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ABSTRACT

A general ledger is the system employed by accountants to store and organize financial data used to create the firm's financial statements. Our project provides a solution for the general ledger problem using the concept of consequential processing. The system includes a journal file and a ledger file. The ledger file contains month-by-month summaries of the values as associated with each of the bookkeeping accounts. The journal file contains the monthly transactions that are ultimately to be posted to the ledger file. Once the journal file is complete for a given month, the journal must be posted. Posting involves associating each transaction with its account in the ledger. Our project aims to provide a system that could easily process the transactions of various accounts by maintaining a virtual ledger file that stores all transaction related information. To implement posting we have used the concept of consequential processing where we process the two lists sequentially in a parallel manner.

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Introduction

1.1 Outline

The project provides a solution for the general ledger problem using the concept of consequential processing. Consequential processing involves the coordinated processing of two or more sequential lists to produce a single output list. Consequential processing can be applied to problems that involve the performance of set operations on two or more sorted input files to produce one or more output files. Set operations can include union, intersection or more complex processes.

General ledger problem is based on accounting system. The system include a journal file and a ledger file :

- Ledger file: It contains month-by-month summaries of the values as associated with each of the bookkeeping accounts.
- **Journal file :** It contains the monthly transactions that are ultimately to be posted to the ledger file.

Once the journal file is complete for a given month, the journal must be posted to the ledger.

1.2 Motivation and Scope

Main motivation of the project is to implement the concept of cosequential processing to solve real time problem, that is, the general ledger problem. Since this problem involves both matching and merging concepts of cosequential processing it is one of the challenging problem which could be worked upon.

In our project we can view the contents of journal, ledger, add record to journal, post journal to ledger and get the ledger printout. The files are actually stored in the memory and the records within the files stored are of variable length where each field is separated using a separator.

1.3 Problem Statement

Design a general ledger posting program as part of an accounting system using cosequential processing.

1.4 Limitations

- 1. The system does not include a supporting front-end. Hence it will be hard if the number of accounts in the file increase. However the program prints the contents of the file in a well formatted way to overcome this limitation.
- 2. Once a record is added to the journal file, it is not possible to delete it within the program.

Requirements Specification

2.1 System Requirements

2.3.1 Hardware Requirements

- Intel i3 processor and above.
- Minimum of 128 MB on board memory.
- Windows 7/8/10 Operating System.
- VGA Monitor.

2.3.2 Software Requirements

- Requires JDK 8, Java SE.
- Text Editor such as Notepad, Sublime Text.

2.2 Non-Functional Requirements

- Information Access: Information can be accessed with ease and the file is stored as a text file in the memory which makes it easier to access.
- Flexible: It is flexible. New records can be added and viewed easily.
- **Reporting:** We will get detailed printout of ledger which is helpful for us as it shows details of all transactions pertaining to a particular account in a sorted order.
- Shows detailed information about each transaction of a particular account including check number, date of transaction, description and the credit/debit amount.
- Shows trial balance and new balance at the end of each account's transactions.

System Design

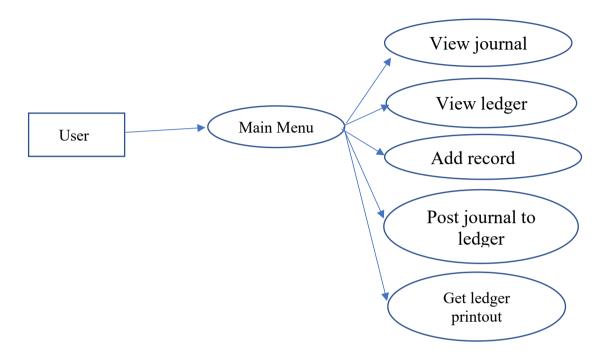


Fig 3.1 : System Design

Following figure 3.1 shows the overall system design of the program. The system has five choices to choose from. They are :

- **View journal:** We can view the journal file which contains monthly transactions that are ultimately to be posted to the ledger file.
- **View ledger:** We can view the ledger file which contains month-by-month summaries of the values associated with each of the bookkeeping accounts.
- Add record to journal: In this option we can add new record to the journal file. The
 records within the journal file are stored using the concept of
 variable length record.
- Post journal to ledger: Once the record transactions are written in the journal, it is posted to the general ledger at the end of the month. This requires us to compare the account numbers of a record of journal with that of a ledger record and if a match is found then that particular record is posted into the ledger file.

