CSE 344 - Homework 1 Report

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1 Introduction

This report presents the design and implementation details of a Student Grade Management System in C programming language. The system allows users to manage student grades stored in a file, providing functionalities to add, search, sort, and display student grades.

2 System Structure

The system is created with the structure of two different C files and programs.

One being the main program that accepts the input from the user through the terminal and creates a child process for the execution of the user's input. While the main process waits for the child process, the child process parses the user input, checks if it's a valid command, and if so then it executes the parsed command. The errors and results are shown to the user throughout the process.

The child process is also responsible of updating the log file, which consists of given inputs of the user and the execution result of said input. It does not show the **result** of the command itself, which may be of unknown length, instead it shows the **execution result** of the command, i.e success, failure, or error.

3 Compilation

The make file compiles two .out files. Which then the user should execute only the main.out for usage, executor.out plays the child process role who is responsible with command executions. The make clean command deletes the corresponding .o, .out, and .log files.

4 Command Implementation and Examples

4.1 Show Available Commands

Description: The program shows the user the available commands for them to use.

Implementation: The executor (child process responsible with command execution) basically first checks the number of arguments it was given. If it's one and only one then it proceeds to check the first argument to see if it's "gtuStudentGrades". If the string is indeed that then the available commands are shown.

Example:

```
en@eren-Lenovo-ideapad-330-15IKB:~/Desktop/Classes/cse344/assignments/hw1$ ./main.out
>>> gtuStudentGrades
atuStudentGrades
        Shows available commands
gtuStudentGrades <filename>
        Creates a new grade file
searchStudent <filename> <studentName>
        Searches for a student in the grade file
addStudentGrade <filename> <studentName> <grade>
        Adds a new student grade to the grade file
showAll <filename>
Shows all students and their grades
listGrades <filename>
        Shows the first 5 students and their grades
listSome <filename> <pageLength> <pageIndex>
        Shows a page of students and their grades
        pageLength: An integer greater than 0
        pageIndex: An integer greater than 0
sortAll <filename> <sortBy> <sortIn>
        Shows all students and their grades in sorted order
        sortBy: n/name or g/grade
        sortIn: a/ascending or d/descending
>>>
```

Figure 1: Available commands

4.2 Create Grade File

Description: The program creates a new file with the given file name. Any existing file with the exact name will be overwritten.

Implementation: The executor (child process responsible with command execution) basically first checks the number of arguments it was given. If it's two and only two then it proceeds to check the first argument to see if it's "gtuStudentGrades". If the string is indeed correct then the executor attempts to create a file with given name with the permissions of read/write for owner, and read for the group and others.

Example:

```
eren@eren-Lenovo-ideapad-330-15IKB:~/Desktop/Classes/cse344/assignments/hw1$ ./main.out
>>> gtuStudentGrades cse344_grades.txt
File created
>>> [
```

Figure 2: Successful creation of cse344_grades.txt

Errors: Since the reproducing of file creation errors are cumbersome you can see the fairly short source code here, which shows how the process behaves in the case of an error.

```
int create_grade_file(char *file_name)
  if (file_descriptor == -1)
  {
    perror("Error opening file");
    return -1;
  }
  if (close(file_descriptor) == -1)
  {
    perror("Error closing file");
    return -1;
  };
```

Figure 3: General handling of file errors throughout the program

4.3 Add Student Grade

Description: Appends the given student name with the given grade at the end of the given file.

Implementation: The executor (child process responsible with command execution) basically first checks the number of arguments it was given. If it's four and only four then it proceeds to check the first argument to see if it's "addStudentGrade". If the string is indeed correct then the executor attempts to open the file with given name with write privilege and append the given student name with the given grade next to it. **Example:**

```
eren@eren-Lenovo-ideapad-330-15IKB:~/Desktop/Classes/cse344/assignments/hw1$ ./main.out
>>> gtuStudentGrades new.txt
File created
>>> showAll new.txt
The file is empty
>>> addStudentGrade new.txt "Eren Cakar" "AA"
Grade added
>>> showAll new.txt
Eren Cakar, AA
>>> addStudentGrade new.txt "Ahsen Turk" "AA"
Grade added
>>> showAll new.txt
Eren Cakar, AA
>>> addStudentGrade new.txt "Ahsen Turk" "AA"
Grade added
>>> showAll new.txt
Eren Cakar, AA
Ahsen Turk, AA
>>> [
```

Figure 4: addStudentGrade usage

Errors: Apart from usual open/write/close errors of file manipulation system calls and incorrect command structure, there is no special error for this command.

