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JJ_Game Class

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1. Introduction

The "JavaScript Jeopardy Game", a.k.a., jj_game, is a LTEX class file that can be used to construct a Jeopardy-like game board and the accompanying answers and questions. The jj_game is capable of constructing a game board for an arbitrary number of categories and an arbitrary number of questions per category.

There are options for a user of dvipsone (from the now defunct \(\mathbb{Y} \), dvips, pdftex or dvipdfm to build a Jeopardy game.

A Jeopardy game, as constructed by jj_game, consists of three parts: the instructions, the game board and the question pages. See figures 1, 2 and 3 below.







Figure 1: Instructions Page

Figure 2: Game Board Page

Figure 3: Question Page

Corresponding to each of these pages are environments and commands that allow you create content for your Jeopardy quiz game and to designate the color scheme to be used.

After reading your detailed instructions, the contestant arrives at the game board page. The contestant chooses a category and a question in that category ("I'll take 'Candles and Wicks' for 200"). When the contestant clicks on the cell, the game jumps to the question page ("Which end of the candle do you light? What is...") corresponding to that choice and a question is posed.

A question can be multiple choice, math fill-in or text fill-in. In the case of the fill-in type questions, the exerquiz package is needed. After the contestant answers the question, the game returns to the game board page, and the score is updated.

Should the contestant reach the goal set by the Goal property of the \GameDesign command, when the contestant has finished answering all questions, a hidden field under that banner of the game board appears with a short message, as defined by the Champion property of \GameDesign command.

There is no reset button, so if you want to play again, just close the game, and reopen it. If you have Acrobat, do not save the game before it closes, this will save the form data and when you open it again, the initial state of the game will not be restored.

You should be aware of the following features, which are meant to discourage contestants from looking at the questions by paging through the PDF or attempting to edit earlier responses.

¹The author is making a vague and rather poor play on words with Wiccan. pooh.

- When a question page is opened, the cell in the game board that corresponds to that page is blanked out. When the contestant returns to the game board, that cell is no longer clickable, hence, the contestant cannot legally answer that question. When a contestant is on a question page illegally, a nasty message appears in an alert box if the contestant answers the question on that page.
- If the contestant answers the question legally, then later returns to that same question page and tries to edit the question (perhaps because it was missed earlier), a (less than nasty) message appears saying that you cannot change your answer.

I do hope there will be people out in Cyberland who will use jj_game and construct some interesting games for us to enjoy.

Now, I simply must get back to my retirement. D\$

2. Preliminaries

2.1. Unpackaging the Class

Unzip jj_game.zip in a folder on your MEX search path; the unzipping will create a jj_game folder that will contain the full distribution. Be sure to refresh your file name database for system that needs this to be done.

The new jj_game class now uses many of the standard package files from AeB (AcroīĘX eDucation Bundle); in particular, the AeB components used are web, insdljs and eforms. Exerquiz can optionally be used as well to pose math and text fill-in questions.

2.2. Requirements

The jj_game class has been updated to use the very fine package xkeyval (2006/11/18 v2.5f or later),², and the equally nice package xcolor (2005/11/25 v2.08 or later),³ if available on the system. The comment package is also used.⁴ The graphicx package is needed if you wish to insert graphical backgrounds. Of course, the most recent version of AeB (AcroTEX eDucation Bundle) is a must.

Requirements based on driver applications:

- pdftex and dvipdfm: jj_game class works with these two applications that that write a document in PDF. Some of the features—the forcredit and pro options—of jj_game are not available to these applications.
- dvips and dvipsone: In these two cases, it is assumed that PDF is creating Acrobat Distiller, not Ghostscript; in this case, the forcredit option (see 'The forcredit Option', page 15) is available. If the document author has Acrobat 7.0 Pro (or later), the pro option (see 'The pro Option', page 15) can be used as well.

