Cards Collective

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Analysis

This project will be a digital recreation of Blackjack and Poker that can be played in singleplayer or local multiplayer mode. It will remove the need for a physical deck while also allowing players to choose to integrate their own physical cards with digital tracking of currency and game statistics.

I have always enjoyed card games such as uno and snap. Card games such as these allowed me to bond with my family members despite our huge age gaps. I never played poker or blackjack until I was older but I found it much more fun. I think it's a shame I didn't get to play these games when I was younger due to the stigma surrounding them, the lack of equipment (chips) and my family members not completely understanding how to play.

The idea for this project came from realising that most poker or blackjack games focus on gambling or competitive/online play which excludes families and casual groups who want a more relaxed and offline experience. There is a clear gap for a family friendly version of poker and blackjack that maintains the strategic logic of real poker and blackjack without the involvement of real money and high competitiveness.

My project aims to reproduce the table-top experience of card game's: shuffling, dealing and betting cycles but in a clean and accessible interface for all ages.

Similar Games:

Prominence Poker

Source:(https://store.steampowered.com/app/384180/Prominence_Poker//)





- Platforms: PlayStation, Xbox and Windows(Steam)

- **Gamemodes:** Poker (No blackjack)

- Cost: Free to play

- **Play modes:** Online and single player (No local multiplayer)

- **View point**: 3rd person

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a room together.
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Blackjack Championship

Sources:(https://store.steampowered.com/app/1178160/Blackjack_Championship/) (https://www.bbstud.io/blackjack/fag)



- Platforms: Windows (Steam), MacOS (Steam), Android (Google play) iOS (App store), Apple TV (App store) and Amazon fire TV stick

- Gamemodes: Blackjack (No poker)

Cost: Free to play

- **Play modes:** Online Multiplayer (No local multiplayer or Singleplayer)

- **View point**: 1st person top down

Things I would like to move forward/adapt into my project	Things I don't want to use in my project
I like the layout of the table but I will have the cards look more like they are placed on the table than floating above it. I will also have the table in a similar position but I wil have multiple different types for my user to choose from. I also like the layout of the buttons: Double, Split, Stand, and Hit and how they are mouse clicks instead of key presses Along with the menu button tucked away in the corner I will be integrating that layout into my gameplay	I wont be adding profile pictures or country flags in my game as it is unnecessary when other players are next to eachother (local multiplayer) and can be easily identified by their username aswell. I wont be integrating the jackpot as that strays from the games actual gameplay of blackjack and poker
I will be adapting slightly but integrating the position of the players around the table because this will match the realistic feel my project is aiming for.	I wont be adding display of the total value of the cards as that takes away from the realism of the game and causes unnecessary clutter as cards should be calculated mentally just as in real life

Poker club

Sources:(https://www.pokerclubgame.com/)

(https://store.steampowered.com/app/1174460/Poker_Club/)





Platforms: PlayStation, Xbox and Windows(Steam)

Gamemodes: Poker (No blackjack)

Cost: £15.99

Play modes: Online and single player (No local multiplayer)

View point: 3rd person

Things I would like to move forward/adapt into my project	Things I don't want to use in my project
I would like to adapt the physical movement of the chips when betting as this is a nice touch which makes the game bit more realistic	I won't be integrating hands/arms into the game as I feel this is abit over the top and ruins the simplistic gameplay I am aiming for
I would like to integrate and adapt the sneak peek of the cards shown below only for poker not blackjack. This is because in poker other players cannot see your cards so if a player wants to check their cards all other players must look away and then the player can take a peek at their card values	I also won't be integrating shadows as it is unnecessary and could clutter the gameplay.

Stakeholders:

End User:

My primary end user will be teens and families that enjoy strategy/logic games and want a non-gambling poker/blackjack experience. They'll use local multiplayer at home for short group sessions and beginners will rely on the "Rules" screen and "Poker card value hints" to learn. This aligns with survey feedback from 16-18 year olds doing computer related college courses who preferred blackjack and non-money play.

My secondary end users will be casual players without the necessary equipment to play poker or blackjack (cards, chips, etc) who want a quick digital setup. They'll use the menu to pick blackjack or poker, set players/rounds and track their progress via the "french fries" currency.

My solution is appropriate as it removes the financial risk while preserving card-game strategy. Local multiplayer is better for family/peer groups better than online as the complexity of online is unnecessary for this audience.

The stakeholders for this program will be people that enjoy strategy and logic games such as chess. It will also be targeted towards all ages and genders but mainly towards teens and families as this allows them to play without the risk and stress of losing money as well as strategy loving players that want to play these classic games without the risk of losing money.

It provides an alternative for people who want to play blackjack and poker but don't know how to play it or do not have a deck of cards and chips or play without the involvement with any money.

