FILE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

(Using C Programming Language)

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ABSTRACT

This project aims to explore file management systems and their implementation using C programming. It involves designing a mini file system, understanding file operations in C, and developing simple utilities that mimic file system behavior.

C programming is a foundational and widely-used programming language known for its simplicity, efficiency, and versatility. Developed by Dennis Ritchie in the early 1970s, C provides low-level access to memory and system resources, making it ideal for system-level programming such as operating systems, compilers, and embedded systems. It features a structured

approach, rich set of built-in functions, and supports procedural programming. C is highly portable, allowing programs written in it to run on various platforms with minimal modification. Its influence extends to modern languages like C++, Java, and Python, making it an essential tool for programmers and developers worldwide.

1. OBJECTIVE:

To develop an efficient and user-friendly file management system in C, leveraging the Windows API (WinAPI) to enable robust operations such as creating, reading, writing, copying, moving, renaming, and deleting files and directories. The system aims to provide seamless navigation of the file structure, ensure data integrity, and optimize performance for handling file operations. It will incorporate error handling and resource management to ensure reliability and align with best practices for Windows-based development.

Core Functionalities

1. File Operations:

1. Use CreateFile() for creating and opening files.

2. ReadFile() and WriteFile() for reading from and writing to files.
3. DeleteFile() to remove files.
4. CopyFile() and MoveFile() for copying and moving files.

2. **Directory Operations:**
    1. Use CreateDirectory() and RemoveDirectory() for creating and deleting directories.
    2. **FindFirstFile**() and FindNextFile() for iterating through directory contents.
3. **Error Handling:**
    1. Use GetLastError() to retrieve error codes and display meaningful error messages.
4. **Resource Management:**
    1. Ensure that file and directory handles are properly closed using CloseHandle() to avoid memory leaks.
5. **User Interface:**
    1. If desired, integrate a graphical user interface (GUI) with libraries like Windows Forms or WPF for enhanced usability.

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

File management is a fundamental component of any operating system. It involves the creation, organization, storage, retrieval, naming, sharing, and protection of files. C programming provides low-level file handling capabilities that give programmers control over how files are accessed and manipulated.

1.2 Problem Statement

Managing files manually is error-prone and inefficient. The goal is to automate file handling tasks using a custom application developed in C, allowing operations like creating, editing, deleting, and searching files.

1.3 Objectives

- Understand file handling concepts in C.
- Design a simple file management utility.
- Implement core functions such as open, read, write, and delete.
- Develop a user interface in C for managing files.
- Evaluate the effectiveness and performance of the system.

1.4 Methodology

The project follows the Waterfall Model. First, requirement analysis is done, followed by system design, coding in C, testing the functions, and finally documentation.

1.5 Organization

Chapter 1 introduces the project. Chapter 2 covers the literature review. Chapter 3 details the system development. Chapter 4 includes performance analysis. Chapter 5 concludes the report.

CHAPTER 2: LITERATURE REVIEW

Several papers and studies have discussed the structure and importance of file systems and how C programming can be used to implement file-handling systems.

1. Classic UNIX File System by Dennis Ritchie.
2. FAT and NTFS used by Windows systems.
3. File operations using fopen, fclose, fread, fwrite in C.
4. POSIX standards for file handling.

