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Objectives of the Software :

The primary objectives of this Task Management System are:

- To design and implement a **GUI-based task management application** in Java.
- To demonstrate the **core principles of Object-Oriented Programming** (Encapsulation, Inheritance, Polymorphism, Abstraction).
- To integrate **file handling** for storing and retrieving task data persistently in `tasks.csv`.
- To allow users to perform **basic CRUD operations** (Add, Update, Delete, View Tasks).
- To provide a **user-friendly graphical interface** using Java Swing.
- To ensure the project aligns with the **open-ended lab requirements** of using modern tools, OOP, and GUI.

System functionalities and features:

The **Task Management System (GUI-based)** incorporates the following features:

- **Add Task:** Users can add tasks with *title, description, due date, and priority*.
- **Update Task:** Existing tasks can be selected from the table and updated.
- **Delete Task:** Users can delete any task after confirmation.
- **View Tasks:** A table displays all tasks in a structured format.
- **Persistence (File Handling):** Tasks are stored in `tasks.csv` and automatically loaded at startup.
- **GUI (Java Swing):** User-friendly interface with forms, buttons, and a table.
- **OOP Principles Implemented:**
 - Encapsulation (private fields with getters/setters in `Task`)
 - Inheritance (`ImportantTask` extends `Task`)
 - Polymorphism (overridden `toString()` method)
 - Abstraction (`TaskOperations` interface)

This ensures the software is both **functional** and **aligned with real-world task management needs**.

Design structured algorithms :

Algorithm for Adding a Task

1. Start
2. Accept input: Title, Description, Due Date, Priority
3. Create a new `Task` object with these details
4. Append the task into the `ArrayList` of tasks in `TaskManager`
5. Save tasks into `tasks.csv` using file handling
6. Refresh the GUI table to show the new task
7. End

Algorithm for Updating a Task

1. Start
2. User selects a task from the GUI table
3. Accept updated values from input fields
4. Replace the old `Task` object with a new one at the selected index
5. Save changes to `tasks.csv`
6. Refresh the GUI table
7. End

Algorithm for Deleting a Task

1. Start
2. User selects a task row in the GUI
3. Confirm deletion with a dialog box
4. If confirmed, remove the task from the `ArrayList`
5. Save changes to `tasks.csv`
6. Refresh the GUI table
7. End

Algorithm for Loading Tasks at Startup

1. Start
2. Check if `tasks.csv` exists
3. If exists, read each line and parse task details
4. Create `Task` objects and insert into `ArrayList`
5. Populate the GUI table with these tasks
6. End

Screenshots of the Code :

Implemented in **Java** with:

- `Task.java` → Encapsulation
- `ImportantTask.java` → Inheritance & Polymorphism
- `TaskOperations.java` → Abstraction (Interface)
- `TaskManager.java` → File Handling + Core CRUD logic
- `TaskManagementSystem.java` → GUI (Java Swing)

Task.java (Encapsulation)

```
1
2 package com.mycompany.taskmanagementsystem;
3
4
5 // Encapsulation: private fields + getters/setters
6 public class Task {
7     private String title;
8     private String description;
9     private String dueDate; // yyyy-MM-dd
10    private String priority; // Low/Medium/High
11
12    public Task(String title, String description, String dueDate, String priority) {
13        this.title = title;
14        this.description = description;
15        this.dueDate = dueDate;
16        this.priority = priority;
17    }
18
19    public String getTitle() { return title; }
20    public String getDescription() { return description; }
21    public String getDueDate() { return dueDate; }
22    public String getPriority() { return priority; }
23
24    public void setTitle(String title) { this.title = title; }
25    public void setDescription(String description) { this.description = description; }
26    public void setDueDate(String dueDate) { this.dueDate = dueDate; }
27    public void setPriority(String priority) { this.priority = priority; }
28
29    // Polymorphism: override toString for quick display/logging
30    @Override
31    public String toString() {
32        return title + " | " + dueDate + " | " + priority;
33    }
34 }
35
```