Survey:

The test sample is CS social (16-18yrs old Males and Females doing computer related college courses) 15 people participated in the survey

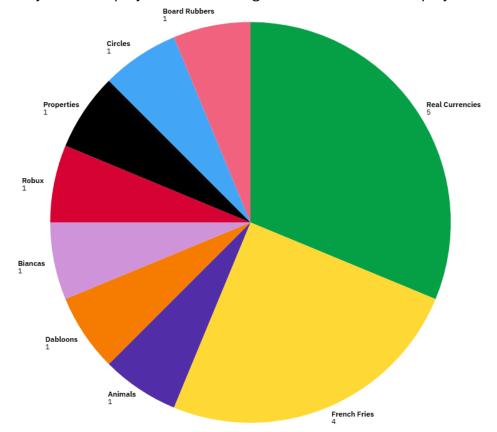
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In-Game Features:

Currency (chips/fries):

I would say this is an essential part of the game as poker and blackjack revolve around the use of a currency to play properly. I am using French fries as currency chips as this was highly requested in my stakeholder survey and it is a play on word for actual chips. Also this helps my game stray away from the serious gambling aspect of blackjack and poker by using a different currency from chips or real currencies.

The currency will be displayed in and out of game in the corner or displayed on the table



Physical card integration

This is not an essential part of the game but a unique and useful feature that allows players to use their own deck of cards to play Cards Collective which will keep count of their currency, game history, and can help manage the game for new players compared to playing with the deck of cards without Cards Collective. I haven't seen this in other games but I think it's a good idea if executed correctly and if I have enough time.

Menu

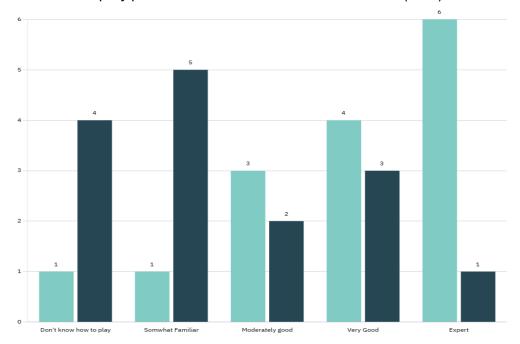
This is an essential feature of the game as players will need a welcome screen presenting options such as:

- Poker
- Blackjack
- Leaderboard
- Shop
- Rules
- Exit

Players will be able to pick which option and be directed to it when clicked.

Rules/How to play

The rules are going to be an essential feature for maintaining new players as my survey showed the majority of my focus group either did not know how to play poker or were somewhat familiar with it (60%).



Poker card value hints

This is an easy and a valued feature for the gameplay in poker as even experienced poker players may need a reminder on the rankings of different card combinations e.g 3 pair (3 of the same value card) is higher than 2 pair (2 of the same card value)

Poker card peek

The sneak peek feature in the poker game mode in my project is essential for gameplay especially in local multiplayer as other players musn't be able to see what cards you have but you must be able to see and make decisions based upon them. To sneak peek at your cards all of the other players participating in poker should look away from the screen so only you can see what cards you have been delt and you hold down the sneak peek button. I am taking inspiration from the game Poker Club

Local multiplayer

This is an essential feature that must be added as groups of friends and family always play card games when they want to indulge in a game and involve everyone some creating a local multiplayer is a necessary feature which will be utilised by lots of players.

Save progress locally (W/L ratio, currency balance, game history, etc)

This is not essential to the gameplay of Cards Collective but I would like to add it as I think it is a necessary feature which will keep players coming back to the game as they can continue with their previous currency balance and resume their game.

Leaderboard

This is not essential to the gameplay of the game however I think it will be a nice feature and bring some competitiveness for the users that enjoy that while allowing casual players just to ignore it or view it and track their progress if they are curious.

Limitations:

Online play:

In the survey many people said they would be playing blackjack instead of poker so adding online play is not essential or necessary to the game as blackjack is mainly a single player game against the dealer and poker will be played in local multiplayer ruling out online play features.



Slot machine

A slot machine was requested as a feature in my stakeholder survey however I think it will ruin the target audience of my game as Cards Collective aims to be a card game without the casino feel so that is why I am not adding it as a feature.

Real currency cash out

This feature is not essential nor necessary. I wont be adding this feature as it aims towards a different target audience and will ruin the casual and fun feel to Cards Collective.

Different playing card and table options

This is not essential and unnecessary and it could ruin the simplistic feel of my project however I may add it as different playing card cosmetics and tables allow players to spend their currency on items which some will work towards helping to maintain some players.

