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What worked well for this assignment?

Honestly, nothing worked well for this assignment. This assignment was 100% frustration for reasons I will outline in #2, but frankly I don't know why things that did work worked and I don't know why things that didn't work didn't work.

What did not work well for this assignment?

So many things did not work well for this assignment. First off throwing us into it after still giving zero introduction to content in the class was a mistake. We are three weeks into the class and the only notes that I have taken are how to install Doxygen because we have literally covered no content other than that in the class. The project spec was pretty useless because it was very vague, the make file didn't work for most people because the code provided from the book had its own issues.

This should have been a project where we just wrote a node based list on our own as a review, *maybe* with templating. Instead we are hit with code we haven't written, which makes it hard to really understand what's happening, and then not told at all what we need to write or modify but that some things don't work/are missing. Templating and exceptions were something that we only saw once previously in CS202, each had a single lab class where a TA talked about them and then we had a tiny assignment to template a single class we had already written or write an exception for a small block of code in main() and so I think a ton of the confusion and frustration coming from this assignment is because of those partially.

Next project I implore Mr. Pierce to spend less time trying to justify his choices and all of the time and money he supposedly spent on figuring out the class and more time actually teaching because this has been the roughest start to a class that I've been through. At the end of this project I am certain that I haven't learned anything both from his "lectures" and this project.

What did you need help with on this assignment?

Everything. Copying code from a book means I do not understand how it works, but with all of the extra stuff such as templating and the exceptions which we didn't really cover in any other class (and we certainly didn't cover it in this class) I could not have written it all on my own.

What did you learn from this assignment?

From this assignment I haven't learned anything. It has been constantly trying to understand someone else's code which is full of content that I only have a rough understanding of and then having to iterate my own code (at least I think that's what I was supposed to do, would have been great if the spec would have been more specific) on top of all that turned what I think was supposed to be a learning experience into constantly Googling issues and hoping I find a solution.