

## Student Grade Tracker Midterm

### Explanation (How it works / what it does):

The C++ code in my project enables a user to manage student records, including adding student data (ID, name, and grade), storing and loading that data from a file, and using binary search to find a student by their ID.

### Concepts Used:

- Uses int for IDs, float for grades, string for names, and file paths
- Saves and loads data from a .txt file using ifstream and ofstream
- Uses dynamic memory (new/delete) and an array of Student\* pointers
- Searches for a student by ID in the searchByID() function
- Handles student names, file paths, and string parsing from files
- Tracker manages Student objects and calls their methods to display or store data

### Challenges Faced:

I faced multiple challenges during this project. One of the most stressful issues was that my VS Code and computer both crashed consistently, even after restarts; the VS Code screen remains black. I thought my code might have run wrong, wasn't stored properly, or had other issues, but none of these seemed to be the case. I used a different computer, and it ran just fine. However, a shocking challenge I faced was using pointers with arrays. I used new and delete for my program, but I had to make sure it didn't crash or, more importantly, cause memory leak!

Screenshot (Input/Output):

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Current Students:  
ID: 1001, Name: Albert Smith, Grade: 92.4  
ID: 1002, Name: Jay James, Grade: 81.7  
ID: 1003, Name: Sofia marqués, Grade: 88.2  
Data saved to student_data.txt  
Data loaded from student_data.txt
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Enter student ID to search: 
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ID: 1002, Name: Jay James, Grade: 81.7  
ID: 1003, Name: Sofia marqués, Grade: 88.2  
Data saved to student_data.txt  
Data loaded from student_data.txt
```

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Enter student ID to search: 1002  
Student found:  
ID: 1002, Name: Jay James, Grade: 81.7
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