<u>Important</u>	<u>Essential</u>
- Leaderboard - Poker card value reminders	- Menu - Blackjack - Poker - Poker Card peek - Currency - GUI - Rules - Poker card value reminders - Card algorithms
Low Priority	Optional (easy but valued)
Currency ShopSave files (load progress and carry on where started)Password protected user accounts	Card integration
- Save files (load progress and carry on where started)	Card integration

Requirements:

Success Criteria:

ID	Feature	Explanation	Justification	Priority
1		Cards		Essential
1.1	Card integration	Instead of using the games internal card system for the players each players physical cards will be inputted and the game will use those values when determining the winner/losers. POKER(Community cards will		Desirable

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		be generated by the computer and not be inputted from the		
		users physical cards)		
		,		
		BLACKJACK(Every time a card		
		would be delt to a player (e.g		
		Hit) the system will ask what		
		card the player has been delt		
		from the real deck.) *Still experimental in blackjack*		
1.2	Shuffle cards	Shuffles/randomises 52 card	Essent	tial
1.2	onanto carao	deck each round ready to be		
		delt ensuring fairness		
1.3	Deal cards	Deals a specified number of	Essent	tial
		cards from shuffled cards		
		deck out to a specified player		
		or dealer to play with/against		
		for blackjack and poker		
		gamemodes. (dequeing these cards from the shuffled deck		
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2		Blackjack		
2.1.1	Hit	Deal player another card	Essent	tial
2.1.2	Stand	End players turn without a card	Essent	tial
2.2.1	Player turn cycles	Runs turns for each player	Essent	tial
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2.2.2	Round result	Shows each players outcome	Essent	tial
		(Win or Draw or Loss/Bust)		
2.3	Wager input	Before each round starts	Essent	tial
		players need to place a wager		
		subtracting from their currency		
3			Essent	tial
		Currency		
3.1	Balance tracking	Keeps track of the amount of currency each player has	Essent	tial
3.2	Starting amount	New/fresh players start with a	Essent	tial
0.2	3	set amount of currency (to be		
		determined)		
3.3	Currency updates	Applies win, loss or draw to	Essent	tial
		each players balance		
		immediately after a round is		
		complete		

4	Menu		Essential
4.1	Card integration	If option is picked card	Desirable
	option	integration will be used	
4.2.1	Blackjack option	Shows screen for blackjack	Essential
		when inputted by the user	
4.2.2	Blackjack rules option	Presents rules for blackjack	Essential
		and the blackjack card values	
4.3	Shop option	Shows screen for Shop and	Desirable
		available items to purchase	
		when inputted by the user	
4.4	Exit option	Closes program safely when	Essential
		inputted	
4.5.1	Poker option	Shows screen for Poker when	Essential
		inputted by the user	
4.5.2	Poker rules option	Presents rules for poker and	Essential
		the poker card rankings	
4.6	No. Rounds input	Set number of rounds for the	Essential
		game when either poker or	
		blackjack are inputted	
4.7	Leaderboard option	Shows screen for leaderboard	Desirable
		when prompted by user	
4.8	Setting number of	Prompts user to set number of	Essential
	players	players and enter usernames	
		of players	
4.8	Players/rounds input	Prompts user to set number of	Essential
		players and rounds with	
		simple validation when either	
		poker or blackjack are	
		inputted	
5		Poker	Essential
5.1.1	Card peek	Lets the active player	Essential
		temporarily reveal only their	
		cards on screen while other	
		players look away so they	
		know what they have been delt	
5.1.2	Community cards (5)	Display a community card	Essential
		after each player turn cycle is	
		complete	
5.1.3	Poker value ranking	Displays a quick reference for	Essential
	hints display	the poker rankings of cards	
		mid game	
5.2.1	Player turn cycles	Sequentially cycles through	Essential
		each player allowing them to	
		decide to perform "player	
		actions" if not folded or all in.	

