Questions Topic Wise

Viva Questions for the Project

General Project Questions

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3. Can you explain the overall workflow of the program?
4. What is the significance of using a menu-driven approach in this program?

Questions on Input/Output

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2. Why do you use getchar() after scanf?
3. What is the purpose of the format specifiers like %s, %d, and %c in scanf and printf?
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Questions on Data Structures

1. What is the role of the Student structure in this program?
2. Why did you choose a structure instead of separate arrays for each data field?
3. What is the maximum number of students your program can handle, and how is this limit set?
4. Can you explain how arrays are used to store and manage multiple Student records?

Questions on Functions

1. What are the advantages of using functions in your program?
2. Can you explain the purpose of each function (addStudent, updateStudent, deleteStudent, etc.)?
3. How is the main function structured to call other functions?
4. Why is the saveToFile function necessary?

Questions on File Handling

1. How does the program save student records to a file?
2. What is the difference between w and a modes in file handling?
3. What happens if the file Edutrack.txt cannot be opened?
4. Can you explain the use of fprintf in your program?

Questions on Logic and Control Flow

1. How does the program ensure that a roll number is unique during the addStudent process?
2. Can you explain the logic used in the searchStudent function?
3. How does the deleteStudent function handle removing a record from the array?
4. Why is a do-while loop used for the menu-driven interface?
5. What happens if the user enters an invalid menu choice?

Questions on Error Handling

1. How does your program handle errors, such as invalid roll numbers or

file opening issues?
2. Why is error handling important in file operations?
3. How do you ensure that the program does not crash due to incorrect user input?

Conceptual Questions

1. What is the difference between a structure and a class?
2. What is the purpose of using the typedef keyword with the Student structure?
3. Can you explain the difference between = and == operators?
4. Why is it necessary to initialize studentCount to 0?
5. What are the advantages and disadvantages of using arrays for storing student records?

Advanced Questions

1. How would you modify the program to sort the students based on their grades?
2. What changes would you make to allow multiple courses per student?
3. Can you optimize the program to dynamically allocate memory for students instead of using a fixed-size array?
4. How would you handle storing records in binary format instead of text format?
5. How can you improve the search functionality to make it faster for large datasets?

Practical Scenario-Based Questions

1. If the program is run on a system where the file cannot be created, how should it behave?
2. What modifications would you make to allow searching students by name instead of roll number?
3. How can you prevent users from entering invalid grades (like Z)?
4. How would you implement a feature to display all students with a particular grade?

Debugging and Maintenance Questions

1. If you find a bug where the program skips input fields, how would you debug it?
2. How would you ensure the program works correctly if the student count exceeds the maximum limit?
3. How would you refactor the code to improve readability and maintainability?

Theoretical Questions on Concepts Used

1. What is the difference between getchar and scanf?
2. Why is it important to use #define for constants like MAX_STUDENTS?
3. What are the advantages of modular programming in C?
4. Can you explain how memory is allocated for structures in this program?
5. What are some potential issues when using global variables like students and studentCount?

Answers

General Project Questions

1. **What is the main objective of this project?**
   - The main objective is to create a student management system that allows users to add, update, delete, search, display, and save student records efficiently.
2. **How does this project manage student records?**
   - The project uses an array of structures (Student) to store student details such as name, roll number, course, and grade. Each record can be accessed or modified based on the roll number.
3. **Can you explain the overall workflow of the program?**
   - The program begins by displaying a menu with options like adding a student, displaying all records, searching, updating, deleting, and saving to a file. Users select an option, and the corresponding function is executed.
4. **What is the significance of using a menu-driven approach in this program?**
   - A menu-driven approach simplifies user interaction, making it easy to navigate and use the program. It also organizes the code and ensures all functionalities are accessible through a single interface.

Questions on Input/Output

1. **How do scanf and printf work in your program?**
   - scanf reads input from the user and stores it in variables, while printf displays formatted output to the console.
2. **Why do you use getchar() after scanf?**
   - getchar() consumes the newline character left in the input buffer by scanf. This prevents it from interfering with subsequent input operations.
3. **What is the purpose of format specifiers like %s, %d, and %c in scanf and printf?**
   - These specifiers tell the functions how to interpret the input/output. %s is for strings, %d for integers, and %c for single characters.
4. **How does the program ensure proper alignment of tabular data in the output?**
   - The program uses field width specifiers like %-15s in printf and fprintf to ensure consistent spacing and alignment.

