# **Programming Task**

We've created a simple multiplayer card game where:

- 7 players are dealt 5 cards from two 52 card decks, and the winner is the one with the highest score.
- The base score for each player is calculated by adding the highest 3 card values for each player, where:
  - The number cards have their numerical value.
  - Face card values are J = 11, Q = 12, K = 13
  - $\circ$  A = 11 (not 1).
- In the event of a tie, the scores are recalculated for only the tied players by calculating a "suit score" for each player to see if the tie can be broken (it may not).
  - Each card is given a value based on its suit, with diamonds = 1, hearts = 2, spades = 3 and clubs = 4, and the player's score is calculated as the suit value of the player's highest card.

You are required to write a command line application using C# or JavaScript (Node application) that needs to do the following:

- Run on Windows.
- Be invoked with the name of the input and output text files.
- Read the data from the input file, find the winner(s) and write them to the output file.
- Handle any problems with the input or input file contents.

#### How to Submit Code

Please just send us an email with **this pdf** and a **single file** named addemupgame.cs or addemupgame.js file attached.

Your application will be tested using an automated test runner, so your application must run to completion without any user input beyond the initial command parameters.

**JavaScript** 

It will be run from console as follows:

```
node addemupgame.js --in abc.txt --out xyz.txt
```

C#

It will be compiled and the resultant exe will be run from console as follows:

```
addemupgame.exe --in abc.txt --out xyz.txt
```

#### **Command Parameters**

- The command parameters can be in any order.
- The file names can vary.
- It can be assumed that if they are not located in the same directory as the application, that the path will be supplied as part of the file name.

```
--in abc.txt --out xyz.txt
```

### Input File Format

- The input file will contain 7 rows, one for each player's hand of 5 cards.
- Each row will contain the player's name followed by a colon then a comma separated list of the 5 cards.
- Each card will consist of the face value and the suit (H = Hearts, S = Spades, C = Clubs and D = Diamonds).
  - Example: KD = King of Diamonds, 4C = Four of Clubs.
- Input is not case-sensitive.
- Spaces can be ignored.
- Do not make assumptions about the correctness of the input.

### **Output File Format**

The output file should contain a single line, with **one** of the following 3 possibilities:

- The name of the winner and their score separated by a colon. (Base Value only if there's a clear winner OR Base + Suit Value if there was a broken tie)
  - o Example:

```
Player1:35
```

- A comma separated list of winners in the case of a tie that can't be broken and their score separated by a colon. (Base + Suit Value)
  - o Example:

```
Player1,Player2:38
```

- "Exception:[reason]" if the input file or its contents had any issues (validate the input).
  - o Example:

```
Exception:<Some nice reason why the input is wrong.>
```

## **Examples**

#### **Example Input**

```
Player1:QC,2C,7S,10S,6C
Player2:2C,6D,3H,3C,6S
Player3:QD,3C,AC,2H,2S
Player4:5D,6C,JC,KS,4H
Player5:3S,9D,5S,9H,4H
Player6:6H,KD,4C,5H,7D
Player7:10C,10C,QD,JS,3D
```

#### **Example Output**

```
Player7:33
```

#### **Example Input**

```
Player1:KH,QD,9H,8H,7S
Player2:QC,6S,KH,10D,8D
Player3:2D,2S,5C,5C,6D
Player4:KC,8S,JS,10S,2S
Player5:4H,9H,JH,4D,2H
Player6:4H,AD,KD,AD,2C
Player7:9S,JH,QH,6C,AC
```

#### **Example Output**

```
Player2:37
```

#### **Example Input**

```
Player1:8D,8S,3C,8S,7C
Player2:KH,QH,AC,10C,AC
Player3:AS,7S,9S,7D,10S
Player4:4C,AH,QD,KH,8C
Player5:3S,KC,2D,5H,2S
Player6:JC,JS,3C,AH,10H
Player7:9D,7S,6C,10D,4D
```

#### **Example Output**

Player2, Player4:38