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## Report for Assignment 4

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# 1 Design

Assignment 4 requires us to design a program that simulates the mechanism of file system. File system is common and necessary in a computer. It manages the files to make user better access and operate them.

The whole structure of the project is shown in the following graph. From host CPU we launch CUDA Kernel, doing the I/O operations to load data. In CUDA GPU, input buffer and output buffer are used to test the file system. They are the source and the terminal of the data. Temporary space is used to store the temporary data/variables created, which does not have much existence in the project. The most important part is the file system (volume), which include super control block (I), file control block (II) and file contents (III). For each function, we need to deal with these three parts properly.

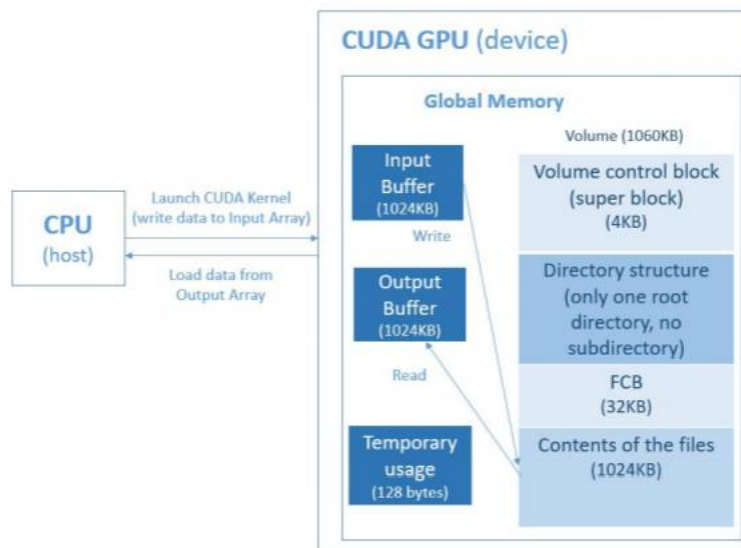


Figure 1: Project structure

## **I. Super control block**

Super control block is used to record the state of the disk memory. It is just like a free space manager. If a space is available for storing a file (a block), the state is 0, or it is 1 if it has already been occupied. Super block implements bit-map mechanism, which means one bit represents one block. The unit for accessing the super block is uchar (8 bytes), and it can represent 8 blocks/bits. So the translation between the bytes and bits is needed. Here I use the shift operation and addition & subtraction to translate the relationship. The total size is 4KB for super control block and there are in total 4096 bytes and 32768 bits to represent 32768 blocks.

## **II. File control block**

FCB is used to record all the information of a file except its real contents. The FCB I design in the project includes the following parts:

- a. File name. It occupies 20 bytes with unit uchar (unsigned char). It is the largest since a file name can be a very long string. When one wants to access to file name, he had better use %s and the pointer pointing to the first character.
- b. Modify time. It occupies 2 bytes with the unit short. It represents the time when modifying a file (write a file). It is a factor used to sort the file.
- c. Create time. It occupies 2 bytes with the unit short. It represents the time when creating a file (open a non-existing file). It is a factor used to sort the file when two files have the same size.

- d. File size. It occupies 4 bytes with the unit u32 (unsigned int). It represents how many **bytes** a file occupies (not block). It is a factor used to sort the file.
- e. File location. It occupies 4 bytes with the unit u32. It is used to record the block location of the file. Pay attention that the unit is the block instead of the byte. When knowing the location, one can access the real file content and do the read or write operations.

In summary, the FCB consists of file name + modify time + create time + size + location ( $20+2+2+4+4=32$ ). The 32 bytes space is used up. There are 1024 entries (maximum file number: 1024) so the total size is 32KB for FCB.

### **III. File contents**

The file contents part include the real file content. Its basic unit is uchar, which is 1 byte. There are in total 1024KB to store all the file contents, which is a relatively huge storage space in this project. When doing the read/write operation, one needs to access the content byte by byte. And one needs to notice that the minimum unit of a file is 32 bytes (1 block) so there is internal fragmentation (a file does not occupy the whole 32 bytes space). The file content part should be viewed as the partition of many blocks.

