Card Game Project: High/Low and Blackjack

Card Game Android Project

Brief: to create an Android app to allow the user to play 2 card games: the High Low Game, and a simplified version of Blackjack.

Both games are fairly straightforward.

The High Low Card Game's purpose is to run the logic for the Java classes already defined in the Java part of the course, and display the winner of the game on a new Activity screen.

Brief (cont’d)

The Blackjack game allows the user to play against a ‘Dealer’ (i.e. computer), who plays by using a random generator to decide on the actions to play.

High Low Game Rules:

- Dealer deals two random cards to 2 players in turn
- Hand values are calculated
- The player with the highest hand wins, and the result, together with that player’s cards, are displayed on the Result Activity screen.

Blackjack Rules:

- Normally several players on a table
- But in this version, one Player plays against the Dealer
- Dealer and Player are dealt two cards each
- Player calculates hand value as the sum of the ranks of the cards in hand.
- Ranks equal face value apart from Aces which count for 11 here (in real Blackjack, they can also convert to a 1 if an 11 would cause the Player to Bust (a ‘soft’ Ace)
- Player acts first. Can either Stand (i.e. stop taking further cards, which ends their turn) or Hit (take another card).

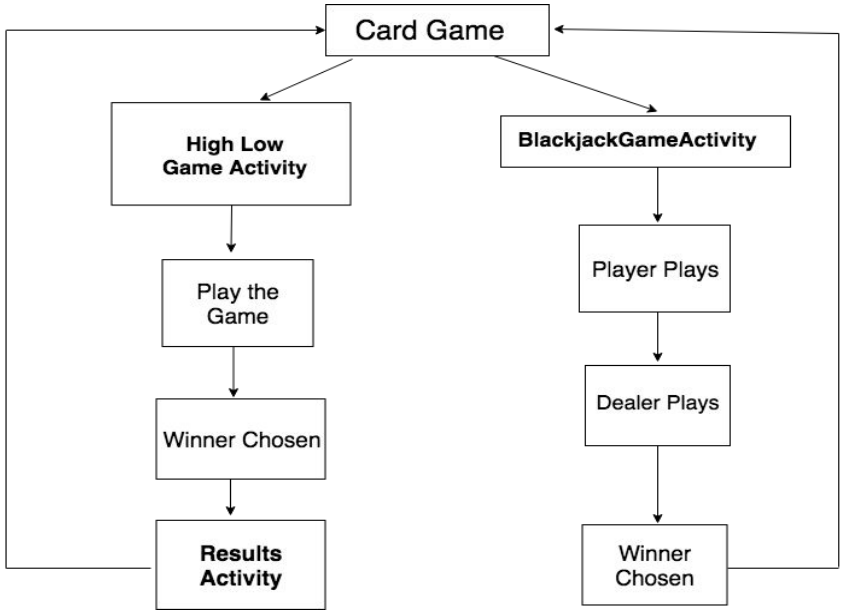
Blackjack Rules (cont'd):

- If the Player's hand value exceeds 21, the Player busts and the Dealer wins the hand.
- If the Player Stands without going bust, the Dealer then repeats the process of Hit/Stand until they either Stand or Bust
- Once the Dealer's turn is concluded, if neither player is bust then the hand values are compared to decide the winner
- However if either player has 21 after the first round of 2 cards that player is said to have 'Blackjack'.
- If both players bust then the dealer wins. If both players have Blackjack, or their hand values tie, then the outcome is a 'Push' (draw).

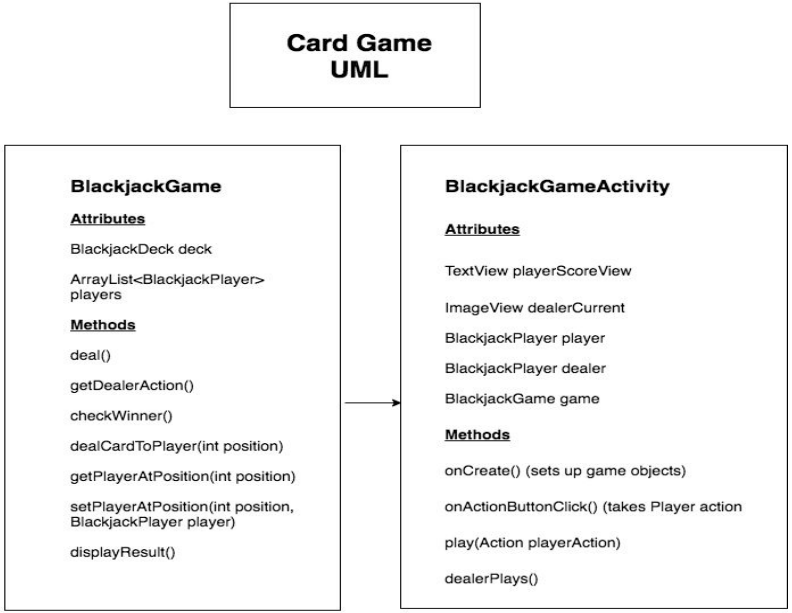
Blackjack Rules (cont’d):

Players win by not busting and having a total higher than the dealer, or not busting and having the dealer bust, or getting a blackjack without the dealer getting a blackjack.