Questions on Data Structures

1. **What is the role of the Student structure in this program?**

    - The Student structure groups related information (name, roll number, course, grade) into a single entity, making the code modular and easier to manage.
2. **Why did you choose a structure instead of separate arrays for each data field?**

- Structures allow grouping of related data, which improves readability, reduces redundancy, and ensures all attributes of a student are stored together.

1. **What is the maximum number of students your program can handle, and how is this limit set?**

- The program can handle up to 100 students, as defined by the MAX_STUDENTS macro.

1. **Can you explain how arrays are used to store and manage multiple Student records?**

- The array students stores all student records sequentially. Each element of the array is a Student structure, and the index represents the position of a student in the list.

Questions on Functions

1. **What are the advantages of using functions in your program?**

- Functions modularize the code, improve readability, allow reusability, and make debugging easier.

1. **Can you explain the purpose of each function?**
    - addStudent: Adds a new student record.
    - displayStudents: Displays all student records in a tabular format.
    - updateStudent: Updates the details of an existing student.
    - deleteStudent: Removes a student record based on roll number.
    - searchStudent: Finds and displays a student record based on roll number.
    - saveToFile: Writes all student records to a file for permanent storage.
2. **How is the main function structured to call other functions?**

- The main function contains a do-while loop and a menu system. Based on user input, it calls the respective function.

1. **Why is the saveToFile function necessary?**

- It ensures that the student data is saved persistently in a text file, preventing data loss when the program exits.

Questions on File Handling

1. **How does the program save student records to a file?**

- It opens a file in write mode using fopen, writes the data using fprintf, and then closes the file using fclose.

1. **What is the difference between w and a modes in file handling?**

- w (write) mode overwrites the file if it exists, while a (append) mode

adds content to the end of an existing file without overwriting.

1. **What happens if the file Edutrack.txt cannot be opened?**
- The program displays an error message and skips the file-writing process.
1. **Can you explain the use of fprintf in your program?**
- fprintf is used to format and write data to the file, ensuring it is stored in a readable and organized manner.

Questions on Logic and Control Flow

1. **How does the program ensure that a roll number is unique during the addStudent process?**
- Currently, the program does not check for duplicate roll numbers. This can be added by searching for the roll number before adding a new student.
1. **Can you explain the logic used in the searchStudent function?**
- The function iterates through the students array, comparing each record's roll number with the input. If a match is found, the record is displayed.
1. **How does the deleteStudent function handle removing a record from the array?**
- It shifts all subsequent records one position up to fill the gap left by the deleted record.
1. **Why is a do-while loop used for the menu-driven interface?**
- It ensures the menu is displayed at least once and allows the program to loop until the user chooses to exit.
1. **What happens if the user enters an invalid menu choice?**
- The program displays an error message and prompts the user to try again.

Questions on Error Handling

1. **How does your program handle errors, such as invalid roll numbers or file opening issues?**
- It uses conditional checks (e.g., if statements) to verify input validity and handle file errors.
1. **Why is error handling important in file operations?**
- It ensures the program can gracefully handle issues like missing files or insufficient permissions without crashing.
1. **How do you ensure that the program does not crash due to incorrect user input?**
- The program validates inputs (e.g., roll numbers, grades) and ensures proper flushing of the input buffer.

Conceptual Questions

1. **What is the difference between a structure and a class?**

- In C, a structure is a collection of variables, while a class (in languages like C++) includes methods and supports encapsulation.

1. **What is the purpose of using the typedef keyword with the Student structure?**
- It allows Student to be used as a type directly, avoiding the need to write struct repeatedly.

1. **Can you explain the difference between = and == operators?**
- = assigns a value, while == compares two values.

1. **Why is it necessary to initialize studentCount to 0?**
- It ensures the array starts empty, preventing undefined behavior when accessing uninitialized elements.

1. **What are the advantages and disadvantages of using arrays for storing student records?**
- Advantages: Simple to implement, easy access by index.
  Disadvantages: Fixed size, inefficient for large or dynamic datasets.

Advanced Questions

34-45: [Answers depend on specific program modifications, optimizations, and debugging strategies.]