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CL-2001 - Data Structures Lab

Project (Maximum 2 Group Members of your choice)

Note: Carefully read the following instructions (*Each instruction contains a weightage*)

- 1. Use understandable name of variables.
- 2. Write a code in C++ language.
- 3. Submit .cpp files.
- 4. Code the problem statement on MS Visual Studio C++ compiler, It is a console based project. No graphics are included.
- 5. Please submit a zip file in this format Group members rollno_DSLabProject.
- 6. Do not submit your project after deadline. Late and email submission is not accepted.
- 7. Do not copy code from any source otherwise you will be penalized with **ZERO** marks in the Project.

Project Evaluation Guidelines:

- Each student will undergo an individual practical viva.
- All students must sit in the lab and download their project code onto university systems.
- You will be required to add or update specific modules in your project within a timeframe of **30-45** minutes.
- Internet access will be disabled during the evaluation.
- No verbal viva will be conducted for the groups



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Mini Instagram

In this project you will have to implement a micro-version Instagram using various types of data structures by implementing them. Do Not Use any built-in library of the data Structures like stack, queue etc. Specifically, your program will have a menu. Use name as your ID (Suppose Names are unique). Use linked list-based implementation of each data structure.

1. A User Profile:

- **a.** Node Data: Include additional user attributes, such as:
 - i. Name (unique identifier)
 - ii. Password (for login)
 - iii. City
 - iv. posts (data & time, text content)
 - v. Last login timestamp (to display active status)

b. Edge (Friend Relationship) Data:

- i. Relation type (friend)
- ii. Status (active, blocked, pending request)

2. Users:

- **a.** Use a **graph** to represent **users** and their relationships. Each user is a node, and each friendship or connection is an edge.
- **b.** For following requests, add a new node in the adjacency list and manage pending requests with the **queue**.
- **c.** Use **Hash** lookup for username and password verification for login.
- **d.** If the network grows, implement graph traversal optimizations to manage friend suggestions and mutual friends more effectively.
- e. Make an Admin User, who can delete/update other users' info.

3. Messages:

- **a.** Use a stack for each conversation between users, where each user has a separate message stack with each friend.
- **b.** The latest message is always at the top, allowing easy retrieval of recent messages.

4. Posts:

- a. Use a stack for each post, where each user has a separate post stack for his newsfeed.
- **b.** Use a stack for each post of his followers, where each user has a separate post stack for his newsfeed.

5. Friend Request:

a. Use a queue to manage friend requests for each user. Requests are processed in a First-In-First-Out (FIFO) order, ensuring that the oldest requests are handled first.



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6. Notification:

- a. Store notifications (e.g., new friend requests, accepted requests, messages received) in a queue.
- **b.** This structure allows users to view notifications in the order they were received.

7. Real-time Messaging:

Implement a queue where messages are enqueued upon sending. The receiver can then dequeue messages when they open their inbox, emulating real-timemessaging.

8. Search Users:

Use a BST to keep users in sorted order by username. Each node in the BST contains the user's username. It allows users to search for another user by its name with O(log(n)) time complexity. Hint: use AVL or Heaps.

9. Menu Functionalities:

- a. Signup: Validate usernames for uniqueness and enforce password strength rules.
- b. Login: Allow password resets using security questions. Save the old passwords in a file if user repeats the same password again (File-Handling).
- **c.** Logout: Allow the user to logout from his account.
- **d.** Follow Request: Show pending requests and allow bulk approvals.
- e. Cancel and Accept Requests: Add an option to notify the user when a request is accepted.
- f. Posts: Implement a basic timeline view to display posts from followers.
- g. Notifications: Display notifications queue of the unread messages, related to follow request...
- h. Messaging: Allow users to message to whom they are following.
- i. Search Users: Display the list of searched users using BST traversal.
- i. Followers List: Display the user's follower's list
- k. Newsfeed: Display user's own posts.

10. Scalability and Modular Design:

Split functionalities into separate functions, classes (e.g., User, Followers, Message) and must follow Three-File Structure format at least.

11. Robust Error Messages:

Handle invalid input using assert functions and Provide clear error messages (e.g., "Friend request already sent" or "Invalid username/password").

Best of luck