Each approach has trade-offs in efficiency, complexity, and performance, which are important to analyze.

```
#include <windows.h>

 #include <stdio.h>

#include <stdlib.h>

#include <string.h>

#define ID_CREATE 1

#define ID_DELETE 2

#define ID_UPDATE 3

#define ID_READ 4

#define ID_OVERWRITE 5
```

```
#define ID_EXIT 6

#define ID_CLEAR 7

HWND hOutputBox, hFilenameBox, hContentBox;

HFONT hFont;

LRESULT CALLBACK WindowProcedure(HWND hwnd, UINT
message, WPARAM wParam, LPARAM lParam);

void AddControls(HWND hwnd);

void AppendToOutputBox(const char *text);

void PerformFileOperation(int operation);

int WINAPI WinMain(HINSTANCE hInst, HINSTANCE hPrevInst,
LPSTR args, int ncmdshow) {

 WNDCLASSW wc = {0};

wc.hbrBackground = (HBRUSH)(COLOR_WINDOW + 1);

wc.hCursor = LoadCursor(NULL, IDC_ARROW);

wc.hInstance = hInst;

wc.lpszClassName = L"FileManagerGUI";

wc.lpfnWndProc = WindowProcedure;

wc.hIcon = LoadIcon(NULL, IDI_INFORMATION);


if (!RegisterClassW(&wc)) return -1;
```

```
CreateWindowW(L"FileManagerGUI", L"File Management System", WS_OVERLAPPEDWINDOW | WS_VISIBLE,
        100, 100, 1000, 850, NULL, NULL, NULL, NULL);


MSG msg = {0};


while (GetMessage(&msg, NULL, 0, 0)) {
   TranslateMessage(&msg);
   DispatchMessage(&msg);
}


return 0;


}
LRESULT CALLBACK WindowProcedure(HWND hwnd, UINT msg, WPARAM wp, LPARAM lp) {
switch (msg) {
case WM_CREATE:
AddControls(hwnd);
break;
case WM_COMMAND:
switch (wp) {
```

```
case ID_CREATE:
case ID_DELETE:
case ID_UPDATE:
case ID_READ:
case ID_OVERWRITE:
PerformFileOperation(wp);
break;
case ID_CLEAR:
SetWindowText(hOutputBox, "");
break;
case ID_EXIT:
PostMessage(hwnd, WM_CLOSE, 0, 0);
break;
}
break;
case WM_DESTROY:
PostQuitMessage(0);
break;
default: return DefWindowProc(hwnd, msg, wp, lp);
}
return 0;
```

```
}

void AddControls(HWND hwnd) {

hFont = CreateFont(20, 0, 0, 0,

FW_NORMAL, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, DEFAULT_CHARSET,

OUT_DEFAULT_PRECIS,

CLIP_DEFAULT_PRECIS,

DEFAULT_QUALITY,

DEFAULT_PITCH | FF_DONTCARE, TEXT("Segoe UI"));

CreateWindow("STATIC", "Filename:", WS_VISIBLE | WS_CHILD,

        30, 30, 100, 30, hwnd, NULL, NULL, NULL);

hFilenameBox = CreateWindow("EDIT", "", WS_VISIBLE |
WS_CHILD | WS_BORDER,

                140, 30, 800, 30, hwnd, NULL, NULL, NULL);

SendMessage(hFilenameBox, WM_SETFONT, (WPARAM)hFont,
TRUE);


CreateWindow("STATIC", "Content:", WS_VISIBLE | WS_CHILD,

        30, 70, 100, 30, hwnd, NULL, NULL, NULL);

hContentBox = CreateWindow("EDIT", "", WS_VISIBLE |
WS_CHILD | WS_BORDER | ES_MULTILINE | WS_VSCROLL |
ES_AUTOVSCROLL,

                140, 70, 800, 200, hwnd, NULL, NULL, NULL);
```

```
SendMessage(hContentBox, WM_SETFONT, (WPARAM)hFont,
TRUE);


CreateWindow("BUTTON", "Create File", WS_VISIBLE |
WS_CHILD,
        30, 300, 150, 40, hwnd, (HMENU)ID_CREATE, NULL,
NULL);
CreateWindow("BUTTON", "Delete File", WS_VISIBLE | WS_CHILD,
        190, 300, 150, 40, hwnd, (HMENU)ID_DELETE, NULL,
NULL);
CreateWindow("BUTTON", "Update File", WS_VISIBLE |
WS_CHILD,
        350, 300, 150, 40, hwnd, (HMENU)ID_UPDATE, NULL,
NULL);
CreateWindow("BUTTON", "Read File", WS_VISIBLE | WS_CHILD,
        510, 300, 150, 40, hwnd, (HMENU)ID_READ, NULL, NULL);
CreateWindow("BUTTON", "Overwrite File", WS_VISIBLE |
WS_CHILD,
        670, 300, 150, 40, hwnd, (HMENU)ID_OVERWRITE, NULL,
NULL);
CreateWindow("BUTTON", "Exit", WS_VISIBLE | WS_CHILD,
        830, 300, 100, 40, hwnd, (HMENU)ID_EXIT, NULL, NULL);
CreateWindow("BUTTON", "Clear Output", WS_VISIBLE |
WS_CHILD,
```

```
        830, 750, 150, 30, hwnd, (HMENU)ID_CLEAR, NULL,
NULL);


hOutputBox = CreateWindow("EDIT", "", WS_VISIBLE | WS_CHILD
| WS_BORDER | ES_MULTILINE | WS_VSCROLL |
ES_AUTOVSCROLL,
                30, 360, 910, 370, hwnd, NULL, NULL, NULL);
SendMessage(hOutputBox, WM_SETFONT, (WPARAM)hFont,
TRUE);



}
void AppendToOutputBox(const char *text) {
 int length = GetWindowTextLength(hOutputBox);
SendMessage(hOutputBox, EM_SETSEL, length, length);
SendMessage(hOutputBox, EM_REPLACESEL, 0, (LPARAM)text);
}
void PerformFileOperation(int operation) { char filename[260];
char content[2048];
GetWindowText(hFilenameBox, filename, sizeof(filename));
GetWindowText(hContentBox, content, sizeof(content));


if (strlen(filename) == 0) {
   MessageBox(NULL, "Please enter a filename!", "Warning",
MB_ICONWARNING);
```

```
    return;
}

FILE *file;

switch (operation) {
    case ID_CREATE:
        file = fopen(filename, "w");
        if (file) {
            fprintf(file, "%s", content);
            fclose(file);
            AppendToOutputBox("File created successfully.\r\n");
        } else {
            char msg[300];
            sprintf(msg, "Failed to create file: %s", filename);
            MessageBox(NULL, msg, "Error", MB_ICONERROR);
        }
        break;
    case ID_DELETE:
        if (remove(filename) == 0) {
            AppendToOutputBox("File deleted successfully.\r\n");
        } else {
```

```
            char msg[300];
            sprintf(msg, "Failed to delete file: %s", filename);
            MessageBox(NULL, msg, "Error", MB_ICONERROR);
        }
        break;
    case ID_UPDATE:
        file = fopen(filename, "a");
        if (file) {
            fprintf(file, "%s", content);
            fclose(file);
            AppendToOutputBox("File updated successfully.\r\n");
        } else {
            char msg[300];
            sprintf(msg, "Failed to update file: %s", filename);
            MessageBox(NULL, msg, "Error", MB_ICONERROR);
        }
        break;
    case ID_OVERWRITE:
        file = fopen(filename, "w");
        if (file) {
            fprintf(file, "%s", content);
            fclose(file);
```

```
            AppendToOutputBox("File overwritten successfully.\r\n");
        } else {
            char msg[300];
            sprintf(msg, "Failed to overwrite file: %s", filename);
            MessageBox(NULL, msg, "Error", MB_ICONERROR);
        }
        break;
    case ID_READ:
        file = fopen(filename, "r");
        if (file) {
            char buffer[1024];
            AppendToOutputBox("File contents:\r\n");
            while (fgets(buffer, sizeof(buffer), file)) {
                AppendToOutputBox(buffer);
            }
            AppendToOutputBox("\r\n\r\n");
            fclose(file);
        } else {
            char msg[300];
            sprintf(msg, "Failed to read file: %s", filename);
            MessageBox(NULL, msg, "Error", MB_ICONERROR);
        }
```

```
        break;
    }


    }
```