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Next I will talk about my design for the five specific functions we need to code in the project, following the program logic flow.

#### **I. The detailed process for fs\_open():**

1. Check the op state. If it is READ, set fp as 0. If it is WRITE set fp as 1024.  
They are used to distinguish two modes.
2. Iterate the FCB to find the file name. If it is found, return fp, which includes its location (index i). If not found, go to step 3.
3. If it is WRITE mode, create a new zero byte. Fill the FCB information using the file name and the gtime (create time), set the file size 0.
4. Find an empty bit in the super control block, doing the bit-wise operation. Put the entry to fp and return it. Now fp includes two information: read/write mode and the corresponding fcb entry location.

## **II. The detailed process for fs\_read():**

1. Obtain the mode and fcb entry from fp.
2. Access the corresponding file information from fcb, locate the file content location and read the content byte by byte.

## **III. The detailed process for fs\_write():**

1. Obtain the mode and fcb entry from fp.
2. Access the file information and calculate how many bits the new and the original files occupy.
3. Case 1: If writing a new file into an empty space, update the fcb size, then write the content inside byte by byte. Update the bit-map (add some bits).

4. Case 2: If there is an old file, first traverse the FCB to find which files need to be compacted. Record their index and use an array to store it. Then do the bubble sort according to their location (Just change the index). Then according to the location order, move the file contents from small location to large one (avoid covering). Then update bit-map, here only the bit difference needs to be considered. At last, update the location, size of the new file and write the contents to the file content part.

#### **IV. The detailed process for fs\_gsys(RM):**

The process for delete is pretty similar with the write operation. Also, traverse the FCB and find the file to be deleted. Compact all the files behind. Bubble sort their locations. Update the file content. Update the bit-map (eliminate some bits). Clear the original FCB information.

#### **V. The detailed process for fs\_gsys(LS\_D / LS\_S):**

1. Iterate the FCB entry, find non-empty entry and store its index into an array.
2. Sort the file according modified time or size, using bubble sort, after each comparison, relative file index will be moved. For the size sort, if two files have the same size, then first create bigger.
3. Print out the information according to the sorted fcb index (extract information from it).

Some reflections:

1. Since the program asks to implement continuous allocation, the file will be compacted after every operation that needs to move the file position. There will never be external fragmentation in this case. As a result, the bit-map will always fill the bits at the front and only the first available bit in the bit-map needs to be recorded. Every time one just needs to modify its location (just like moving a pointer). I have set a global variable representing the empty entry. It is for debugging. Anyway I still implement the bit-wise operation on the super block, doing the troublesome calculation.
2. The volume needs to be initialized to 0/'\0' at first in main function (at least I do), because the initial value in a uchar array is not zero. When I test it using `volume[0]==0` it prints false.
3. Continuous allocation is relatively simple among other allocation algorithms. However, the efficiency is low because every time all the files behind the targeted file needs to be moved, with complexity  $O(N)$ .
4. Bubble sort is also simple to implement but low in efficiency. It takes  $O(N^2)$  to sort and do the swapping.
5. The method I use to calculate the number of bits a file occupy using its size is a little bit tricky. Since when a file is 1-32 bytes, it occupies 1 bit. The sentence I use is: (using the `ceil()` function to get the smallest larger integer)  

```
u32 bit_num_new = ceil(double(size)/fs->STORAGE_BLOCK_SIZE);
```
6. To judge whether a file exists in a fcb entry, I just check whether the first character is '\0'. Also one can check whether the file size is 0.



7. Write operation is the most complex and troublesome operation to implement.

Many details need to be noticed. Continuous allocation is used that if there is an old file there, then delete it, compact all the following files and write the new file at the end. The unit to compact is byte. Delete is rather similar with write operation and other operations are relatively simple.

For more details, please refer to the codes.

## 2 Problems and Solutions

In this part I will discuss many problems (bugs) I met and how I solved them when writing the assignment.

- (a) **Problem:** Understanding of the file system.

**Solution:** At first it is hard for me to make the mechanism clear. I am confused about the terminology. Go to the lecture and the tutorial. Discuss with peers s. Use Internet to learn more knowledge about the file system.

