# **TESTCASE MINIMISATION TOOL (TMT)**

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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Software testing is most expensive phase of development. It becomes unfeasible to execute all the test cases. Test case minimization techniques are used to minimize the testing cost in terms of execution time, resources etc. Main purpose of test case minimization techniques is to remove test cases that become redundant and obsolete over time.

Testcase Minimization Tool, as the name suggests, is designed with parallelization in mind. TMT was built to use strategies and techniques that dramatically speed up the minimization process. Minimization tools use various techniques to simplify the testcase, but the core algorithm is simply bisection. Bisection is an inherently serial process, you can't advance through the algorithm without knowing the result of each step. This data dependency problem can make minimization very slow, sometimes taking hours to complete while cpu cores sit idle.

TMT solves this problem using *pessimistic speculative execution*. We build a binary tree of all the possible bisection steps and then idle cores can speculatively test future steps ahead of our position in the algorithm. In many cases, the test results are already known by the time we need them. We call it *pessimistic*, because real workloads are characterized by long series of consecutive failures. We simply assume that tests are going to fail, and speculatively follow the failure path until proven wrong.

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# **ABBREVIATIONS:**

Table of Definitions, Acronyms, and Abbreviations

Definition, Acronym, or Abbreviation	Description
SRS	Software Requirement Specification.
SDS	Software Design Specification
ТМТ	Testcase Minimisation Tool

# 1. INTRODUCTION:

### 1.1 OBJECTIVE:

Software testing is most expensive phase of development. It becomes unfeasible to execute all the test cases. Test case minimization techniques are used to minimize the testing cost in terms of execution time, resources etc. The main purpose of test case minimization techniques is to remove test cases that become redundant and obsolete over time. Lastly, the purpose of this document is to communicate the system attributes of the Testcase Minimisation Tool software. These system attributes include reliability, availability, scalability, maintainability, and portability.

## **1.2 MOTIVATION:**

Every project begins with a requirement. Understanding the types of users and their requirements is the most important part of a project. As mentioned in the objective, it sometimes becomes unfeasible to execute all the testcases, there we opt for the Testcase Minimisation Tool.

It is outside the scope of this document to describe certain technology or the general problem with test cases. It is also outside the scope of this document to describe in any detail at all how certain mentioned standards or technologies work and operate.

For future scope, the next version will allow the level of pessimism to be controlled at runtime.

## **1.3 BACKGROUND:**

Fuzzers find inputs that trigger bugs, but understanding those bugs is easier when you remove as much extraneous data as possible. This is called *testcase minimization* or *delta debugging*.

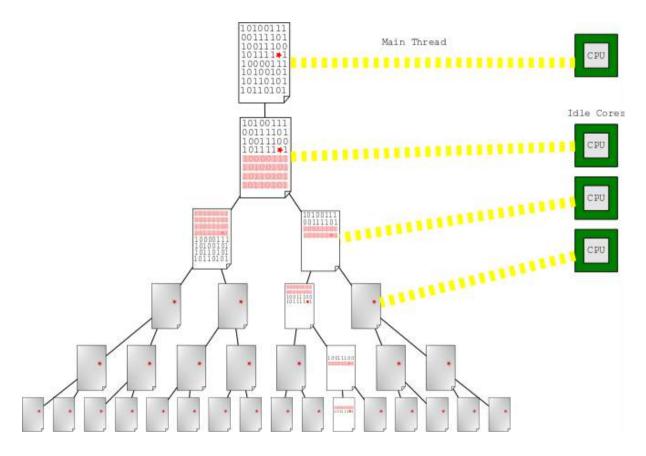
Minimization tools use various techniques to simplify the testcase, but the core algorithm is simply bisection. Bisection is an inherently serial process, you can't advance through the algorithm without knowing the result of each step. This data dependency problem can make minimization very slow, sometimes taking hours to complete while cpu cores sit idle.



In this diagram you can see we progressively remove parts of the file to determine which section is interesting.

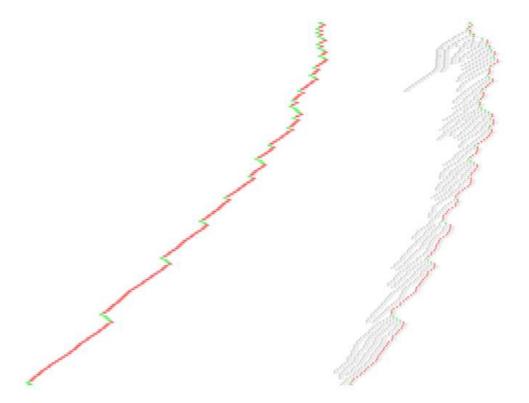
TMT solves this problem using *pessimistic speculative execution*. We build a binary tree of all the possible bisection steps and then idle cores can speculatively test future steps ahead of our position in the algorithm. In many cases, the test results are already known by the time we need them.

We call it *pessimistic*, because real workloads are characterized by long series of consecutive failures. We simply assume that tests are going to fail, and speculatively follow the failure path until proven wrong.



In this diagram, you can see we generated a binary tree of all possible outcomes, and now idle cores can speculatively work ahead of the main thread.

If you're fuzzing a target that takes more than a few seconds to run then parallelizing the minimization can dramatically speedup your workflow. Real fuzzing inputs that take several seconds to reproduce can take many hours to complete using serial bisection, but TMT can produce the same output in minutes.



This is a real minimization path from a fuzzer generated crash.

Testcase Minimisation Tool(TMT) generates a binary tree, and this graph shows the path through the tree from the root to the final leaf (discarded paths are hidden on the left to simplify the diagram).

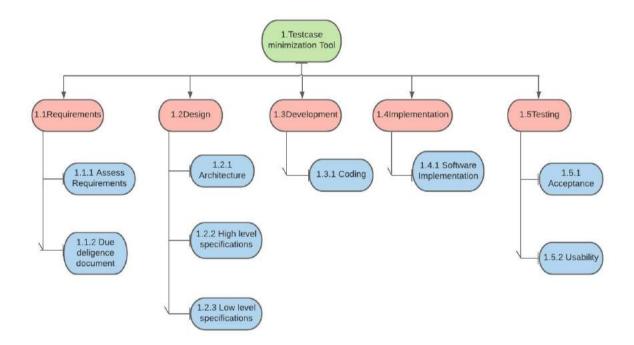
The green nodes were successful and the red nodes were failures. The grey nodes in the right were explored but discarded. Because all consecutive red nodes are executed in parallel, the actual wall clock time required to minimize the input was minimal.

Each crash took ~11 seconds to reproduce, requiring about 34 minutes of compute time - but TMT completed in just few seconds!

# 2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND GOALS:

The main distinguishing factor of Testcase Minimisation Tool is its uniqueness which is not following the traditional ways of computing and still getting the work done using the same traditional algorithms ensuring correct standpoints. If you're fuzzing a target that takes more than a few seconds to run then parallelizing the minimization can dramatically speedup your workflow. Real fuzzing inputs that take several seconds to reproduce can take many hours to complete using serial bisection, but Testcase Minimisation Tool can produce the same output in minutes.

### 2.1 WORK BREAKDOWN STRUCTURE:

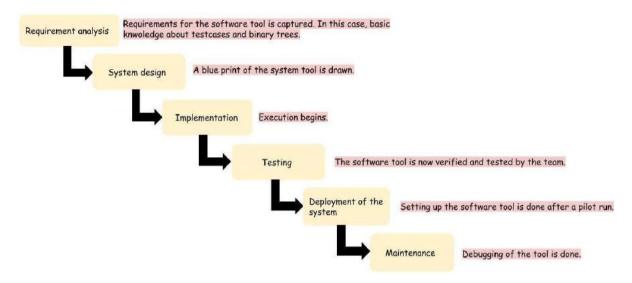


#### 2.2 PROCESS MODEL:

We have chosen the Waterfall model for our project because the requirements are clear and easy to understand. The workflow is well and fine and the process aspects are clear.

