CS23710 ONLY – Practical Sheet 8

The demonstrators are allowed to give you as much help as you need to complete sections 1 through 4 of this sheet.

However, they may only help by explaining the requirements in section 5. You must complete the programs by yourself.

1 Introduction

This practical sheet is the second part of Assignment 4. You should spend a total of about 12 hours reading and working to complete this Practical Sheet.

In order to complete the work, you will need to read a number of man pages, and you may also find it useful to consult the section on the Unix File System from the online notes –

http://www.aber.ac.uk/~dcswww/Dept/Teaching/Courses/CS23710/UNIX/notes/filesystem/filesystem.html

2 Taking and dropping objects

Look at the header file movable_object.h in \$FANTASY/src/. This defines a structure to represent movable objects, and operations to read, display, construct and write movable objects. These are implemented in movable_object.o.

Now look at the file take.c. This uses the operations in movable_object.h to implement the take command, described as follows.

take thing includes the movable object thing in the items being carried, and deletes it from the current location. There is a limit on the number of items that can be held, and also the total weight that can be carried.

You may find it helpful to look at the source look.c and at the course notes to see how files and directories are manipulated. Ask the demonstrators for help if there are still things you don't understand.

When you are satisfied that you understand take, go to section 5, and implement drop. You must do this by yourself, without demonstrator help.

What am I carrying?

Look at the file holding.c. This implements the operation holding. Ask the demonstrators for help if you need it.

holding lists the objects currently held, together with their weights.

When you are satisfied that you understand holding.c go to section 5, and implement score. Again, you must do this by yourself.

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Light, darkness and light sources

In the fantasy world, some areas are light, and others are dark.

You can see in dark places if you light a lamp, or other light source. A light source is turned off by the command quench. You need to be holding a light source before you can light or quench it.

Look at the file quench.c, and ask for help if you need it.

When you are satisfied that you understand quench.c, go to section 5, and implement the command light. You must do this by yourself.

Assessed work associated with Practical Sheet 8

The demonstrators are only allowed to clarify the requirements in this section; they are not allowed to help you write your programs.

- Based on what you have seen in movable_object.h and in take.c, implement the command drop, which is described as follows.
- drop thing places thing at the current location and removes it from the things being held.
- The things being held are stored at \$FANTASY/tmp/player/holding. This directory is cleared when the fantasy command start is executed.
- 2. Based on what you've seen in holding.c, implement the operation score.

score lists the sum of the values of treasures held.

- 3. Based on what you've seen in quench.c, implement the operation light
- light turns on a light source (such as a lamp), provided you are holding the light source.

Listings of drop, score and light, and a script demonstrating their use, will be required as part of the submission for Assignment 4. $15/50~{\rm marks}$