

CS 108 Project - Bash Grader

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1 Introduction

The "Bash Grader" project for CS 108 aims to develop a robust CSV file manager and interpreter using Bash scripting. This tool facilitates handling student exam data stored in CSV files, allowing for seamless merging, updating, and analysis of student performance across multiple exams. Additionally, it incorporates a simplified version of Git for version control and introduces customizable features for enhanced data visualization and management.

To view the script in action go to this video I recorded:-

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1lRMjopEklaMljrvOPdsfLnWo1TsdEORT>

2 Basic File Handling Functionalities

2.1 Combine

```
bash submission.sh combine
```

On writing the above command the bash script iterates through all the *.csv* files present in the current directory aiming to create a *main.csv* file, firstly it stores all the *.csv* files in an *exam_files* array. Now, from all the files in the array it goes and gets the union of all the students and adds it to the *main.csv* file using the *get_students* function which works by basically creating an associative array based on key's with roll number and values as name of the students. Next, it marks all the students absent that is 'a' and we begin filling of marks by *fill_marks* function which functions by again iterating through all the files and substituting the 'a' for the mark obtained by the student in that particular exam using the following sed command

```
sed -i -E "/^$roll_number/s/^(([^\,]*),){${(col_index - 1)}}([^\,]*)/\1$marks/" main.csv
```

where column for the exam is extracted in the *col_index* variable using the following awk script

```
awk -F',' -v exam_name="$exam_name" 'NR==1 { for (i=1; i<=NF; i++) if ($i == exam_name) { print i; break } }' main.csv
```

This now finally creates the *main.csv* which we'll need

2.1.1 Flags

Here are some flags in the combine function which covers some edge/faulty cases

- It checks for the presence of a total column in the *main.csv* file, and if the total column is already present after running the script combine it again runs the *total* function which adds the total column back to the *main.csv*
- If *grades.csv* is present in the directory it doesn't consider it and doesn't include it for the combine function as it is not supposed to be added. (The *grades.csv* is generated in the grade functionality added later.)

2.2 Upload

```
bash submission.sh upload ~/Desktop/project.csv
```

Imports new CSV files into the script's directory for future processing during combining. Basically what it does is copy's uploaded files to the script's directory.

2.2.1 Flags

Here are some flags in the upload function which covers some edge/faulty cases

- It checks whether a file with the same name already exists in the current directory, if it does then we don't upload the file.
- It checks whether the file whose path is given whether it actually exists or not, if it doesn't exist we throw an error.

2.3 Total

```
bash submission.sh total
```

Adds a "total" column to main.csv, calculating the total marks for each student based on existing marks, treating absentees with marks labelled as 'a' as 0.

2.3.1 Flags

Here are some flags in the total function which covers some edge/faulty cases

- It checks whether the total column is already present in the *main.csv* if it does, we don't perform the total again.
- It checks whether the *main.csv* file exists in the current directory if it doesn't exist we throw an error.

2.4 Update

```
bash submission.sh update
```

This function updates the marks of a student in a particular exam and updates the marks for the student in the particular exam's *exam.csv* file as well as in the *main.csv* file by taking in the roll number and exam name as input and keeps updating marks until we stop and say no. After saying no, it re-combines all the files by calling the combine function and creates a new *main.csv* file which contains the updated marks for the student.

Here's a picture showing example of using the update function-

```
sabil@Predator:/mnt/c/Users/sabil/Desktop/side$ bash submission.sh update
roll no: 23B1001
exam_name: exam1
updated marks: 9
do you want to update more marks (yes/no): yes
roll no: 23B1090
exam_name: exam1
updated marks: 8
do you want to update more marks (yes/no): no
```

Figure 1: Example of running update function.

2.4.1 Flags

Here are some flags in the update function which covers some edge/faulty cases

- If we try to update the marks of a student who was absent in a given exam we won't be able to update the marks of the student for that exam, and it'll throw an error.
- It checks if the given roll number and exam names are valid, if they're not it throws an error.

3 Git Functionalities

3.1 git_init

```
bash submission.sh git_init ./remote_repo
```

This function initializes a new git repository of the files, it marks a directory as the remote repository for storing the commits file's the git log and other files required for the git functionalities.

It also creates a *.git_init.csv* which is a hidden file in the current directory, which stores the file path to the remote repository and can be used to access the file path for the remote repository.

3.1.1 Flags

Here are some flags in the git_init function which covers some edge/faulty cases

- It just checks if the given directory path is valid or not, if it is not valid it throws an error.

