

# MSc IT+ Masters Team Project

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# 1 Introduction

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## 1.1 A Sample Subheading

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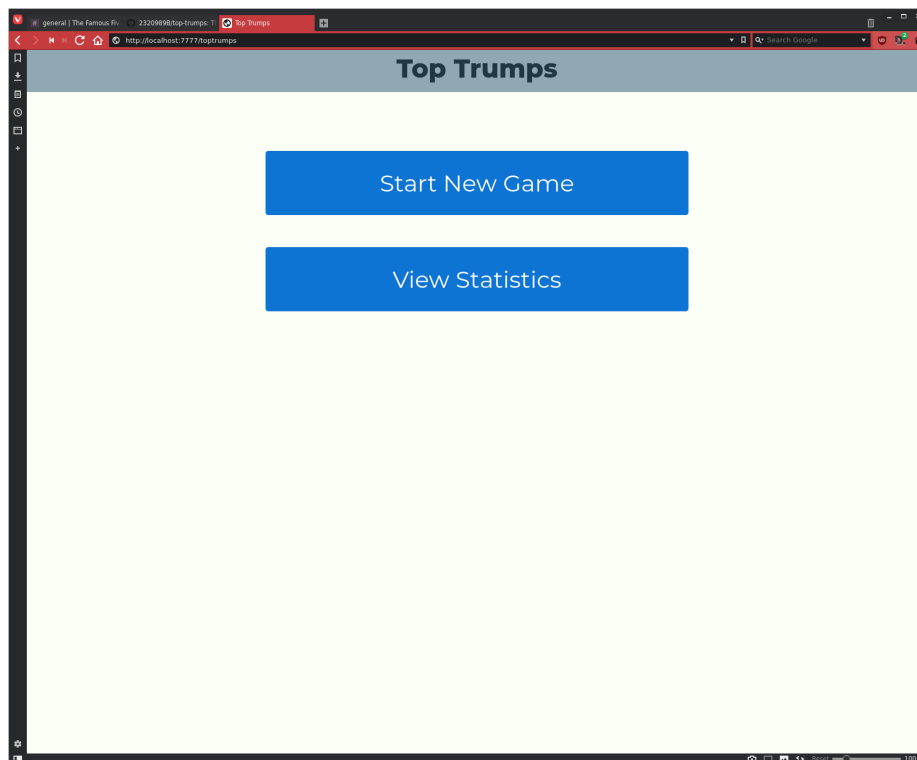


Figure 1: Main Menu.

## 2 User Stories

Check validity of each story.

Check validity of each test.

Check duration of each story.

Allocate actual duration to each story.

Personas and User stories were populated and managed on a Trello board per Figure 2. Production stories are reproduced within this report for legibility. Stories found to duplicate the intent of existing stories were “binned”. A selection are visible within Figure 2. For brevity, these stories are not presented within this report.