		The All all English 2	
		Until all 5 community cards	
		have been displayed and final	
		bet has been made. Which is	
	T ' I' '	where the round will end	
5.2.2	Turn indicator	Indicates which players turn it	Essential
		is (active player) and indicate	
		folded players clearly	
5.3.1	Player actions	Execute player choice	Essential
		(fold,check,raise, all in)	
5.3.1.1	Fold	Fold (e.g give up) removes	Essential
		player from the turn cycle for	
		the rest of the round and	
		counts as a loss losing out on	
		any winnings	
5.3.1.2	Check	Check keeps you in the round	Essential
		without losing any currency	
		and finishes your turn as long	
		as the rest of the players	
		check for that turn cycle	
	Call	Call (i.e call bluff) subtracts	Essential
		the amount of the current bet	
		from players currency and	
		finishes turn	
5.3.1.3	Raise	Raise increases the amount of	Essential
		currency of the bet of the	
		active players choice resetting	
		turn cycle for all players that	
		are not out.	
5.3.1.4	All in	All in increases the bets	Essential
		amount to ALL the active	
		players currency, resetting the	
		turn cycle for all players that	
		are not out. Players that are all	
		in for that round are no longer	
		in the turn cycle but are still in	
		the game and entitled to any	
		currency increase if they win.	
5.3.2	Antes	Captures each players	Essential
		mandatory initial bet at the	
		start of a round	
5.3.3	Winner calculations	Determine winning hand(s)	Essential
		and handles folded and loss	
		players appropriately	
5.3.4	Central pot	Displays the total currency on	Essential
		the table to be claimed (total	
		of the rounds bets)	
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6		GUI	Essential
6.1	Input handling	Accepts keyboard and mouse inputs/interactions with GUI and handles them appropriately	Essential
6.1	Card visualisation	Every card (52) has its own card image e.g queen of hearts, ace of spades, 4 of diamonds, etc each card being in the correct precise position of the screen (player1 cards being infront of dealer or player2)	Essential
6.2	Blackjack GUI	Displays table backdrop, options, players, relevant cards, buttons etc	Essential
6.4	Menu GUI	Displays table backdrop, options, etc	Essential
6.5	Poker GUI	Displays table backdrop, options, players, relevant cards, buttons etc	Essential
6.5.1	Visual representation of currency	Displays fries on the table as portions that scale with the amount (Handful, Stack, Bag, Bucket)	Desirable
7		Save/Load	Desirable
7.1	Leaderboard	Ranks top 10 players and displays their game data (Currency, W/D/L, Total games played etc)	Desirable
7.1.1	Save username and currency	Saves (to an external file) a players username and how much currency they have accumulated	Desirable
7.1.2	Load username and currency	Loads (from an external file) an existing/previous players username and currency	Desirable
7.1.3	Save Wins/Draws/Losses	Saves (to an external file) a players total wins, draws and losses	Desirable
7.1.4	Load Wins/Draws/Losses	Loads (from an external file) an existing/previous players total wins,draws and losses	Desirable
7.2	Player accounts		 Desirable

7.2.1	Player creation	Creates a new player profile	Desirable
		with a unique username	
		(inputted from user) and a	
		password (inputted from user),	
		which will be saved (to	
		external file)	
7.2.2	Player login	Using previously made	Desirable
		credentials a returning player	
		can continue playing where	
		they left off maintaining the	
		same amount of currency from	
		the last time they played and	
		contributing to their statistics.	
7.2.3	Player creation	Saves a new password	Desirable
		assigned to new username	
		which is inputted by the user,	
		which will be saved (to	
		external file)	
7.3	Automatic save	Automatically append external	Desirable
		file every time a player is	
		created and when a game is	
		finished	
7.4	Load(ing data) error	If data is corrupted or missing	Desirable
	handling	program should start cleanly	
		without freezing or crashing(If	
		external file is missing a new	
		one will be created)	

Hardware requirements:

Platform: Desktop or Laptop

Chosen for local multiplayer on one screen. Mobile and console have been excluded to reduce complexity and precise controls

Input devices: Keyboard and mouse

They are the primary input for menus, betting and controlling turns. They also produce precise inputs and are one of the most common forms of input such that my end user will most likely be familiar with.

Storage: 1GB free space

This ensures there is space for the installation of Python, PyGame library, images and save files

Processor: Dual-core 2.0GHz or more

This is required for rendering PyGame and processing python card logic without delay/lag

(Primary) Memory: 4GB RAM minimum

This is to ensure that the PyGame GUI performance is smooth and not choppy

Python requires atleast 2GB RAM according to "geeksforgeeks.org" (source) so 4GB is a reasonable minimum for my game

Software Requirements:

Operating System: MacOS, Linux or Windows 10+

These operating systems support python and pygame, allowing cross-platform compatibility for end users.

Software:

Python 3.12+ Chosen for its simplicity and readability

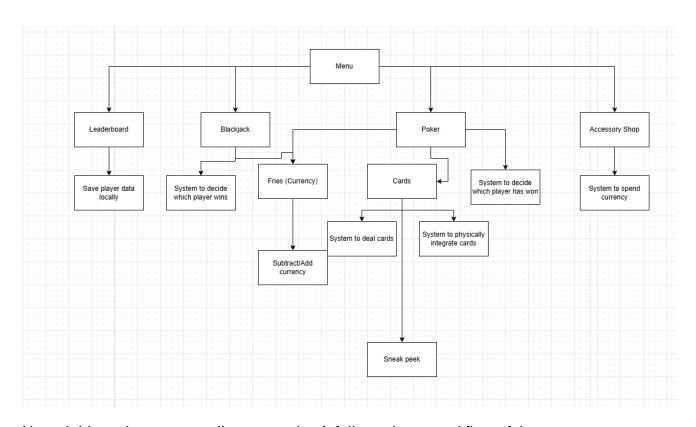
PyGame library Chosen to display graphics, handle inputs and wide range of features

The majority of the code is in python and PyGame so they must be installed to play the game. They are both free and open-source software making my solution easily accessible for my end user.