• Get ledger printout:

- 1. Immediately after reading a new ledger object we need to print the header line and initialize the balance for the next month from the previous month's balance.
- 2. For each transaction object that matches, we need to update the account balance.
- 3. After the last transaction for the account, the balance line should be printed. This is the place, where a new ledger record could be written to create a new ledger file.

Java is a programming language and a platform. Java is a high level, robust, object-oriented and secure programming language. We are using Java as our programming language to code and to define different functional classes to perform different tasks. In the main function we are using the switch case to give choices to the user to perform their tasks of choice.

Few packages that we have used in our project are as follows:

• **Scanner**: Java Scanner class in Java is found in the java.util package. Java provides various ways to read input from the keyboard, the java.util.Scanner class is one of them.

The Java Scanner class breaks the input into tokens using a delimiter which is white space by default. It provides many methods to read and parse various primitive values.

The Java Scanner class is widely used to parse text for strings and primitive types using a regular expression. It is the simplest way to get input in Java. By the help of Scanner in Java, we can get input from the user in primitive types such as int, long, double, byte, float, short, etc.

- BufferedReader: Java BufferedReader is a class which simplifies reading text from a
 character input stream. It buffers the characters in order to enable efficient reading of text
 data.
- **PrintWriter**: Java PrintWriter class is the implementation of Writer class. It is used to print the formatted representation of objects to the text-output stream.
- **BufferedWriter**: BufferedWriter writes text to character output stream, buffering characters so as to provide for the efficient writing of single characters, arrays, and strings.

GENERAL LEDGER TABLE ENTRIES

4.1 Journal and Ledger entries

Acct. No.	Account title	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
101	Checking account #1	1032.57	2114.56	5219.23	
102	Checking account #2	543.78	3094.17	1321.20	
505	Advertising expense	25.00	25.00	25.00	
510	Auto expenses	195.40	307.92.	501.12	
515	Bank charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	
520	Books and publications	27.95	27.95	87.40	
525	Interest expense	103.50	255.20	380.27	
535	Miscellaneous expense	12.45	17.87	23.87	
540	Office expense	57.50	105.25	138.37	
545	Postage and shipping	21,00	27.63	57.45	
550	Rent	500.00	1000.00	1500.00	
555	Supplies	112.00	167.50	2441.80	

Fig 4.1.1: Sample Ledger Entries

Acct. No	Check No.	Date	Description	Debit/ credit
101	1271	04/02/86	Auto expense	-78.70
510	1271	04/02/97	Tune-up and minor repair	78.70
101	-1272	04/02/97	Rent	-500.00
550	1272	04/02/97	Rent for April	500.00
101	1273	04/04/97	Advertising	-87.50
505	1273	04/04/97	Newspaper ad re: new product	87.50
102	670	04/02/97	Office expense	-32.78
540.	670	04/02/97	Printer cartridge	32.78
101	1274	04/02/97	Auto expense	-31.83
510	1274	04/09/97	Oil change	31.83

Fig 4.1.2 : Sample Journal Entries

Once the journal file is complete for a given month, meaning that it contains all of the transactions for that month, the journal must be posted to the ledger. Posting involves associating each transaction with its- account. in the ledger. For example, the printed output produced for accounts 101, 102, 505, and 510 during the posting operation.

101	Checkin	g account #1			
	1271	04/02/86	Auto expense		-78.70
	1272	04/02/97	Rent		-500.00
	1273	04/04/97	Advertising		-87.50
	1274	04/02/97	Auto expense		-31.83
			Prev. bal: 5219.23	New bal:	4521.20
102	Checkin	g account #2			
	670	04/02/97	Office expense		-32.78
			Prev. bal: 1321.20	New bal;	1288.42
505	Advertising expense				
	1273	04/04/97	Newspaper ad re: new	product	.87.50
			Prev. bal: 25.30	New bal:	112.50
510	Auto expenses				
	1271	04/02/97	Tune-up and minor rep	air	78.70
	1274	04/09/97	Oil change		31.83
			Prev. bal: 501.12	New bal:	611.65