This model is also referred to as a **linear-sequential life cycle model**. It is very simple to understand and use. In a waterfall model, each phase must be completed before the next phase can begin and there is no overlapping in the phases.

The following illustration is a representation of the different phases of the Waterfall Model.



## **WHY THIS MODEL?**

- For our project the Waterfall model was most appropriate because the requirements are well-documented, clear and fixed.
- It is a sequential approach which would be comfortable to work with.
- It is easy to manage due to the rigidity of the model.
- Each of its phase has some specific deliverables and a review process.
- Here, the phases are processed and completed one at a time.
- It works well for smaller projects where requirements are very well understood.
- The technology is easily understood and is not dynamic.
- There are no ambiguous requirements.
- The stages are clearly defined.
- The process and the results are well documented.

# 3. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION:

# 3.1 System Features

#### 3.1.1 Introduction

The Test case minimization tool shall allow a user to give input to the software. The user must first enter the test cases as an input file when asked.

## 3.1.2 Functional Requirements

Purpose: Taking a basic input file.

Input: Test cases

Processing: Appending the input file in the format accepted by software.

Output: Minimal output file.

## 3.1.3 Stimulus Response

A) User does not give an input file.

User Actions	System Actions
(1) Run without input file	
	(2) Shows error for no input
(3) Error in input file	
	(4) Shows error for wrong input

B) User gives an appropriate input file.

User Actions	System Actions
(1)Run the input	
	(2) Binary tree generation
	(3) Elimination of unnecessary test cases

### 3.1.4 Binary Tree generation

#### 3.1.4.1 Introduction

The software regulates the test cases and generates a binary tree of all possible outcomes, and now idle cores can speculatively work ahead of the main thread.

## 3.1.4.2 Functional Requirements

Purpose: Receiving test cases and building a binary tree

Input: Test cases

Processing: Software minimizes the test cases and forms a binary tree

Output: Final binary tree

## 3.1.4.3 Stimulus Response

User Actions	System Actions
	(1) Receives input
	(2) Check if input is correct
	(3) Forms a binary tree
	(4) Verify test cases
	(5) Display minimized output
(6) User views the output	

## **3.2 Performance Requirements**

The following tables list the performance requirements of the Test case minimization tool.

Performance Requirement	Description
Minimal execution time	Since all failures are executed parallelly, the actual wall clock time required to minimize the input is minimal.
Software Runtime Errors	The Test case minimization tool will handle the runtime errors consistently and as gracefully as possible.

### **3.3 Software System Attributes**

#### 3.3.1 Reliability

Reliability in the Testcase Minimisation Tool will be ensured by thorough unit, milestone, and release testing. Comprehensive test scenarios and acceptance criteria will be established to reflect the necessary level reliability required of the Testcase Minimisation Tool. The all delivered source code will be thoroughly tested using the established test scenarios until the acceptance criteria are satisfied by the Testcase Minimisation Tool.

## 3.3.2 Security

The Testcase Minimisation Tool will utilize Public / Private key encryption. This will provide test cases that are as secure as the public / private key encryption method is secure.

#### 3.3.3 Maintainability

The Testcase Minimisation Tool is written in C programming language. C promotes good design practices due to the inherent structure of a C program.

Along with the well-formed programming enforced by *C*, best practice development conventions will be enforced for the construction of the Testcase Minimisation Tool. Consistent variable naming conventions will be used by all the programmers. Consistent spacing will be used in the source code by all the programmers. The design of the source code will use the principles of Object Oriented Design and the source code will be programmed using Object Oriented Programming. Object-Oriented Design and Object-Oriented programming will make the code easier to understand.

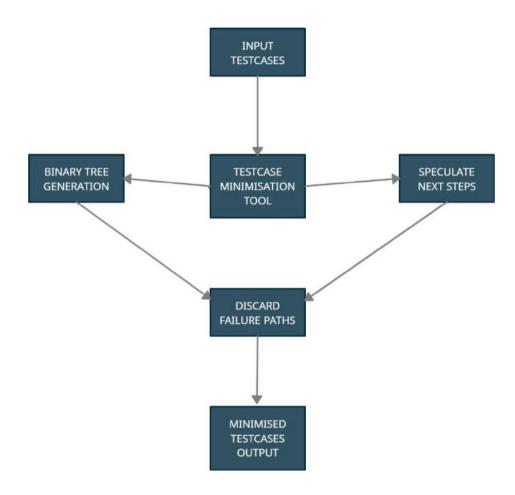
### 3.3.4 Portability

It is safe to say that the implementation of the Testcase Minimisation Tool will be able to be ported to other system platforms that accept C/C++ applications with little to no changes required. It is not safe to say that the Testcase Minimisation Tool will execute properly on the other system platforms with little or no change. Significant changes to the Testcase Minimisation Tool may be required to ensure proper execution on other system platforms.

# **4. DESIGN APPROACH AND DETAILS:**

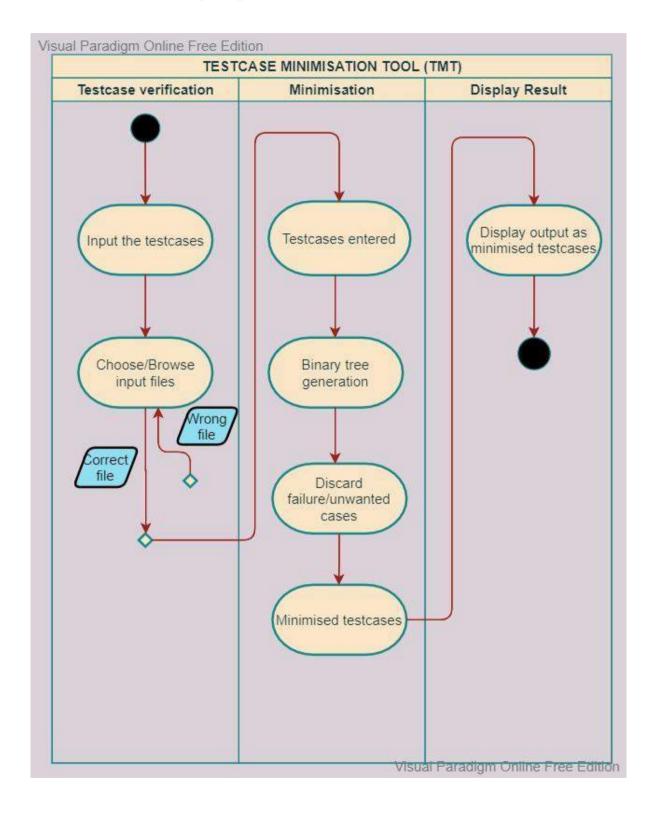
## **4.1 DESIGN APPROACH / MATERIALS & METHODS:**

## 4.1.1 Architectural Diagram:

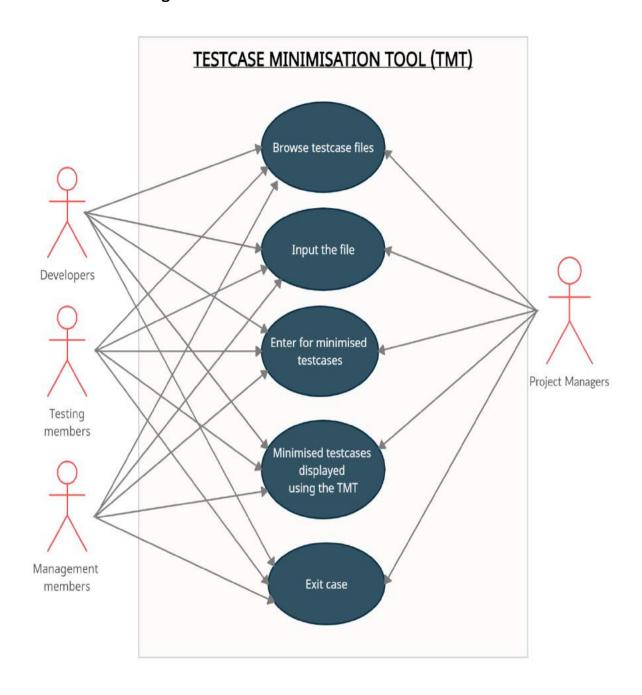


The above architectural diagram shows the graphical representation of set of concepts that are part of our Testcase Minimization Tool, including their principles, elements and components. This diagram is a data flow type of architectural system.

