

using a Priority Queue
implemented as a Max Heap
[an Internal Data Structure]

OVERVIEW: This project is a **single** batch processing program with a separate OOP class (in a separate code file) for the PriorityQueue (PQ) storage and handling. The main program (including its local private methods) is the overall controller which reads and manages getting the requested tasks processed. The 5 types of tasks (specified in the TaskList file) include:

1. **build** the PQ - using designated data from the InputStream file
2. **add** items to the PQ - using designated data from the InputStream file
3. **remove** items from the PQ – the number specified
4. **empty** the PQ completely
5. **snapshot** - display PHYSICAL implementation of the PQ (array view, not heap view) – a utility module for the developer.

***** THE 3 DATA FILES *****

INPUT: TaskList.csv contains a sequence of tasks to be done in the order specified. These requests are all one of the 5 types of tasks described below. This file guides the main controller's execution of the whole program. A big switch statement based on the TransCode controls which method in the PriorityQueue class is called.
SEE PROCESSING NOTE BELOW

INPUT: InputStream.csv contains the data to be stored in the PQ (in response to build and add requests, guided by their specified parameters for build requests).

- Each record contains name, continent, region, population (in that order).
- Only name & population are actually stored in the PQ
- Population is used as the priority value (PV).
- Continent & region are just used for control purposes.

SEE PROCESSING NOTE BELOW

NOTE: Data records in this file are in the order needed for the proper handling of the specific order of the task requests in the given TaskList file.

OUTPUT: Log.txt 1) Task Request is echoed, 2) then appropriate response is shown.

*PROCESSING NOTE FOR BOTH INPUT FILES: The files are STREAMS of data, not data STORES, per se. So the program reads through the file ONCE, using the StreamProcessing algorithm ("design pattern") for processing a stream of data. – that is,
Loop { read 1 record, completely deal with it }
It is NOT all read into memory & stored in a big array, to be processing from the array as input.*

***** 5 Types of TASKS *****

NOTE: Data shown below isn't accurate for the given input – it's just shows required formatting
NOTE: For REMOVE and EMPTY and SNAPSHOT,

- 1 - don't show the . . . part as I did below – actually show all the required countries
- 2 - Longest name is 28 char's & biggest population is 9 digits.
Right-justify populations and include commas

BUILD, continent, nameOfContinent

- read & store countries in the PQ which match the specified nameOfContinent UNTIL there's a "break" - i.e., when a non-matching continent is encountered, temporarily suspend inputting the stream
- CAUTION: Don't lose the country at the "continent-break" when the program resumes processing – i.e., the country that's already been read in, but not yet used, because it's a different continent - and so the 1st country to use when processing resumes has ALREADY been read into memory!!!
- USES: pq.add method (called repeatedly, 1 call per country to be inserted)
- TASK's RESPONSE to Log (including echo of request):

BUILD, continent, South America

>>>> 14 countries STORED in PQ

ADD, region, nameOfRegion

- read & store countries in the PQ which match the specified nameOfRegion until there's a "break" - i.e., when a non-matching region is encountered, temporarily suspend inputting the stream
- see CAUTION above (for build)
- USES: pq.add (called repeatedly, 1 call per country to be inserted)
- TASK's RESPONSE to Log (including echo of request):

ADD, region, Western Europe

>>>> 12 countries ADDED to PQ

REMOVE, number

- delete designated number (M) of countries from PQ - i.e., the N biggest ones currently in the PQ (which'll appear in decreasing population order)
- USES: pq.remove (called repeatedly, N times)
- TASKS's RESPONSE to Log (including echo of request):

REMOVE, 9

>>>> 9 countries REMOVED from PQ (in this order)
01 > United States > 278,357,000
02 > Russian Federation > 146,934,000
. . .

EMPTY

- delete ALL countries currently in the PQ (which'll appear in decreasing population order)
- USES: `pq.empty` (called only once – the method does its own looping)
- TASK's RESPONSE to Log (including echo of request)::

EMPTY

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>>>> 28 countries REMOVED from PQ (in this order)
01 > United States                > 278,357,000
. . .
27 > Falkland Islands             >      2,000
28 > Vatican City                 >      1,000
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SNAPSHOT

- show physical array storage to aid developer
- Note: these will NOT be in sorted order – it's a HEAP
- USES: `pq.snapshot` (only once – the method does its own looping)
- TASK's RESPONSE to Log (including echo of request)::

SNAPSHOT

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N is 14
[00] United States                > 278,357,000
. . .
[13] Belgium                     >  10,239,000
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***** THE PRIORITY QUEUE CLASS *****

- All storage/handling of the PQ / heap MUST be done in the PriorityQueue OOP class.
- The PQ MUST be implemented as a Max Heap (which is a binary tree (BT)).
- The heap MUST use a Linear implimentation of a BT (with implicit ptrs)
(Do NOT use a Linked implementation, with explicit Ptrs – else 0 points).
(Do NOT use a Linear implementation of the PQ – else 0 points).
- Linear: array of heapNodes (or 2 parallel arrays) containing:
name & priorityValue (which is population).
- A heap also needs N, but does not need RootPtr since that's always 0.
- public service methods:
 - constructor – uses heapInitialize
 - add – uses heapInsert (which uses walkup)
 - remove – uses heapDelete (which uses walkdown)
 - empty – repeatedly calls heapDelete
 - snapshot – uses a for loop (using N, not MAX_N) to show array(s)
- private methods:
 - heapInsert & heapDelete
 - walkUp & walkDown

***** SOME NOTES *****

- A method should not be longer than a page/screen (ish). If any are longer, modularize further.
- The main program knows that a PriorityQueue is being used, but it does NOT KNOW that the PQ was implemented as a heap. So in terms of public/private designations and the naming of PUBLIC methods in the PriorityQueue class, do NOT mention anything to do with heaps – like heapInsert, heapDelete, walkUp, walkDown, etc. – those would be PRIVATE methods in the PriorityQueue class.
- Method names should match what the design specs use to describe functions, so everyone's "on the same page" and can more easily communicate about the app.