CSV FileManager

Overview

This project provides a minimal C++ FileManager class to export and import numeric CSV files with a header row and optional “comment” lines (prefixed with #).

Features

* Write CSV with:
  + optional leading comment lines (# ...)
  + a single header line (column names)
  + numeric data rows (2D vector)
  + collect data from comment lines
* Read CSV back into memory (comments, columns, and data separated).

CSV Format & Conventions

* Comments: Any line beginning with # is treated as a comment.
* Header: The first non-comment line is treated as the header (comma-separated column names).
* Data Rows: Subsequent lines are numeric values separated by commas and loaded into a two-dimensional vector

Project Structure

├── FileManager.h

├── FileManager.cpp

├── main1.cpp # Small usage example

├── Makefile # Build, run, clean targets

Use cases

* Name: UC1 – Export data to CSV
* Actor: Developer
* Goal: Save a 2D array with headers to a CSV file
* Preconditions: App has data in memory; target folder is writable
* Success outcome: CSV written with comments, header, and rows

Scenario

Happy path

* Given a dataset, column names, and a valid file path
* When the user calls export\_func("trial.csv", data, columns, comments)
* Then a file trial.csv is created
* And the first lines are comments starting with #
* And the next line is the header
* And following lines are numeric rows

Alternate: invalid path

* Given a dataset and an unwritable path
* When export\_func is called
* Then the function logs an error,no file is created, and the program exits
* Name: UC2 – Import CSV into memory
* Actor: Developer /Data Analyst
* Goal: Read comments, columns, and numeric rows from a CSV file
* Preconditions: File exists and is readable
* Success outcome: comments, columns, and data are populated; function returns true

Scenarios

Happy path

* Given trial.csv with # comment lines, a header line, and numeric rows
* When the user calls import\_func("trial.csv", data, cols, comments)
* Then comments are stored
* And cols contains header tokens
* And data contains all rows as doubles
* And the function returns true

Requirements

* C++ compiler (e.g., MinGW g++ on Windows, g++/clang++ on Linux/macOS)

Build

Using the provided Makefile (recommended):

mingw32-make.exe all

This compiles FileManager.cpp and main1.cpp and links them into a.exe (Windows)

Run

mingw32-make.exe run

Usage Example

#include "FileManager.h"

#include <vector>

#include <string>

int main() {

std::vector<std::vector<double>> data = {

{1.00, 0.81, 0.59},

{2.00, 0.31, 0.95}

};

std::vector<std::string> columns = {"it", "is", "done"};

std::vector<std::string> comments = {"# sample header", "# another note"};

FileManager fm;

fm.exportFunc("trial.csv", data, columns, comments);

std::vector<std::vector<double>> data2;

std::vector<std::string> columns2, comments2;

bool done = fm.importFunc("trial.csv", data2, columns2, comments2);

}

    unordered\_map<string, std::variant<int, double, std::string>> extracted;

    bool extraction = filem.comment\_extraction(comments2, extracted);

A working example with the same pattern is included in main1.cpp.

API Reference

Writes comments, then header, then data rows into fileName.

exportFunction

void FileManager::exportFunction(std::string fileName, vector<vector<double>> &data, vector<std::string> columns, vector<std::string> comments)

Parses fileName into comments, columns, and data. Returns true on success.

importFunction

bool FileManager::importFunction(std::string fileName, vector<vector<double>> &data, vector<std::string> &column, vector<std::string> &comments)

Extract data from the comments section already read from csv file

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bool FileManager::importFunction(std::string fileName, vector<vector<double>> &data, vector<std::string> &column, vector<std::string> &comments)

Future additions

* Add current functions to a full project to treat the data collected from the CSV
* Accustom the CSV file structure to different required formats
* Add a function to append data to a CSV file while preserving existing data.

Contributions

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