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## Project Part 2: Multi-Threaded Sorter Documentation & Analysis

### 1. Design:

- a. We start in main where we initially check the command line args to make sure everything is right in that area
- b. We then go forward and get the real path of the input directory
- c. Use that to begin traversing through the directory recursively
- d. If we stumble on a directory
  - i. Create a thread
  - ii. We store the path information in a struct for later use
  - iii. And we recursively call the traverse function again
- e. If we stumble upon a file
  - i. We check if it's a csv if so create a thread
  - ii. Then parse the csv
  - iii. Check if its valid or not
  - iv. Then tokenize and store the csv to a struct
- f. At the end, we do one big merge sort
- g. And then we output the file to one big file

### 2. Issues

- a. Data Persistence was a huge issue because of the threads sharing memory we had to find an algorithm that would allow each thread to work without interrupting the data writing of another thread
- b. We found that we needed to use mutex locks in order to prevent other threads from writing data to our global struct
- c. Another issue we had was our poor parser/tokenizer algorithm. It would seg fault when there were multiple commas in a line and so we had to fix that in order to get the program to work
- d. We also had to re-figure out mallocing and freeing because there were many time when we were freeing an object we had initially believed was allocated but it turns out it was not
- e. We also had to figure out how to output and create a new file
- f. Lastly, we had to figure out how to put it all together so that it wouldn't crash every time we ran into a lot of CSV files

### 3. How to run the program

- a. Make sure you have all in the same directory the sorter.c, sorter.h, mergesort.c, and the makefile
- b. In terminal or command prompt run make in the directory of which all of the above is
- c. If that compiles properly, which it should, run make test on the directory of your choosing

- d. In the make file, it is imperative you change the directory to be what you need them to be
- e. Also make there are no duplicate files, and that all file names have no spaces in them
- f. So, for example if you file x.csv then don't have another x.csv
- g. Also, no x .csv where there is a space between the x and the "."
- h. The directory you want to run the program on should be located where the rest of the files are

Time spent on multi-threaded sorter:

- 1. 1 csv file: 0.096707
- 2. 2 csv files: 0.175838
- 3. 4 csv files: 0.358974
- 4. 8 csv files: 0.745238
- 5. 16 csv files: 1.389282
- 6. 32 csv files: 2.886788
- 7. 64 csv files: 6.388482
- 8. 128 csv files: 13.651392
- 9. 256 csv files: 27.846348
- 10. 512 csv files: 53.963518
- 11. 1024 csv files: 109.794127