# **Game Functionality:**

#### 1. Player Login and Authentication:

- o **Feature**: Players must be able to create an account and log in.
- Purpose: Manage player sessions, track their progress, and store personal data like poker statistics and game history.
- Details: Use Express.js for authentication, and Postgres to store user credentials.

#### 2. Main Menu:

- Feature: After login, players press "Play" and are randomly placed in an available game.
- Purpose: Simplify user experience by directly placing players in games without showing a lobby screen.
- o **Details**: Players can also enter a specific code to join a friend's game if needed.

## 3. Poker Game Logic:

- Feature: Implement poker game mechanics, including dealing cards, betting rounds, winning conditions, and player actions (e.g., check, call, raise, fold).
- Purpose: Handle the main poker gameplay according to standard poker rules.
- Details: Ensure support for poker with standard actions. Each game will manage blinds, community cards, hand rankings, and chip stacks (points?).

## 4. Multiplayer Mode:

- Feature: Real-time gameplay allowing multiple players to participate in a poker game.
- Purpose: Provide the core multiplayer experience, with players joining the same game session and interacting in real time.

 Details: This will use Socket.IO or WebSockets to handle real-time communication between players (e.g., actions, chat, game state).

## 5. Game Room Management (Optional Lobby Code System):

- Feature: Players can join a game via random matchmaking or by entering a code to join a specific friend's game.
- Purpose: Provide flexible game joining options, allowing friends to play together without a traditional lobby system.
- Details: Each game room will have a unique code that players can use to join,
  which will be managed via the backend.

#### 6. Poker Betting System:

- Feature: Implement a full betting system where players can bet, call, check,
  raise, or fold during each round.
- Purpose: Ensure the core poker experience, with chip management and betting rounds like in a real poker game.
- Details: The system will include pre-flop, flop, turn, and river betting rounds.
  Players' chip stacks will be updated in real time based on their bets.

## 7. Player Actions and Turn-Based System:

- Feature: Implement a turn-based system where each player has a set amount of time to make their move.
- Purpose: Control the flow of the game, ensuring that each player takes turns and has a time limit to act.
- Details: A timer will prompt players to make decisions in a timely manner. After the timer expires, the game will automatically fold or check for that player.

## 8. Card Dealing and Hand Evaluation:

 Feature: Automatically deal cards to players and evaluate hands at the end of each round.

- Purpose: Ensure that players are dealt random cards and that hands are evaluated correctly to determine the winner.
- Details: Use a standard deck of 52 cards and implement hand evaluation logic
  (e.g., pair, flush, straight) to determine winners.

#### 9. Game Over and Rejoining System:

- Feature: When a game ends, the system will declare a winner and allow players to start a new game or exit.
- Purpose: End the game properly and allow players to continue playing or leave the game session.
- Details: Once all betting rounds are complete, and a winner is declared, players
  can either play another round or exit the game.

## **Required Features:**

## 1. Backend Server (Node.js with Express.js):

- **Feature**: Serve the static HTML, CSS, and JavaScript files for the game.
- o **Purpose**: Provide the backend to run the game logic and manage players.

#### 2. Postgres Database:

- Feature: Store game-related data such as player information, game sessions, and hand history.
- Purpose: Required for maintaining persistent data across game sessions or tracking statistics.

#### 3. **Deployment on Render**:

- **Feature**: Host the game on Render, making it accessible online.
- **Purpose**: Required for deployment, making the game available to users publicly.