- (b) **Problem:** Sort strategy.

**Solution:** At first I want to make use of the `sort()` function in `<algorithm>` library to simplify the process. However, I find it incompatible with CUDA and it is hard to implement structure and `std::vector` and allocate the memory. Then I give up and use bubble sort.

(c) **Problem:** Lethal Typo.

**Solution:** I write a variable into another variable (len->i), which costs me one hour to debug.

(d) **Problem:** Unit confusion.

**Solution:** At first I always cannot make the difference between the size and the block clear. I think that location is with the unit bytes and debug for a large amount of time! This is basic definition confusion. Size should be bytes and location should be with blocks.

(e) **Problem:** Bit-map implementation.

**Solution:** I wrongly add the offset of the bit-map and spent a long time drawing the numbers and deal with the troublesome bit-byte translation. Finally make it clear and correct the bug.

(f) **Problem:** Stupid surplus.

**Solution:** I add a break after the iteration and forget that there can be empty fcb entry between two existing entries.

(g) **Problem:** Pointer operation.

**Solution:** I often forget to add the \* to access to contents the pointer points to. Instead I directly use the pointer itself, but it represents an address!

### 3 Execution

OS : Win 10

VS version: Visual Studio 2015 (v140)

CUDA version: 9.2

GPU information: NVIDIA Geforce GTX 1060

Open Visual Studio, load the project (.sln) file, use Ctrl+F7 to compile all the .cu files, and then use ctrl+F5 to run the program.

Relative program outputs will show in the command line window. The running time of this assignment is shorter than the previous one (less than 1 minute).

### 4 Output

In this part the relevant program outputs will be shown.

