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Introduction:

The objective of this assignment is to create a basic task management system using a priority-based linked list. This program allows users to add tasks, view all tasks, remove the highest priority task, and remove a task by its ID. The key operations are implemented using fundamental concepts like dynamic memory allocation, structures, and linked list manipulation. Tasks are prioritized using an integer value where a higher priority task is inserted before lower priority ones.

Code Explanation:

1. struct Task_node:

- A structure that defines the properties of each task. It includes:
 - id: A unique identifier for each task.
 - priority: An integer value that defines the task's importance. Higher numbers mean higher priority.
 - description: A string that describes the task.
 - next: A pointer that points to the next task node in the linked list.

2. createTask(int id, int priority, string description):

- This function dynamically allocates memory for a new task node and initializes its id, priority, and description attributes. It also sets the next pointer to NULL.

3. add_task(Task_node *&head, Task_node *newTask):

- This function adds a new task to the linked list in descending order of priority. If the task list is empty or the new task has a higher priority than the head, it becomes the new head. Otherwise, it traverses the list and inserts the task at the appropriate position based on its priority.

4. remove_on_priority(Task_node *&head):

- This function removes the task with the highest priority, i.e., the head of the list. The memory allocated to the removed task is released using delete, and the head is updated to the next node.

5. remove_by_id(Task_node *&head, int id):

- This function removes a task by its id. It first checks if the head contains the task with the given id. If not, it traverses the list, searching for the task, and removes it once found.

6. view_tasks(Task_node *head):

- This function traverses the entire task list and prints the details of each task, including its ID, description, and priority.

7. main():

- The main function handles the user interface. It runs an infinite loop that displays a menu where the user can choose to:
 1. Add a new task.
 2. View all tasks.
 3. Remove the highest priority task.
 4. Remove a task by ID.

5. Exit the program.
- Based on the user's choice, the corresponding function is called. The program continues until the user chooses to exit.

CODE:

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ds.cpp > ...
1  #include <iostream>
2  using namespace std;
3
4
5  struct Task_node {
6      int id, priority;
7      string description;
8      // pointer to the next node
9      Task_node *next = NULL;
10 };
11
12 // Function to create a new task node
13 Task_node *createTask(int id, int priority, string description) {
14     // Allocate memory for a new task node
15     Task_node *newTask = new Task_node;
16     newTask->id = id;
17     newTask->priority = priority;
18     newTask->description = description;
19     newTask->next = NULL; // initialize next pointer to NULL
20     return newTask; // return newly created task node
21 }
22
23 // Function to add a task node to the list based on priority
24 void add_task(Task_node *&head, Task_node *newTask) {
25     if (head == NULL || newTask->priority >= head->priority) {
26         newTask->next = head;
27         head = newTask;
28     } else {
29         Task_node *current = head;
30         // Traversing the list
31         while (current->next != NULL && current->next->priority > newTask->priority) {
32             current = current->next;
33         }
34         newTask->next = current->next;
35         current->next = newTask;
36     }
37     cout << "Task added successfully!" << endl;
38 }
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40 // Function to remove the task with the highest priority
41 void remove_on_priority(Task_node *&head) {
42     if (head != NULL) {
43         Task_node *temp = head;
44         head = head->next;
45         delete temp;
46     }
47 }
48
49 // Function to remove a task by its id
50 void remove_by_id(Task_node *&head, int id) {
51     if (head == NULL) {
52         cout << "Task list is empty." << endl;
53         return;
54     }
55
56     if (head->id == id) {
57         Task_node *temp = head;
58         head = head->next;
59         delete temp;
60         return;
61     }
62
63     Task_node *current = head;
64     // Traverse the list to find task with given id
65     while (current->next != NULL && current->next->id != id) {
66         current = current->next;
67     }
68
69     if (current->next == NULL) {
70         cout << "Task with ID " << id << " not found." << endl;
71     } else {
72         Task_node *temp = current->next; // Store node to be deleted
73         current->next = current->next->next; // Remove node from the list
74         delete temp;
75     }
76 }
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78 // Function to view all tasks in the list
79 void view_tasks(Task_node *head) {
80     if (head == NULL) {
81         cout << "Task list is empty." << endl;
82     } else {
83         Task_node *current = head;
84         // Traversing of list and printing each task's details
85         while (current != NULL) {
86             cout << "Task ID: " << current->id << endl;
87             cout << "Description: " << current->description << endl;
88             cout << "Priority: " << current->priority << endl;
89             cout << endl;
90             current = current->next;
91         }
92     }
93 }
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95 int main() {
96     Task_node *head = NULL;
97     // infinite loop to keep the menu running.loop will exit when user enters 5.
98     while (true) {
99
100         cout << "1-Add a new task.\n2-View all tasks.\n3-Remove the highest priority task.\n4-Remove a task by ID\n5-exit" << endl;
101         int choice;
102         cin >> choice;
103
104         if (choice == 1) {
105             int id, priority;
106             string description;
107
108             cout << "Enter task ID: ";
109             cin >> id;
110
111             cout << "Enter task description: ";
112             cin.ignore(); // Clear input buffer
113             getline(cin, description);
114
115             cout << "Enter task priority: ";
116             cin >> priority;
117             // Create a new task node
118             Task_node *newTask = createTask(id, priority, description);
119             // Add the new task to the list
120             add_task(head, newTask);
121         }
122         else if (choice == 2) {
123             view_tasks(head);
124         }
125         else if (choice == 3) {
126             remove_on_priority(head);
127         }
128         else if (choice == 4) {
129             int id;
130             cout << "Enter task ID to remove: ";
131             cin >> id;
132             remove_by_id(head, id);
133         }
134         else if (choice == 5) {
135             break;//loop will exit
136         }
137         else {
138             cout << "Invalid input" << endl;
139         }
140     }
141
142     return 0;
143 }
144

