a Python package via pip (so far, as a *source distribution* only, i.e., a C++ compiler is still required)
- Reintroduce *Custom menus* as in Kombilo 0.5.
- Improve date profile: more fine-grained information, several options configurable by user.
- Organize pattern search history as a tree.

The source code is now hosted in a [GitHub repository](#).

5.2.2 0.7

0.7.6 (October 2016)

Some small bug fixes.

0.7.5 (October 2016)

- Fix a few small bugs, most notably fix searching for the empty board (thanks to Bram Vandebon for the bug report). Thanks also to Gilles Arcas and Claude Brisson for sending bug reports with fixes included.
- Switch code versioning system to Git, hosted in Github: [Kombilo](#)
- Small changes to reflect updates in third-party packages (SWIG, jQuery).

0.7.4 (August 2012)

Fixed bug in search algorithm. Thanks to John Fairbairn for pointing it out.

0.7.3 (May 2012)

- Add *Find duplicates* method.
- Fix `goto` move method (Shift + Right click).
- `.sgf` as default extension upon saving files.

0.7.2 (April 2012)

Bug fixes. Added mouse wheel support, and - on Linux - support for back/next mouse buttons. Option to always maximize window (Windows only). Updated references to commentaries.

Note: Update from version 0.7 or 0.7.1 to 0.7.2:

While reprocessing your databases is not necessary for Kombilo to be working correctly, it will greatly speed up the date profile computation, so it is advisable to do this.

0.7.1 (April 2012)

Major changes:

- provide a Windows installer.

Selected minor fixes:

- Make reprocess export/import tags automatically.
- Optionally put search history as a tab in notebook in right column. Thanks to [crux@lifein19x19](#) for the suggestion.
- Pass focus to boardFrame upon double click in game list. Thanks to [crux@lifein19x19](#) for the suggestion.
- Update references to commentaries.
- optionally Kombilo avoids the use of Python Imaging Library (PIL). With this option, Kombilo can be made to work on Mac OS X. Thanks to [RBerenguel@lifein19x19](#) for testing things on Mac OS.
- Fixed some issues regarding the handling of bad SGF files.

0.7 (March 2012)

Version 0.7 brought lots of changes to Kombilo and Libkombilo, including

Kombilo

- Kombilo now makes use of the libkombilo C++ library; it can search in variations, and search for move sequences
- Tags for games
- Show *date profile* for current list of games
- Much better support for using Kombilo in your own Python scripts; several example scripts included
- Update the GUI: nicer icons, keyboard bindings, better handling of large game lists, etc.

Libkombilo

- Use multiple processor cores/processors, if available
- Allow tagging of games
- Change the data file format the search algorithms use to make startup and searching faster
- Many bug fixes and small improvements

Furthermore, there have been a number of changes to make the development process easier and more pleasant, e.g.

- switch to [Mercurial](#) as the versioning system for the source code, and host the project on [BitBucket](#),
- use [Sphinx](#) for producing the documentation
- use [Fabric](#) to make deployment easier

5.2.3 “0.6”: Libkombilo (2006)

There was no *Kombilo 0.6* release, but in 2006 I partially rewrote the pattern matching algorithms, and isolated them from the graphical user interface. This made it easy to include it as a library into other programs. Since version 3.0 (2007) it is included in *Drago*.

The libkombilo library can ...

- search for corner patterns, full board patterns, and patterns anywhere on the board, of course taking into account symmetries (rotation, mirroring), and -unless switched of- color reversal.
- handle for any (square) board size.
- search for continuations, i.e. you give an initial pattern (possibly empty), and then a sequence of moves which have to occur in every hit in the given order.
- search in games with variations, and find results within variations as well.

5.2.4 0.5 (2002-2004)

- Kombilo comes with a complete SGF editor: so you can add variations of your own, comment the game, add labels etc. The SGF editor can also handle collections, i.e. SGF files containing several games. The tree structure of the current game is shown in a separate window. You can rotate/mirror SGF files.
- Kombilo now comes with a built in list of references to commentaries of games in the English go literature. (NB: Kombilo does not come with the game records, but recognizes the games by the Dyer signature.) Those games in your database which Kombilo finds in its list are marked in the game list, and in the game info a reference to the journal/book which has the commentary is given. Currently the list contains around 1200 references, and includes references to the game commentaries in 85 issues of *Go World* and in most English go books with game comentaries.
- The previous search patterns are now shown on small boards in a scrollable separate window. Thus you can switch back and forth between different search patterns much more easily. This also works much better now with different SGF files. In particular, you can load games from the game list directly to the Kombilo main board, and then search for patterns which arise in that game.
- You can sort the game list with respect to one of several criteria (besides the default, sort by filename, you can now also sort by date, white player or black player). You can also easily change the order of the databases.
- You can refine pattern searches by filtering who moves next in the search pattern.

5.2.5 0.4 (2002)

- Custom menus: menus which you can edit yourself. Upon selecting a menu entry, the following actions can be performed: search for a predefined pattern; search for predefined game information (player, event, ...); open the web browser with some html file. Thus you could create a “Fuseki/Joseki pattern” menu, a “Players” or a “Titles” menu.
- Even faster SGF parser. (On my computer, Kogo’s joseki dictionary now comes up immediately.)
- Better handling of large databases.
- First SGF editing features: you can now edit the game information, and the comments. (Make sure to have backups of important files ;-))
- Optionally include the whole game list when exporting search results.
- Indicate color swap in the list of results
- Searches with lots of matches are considerably faster now.

5.2.6 0.3 (2002)

- The search engine has been partially rewritten; in particular two subtle bugs have been fixed. The use of hash tables makes joseki and fuseki searches considerably faster.
- A faster SGF parser. With the new parser, Kogo's joseki dictionary, a huge file, can be read in in a few seconds, and thus can be conveniently used with Kombilo to study Joseki.
- Winning percentages for continuations; show how often some continuation is played after tenuki.
- Export function for search results (either as plain text, or in a format suitable for use in Sensei's Library)

5.2.7 0.2 (2002)

- More comfortable game info search (time period, players, event, ...)
- 'Back' button to return to the previous search.
- More convenient user interface. In particular, the two windows will fit on your screen (800x600 or bigger) without overlapping now.
- Display Black/White winning percentages. More detailed statistics on the continuations in a search pattern.
- Check for duplicates in the data base (with the Dyer signature), search games by signature.

5.2.8 0.1 (October 2001)

The first Kombilo version. It already had the basic pattern search functionality (including the C++ extension), but was still rough around the edges.

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