²Located at CTAN:/tex-archive/macros/latex/contrib/xkeyval

³CTAN:/tex-archive/macros/latex/contrib/xcolor

⁴CTAN: /tex-archive/macros/latex/contrib/comment

Once the game is built, Adobe Reader 5.0 or later is sufficient to enjoy the wonderfulness of the time-consuming pass time that is Jeopardy. If the document author used the pro option, Adobe Reader 7.0 or later is required.

2.3. Listing of Sample Files

The sample files are good templates for designing your own game:

- jjg_test.tex: The original demo file from the first version of this class.
- ca_jeopardy.tex: A Jeopardy quiz game constructed for and distributed to a College Algebra class for extra credit.

3. Options

The options of this class are listed below. In some cases, you are referred to other sections of this manual for further details.

- Driver Options: jj_game recognizes four drivers. Choose only one.
 - dvipsone: The dvi-to-ps converter by \(\text{\text{W}} \). In this case, the Adobe Acrobat Distiller must be used to convert from Postscript to PDF.
 - dvips: The dvi-to-ps converter that comes with many T_EX systems. The Adobe Acrobat
 Distiller must be used to convert from Postscript to PDF.
 - pdftex: The tex-to-pdf converter. The distiller is not needed in this case.
 - dvipdfm: The dvi-to-pdf converter. The distiller is not needed in this case.
- debug: In the developmental stage, you can use the debug option that will give you more information in the log about what is going on.
- double: The face values of all cells are doubled. (Double JavaScript Jeopardy!) Use it if you have time, energy and motivation to write two Jeopardy games.
- final: After you have completed your jj_game, you can, optionally, build it one more time with the final option. This option removes the menu, the toolbar, the GUI interface of the Acrobat Viewer; all that is left is your game.
- pro: The pro option is available only with e dvips or dvipsone driver. You are required
 to use the AeB Pro package. This package requires that you use Acrobat 7.0 Pro (or later)
 and to create you PDF using Acrobat Distiller. For the pro option, the questions are placed
 in OCGs (optional content groups, or simply layers). See 'The pro Option' on page 15.
- forcredit: This option brings in some security measures at helps the instructor set up a Jeopardy game that can be used for (extra) credit in the classroom. See the section titled The forcredit Option on page 15.
- design=<design_name>: There are a limited number of edefined colorful designs. The
 values of the design parameter are jeopardy, florida, iceland, hornet qatar,
 norway, bahamas and spain. These are in addition to the default color design scheme.

- nodesigngraphics: Some of the designs specified by e design option has graphical backgrounds. To use a specific design without the designed graphical background, use the nodesigngraphics. In the preamble, you can optionally specify your own graphical background using the graphical background insert commands, see 'Graphical Backgrounds' on page 16.
- lang=<english|german>: The Jeopardy game has some nguage strings, most notably, the semi-humorous messages that appear after the player responds to one of the questions. The lang option allows these common strings to appear in german. The default is english. When the german option is in effect, a crude euro symbol is typeset instead of the dollar, and the euro symbol is used in the score board as well.

An example of usage of some of these options is

\documentclass[dvips,forcredit,lang=german,design=florida]{jj_game}

You can also set your favorite driver as the default. Just create a file named jj_game_game.cfg and place in it the command

\ExecuteOptions{dvips}

(This sets dvips as the default driver.) In this case the above example becomes

\documentclass[forcredit,lang=german,design=florida]{jj_game}

Specifying a driver as an optional parameter in the \documentclass declaration will override whatever default set in the jj_game.cfg file.

Option Removed: Previous versions (prior to version 3.0) of jj_game class had a foils option. As far as I know, no one used this option, so I am removing it.

4. Designing the Game and Posing the Questions

The following sections outline the design of the game. If you don't specify a particular part of the design of the game, then a default value will be substituted.

The sample file $jj_test.tex$ represents a prototype game that you can modify.

4.1. Stuff for the Preamble

There is potentially a lot of stuff that goes into the design of the game. Again, all have default values, but there are some required design parameters.

• Banners and Backgrounds

Throughout the document, there are may colors living in MEX space that are under the control of the document author. Most all colors can be set through the argument of the \DeclareColors command.