3.2 git_commit (using diff patch)

```
bash submission.sh git_commit -m "Example message for a commit"
```

Commits the changes to the remote repository with a unique hash ID, and shows which files are modified or if any new files are added compared to the previously made commit version of files. The commit files stored in the repository in two ways:-

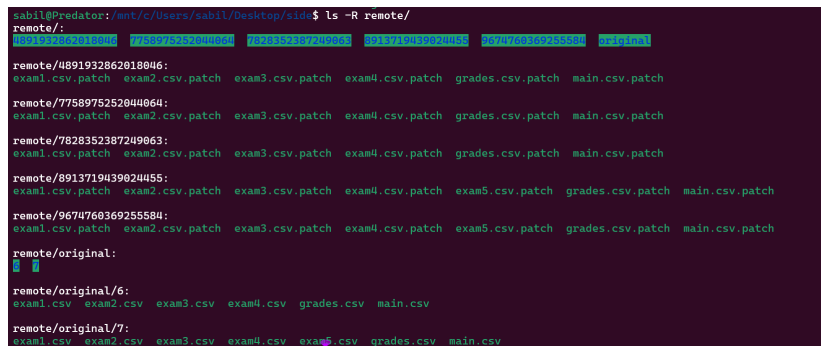
- **original files**

In the initial commit, or in a commit at which new file is added the *.csv* files are as it is copied from the working directory to the remote repository in a directory called *original* as they are the initial version of files which we will be referring to while patching and creating diff files for the later commits.

- **diff-patch files**

For every commit we store a *.patch* file for every file stored in the directory for that commit. The diff files are generated with respect to the files which are stored in the original files directory that were committed at an initial commit, or at a commit where a new file was added as said above.

Here's an example showing a git remote repository file structure named as *./remote*



```
sabil@Predator: /mnt/c/Users/sabil/Desktop/sidh$ ls -R remote/
remote/:
.gitattributes  .gitignore      .gitmodules     README.md
remote/4891932862018046:
exam1.csv.patch  exam2.csv.patch  exam3.csv.patch  exam4.csv.patch  grades.csv.patch  main.csv.patch
remote/7758975252844864:
exam1.csv.patch  exam2.csv.patch  exam3.csv.patch  exam4.csv.patch  grades.csv.patch  main.csv.patch
remote/7828352387249863:
exam1.csv.patch  exam2.csv.patch  exam3.csv.patch  exam4.csv.patch  grades.csv.patch  main.csv.patch
remote/8913719439024455:
exam1.csv.patch  exam2.csv.patch  exam3.csv.patch  exam4.csv.patch  exam5.csv.patch  grades.csv.patch  main.csv.patch
remote/9674760369255584:
exam1.csv.patch  exam2.csv.patch  exam3.csv.patch  exam4.csv.patch  exam5.csv.patch  grades.csv.patch  main.csv.patch
remote/original:
.
.
remote/original/6:
exam1.csv  exam2.csv  exam3.csv  exam4.csv  grades.csv  main.csv
remote/original/7:
exam1.csv  exam2.csv  exam3.csv  exam4.csv  exam5.csv  grades.csv  main.csv
```

Figure 2: Example of a git repository storing original and patch files.

After committing the files it adds all the info of the commit to the *.git.log* file, and tells the user which files are modified and tells whether any new file have been added or not.

3.2.1 Flags

Here are some flags in the `git_commit` function which covers some edge/faulty cases

- It just checks if the `git_init` has been initialized yet or not if the `git init` has not been done yet, it throws an error and asks the user to do initialization before committing any files.

3.3 `git_checkout` (using diff patch)

```
bash submission.sh git_checkout -m "Example message for a commit"
```

```
bash submission.sh git_checkout 12343      #random prefix value
```

The `git_checkout` function can be called in two ways, one is with the `-m` flag and the other is without it. With the `-m` flag it searches through the `git_log` file trying to find an ID with the given matching message, If it gets the ID it then proceeds as described further.

After getting the ID from `git_checkout -m` or as provided by the prefix in normal `git_checkout` it searches for IDs with matching prefix and once it finds the exact ID which was required. It takes in the `.patch` files as stored in the commit and replaces all the `.csv` files in the current working directory with the patched files, made after patching the diff files from their corresponding original files.