4.4 Search for Student Grade

Description: Searches for a student's grade by name.

Implementation: The executor (child process responsible with command execution) basically first checks the number of arguments it was given. If it's three and only three then it proceeds to check the first argument to see if it's "searchStudent". If the string is indeed correct then the executor attempts to open the file with given name and search the given student name throughout the contents of the file. The moment the process finds a match it prints out the found line and terminates.

Example:

```
eren@eren-Lenovo-ideapad-330-15IKB:~/Desktop/Classes/cse344/assignments/hw1$ ./main.out
>>> searchStudent grades.txt Eren
Eren Cakar, AA
>>> searchStudent grades_.txt Eren
Error opening file: No such file or directory
>>> searchStudent grades.txt Kerim
No results found
>>> searchStudent grades.txt Linda
Linda Harris, FF
>>> searchStudent grades.txt "Linda John"
Linda John Miller, BB
>>> □
```

Figure 5: searchStudent usage

4.5 Display Student Grades

Description: Displays all student grades stored in the file.

Implementation: The executor (child process responsible with command execution) basically first checks the number of arguments it was given. If it's two and only two then it proceeds to check the first argument to see if it's "showAll". If the string is indeed correct then the executor attempts to open the file with given name and prints out its content.

Example:

```
>> showAll grades.txt
Anthony Charles Robert Jackson, DC
Elizabeth Patricia Martinez, FF
Sandra Barbara Sandra Clark, CC
  Nichael Smith, NA
Sarah Anderson, FF
William William Garcia, VF
 Mark Elizabeth Jessica<sup>´</sup>Lopez, BA
Mary Margaret Garcia, NA
  inda Harris, FF.
Lilida Hailts, Fr
Patricia Hernandez, DC
Christopher Daniel Sarah Martin, CC
Margaret Richard Hernandez, VF
Lisa Margaret Hernandez, FF
  Nargaret Clark, DO
Mary Hernandez, VF
John Robert Clark, CB
Robert Betty William Garcia, NA
Jennifer Barbara Garcia, DC
Joseph Barbara Williams, NA
Richard Linda John Miller, BB
Elizabeth Lee, CC
James Ramirez, BB
 Mary Lopez, BB
David Matthew Garcia, CC
Anthony Michael Nancy Jackson, FF
James Anthony Johnson, VF
James Mary Jessica Lopez, AA
Sarah Rodriguez, NA
Karen Christopher Williams, DC
Karen Christopher Williams, DC
Joseph Thomas, CB
Margaret Matthew Christopher Wilson, BB
John William Elizabeth Wilson, CC
Patricia Moore, BA
Jessica Lopez, NA
Linda Elizabeth Gonzalez, NA
Barbara Joseph Brown, CB
 Barbara Joseph Brown, CB
Eren Cakar, AA
```

Figure 6: showAll usage

4.6 Sort Student Grades

Description: Prints the lines in the given file in sorted order.

Implementation: The executor (child process responsible with command execution) basically first checks the number of arguments it was given. If it's two and only two then it proceeds to check the first argument to see if it's "sortAll". Then the corresponding function takes the filename of the file containing student grades, as well as parameters specifying the sorting criteria (by name or grade) and the order (ascending or descending). First, the file is read and its contents are stored in memory. Then, the sorting algorithm is applied based on the specified criteria and order. Finally, the sorted entries are printed to the standard output.

Example:

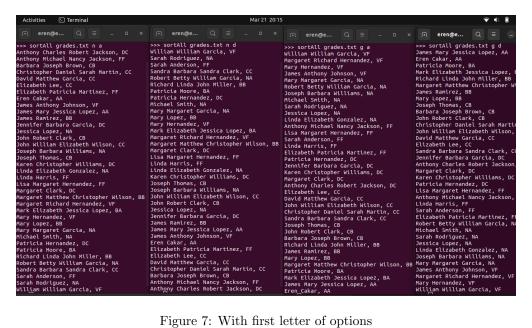


Figure 7: With first letter of options

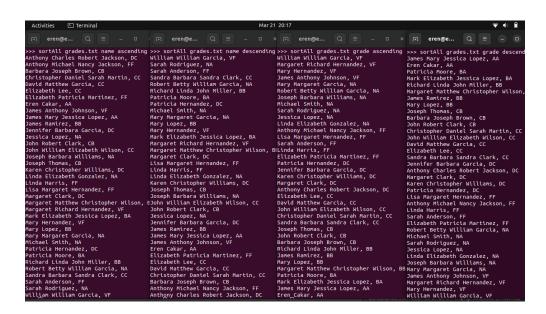


Figure 8: With full name of options

Errors:

```
esktop/Classes/cse344/assignments/hw1$ ./main.out
 >> sortAll grades.txt nane dekendik
Invalid sort by
>>> sortAll grades.txt grade dekendik
Invalid sort in
 >>>
```

Figure 9: Incorrect inputs

4.7 List Specific Student Grades

Description: Displays entries between the range specified by page number and page length.

Implementation: The executor (child process responsible with command execution) basically first checks the number of arguments it was given. If it's four and only four then it proceeds to check the first argument to see if it's "listSome". Then the given file is read up until the end of specified page's last line. And only prints the lines of that page by checking if the read line is in its range.

Example:

```
en-Lenovo-ideapad-330-15IKB:~/Desktop/Classes/cse344/assignments/hw1$ ./main.out
>>> listSome grades.txt 5 2
William William Garcia, VF
Mark Elizabeth Jessica Lopez, BA
Mary Margaret Garcia, NA
Linda Harris, FF
Patricia Hernandez, DC
 >>> listSome grades.txt 10 1
Anthony Charles Robert Jackson, DC
Elizabeth Patricia Martinez, F
Sandra Barbara Sandra Clarḱ, CC
Michael Smith, NA
Sarah Anderson, FF
William William Garcia, VF
Mark Elizabeth Jessica Lopez, BA
Mary Margaret Garcia, NA
inda Harris, FF
Patricia Hernandez, DC
>>> listSome grades.txt 0 5
Invalid page length or index
 >>> listSome grades.txt 5 0
Inva<u>l</u>id page length or index
```

Figure 10: Two correct and two false usages

4.8 List First 5 Student Grades

Description: Displays the first 5 entries of student grades.

Implementation: The executor (child process responsible with command execution) basically first checks the number of arguments it was given. If it's two and only two then it proceeds to check the first argument to see if it's "listGrades". Then the function implemented for "listSome" command is called with page length as 5 and page number as 1.

Example:

```
eren@eren-Lenovo-ideapad-330-15IKB:~/Desktop/Classes/cse344/assignments/hw1$ ./main.out
>>> listGrades grades.txt
Anthony Charles Robert Jackson, DC
Elizabeth Patricia Martinez, FF
Sandra Barbara Sandra Clark, CC
Michael Smith, NA
Sarah Anderson, FF
>>>
```

Figure 11: listGrades usage

4.9 Log File

Here you can see the a part of the log file with the logging of the commands from the last three subsections.

```
StudentGradeManagementSystem.log
      >>> sortAll grades.txt n a
      Command executed successfully
      >>> sortAll grades.txt n d
      Command executed successfully
 50
      >>> sortAll grades.txt g a
 51
      Command executed successfully
 52
 53
      >>> sortAll grades.txt g d
      Command executed successfully
 54
      >>> sortAll grades.txt name ascending
 55
      Command executed successfully
      >>> sortAll grades.txt name descending
 57
      Command executed successfully
      >>> sortAll grades.txt grade ascending
      Command executed successfully
 60
 61
      >>> sortAll grades.txt grade descending
      Command executed successfully
 62
      >>> sortAll grades.txt nane dekendik
 63
      Invalid sort by
 64
      Command failed
 65
      >>> sortAll grades.txt grade dekendik
 66
      Invalid sort in
 67
      Command failed
      >>> listSome grades.txt 5 2
      Command executed successfully
 70
      >>> listSome grades.txt 10 1
 71
      Command executed successfully
 72
      >>> listSome grades.txt 0 5
 73
      Invalid page length or index
 74
      Command failed
 75
      >>> listSome grades.txt 5 0
 76
      Invalid page length or index
 77
      Command failed
 78
      >>> listGrades grades.txt
 79
      Command executed successfully
```

Figure 12: Log of the commands from the last three subsections