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DIGITAL NOTEBOOK

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1. Introduction:

In this modern and digitally-driven age, the skill to manage and keep data in an organized manner becomes an absolute necessity. Traditionally, note-taking with paper often seems quite inflexible, unavailable, and incapable of handling the current-day pace and heavy flow of information. The solution is a digitized replacement of traditional functions, which will prove of extreme usefulness while such must-have features like searching, encrypting, and saving data on-the-go are made accessible to devices.

The **Digital Notebook** is an application designed for efficient and secure note management. This system allows users to create, view, edit, and delete notes with features like password protection, sticky notes, encryption, recycle bin. Its user-friendly design and functionality make it suitable for academic, professional, and personal use whether it is study notes, grocery items list, tasks, or personal notes.

2. Problem Statement

Traditional methods of note-taking face challenges like:

- Difficulty in managing large amounts of data.
- Lack of data privacy and security.
- Inability to search, encrypt, or store notes efficiently.

The Digital Notebook Management System addresses these issues with a secure, efficient, and feature-rich solution.

3. Research Objectives:

1. Development of a Feature-Rich Note-Taking Application

• To design and implement a digital notebook that allows users to create, edit, and organize their notes with ease.

2. Integration of Advanced Functionalities

 To provide functionalities such as encryption, priority tagging, undo/redo capabilities, and sticky notes to enhance user experience.

3. Data Security and Privacy

• To ensure data confidentiality through encryption mechanisms and optional password protection for sensitive notes.

4. Enhanced Accessibility and Searchability

• To implement a robust search function that enables users to quickly retrieve notes based on categories, tags, or keywords.

5. Seamless User Experience

• To develop an intuitive and interactive interface for easy navigation and efficient note management.

6. Sustainability and Portability

• To ensure the application supports file-based storage, allowing users to save and retrieve notes across sessions and devices.

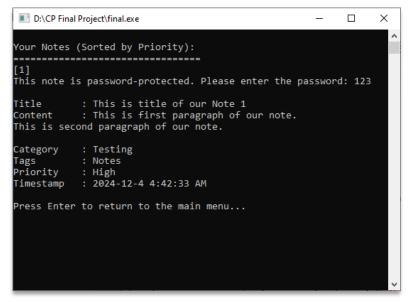
4. System Overview

The system offers the following features:

- Create Notes: Add detailed notes with title, content, category, tags, and priority.
- **Encryption**: Ensure privacy by encrypting sensitive notes.

```
WELCOME TO DIGITAL NOTEBOOK
1. Create a Note
   3. Edit a Note
   6. Restore from Recycle Bin
  11. Load from File
12. Add Sticky Notes
  13. Display Sticky Notes14. Exit
Select an Option (1 - 14) :
Enter Title : This is title of our Note 1
Enter Content (Press Enter twice on an empty line to finish) :
This is first paragraph of our note.
This is second paragraph of our note.
Enter Category : Testing
Enter Tags : Notes
Enter Priority : High
Is this note encrypted (1 for Yes, 0 for No) : 1
Enter Password for Encryption: 123
Press Enter to Continue..._
```

• **Display Notes:** This enables us to display our notes and if they are encrypted with password then it first asks for it.



• Edit Note: We can edit content of our note.

• **Delete Notes**: We can delete any note by Index Number from File.

• Recycle Bin: Safeguard deleted notes for future restoration and helps us to recover deleted files.

```
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Enter Recycle Bin Index to Restore : 1
Note Restored Successfully!
Press Enter to Continue...
```

• Search Notes: This feature helps you to find note by matching keywords in note content.

```
Search Results:
.===============
This note is password-protected. Please enter the password: 123
           : This is title of our Note
Title
           : This is 1st edited paragraph of our Note.
Content
Then this is second paragraph edited in our Note.
Category
          : Testing
Tags
           : Notes
Priority
          : High
Timestamp : 2024-12-4 4:52:53 AM
Press Enter to return to the main menu...
```

• Undo/Redo: Navigate through changes for reliability.

```
+----+
+ Select an Option (1 - 14) : +

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Redo Successful!

Press Enter to Continue...
```