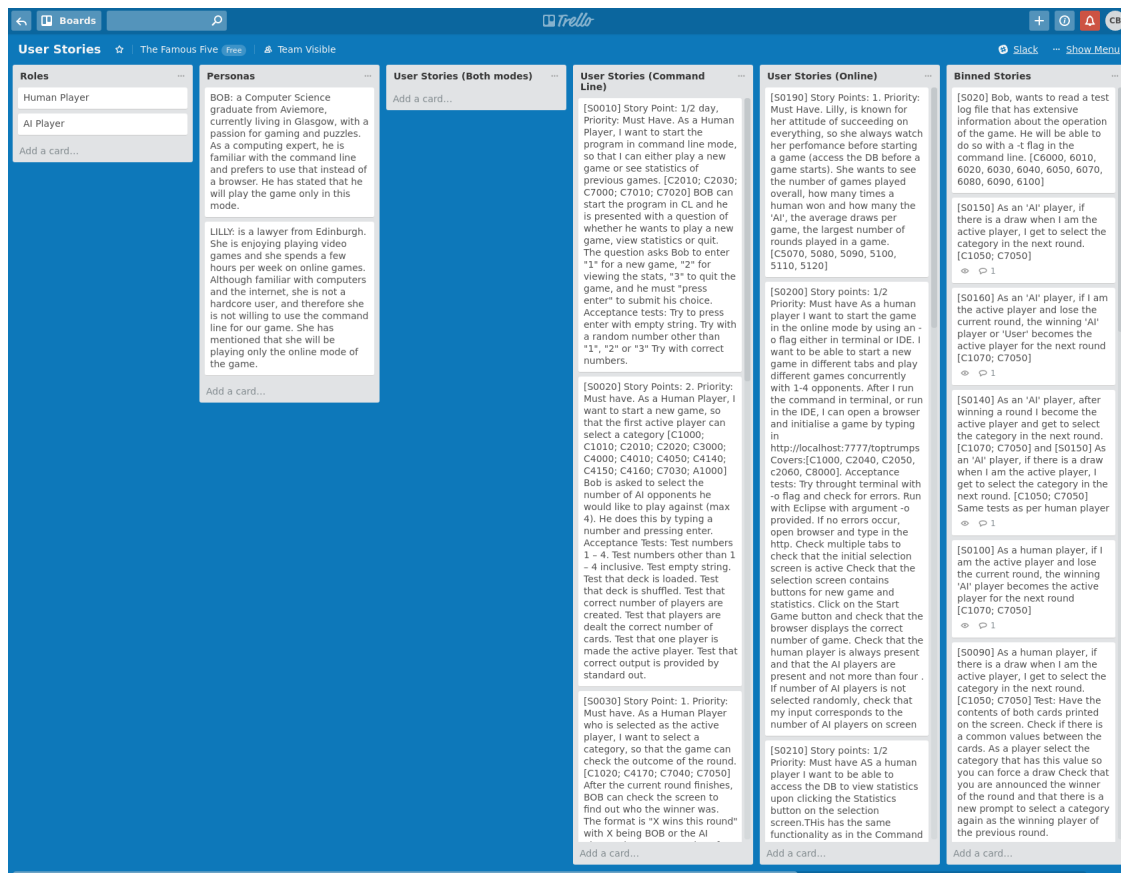


Figure 2: User Stories in Trello.

Check that durations visible in screenshot align with those in this document.

## 2.1 Sprint #1: Command Line Mode

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### S0010

Must Have

Est: 1 Act: ?

As a Human Player, I want to start the program in command line mode, so that I can either play a new game or see statistics of previous games.

### S0010

BOB can start the program in CL and he is presented with a question of whether he wants to play a new game, view statistics or quit. The question asks Bob to enter “1” for a new game, “2” for viewing the stats, “3” to quit the game, and he must “press enter” to submit his choice. Acceptance tests: Try to press enter with empty string. Try with a random number other than “1”, “2” or “3” Try with correct numbers.

## S0020

Must Have

Est: 2 Act: ?

As a Human Player, I want to start a new game, so that the first active player can select a category.

## S0020

Bob is asked to select the number of AI opponents he would like to play against (max 4). He does this by typing a number and pressing enter. Acceptance Tests: Test numbers 1 4. Test numbers other than 1 4 inclusive. Test empty string. Test that deck is loaded. Test that deck is shuffled. Test that correct number of players are created. Test that players are dealt the correct number of cards. Test that one player is made the active player. Test that correct output is provided by standard out.



### S0030

Must Have

Est: 1 Act: ?

As a Human Player who is selected as the active player, I want to select a category, so that the game can check the outcome of the round.

### S0030

After the current round finishes, BOB can check the screen to find out who the winner was. The format is "X wins this round" with X being BOB or the AI player. The category values for each player are presented on the screen. Acceptance Tests: Play a round and check that the correct category values are shown for each player. Check that the correct player wins each time. Check that draw takes place if there are multiple highest cards. Check that correct player becomes/remains active player for next round. Check whether there is a message at the end specifying the winner.