Fig 4.1.3: Sample ledger printout showing the effect of posting from the journal

101	Checking account #1					
	1271 04/02/86 Auto expense	-78.70				
	1272 04/02/97 Rent	-500.00				
	1274 04/02/97 Auto expense	-31.83				
	1273 04/04/97 Advertising	-87.50				
	Prev. bal: 5219.23 New bal: 4521.20					
102	Checking account #2					
	670 04/02/97 Office expense	-32.78				
	Prev. bal: 1321.20 New bal: 1288.42					
505	Advertising expense					
	1273 04/04/97 Newspaper ad re: new product	87.50				
	Prev. bal: 25.00 New bal: 112.50					
510	Auto expenses					
	1271 04/02/97 Tune-up and minor repair	78.70				
	1274 ['] 04/09/97 Oil change	31.83				
	Prev. bal: 501.12 New bal: 611.65					
515	Bank charges					
	Prev. bal: 0.00 New bal: 0.00					
520	Books and publications					
	Prev. pal: 87.40 New bal: 87.40					

Fig 4.1.4: Sample Ledger Printout of all six accounts

In summary, there are three different steps in processing the ledger entries:

- 1. Immediately after reading a new ledger object we need to print the header line and initialize the balance for the next month from the previous month's balance.
- 2. For each transaction object that matches, we need to update the account balance.
- 3. After the last transaction for the account, the balance line should be printed. This is the place, where a new ledger record could be written to create a new ledger file.

IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 Java Code for implementation of General Ledger Problem

```
import java.io.*;
import java.util.*;
class ledger {
 public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {
    int choice;
    Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);
    while(true) {
      System.out.println("-----");
      System.out.println("FILE STRUCTURES LAB WITH MINI PROJECT(18ISL67)");
      System.out.println("-----");
      System.out.println("WELCOME TO GENERAL LEDGER PROGRAM");
      System.out.println("-----");
      System.out.println("1. View Journal");
      System.out.println("2. View Ledger");
      System.out.println("3. Add Record to journal");
      System.out.println("4. Post Journal to Ledger");
      System.out.println("5. Get Ledger Printout");
      System.out.println("6. Exit");
      System.out.println("-----");
      System.out.println("ENTER YOUR CHOICE");
      System.out.println("-----");
      choice = scan.nextInt();
      switch(choice) {
       case 1 : System.out.println("View Journal Part");
              display_journal();
              break;
       case 2 : System.out.println("View Ledger Part");
              display ledger();
              break;
```

```
case 3: System.out.println("Add record to Journal Part");
          add record();
          break;
  case 4 : post();
          System.out.println("Journal Posted to Ledger!");
          break;
  case 5 : System.out.println("-----");
          System.out.println("\t\t\tLEDGER PRINTOUT");
          print ledger();
          break;
  case 6 : System.exit(0);
//Method for displaying the journal
 public static void display journal() throws IOException {
  String acctno = "",check = "",date = "",desc = "",cred = "",s;
                                                                                    ");
  System.out.println("
  System.out.println("Acct. No\tCheck. No\tDate\t\tDescription\t\tCredit/Debit");
  System.out.println("
                                                                                    ");
  BufferedReader b = new BufferedReader(new FileReader("journal.txt"));
  while((s = b.readLine())!=null)
   String result[] = s.split("\");
   acctno = result[0];
   check = result[1];
   date = result[2];
   desc = result[3];
   cred = result[4];
   System.out.println(acctno + "t'' + check + "t'' + date + "t'' + desc + "t'' + cred);
  b.close();
                                                                                    ");
  System.out.println("
```

```
//Method for displaying the ledger
                   public static void display ledger() throws IOException{
                       String s, acctno = "", acctitle = "", jan = "", feb = "", mar = "", apr = "", may = "";
                       String jun = "", jul = "", aug = "", sep = "", oct = "", nov = "", dec = "";
                       System.out.println("
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       ");
                       System.out.println("Acct. No\tAccount
Title\t\tJan\tFeb\tMar\tApr\tMav\tJun\tJul\tAug\tSep\tOct\tNov\tDec");
                       System.out.println("
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       ");
                       BufferedReader b = new BufferedReader(new FileReader("ledger.txt"));
                       while((s = b.readLine())!=null)
                          String result[] = s.split("\");
                          acctno = result[0];
                         acctitle = result[1];
                         jan = result[2];
                         feb = result[3];
                         mar = result[4];
                          apr = result[5];
                         may = result[6];
                         jun = result[7];
                         jul = result[8];
                         aug = result[9];
                         sep = result[10];
                         oct = result[11];
                         nov = result[12];
                          dec = result[13];
                          System.out.println(acctno + "\t'" + acctitle + "\t'" + jan + "\t" + feb + "\t" + mar + 
apr + "\t" + may + "\t" + jun + "\t" + jul + "\t" + aug + "\t" + sep + "\t" + oct + "\t" + nov + "\t" +
dec);
                       b.close();
                      System.out.println("
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    ");
                   //Method for adding record into the journal
                   public static void add record() throws IOException, FileNotFoundException{
```

```
String acctno,check,date,desc,cred;
         Scanner scan = new Scanner(System.in);