This program is a simple File Management System written in the C programming language. It is a menu-driven console application that allows users to perform various basic file operations such as creating, deleting, updating, reading, and overwriting text files. Each of these operations is implemented as a separate function, making the program modular and easy to understand.

🌐 Purpose of the Program

The main objective of this project is to demonstrate how basic file handling is done in C. File handling is an important feature in any programming language because it allows data to be saved permanently. C provides functions like fopen(), fclose(), fprintf(), fgetc(), and remove() to perform these tasks, and this program uses them effectively.

🧠 Program Structure

The program begins by including necessary header files:

1. stdio.h is used for input and output functions.
2. stdlib.h is used for system-related functions like exit().
3. string.h is used for string manipulation (though it's not heavily used in this code).

Next, function prototypes for the five file operations are declared, followed by the main() function, which is the heart of the program.

🔁 Main Menu Loop

Inside the main() function, a loop is used to repeatedly show a menu to the user until they decide to exit. The menu provides six choices:

1. Create a file
2. Delete a file
3. Update (append to) a file
4. Read a file
5. Overwrite a file
6. Exit the program

The program uses a switch statement to call the corresponding function based on the user's input. This is a clean and efficient way to manage user choices in C.

✍️ File Operations

1. Create a File

When the user chooses to create a file, the program asks for the file name and creates it using fopen() in "w" (write) mode. If the file already exists, it will be cleared (overwritten). The function checks whether the file was successfully created and prints a message accordingly.