ImportantTask.java (Inheritance & Polymorphism)

```
1
2 package com.mycompany.taskmanagementsystem;
3
4
5 // Inheritance: ImportantTask extends Task
6 public class ImportantTask extends Task {
7     private String note; // extra field to show extension
8
9     public ImportantTask(String title, String description, String dueDate, String priority, String note) {
10         super(title, description, dueDate, priority);
11         this.note = note;
12     }
13
14     public String getNote() { return note; }
15
16     // Polymorphism: different toString
17     @Override
18     public String toString() {
19         return "[IMPORTANT] " + super.toString() + " | Note: " + note;
20     }
21 }
22
```

TaskOperations.java (Abstraction with Interface)

```
1
2 package com.mycompany.taskmanagementsystem;
3
4 import java.util.List;
5
6 // Abstraction: interface defines behaviour
7 public interface TaskOperations {
8     void addTask(Task task);
9     void updateTask(int index, Task task);
10    void deleteTask(int index);
11    List<Task> getAllTasks();
12    void save() throws Exception;
13    void load() throws Exception;
14 }
15
```

TaskManager.java (File Handling & Data Storage)

```
1  package com.mycompany.taskmanagementsystem;
2
3  import java.io.*;
4  import java.nio.charset.StandardCharsets;
5  import java.nio.file.*;
6  import java.util.*;
7
8  // Concrete implementation + File Handling (CSV)
9  public class TaskManager implements TaskOperations {
10     private final List<Task> tasks = new ArrayList<>();
11     private final Path file = Paths.get("tasks.csv");
12
13     @Override
14     public void addTask(Task task) {
15         tasks.add(task);
16         try { save(); } catch (Exception ignored) {}
17     }
18
19     @Override
20     public void updateTask(int index, Task task) {
21         if (index >= 0 && index < tasks.size()) {
22             tasks.set(index, task);
23             try { save(); } catch (Exception ignored) {}
24         }
25     }
26
27     @Override
28     public void deleteTask(int index) {
29         if (index >= 0 && index < tasks.size()) {
30             tasks.remove(index);
31             try { save(); } catch (Exception ignored) {}
32         }
33     }
34
35     @Override
36     public List<Task> getAllTasks() {
37         return tasks;
38     }
39 }
```

TaskManager.java (File Handling & Data Storage)

```
1  @Override
2  public void save() throws Exception {
3      // CSV Header + rows; quote fields safely
4      try (BufferedWriter bw = Files.newBufferedWriter(file, StandardCharsets.UTF_8)) {
5          bw.write("title,description,dueDate,priority\n");
6          for (Task t : tasks) {
7              bw.write(csv(t.getTitle())); bw.write(",");
8              bw.write(csv(t.getDescription())); bw.write(",");
9              bw.write(csv(t.getDueDate())); bw.write(",");
10             bw.write(csv(t.getPriority()));
11             bw.write("\n");
12         }
13     }
14 }
15
16 @Override
17 public void load() throws Exception {
18     tasks.clear();
19     if (!Files.exists(file)) return;
20     try (BufferedReader br = Files.newBufferedReader(file, StandardCharsets.UTF_8)) {
21         String line;
22         boolean headerSkipped = false;
23         while ((line = br.readLine()) != null) {
24             if (!headerSkipped) { headerSkipped = true; continue; }
25             List<String> cols = parseCsvLine(line);
26             if (cols.size() >= 4) {
27                 String title = cols.get(0);
28                 String desc = cols.get(1);
29                 String date = cols.get(2);
30                 String prio = cols.get(3);
31                 tasks.add(new Task(title, desc, date, prio));
32             }
33         }
34     }
35 }
36
37 // --- CSV helpers ---
38 private String csv(String s) {
39     if (s == null) s = "";
40     String q = s.replace("\"", "\\\"");
41     return "\"" + q + "\"";
42 }
```

```
1  private List<String> parseCsvLine(String line) {
2      List<String> out = new ArrayList<>();
3      StringBuilder cur = new StringBuilder();
4      boolean inQ = false;
5      for (int i = 0; i < line.length(); i++) {
6          char c = line.charAt(i);
7          if (inQ) {
8              if (c == '"') {
9                  if (i + 1 < line.length() && line.charAt(i + 1) == '"') {
10                     cur.append('"'); i++;
11                 } else {
12                     inQ = false;
13                 }
14             } else cur.append(c);
15         } else {
16             if (c == '"') inQ = true;
17             else if (c == ',') { out.add(cur.toString()); cur.setLength(0); }
18             else cur.append(c);
19         }
20     }
21     out.add(cur.toString());
22     return out;
23 }
24 }
25
```

