# CSE 344 System Programming Homework #1 Project Report

## a. Project Summary

In this project, I have developed a Student Grade Management System that utilizes low-level system calls, such as open (), read (), write (), and process management through the fork () function. This system is designed to efficiently manage student grades stored in files, offering a range of functionalities to add, search, sort, and display student grades. The project emphasizes the use of fundamental system programming concepts to manipulate file data and manage processes in a Unix/Linux environment.

#### **b.** Process Management

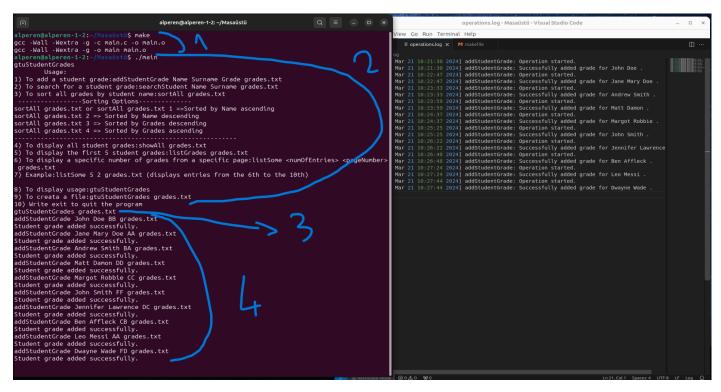
Process Management to ensure robustness and isolation, file operations are performed in separate child processes created using the fork () system call. This design choice isolates each operation, ensuring that any failure in a file operation does not compromise the integrity of the main application. The parent process waits for the completion of each child process, handling any errors and ensuring clean termination of child processes.

### c. Process Termination and Error Handling

Process termination and error handling were key to maintaining system stability and ensuring resource management. Child processes, created for tasks like file operations, were terminated with exit(), signaling successful completion or error conditions back to the parent process. The parent used wait() or waitpid() to prevent zombie processes and manage resource cleanup. Errors within child processes prompted logging via logMessage before exiting with EXIT\_FAILURE. The parent monitored these exit statuses to log errors and, if necessary, inform the user or initiate corrective measures, ensuring a robust and error-resilient system.

#### d. Test Cases

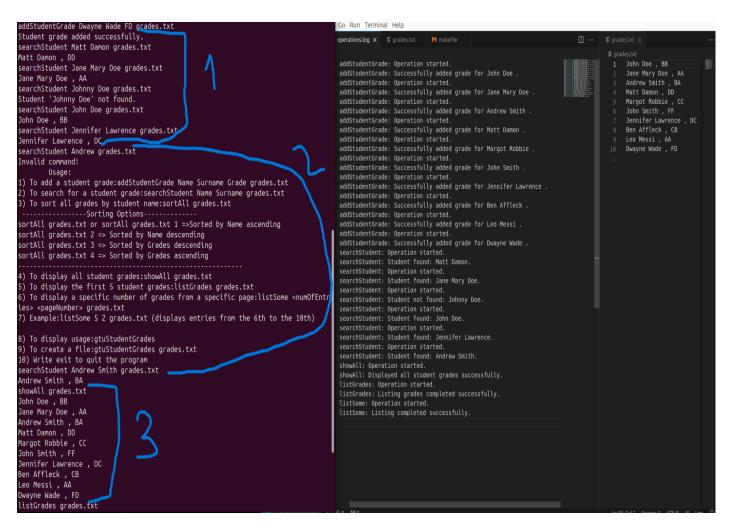
The "make" command must be typed to compile the program. (1)



The "gtuStudentGrades" without an argument command prints usage of the program.(2)

The "gtuStudentGrades grades.txt" command creates a file named "grades.txt". (3)

On the above screenshot I added 10 students to system using "addStudentGrade" command. The "addStudentGrade Name Surname Grade filename" commands add student to system and it writes the .log file operation to trace the program. (4)