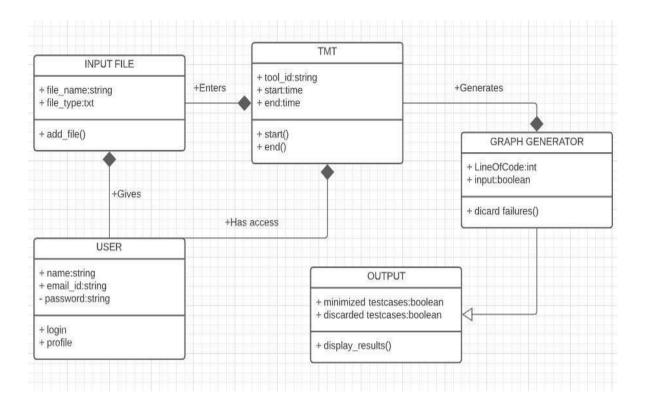
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# 4.1.3 Use Case Diagram:

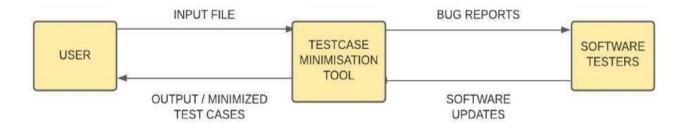


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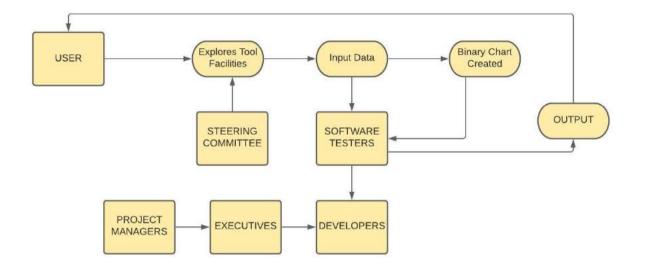


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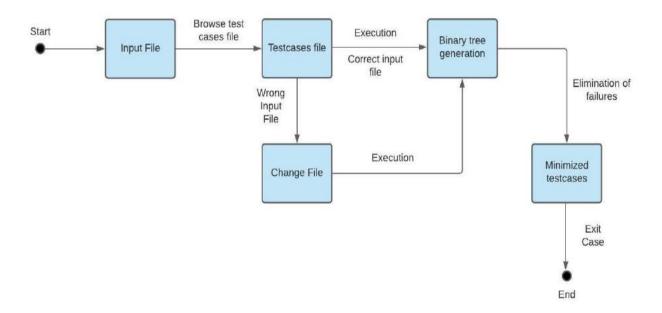
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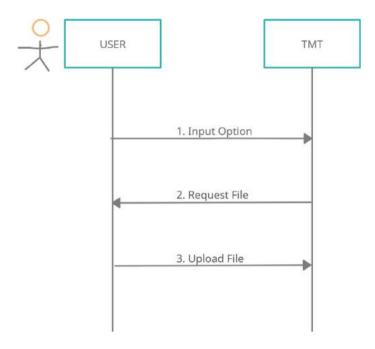
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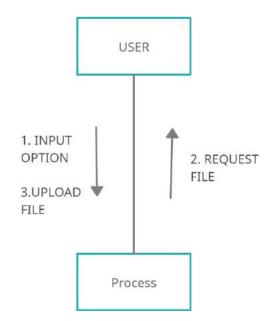


# 4.1.7 <u>Sequence & Collaboration Diagrams:</u>

# 4.1.7.1 Configuration Module:

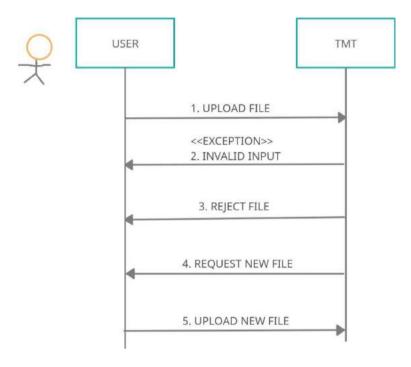
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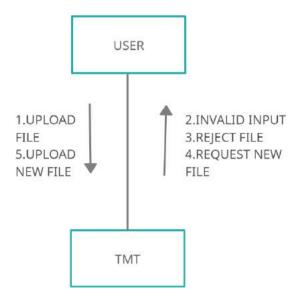




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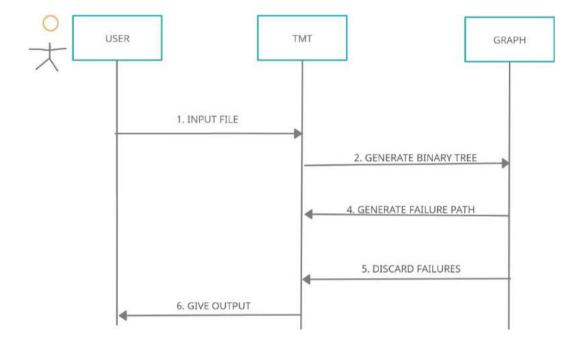
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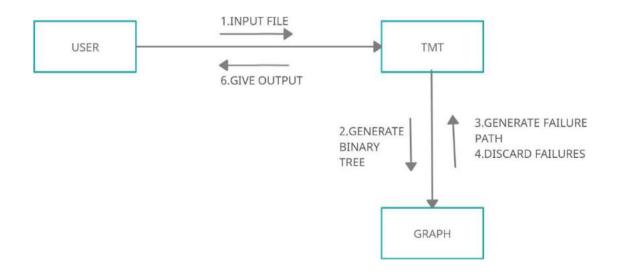




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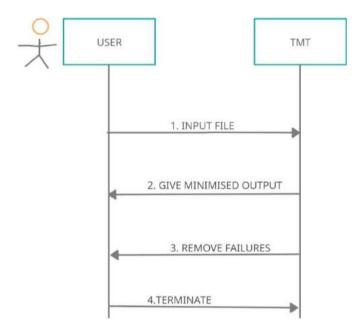
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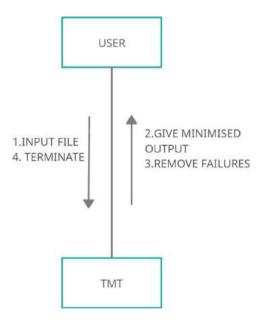