NeclareColors: The argument of \DeclareColors consist of key-value pairs. These key-values are in the JavaScript style, key and value are separated by ': ⊔', the space is required to follow the colon. The key references some color aspect of the game, the value is named color. A color of transparent is also recognized. The following is a \DeclareColors structure listing all possible keys, with some named color values.

If \DeclareColors is not present in the preamble, or if present, if the keys are not fully populated, the default values are used.

See Section 8, beginning page 17, for a visual representation of these colors.

▶ \titleBanner: On the instructions page, see Figure 1, page 3, there is a banner heading. The text of this banner is set by \titleBanner

```
\titleBanner{<Banner Text>}
```

This command is required, though if not set, the default text will appear, "You are the Winner!". For example

```
\titleBanner{The \TeX\ Game!}
```

You can format the banner text using \bannerTextFont by redefining it. Its default definition is

```
\newcommand{\bannerTextFont}{\sffamily\huge}
```

There are other banners in the Jeopardy game, the ones on the questions pages. The text for these banners are the categories of question you declare in the \GameDesign command, discussed in the next section. The \bannerTextFont effects these banners as well.

Finally, there is \bannerTextControl used for finer positioning of the banner text. The default definition is

```
\newcommand{\bannerTextControl}[1]{#1}
```

This can be redefined for whatever purpose. Normally it is not needed. But, for example

```
\renewcommand{\bannerTextControl}[1]{\raisebox{3pt}{#1}}
```

The above example raises the banner text 3pt.

Game Design

► \GameDesign: In order to design a game, you must have categories and questions in each category. The \GameDesign is the macro that is used for this purpose.

```
\GameDesign
{
 Cat: \TeX,
                                  % list the categories
 Cat: \LaTeX,
 Cat: Classes \&~Packages,
                                 %
 NumQuestions: 3,
                                 % number questions per category
 Goal: {3,500},
                                 % set a goal, just for fun
 GoalPercentage: 0,
                                 % goal as a percentage of money
 CellWidth: 1in,
                                % cell width
 CellHeight: .5in,
                                % cell height
 ExtraWidth: Opt,
                                % additional width if needed
 ExtraHeight: .2in,
                                 % additional height if needed
 Champion: You are a Champion!, % this text appears if goal is met
}
```

The key-value pairs can appear in any order.

Required Keys: The Cat and NumQuestions keys are required, though this is not enforced.

The format is ' $\langle \text{key} \rangle$: $_{\square} \langle \text{value} \rangle$,' there must be a space character (denoted by $_{\square}$) after the colon, and a comma following the value. If the value contains a comma, enclose the value in braces, as I did above with the Goal.

Each key, except Cat, has a default value. The values of these keys may need to be adjusted depending on the number of categories, number of questions, and font size.

The value of Cat has an optional argument, you can say

```
Cat: [\small] Classes \&~Packages,
```

The value of the optional argument is inserted just before the "Classes & Packages" in the category heading of the game board. In this case, its size is reduced to fit into the bounding rectangle.

The parmeter GoalPercentage needs comment. You can set the goal by setting the percentage of the total money in the game; i.e., GoalPercentage: 90, sets the goal to 90% of the total money. If GoalPercentage is present in the \GameDesign, and its value differs from the default value of zero (0), then the value of the Goal parameter, if present, is discarded, and a new goal is calculated based on the percentage of the total money, which is a function of the number of categories, the number of questions per category, and whether the double option has been invoked.

The jj_game takes these entries and computes the values for \paperheight, \paperwidth and \textheight.

I've used some code from Radhakrishnan C V's pdfscreen. In that regard, you can, however, use \marginsize to set the margins around the page, the default is

```
\marginsize{.25in}{.25in}{.25in}{.25in}
```

We now turn to defining the attributes of the Acrobat form fields at appear in the game.

In the next few paragraphs, covering the appearance attributes of e fields corresponding to \APHidden, \APDollar, \APRight, \APWrong and \APScore, colors are specified in the RGB color space; for example 0.98 0.92 0.73. Note that unlike the color package of EEX, the numbers are separated by spaces not commas. Also, the keys that begin with the word "Fill" (e.g., FillColor) recognize the word transparent as a value, in this case, there is no background color for that field.

