DSA Toolkit (C++ Terminal App)

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- C++
- File Handling
- Custom DSA Algorithms (No STL)

VOverview

The **DSA Toolkit** is a terminal-based C++ application designed to reinforce core Data Structures and Algorithms (DSA) without relying on the Standard Template Library (STL). It serves as a practical tool for students and professionals to interactively learn, implement, and test key data structures like arrays, stacks, queues, and linked lists.

The toolkit includes a multi-functional menu-driven system that allows users to perform a wide range of operations, including sorting, traversal, and a unique undo functionality using a stack.

Objectives

- Strengthen core DSA understanding without STL dependencies.
- Provide a practical tool to explore array, stack, queue, and linked list operations.
- Implement undo functionality using stack as a real-world application.
- Reinforce modular programming practices using functions and switch-case control logic.

Key Features

- Array Operations: Insertion, Deletion, Sorting, Traversal
- **Stack**: Push, Pop, Peek, Undo Feature
- **Queue**: Enqueue, Dequeue, Display
- Linked List: Insert at beginning/end/position, Delete, Reverse, Display
- **Vindo Functionality**: Implemented using stack to reverse recent actions

• File Handling: Optional saving/loading of data (future-ready)

Challenges & Solutions

1. Designing a Versatile Switch-Case System

Challenge: Handling multiple operations cleanly

Solution: Structured the code with separate functions for each data structure and operation to ensure modularity and smooth user experience.

2. No STL Usage

Challenge: Manually managing memory and data structures

Solution: Implemented arrays and pointers from scratch for every DSA operation to build stronger control over memory and logic flow.

3. Undo Functionality

Challenge: Efficiently tracking and reversing actions

Solution: Used a custom stack to record each significant change and allow state restoration, showcasing the practical use of stacks.

Project Links

GitHub Repository: <u>DSA Toolkit</u>

Learning Outcomes

- In-depth understanding of memory and pointer manipulation in C++
- Real-world application of stack for undo features
- Importance of modular code and clean control structures
- File handling basics in terminal-based applications
- Confidence in implementing DSA without relying on libraries

Future Improvements

Add Graph and Tree data structures