3.3.1 Flags

Here are some flags in the `git_checkout` function which covers some edge/faulty cases

- If the message given in `checkout -m` doesn't match any commit's message it throws an error and asks the user to enter a correct message.
- If the given prefix doesn't match or the prefix is a prefix of multiple commits it throws respective conflicts or errors to the user, so the user can enter correct prefix value to checkout to a commit.
- It just checks if the `git_init` has been initialized yet or not if the `git init` has not been done yet, it throws an error and asks the user to do initialization before checking out to any previous commit.

3.4 `git_log`

```
bash submission.sh git_log
```

It just shows the `git log` file stored in the `git` remote repository.

3.4.1 Flags

Here are some flags in the `git_checkout` function which covers some edge/faulty cases

- It just checks if the `git_init` has been initialized yet or not if the `git init` has not been done yet, it throws an error and asks the user to do initialization before asking to display the `git log` file.

4 Additional Features

4.1 Stats

`bash submission.sh stats`

Additional Functionality to show the complete stats of the complete class for all each exams and on the total field which include mean, median, max, min etc with additional option which prompts the user whether to generate a bar graph showing visual distribution of marks for the total marks with functionalities taken from [3], [2], [1]. Here's an example of the stats shown and the bar graph generated on using the function.

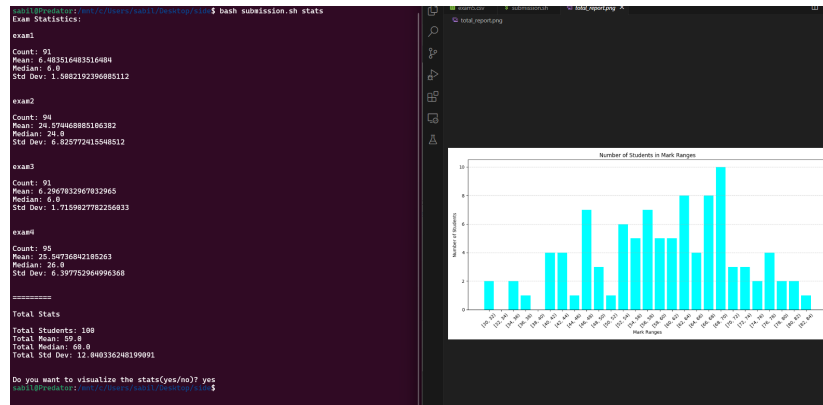


Figure 3: Example of the stats shown and the bar graph generated.

4.2 Grading

`bash submission.sh grade`

Additional Functionality to Grade the realatively grade the whole class based on a guassian distribution and generate a grades.csv which contains all the students with grades assigned in ascending order from AP to FF ,

It also generates a grades.png to show the grade distribution. The relative grading is based on the following policy:-

Grade	Min Mark for the grade
AP	$\mu + 2.2\delta$
AA	$\mu + 1.6\delta$
AB	$\mu + 0.8\delta$
BB	$\mu - 0.1$
BC	$\mu - 1\delta$
CC	$\mu - 1.5\delta$
DD	min.mark
FF	0

Where μ is the mean of the total marks and δ is the standard deviation of the total marks data.

Here's an example of the grades.csv and grades.png generated on running the command:-

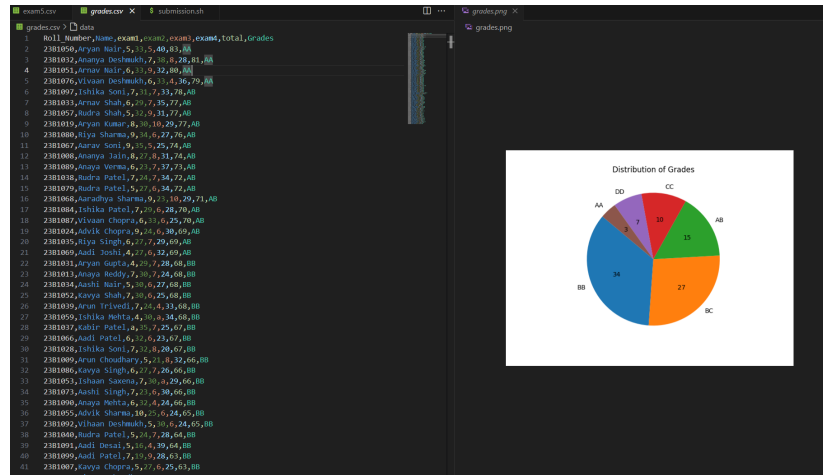


Figure 4: Example of the grades.csv and grades.png generated.