## S0040

Must Have

Est: 1 Act: ?

As a Human Player I want to know the outcome of the round,  
so that the game can progress to the next round.

## S0040

BOB will know if it is his or the opponents round without  
having to do anything further. Tests: Check that after each  
round there is an output mentioning the winner. Check that  
user can continue to progress to new rounds even if eliminated.

## S0050

Must Have

Est: 1 Act: ?

As a human player I want to choose to record game log information in a file when I start a game in command line mode.

## S0050

BOB can navigate to the game folder and see the game log.  
(Not sure if the user has the option NOT to log the game information) Acceptance Tests: Initiate a game and set -t flag in the CL. After the game finishes check that there exists a log file in the game directory, named topTrumps.log. Write a test log file with known content. RE-run the game and check that the original file is overwritten with the correct content. Check the content of the file as per C6030- C6100 requirements.

### S0130

Must Have

Est: 1 Act: ?

As a Human Player, when not the active player for a round, I want the active AI player to select a single category which has the highest or joint highest value for their topmost card.

### S0130

While developing, have the system.out print all the values for the AI player, i.e. the contents of their top most card. Upon selecting a category, have a system.out for the category selected and the value. Compare with the contents of the whole card to make sure that the highest value category is always selected by the AI player.

## S0180

Must Have

Est: 2 Act: ?

Bob and Lilly are really into statistics and they want to keep track of the game stats after a game ends. As experienced players they want to know how many draws were in the game, how many rounds were played, how many rounds were won by each player (with clear indication) and who won the game. They don't want to press anything for this procedure, it must be automated.

## S0180

Query the Database to make sure everything has been recorded.

## 2.2 Sprint #2: Online Mode

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### S0190

Must Have

Est: 1 Act: ?

Lilly, is known for her attitude of succeeding on everything, so she always watch her performance before starting a game (access the DB before a game starts). She wants to see the number of games played overall, how many times a human won and how many the “AI”, the average draws per game, the largest number of rounds played in a game.

### S0190

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## S0200

Must Have

Est: 1 Act: ?

As a Human Player, I want to start the game in the online mode by using an -o flag either in terminal. I want to be able to start a new game in different tabs and play different games concurrently with 1-4 opponents. After I run the command in terminal, I can open a browser and initialise a game by typing in `http://localhost:7777/toptrumps`.

## S0200

Try in terminal with -o flag and check for errors. If no errors occur, open browser and type in the `http`. Check multiple tabs to check that the initial selection screen is active. Check that the selection screen contains buttons for new game and statistics. Click on the Start Game button and check that the browser displays the correct number of game. Check that the human player is always present and that the AI players are present and not more than four. If number of AI players is not selected randomly, check that my input corresponds to the number of AI players on screen.

## S0210

Must Have

Est: 1 Act: ?

As a Human Player, I want to be able to access the DB to view statistics upon clicking the Statistics button on the selection screen. This has the same functionality as in the Command Line mode as described in [S0180]. The difference is the way I will access this functionality.

## S0210

Check that the Statistics button is responsive. How the data will be presented in the Online mode??????? Check that all games are stores to the DB, I.e all instances as represented by different tabs.



## S0220

Must Have

Est: 1 Act: ?

As a Human Player, I want to be able to see that the game has actually started, and be guided through the steps of what I need to do next. I want to be able to have access on the game information that allow me to navigate through it, and be presented with my options if I am the active player, or have a visual on the storyline if an AI is the active player.

## S0220

After clicking on the new game button check that the screen shows: Confirmation that the game has started, by showing for example "Deck has been shuffled and dealt". The round number I am currently playing Who the active player is. Check that I have the number of cards I have in hand, either on the card, or somewhere else on screen. My topmost card with the characteristics' values. A button that allows me to proceed to the next step. That is, to select my category if I am the active player or make the AI player select his. Check that if I am not the active player I do not have the option to select my category.

