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**Project report**

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**XML Parser and Social Network Visualizer**

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**1. Background**

**1.1 Introduction to XML**

Extensible Markup Language (XML) is a versatile markup language designed to store and transport data in a structured format. It is widely used in various applications for data interchange due to its ability to represent complex data structures in a human-readable format. However, working with XML files often requires specialized tools for parsing, analyzing, and visualizing data.

**1.2 Project Overview**

This project focuses on developing a desktop application that facilitates the parsing and visualization of XML files representing user data in a social network. Each user within the XML file has attributes such as a unique ID, name, a list of posts, and followers. The application aims to provide various functionalities, enabling users to manipulate and analyze this data effectively.

**1.3 Key Features**

The application offers a comprehensive set of features that include:

* **XML Parsing and Verification:** Validates the structure of XML documents to ensure data integrity.
* **XML Formatting:** Prettifies XML files to improve readability.
* **XML to JSON Conversion:** Converts XML data into JSON format for compatibility with JavaScript applications.
* **File Minification:** Reduces file size by removing unnecessary whitespace and indentations.
* **Data Compression:** Compresses XML/JSON files using custom and standard techniques.
* **Graphical Representation of User Relationships:** Visualizes user connections using graph data structures.
* **Network Analysis Tools:** Identifies influential users, mutual followers, and suggests connections.
* **Post Searching Capabilities:** Allows users to search posts by keywords or topics.

This application caters to both casual users through a GUI and advanced users via a command-line interface (CLI), enhancing accessibility and usability.

**2. Implementation Details**

**2.1 General Architecture**

The application consists of the following components:

1. **XML Processor:** Handles parsing, verifying, formatting, and minifying XML files.
2. **Data Converter:** Converts XML to JSON and vice versa.
3. **File Compressor:** Compresses and decompresses files using a custom or standard compression technique.
4. **Graph Module:** Builds and visualizes user relationships using a graph data structure.
5. **Network Analyzer:** Extracts insights such as the most influential user, the most active user, mutual followers, and follow suggestions.
6. **Search Module:** Allows searching posts by keywords or topics.

**2.2 Graphical User Interface (GUI)**

The GUI is designed for user-friendliness and supports:

* Browsing input files.
* Displaying outputs in a read-only text field.
* Saving output files to user-defined locations.
* Buttons for each supported operation.

**2.3 Command-Line Interface (CLI)**

The CLI allows advanced users to execute operations through commands like:

xml\_editor verify -i input\_file.xml -o output\_file.xml

xml\_editor json -i input\_file.xml -o output\_file.json

**2.4 Functionalities**

**2.4.1 XML Consistency Check**

The application validates XML structure by:

* Ensuring all opening tags have corresponding closing tags.
* Highlighting errors and their line numbers in case of inconsistencies.
* Offering an option to auto-correct errors and save the fixed file.

**2.4.2 Formatting (Prettifying)**

Improves XML readability by:

* Indenting nested elements.
* Removing unnecessary whitespace while maintaining structure.

**2.4.3 XML to JSON Conversion**

Converts XML data to JSON format for easier integration with JavaScript-based tools.

**2.4.4 Minifying XML**

Reduces file size by:

* Removing unnecessary whitespace and newlines.

**2.4.5 Compression and Decompression**

Implements file size reduction using:

* **Custom Encoding:** Eliminates redundant tags or characters.
* Standard algorithms like Huffman coding (optional).

**2.4.6 Graph Representation**

Represents user relationships as a directed graph:

* Nodes represent users.
* Edges represent follower relationships.

**2.4.7 Network Analysis**

Analyzes the social network to:

* Identify the most influential user (maximum followers).
* Identify the most active user (maximum connections).
* Find mutual followers for a set of users.
* Suggest users to follow (followers of followers).

**2.4.8 Post Search**

Enables searching for posts containing specific keywords or topics.

**3. Complexity of Operations**

**3.1 XML Parsing and Validation**

* **Time Complexity:**
* **Space Complexity:**

**3.2 Formatting (Prettifying)**

* **Time Complexity:**
* **Space Complexity:**

**3.3 XML to JSON Conversion**

* **Time Complexity:**
* **Joining the input array into a single XML string:** Time Complexity: O(n) where n is the total number of characters in the input XML array.
* **Converting XML to JSON using XML.toJSONObject:** Time Complexity: O(m) where m is the size of the XML string.
* **Correcting the JSON structure: Time Complexity:** O(k) where k is the number of users in the "users" array (or the number of objects processed in the JSON).
* **Converting JSON to a string with 5 spaces for indentation:** Time Complexity: O(n\_json) where n\_json is the size of the resulting formatted JSON string.
* **Splitting the formatted JSON string by newlines:** Time Complexity: O(n\_json) where n\_json is the length of the formatted JSON string. Overall Time Complexity: O(n + m + k + n\_json) If n, m, k, and n\_json are all proportional to the size of the input,
* **The overall complexity can be approximated as: O(n)**
* **Space Complexity:**
* **Space for the XML string: Space Complexity:** O(n) where n is the total number of characters in the input XML array.
* **Space for the JSON object:** Space Complexity: O(m) where m is the size of the JSON object, corresponding to the size of the XML input.
* **Space for correcting the JSON structure:** Space Complexity: O(k) This space is required to store the modified JSON object with correctly structured "users", "posts", and "followers".
* *Space for the formatted JSON string:* Space Complexity: O(n\_json) where n\_json is the size of the formatted JSON string.
* **Space for the array of strings created by splitting the JSON string by newlines:** Space Complexity: O(n\_json) where n\_json is the length of the formatted JSON string.

**Overall Space Complexity:** O(n + m + n\_json) If n, m, and n\_json are proportional to the input size, the overall space complexity can be approximated as: O(n)

**3.4 Graph Representation**

* **Time Complexity:**
* **Space Complexity:**

**3.5 Network Analysis**

* **Most Influential/Active User:**
  + **Time Complexity:**
  + **Space Complexity:**
* **Mutual Followers:**
  + **Time Complexity:**
  + **Space Complexity:**
* **Follow Suggestions:**
  + **Time Complexity:**
  + **Space Complexity:**

**3.6 Compression and Decompression**

* **Time Complexity:**
* **Space Complexity:**

**4. Conclusion**

This application provides a robust solution for parsing, analyzing, and visualizing XML data representing social networks. The combination of GUI and CLI modes ensures accessibility for both casual and advanced users. By integrating network analysis and search functionalities, it goes beyond basic XML operations, offering insights into user relationships and activity.

**5. References**