

ACSE-5: Advanced Programming

Homework Two

Implement an imaging filter that enhances or modifies a medical image in some way, preferably by enhancing some feature not immediately visible when looking at the original image. Your programme should be able to load a medical image, apply one or more filter, and output the filtered/modified image back to a file. Your design should contain an object called "Image" in which you store the image. You should create at least three classes. At least one of the classes should be inherited from another.

Do use methods that you have learned as part of this or previous courses. Try to incorporate programming techniques that you learned in class. Namely STL containers/iterators/algorithms, inheritance, polymorphism, functors, templates, and others. These are not mandatory, please do not feel that you must incorporate any/all of these into your project.

Feel free to use techniques that are more advanced than those covered in class (!). Document your code (explain in the code what the different blocks of code are supposed to do), and do not copy code from the internet or other sources.

Use any data you can find on the internet, but make sure to reference your sources, and always pick high-quality sources. A list of publicly available images can be found here:
<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/child-health/support-services/library/resources-z/medical-image-repositories>

Frequently Asked Questions

What type of medical image can I process? There are many medical imaging "modalities" they all create different types of images (X-ray, CT, MRI, PET-CT, ultrasound, etc). You can use an image from any of these modalities.

What file format should I load/write? You can read and write the medical image in any format you like (ppm, bmp, png, jpg are the most popular). Many images in the internet are in these formats. The format you read does not have to be the same format you write. DICOM is the standard medical imaging format, you can also implement reading/writing DICOM -with or without a library- if you want a challenge.

Can I use external libraries? Yes, you can use one or more external libraries to perform tasks (as long as they are C++ libraries). Note for advanced programmes: if you decide to support DICOM (and png, jpg, etc) you would -of course- need to use an external library to load the image.

Does my filter need to be a real life/existing medical filter? No, you can make one up.

Does my filter need to have a real medical application? No, you can create your own crazy filter. The idea is to learn a bit about medical images, and to write a piece of code that can modify an image.

I am an advanced programmer, can I please make this assignment more complex? Yes, you can consider supporting the DICOM image format, or you can consider offering several image format options for loading or writing, or you can consider offering several different filters.

Remember: the more you code, the better you will get at it! (sort of ☺)