

# Fork & Function

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## Overview

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This project is a **Recipe Manager** application developed in C++ using full Object-Oriented Programming principles. It allows users to:

- Add, edit, and remove recipes
- Categorize recipes by meal type or dietary restriction
- Filter recipes by ingredients
- Search for recipes by title or keyword
- Sort recipes alphabetically, by prep time, or by dietary category

## Features

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- Add, edit, delete recipes
- Ingredient and dietary filtering
- Categorization by:
  - Meal type (breakfast, lunch, dinner)
  - Dietary restrictions (vegetarian, vegan, pescatarian, omnivore)
- Search (by title or ingredient)
- Sort recipes (by name, prep time, or category)
- Blacklist ingredients to exclude unwanted items

## How Project Meets Guidelines

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- **OOP Concepts:**
  - Heavy use of inheritance, composition, abstract classes, and

polymorphism

- **Data Structures:**
  - Custom `LinkedList` for recipe management, including support for dynamic insertion, removal, sorting, and searching
- **Algorithms:**
  - Insertion sort to sort recipes alphabetically or by prep time
  - Linear search for finding recipes based on title or ingredients
- **File I/O:**
  - Reading/writing recipes to a `.txt` file to persist user data across sessions
- **Templates/Polymorphism:**
  - `LinkedList<T>` uses templates; recipe management uses polymorphism
- **Focus:**
  - Primarily an **OOP application** focused on user-driven management and filtering of recipes

## Stages of Development

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### Stage 1: Basic Class Structure

- Build basic classes: `Recipe`, `Ingredient`
- Implement `LinkedList<T>` template

### Stage 2: Core Features

- Implement recipe creation, editing, and deletion
- Basic search by title

## Stage 3: Advanced Filtering

- Add filtering by meal type, dietary restriction, and blacklist ingredients

## Stage 4: Sorting and File I/O

- Implement Insertion Sort for recipe lists
- Implement file loading/saving for persistence

## Stage 5: UI Polish & Testing

- Refine console interface
- Final testing and bug fixes

## Stage 6: Stretch Features (Optional)

- Add ratings or tags
- Enhance blacklist system with suggestions for substitutions

## UML Diagram