## S0230

Must Have

Est: 1 Act: ?

As a Human Player, and after I have selected to proceed with the game after selecting the button as described by S0220, I want to trigger the current round. I want to be able to select my category as an active player, or “notify” the AI player that he needs to do the same, and in the end I would like to know the outcome of the round.

## S0230

If I am the active player: Check that the button makes me select a category by popping a drop down menu or similar. Check that selecting my category the game proceeds to next step If I am not the active player. Check that the game continues by having the AI player selecting category. In both cases: After selection, check that I have the option to go to the next step, I.e. show the winner After the category selection, check that all cards with their values are visible on screen and that the winner is mentioned. Check that the same winner has the privilege of selecting the new category Check that the number of available cards in hand have been recalculated.

## S0240

Must Have

Est: 1 Act: ?

As a Human Player, I want to have access to the game information if a draw has occurred. That includes to be aware that the outcome was a draw and the volume of the communal. I want to be able to re-select if I was the winner of the previous round.

## S0240

Check that in the case of a draw, the screen shows that clearly. Next check that there is an indication of the number of cards in the communal pile. Check that a button is present, allowing me to order the game to proceed to the next round. Check that the round number has increased by 1 after the draw and after I have selected to go on. Check that the category selector from previous round is the current selector. In the first winning case, display the number of cards in communal pile to make sure it is reset.

## S0250

Must Have

Est: 1 Act: ?

As a Human Player, I want to know who the overall winner was.

## S0250

Check that when the last round is finished, the name of the winner is shown. Have a summary of winning rounds as per video example???? TO DISCUSS. Make sure there is a button to return me to the selection screen, from where I can access the DB or play new game.

### 3 Planning & Review Report

This section records outcomes from key planning and review meetings.

#### 3.1 Sprint Planning Meeting (Wed 17-Jan 2018)

Prior to this meeting, the team collaborated via Trello and Slack to generate user stories. The purpose of the meeting was to review the stories, remove duplicates, and to establish individual story durations. In terms of priorities, each story was initially defined as a Must Have, since all generated stories were strictly limited to the requirements of the specification. The team reserved the right to de-prioritise individual stories should the workload be considered too high.

The team split up the user stories into two main categories, stories related to command line mode; and stories related to online mode. Durations were allocated for each story. Breakdown was as follows:

User Story	Story Points
S0010	1
S0020	2
S0030	1
S0040	1
S0050	1
S0130	1
S0180	2
<b>Total</b>	9

Table 1: Command Line Mode User Stories.

Crosscheck story point values with those in User Stories section.

User Story	Story Points
S0190	1
S0200	1
S0210	1
S0220	1
S0230	1
S0240	1
S0250	1
<b>Total</b>	7

Table 2: Online Mode User Stories.

Crosscheck story point values with those in User Stories section.

Confirm value.

9 story points was felt to be a reasonable first estimation of the team's available capacity, as such this value was taken as the anticipated velocity for Sprint 1, the scope of which was limited to Command Line mode only.

As such, the scope of Sprint #1 was chosen to correspond with the stories defined in Table 1. Stories within Table 2 were tentatively scheduled to be tackled in Sprint #2.

Since development of all stories appeared feasible, no de-prioritisation of stories was thought necessary upon conclusion of the meeting.

**3.2 Design Meeting (Wed 17-Jan 2018)**

**3.3 Sprint Review/Retrospective Meeting (Wed 24-Jan 2018)**

**3.4 Design Meeting (Wed 24-Jan 2018)**

**3.5 Sprint Retrospective Meeting (Wed 31-Jan 2018)**

Moved to Wed 7-Feb 2018.

## 4 Burndown Chart

## 5 Assumptions

The following section contains an outline of the assumptions that have been made during the development of the product, assumptions that the prospective user should keep in mind.

