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Software Engineer (Part 2 Project)

1. **GitLab Setup**

The system was implemented in the University GitLab Environment by creating a subgroup named "Corollary\_Warehousing\_Part2" under the Part1 project. The repository was cloned to the IDE using git clone [repository\_URL]. A branch named part2-implementation was created with git checkout -b part2-implementation. Changes were made after completing each function with descriptive messages (e.g., "Added order processing function") and pushed using git push origin part2-implementation. The repository URL will be submitted in the "Comments to Evaluator" section, and the branch history was retrieved using git log --oneline --graph > branch\_history.txt for submission.

1. **Solving Problems with Python**

**B1. Business Requirements (from Task 1)**

Corollary Warehousing requires a system to manage its nationwide warehouse network, addressing:

* **Efficient Inventory Access and Updates**: Real-time tracking of inventory levels, with seamless updates for restocking and shipping orders.
* **Space Optimization**: Analytics to monitor warehouse space and recommend efficient product placement.
* **Scalability**: Support for expanding warehouses and product ranges.
* **Fault Tolerance**: Resilience against hardware failures or high traffic without data loss.
* **Real-time Analytics and Reporting**: Real-time reports on inventory, orders, and warehouse performance for data-driven decisions.

**B2. Required Operations**

To meet these requirements, the system requires:

* **Add Product**: Add or update inventory items using a hash table.
* **Process Order**: Handle incoming/outgoing orders via a FIFO queue, updating inventory.
* **Optimize Space**: Prioritize high-turnover products using a priority queue and calculate space usage.
* **Generate Report**: Produce sorted inventory reports using a BST.
* **Route Orders**: Optimize inter-warehouse shipping routes using a graph.

**B4. Rationale for Data Structure Choices**

* **Hash Table (Dictionary)**: Offers O (1) average-case access for real-time inventory updates, ideal for frequent lookups (Tapia-Fernandez et al., 2022).
* **FIFO Queue (deque)**: Ensures chronological order processing with O (1) append/pop operations, maintaining fairness.
* **Priority Queue (heapq)**: Enables O(log n) prioritization of high-turnover products for space optimization.
* **Binary Search Tree (custom)**: Provides O(log n) insertion and sorted traversal for efficient reporting (Yuan and Belavina, 2025).
* **Graph (networkx)**: Supports scalable pathfinding for inter-warehouse logistics using Dijkstra’s algorithm.

1. **Function Testing and Error Handling**

**C2. README File**

Inventory and Order Management System

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Function Descriptions

1. **add *product: Adds products to inventory, updating hash table, BST, and priority queue.***

***2. process* order**: Processes orders, updating inventory and queue.

3. **optimize *space: Calculates warehouse usage and prioritizes high-turnover products.***

***4. generate* report**: Generates sorted inventory reports using BST.

5. **route *order: Finds shortest warehouse routes using a graph.***

***Steps to Run***

***1. Clone repository: `git clone [repository\_URL]`***

***2. Navigate to directory: `cd Corollary\_Warehousing\_Part2`***

***3. Install dependencies: `pip install networkx`***

***4. Run tests: `python test\_inventory\_system.py`***

***Error Handling***

***- add product: Rejects negative inputs and checks capacity.***

***- process order: Validates products, quantities, and order types.***

***- optimize space: Handles empty inventory.***

***- generate report: Returns empty list on errors.***

***- route order: Manages invalid warehouse IDs and no-path cases.***

1. **Post-lab Discussion**

**D1. Efficiency of Data Structures**

Hash tables enable instant inventory access, critical for real-time operations. FIFO queues ensure fair order processing with minimal overhead. Priority queues efficiently prioritize products for space optimization. BSTs provide sorted reports with balanced performance, and graphs support scalable routing, aligning with Corollary’s needs for efficiency and growth (Tapia-Fernandez et al., 2022; Yuan and Belavina, 2025).

**D2. Challenges of Integration**

Integrating multiple structures increases complexity. Priority queues and BSTs, with O(log n) operations, may lag with large datasets compared to hash tables’ O(1). Maintaining consistency across hash tables, BSTs, and priority queues during updates requires careful synchronization. Managing BST balance and graph updates adds coding complexity, necessitating robust error handling. Additionally, coordinating updates across structures risks race conditions in high-traffic scenarios, requiring atomic operations. Memory usage grows with multiple structures, demanding efficient management to prevent overhead, especially for large-scale deployments.

**D3. Alternative Data Structures**

* **Hash Table**: Databases like SQLite offer persistence but add setup complexity. Sets lack key-value support.
* **FIFO Queue**: Lists are slower (O(n) for some operations) than deque’s O(1).
* **Priority Queue**: Sorted lists have O(n) insertion, less efficient than heapq.
* **BST**: Sorted lists require O(n log n) sorting per update, unlike BST’s O(log n).
* **Graph**: Adjacency matrices use O(V²) space, inefficient for sparse graphs.

1. **Professional Communication**

This submission adheres to professional standards with clear, structured documentation and comprehensive analysis, meeting all course requirements.

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