

Technical Assessment – Backend Developer





Poker Hand Showdown

Implement a library (C# or Spring boot) which evaluates who are the winner(s) among several 5 card poker hands. Note for this project that you only need to implement a subset of the regular poker hands:

- Flush
- Three of a Kind
- One Pair
- High Card

Program Inputs/Outputs

Input:

A collection of players in the showdown. Include the following:

- Player Name
- 5 Cards (each specifying the card rank and suit of the card)

Output:

A collection of winning players, more than one in case of a tie

Note: Please direct all output to the Console window (a GUI is not necessary for this task)

Rules and Tie Breakers

Flush

A flush is any hand with five cards of the same suit. If two or more players hold a flush, the flush with the highest card wins. If more than one player has the same strength high card, then the strength of the second highest card held wins. This continues through the five highest cards in the player's hands.

Three of a Kind

If more than one player holds three of a kind, then the higher value of the cards used to make the three of kind determines the winner. If two or more players have the same three of a kind, then a fourth card (and a fifth if necessary) can be used as kickers to determine the winner.

One Pair

If two or more players hold a single pair, then highest pair wins. If the pairs are of the same value, the highest kicker card determines the winner. A second and even third kicker can be used if necessary.

High Card

When no player has even a pair, then the highest card wins. When both players have identical high cards, the next highest card wins, and so on until five cards have been used. In the unusual circumstance that two players hold the identical five cards, the pot would be split.

For rules for other subsets of hands please see: <https://www.adda52.com/poker/poker-rules/cash-game-rules/tie-breaker-rules>



Examples with Winners

Hand 1

Joe: 8S, 8D, AD, QD, JH

Bob: AS, QS, 8S, 6S, 4S

Sally: 4S, 4H, 3H, QC, 8C

Joe wins!

Hand 2

Joe: QD, 8D, KD, 7D, 3D

Bob: AS, QS, 8S, 6S, 4S

Sally: 4S, 4H, 3H, QC, 8C

Bob wins!

Hand 3

Joe: 3H, 5D, 9C, 9D, QH

Jen: 5C, 7D, 9H, 9S, QS

Bob: 2H, 2C, 5S, 10C, AH

Jen Wins!

Hand 4

Joe: 2H, 3D, 4C, 5D, 10H

Jen: 5C, 7D, 8H, 9S, QD

Bob: 2C, 4D, 5S, 10C, JH

Jen Wins!

What else should be included?

- Test, test, test, and more tests
- Any assumptions you have made
- Send a link to your github repo to aaron@grasslandventures.ca