2. Delete a File

The deleteFile()

function asks the user for the name of the file to delete. It uses the remove() function to delete the file from the system. If the file does not exist or cannot be deleted, an error message is shown.

3. Update (Append to) a File

In the update operation, the user provides a file name and then enters the content to be added to the end of the file. The file is opened in "a" (append) mode using fopen(). The new content is added without erasing existing content.

4. Read a File

This operation allows the user to read and display the content of a file. The file is opened in "r" (read) mode. The content is read character by character using fgetc() and printed to the screen using putchar().

5. Overwrite a File

This is similar to the create operation, but the intent here is to replace the entire content of an existing file. The file is opened in "w" mode, which clears the file, and new content is written using fprintf().

📌 Additional Details

1. **scanf(" %99[^\n]", filename); is used to accept file names with spaces.**

2. **getchar(); is used to handle newline characters left in the input buffer.**

3. **The exit(0); statement is used to cleanly exit the program when the user chooses option 6.**

4. **Input and output are handled through the console, making the system lightweight and easy to use.**

✅ Conclusion of this code

This File Management System project is a great example of how to implement file handling in C using basic operations. It teaches important concepts like working with file pointers, handling user input, using control structures like loops and switch cases, and organizing code into functions. Though simple, it covers essential operations that form the building blocks for more advanced file-based systems. This kind of program is especially useful for beginners to understand how data can be stored and manipulated in files using the C language.

CHAPTER 3: SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

3.1 Overview

The file management system in C is developed using a modular design that includes user interface, file operation logic, and error handling.

3.2 Architecture

- Input module: handles user inputs.
- Logic module: executes file operations (create, delete, read, write).
- Output module: displays messages and results.

3.3 Core Functionalities Implemented

- Create a file using fopen()
- Write to a file using fprintf()
- Read a file using fscanf() or fgets()
- Delete a file using remove()
- Rename a file using rename()

3.4 Flowchart

[Insert Figure of flowchart]

3.5 Sample Code Snippets

```
FILE *fp = fopen("file.txt", "w");
fprintf(fp, "Hello, File!");
fclose(fp);
```

3.6 Error Handling

Check for NULL returns from fopen, fclose, etc. to ensure robustness.

CHAPTER 4: PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

The system was tested for the following criteria:
- Speed of file creation and deletion
- Memory usage
- Scalability (handling large files)
- Error detection and reporting

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WINAPI GUI OVERVIEW

The Windows API (WinAPI), also known as the Win32 API, is a core set of functions that allow developers to create applications for the Windows operating system. It provides direct access to system resources, enabling efficient interaction with hardware and software components. One of its key components is the **GUI (Graphical User Interface) API**, which facilitates the creation of windows, controls, and graphical elements.

Overview of WinAPI GUI

The **WinAPI GUI** is responsible for managing windows, user interactions, and graphical rendering. It includes several key modules:

1. **WinUser**: Handles window creation, message processing, and user input.
2. **WinGDI**: Manages graphics rendering, including drawing shapes, text, and images.
3. **Common Controls**: Provides standard UI elements like buttons, list views, and sliders.

How It Works

Applications using WinAPI GUI typically follow an event-driven model. The main entry point of a Windows GUI application is the WinMain function, which initializes the application and creates a window. The **message loop** listens for user interactions (such as clicks and keystrokes) and dispatches them to the appropriate window procedure.

Advantages

1. **Performance**: Direct access to system resources ensures efficient execution.
2. **Flexibility**: Developers can create highly customized UI elements.
3. **Compatibility**: Applications built with WinAPI can run on various Windows versions.

Limitations

1. **Complexity**: Requires deep knowledge of Windows internals.

2. **Manual Memory Management**: Developers must handle resource allocation carefully.

CHALLENGES

Here are the challenges faced during file management systems in a concise, point-wise format:

1. **Scalability Issues**: Difficulty in managing performance as the volume of data grows.
2. **Security Concerns**: Risks of data breaches, unauthorized access, or corruption of sensitive files.
3. **Compatibility Problems**: Challenges in supporting different file formats across various devices or software.
4. **Redundancy**: Duplication of data leading to confusion and wasted storage space.
5. **User Interface and Training**: Poor system design or lack of user training can hamper productivity.
6. **Backup and Recovery**: Complexity in maintaining reliable backup and recovery processes.
7. **Resource Investment**: High costs and time commitments, making it difficult for smaller organizations to implement.