# 4.1.7.4 Output Testcases Module:

# **SEQUENCE DIAGRAM-**

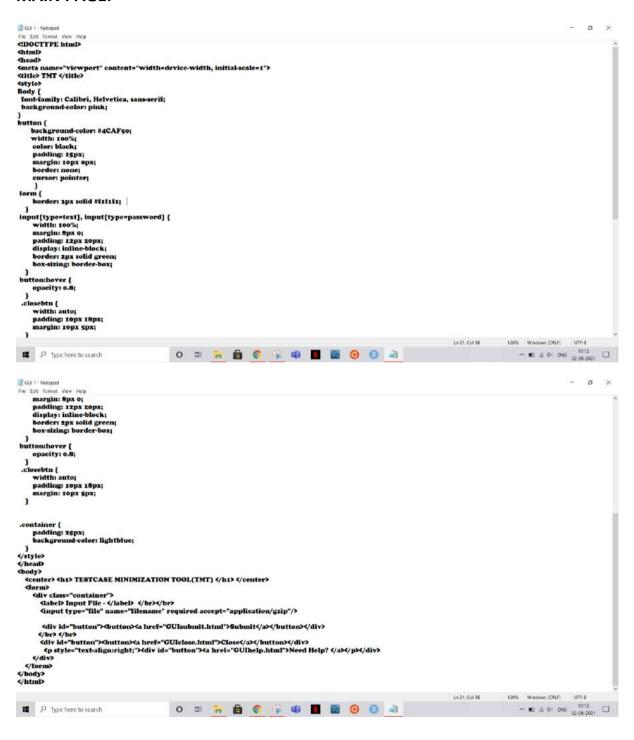




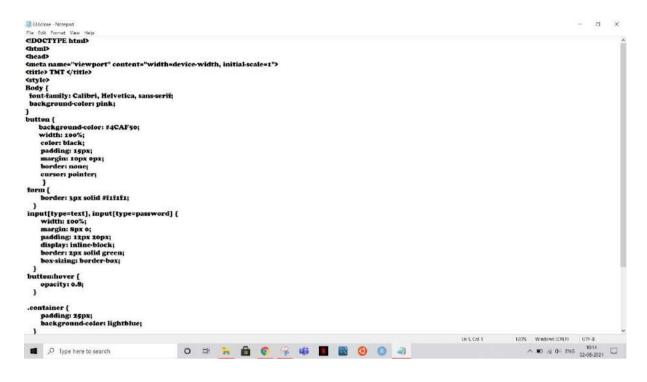
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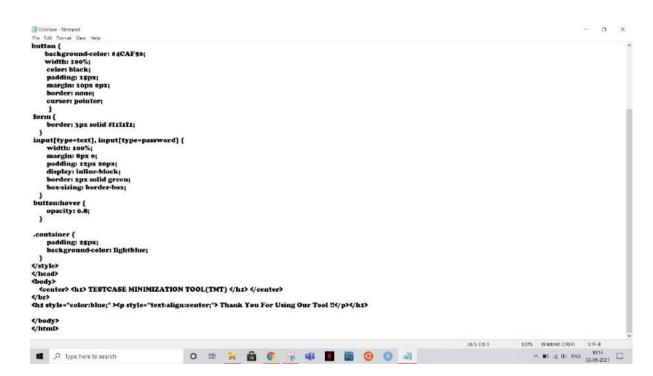
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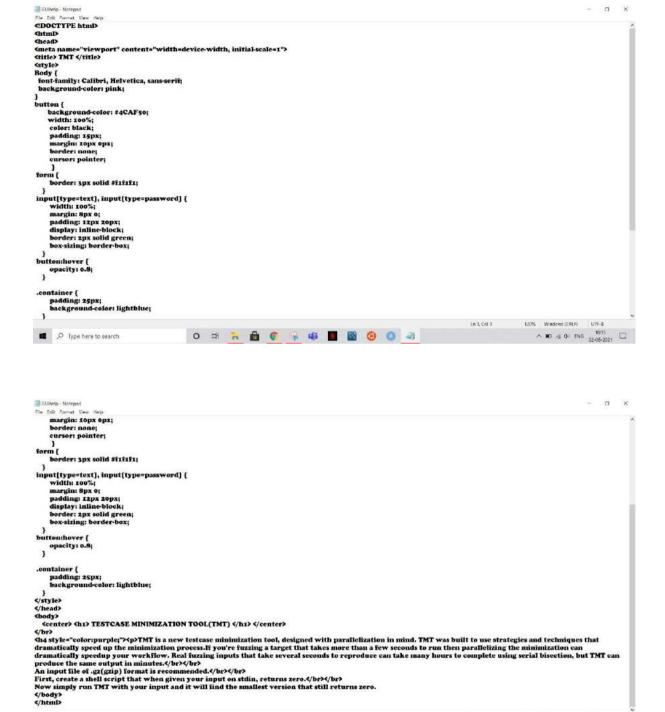
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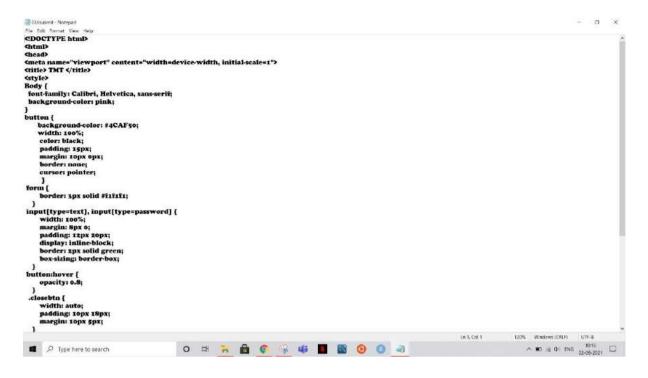
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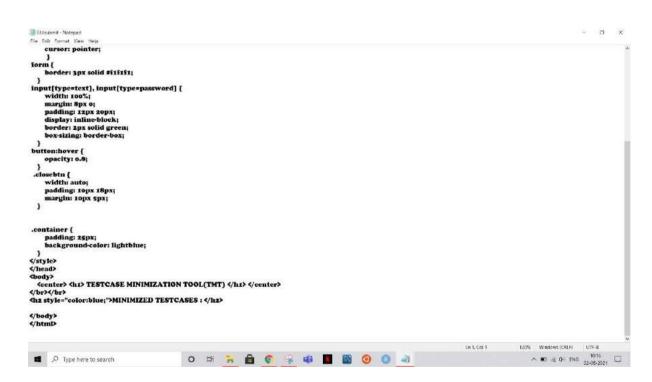
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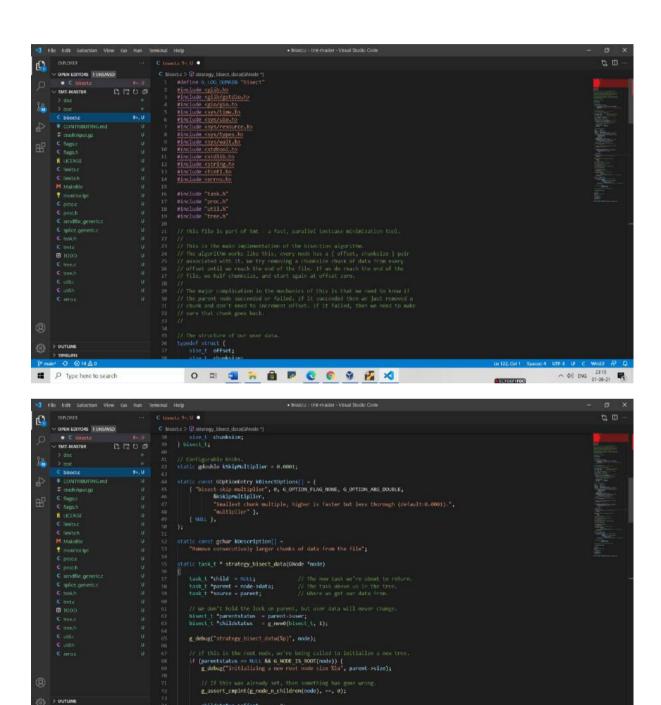
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#### **4.2.2 BACKEND CODE SNIPPETS:**

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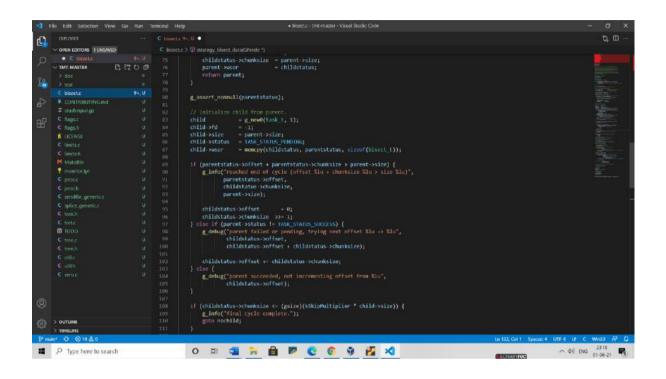


