

CS161: Introduction to Computer Science  
Homework Assignment 7  
Due: 3/21 by 11:59pm

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## Comparing Objects, Loops, and ArrayList

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In this week's assignment, you'll get practice comparing objects, using `while` loops, and using the `ArrayList` class. Since this is a substantial assignment, there is no section for written exercises.

This assignment asks you to write three Java classes: `Card`, `Deck`, and `DeckController`. The `Card` class represents a single playing card. The `Deck` class represents a standard set of 52 playing cards. The `DeckController` class will have a `main()` method that will create a new deck of cards, shuffle it, and then deal the top 3 cards of the deck.

Download the starter code from the course webpage. The starter code contains a `Card` class and `Deck` class for you to finish.

*Remember that any repeated code should be pulled out into a private method!*

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## The Card Class

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A playing card has the following attributes:

- A face value which is an integer ranging from 1 to 13. A face value of 1 corresponds to an Ace. A face value of 11, 12, or 13 corresponds to a Jack, Queen, or King respectively. These three are known as *face cards* because they usually have a face drawn on them.
- A suit which is either: `diamond`, `heart`, `spade`, or `club`. Diamonds and hearts are red in color. Spades and clubs are black in color.



The `Card` class should have the following methods:

- A constructor that takes a suit and a face value as input arguments.
- Accessor methods for the suit and face value
- `isBlack()` returns whether the card is black
- `isRed()` returns whether the card is red
- `isFaceCard()` returns whether the card is a face card
- `hasSameFaceValue(Card other)` returns whether this card and the other card have the same face value
- `hasSameSuit(Card other)` returns whether this card and the other card have the same suit
- `equals(Card other)` returns whether this card and the other card are equal
- `outRanks(Card other)` returns true if this card has a strictly greater face value than the other card. The only exception is a face value of 1 (i.e. an Ace) which outranks all other face values.
- A `toString()` method. Your `toString()` method *must return a string in this precise format*:

[suit, faceValue]

where a face value of 1 is converted to an “A”, an 11 to “J”, a 12 to “Q” and a 13 to “K”. For example, an ace of spades should return [spade, A] and a three of clubs should return [club, 3]. (My tester code relies upon your toString() method returning this exact format.)

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## The Deck Class

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The `Deck` class should use an `ArrayList` to store a standard deck of 52 playing cards: 13 spades, 13 clubs, 13 diamonds, and 13 hearts. This is similar to the `BookCase` example we are working on in class.

The constructor should initialize the deck by creating and adding to the `ArrayList` each of the 52 cards. In addition to the constructor, you should add the following methods

- A method `shuffle()` that shuffles the cards in the deck. This method should not print anything and should not return anything. It simply shuffles the cards in the deck. (Hint: You’ll need a `Random` object to shuffle.)
- A `dealCard()` method that **removes** the top card from the deck (i.e. the card in position 0 in the `ArrayList`) and returns it. This means the return type of the `dealCard()` method should be a `Card`.
- Finally, add a `toString()` method that prints out all of the cards in the deck.

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## The DeckController Class

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Finally, the `DeckController` class is where you will actually use your `Deck` class! Create a class named `DeckController` with a `main()` method. Inside the `main()` method, write code to

- Create a deck of cards and print it to the screen
- Shuffle the deck of cards and print it to the screen
- Deal the top 3 cards of the deck. Print each card after it is dealt

The next page shows an example of what my `DeckController` prints when executed.

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## Style Guide

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Before you submit your assignment, go through the checklist below and make sure your code conforms to the style guide.

### Checklist

- All unused variables are deleted
- All instance variables are used in more than one method (if not, make them local)
- All instance variables are declared private
- All instance variables are initialized in the constructor
- Javadoc comment for all classes
- All methods have Javadoc comments (except for the `main` method)
- Proper capitalization of variables (final and non-final variables), methods, and classes
- All numbers have been replaced with constants (i.e. no magic numbers)
- Use white space to separate different sections of your code
- Code is correctly indented to improve readability

Read the “Style Guide” (under “Resources” on the course website) for more information.

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BlueJ: Terminal Window - hw6_card_solution
A standard deck of 52 cards:
{[club,A], [spade,A], [diamond,A], [heart,A], [club,2], [spade,2], [diamond,2],

After shuffling
{[diamond,A], [club,2], [spade,Q], [club,9], [club,4], [diamond,9], [spade,8],

Dealing top 3 cards:
[diamond,A]
[club,2]
[spade,Q]

The remaining cards in the deck:
{[club,9], [club,4], [diamond,9], [spade,8], [diamond,3], [club,10], [heart,4],
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## Submitting your assignment

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You should submit your hw7 folder with your `Card`, `Deck`, and `DeckController` class via Moodle.