a. bin

```
00000000 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 dddddd
00000010 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 64 dddddd
00000020 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F oooooo
00000030 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F oooooo
00000040 63 63 63 63 63 63 63 63 63 63 63 63 63 63 63 63 oooooo
00000050 15 00 57 56 13 19 C2 70 5B 39 A5 08 1A C2 6F AD .W...p...o
00000060 68 52 80 14 BA B6 12 B9 F2 FC DA 9D 10 C2 FC 23 hR.....#
00000070 CC D4 F8 20 8D 3E 10 C8 74 3B D1 8F FD C0 BC E5 ...m...t...
00000080 15 3D FA 4E F3 00 08 66 89 E2 83 99 25 21 C0 71 =M...f...W
00000090 56 35 91 C3 EF 21 0C 65 5C 5D 74 5A 1F 31 41 32 V8...e...tZ,1a2
000000a0 6F BB 80 E2 48 09 4A D1 6A CD EA 90 CE 27 02 25 o...H.I.j...%
000000b0 D8 14 68 CB 35 74 B0 92 52 25 EC 71 57 AD 23 46 ..h.5t..RM.qW.#F
000000c0 68 A4 28 31 AC F2 03 18 41 ED 28 10 94 2A B5 70 n...l...A...e...p
000000d0 3E 1E EC F3 13 6D 86 65 93 F2 D6 6A A1 F9 B0 8A >...m.e...j...
000000e0 1B 59 BC 48 4D 3F E2 8E 2E 0B 9E C2 B4 D3 B3 73 .Y.RM?.....s
000000f0 F2 70 67 6E ED 6B F0 60 C1 DA 61 3B 8B 8C 5A .pg.la8...Z
00000100 E5 49 25 B2 08 08 41 36 92 5F 79 47 34 2D 3A A6 .k...A6..y04-
00000110 9D A1 AC FA 0F 97 6C EF D8 47 71 14 53 FD ED B8 .....l..Gq.S...
00000120 C6 13 6B CF 9A 2C 85 2D 8B FE F4 3F 2C 2F B5 49 ..k...-...?..I
00000130 51 12 C4 DF 29 B0 CF 02 77 C1 96 CA 3F 04 83 86 Q...). ...w...?..
00000140 97 6E D5 32 9A 5B DF A6 DA 54 E5 07 03 4C D0 54 .m.2.[...T...L.T
00000150 DD 95 35 08 C5 84 89 3D 46 20 09 86 A4 0C 0D 3C .5...=F.....<
00000160 FA E2 ED 95 8D 4D EB 98 A1 22 20 25 6E F0 74 C ...M...Mn.gL
00000170 06 2E D3 CB 33 5E 09 79 FD 12 7F 22 9E 8C 5E 99 ...3.y...Y...
00000180 EE 4D AE AD 9A 6B C5 EC 8D E5 E1 FB D6 DA C7 DC .M...k.....
00000190 89 1C 28 BC F9 32 36 77 C3 36 9A E1 42 F8 7B 32 ..(.26w.6..B.12
000001a0 C5 2B 6F ED 16 25 9D A3 8B FE 1F 02 D9 66 BF 63 ..t..w...b.f.c
000001b0 82 E7 20 7C 99 D6 74 5E 0D 0F BF 4F 08 3C D1 4E ..].t...D.C.N
000001c0 E6 DF 2F FC 85 CC A0 11 CB 3F F2 25 A5 32 89 29 ./...?..w.d.)
000001d0 1B 29 25 34 7F 99 12 8C A9 D2 5C 31 0F DC 7F 75 .?M...A1...u
000001e0 3D AE 72 C2 FA 92 53 46 D1 46 6B F6 79 F4 9F 14 =r...SF.Fk.y...
000001f0 9E C5 48 1E DE 5B 2B 08 AD 87 B8 3C E3 38 B1 21 ..H.[*...<G.I
00000200 66 A3 63 8D B5 B6 27 07 FD 12 F0 77 08 9E 08 26 f.C...l...w...6
00000210 E3 53 44 C2 6E 6F 4A 5B 76 03 97 5B BA 49 FB 21 .SD...oUg.C.I.I
00000220 6C 60 81 22 17 28 A8 94 3B 27 0C C2 C5 17 E8 29 1'..(. ...
00000230 EA 2D EB 98 1D 37 F4 93 B9 8C 6E 76 56 EA 16 42 ...7...mV..B
00000240 4B 93 EA E1 C0 8D 77 7B E4 03 3E F9 9A 27 22 85 k...w...>...H
00000250 D4 8F 9D F1 46 12 85 00 9F 74 75 75 5F 8C 37 2A ...F...tun..7*
00000260 A4 1C 0C 65 2A 83 E1 DE 87 9F 59 A1 C7 7C A6 9C ...e*...Y..l..
00000270 8E 44 0E D1 F1 52 76 87 C7 6B 6D D3 A2 90 78 .D..W.Rv..kr...x
00000280 EF 9D 5E EF A0 BF 48 A7 EF A1 48 27 6E F9 43 2A ...H...I...C#
00000290 B4 51 7C 0C 65 CE 02 6C 16 6D D3 EA 10 E3 E2 CF .q|.e..l.m.....
000002a0 81 41 39 A2 01 82 4A E0 24 94 87 C2 04 CB 6D B8 .A9..j..$......m
000002b0 83 E4 C4 21 63 CE E2 42 39 C4 26 1D 14 23 ..S...I...E...a
000002c0 DD 4E CA 5F D0 15 40 74 29 C7 B7 2E 13 25 66 30 .N...@)...%0
000002d0 0F 2C E1 47 72 20 95 A6 62 CF 6B 09 6C 7F B0 C9 ...Gr...b.k.l...
000002e0 4D 7B 29 1E 10 E3 13 B9 31 CA 67 C3 6F CD F3 7E N0)....l.g.o...
000002f0 72 A0 C6 AC 16 D3 13 A9 AA 7E 32 96 7D E2 61 C8 ..l...l...2...s
00000300 DD 0A 69 6D 73 7C 27 24 C6 8E E7 36 5D DC B4 D6 ...ims|$..6)...
00000310 03 F9 43 49 D5 56 72 00 54 A4 17 D2 07 F7 1E E4 ...CL.Vr.i.....
00000320 02 97 52 F4 24 F9 19 4B 89 02 82 E6 5E B6 20 61 ..S...I...E...a
00000330 31 01 AA 96 57 1E 98 2C 42 1D FE 4A 15 9C AE 97 1...W...B..j...
00000340 24 81 9C A8 7C A6 F4 85 28 F6 EB 86 AD 29 67 DE $.|...C...j.g
00000350 2A 12 66 02 AF 6C 2E 72 09 AC BC 1F 49 EA B6 EC *.e..l.r...l...
```

## b. snapshot

```

00000000 5F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 0000000000000000
00000010 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 6F 0000000000000000
00000020 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000030 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000040 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000050 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000060 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000070 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000080 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
00000090 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
000000a0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....
000000b0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....

