

Operating Systems Project 1

Disk analyzer tool

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1 Introduction

We set out to create a utility that can help a user to view how files on their systems are taking up space and to be able to make more informed decisions regarding their storage options. It is designed to run on any Linux based operating systems.

2 Dependencies

- QT. For the graphical user interface
- cmake. For building the Project
- base-devel(arch based) or build-essentials(debian based). For GCC compiler used for building.

3 Core Technology

3.1 File Access

To access files we used the filesystem library using the tellg() function. This allows us access to the files size. This should should be disk usage without holes. Our program recursively traverses the file system from the predefined root directory, keeping track of the size of each file and it's parent directory.

3.2 File Tree

We used a dynamically allocated linked list to create the tree that will be populated by the file sizes. It relies on a system of nodes that point to each other to create a tree. Each node is a directory or a file and all its children are it's contents. If a node does not have any children then it is a file and will be dealt with accordingly. Used modern C++ vectors to avoid certain type conflicts between C code and QT code.

4 User Interface

For the graphical user interface we used the QT library. The user interface is a pichart where you can click on each slice of the chart and explore the 1 level below it.

5 Usage

To scan a direcotry other than root, start program from terminal as follows
`OS-project1 <directory>`