# Introduction

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In this problem set, you'll implement two versions of a wordgame!

Don't be intimidated by the length of this problem set. There is a lot of reading, but it can be done with a reasonable amount of thinking and coding. It'll be helpful if you start this problem set a few days before it is due!

Let's begin by describing the 6.00 wordgame: This game is a lot like Scrabble or Words With Friends, if you've played those. Letters are dealt to players, who then construct one or more words out of their letters. Each **valid** word receives a score, based on the length of the word and the letters in that word.

The rules of the game are as follows:

#### **Dealing**

- A player is dealt a hand of n letters chosen at random (assume n=7 for now).
- The player arranges the hand into as many words as they want out of the letters, using each letter at most once.
- Some letters may remain unused (these won't be scored).

### Scoring

- The score for the hand is the sum of the scores for each word formed.
- The score for a word is the sum of the points for letters in the word, multiplied by the length of the word, plus 50 points if all *n* letters are used on the first word created.
- Letters are scored as in Scrabble; A is worth 1, B is worth 3, C is worth 3, D is worth 2, E is worth 1, and so on. We have defined the dictionary SCRABBLE\_LETTER\_VALUES that maps each lowercase letter to its Scrabble letter value.
- For example, 'weed' would be worth 32 points ((4+1+1+2)) for the four letters, then multiply by len('weed') to get (4+1+1+2)\*4 = 32). Be sure to check that the hand

actually has 1 'w', 2 'e's, and 1 'd' before scoring the word!

• As another example, if n=7 and you make the word 'waybill' on the first try, it would be worth 155 points (the base score for 'waybill' is (4+1+4+3+1+1+1)\*7=105, plus an additional 50 point bonus for using all n letters).

## Sample Output

Here is how the game output will look!

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Loading word list from file...
   83667 words loaded.
Enter n to deal a new hand, r to replay the last hand, or e to end game: n
Current Hand: p z u t t t o
Enter word, or a "." to indicate that you are finished: tot
"tot" earned 9 points. Total: 9 points
Current Hand: p z u t
Enter word, or a "." to indicate that you are finished: .
Total score: 9 points.
Enter n to deal a new hand, r to replay the last hand, or e to end game: r
Current Hand: p z u t t t o
Enter word, or a "." to indicate that you are finished: top
"top" earned 15 points. Total: 15 points
Current Hand: z u t t
Enter word, or a "." to indicate that you are finished: tu
Invalid word, please try again.
Current Hand: z u t t
Enter word, or a "." to indicate that you are finished: .
Total score: 15 points.
Enter n to deal a new hand, r to replay the last hand, or e to end game: n
Current Hand: a q w f f i p
Enter word, or a "." to indicate that you are finished: paw
"paw" earned 24 points. Total: 24 points
Current Hand: q f f i
Enter word, or a "." to indicate that you are finished: qi
"qi" earned 22 points. Total: 46 points
Current Hand: f f
Enter word, or a "." to indicate that you are finished: .
Total score: 46 points.
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Enter n to deal a new hand, r to replay the last hand, or e to end game: n

Current Hand: a r e t i i n

Enter word, or a "." to indicate that you are finished: inertia

"inertia" earned 99 points. Total: 99 points

Run out of letters. Total score: 99 points.

Enter n to deal a new hand, r to replay the last hand, or e to end game: e