There is a hidden text field in the banner above the game board that is revealed when the game is over (all questions are answered) and the goal, set in \GameDesign, is met. The \APHidden controls the appearance of this hidden banner.

The Champion key can be placed in the \GameDesign structure; is is more convenient for creating pre-packaged designs (such as design=jeopardy and design=florida).

► \APDollar: The \DesignGame just sets basic parameters, it does nothing towards defining color. For that, I have the \APDollar macro. This macro sets the attributes of the numbers that appear as the game cells on the game board.

The above are all the defaults. The \APDollar macro does not have to appear, unless you want to change one of the defaults.

► \APRight and \APWrong: Under the face of the cells are two hidden text fields, one for a "Right" answer, one for a "Wrong" answer. The two macros \APRight and \APWrong have the same key-value arguments.

```
\APRight{
Font: TiRo, Size: 20, TextColor: 0 0 1, Message: Right!}
```

```
\APWrong{
Font: TiRo, Size: 20, TextColor: 1 0 0, Message: Wrong!}
```

The default value for the Message parameter is "Right!" ("Wrong!"), but can be changed with \correctText (\incorrectText). For German, you can put \correctText {Richtig!} (\correctText{Falsch!}) in the preamble, this command lends itself to customization.

▶ \APScore: There is a text field, set by the command \ScoreBoard, to keep track of the score. The following macro designs the appearance attributes for the score board.

```
\APScore{
 Font: TiRo,
                               % font to be used
 Size: 20,
                               % font size to be used
 TextColor: 0 0 1,
                               % text color
 BorderColor: 0 0 0,
                              % border color
 FillColor: 0.98 0.92 0.73,
                             % background color
 CellHeight: \the\cellHeight, % default same as cells (usually not specified)
 CellWidth: \the\cellWidth,  % default same as cells (usually not specified)
 AutoPlacement: true,
                               % auto placement of score
 Score: "",
                               % score text
 Currency: "$",
                               % currency
                               % horizonal align: 1 (left), c (center), r (right)
 align: r,
```

To get a currency of a EURO or some other currency symbol, use icode; in the case of the EURO, use Currency: "\string\\u20AC". When the lang option is set to german, the EURO automatically becomes the default currency symbol.

The following is a listing of some of the common currency signs. Keep in mind, that these must be escaped like so Currency: "\string\\00A5" (Yen Sign).

Description	Unicode	Symbol	Description	Unicode	Symbol
Dollar Sign	\u0024		Lira Sign	\u20A4	
Pound Sign	\u00A3		Peseta Sign	\u20A7	
Currency Sign	\u00A4		New Sheqel Sign	\u20AA	
Yen Sign	\u00A5		Dong Sign	\u20AB	
French Franc	\u20A3		Euro Sign	\u20AC	

The Font key needs to have a value of a font that contains the currency symbol. For example, TiRo and Arial (the open type font versions) both have these currency symbols.

Some currency symbols, and I don't know which are appended to the end of the number. Use

```
\prependCurrency
\appendCurrency
```

The first, which is the default, prepends the currency sign to the number, whereas, the command \appendCurrency appends it to the end of the number. Execute these in the preamble.

The align parameter horizontally aligns the contestant's current total in the text field. Permissible values are 1 (for left aligned), c (for centered), and r (for right aligned, the default).

Then AutoPlacement is true, the \ScoreBoard is centered directly under the game board. If false, then you have to provide a placement for the \ScoreBoard. In this case, use the macro \PlaceScoreBoard:

```
\PlaceScoreBoard{\vfill\hspace{\rulewidth}\hspace{\extraWidth}%
\medskip\ScoreBoard}
```

This places the score board at the bottom of the page, aligned with the left edge of the game board.

4.2. The Stuff in the Body of the Document

Now that we've finished laying out the design of the game, we are ready to actually pose the questions. This is done in the body of the document, following \begin{document}, don't you know. First come the instructions, the contestant can't play the game without instructions!