Computational Methods:

Design

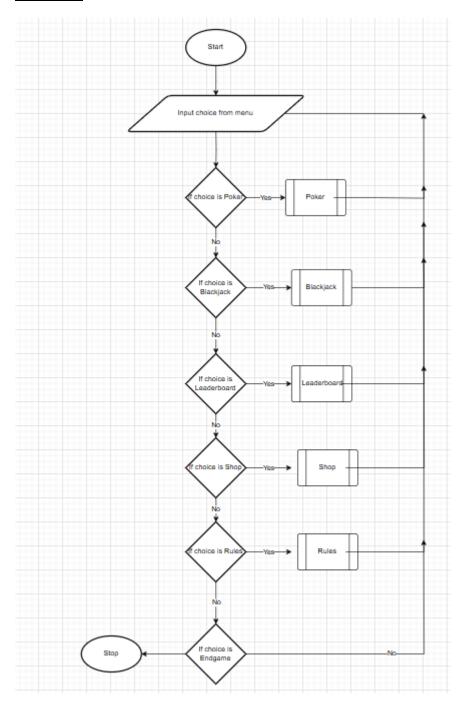
Structure Diagram



I have laid out the structure diagram so that it follows the natural flow of the program and effectively represents the different branches when the user first opens the program the menu will be displayed providing options of leaderboard, blackjack and accessory shop. If either is clicked it will call upon the subroutine for the program to the display e.g Blackjack(). On the next layer of the program it shows the nested sub routines that will be used within the primary ones.

Flowchart

<u>Menu</u>



Data Dictionary

Identifier	Data type	Description	Validation					
Menu								
Cards								
cards[52]	2D array	Holds an ordered standard deck of (52) cards: cards[][] = [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,J,Q,K,A] ,[S,H,D,C]						
shuffled_cards[[52]	2D list	Randomised order of cards[][]						
ShuffleCards()	Subroutine	Randomises cards[][] order and appends random order into shuffled_cards[][]						
DealCards(player,numberofcards)	Subroutine	Moves first values in the list shuffled_cards[][] into player						
dealer[][]	List	Holds value of cards assigned to dealer						
player1[][]	List	Holds value of cards assigned to player1						
player2[][]	List	Holds value of cards assigned to player2						
player3[][]	List	Holds value of cards assigned to player3						
player4[][]	List	Holds value of cards assigned to player4						
	Black							

Poker					
GUI					
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GUI

First draft

Gui drafting notes:

- I had an idea where the table background is the scenery of a restaurant or kitchen. Table is made of stainless steel (like a kitchen worktop) – matches "fries" and high "steaks" gameplay
- I also thought of another table originating from spongebob (krusty krab restaurant table) for the same reason but also showing that the project is suitable for all ages as using referencing kids cartoon matching my primary stakeholders
- Thought of having a picnic table with the flooring as grass which would also imply that the project is suitable for all ages which matches my primary stakeholders as usually families go on picnics
- Thought of having an antique table not sure why
- I may implement multiple of these different tables if I have time giving users the option to change the look of the game

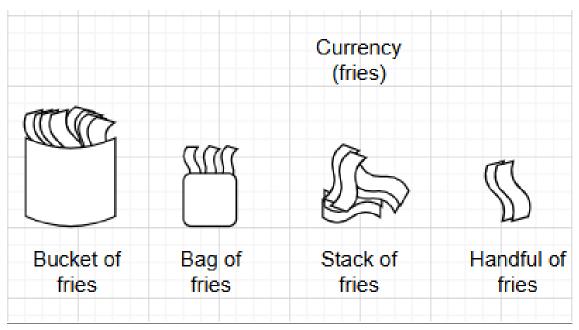
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Cramped cards,

Shuffler to make it look more realistic

Cards move depending on which turn it is for the player like a conveyor belt

Currency:



Bucket of fries = 2000

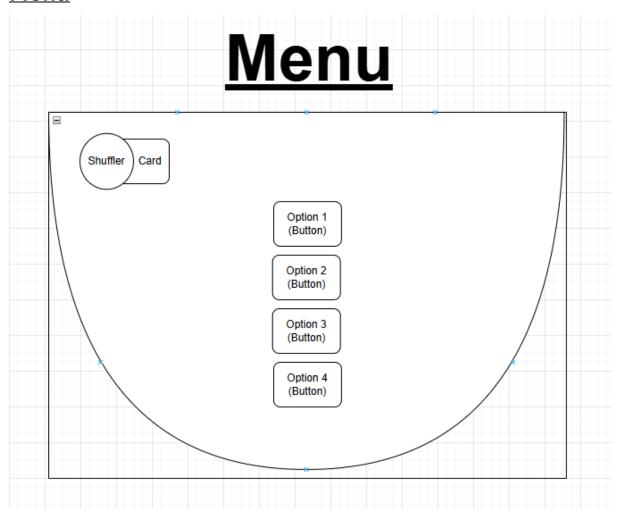
Bag of fries = 1000

Stack of fries = 200

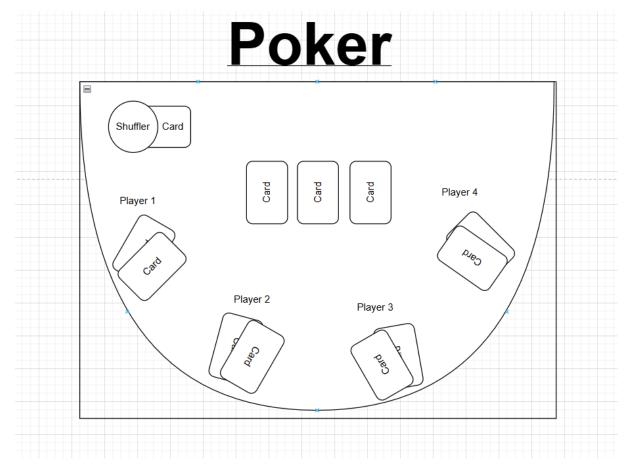
Handful of fries = 50

Will be in the centre of the table of poker depending on the total amount of currency invested in to the round

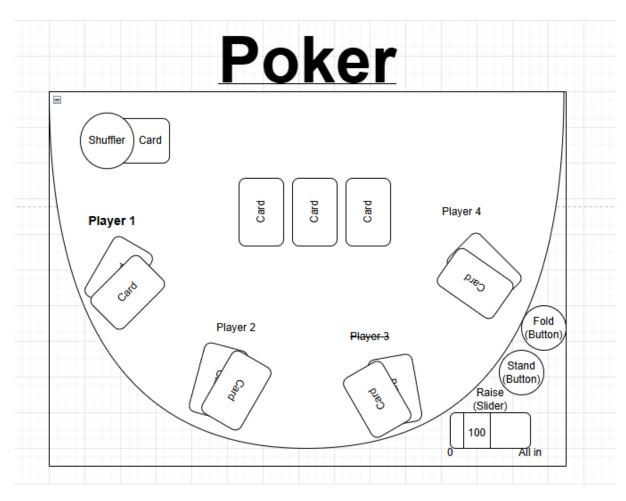
<u>Menu</u>



Poker

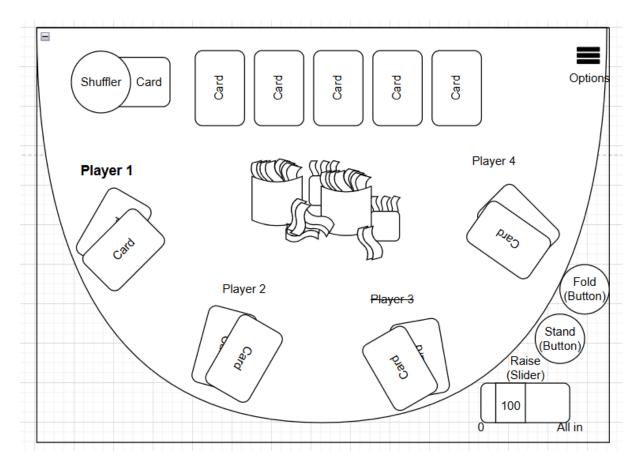


I was thinking of moving cards in the centre up to make space for a indicator in the centre of the board indicating which players turn it is like in blackjack but I ultimately decided the players username will increase in size and change to bold when it is their turn and return back to normal once their turn has ended and if a player is out their name will appear crossed out with a strikethrough line and this will be the same for blackjack.



I also added the different buttons as I forgot to add this to the last draft

- Raise (slider) is going up in increments of 50 from 0 to All in (Players full balance)
 - o Releasing the slider will finalise their input and end their turn
 - o 100 is an example of the sliders value
- Stand (Button) is a mouse click
- Fold (Button) is a mouse click and when clicked strikethrough line the player who clicked as they are now out