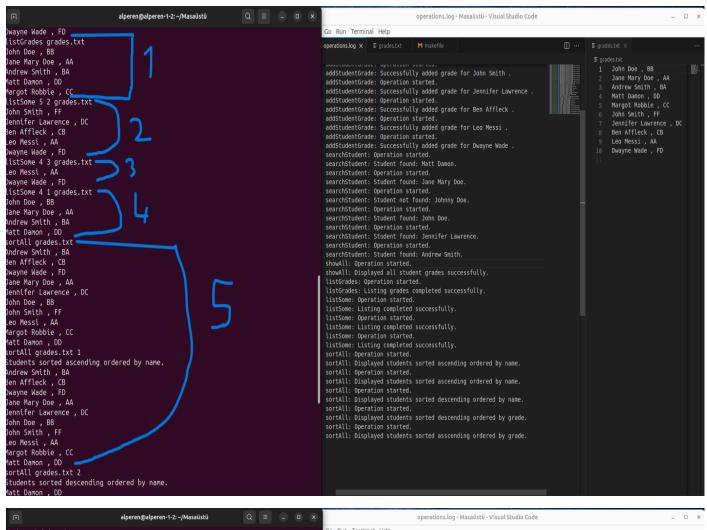


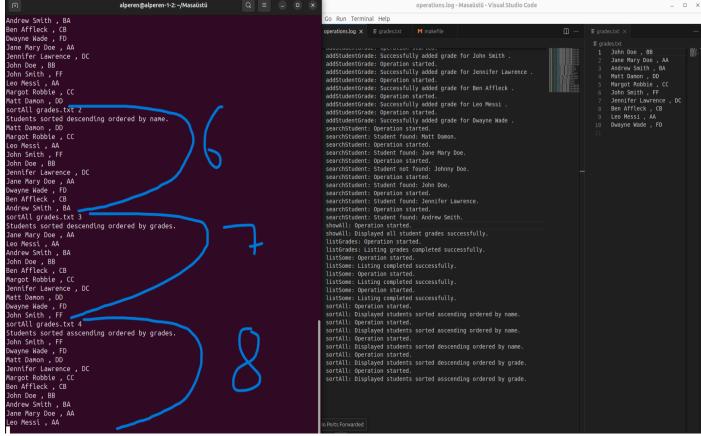
The usage "searchStudent" and "showAll" command can be seen in this screenshot.

The "searchStudent Name Surname filename" prints student and grade. (1)

If command entered without missing argument the program prints the usage of the program. (2)

The "showAll filename" prints all student in the file. (3)





The usage of "listGrades", "listSome" and "sortAll" commands can be seen in this screenshot.

The "listGrades grades.txt" command prints first five entries of the file. (1)

The "listSome 5 2 grades.txt" commands prints entries between 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> . (2)

The "listSome 4 3 grades.txt" commands prints entries between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. (3)

The "listSome 4 1 grades.txt" commands prints entries between 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. (4)

The "sortAll grades.txt" or "sortAll grades.txt 1" command prints student ascending ordered by name. (5)

The "sortAll grades.txt 2" command prints student descending ordered by name. (6)

The "sortAll grades.txt 3" command prints student descending ordered by grade. (7)

The "sortAll grades.txt 4" command prints student descending ordered by grade. (8)

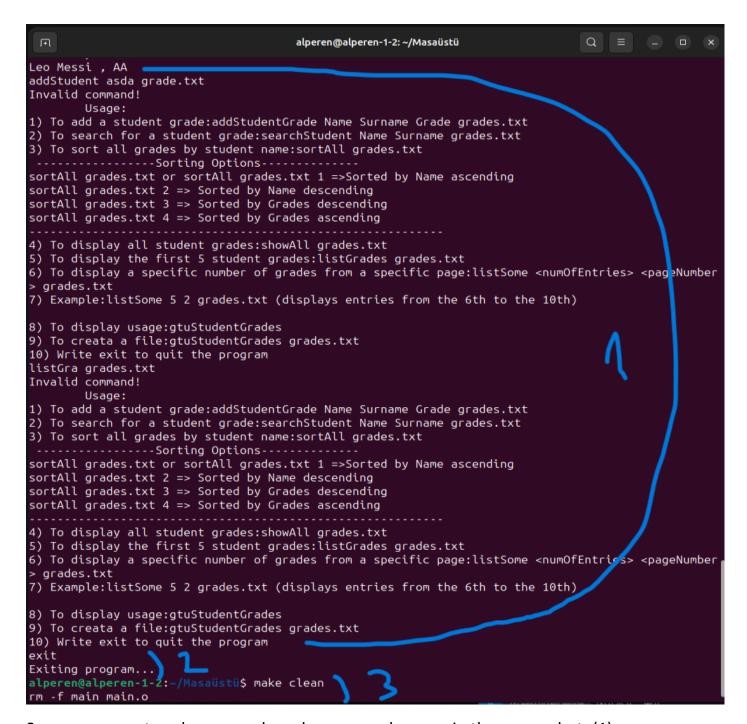
sortAll grades.txt 1 => Sorts names by ascending order.

sortAll grades.txt 2=> Sorts names by descending order.

sortAll grades.txt 3=> Sorts grades by descending order.

sortAll grades.txt 4=> Sorts grades by ascending order.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Note: The sortAll function just sorts students and does not change content of the file.



Some wrong entered commands and usage can be seen in the screenshot. (1)

To quit the program "exit" command must be entered. (2)

The "make clean" removes compiled objects and executables. (3)