TaskManagementSystem.java (Main GUI Implementation)

```
1 package com.mycompany.taskmanagementsystem;
2
3 import javax.swing.*;
4 import javax.swing.table.DefaultTableModel;
5 import java.awt.*;
6 import java.util.List;
7
8 public class TaskManagementSystem extends JFrame {
9
10     private final TaskManager manager = new TaskManager();
11     private final DefaultTableModel model =
12         new DefaultTableModel(new String[]{"Title","Description","Due Date","Priority"}, 0) {
13         @Override public boolean isCellEditable(int r, int c) { return false; }
14     };
15
16     private JTable table;
17     private JTextField tfTitle, tfDue;
18     private JTextArea taDesc;
19     private JComboBox<String> cbPriority;
20
21     public TaskManagementSystem() {
22         setTitle("Task Management System - GUI (OOP + File I/O)");
23         setSize(900, 520);
24         setLocationRelativeTo(null);
25         setDefaultCloseOperation(EXIT_ON_CLOSE);
26         setLayout(new BorderLayout(10,10));
27
28         // ---- Top form panel ----
29         JPanel form = new JPanel(new GridBagLayout());
30         GridBagConstraints gc = new GridBagConstraints();
31         gc.insets = new Insets(6,6,6,6);
32         gc.fill = GridBagConstraints.HORIZONTAL;
33
34         tfTitle = new JTextField();
35         tfDue = new JTextField(); // format hint: yyyy-MM-dd
36         taDesc = new JTextArea(4, 20);
37         taDesc.setLineWrap(true);
38         taDesc.setWrapStyleWord(true);
39         cbPriority = new JComboBox<>(new String[]{"Low","Medium","High"});
40
41         int r=0;
42         gc.gridy = r; gc.gridx=0; form.add(new JLabel("Title:"), gc);
43         gc.gridx=1; form.add(tfTitle, gc);
```


TaskManagementSystem.java (Main GUI Implementation)

```
1
2  r++; gc.gridy = r; gc.gridx=0; form.add(new JLabel("Due Date (yyyy-MM-dd):"), gc);
3  gc.gridx=1; form.add(tfDue, gc);
4
5  r++; gc.gridy = r; gc.gridx=0; form.add(new JLabel("Priority:"), gc);
6  gc.gridx=1; form.add(cbPriority, gc);
7
8  r++; gc.gridy = r; gc.gridx=0; gc.anchor = GridBagConstraints.NORTHWEST;
9  form.add(new JLabel("Description:"), gc);
10 gc.gridx=1; gc.weightx=1; gc.weighty=1; gc.fill = GridBagConstraints.BOTH;
11 form.add(new JScrollPane(taDesc), gc);
12
13 add(form, BorderLayout.NORTH);
14
15 // ---- Table center ----
16 table = new JTable(model);
17 table.setRowHeight(22);
18 add(new JScrollPane(table), BorderLayout.CENTER);
19
20 // ---- Buttons bottom ----
21 JPanel actions = new JPanel(new FlowLayout(FlowLayout.RIGHT, 10, 8));
22 JButton btnAdd = new JButton("Add");
23 JButton btnUpdate = new JButton("Update");
24 JButton btnDelete = new JButton("Delete");
25 JButton btnClear = new JButton("Clear");
26 JButton btnReload = new JButton("Reload from File");
27
28 actions.add(btnAdd);
29 actions.add(btnUpdate);
30 actions.add(btnDelete);
31 actions.add(btnClear);
32 actions.add(btnReload);
33 add(actions, BorderLayout.SOUTH);
34
35 // ---- Events ----
36 btnAdd.addActionListener(e -> {
37     Task t = readFormAsTask();
38     if (t == null) return;
39     manager.addTask(t);
40     refreshTable();
41     clearForm();
42 });
43
```

