

Project title : Developing a smart Alarm clock system

1. Project Requirements Gathering

- **Features:** Define the core features for the alarm clock:
 - Setting the time
 - Setting multiple alarms with customizable times
 - Snooze functionality
 - Displaying the current time
 - Optional: Alarm sound or notification
- **Tools:** Decide which libraries and tools are necessary:
 - **Standard C++ Libraries:** `<iostream>`, `<iomanip>`, `<ctime>`, `<thread>`, etc.
 - **Optional:** For sound functionality, consider cross-platform libraries like **SDL** or **SFML** for sound management.

2. Initial Setup

1. Development Environment

- a. **IDE/Editor:** Visual Studio, CLion, Code::Blocks, or a text editor with g++/clang++.
- b. **Compiler:** Use a C++ compiler that supports at least C++11, as threading is a critical feature.

2. Project Structure

- a. **Root Directory:** Create a directory named AlarmClock.
- b. **Source Folder:** Inside AlarmClock, create folders:
 - i. `src`: Holds source files.
 - ii. `include`: Holds header files.
 - iii. `lib` (optional): For external libraries if needed.
- c. **Files:**
 - i. `main.cpp`: Entry point.
 - ii. `AlarmClock.h` and `AlarmClock.cpp`: Core alarm clock functionality.
 - iii. Additional files (e.g., `SoundManager.h`, `SoundManager.cpp`) if sound functionality is implemented.

3. Design and Development

a. Class Design

Define classes and methods based on requirements. Below are key classes:

- **AlarmClock Class**
 - **Attributes:**
 - `current_time`: Keeps track of the system time.
 - `alarms`: Stores the list of alarms.
 - `snooze_time`: Defines snooze interval.
 - **Methods:**
 - `void setAlarm(int hour, int minute)`: Sets an alarm.
 - `void checkAlarms()`: Checks if any alarm should go off.
 - `void snooze(int minutes)`: Sets snooze time for an alarm.
 - `void updateCurrentTime()`: Updates the current time using `std::chrono`.
- **Optional SoundManager Class**
 - **Methods:**
 - `void playSound()`: Plays an alarm sound.
 - `void stopSound()`: Stops the sound when the alarm is dismissed or snoozed.

b. Implement Core Functionality

- **Time Display and Update:**
 - Use `std::chrono` to manage and update time.
 - `std::this_thread::sleep_for()` to introduce pauses for checking alarms.
- **Alarm Management:**
 - Store alarms in a data structure, e.g., a `std::vector`.
 - Implement logic to trigger alarms at specified times.
- **Snooze Feature:**
 - Calculate snooze intervals and add them to the current time of the alarm.

4. Testing

1. Unit Tests:

- a. Test the time update mechanism.
 - b. Test alarm setting and triggering.
 - c. Test snooze functionality.
2. **Integration Tests:**
 - a. Run end-to-end tests to ensure alarms trigger correctly.
 - b. Verify correct functionality when multiple alarms are set.
3. **User Testing (Optional):**
 - a. If sound or other interactive features are added, test on different platforms to confirm compatibility.

5. Code Documentation and Comments

- Comment code blocks and use Doxygen-style comments for functions and classes if the project will be expanded or handed off.

6. Compilation and Execution

- **Makefile (Optional):** Create a Makefile to automate compilation.
- **Build:** Compile with `g++ main.cpp src/*.cpp -o alarm_clock`.
- **Execution:** Run the binary and validate functionality.

7. Further Enhancements (Optional)

- **User Interface:** Implement a simple text-based UI, or if ambitious, a GUI using libraries like Qt.
- **Sound Improvements:** Allow users to select different alarm tones.
- **Persistence:** Save and load alarm settings to/from a file.