• The Instructions

The first page of the game is the instructions. Place the instructions in the instructions environment.

```
\begin{instructions}
<instructions go here>
.....
cperhaps a graphic as well>
\end{instructions}
```

The \end{instructions} ends the page, and inserts the game board on the next page.

Should you need more than one page of instructions, use . This command will start a new page and place the title banner at the top of the page.

• The Questions

Following the instructions environment comes the question and multiple choice alternatives. For this, there is a Category environment, within which is placed a series of Question environments. The number of questions per category must be the same as declared as the value of NumQuestions in the \GameDesign macro.

The format is as follows:

.

The number of categories must be the same as was listed in macro \GameDesign.

The <category_name> is required; it is used to send messages to the log about whether you are listing the categories in the correct order. It doesn't have to be exactly the same as was defined in \GameDesign.

- The macro \Ans typesets the answers, it takes one argument. An argument of '0', e.g., \Ans0, means that answer is wrong, an argument of '1', e.g., \Ans1, means the answer is the correct one.
- The default behavior is a column listing of the answers. You can have a tabular format by specifying an optional number in the brackets, <num_of_columns>.

Beginning with version 3.0 of jj_game, you can now pose II-in questions, in addition to multiple choice questions. Use \RespBoxMath for math fill-in questions and \RespBoxTxt for text fill-in questions. See the manual aeb_man.pdf, the manual of usage for the AcroTeX eDucation Bundle.

Enclose the two commands \RespBoxMath and \RespBoxTxt in a special environment, oAnswer. This environment redefines the actions of these two standard exerquiz commands.

```
\begin{Question}
    If $f(x) = 2x^2 + x $, what is $f(2x)$?
    \begin{oAnswer}
        \begin{equation*}
        f(2x)=\RespBoxMath{2*(2x)^2 + 2*x}{4}{.0001}{[1,2]}
        \end{equation*}
    \end{oAnswer}
\end{Question}

\begin{Question}

He was the first president of the United States? Who was\dots \begin{oAnswer}
        \RespBoxTxt{2}{1}{3}{George Washington}
        {G. Washington}{Geo. Washington}
        \end{oAnswer}
\end{Question}
\end{Question}
```

Do not use the optional argument for the Question environment, it is not needed for fill-in questions.

The questions page consist of three parts: (1) The banner that ates the category for this question; (2) the currency heading which typically says "For \$100:"; and (3) the question.

There are two other commands that can be used to change the appearance of the questions page.

\currencyHeading{<currencyHeading>}
\aboveCurrencySkip{<skip>}

The \currencyHeading heading is a command that can be used to change the text that sets up the question for the page, The default value is

\currencyHeading{\bfseries For~\\$\theCurrencyAmt:}

where \theCurrencyAmt is a command that expands to the correct amount (of currency) for this question. Use this command in the preamble to redefine the text. For lang=german, this text is automatically redefined.

\aboveCurrencySkip adjusts the amount of vertical space between the page banner, and the currency heading. The default is

\aboveCurrencySkip{0pt}

And that's all there is to it!

5. Building the Game

For people using pdftex or dvipdfm, there is no special processing. Just 'pdflatex-it' or 'dvipdfm-it', and you are ready to play!

For dvipsone and dvips, some additional steps are necessary. The jj_game class uses Document Level JavaScripts to control the game as it progresses.

For users of Acrobat 5.0 or later, the document level JavaScript is automatically inserted when the game is open in Acrobat for the first time following distillation, provided the PDF was saved back into the same folder as the source file. (It is in this folder that TEX has written the DLJS in the form of an FDF file.)

Finally, do a 'Save As...' from Acrobat to save the DLJS that have just been inserted. You are now ready to play!

6. Jeopardy for Credit

his section outlines the support implemented to enable the Jeopardy games produced by jj_game to be offered up for credit in a relatively secure environment.

6.1. AeB No Go Pro

Should you wish to offer a Jeopardy game for class credit or extra credit, you need to include \contestantName to allow the "contestant" to enter his/her name.