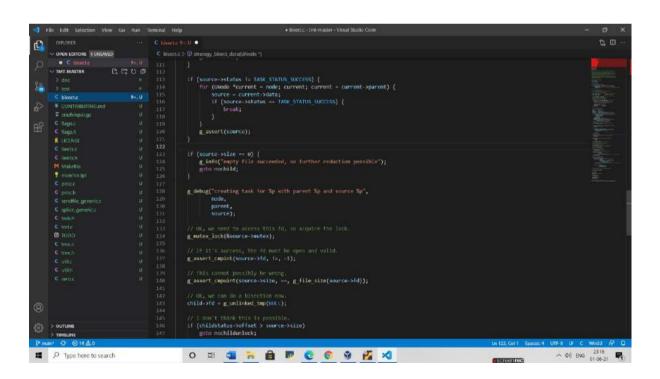
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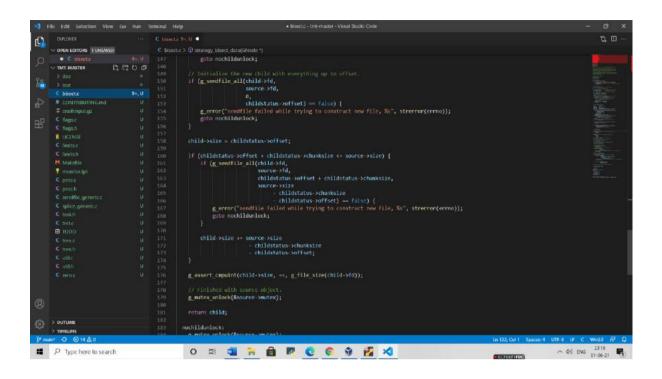
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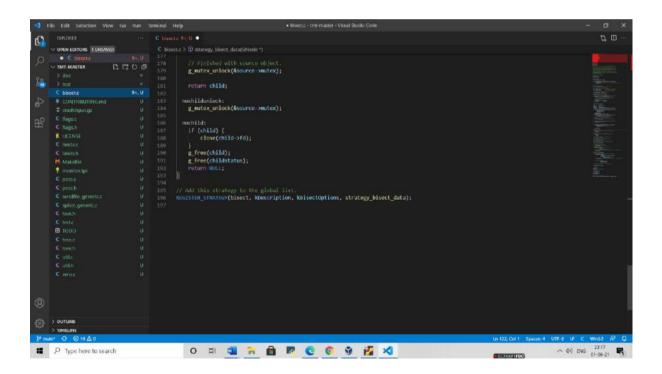
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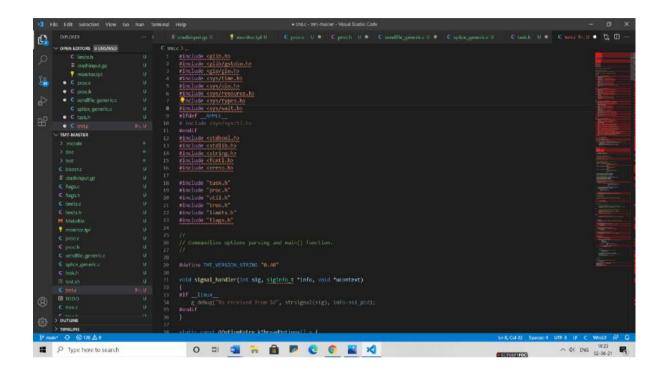


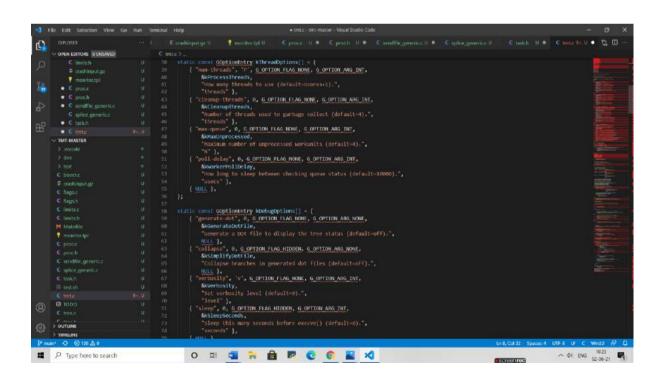


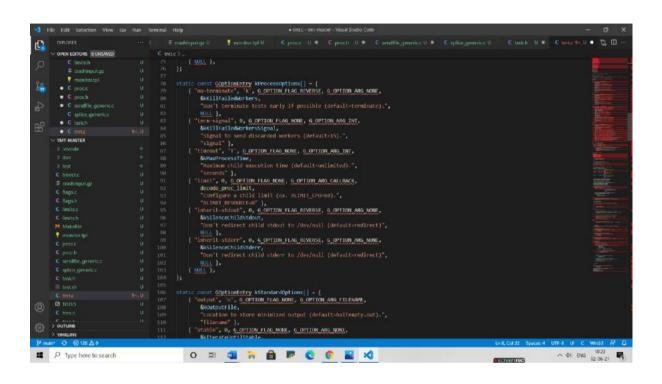


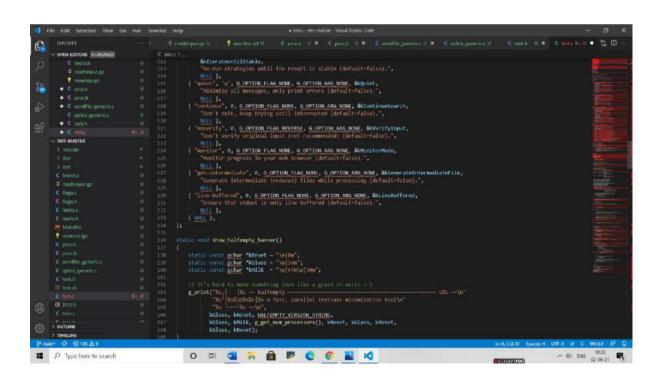


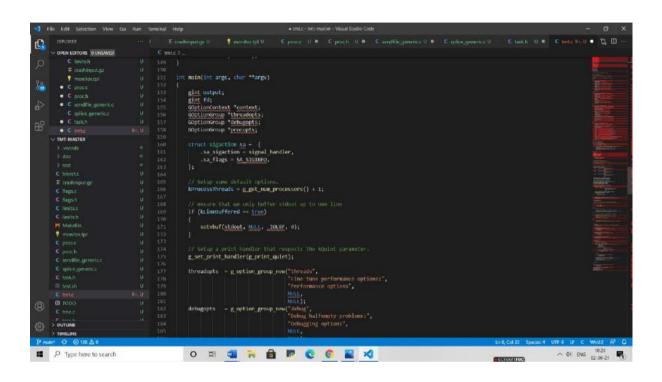
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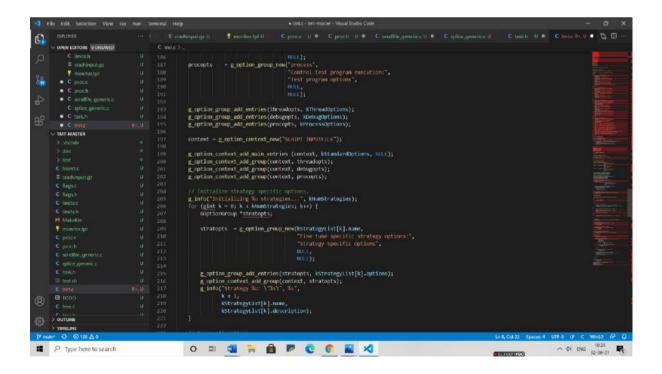


