

# penalty shootout casino

Is This Casino Technology Legal?  
You've read about poker bots and what they can do for you. But is deploying a bot one illegal?  
The robot army  
The existence of poker bots is slowly but surely having an increasing impact on the world of online poker. It's a piece of software that an unscrupulous person uses to play poker for them at an online poker site.  
The theory is this. Humans are susceptible to being made of meat, and so we forget stuff. But a bot never forgets, and is constantly building up data about the players it is facing. It makes decisions based not only on the mathematical probability of the success of the hand, but also on the actions of the people it is playing against.  
It is thinking about when they fold, when they raise, when they bluff in short, everything a truly skilled poker player should be thinking about. Only the bot is completely fearless and ruthless, because it never experiences adrenaline rushes and it can't be tilted.  
Therefore, these bots will always eventually win. That's the theory anyway.  
The reality is, the bots' strategy is based on rules that a human programmer must define. Thus they are very beatable.  
If it were that simple, there wouldn't be a legal issue here. The problem is that bots cheat.  
Sneaky little cheats  
The real difficulty with poker bots is that they have now evolved to the point where they collude with each other. A skilled bot programmer or, since such products are now commercially available, a bot purchaser can set up a number of bots that use their own server to communicate with each other.  
This means you could have four bots at a poker table, all sharing their hole cards with each other.  
Any human player at the table is going to be at an instant disadvantage, and will probably be fleeced in very short order.