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OUTPUT:

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PS C:\Users\PMLS\projects\helloworld\.vscode> & 'c:\Users\PMLS\.vscode\extensions\ms-vs
' '--stderr=Microsoft-MIEngine-Error-rab42ivp.mf1' '--pid=Microsoft-MIEngine-Pid-hehscf
1-Add a new task.
2-View all tasks.
3-Remove the highest priority task.
4-Remove a task by ID
5-exit
1
Enter task ID: 111
Enter task description: write a report
Enter task priority: 5
Task added successfully!
1-Add a new task.
2-View all tasks.
3-Remove the highest priority task.
4-Remove a task by ID
5-exit
1
Enter task ID: 112
Enter task description: write a assignment
Enter task priority: 3
Task added successfully!
1-Add a new task.
2-View all tasks.
3-Remove the highest priority task.
4-Remove a task by ID
5-exit
1
Enter task ID: 113
Enter task description: prepare a GPA list
Enter task priority: 9
Task added successfully!
1-Add a new task.
2-View all tasks.
3-Remove the highest priority task.
4-Remove a task by ID
5-exit
2
Task ID: 113
Description: prepare a GPA list
Priority: 9

Task ID: 111
Description: write a report
Priority: 5

Task ID: 112
Description: write a assignment
Priority: 3

1-Add a new task.
2-View all tasks.
3-Remove the highest priority task.
4-Remove a task by ID
5-exit
3
1-Add a new task.
2-View all tasks.
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1-Add a new task.
2-View all tasks.
3-Remove the highest priority task.
4-Remove a task by ID
5-exit
2
Task ID: 111
Description: write a report
Priority: 5

Task ID: 112
Description: write a assignment
Priority: 3

1-Add a new task.
2-View all tasks.
3-Remove the highest priority task.
4-Remove a task by ID
5-exit
4
Enter task ID to remove: 112
1-Add a new task.
2-View all tasks.
3-Remove the highest priority task.
4-Remove a task by ID
5-exit
2
Task ID: 111
Description: write a report
Priority: 5

1-Add a new task.
2-View all tasks.
3-Remove the highest priority task.
4-Remove a task by ID
5-exit
5
PS C:\Users\PMLS\projects\helloworld\.vscode>
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Conclusion:

Through this assignment, I learned how to manage dynamic memory using pointers and implement linked lists for task management based on priority. Understanding how to manipulate linked lists, handle dynamic memory with new and delete.

One challenge I faced was ensuring that tasks are correctly inserted into the list in order of priority, especially when the list is empty or when the new task has the highest priority..