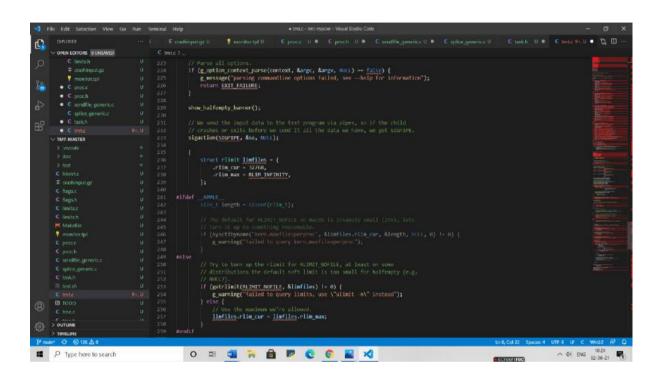


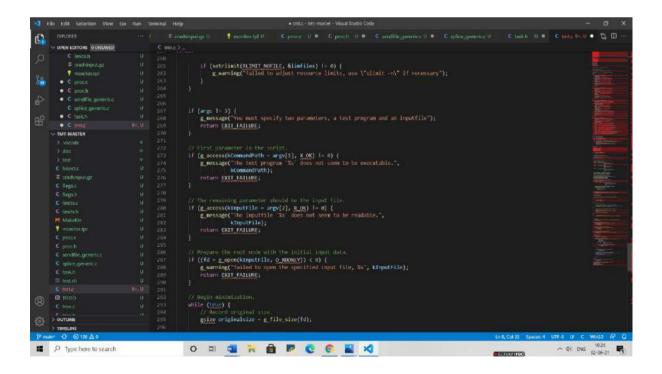


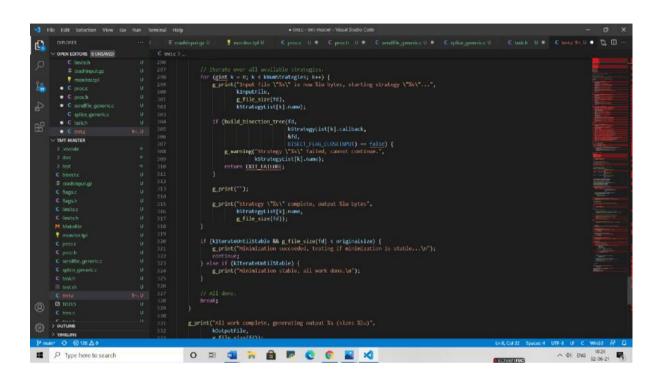


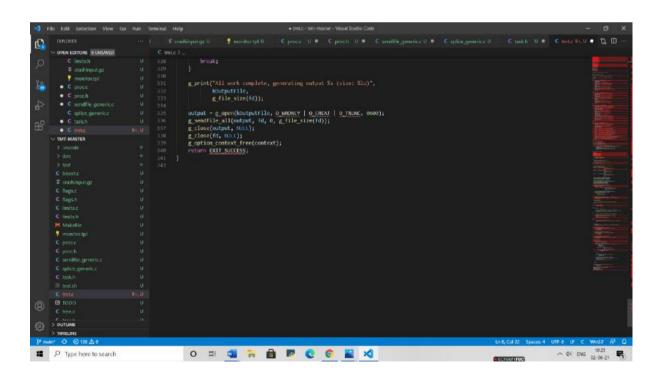




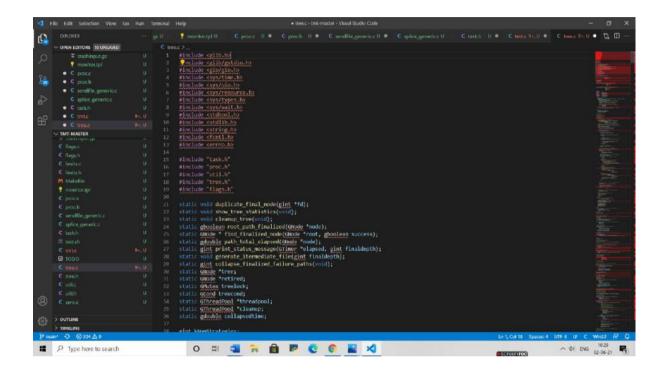


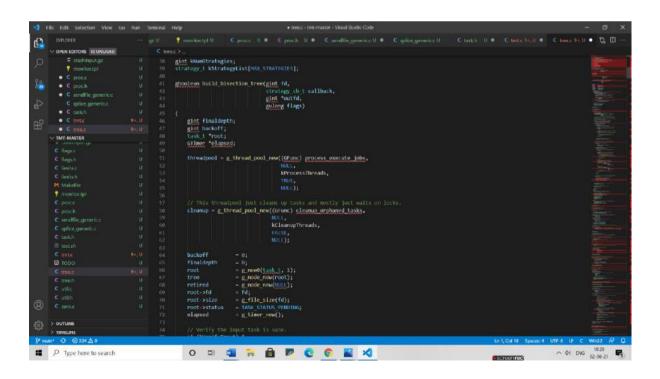


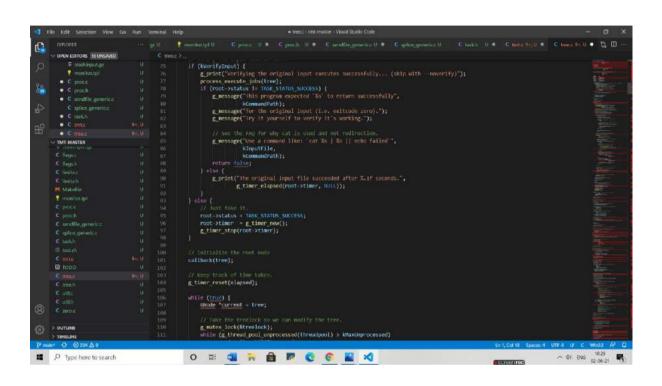


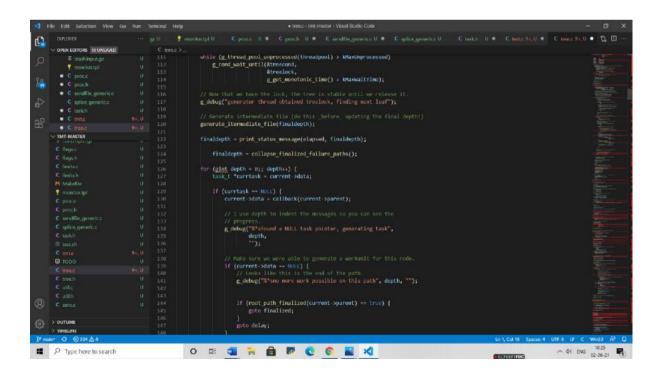


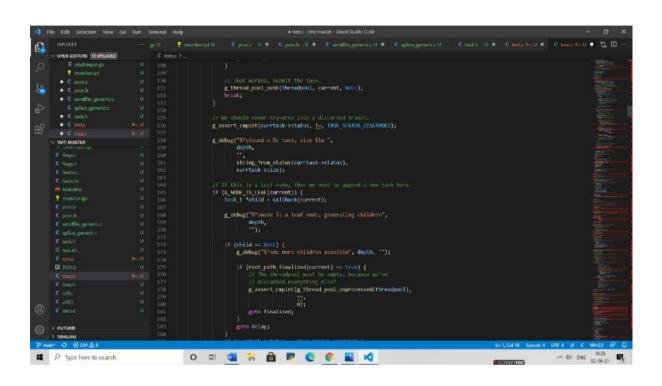
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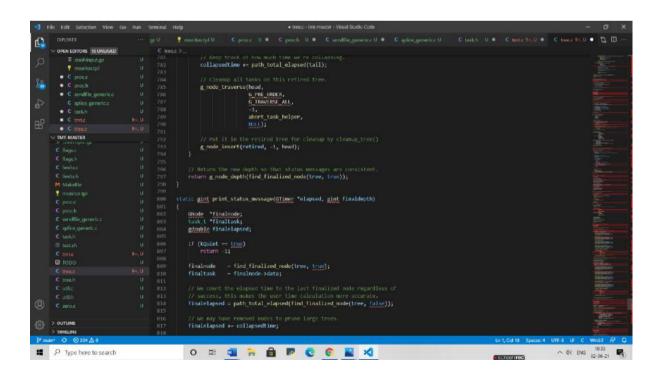


