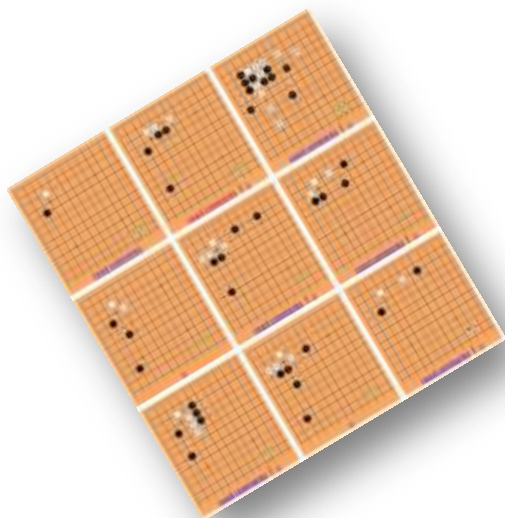


Once upon a time ...

Almost 40 years ago Yoshio Ishida and his students wrote the Kihon Joseki Jiten (基本定石事典) which became today's de facto standard for Joseki.

Since that day not much has changed...



As with everything in the world, there was the evolution from books to computers.

Today there are a lot of desktop applications and huge game record files which are often shameless reproductions of the content of those famous Ishida dictionaries. Some collections hide this by adding rare sequences which hardly ever occurred at all in professional go.

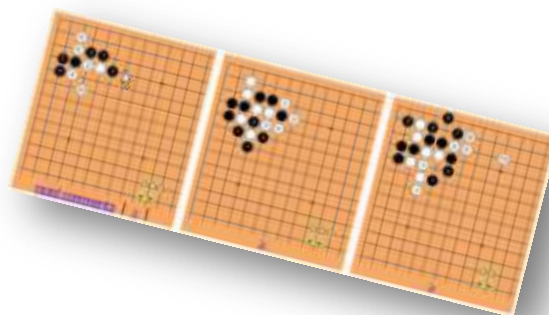
We moved to the digital era in the quickest and dirtiest way. There's more information than ever before, but the quality has never been worse. On top of that, nobody seems to care about the student, who should stand central in this story.

BruGo, the ultimate Joseki dictionary

BruGo (<http://www.BruGo.BE>) offers an online joseki dictionary, which offers good old fashioned sequence diagrams combined with modern click-through navigation.

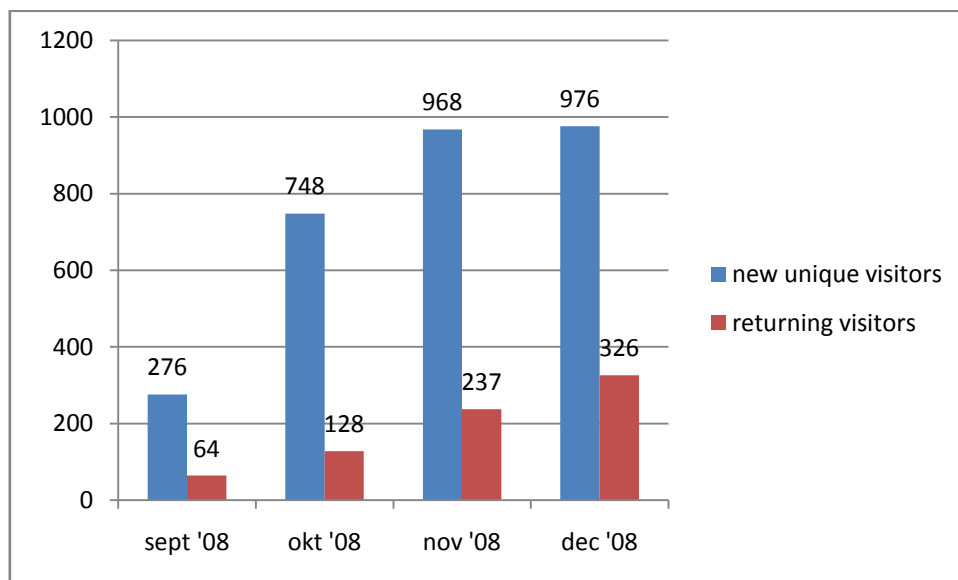
Visitors can report missing moves. These sequences are next discussed by the BruGo team and new sequences are added within a week.

BruGo went online halfway September 2008.



Growth

Currently BruGo has almost 1000 first-time visitors each month. And more importantly we currently have 350 regular visitors (growing rapidly). The exact number of hits is of course far higher.



We are also proud to announce that **our Google Pagerank** has increased to a **3/10** level during the last weeks.

Future

At BruGo we see a future of cooperations. Without doubt the amount of visitors would triple just by adding a wiki service or online playing ability. However it is better to combine quality-services than living apart-together, each reinventing the other's wheels. At the moment there is already a cooperation with Sensei's Library and KGS.

In 2009 we will continue to boost our research and development. Current projects are Joseki and User Ratings, Tree visualization of sequences, downloadable SGF files, web services, Rich text comments.

The team

BruGo was realized thanks to the hard work of young professional Software Engineers with a passion for Go. The content of the website is extended and maintained by a small team of dan players, using databases, books and professional opinions.

Of course also the visitors deserve a thank you for their feedback and contributions.

Happy holidays !