TaskManagementSystem.java (Main GUI Implementation)

```
1  btnUpdate.addActionListener(e -> {
2      int row = table.getSelectedRow();
3      if (row < 0) { msg("Select a row to update."); return; }
4      Task t = readFormAsTask();
5      if (t == null) return;
6      manager.updateTask(row, t);
7      refreshTable();
8  });
9
10 btnDelete.addActionListener(e -> {
11     int row = table.getSelectedRow();
12     if (row < 0) { msg("Select a row to delete."); return; }
13     int c = JOptionPane.showConfirmDialog(this, "Delete selected task?", "Confirm", JOptionPane.YES_NO_OPTION);
14     if (c == JOptionPane.YES_OPTION) {
15         manager.deleteTask(row);
16         refreshTable();
17         clearForm();
18     }
19 });
20
21 btnClear.addActionListener(e -> clearForm());
22
23 btnReload.addActionListener(e -> {
24     try {
25         manager.load();
26         refreshTable();
27         msg("Reloaded from file.");
28     } catch (Exception ex) {
29         msg("Failed to load: " + ex.getMessage());
30     }
31 });
32
33 // Table selection -> fill form
34 table.getSelectionModel().addListSelectionListener(e -> {
35     int row = table.getSelectedRow();
36     if (row >= 0) {
37         tfTitle.setText(val(row,0));
38         taDesc.setText(val(row,1));
39         tfDue.setText(val(row,2));
40         cbPriority.setSelectedItem(val(row,3));
41     }
42 });
43
44 // Initial load
45 try { manager.load(); } catch (Exception ignored) {}
46 refreshTable();
47 }
48
49 private Task readFormAsTask() {
50     String title = tfTitle.getText().trim();
51     String due = tfDue.getText().trim();
52     String desc = taDesc.getText().trim();
53     String prio = (String) cbPriority.getSelectedItem();
54
55     if (title.isEmpty()) { msg("Title is required."); return null; }
56     if (due.isEmpty()) { msg("Due date is required (yyyy-MM-dd)."); return null; }
57     if (prio == null) prio = "Low";
58
59     // Example: if title starts with "!" create ImportantTask (shows inheritance/polymorphism in action)
60     if (title.startsWith("!")) {
61         return new ImportantTask(title, desc, due, prio, "Flagged by user with '!');
62     }
63     return new Task(title, desc, due, prio);
64 }
```

TaskManagementSystem.java (Main GUI Implementation)

```
1  private void refreshTable() {
2      model.setRowCount(0);
3      List<Task> list = manager.getAllTasks();
4      for (Task t : list) {
5          model.addRow(new Object[]{ t.getTitle(), t.getDescription(), t.getDueDate(), t.getPriority() });
6      }
7  }
8
9  private void clearForm() {
10     tfTitle.setText("");
11     tfDue.setText("");
12     taDesc.setText("");
13     cbPriority.setSelectedIndex(0);
14     table.clearSelection();
15 }
16
17 private String val(int row, int col) {
18     Object v = model.getValueAt(row, col);
19     return v == null ? "" : v.toString();
20 }
21
22 private void msg(String s) {
23     JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this, s);
24 }
25
26 public static void main(String[] args) {
27     SwingUtilities.invokeLater(() -> new TaskManagementSystem().setVisible(true));
28 }
29 }
```

Evidence of Core OOP Features Implemented:

Encapsulation

Implemented in Task class using **private fields** and **getters/setters**.

```
private String title;

private String description;

private String dueDate;

public String getTitle() { return title; }

public void setTitle(String title) { this.title = title; }
```

Inheritance

ImportantTask class inherits from Task.

```
class ImportantTask extends Task {  
    private String note;  
    public ImportantTask(String t, String d, String date, String p, String note) {  
        super(t, d, date, p);  
        this.note = note;  
    }  
}
```