        System.out.println("Enter the Details of the Transaction: ");
        System.out.print("Account Number: ");
        acctno = scan.nextLine();
        System.out.print("Check Number: ");
        check = scan.nextLine();
        System.out.print("Date: ");
        date = scan.nextLine();
        System.out.print("Description: ");
        desc = scan.nextLine();
        System.out.print("Credit/Debit: ");
        cred = scan.nextLine();
        pack(acctno,check,date,desc,cred);
       public static void pack(String acctno, String check, String date, String desc, String cred)
throws IOException, FileNotFoundException {
        PrintWriter pw = new PrintWriter(new BufferedWriter(new FileWriter("journal.txt",true)));
        String b = acctno + "|" + check + "|" + date + "|" + desc + "|" + cred + "|";
        pw.println(b);
        pw.flush();
        pw.close();
       //Method for posting the journal file to the ledger file
       public static void post() throws IOException{
        //get sorted journal and ledger list and create third list to store merged text.
        sort journal();
        String acctno = "",check = "",date = "",desc = "",cred = "",ledgerno = "",acctitle = "";
        String olds = null;
        BufferedReader br1 = new BufferedReader(new FileReader("journal.txt"));
        BufferedReader br2 = new BufferedReader(new FileReader("ledger.txt"));
        PrintWriter pw = new PrintWriter("finalledger.txt");
//if(ledgeritem1 == journalitem2) print(item2) movetonext(item2)
```

```
//if(ledgeritem1 > journalitem2) means no match for ledger. movetonext(journalitem2)
//if(ledgeritem1 < journalitem2) means item1's account details are done. movetonext(ledgeritem1)
         String s = br1.readLine();
         String t = br2.readLine();
         while((s!=null)||(t!=null)) {
         String result1[] = s.split("\\|");
         String result2[] = t.split("\|");
         acctno = result1[0];
         check = result1[1];
         date = result1[2];
         desc = result1[3];
         cred = result1[4];
         ledgerno = result2[0];
         acctitle = result2[1];
         if(ledgerno == acctno) {
          String b = acctno + "|" + acctitle + "|" + check + "|" + date + "|" + desc + "|" + cred + "|";
          pw.println(b);
          s = br1.readLine();
         else if(Integer.parseInt(ledgerno) < Integer.parseInt(acctno)) {
          if((olds == ledgerno) || (olds!=null)) {
             t = br2.readLine();
          }
          else {
           String a = acctno + "|" + acctitle + "|0|0|0|0|";
           pw.println(a);
           t = br2.readLine();
         else { //ledgerno > acctno
          String b = acctno + "|" + acctitle + "|" + check + "|" + date + "|" + desc + "|" + cred + "|";
          pw.println(b);
          s = br1.readLine();
         if(s == null) {
```

```
while(t!=null) {
   t = br2.readLine();
   if(t == null) {
     break;
   String result3[] = t.split("\");
   ledgerno = result3[0];
   acctitle = result3[1];
   String a = ledgerno + "|" + acctitle + "|0|0|0|0|";
   pw.println(a);
 olds = acctno;
 pw.flush();
 pw.close();
 br1.close();
 br2.close();
//Method for sorting the Journal
public static void sort journal() throws IOException {
 BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(new FileReader("journal.txt"));
 ArrayList<String> str = new ArrayList<>();
 String line = "";
 while((line = br.readLine())!=null){
  str.add(line);
 br.close();
 Collections.sort(str);
 FileWriter writer = new FileWriter("journal.txt");
 for(String s: str){
  writer.write(s);
  writer.write("\n");
```

```
writer.close();
//Method for getting Ledger Printout
public static void print ledger() throws IOException {
 String acctno = "",acctitle = "",check = "",date = "",desc = "",cred = "";
 int old = 0,prevbal = 0,newbal = 0,count = 0;
 BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(new FileReader("finalledger.txt"));
 String s,l;
 BufferedReader br1 = new BufferedReader(new FileReader("ledger.txt"));
 while((s=br.readLine())!=null) {
  String result[] = s.split("\");
  acctno = result[0];
  acctitle = result[1];
  check = result[2];
  date = result[3];
  desc = result[4];
  cred = result[5];
  if(Integer.parseInt(acctno) > old) {
   if(old!=0) {
    l = brl.readLine();
    String result1[] = 1.\text{split}("\");
    int i = 2;
    while(i < 14) {
      prevbal += Integer.parseInt(result1[i]);
      i++:
    newbal = prevbal + count;
    System.out.println("\n\t\t\tPrev Balance: " + prevbal + "\tNew Balance: " + newbal);
    System.out.println("-----");
    prevbal = 0;
    newbal = 0;
  else
    System.out.println("-----");
```