```

## c. test case 1

```

Microsoft Visual Studio Debug Console
===sort by modified time===
t.txt
b.txt
===sort by file size===
t.txt 32
b.txt 32
===sort by file size===
t.txt 32
b.txt 12
===sort by modified time===
b.txt
t.txt
===sort by file size===
b.txt 12

E:\CSC3150\assignment\4\source2\asg4_2\x64\Debug\asg4_2.exe (process 20652) exited with code 0.
Press any key to close this window . . .

```

## d. test case 2

```

Microsoft Visual Studio Debug Console
===sort by modified time===
t.txt
b.txt
===sort by file size===
t.txt 32
b.txt 32
===sort by file size===
t.txt 32
b.txt 12
===sort by modified time===
b.txt
t.txt
===sort by file size===
b.txt 12
===sort by file size===
*ABCDEFGH IJKLMNOPQR 33
)ABCDEFGH IJKLMNOPQR 32
(ABCDEFGH IJKLMNOPQR 31
'ABCDEFGH IJKLMNOPQR 30
&ABCDEFGH IJKLMNOPQR 29
%ABCDEFGH IJKLMNOPQR 28
$ABCDEFGH IJKLMNOPQR 27
#ABCDEFGH IJKLMNOPQR 26
"ABCDEFGH IJKLMNOPQR 25
!ABCDEFGH IJKLMNOPQR 24
b.txt 12
===sort by modified time===
*ABCDEFGH IJKLMNOPQR
)ABCDEFGH IJKLMNOPQR
(ABCDEFGH IJKLMNOPQR
'ABCDEFGH IJKLMNOPQR
&ABCDEFGH IJKLMNOPQR
b.txt

E:\CSC3150\assignment\4\source2\asg4_2\x64\Debug\asg4_2.exe (process 20404) exited with code 0.
Press any key to close this window . . .

```

## e. test case 3 (part)

```
===sort by file size===
```

```

\ABCDEF GHIJKLM 1024
|ABCDEF GHIJKLM 1023
|ABCDEF GHIJKLM 1022
{ABCDEF GHIJKLM 1021
zABCDEF GHIJKLM 1020
yABCDEF GHIJKLM 1019
xABCDEF GHIJKLM 1018
wABCDEF GHIJKLM 1017
vABCDEF GHIJKLM 1016
uABCDEF GHIJKLM 1015
tABCDEF GHIJKLM 1014
sABCDEF GHIJKLM 1013
rABCDEF GHIJKLM 1012
qABCDEF GHIJKLM 1011
pABCDEF GHIJKLM 1010
oABCDEF GHIJKLM 1009
nABCDEF GHIJKLM 1008
mABCDEF GHIJKLM 1007
lABCDEF GHIJKLM 1006
kABCDEF GHIJKLM 1005
jABCDEF GHIJKLM 1004
iABCDEF GHIJKLM 1003
hABCDEF GHIJKLM 1002
gABCDEF GHIJKLM 1001
fABCDEF GHIJKLM 1000
eABCDEF GHIJKLM 999
dABCDEF GHIJKLM 998
cABCDEF GHIJKLM 997
bABCDEF GHIJKLM 996
aABCDEF GHIJKLM 995
\ABCDEF GHIJKLM 994
|ABCDEF GHIJKLM 993
|ABCDEF GHIJKLM 992
|ABCDEF GHIJKLM 991
\ABCDEF GHIJKLM 990

