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Algorithm Program #3
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Algorithm for media

■ Inside main function

- Introduce the basic instruction and the use of your program.
 - 1. Prompt "Welcome Media!!!"
 - 2. Message with everything about the program.
 - a. "
- Notify the user the different options and basic controls of the program.
 - i. Prompt "Once the program is done running you will have an option to quit or a different opt
- Have a specific input in the program for different user options.
 - i. Prompt message about the 4 different user interfaces.
 - a. Option 1, Entering a new post to save.
 - i. Call on the input function.
 - ii. Store the valuable information.
 - b. Option 2, Displaying all posts and their stats.
 - i. Call on the display function.
 - ii. After displaying the information to the user then loop back.
 - c. Option 3, Saving all the posts to an external data file.
 - i. Call on the save function to save everything to a txt file.
 - ii. After saving everything in there, then loop back to the menu.
 - d. Option 4, Loading from external data file
 - i. Call on the external data file to load everything
 - ii. After loading everything from the external data file loop back to the menu.
 - After the user has picked the different user interfaces, proceed to the chosen function
 - Quit the program and the while loop once the user has quit.

■ struct named media above the main function

- The size of all these max out on 10 items.

- Have a char variable, with the author of the post.
- Have a char variable, with the title of the media.
- Have a char variable, with the website url or video link. (e.g., <http://youtu.be/j0qyECevZTU>)
- Have a char variable, with the text of the post.
- Have a int variable with the number of likes
- Have an int variable with the number of dislikes.

■ input function, option 1

➤ Inside the input function

1. Prompt users to enter their author of the post.
 - a. Use an input function to get the user input.
 - b. Store this information inside the struct author array.
2. Prompt the user to enter their title of the media.
 - a. Use an input function to get the user input.
 - b. Store this information inside the struct of the title array.
3. Prompt users to enter their website
 - a. Uses an input function to get the user input.
 - b. Store this information inside the struct of the website array.
4. Prompt users to enter text
 - a. Uses an input function to get the user input.
 - b. Store this information inside the struct of the text array.
5. Prompt users to enter likes
 - a. Uses an input function to get the user input.
 - b. Store this information inside the struct of the likes array.
6. Prompt users to enter dislikes
 - a. Uses an input function to get the user input.
 - b. Store this information inside the struct of the dislikes array.
7. Error check
 - a. Use the cin dot width and ignore
 - b. If the input type is not right, reenter.
 - c. Echo back their inputs.

■ Display

➤ Inside Display function

1. Display the struct array of media.
 - a. Using a for loop starting from 0 until the size of media.
 - i. Print to terminal every index of i of array inside the struct media.
 - ii. Make it a good format.
2. Once done displaying, go back to main for the menu.

■ Save Function

➤ Inside the Save function

1. Using the ofstream for a file named social.txt.
2. Open this file.
3. Using a while conditional until the file is open.
 - a. Have good format and make the file readable for later reading.
 - b. Using a for loop from 0 until the size struct.
 - i. Using a cout, print which data type and separate with ('|').
 - ii. print which struct array on all one line,
 - iii. Space out data type and separate them with ('|').
 - c. Close the file once every struct has been printed into an external file.
4. Close the file.
5. Go back to the main function for the menu.

■ LOAD Function

➤ Inside LOAD function

- i. Using the ifstream for a file named social.txt.
 - ii. Open this file.
 - iii. Read in the first element of the struct array
 - iv. Using a while conditional until the file is open.
1. Have good format and make the file readable.
2. Using a for loop from 0 until the size struct.
 - a. Using a cin, read until ('|').
 - b. Store which struct on all one line,
 - c. Space out data type and separate them with ('|').
3. Loop is finished once everything has been read in.
4. Close the file.
5. Go back to the main function for the menu.

■ ENDING

➤ Inside main function

- i. Start with a do while loop.
- ii. This do-while loop will execute everything in main at once.
- iii. Users will get a prompt with the options 1-4 and whether they want to quit or not.
- iv. Users will get a prompt with the option whether they want to quit or not.
- v. Prompt "Enter Q to quit, else the program will rerun!!".
- vi. Until the user wants to quit the program will keep rerunning.