RESULTS

Select Command Prompt - java ledger
FILE STRUCTURES LAB WITH MINI PROJECT(18ISL67)
WELCOME TO GENERAL LEDGER PROGRAM
 View Journal View Ledger Add Record to journal Post Journal to Ledger Get Ledger Printout Exit
ENTER YOUR CHOICE

Fig 6.1 : Menu for the General Ledger Program

Command Prompt - java ledger							
FILE STRUCTURES LAB WITH MINI PROJECT(18ISL67)							
WELCOME TO GENE	WELCOME TO GENERAL LEDGER PROGRAM						
1. View Journal 2. View Ledger 3. Add Record t 4. Post Journal 5. Get Ledger F 6. Exit	to journal L to Ledger Printout		 				
Acct. No	Check. No	Date	Description	Credit/Debit			
101	1231	12/08/21	Bus Fare	-200			
102	1242	12/02/21	Salary Credit	27000			
102	1247	19/03/21	Auto Expense	-1200			
103	1251	08/04/21	Checking Acct	4000			
104	1235	09/07/21	Monthly expense	-4000			
104	1253	16/04/21	Rent for April	-10000			
104 	1288	21/02/21	Office Expense	-500 			

 $\textbf{Fig 6.2: View Journal Option} \\ 16$

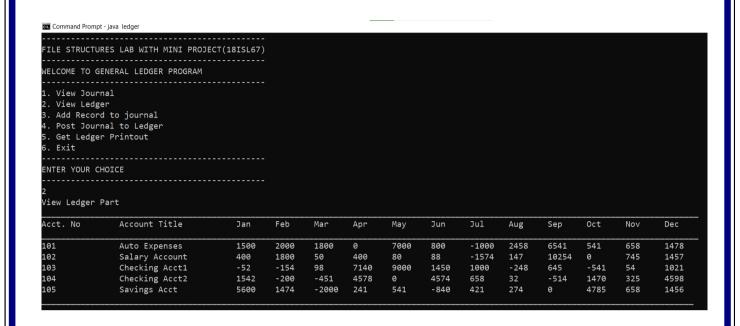


Fig 6.3: View Ledger Option

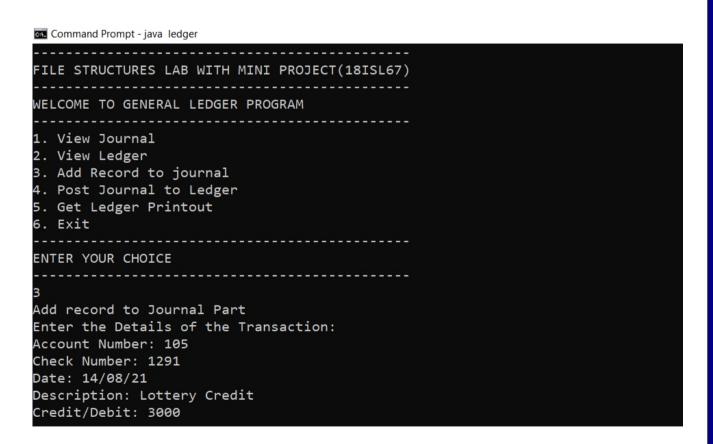


Fig 6.4: Add Record to Journal Option

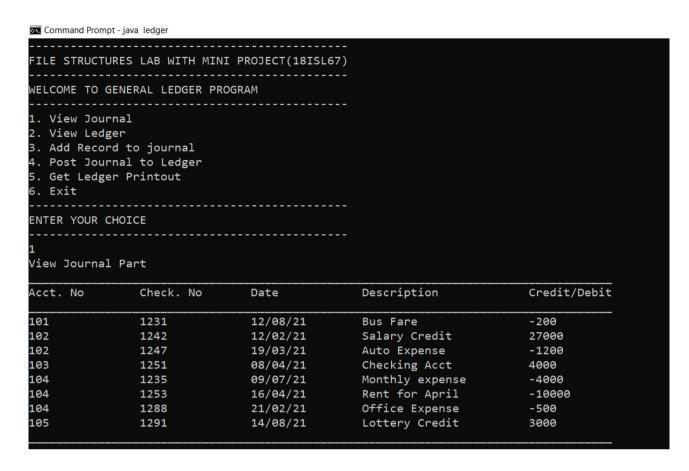


Fig 6.5: Updated Journal once new record is added

```
FILE STRUCTURES LAB WITH MINI PROJECT(18ISL67)

WELCOME TO GENERAL LEDGER PROGRAM

1. View Journal
2. View Ledger
3. Add Record to journal
4. Post Journal to Ledger
5. Get Ledger Printout
6. Exit

ENTER YOUR CHOICE

4
Journal Posted to Ledger!
```

Fig 6.6: Post Journal to Ledger Option

```
🚾 Command Prompt - java ledge
                             LEDGER PRINTOUT
     Auto Expenses
101
                       1231 12/08/21 Bus Fare
                             Prev Balance : 23776 New Balance : 23576
102 Salary Account
                       1242 12/02/21 Salary Credit 27000
1247 19/03/21 Auto Expense -1200
                              Prev Balance : 13847 New Balance : 39647
103 Checking Acct1
                       1251 08/04/21
                                               Checking Acct 4000
                               Prev Balance : 19413 New Balance : 23413
104 Checking Acct2
                       1235 09/07/21 Monthly expense -4000
1253 16/04/21 Rent for April -10000
1288 21/02/21 Office Expense -500
                               Prev Balance : 16612 New Balance : 2112
105 Savings Acct
                       1291 14/08/21 Lottery Credit 3000
```

Fig 6.7: Ledger Printout Option



Fig 6.8: Contents of journal.txt

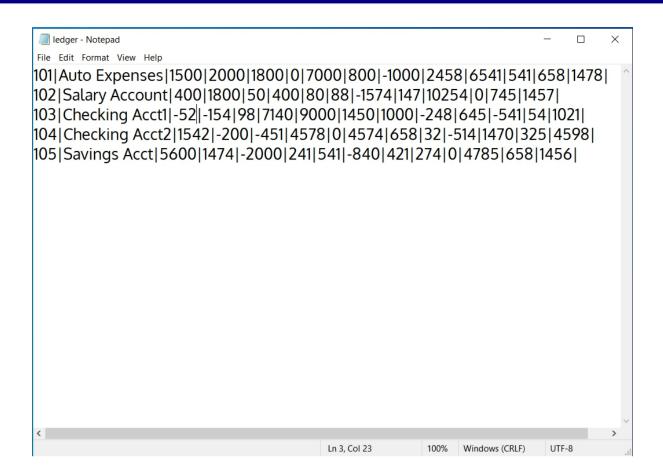


Fig 6.9: Contents of ledger.txt

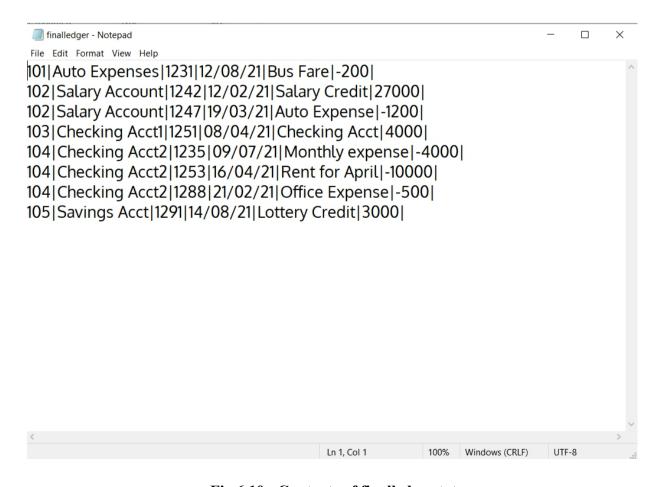


Fig 6.10: Contents of finalledger.txt

CONCLUSION

We have used consequential processing in our project as it can be applied to large files and since the ledger file is a large file this technique is preferable. This technique is preferred when operating with two or more sequential lists. As this problem includes two files namely, the ledger file and the journal file, consequential processing is used. Another advantage of using this technique is that it requires less seeks as the files are sequential. The project can be replaced with the traditional ledger to bring digitalization and make account handling easier and faster.

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