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W5Card is 5 card draw poker for Windows in which you play against the computer.

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Commands

Menu commands are used to start and control game play.

Game

New Game   Deal a new hand of poker (with a new deck).

Exit   End W5Card program.

note: If you are playing a hand and select "New Game" or "Exit", computer will ask if you want to fold.

Raise / Open_bet

Add to the pot what the computer bet plus the dollar amount you select.

If you are opening (at the start or after the discard) you will only add the dollar amount selected.

Call

Matches the computer's bet.   First "call" will allow players to discard.   Second "call" will end current hand and winner will get the pot.

When the computer prompts you to discard, select the cards that you don't want by clicking the mouse on the gray boxes above the cards or on the cards, which will now show a yellow "X".   Then, click on the DISCARD button to replace those cards.

note: the computer automatically arranges the cards from lowest to highest.

Fold

End current hand and allow computer to collect entire pot.

ESC_Boss_Key

A reminder that pressing the Esc key on the keyboard will quit W5Card instantly. (Clicking on this menu command will only quit sometimes.   Always use the keyboard).

The pot is the collection to which both players add their bets.   At the end of the hand, the winning player receives the entire pot.

Discarding occurs after the first round of betting.   It allows both players to get new cards from the deck in exchange for their unwanted cards.

Rules

At the start of a new game, you need a pair of Jacks or better to open.   If you pass, the computer may open or pass back.   If the open is passed back, you are allowed to start the betting.

When <u>discarding</u>, you can get up to 5 new cards.

At the end of the hand, the winner is given the entire <u>pot</u>; the pot stays on a tie.   The hand combinations are, from highest to lowest, as follows...

Royal Flush   Ten, Jack, Queen, King, Ace of the same <u>suit</u>.

Straight Flush   5 cards in order all with same suit (Ace can be a 1 or value after the King)

4 of a Kind   4 cards of the same <u>kind</u> (4 Aces, or 4 eight's, etc.).

Full House   3 cards of the same kind plus 2 different   cards of the same kind.

Flush   5 cards of the same suit.

Straight   5 cards in order (any suit).

3 of a Kind   3 cards of the same kind.

2 Pairs   2 cards of the same kind plus 2 different cards of the same kind.

1 Pair   2 cards of the same kind.

High Card   If neither player has one of the above, the winner is chosen by comparing the hands, card for card, starting with the highest. When one player's card has a higher value than the other player's card (ignoring suit), that player wins.

The suit is the non-numeric symbol on each card; which is Hearts, Diamonds, Spades, or Clubs.   There are 4 of each card with each suit.

The value of the card, which run 2 through 10, Jack, Queen, King, Ace.

Registering Shareware

This game is not free; it is SHAREWARE.   The SHAREWARE method allows you to try it first and buy it only if you continue using it.   If you want to continue using W5Card after a one-month trial period, you must send $15 to...

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Thank you.