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CONCLUSION

This project demonstrates how file systems can be implemented and managed effectively using C programming. Key learnings include understanding file I/O, error handling, and modular system design. Future improvements could include adding GUI, encryption for file security, and extending to networked file access.

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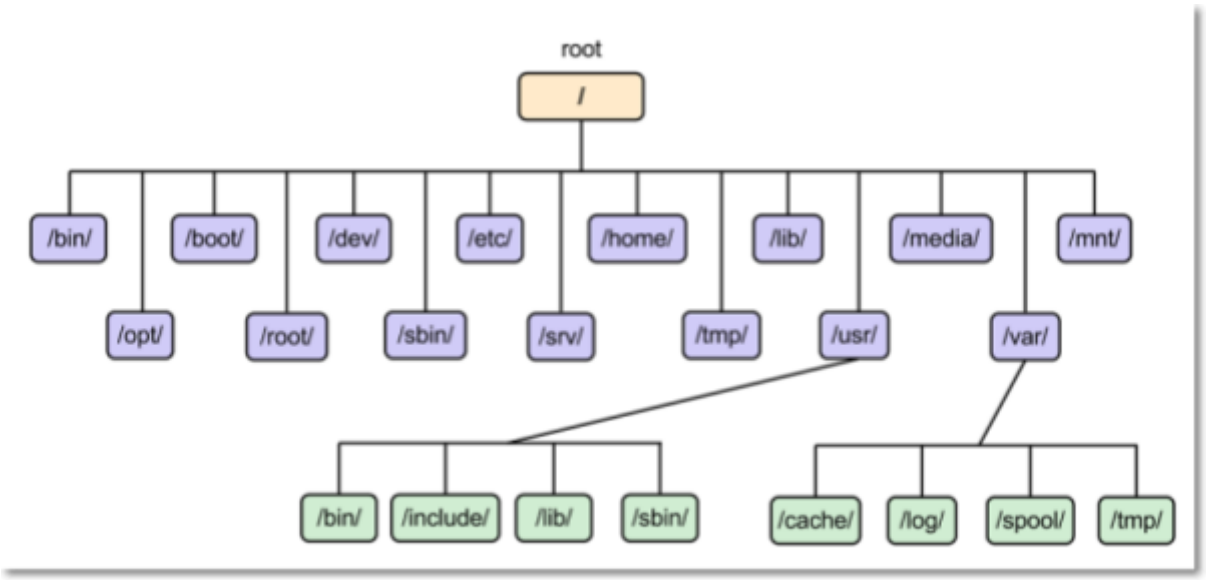
Figure 1: file system architecture