4.3 Generate Report Card Using HTML

```
bash submission.sh report_card 23B1013
```

Additional Functionality to generate a report card nad shows it in a web browse of a student in the form of a .html file comparing student's marks in each exam with various stats in a table and showing the performance line chart of the student over time.

Here's an example of the .html file generated on running the command:-

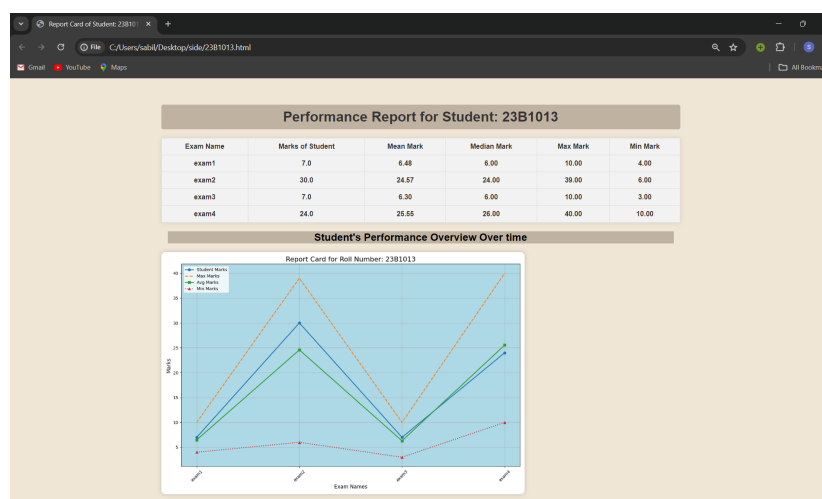


Figure 5: Example webpage generated on running the generate report card command.

4.4 Efficient commits and checkout using diff and patch

All the committing and the checkout process is done through diff files stored at every commit rather than simply copying the files from the current working directory and storing them as it is there.

Storing only the changes made (using diff output) instead of entire files saves significant storage space, especially for large projects with frequent updates. This efficiency is crucial for repositories with limited storage capacity.

Also for checking out to a previous commit we just patch the diff files with one original version of files stored making the process much more efficient.

4.5 git_log

It adds an extra functionality in git to show the git_log file with information contained of every commit, that is the commit history in a chronological order in which commits are made with their unique commit hash that is the commit ID and also contains the message given along with the commit.

4.6 welcome

```
bash submission.sh welcome
```

When running the script initially, it displays the user with all the available functions and given the user a brief about their usage and functionalities so that the user has a good idea of what the script is capable of along with a welcome ASCII art as shown below :) .



```

Welcome

Let's know a little about the functionalities of our script before starting to execute it

1. Combine
   Creates a main.csv which is a data base of the marks of all the students obtained by iterating through all the exam's files in the directory.

2. Total
   Does the totalling of all the marks in main.csv and adds the total column to it.

3. Upload
   Used to add a new exam file if say a new exam happened and we would like to add it.

4. Update
   If some students marks have to be changed it updates their marks for the respective exams for which marks have to be changed and in the main.csv.

5. Git Init
   Basic git functionality initialized a git repository for the current working directory.

6. Git Commit
   Commits the Current version of files to the remote repository in the form of their diff-files with respect to the previous commit, also shows the files which have been added or modified with respect to the previous commit.

7. Git Checkout
   Checks out to a particular commit using it's message with the -m flag or through the provided prefix numbers of the commit.

8. Git Log
   Additional Functionality to show the Git log file which contains all the information about the commits along with their messages and changes along with the Date and Time.

9. Stats
   Additional Functionality to show the stats of the complete class for all the exams with additional option to generate a bar graph showing visual distribution of marks.

10. Grade
   Additional Functionality to Grade the relatively grade the whole class based on a gaussian distribution and generate a grades.csv with grades in ascending order from AP to FF, also generates a grades.png to show grade distribution.

11. Analyze
   Additional Functionality to analyze a particular student's performance in each exam and to calculate the overall percentile in the class of the student based on his total marks.

12. Generate Report Card
   Additional Functionality to generate a report card of a student in a .html file comparing student's marks in each exam with various stats in a table and showing the performance line chart of the student over time.
```

Figure 6: Example showing all the functions being defined by welcome.

4.7 Error Flags

Every function present is been guarded by some flags which prevents the user from doing something which is out of order from the scheme of things and warns it of the possible errors which it might be making, so that he/she can make them right.

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