

# CPP Problem Design

**Subject:** Classify A Poker Hand

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**Main testing concept:** Sort, String

## Basics

- ☒ C++ BASICS
- ☒ FLOW OF CONTROL
- ☒ FUNCTION BASICS
- ☐ PARAMETERS AND OVERLOADING
- ☐ ARRAYS
- ☐ STRUCTURES AND CLASSES
- ☐ CONSTRUCTORS AND OTHER TOOLS
- ☐ OPERATOR OVERLOADING, FRIENDS, AND REFERENCES
- ☒ STRINGS
- ☐ POINTERS AND DYNAMIC ARRAYS

## Functions

- ☐ SEPARATE COMPILATION AND NAMESPACES
- ☐ STREAMS AND FILE I/O
- ☐ RECURSION
- ☐ INHERITANCE
- ☐ POLYMORPHISM AND VIRTUAL FUNCTIONS
- ☐ TEMPLATES
- ☐ LINKED DATA STRUCTURES
- ☐ EXCEPTION HANDLING
- ☐ STANDARD TEMPLATE LIBRARY
- ☐ PATTERNS AND UML

## Description:

Please write an evaluator for 5-card poker games. Given 5 cards which are randomly draw from a full deck of 52 card (without Jokers). Each card in the hand will have both a suit (clubs, diamonds, hearts. or spades) and a rank (two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, jack, queen, king, or ace). We'll assume that aces are high. The hand is classified into one of the following categories (listed in order from best to worst): Straight Flush (both a straight and a flush), Four-Of-A-Kind (four cards of the same rank), Full House (a three-of-a-kind and a pair), Flush (five cards of the same suit), Straight (five cards with consecutive ranks), Three-Of-A-Kind (three cards of the same rank), Two Pairs, Pair (two cards of the same rank), High Card (any other hand).

If a hand falls into two or more categories, the program will choose the best one. Note that for input purpose, we'll abbreviate ranks and suits as follows (in the ascending order and letters must be lower-case):

Ranks: 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 t j q k a  
Suits: c d h s

If the user enters an illegal card or tries to enter the same card twice, the program will issue an error message "Illegal card", "Duplicate card", or "Illegal and Duplicate cards".

## Input:

5 cards each represented by rank and suit; for instance 2s 3d 4h 5c 6d.

## Output:

One of the category mentioned above and five cards in the ascending order or error messages.

## Sample Input / Output :

Sample Input	Sample Output
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2s 5s 4s 3s 6S 10 as 8C ad d2 6s 2d 9c 4h ts	Straight Flush 2s 3s 4s 5s 6s Illegal card High Card 2d 4h 6s 9c ts
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<div><input type="checkbox"/> Eazy, Only basic programming syntax and structure are required.</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medium, Multiple programming grammars and structures are required.</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Hard, Need to use multiple program structures or complex data types.</div>	
Expected solving time: 40 minutes	
Other notes:	