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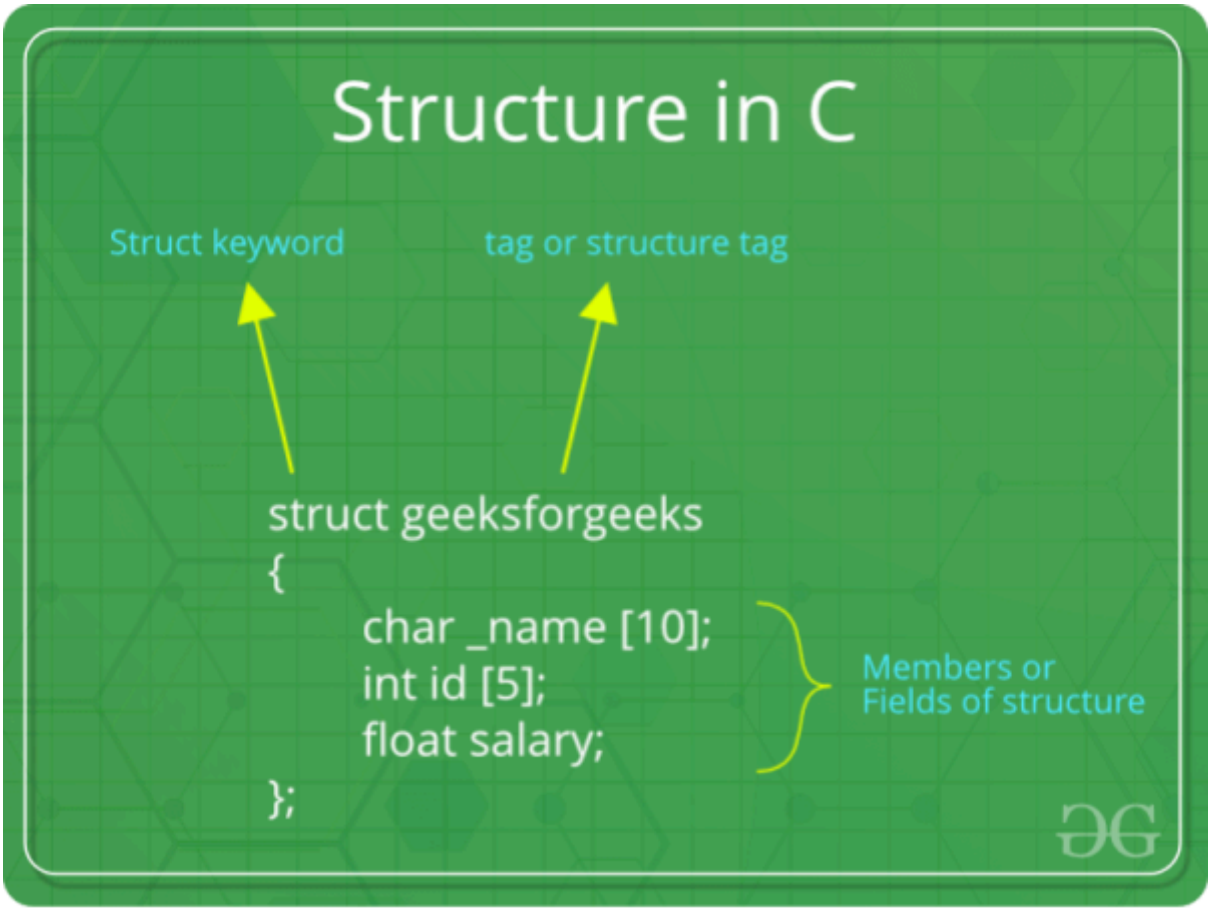

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Figure 3: file operations flowchart