\contestantName{<length>}{<width>}

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where <length> and <width> are the height and width of the text field. See item ③ of Figure 4, page 18.

Command Location: Place this command within the instructions environment.

An example of usage:

```
\textcolor{red}{\textbf{Name:}} \underbar{\contestantName{1.5in}{11bp}}
```

In the preamble you can use \afterGameBoardInsertion to insert material just below the game board and score board. Whereas this is a general purpose command, you can use it to insert a print button

\afterGameBoardInsertion{\medskip\gameboardPrintButton}

The command \gameboardPrintButton creates three form fields, a print-this-page button, a read only text field with the contestant's name pre-filled (remember, contestant entered her/his name in the instructions page), and a read only text field that documents when the contestant first opened the Jeopardy game. There is an optional argument for \gameboardPrintButton, this is a standard argument for changing the appearance of the button (see eForms manual).

The three fields have labels that appear in front of the fields, these labels can be changed using the following commands:

```
\printButtonCaption{<caption on button>}
\printButtonLabel{<button label>}
\contestentNameLabel{<label for contestant name field>}
\timestampLabel{<label for time stamp field>}
\timeStampFormat{<util.printd formatting string>}
```

Use \printButtonCaption to change the text that appears on the button face, called the button caption.⁵ The argument of \timeStampFormat is the formatting string of the util.printd() method, see the documentation on that method from the JavaScript for Acrobat API Reference.

The defaults are, respectively,

```
\printButtonCaption{Print}
\printButtonLabel{Print this page:}
\contestentNameLabel{Student:}
\timestampLabel{Time stamp:}
\timeStampFormat{mm-dd-yy, H:MM:ss.}
```

All the above commands are available for all the drivers: dvips, dvipsone, pdftex and dvipdfm.

Should you wish to offer up a Jeopardy game for class credit, the document needs to be secured. If you have Acrobat, version 5.0 or later, you can give the document a no-printing attribute to prevent the students from printing the document and handing it around. Wait, they need to print the game board and hand it in! So setting the document on no-printing does not help.

How can we print the game board page, yet not allow the students to print the questions? The answer to this question is in 'The pro Option' on page 15.

⁵This label will be part of the button, it is not part of MEX space, so no formatting is used here.

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6.2. AeB Pro

The techniques described in this section assume the use of the new AeB Pro (Acro TEX eDucation Bundle Professional). The requirement for AeB Pro is the document author, that's you, must use Acrobat Pro, version 7 or later, and must create PDF using Acrobat Distiller. If you are not one of these types, read no further; however, it's okay if you read on, maybe the AeB Pro and its applications will intrigue you enough to convert to the use of Acrobat Pro and its little brother Distiller.

• The forcredit Option

When you take the forcredit option and are using AeB Pro,⁶ JavaScript code is added to the document that prevents the student (contestant:-) from continuing on to the game board page (or any of the questions page) without first identifying themselves in the text field created by the \contestantName command.

This "annoyance factor" guarantees the student has identified himself before playing the game; hence, no excuses when they turn in the game board with the name hand written in.

This is just one more piece of the puzzle to the problem of Jeopardy for credit, but it does not solve the printing problem. See the next section for that.

• The pro Option

The pro option brings in the use of layers from AeB Pro. Layers are content that are placed in different groups. The groups can be turned on (made visible) or off (made hidden).

The content of each of the question pages is placed in its own layer, and made hidden. If you scroll to a question page, the question is not visible, as it is still in a hidden state. When you arrive on the page *legally* via choosing a cell from the game board, the layer for that question is made visible.

The layers are given a "no-print even if visible" attribute, so if the student prints the document, the layers do not print!

Adobe Reader and Acrobat have a Layers Navigation Panel through which layers can be made visible, but jj_game through AeB Pro locks the layers. A locked layer means that the document consumer cannot change the state (visible, hidden) of the layer through the user interface. The state of a locked layer can be changed, however, through JavaScript API, and that is exactly what jj_game does!