When players have only one card in their individual decks and the outcome of the current round is a draw, then they lose the game as their cards go to the communal deck of cards. This means that, if the game has only two players left and the above scenario happens, then the winner ends up having less than the total of 40 cards in hand.

Another assumption is that in the case of a draw, the next stage of the game is considered to be a new round and not an extension of the draw round. Last winner player will still choose the category, but the game is between all of the players that are still in the game i.e. the ones that still have cards in their decks, and not only those that had the same category values.

It should also be noted that an AI player will always select the category that holds the best value on his top most card, and the selection will not be random. That will enhance the realistic feel of the game.

It can also be assumed that after every round the content of the communal deck is being collected by the winner player. This means that for the program, it doesn't matter if the result of a round was a draw or not. If the pile is empty and there is a winner, all players submit their cards in the empty pile and the winner player gets the cards from the round back. If the pile is non empty (i.e. the previous round resulted to a draw), then the winner still gets the current cards and the ones that were previously submitted because of the draw.

Another point that should not surprise a potential gamer, is that, if a player has only one card in hand and wins the current round, then his winning card will still be on top for the next round to come. That happens because the winner collects the cards from the other players and puts them at the back of his deck. Since he, had only one card to play with, this card remains on top by default. Again, that will only happen in the case of one card in hand and a winning result for this card holder.

The online mode assumes that once the player has pressed the button for selecting a category, he cannot change his mind and chose another one. That is, his option has been saved and the only available next step is to show the outcome of the round.

In command line, after the player has selected the category he wants to play with, his choice is only saved after pressing "enter", so he has the chance to change the category before selecting to proceed to the next step.



## 6 Functionality

## 7 Testing

## 8 Deficiencies

## A Screenshots

## B Customer Specification

### B.1 Purpose

This appendix captures the foundational requirements of the system.

Section B.2 is quoted verbatim from Assignment Specification ITSD2018-TaskDocument. Requirements within are identified in **bold** and given a unique requirement ID, used for cross-referencing with User Stories.

### B.2 Customer Specification

#### B.2.1 Context

Top Trumps is a simple card game in which decks of cards are based on a theme. For example, race cars, dinosaurs, and even TV shows like “The Simpsons”. Within a deck each card represents an entity within that topic (e.g. T-Rex for dinosaurs or Bart Simpson for the Simpsons). Within a deck each card has the same list of characteristics. For example, dinosaurs can have a height, weight, length, ferocity, and intelligence. Each card has a value for each characteristic of the deck. The objective of the game is to “trump” your opponent by selecting a category (e.g. intelligence) and having a “better” value for your card than the opponent does in their current card.

Gameplay is as follows:

- [C1000: There must be at least two players]. [C1010: The deck of cards is divided between the players]. [C1020: The first player takes their topmost card and selects a characteristic]. [C1030: The value of that characteristic is compared against the value for the same characteristic in the other players’ top card]. [C1040: The player with the best value for that characteristic wins the round and the winner takes all the cards from that round (including their own) and places them at the back of their deck]. [C1050: If there is a draw the cards from the round are placed in a new communal pile and a new characteristic is selected by the same player from the next card]. [C1060: The winner then takes the cards from the round and any in the communal pile]. [C1070: The winner of a round maintains the choice of category until they lose, then the choice moves to the next player]. [C1080: Players lose the game when they have no cards left; the player left with all the cards is the winner of the game].

#### B.2.2 Aim

The aim is to build a computer program to allow a user to play top trumps against one or more AI opponents given a deck. [C2000: The program should have two modes]:

- [C2010: Command Line Mode: The game is played only through command line input and output]. [C2020: In this mode, only one game can be played at a time]. [C2030: This mode should

be selected via a `-c` flag when starting the program]: `o java -jar TopTrumps.jar -c`

- [C2040: Online Mode: The game should be hosted as a web service, comprised of a REST API that provides remote access to the core game functionality and one or more web-pages that enable a user to play the game]. [C2050: In this mode, multiple users should be able to play the game concurrently (e.g. in different Web browser tabs)]. [C2060: This mode should be selected via a `-o` flag when starting the program]: `o java -jar TopTrumps.jar -o`

### B.2.3 Functionality

In both modes, the program needs to:

- [C3000: Enable a user to play a game of top trumps with a deck that was loaded in when the program started].
- [C3010: Store the results of past games played in a database as well as visualize that information to the user on-demand].

