Create Baseball Cards Utility - Advanced

This utility is a way for you to create your own <u>advanced</u> side 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: Cesar Gutierrez and Dick Radatz and what their cards would look like (with stats):

R | CESAR GUTIERREZ stealing-(D) *2-5,10/6,8,11 (17-6) bunting-B hit & run-C
ss-3 e59, 3b-4 e59 running 1-15

37% AGAINST LEFT-HAND PITCHERS		Power-W	63% AGAINST RIGHT-HAND PITCHERS		Power-W
1	**2**	**3**	**1**	**2**	**3**
2-SI(rf) 1-6	**2-SI* 1-6**	**2-SI***	2-foulout(c)	**2-SI(lf) 1-6**	2-gb(ss)A
gb(2b)A	fly(cf)B?	plus injury	3-gb(2b)B+	gb(3b)B	plus injury
3-gb(1b)B	3-gb(ss)B+	3-gb(1b)C	4-lineout(1b)	3-gb(1b)C	**3-SINGLE****
4-gb(2b)A	4-popout(ss)	**4-WALK**	5-gb(2b)A+	**4-SI* 1-4**	4-fly(lf)B?
5-gb(ss)A+	5-gb(2b)C	5-fly(lf)B?	6-gb(ss)A	fly(cf)B?	5-gb(p)A
6-fly(cf)B?	**6-WALK**	6-lineout(3b)	7-gb(1b)B	5-gb(2b)C	6-strikeout
7-gb(p)B	**7-WALK**	7-gb(ss)A	8-strikeout	6-strikeout	**7-DO** 1-11**
8-gb(3b)A	8-popout(ss)	8-popout(ss)	9-popout(2b)	7-fly(rf)B?	**SI****
9-fly(lf)B?	**9-SINGLE****	Ω**9-SINGLE(lf)**	10-gb(2b)A	8-popout(ss)	8-strikeout
10-popout(2b)	▾10-lineout(2b)	Ω**10-SINGLE(lf)**	**11-SI* 1-17**	9-lineout(2b)	Ω**9-SINGLE(rf)**
▾**11-SINGLE(cf)**	**11-SINGLE****	**11-SI** 1-7**	gb(p)A	▾10-fly(cf)B?	10-lineout(ss)
△12-po(ss)	12-lo(2b)max	fly(rf)B?	△12-fly(cf)B?	Ω**11-SINGLE(lf)**	▾**11-SINGLE(rf)**
SI* 1-12		12-lineout(1b)	*SI* 1-18*	12-lo(2b)max	**12-DOUBLE****
lo(3b)			*lo(3b)*		

1969 Avg:.236 AB:72 2B:2 3B:0 HR:0 RBI:0 BB:11 SO:5 SB:2 CS:2 SLG:.264 OBP:.337

DICK RADATZ bk-0 wp-0 e0 #2WR pitcher-3 relief(2)/2 ●
throws RIGHT hold +8 bunting-C

33% AGAINST LEFT-HAND BATTERS			67% AGAINST RIGHT-HAND BATTERS		
4	**5**	**6**	**4**	**5**	**6**
2-popout(2b)	2-GB(1b)X	2-strikeout	2-GB(p)X	2-GB(p)X	△2-strikeout
3-GB(p)X	**3-DO 1-17**	3-FLY(rf)X	♦**3-N-HR**	3-GB(1b)X	*SI* 1-16*
4-CATCH-X	fly(cf)B	**4-N-HR 1-18**	4-CATCH-X	4-fly(lf)C	*lo(ss)*
5-strikeout●	♦4-fly(lf)B	fly(lf)B	5-strikeout●	**5-WALK**	3-FLY(rf)X
6-strikeout●	5-strikeout	**5-N-HR**	6-strikeout●	**6-WALK**	**4-DO 1-10**
7-GB(2b)X	6-fly(cf)C	♦**6-N-HR**	7-GB(2b)X	**7-WALK**	fly(cf)B
8-gb(1b)A	7-popout(2b)	7-GB(ss)X	8-strikeout	**8-TR 1-2**	**5-SI* 1**
9-strikeout	**8-WALK**	8-fly(rf)B	9-strikeout	**DO**	fly(lf)B
10-FLY(cf)X	**9-WALK**	9-strikeout	10-FLY(cf)X	**9-N-HR 1-10**	6-strikeout
11-DOUBLE(lf)	10-GB(3b)X	10-fly(rf)B	▾11-strikeout	**DO**	7-strikeout
12-strikeout●	11-FLY(lf)X	**11-TR 1**	▾**12-SINGLE(cf)**	10-GB(3b)X	8-strikeout
	12-GB(1b)X	**DO**		11-FLY(lf)X	9-GB(ss)X
		12-GB(ss)X		♦**12-N-HR 1-4**	10-GB(ss)X
				fly(cf)B	11-lineout(ss)
					12-fly(rf)B

1969 W:2 L:6 ERA:4.89 Starts:0 Saves:3 IP:53 H:46 BB:23 SO:50 HR:9 WHIP:1.294

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

1. Batter text file must have 90 lines.

2. Pitcher text file must have 91 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. The chances on the card have a slightly larger font than a normal card. With this, it is suggested that you do not include the second set of split numbers for outs unless you abbreviate them.

5. Split and weather values are separated by a comma. If the utility sees a comma, the value is placed on the next line. Examples:

Input	Displayed on Card (7 roll example)
HR 1-10,DO**	**7-HR 1-10** **DO**
HBP,plus injury	7-**HBP** plus injury
^SINGLE*,SI* 1-10,lo(2b)	**^7-SINGLE*** *SI* 1-10* *lo(2b)*

6. To identify special outcomes (ball park single, ball park HR, clutch, endurance, and weather), you must use the characters listed in the chart below. The characters will be converted on the card.

	Character used in text file	Character displayed on card
Ball Park Single	>	▼
Ball Park HR	#	◆
Clutch	$	Ω
Endurance	@	●
Weather	^	Δ

Except for Endurance, the special characters must be the first character in the data.

Examples:
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>SINGLE(lf)
#N-HR
$SINGLE*
strikeout@
^SINGLE*,SI* 1-10,lo(2b)
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7. The statistics area in the text file (at the bottom) are optional. But be sure to keep the lines in place regardless if you enter data. These statistics go on the bottom of the card (if you check "Add Statistics to bottom of each card?" on the Create Cards form).

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.