When the pro option is used, Adobe Reader 7.0 or later is required to view the layers (some JavaScript methods are used that are first defined in version 7). To prevent people viewing the game who do not have at least version 7, you can use the command \requiresVersion from AeB Pro. In the preamble of your game place

⁶If you are not using AeB Pro, this option does nothing.

⁷Adobe refers to layers as optional content groups (OCG).

⁸Yes, layers, and AeB Pro can do that!

```
\requiresVersion{7}
```

See the documentation of \requiresVersion for further details, and related commands that may be useful. When someone opens the document that does not have at least version 7, either the document is closed immediately and an alert box is issued, or if the document is viewed in a browser, an alert message is displayed, and the user in redirected to another page on the Internet.

This scheme is not air tight, it can be gotten around, but I'm not telling.

7. Additional Customizations

This section has includes many commands for customizing the look of a Jeopardy game.

7.1. Customize those Text Strings

In addition to the many strings already documented earlier in this manual, there are a few others. These strings are either AcroForm strings or JavaScript strings, so accents must use octal coding or unicode. For example, use \string\344 or \string\u00E4 (version 7.0 or later) for ä.

The following strings appear either as text on a button face or as a message in an alert box. The meaning of each command should be clear.

```
\correctText{Right!}
\incorrectText{False!}
\enterNamePlease{Please, enter your name on the first
   page before you begin the game!}
\illegalAccessMsg{You are peeking at this question. Choose a
   question from the game board first! You may want to start
   the game over now!}
\illegalAnswerTwiceMsg{Changing your answer is not allowed!}
```

New values of these commands can be entered into the preamble.

7.2. Graphical Backgrounds

eginning with version 3.0 of jj_game, graphical backgrounds can be inserted into the Jeopardy game. The basic command for doing this is \template. The \template command is defined in the Web package. An example of its usage is

```
\template{myCoolGraphic}
```

where myCoolGraphic is a graphic, an EPS file if the driver is dvips or dvipsone, or a PDF graphic for pdftex. Generally, any graphic the driver supports. Place the \template command between pages, the graphic will be insert in the next page.

However, to make things even easier, jj game defines three commands:

\defineInstructionPageGraphic{<graphic>}
\defineGameboardPageGraphic{<graphic>}
\defineQuestionPagesGraphic{<graphic>}

Command Location: Place in the preamble of the document.

Command Description: \defineInstructionPageGraphic inserts the graphic for the instruction page(s). \defineGameboardPageGraphic inserts the graphic for the game board page. \defineQuestionPagesGraphic inserts the graphic for the question pages. See the AeB Manual for more details on the use of templates.

The web package manages the templates of the document. Web will resize the graphic to fit the dimensions of the page; as a result, any graphical design may be slightly or greatly distorted. A slight distortion may be acceptable, but a large distortion is not.

The file jeopardy_demo demonstrates the work of mon Singer and Jürgen Gilg, both of Germany. In that game, there are four categories and five questions per category. The game was built and the positioning of the various elements of the game (banners, gameboard, score field, etc.) are then known. Simon brought each of the three types of pages (instruction, game board, and question) into Adobe Photoshop and designed graphics that fit exactly around the various elements. Using these graphics for the game then yielded the results you see in the Jeopardy game jeopardy_demo.pdf. Very swave!

You may be satisfied with a colorful background, a simple graphic as a background, or something based on a high skill level, such as what is demonstrated by Simon Singer and Jürgen Gilg. In the end, it is all up to you.

8. Color Summary

In this section, a visual presentation of the colors that can be set through the various commands.

Explanations

- 1 This is the background color of the Instruction page.
 - **Setup:** fillInstructions: myColor in the \DeclareColors command
- These are the colors of the title banner of the Instruction page.

 Setup: In the \DeclareColors command, use fillBanner: myColor for the banner background and textBanner: myColor for the banner text
- This is a little special to integrate the user's name to identify who's the one that takes the game.

