Create Baseball Cards Utility - Basic

This utility is a way for you to create your own basic baseball cards. The utility uses text files as input. There is one text file per player. Four cards can be placed on one 11x8.5 piece of stock paper. *Note: For blue links in this document, right-click to download.*

Example final output pdf file.   Batter skeleton text file. Pitcher skeleton text file.

Here are two example files to download and review: Brett Butler and Wilbur Wood and what their cards would look like:

BRETT BUTLER   centerfield-1 stealing-AA
                                        running 1-17

SAN FRANCISCO

1	2	3
2- WALK	2- lineout (1b)	2- groundball
3- strikeout	plus injury	(1b) B
4- TRIPLE	3- lineout (2b)	3- groundball
1-15	4- groundball	(2b) B
DOUBLE	(p) B	4- flyball (rf) B
16-20	5- flyball (cf) B	5- SINGLE*
5- groundball	6- popout (2B)	6- WALK
(2b) A++	7- groundball	7- WALK
6- DOUBLE**	(3b) B	8- groundball
1	8- groundball	(1b) B
SINGLE**	(ss) B	9- WALK
2-20	9- flyball (rf) B	10- WALK
7- SINGLE	10- groundball	11- groundball
8- SINGLE	(1b) B	(2b) A++
9- SINGLE**	11- lineout (1b)	12- lineout (1b)
10- SINGLE	12- foulout (c)	into as many
11- SINGLE*		outs as
12- popout (2B)		possible

1990 BATTING RECORD

AT BATS	DOUBLES	TRIPLES	HOMERUNS
622	20	9	3

AVERAGE	WALKS	STRIKEOUTS
.309	90	62

WILBUR WOOD   1 pitcher-starter

PITCHING CARD   **CHICAGO WHITE SOX**

4	5	6
2- groundball	2- groundball	2- flyball (rf) B
(p) B	(1b) C	3- FLYBALL
3- GROUND-	3- GROUND-	(rf) X
BALL(1b) X	BALL(ss) X	4- popout (2b)
4- FLYBALL	4- TRIPLE	5- DOUBLE**
(cf) X	1-3	1-8
5- popout (1b)	SINGLE**	SINGLE**
6- popout (ss)	4-20	9-20
7- strikeout	5- HOMERUN	6- SINGLE*
8- flyball (rf) B	1-9	1-8
9- flyball (lf) C	DOUBLE	lineout (3b)
10- GROUND-	10-20	9-20
BALL(3b) X	6- flyball (cf) B	7- GROUND-
11- GROUND-	7- strikeout	BALL(2b) X
BALL(p) X	8- GROUND-	8- lineout (1b)
12- groundball	BALL(ss) X	9- popout (3b)
(p) B	9- groundball	10- flyball (cf) B
	(2b) C	11- FLYBALL
	10- CATCHER'S	(lf) X
	CARD X	12- flyball (lf) B
	11- WALK	
	12- groundball	
	(1b) C	

1972 PITCHING RECORD

WON	LOST	E.R.A	INNINGS PITCHED
24	17	2.51	377

HITS ALLOWED	WALKS ALLOWED	STRIKEOUTS	HOMERUNS ALLOWED
325	74	193	28

Text File Requirements (please see text file examples to follow along)

1. Batter text file must have 50 lines.

2. Pitcher text file must have 47 lines.

3. Input starts in column 1 of each text file line. Each line may have a comment, designated by two forward slashes '//'. Comments are discarded by the utility but are there to help you identify the correct data input, along with some examples or anything else you wish to add.

4. The data you input on each line is what is displayed on the card. If the utility sees a comma, the value is placed on the next line. Examples:

TRIPLE,1-15,DOUBLE,16-20   GROUND-,BALL(ss) X
Will display as: Will display as:
TRIPLE   GROUND-
  1-15   BALL(ss) X
DOUBLE
  16-20

5. For batting card fielding, you can enter up to five (5) position slots. If you need more than five, shorten the position names. Example:
secondbase-4
shortstop-3

Can be placed in one position slot. Example: 2b-4,ss-3

Output

You have two choices:

1. Display - displays the output on the browser (it can be a bit slow as it renders the output).

2. Download - creates a file called Baseball-Cards.pdf and downloads it to your computer relatively fast.

For final printing, it's probably best to use the downloaded PDF file since printing from a browser can be unpredictable. You could Display, check everything out, then re-do as Download.

Printing

As mentioned above, printing the PDF is probably best. Whatever you choose, be sure to print with "Landscape" orientation.

Card Stock (Paper)

Paper thickness is a personal choice. Anywhere from 65lb to 110lb paper works fine, and can be found at any office supply store. You might consider getting a paper cutter too. **Westcott® TrimAir** paper cutters work well. They have a variety of sizes.