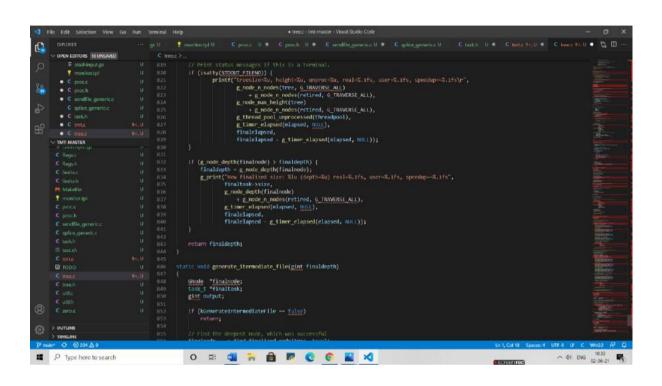


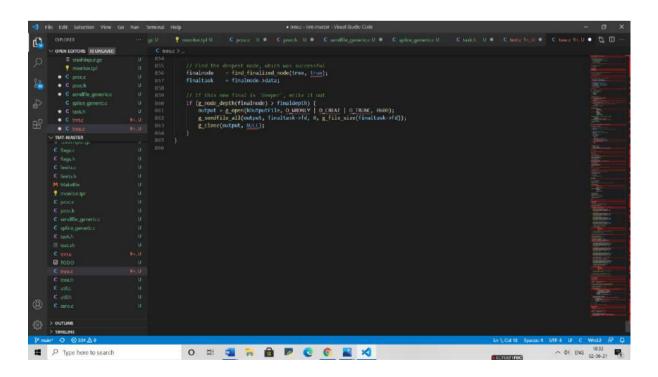












### **4.3 CONSTRAINTS AND TRADEOFFS:**

#### **4.3.1 CONSTRAINTS-**

Table for Constraints -

Constraints	Description
Programming Language	The software should be such that it can be
	used with input of different programming
	languages. The language used in this
	project is C and shell script
OS Support	This project cannot be considered as a very
	platform friendly software due to its
	preliminary Mac/Linux OS support.
Interruptions and errors	If input program intercepts signals or
	creates process groups, it might be difficult
	to cleanup.

#### **4.3.2 ALTERNATIVES-**

As a whole tool, there might not be a proper alternative, but in future releases the scope of different programming language that can be used as an input file is vast.

If the cost for making or improving this project can be increased then it would allow implementing more features and would be a good alternative.

Moreover, investing more time on this tool would definitely help in improving the overall look and adding new features.

### 4.3.3 TRADEOFFS-

While designing this tool including an option for generating testcases was also discussed, but the load and cost of implementing it was not feasible. So keeping in mind the main goal and available resources, only testcase minimization tool was designed and implemented.

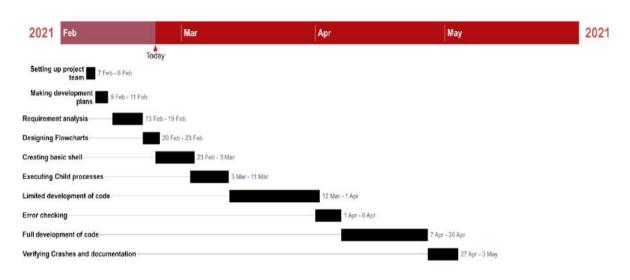
This tool will help software developers and crash maintainers to minimize their testcases and save time.

The developers/maintainers can't put in the required time to test all the testcases and also analyze the results, but can generate the required testcases beforehand.

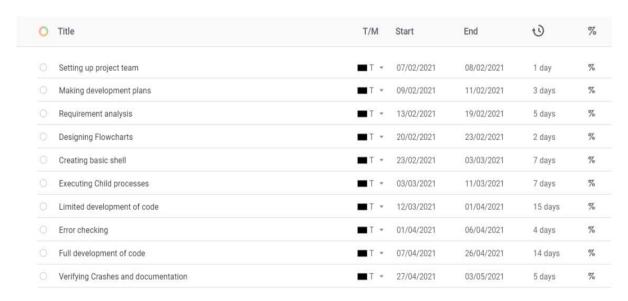
Hence, their efficiency is increased.

## **5. SCHEDULES, TASKS AND MILESTONES**

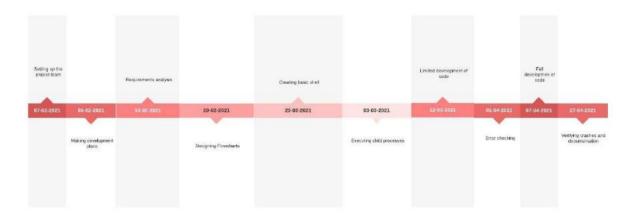
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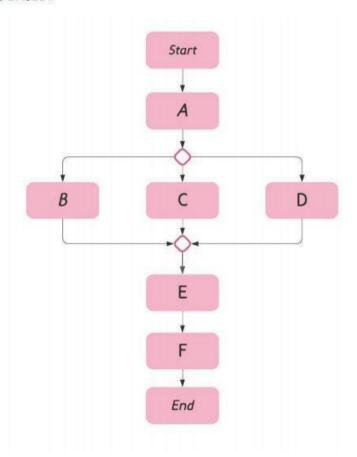


### **5.2 TIMELINE NETWORK:**



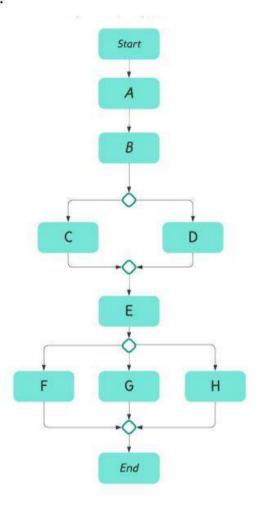
### **5.3 ACTIVITY NETWORK DIAGRAM:**

#### PROCESS BASED:



TASK	LABEL	PREDECESSOR	
Requirement analysis	A		
Design	В	A	
Implementation	C	A,B	
Critical review	D	С	
Verification and testing	E	B,C,D	
Deployment	F	E	

#### PRODUCT BASED:

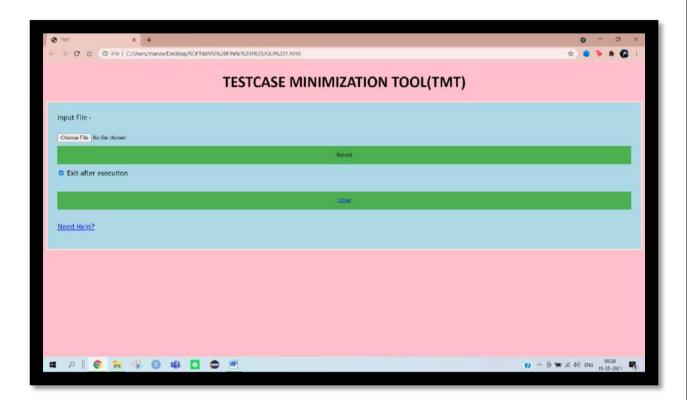


TASK	LABEL	PREDECESSOR
Creating a basic shell	A	
Execution	В	A
Give inputs and run the TMT	C	В
TMT finds smallest version that returns 0	D	B,C
O/p file in tmt.out	E	D
Monitor TMT usingmonitor mode	F	E
Realtime graphs	G	E,F
TMT generates a URL, open it and view the data	Н	E,F,G

# **6. PROJECT DEMONSTRATION:**

Project demonstration will include the implementation of our tool.