In command line mode only:

- [C3020: Write a test log to file that contains snapshots of the programs state as it runs].

We discuss each of these requirements in more detail below:

**Playing Top Trumps** The program should implement the top trumps game as described in the Context section above. You can make the following assumptions to simplify the implementation. Do not add additional unnecessary functionality. This is gold-plating and will not result in a better grade. If in doubt, consult the course co-ordinator.

- [C4000: There should be one human player and up to 4 computer players (AIs)].
- [C4010: If a deck does not divide equally between the players, then some players may have less cards. For example, if there are 3 players and 40 cards, then two players receive 13 cards and one player receives 14].
- [C4020: A deck has 5 criteria and the criteria are always positive integers between 1 and 50 (inclusive)].
- [C4030: A higher number is always better for any given characteristic].
- [C4040: There are 40 cards in a deck.txt file].
- [C4050: The first player should be selected at random].

- [C4060: A draw won't continue until the point where there are only cards in the communal pile you do not need to deal with this programmatically, just assume that should this happen you are not expected to deal with it].

[C4070: The deck we will be using is stored in a text file called 'StarCitizenDeck.txt']. [C4080: The first line of the text file should contain a list of the categories in the deck, separated by a space]. [C4090: All decks should have a 'description' category to label the individual cards]. [C4100: A description within a deck can be assumed to be unique and a single word]. [C4110: The subsequent lines contain details of one card]. [C4120: You can assume the order of the categories from the first line align with 3 the values provided for the cards and that all cards have a value for all categories in a deck]. [C4130: You can assume that all categories are single words].

For example, in a dinosaur deck (numbers bear no resemblance to reality):

```
description height weight length ferocity intelligence
TRex 6 6 12 9 9
Stegosaurus 4 3 8 1 8
Brachiosaurus 12 8 16 2 6
Velociraptor 3 5 5 12 10
Carnotaurus 5 6 7 9 8
Iguanodon 2 2 3 1 9
Megalosaurus 9 9 8 6 9
Oviraptor 8 7 4 3 2
Parasaurolophus 7 7 1 3 4
Ornithomimus 10 9 8 7 5
Protoceratops 9 5 4 7 10
Riojasaurus 6 1 4 7 7
Saurolophus 7 1 10 7 8
Styracosaurus 7 3 4 1 1
Xiaosaurus 10 6 5 7 2
```

and so forth the star citizen-based deck is provided with the Template Package that can be downloaded from Moodle.

[C4140: The program must first load all card details from the deck and shuffle them (randomly order them)]. [C4150: The program should then deal the cards between the players]. [C4160: The user should then be shown the detail from their top card (note there is no need to visualise this in a complex manner, the card details can be shown in text) and the first player is randomly selected]. [C4170: If the player is an AI player it should select a category for play, if the user is the first player they should be allowed to select a category to play the round]. [C4180: The game play should then proceed as detailed in the section Context].

**Persistent Game Data** [C5000: Upon completion of the game, the user should automatically write the following information about the game play to a database]:

- [C5010: How many draws were there?]
- [C5020: Who won the game?]
- [C5030: How many rounds were played in the game?]
- [C5040: How many rounds did each player win?]

You should select one team members database on the yacata server, from the Database Theory and Applications course, to write to. **[C5050: It is important you do not remove the username and password from the final code, as this allows us to test the software]**. You should also provide details of this database (username, database name and password) in the report.