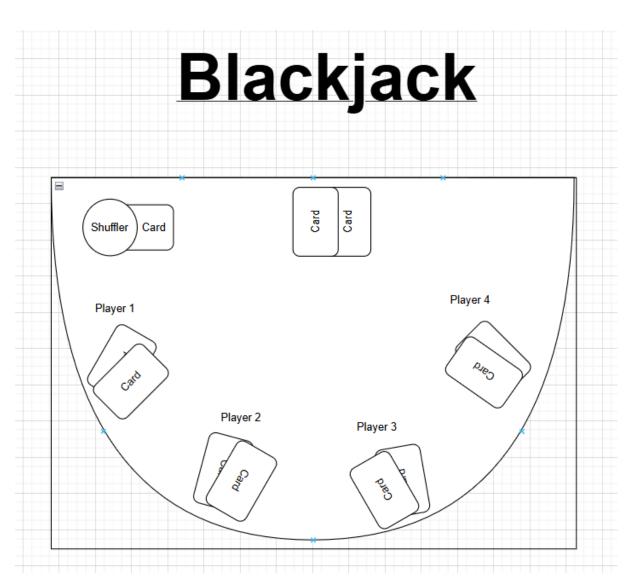


I added an options button in the top right and this is where the poker card rankings can be accessed. I ended up moving the cards in the centre upwards to make space for the currency pool that will be in the centre which will be the total of every players invested currency.

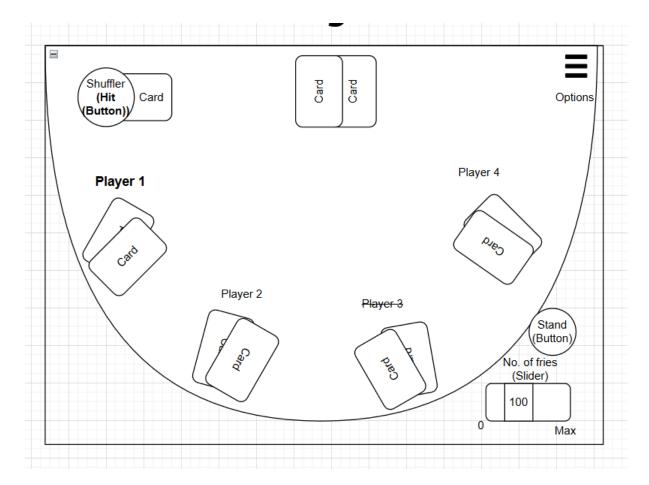
In this example of the draft the Cental Pot has a value of 2000 + 2000 + 1000 + 1000 + 200 + 50 = 6250 French Fries

Also I mistakenly put 3 community cards (the cards near the top of the screen) and have since changed them to 5

Blackjack



- The Menu, Poker, Blackjack all have the same background to allow the background to remain constant throughout the game reducing overcomplication. It is also for the realism of my project as it creates the feel/atmosphere of being at a table just as in real life poker/blackjack.
- The cards will be positioned the same in blackjack and poker so code can be reused between them
- The shuffler is on the table to add to the realism as it creates the illusion to the user that the cards are not popping out of thin air and are being produced from the shuffler.



I also forgot to add inputs in the last draft of the GUI.

I added the indicator to show which players turn it is (Name increases in size and bold) which will return to normal once their turn is over and which players are out (Name is strikethrough).

Buttons added:

- Stand (button) mouse click
- No. of fries (slider) using mouse select amount of currency to bet to start the round in intervals of 50 between 0 and Max (Max value has not been decided yet)
- Shuffler (Hit (Button)) mouse click on shuffler. I decided to make this the button to get another card as it adds to the realism of getting a card from the shuffler instead of having a separate button for Hit
- Options button

Development plan

Card (dealing system)

Deadline: Week 1-2

Requirements:

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- (D) Physical card integration
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Justification:

For my project I have chosen to start by developing the Card dealing system as without it, the rest of the game will be unplayable making it one of the most essential parts of the game.

Blackjack gameplay Class

Deadline: Week 3

Requirements:

- Display each players cards value and their suit
- Players are given the option to Hit or Stand Input should be handled accordingly
- Determine If player won, drew or loss
- Enter a value before each round

Justification:

I have chosen to start by developing the blackjack game as the currency system is dependent on inputs from the blackjack game.

<u>Currency system</u>

Deadline: Week 4

Requirements:

- Keep track of each players currency
- Add and subtract currency from individual players existing balance
- Calculate currency increase/decrease depending on how much each player has put in if its blackjack and depending on the outcome of a round: Win, Draw, Loss

Justification:

I have decided to do this next as then the blackjack section of the project will be finished early into development

<u>Menu</u>

Deadline: Week 5

Requirements:

- Displays different options:
 - o Poker
 - o Blackjack
 - o Rules
 - o Exit
- Players will be able to pick which option and output the desired option when chosen.
- Input number of players for blackjack/poker how many rounds etc

Justification:

I have decided to do this after the blackjack gameplay is developed and before the poker gameplay as it is an essential but easy and should be relatively quick part of the game to make.