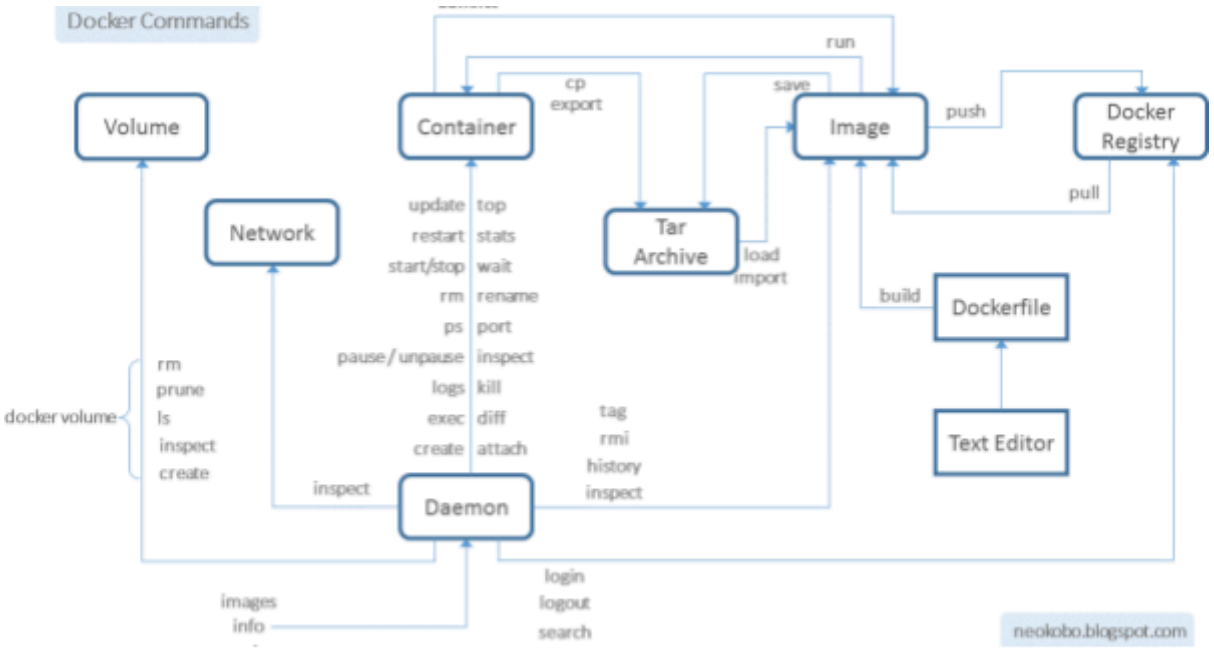

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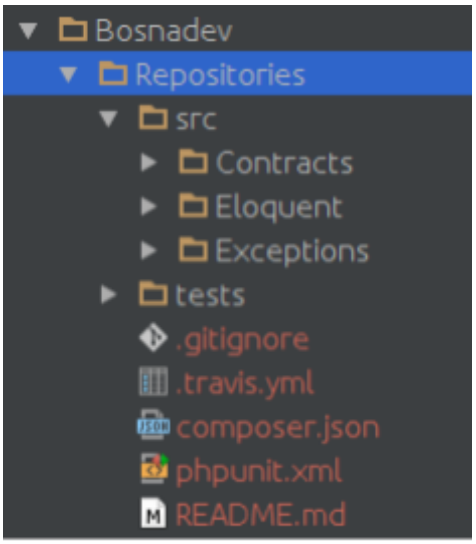
Figure 4: directory structure



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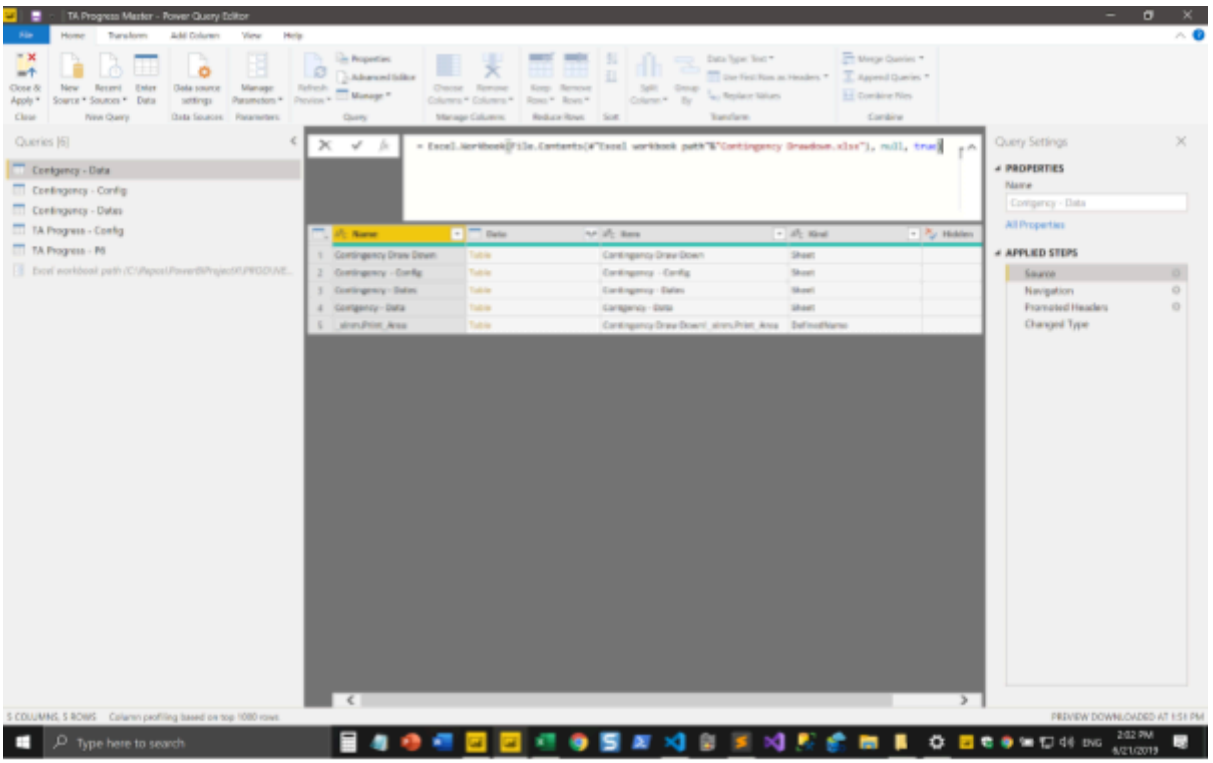

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