1. Command Line Utilities for Argument Parsing

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The univ_cmdutils.h header provides generic utility functions for handling command line arguments

efficiently.

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1.2. Data Structures

1.2.1. Option Enumeration

The Option enumeration defines a set of possible command line options that correspond to specific flags:

Value	Description
FILE_INPUT	Represents an option for file input.
FILE_OUTPUT	Represents an option for file output.

Value	Description
MODE_ASSEMBLE	Represents assembly mode.
MODE_DISASSEMBLE	Represents disassembly mode.
ASM_LANG	Represents assembly language.

1.3. Functions

1.3.1. getNextCmdLineArg

1.3.1.1. Declaration

```
char* getNextCmdLineArg(int* argc, char*** argv);
```

1.3.1.2. Description

This function retrieves the next argument from the command line argument list (argv) and updates the argument count (argc) and argument list pointers to reflect the remaining arguments.

1.3.1.3. Parameters

Parameter	Description
argc	A pointer to the number of remaining arguments.
argv	A pointer to the list of argument strings.

1.3.1.4. Return Value

• Returns the next command line argument as a string.

1.3.1.5. Usage Example

```
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
   char* arg = getNextCmdLineArg(&argc, &argv);
   printf("Program Name : %s\n", arg);
   return 0;
}
```

1.3.2. flagAsOption

1.3.2.1. Declaration

```
Option flagAsOption(char* s);
```

1.3.2.2. Description

This function maps a command line flag (e.g., -i, -o) to its corresponding Option enumeration value. It uses an internal mapping (OptionStringMap) to perform the conversion.

1.3.2.3. Parameters

Parameter Description

S The command line flag string to be converted.

1.3.2.4. Return Value

- Returns the corresponding Option enumeration value if the flag is found.
- Returns -1 if no matching flag is found.

1.3.2.5. Usage Example

```
Option opt = flagAsOption("-i");
if (opt == FILE_INPUT) {
    printf("File input option selected.\n");
}
```

1.4. Details

1.4.1. Internal Mapping for Flags and Options

The following mapping is used internally to convert command line flags to their corresponding Option enumeration values:

```
- `"-i"` → `FILE_INPUT`
- `"-o"` → `FILE_OUTPUT`
- `"-a"` → `MODE_ASSEMBLE`
- `"-d"` → `MODE_DISASSEMBLE`
- `"-l"` → `ASM_LANG`
```

1.4.2. Example Usage

Here's how you can use the provided utilities in a typical command line program:

```
#include "univ_cmdutils.h"
#include <stdio.h>
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
    while (argc > 0) {
        char* arg = getNextCmdLineArg(&argc, &argv);
        processFlag(arg, &argc, &argv);
    }
    return ⊙;
void processFlag(char* flag, int* argc, char*** argv)
{
    Option opt = flagAsOption(flag);
    switch (opt) {
    case FILE_INPUT:
        printf("Option: File Input\n");
        break;
    case FILE_OUTPUT:
        printf("Option: File Output\n");
        break;
    case MODE_ASSEMBLE:
        printf("Option: Assemble Mode\n");
        break;
    case MODE_DISASSEMBLE:
        printf("Option: Disassemble Mode\n");
        break;
    case ASM_LANG:
        printf("Option: Assembly Language\n");
        break;
    default:
        printf("Unknown or invalid flag: %s\n", arg);
        break;
    }
}
```

1.5. Notes

- Ensure that the flags provided match the ones defined in the OptionStringMap.
- Be cautious with memory management for dynamically allocated arguments or strings.
- This implementation assumes valid input and does not handle malformed command line arguments robustly.