Card Game Site Map

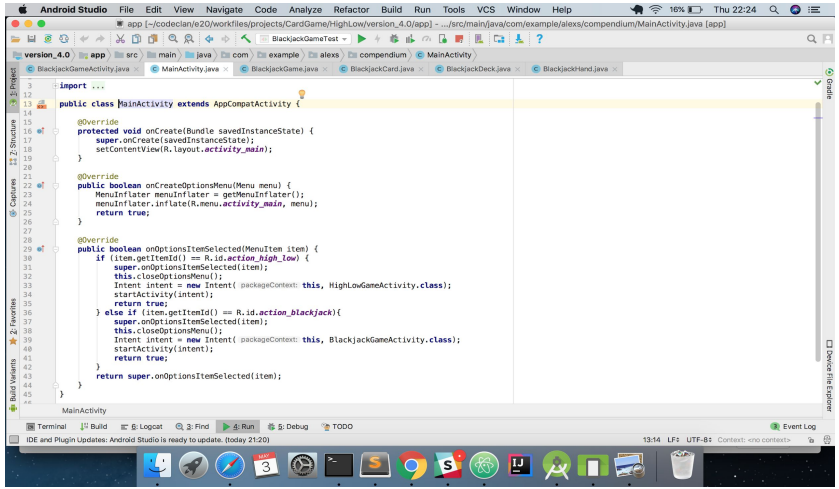


Card Game UML Diagram



Code Highlights:

- The Main Activity Screen uses a Menu object to allow users to choose between the High Low Game or Blackjack

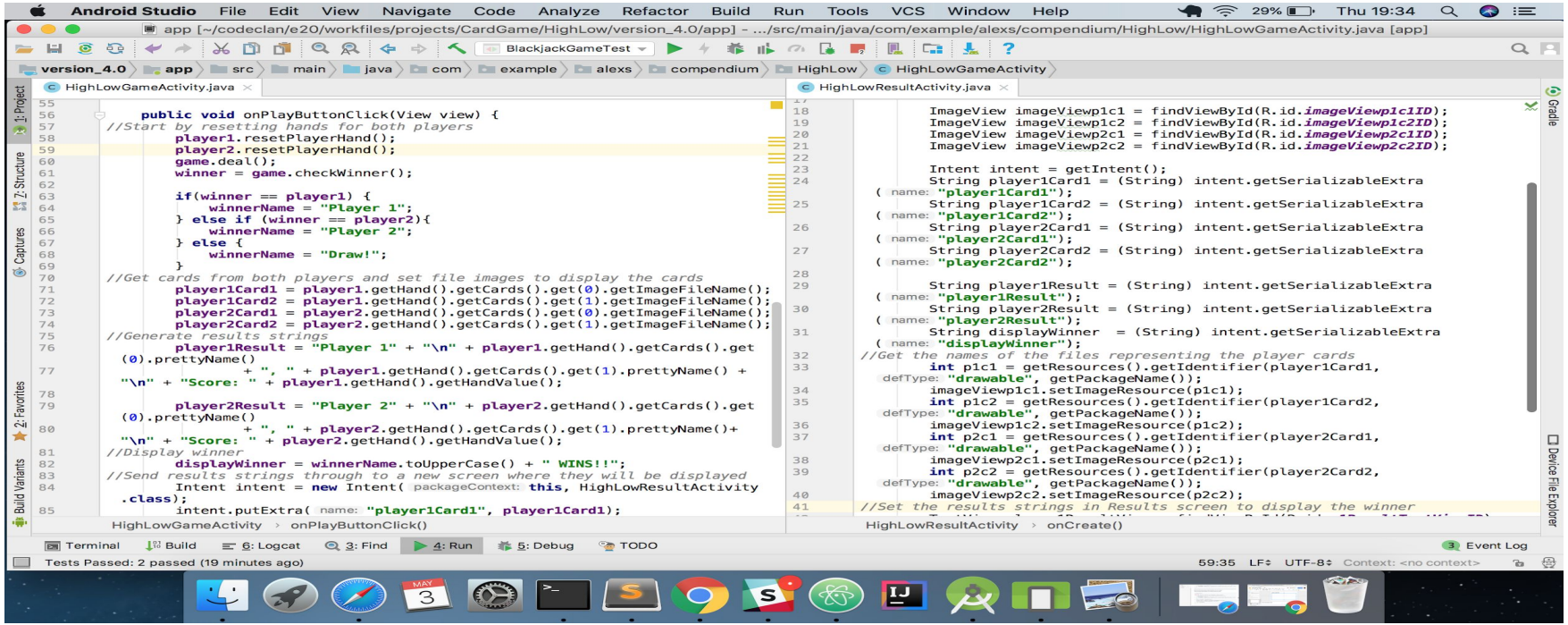


Code Highlights (Cont’d)

High Low Game:

- Game is run by a Java class called HighLowGameActivity
- Sets up the Hands/Players/Game objects, deals two random cards to both Players, gets the .png card image file names and the name of the winning player
- Sends this information through to another Activity screen, HighLowResultsActivity, using an Intent object. HighLowResultsActivity sets the file card images and displays the results.