Polymorphism

Overriding toString() method in both Task and ImportantTask.

```
@Override  
public String toString() {  
    return "[IMPORTANT] " + super.toString() + " | Note: " + note;  
}
```

Abstraction

TaskOperations interface defines the **contract** for all task management operations.

```
interface TaskOperations {  
    void addTask(Task task);  
    void updateTask(int index, Task task);  
    void deleteTask(int index);  
    List<Task> getAllTasks();  
}
```

File Handling

Implemented in `TaskManager` class using **CSV-based save & load**.

```
public void save() throws Exception {  
  
    try (BufferedWriter bw = Files.newBufferedWriter(file, StandardCharsets.UTF_8)) {  
  
        bw.write("title,description,dueDate,priority\n");  
  
        for (Task t : tasks) {  
  
            bw.write(csv(t.getTitle()) + "," + csv(t.getDescription()) + "," +  
  
                csv(t.getDueDate()) + "," + csv(t.getPriority()) + "\n");  
  
        }  
  
    }  
  
}
```

Screenshots of the GUI Implementation:

Insert screenshots taken while running the program:

The screenshot displays a Java Swing window titled "Task Management System - GUI (OOP + File I/O)". The window contains a form with the following fields:

- Title:** A single-line text input field.
- Due Date (yyyy-MM-dd):** A single-line text input field.
- Priority:** A dropdown menu currently set to "Low".
- Description:** A multi-line text area.

Below the form is a table representing the task list. It has four columns: "Title", "Description", "Due Date", and "Priority". The table is currently empty.

At the bottom of the window, there is a horizontal bar containing five buttons: "Add", "Update", "Delete", "Clear", and "Reload from File".

GUI Main Window (Empty Task List)

Task Management System - GUI (OOP + File I/O)

Title:

Due Date (yyyy-MM-dd):

Priority:

Description:

Title	Description	Due Date	Priority
Finish Lab Report	Complete and submit th...	2025-08-01	High

Add Update Delete Clear Reload from File

Adding a Task (Input Fields + Add Button)

Title	Description	Due Date	Priority
Finish Lab Report	Finalize and submit the Object-Orie...	2025-08-01	High
Buy Groceries	Purchase milk, eggs, and vegetable...	2025-01-02	Medium
Prepare Presentation	Create PowerPoint slides for the cla...	2025-01-05	High

Add Update Delete Clear Reload from File

Viewing Tasks in the Table

Task Management System - GUI (OOP + File I/O)

Title:

Finish Lab Report

Due Date (yyyy-MM-dd):

2025-08-20

Priority:

Medium

Description:

Finalize and submit the Object-Oriented Programming open-ended lab report.

Title	Description	Due Date	Priority
Finish Lab Report	Finalize and submit the ...	2025-08-01	High
Buy Groceries	Purchase milk, eggs, an...	2025-01-02	Medium
Attend Meeting	Weekly project meeting ...	2025-01-03	Low
Prepare Presentation	Create PowerPoint slides...	2025-01-05	High

Add

Update

Delete

Clear

Reload from File

Updating a Task

Task Management System - GUI (OOP + File I/O)

Title:

Attend Meeting

Due Date (yyyy-MM-dd):

2025-01-03

Priority:

Low

Description:

Weekly project meeting with supervisor

Title	Des	Due Date	Priority
Finish Lab Report	Fin		High
Buy Groceries	Pur		Medium
Attend Meeting	Wee		Low
Prepare Presentation	Cre		High

Add

Update

Delete

Clear

Reload from File

Confirm



Delete selected task?

No

Yes

Deleting a Task (Confirmation Dialog)

Conclusion:

This open-ended lab demonstrates a fully functional **Task Management System** built with **Java Swing, File Handling, and OOP principles**.

The project successfully covers:

- **Encapsulation, Inheritance, Polymorphism, and Abstraction**
- **CRUD operations with persistent storage**
- **Modern GUI-based interface**

Thus, the software meets both the **given problem requirements** and the **open-ended features** (modern tools, GUI, OOP).