• Save file and load File: It helps us to store our notes in local storage and when we need those notes we can easily load them from saved file. It helps users to save data for long term and minimizes risk of loss of data.

```
+ Select an Option (1 - 14): +

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Notes Saved to File!

+ Select an Option (1 - 14): +

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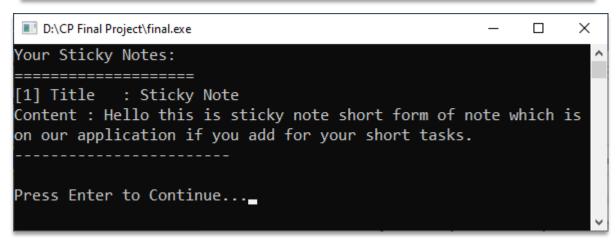
Notes Loaded From Saved File!
```

• Sticky Notes: Quick and simple note-taking for reminders.

```
Select an Option (1 - 14): +

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Enter Sticky Note Title: Sticky Note
Enter Sticky Note Content: Hello this is sticky note short form of note which is on our application if you add for your short tasks.
```



5. Code Analysis

1. Libraries Used

Here are the libraries or header files we have used in our project:

```
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
#include <fstream>
#include <string>
#include <stack>
#include <iomanip>
#include <cstdlib>
#include <ctime>
#include <ctime>
#include <ctime>
#include <ctime>
#include <ctime>
#include <ctime>
```

- #include <iostream>: This is used for standard input and output.
- #include <vector>: It helps us to manage dynamic arrays (e.g., notes, sticky notes).
- #include <fstream>: Fstream used for file handling (saving/loading notes).
- #include <string>: Used to handle strings efficiently.
- #include <stack>: To implement undo/redo operations.
- #include <iomanip>: It is used for formatted input/output.
- #include <cstdlib>: Actually this is used for system commands like (cls/clear).
- #include <ctime>: Now it is used For handling timestamps like while we save a note it notes timestamps.

2. Key Functionalities

a. Utility Functions

• clearScreen:

• It clears the terminal screen based on the operating system.

encryptDecrypt:

- It implements XOR-based encryption/decryption for notes while we access it either viewing or saved notes or editing our notes.
- Here we have used default encryption key is 'K'.

getCurrentTimestamp:

• Fetches and formats the current system time, adjusted for Pakistan's timezone and converts to a 12-hour format with AM/PM.

b. Class: Note

It is responsible for functionality of individual notes:

```
void editContent(string newContent) {
                          content = newContent;
                           timestamp = getCurrentTimestamp();
99
                    void updatePriority(string newPriority) {
                          priority = newPriority;
timestamp = getCurrentTimestamp();
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105
                   void toggleEncryption() {
                          content = encryptDecrypt(content);
106
                           isEncrypted = !isEncrypted;
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109
                   void setPassword(string pass) {
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                          password = pass;
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113
                  string getTitle() const { return title; }
string getContent() const { return content; }
string getCategory() const { return category; }
string getTags() const { return tags; }
string getPriority() const { return priority; }
string getTimestamp() const { return timestamp; }
bool getEncryptionStatus() const { return isEncrypted; }
string getPassword() const { return password; }
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```

• Attributes:

 Here are the some attributes we have in class Note: title, content, category, tags, priority, timestamp, is Encrypted, password.

• Methods:

- displayNote: Shows note details (decrypts if needed).
- editContent: Updates content and timestamp.
- updatePriority: Changes note priority.
- toggleEncryption: Encrypts/Decrypts content.
- **setPassword:** Assigns a password for encryption.
- Provides getter methods for all attributes.

c. Class: StickyNote

```
// class for sticky notes section

class StickyNote {
   private:
        string title;
        string content;

public:
        StickyNote(string t, string c) : title(t), content(c) {}

void displayStickyNote() const {
        cout << "Title : " << title << "\nContent : " << content << "\n";

        }

void editStickyNote(string newContent) {
        content = newContent;
}

string getTitle() const { return title; }
        string getContent() const { return content; }

}
</pre>
```

Handles simple, short notes without encryption.

- Attributes: title, content.
- Methods:
 - displayStickyNote: Displays sticky note details.
 - editStickyNote: **Updates content**.

d. Class: Notebook

Manages a collection of Note and StickyNote objects and includes advanced functionalities:

Attributes:

- notes, recycleBin, stickyNotes: Manage the notes.
- undoStack, redoStack: Support undo/redo operations.

Methods:

- Add/Edit/Delete:
 - addNote, editNoteContent, deleteNote.