High Low Game Activity Screens: Java Classes



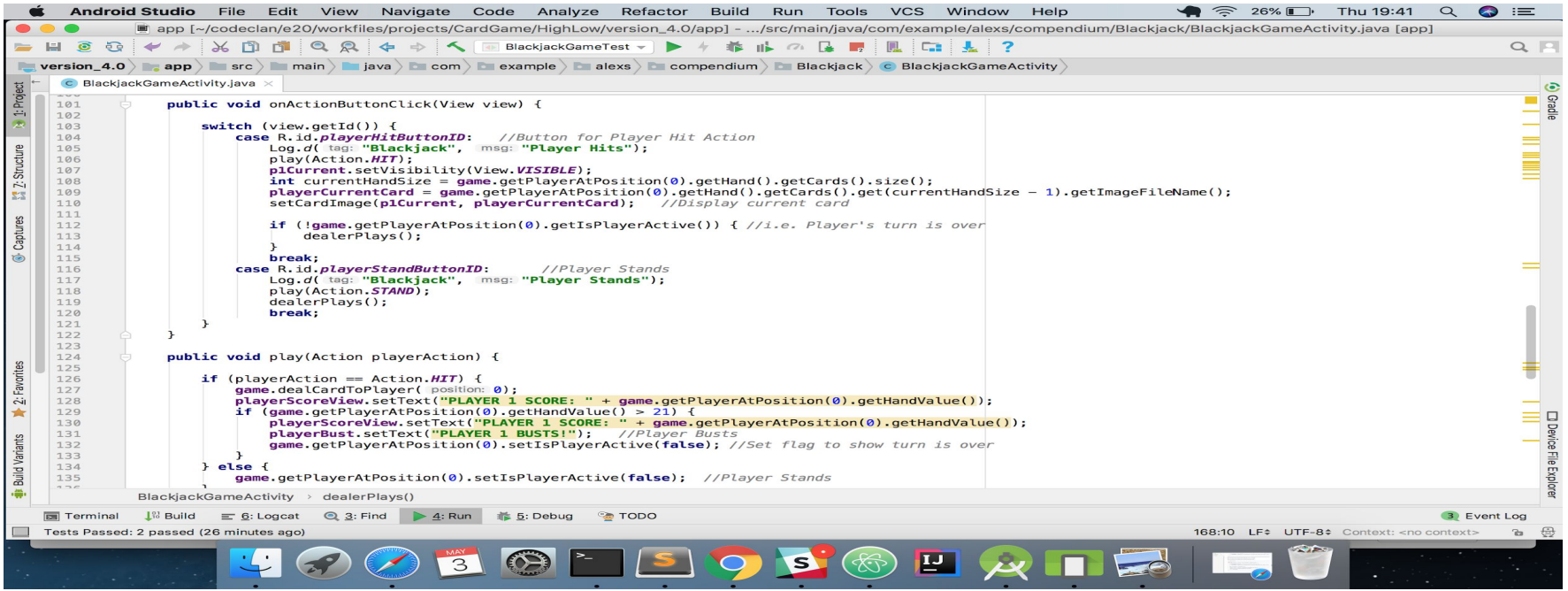
Blackjack Game Activity Screens Java Class

Blackjack Game

Game is run by a Java class called BlackjackGameActivity which sets up the Player, Dealer and Game objects

Controlled by a button which feeds the Player actions (from an Enum called Action) into the game

Blackjack Game Activity Screen: Java Class



Happy Moment

Was having problems setting the ImageResource for the card image files, because the instruction looks like:

ImageView imageView:

imageView.setImageResource(<filename>)

and there are 52 filenames, e.g. “c8.png” for Eight of Clubs, so setting the names using Card Enums would have required a large Switch/Case statement

Used id = getResources().getIdentifier().(<filename String>, “drawable”, getPackageName()); to get the integer id for the png file. Then can just use

imageView.setImageResource(id);

Then wrote a function getImageFileName() in the Card class to return the String filenames for the png files.

Saved a lot of work!

Would like to have had time for:

HorizontalScrollView with a LinearLayout object, so as to dynamically display cards for the Player/Dealer as they are added, rather than setting the image files manually in the code