Poker gameplay

Deadline: Week 6-7

Requirements:

- Display 5 cards from dealer at appropriate timings
- Allow player to input Raise, Stand, Fold
- Allow player to input of integer from each player before cards being displayed
- Determine win,draw or loss for each player based upon each players card rankings if player has not Folded

Justification:

I have chosen to do the poker gameplay next as it is another essential part of the game. This has purposely been done before the development of the GUI as the logic of the game will be completed after this point such that the game is "playable" if there are any unforeseen problems past this stage in development

<u>GUI</u>

Deadline: Week 8-9

Requirements:

- Take inputs via keyboard and mouse interaction
- Display background, cards, currency values etc in correct positions
- Simple animations when triggered (card moving across screen, card flipping etc)

Justification:

- This is done after the essential parts of the games logic as this will be the most time consuming part of this project and for reasons stated further up.

Save Player Data

Deadline: Week 10

Requirements:

- Save players data to an external file
- Update changes to player data in external file
- Load this data at the start of the project from the external file

Justification:

I have decided to do this stage after the GUI as it is not an essential part of the game but is a useful feature and will be needed for a leaderboard and player log in to check credentials and save credentials so players can carry on where they left off.

Development

Stage 1 - Card (dealing system)

Design

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Algorithms - Should contain flowcharts / pseudocode

Data - data dictionary / class diagrams

Development

Show the code build over time

Justify your decisions

Screenshot errors and your fixes

Videos or screenshots of what it looks liker when run

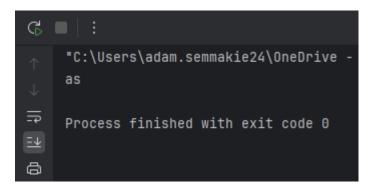
Reference tutorials used

I was stuck between these two ways of storing the cards list. In Picture 1 each card has is saved as its own variable while in Picture 2 the cards are split up by value and suits where the total combination of the value and suit produces the full deck of cards.

Ultimately I opted with Picture one as the codes readability is much better and helping with future maintenance and debugging and ease of GUI creation each card will have an image of it assigned to it. E.g 1s image is 1s.png

I altered the formatting and arrangement making it more logical such that index 0 is ace index can be seen below:

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ace = 0
one = 1
two = 2
three = 3
four = 4
five = 5
six = 6
seven = 7
eight = 8
nine = 9
ten = 10
jack = 11
queen = 12
king = 13
spades = 0
hearts = 1
diamond = 2
clubs = 3
print(card[ace][spades])
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Testing this highlighted problems that would of caused distruption later down the line.

Problems discovered:

- They weren't all the same string length e.g "1s" and "10s"
 - I was planning on holding the value of each card in the first character however in this example my algorithm would have thought that it was the same value
 - I changed the values such that the first 2 characters indicate the value and the last character indicates the suit the suit letter being capitalised as now the face cards and ace are two letters long which means I also capitalise the first letter of them e.g "KiS".
 - I changed the numbers such as 1 to "01S" instead of "1S" etc which solves this problem
 - Here is the updated array below:

Testing

<mark>Test table</mark>

Test number	Description	Type of test	Test data	Expected result	Actual result
1.1.a	Physical input valid card	Valid	Input "07H" via card integration	Accepted and logged. Removes card from internal shuffled deck	
1.1.b	Physical input invalid string	Invalid	Input "11Z" or "AA"	Rejected: incorrect card format	
1.1.c	Duplicate card input	Invalid	Player already holds "7H" so input "7H" again	Rejected: duplicate card	
1.2.a	Check deck contains 52 cards	Valid	len(cards)	Returns 52	
1.2.b	Check every card string is unique	Valid	Convert cards to a set	Set length = 52 (no duplicates)	
1.2.c	Check naming conventions	Valid	Input "AcS","10H","KiD",etc	Each string follows pattern [Rank][Suit] where Rank ∈ {A,2–10,J,Q,K}, Suit ∈ {S,H,D,C}	
1.2.d	Shuffle deck order	Valid	Call ShuffleCards() then compare to original	Deck orders are different but all 52 unique cards still exist	
1.3.a	Deal one card	Valid	Call DealCards(p1,1)	Player1 length +1, deck length –1	
1.3	Deal full deck	Boundary	DealCards(p1,52)	Player1 has 52 unique cards, shuffled deck length is 0	
1.3	Deal more cards than available	Boundary	With 5 cards left call DealCards(p1,6)	Operation rejected: no deck change	
1.3	Deal 0 cards	Boundary	DealCards(p1,0)	No change to deck or player and no error	

1.3	Invalid	Invalid	DealCards(p1,"three")	Function rejects
	number		or DealCards(p1,-3)	with clear
	input			message
1.3	Empty deck	Boundary	Dequeue all 52 then	"No cards
	deal		deal again	remaining"
				message - no
				error
1.2.post	Shuffle	Robustness	Run ShuffleCards()	No duplicates
	randomness		100× and compare all	within a deck,
			the deck orders	the greater
				majority of
				shuffled decks
				must be unique

Evidence referenced - screenshots or videos (with timestamps)

Review of how well your stage has gone

Evaluation