Setup: \underbar{\contestantName{1.5in}{11bp}}

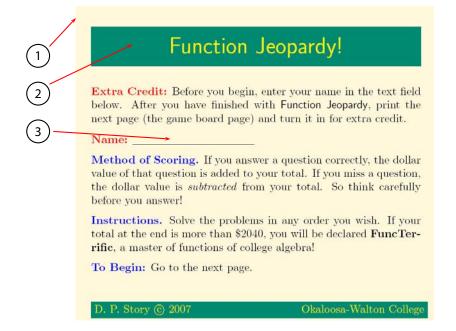


Figure 4: Instructions Page

Explanations

(4) This is the background color of the Game Board page.

Setup: fillGameBoard: myColor in the \DeclareColors command.

These are the colors of the game board Categories.

Setup: In the \DeclareColors command, use fillBanner: myColor for the category background and textBanner: myColor for the category text.

Note: This is named equal to the instructions page and possible to be set locally.

These are the colors of the game board Cells **after** the questions are taken.

Setup: TextColor: 0 0 0, BorderColor: 0 0 0, for the cell text and border color in the \APRight and \APWrong commands. The background color is set up using the fillCells in the \DeclareColors command.

Note: Here the colors are defined in the rgb color scheme.

7 These are the colors of the game board Cells **before** the questions are taken.

Setup: In the \APDollar command, use TextColor: 0 0 0, BorderColor: 0 0 0, FillColor: 0.92 0.67 0.1 for the cell text, border and background color, respectively.

Note: Here the colors are defined in the rgb color scheme.

These are the colors of the Score field.

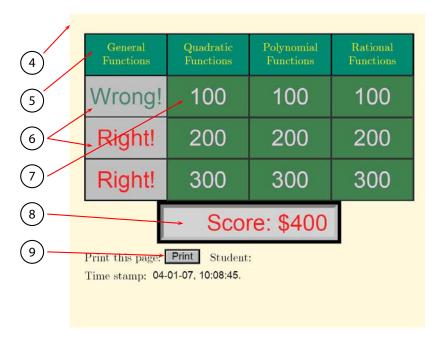


Figure 5: Gameboard Page

Setup: BorderColor: 0 0 0, FillColor: 0.92 0.67 0.1 for the Score border and background color in the \APScore command.

Note: The text color of the score is setup in the colors of the \APRight and \APWrong commands, so that the user may quickly see, if she/he is in positive or negative score. A minus is additionally setup if the user lost more points than she/he won.

The customer can choose an individual currency as well.

This is a print option, to print out the game board, after the game is finished. This may be useful for teachers, to collect the individual results of her/his students. That's the reason, why in the instructions page the name was forced to be filled in. Now the name is as well on the print out.

This is automatically setup when the forcredit option for the jj_game class is taken.

Explanations

- (10) This is the background color of the Questions page.
 - **Setup:** fillQuestions: myColor in the \DeclareColors command
- These are the colors of the questions Categories.

Setup: In the \DeclareColors command, use fillBanner: myColor for the questions category background and textBanner: myColor for the questions category text. **Note:** This is named equal to the banner of the instructions page and possible to be set

locally.

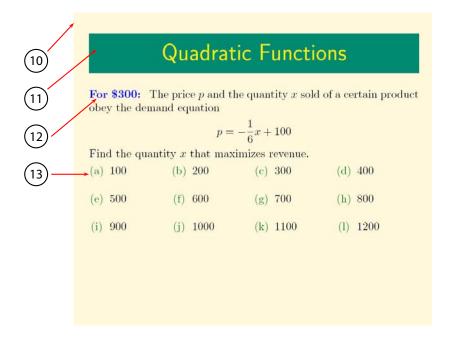


Figure 6: Questions Page

(12) This is a referring text to the taken question score.

Setup: $dollarColor: myColor for the referring text color in the <math>\DeclareColors$ command.

Note: Text changes can be done with the command:

\currencyHeading{\bfseries For~\\$\theCurrencyAmt:}

(13) This is the color of the links (answer possibilities).

Setup: linkColor: myColor for the link color in the \DeclareColors command