#### **GUI MAIN PAGE:**



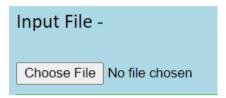
#### **DESCRIPTION:**

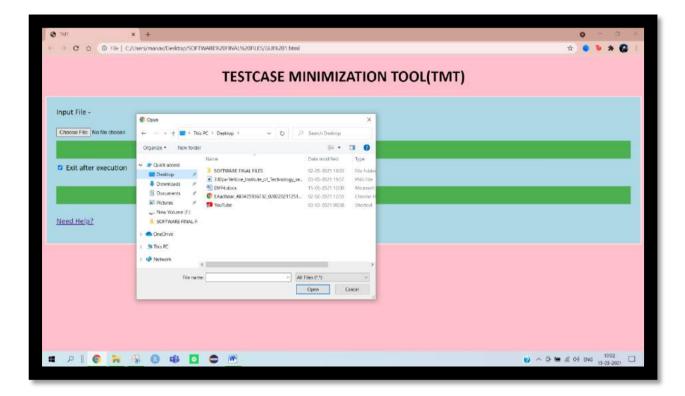
It is the first page which is shown when the test case minimization tool is opened.

Consists of all the buttons and links.

- 1)"choose file" button which when clicked takes to the computers directories to select input file for the tool.
- 2)"submit" button that when clicked starts to minimize the input file by initiating the tool.
- 3) An optional button called "exit after execution" to tick/untick.
- 4)"close" button to exit the tool.
- 5)"need help" button to know about the tool.

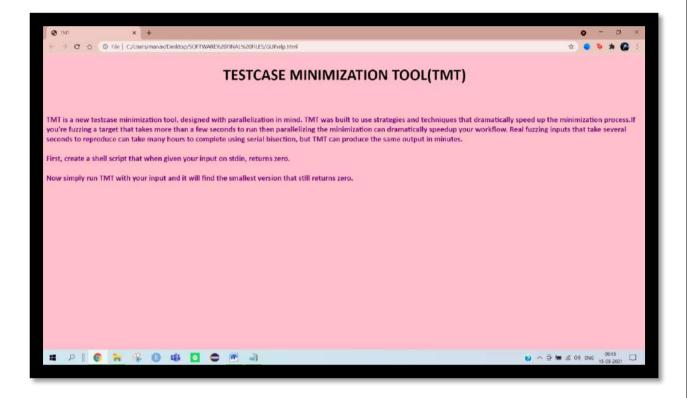
### **GUI INPUT PAGE:**





- 1) Takes the input file from the user as per requirement.
- 2) The input file is restricted to .gz format.

#### **GUI HELP PAGE:**



- 1) This page is opened when the "need help?" Button is clicked on the main page.
- 2) Explains the tool and guides the user.

### **GUI SUBMIT PAGE:**



- 1)This page is opened when the user clicks the "submit" button in order to run the tool and obtain the minimized test cases.
- 2) Shows the minimized test cases that are obtained after running through the tool.

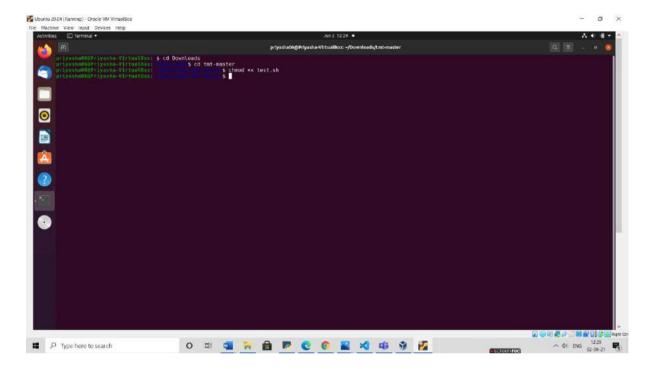
### **GUI CLOSE PAGE:**



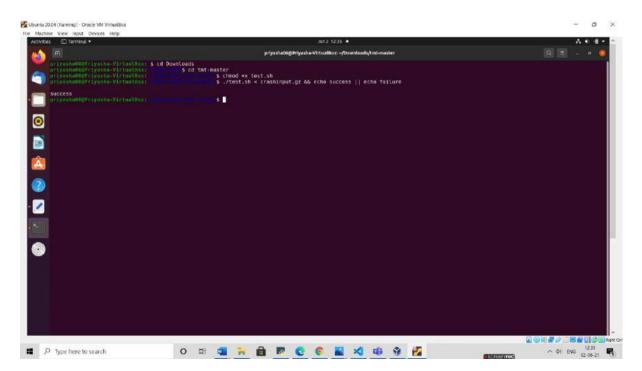
- 1) This page is opened when the user clicks the "close" button in order to exit the tool.
- 2) Displays a thank you message for the user.

### **CODE EXECUTION:**

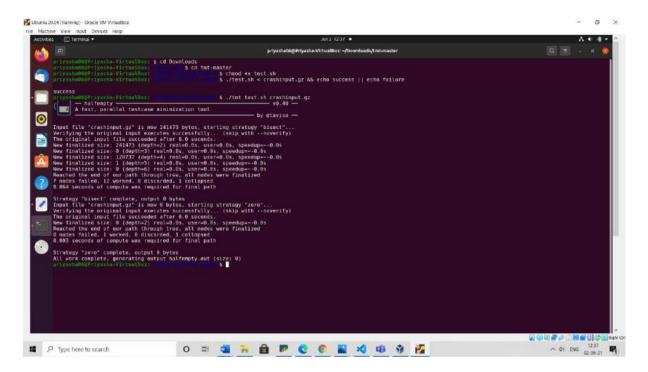
Create a shell script using the 'nano test.sh' command in the terminal (it opens the text editor) that when given your input on stdin, returns zero. To execute the test.sh file.



To verify the input file and see it its executable by the tool:



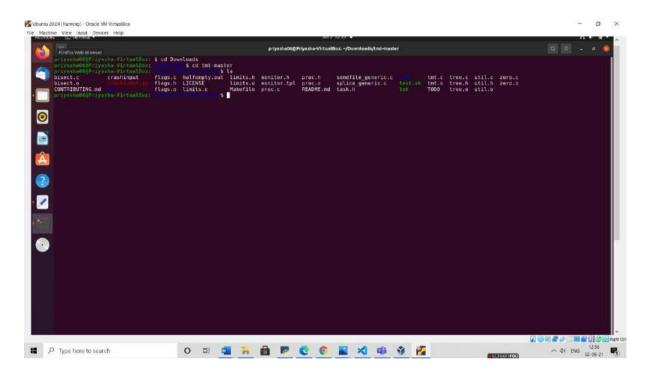
#### To get the desired output:



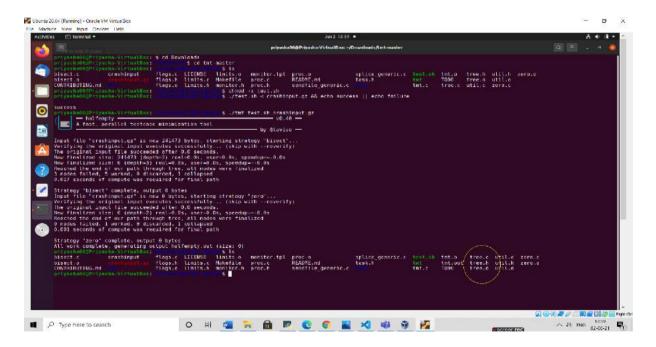
# Tmt.out (output file) will be automatically generated in the folder which is opened.

# 7. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:

Our problem statement was to minimise the number of testcases and we have successfully executed that, as it is shown below.



As we can see above, the list of files is shown before execution of the code.



As we can see here, a new file tmt.out has been generated automatically after execution.

It is encircled in yellow above as we can see.



This is the tmt.out file which was generated and it is of 270 bytes sizes (original size:241473 bytes).

Therefore, testcase minimisation uses bisection algorithm keeping parallisation in mind.

For future scope, the next version will allow the level of pessimism to be controlled at runtime.