```

```

:ABCDEF GHIJKL 879
9ABCDEF GHIJKL 878
8ABCDEF GHIJKL 877
7ABCDEF GHIJKL 876
6ABCDEF GHIJKL 875
5ABCDEF GHIJKL 874
4ABCDEF GHIJKL 873
3ABCDEF GHIJKL 872
2ABCDEF GHIJKL 871
~ABCDEF GHIJK 870
)ABCDEF GHIJK 869
|ABCDEF GHIJK 868
{ABCDEF GHIJK 867
zABCDEF GHIJK 866
yABCDEF GHIJK 865
xABCDEF GHIJK 864
wABCDEF GHIJK 863
vABCDEF GHIJK 862

```

```
9AB 108
8AB 107
7AB 106
6AB 105
5AB 104
4AB 103
3AB 102
2AB 101
~A 100
]A 99
|A 98
{A 97
zA 96
yA 95
xA 94
wA 93
vA 92
uA 91
tA 90
sA 89
rA 88
qA 87
pA 86
oA 85
nA 84
mA 83
lA 82
```

```
GA 45
FA 44
EA 43
DA 42
CA 41
BA 40
AA 39
@A 38
?A 37
>A 36
=A 35
<A 34
*ABCDEFGHJKLMNOPQR 33
;A 33
)ABCDEFGHJKLMNOPQR 32
:A 32
(AABCDEFGHJKLMNOPQR 31
9A 31
'ABCDEFGHJKLMNOPQR 30
8A 30
&ABCDEFGHJKLMNOPQR 29
7A 29
6A 28
5A 27
4A 26
3A 25
2A 24
b.txt 12
```

```
FA 44
DA 42
CA 41
BA 40
AA 39
@A 38
?A 37
>A 36
=A 35
<A 34
*ABCDEFGHIJKLMNPOQR 33
;A 33
)ABCDEFGHIJKLMNPOQR 32
:A 32
(ABCDEFGHIJKLMNPOQR 31
9A 31
'ABCDEFGHIJKLMNPOQR 30
8A 30
&ABCDEFGHIJKLMNPOQR 29
7A 29
6A 28
5A 27
4A 26
3A 25
2A 24
b.txt 12

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Press any key to close this window . . .
```

## 5 Feeling

Here I will share several feelings I have when writing assignment 4.

- a. Assignment 4 is similar with assignment 3. I need to spend a lot of time understanding the basic concept, discussing with classmates to make the logic clear. However, I still not figure out some basic definitions clearly (such as the block and the byte) and it brings me a lot of troubles when debugging. So I think I must make all the things pretty clear and then start to write the code next time.
- b. After discussion, we all think that this project is as straightforward as the assignment 3. At least the logic is simple and clear. However, TA Hong said we need to spend a lot of time on it and the workload is large. Writing hundreds lines of codes is needed. It proves that he is correct and I pay the price for looking down on it. I spend more time than before when coding and

debugging.

- c. Writing in TC301: This time we still need to go to the computer room to use the GPU to run the program. It is magical that there are not so many people writing the codes in the room close to the deadline. I feel comfortable sitting in the empty room, debugging my code (also anxious!!). Maybe many students just stay up late finishing the coding? I think I have to test the program in the room in advance.
- d. The project is pretty helpful and meaningful. It deepens my understanding of the file system and relative operating system concept. I also improve my programming ability especially the usage of the pointers quite a lot. I just feel like I am quite familiar with the pointers now (let me think of the project 2 of CSC 3050, also many about the pointer usage). Great homework.
- e. I think I can use more functions to encapsulate the procedure next time.
- f. I do not expect that I will spend quite a lot of time in debugging this time. I watch my codes line by line, running the program again and again, thinking of the mistakes. It makes me quite painful and I find lots of bugs. Some are tiny bugs like typo and some are bugs of understanding. I just feel that I am stupid and incapable when fixing the bugs. I should go to the computer room earlier.
- g. This time I try to take a shortcut using the `sort()` and vector instead of implementing the bubble sort hand by hand. However, it fails. I had to start from the beginning and modify the codes, which costs me even more time. I



decide to walk stably next time. Little cleverness is not suitable for me. More time should be spent on this project (Haven't expected that it will be more difficult than the previous three projects).

- h. It is a pity that I cannot finish the bonus because of the mistakes and bugs and the busy schedule. I feel a little bit regretful!!
- i. By the way, TA is helpful in answering the questions in the tutorial, good.

That's all.