```
fitNoteContent(int index) {
(index >= 0 8% index < notes.size()) {
Note &noteToEdit = notes[index];</pre>
                              // Check if the note is encrypted
if (noteToEdit.getEncryptionStatus()) {
    string enteredPassword;
    cout << "\nThis note is password-protected. Please enter the password: ";</pre>
                                      cout << "\nThis note is
cin >> enteredPassword;
                                     // Clear input buffer to handle newlines
cin.ignore();
                                      // Verify password
if (enteredPassword != noteToEdit.getPassword()) {
   cout << "Incorrect Password. Returning to main menu." << endl;</pre>
214
                              string newContent;
cout << "Enter New Content (Press Enter twice on an empty line to finish):" << endl;
216
                              string line
                              // Collect the new content
                                      getline(cin, line);
                                      if (line.empty()) break;
newContent += line + '\n';
                              noteToEdit.editContent(newContent);
cout << "\nNote Updated Successfully!" << endl;</pre>
                              cout << "\nInvalid Note Index!" << endl;</pre>
                       void deleteNote(int index) {
   if (index >= 0 00 index < notes.size()) {
      undoStack.push(notes);
      recycleBin.push_back(notes[index]);
      notes.erase(notes.begin() + index);
      cout << "\nNote Moved To Recycle Bin!" << endl;
}</pre>
                                      cout << "\nInvalid Note Index!" << endl;</pre>
```

Recycle Bin:

• displayRecycleBin, restoreFromRecycleBin.

```
/oid displayRecycleBin() const {
247
             clearScreen
             if (recycleBin.empty())
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                 cout << "\nRecycle Bin is empty!" << endl;</pre>
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         void restoreFromRecycleBin(int index) 
             if (index >= 0 && index < recycleBin.size()) {
   notes.push_back(recycleBin[index]);</pre>
                 recycleBin.erase(recycleBin.begin() + index);
                 cout << "\nNote Restored Successfully!" << endl;</pre>
                 cout << "\nInvalid recycle bin index!" << endl;</pre>
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```

Search:

• searchNotes searches across title, content, tags.

```
268 //Search
                void searchNotes(string keyword) const {
                     clearScreen();
bool found = false;
270
271
                     cout << "\nSearch Results:\n";
cout << "======\n";</pre>
272
                     for (const auto &note : notes) {
  if (note.getTitle().find(keyword) != string::npos ||
    note.getContent().find(keyword) != string::npos |
    note.getTags().find(keyword) != string::npos) {
                                 note.displayNote();
cout << "-----" << endl;</pre>
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                                  found = true;
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                     if (!found) {
   cout << "\nNo Notes Found Matching the Keyword!" << endl;</pre>
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```

Undo/Redo:

• undo, redo using stacks for state management.

```
288 <del>-</del>
289 <del>-</del>
            void undo()
                if (!undoStack.empty()) {
290
                     redoStack.push(notes);
291
                    notes = undoStack.top();
292
                    undoStack.pop()
293
                     cout << "\nUndo Successful!" << endl;</pre>
294
295
                     cout << "\nNo Actions To Undo!" << endl;</pre>
296
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298
            void redo() {
299
                if (!redoStack.empty()) {
300
301
                     undoStack.push(notes)
302
                     notes = redoStack.top();
303
                     redoStack.pop(
                     cout << "\nRedo Successful!" << endl;</pre>
304
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306
                     cout << "\nNo Actions To Redo!" << endl;</pre>
307
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```

File Operations:

• saveToFile, loadFromFile.

Sticky Notes:

• addStickyNotes, displayStickyNotes.

```
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           void addStickyNotes(string title, string content) {
391
                StickyNote newSticky(title, content);
392
                stickyNotes.push_back(newSticky);
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395 🛱
           void displayStickyNotes() const {
396
                clearScreen()
397 🗕
                if (stickyNotes.empty()) {
398
                    cout << "\nNo Sticky Notes Available!" << endl;</pre>
399
400
                cout << "\nYour Sticky Notes:\n";</pre>
401
               cout << "=========<u>\</u>n'
402
                for (size_t i = 0; i < stickyNotes.size(); ++i) {
   cout << "[" << i + 1 << "] ";
   stickyNotes[i].displayStickyNote();</pre>
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404
405
                    cout << "----\n"
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407
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```

e. main Function

Implements the menu-driven interface:

```
----+\033[0m" << endl;
                                               ----+\033[0m"
 cout
                                                                 end1:
 cout
                                                                 end1
 cout
cout
                                                                 end1
                                                                 end1
 cout
                                                                 endl
 cout
       "\033[5;1;32m#
                 13. Display Sticky Notes
                                                        #\033[0m"
       "\033[5;1;32m#
       #\033[0m"
                                                                 endl
 cout
                                                                 endl
       "\033[1;37;44m+----
       "\033[1;37;44m+ Se
"\033[1;37;44m+----
                                                         +\033[0m"
                    Select an Option (1 - 14) :
                                                       ---+\033[0m"
 cout
       cin.ignore();
```

```
case 1: {
    case 1: {
        string title, content, category, tags, priority;
        bool isencrypted;
        string pass;
     Ė
                        le (true) {
  getline(cin, line);
  if (line.empty()) break;
  content += line + '\n';
                 cout << "Enter Category : ";
getline(cin, category);
cout << "Enter Tags : ";
getline(cin, tags);
cout << "Enter Priority : ";</pre>
                 getline(cin, priority):
getline(cin, priority);
cout << "Is this note encrypted (1 for Yes, 0 for No) : ";
cin >> isArcrypted;
cin.ignore();
                 if (isEncrypted) {
cout << "Enter Password for Encryption: ";
getline(cin, pass);</pre>
                     case 2:
notebook.displayAllNotes();
                     case 3: {
int index;
cout << "\nEnter Note Index to Edit : ";
cin >> index;
cin.ignore(); // Ignore the remaining newline
notebook.editNoteContent(index - 1); // Pass the note index to edit
     Ė
                                       int index;
cout << "\nEnter Recycle Bin Index to Restore : ";
cin >> index;
notebook.restoreFromRecycleBin(index - 1);
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                                              : 7: \tag{
string keyword;
cout << "\nEnter Keyword to Search : ";</pre>
                                              cout << "\nEnter Keyword to Sec
cin >> keyword;
notebook.searchNotes(keyword);
                                                notebook.redo();
                                                notebook.saveToFile();
                                                notebook.loadFromFile();
34 —
                                               e 12: {
    string title, content;
    cout << "\nEnter Sticky Note Title: ";
    getline(cin, title);
    cout << "Enter Sticky Note Content: ";
    getline(cin, content);
    notebook.addStickyNotes(title, content);
    hoseline</pre>
                                                notebook.displayStickyNotes();
                                                 cout << "\nExiting the application..." << endl;</pre>
                                                cout << "\nInvalid choice. Please try again!" << endl;
break;
                              cout << "\nPress Enter to Continue...";</pre>
```

Menu Options:

- Create, display, edit, delete, and search notes.
- Manage recycle bin and sticky notes.
- Undo/Redo actions.
- Save/Load notes to/from a file.
- Exit the application.

• Structure:

- Loops until the user selects the exit option.
- Uses appropriate methods from the Notebook class for each functionality.

3. Noteworthy Elements

a. Data Encryption

• XOR-based encryption ensures basic security for note content and passwords.

b. Undo/Redo

- Implemented using two stacks:
 - undoStack for saving the state before an action.
 - redoStack for restoring the state when an undo is reversed.

c. File Handling

Save:

- Serializes notes to a text file.
- Handles encrypted and non-encrypted content appropriately.

Load:

- Deserializes notes from a text file.
- Restores encryption state if applicable.

d. Timestamp Management

Notes include a timestamp, updated after edits, ensuring proper record-keeping.

e. Responsive Design

- User prompts and navigation ensure an intuitive interface.
- Provides feedback for invalid inputs or actions.

6. Technologies Used

- C++: Core programming language.
- Stack and Vector: Efficient data handling for undo/redo and note management.

7. Conclusion

Our project Digital Notebook effectively combines note-taking functionality with security and user convenience. Its friendly design ensures efficient management of personal or professional data of users with features like note editing, undo, redo, edit recycle bin and password protection that ensures security and convince use.

8. Future Enhancements

Some of our future work we will work on contain these features:

- Adding a graphical user interface (GUI) for better interaction.
- Implementing cloud storage integration.
- Advanced encryption algorithms for enhanced security.
- Reminders
- Version Control

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