**[C5060: There should also be possible, so long as a game isn't currently in progress, for the user to connect to the database and get information about previous games]**. This should include the following:

- [C5070: Number of games played overall].
- [C5080: How many times the computer has won].
- [C5090: How many times the human has won].
- [C5100: The average number of draws].
- [C5110: The largest number of rounds played in a single game].
- [C5120: These values should be calculated using SQL].

**Test Log** In addition to the functionality described above, you should implement the following to allow for program debugging when in command line mode only. **[C6000: When the program is started, if a -t flag is set on the command line, then the program should write out an extensive log of its operation to a toptrumps.log file in the same directory as the program is run]**, e.g.:  

```
java -jar TopTrumps.jar -c -t
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**[C6010: If a toptrumps.log file already exists, your program should overwrite that file]**. **[C6020: Your program should print the following information to that file, separated by a line containing dashes at the appropriate times as mentioned below]**:

- [C6030: The contents of the complete deck once it has been read in and constructed].
- [C6040: The contents of the complete deck after it has been shuffled].
- [C6050: The contents of the users deck and the computers deck(s) once they have been allocated. Be sure to indicate which the users deck is and which the computers deck(s) is].
- [C6060: The contents of the communal pile when cards are added or removed from it].



- [C6070: The contents of the current cards in play (the cards from the top of the users deck and the computers deck(s))].
- [C6080: The category selected and corresponding values when a user or computer selects a category].
- [C6090: The contents of each deck after a round].
- [C6100: The winner of the game].

**Command Line Mode** [C7000: When started in command line mode, the program should ask the user whether they want to see the statistics of past games (see the Persistent Game Data section) or whether they want to play a game]. [C7010: The users choice should be obtained from standard in (System.in)]. [C7020: If they select to see statistics of past games, the program should print the associated statistics to standard out (System.out) and then ask the same question again]. [C7030: If they select to play a game, a game instance should be started, and the core game loop initialized]. [C7040: For each round, the round number, the name of the active player and the card drawn by the player should be printed to standard out]. [C7050: If the user is the active player, then it should ask the player to select a category, and obtain the users choice from standard in, otherwise the AI player should select a category]. [C7060: The program should then print to standard out the selected category, who won (or whether it was a draw), the winning card and whether the player has been eliminated (they have no cards left)]. [C7070: Rounds should continue to be played until a winner is determined (only one player has cards left)]. [C7080: Once the user has been eliminated, the remaining rounds should be completed automatically (without user input)]. [C7090: At the end of the game, the overall winner should be printed, and the Persistent Game statistics should be updated]. [C7100: The user should then be asked if they want to print the statistics of past games or play another game]. [C7110: An example of the command line output for the program is provided in the CLI.example.txt file on Moodle].

**Online Mode** Online mode is an extension to the command line mode that provides a version of the game that users can play through their Web browser. A Web application has two main components. First, a back-end Application Programming Interface (API) that provides remote access to the game functionalities (e.g. starting a new game, drawing cards or getting players/cards for display). Second, one or more webpages that use the back-end API to enable the user to play the game. In this case, each web page should be comprised of HTML elements that are displayed and Javascript functions that connect to the API.

The webpage design is down to you, but it should display the following:

- [C8000: Upon loading the web page, the user should be presented the option to view overall game statistics (as detailed previously), or play a single game].

- [C8010: During game play, the GUI should display the contents of the users top card and, when they are the active player, allow the user to select a category to play against the computer].
- [C8020: The GUI should clearly indicate whos turn it currently is, and only allow the user to select a category when it is their turn].
- [C8030: Once the category has been selected for a round and the values compared, the GUI should display the values of the category for each player and highlight who won the round].
- [C8040: If a draw should occur, the user should be notified of this].
- [C8050: The GUI should contain an indication of how many cards are in the communal pile].
- [C8060: The GUI should contain an indication of how many cards are left in the users deck and in the computers deck(s)].
- [C8070: When the round played results in the game finishing, an indication of the overall winner should be presented to the user along with an option to update the database with the statistics of the game as previously described].