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ASSIGNMENT REPORT



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INTRODUCTION

The provided C program is an enhanced version of the previous word frequency count program. It reads a text file, counts the frequency of each word present in the file, and displays the results in alphabetical order. The program now ensures that the output is sorted, making it easier to analyze and understand the word frequencies.



IMPLEMENTATION

The program follows the steps below to achieve its objective:

No. 01 – Reading the Input File:

- The program attempts to open the file "input.txt" in read mode using 'fopen'.
- If the file is not found or cannot be opened, an error message is displayed, and the program terminates.
- If the file is successfully opened, the program proceeds to read each word from the file using 'fscanf'.

No. 02 - Converting Words to Lowercase:

• For case-insensitive word comparison, each word is converted to lowercase using the 'toLowercase' function.

No. 03 - Hash Table and Word Insertion:

- The program uses a hash table (implemented as an array of linked lists) to store word frequency data.
- Each word is hashed to an index in the array using a simple hashing function.
- The program then checks if the word is already present in the hash table.
- If the word is found, its frequency count is incremented.
- If the word is not found, a new entry is created in the hash table, and its frequency count is initialized to 1.

No. 04 - Displaying Word Frequencies:

- The 'displayWordFrequency' function sorts the 'wordArray' using 'qsort' based on word strings in alphabetical order.
- After sorting, the function traverses the 'wordArray' and prints the words and their frequencies in alphabetical order.

No. 05 - Sorted Output:

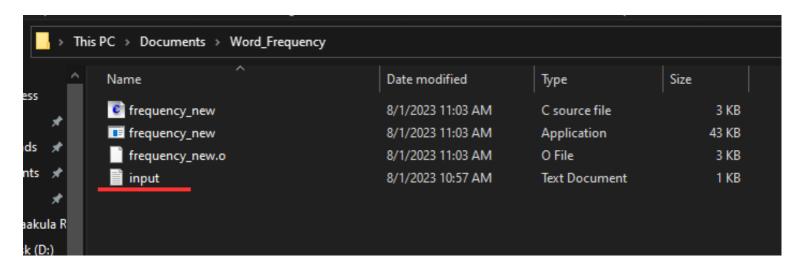
- To achieve the alphabetical sorting of output, the program stores
 the word frequencies in an array of structures
 ('struct WordFrequency') rather than directly printing them while
 traversing the hash table.
- The 'insertWord' function has been updated to insert words into the 'wordArray' and increase the frequency count accordingly.
- The 'compareWordFrequencies' function has been added to compare two 'WordFrequency' structures based on their word strings for sorting.

No. 06 - Memory Management

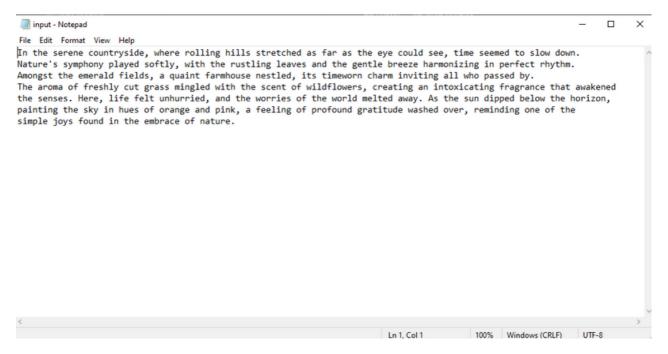
 The program ensures that memory is properly managed by providing a function, 'freeHashTable', to free the memory used by the hash table at the end of execution.

USAGE

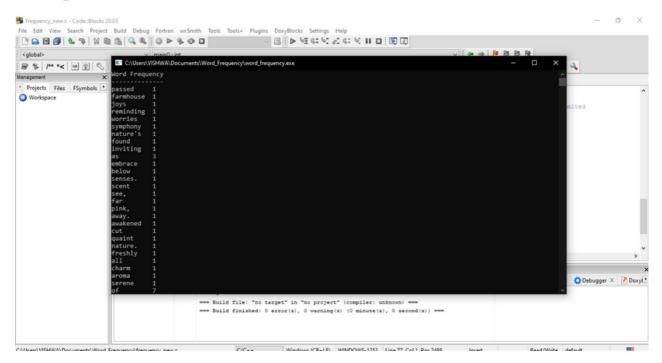
To use the program, ensure that a text file named "input.txt" exists in the same directory as the C program and contains the text whose word frequencies need to be counted. The text file should consist of words separated by spaces, and each word should not exceed 100 characters in length.



We have to include our paragraph which needs to be sorted as word frequencies, in the "input.txt" file.



Then we can run our program. So the paragraph on the "input.txt" file will be sorted



LIMITATIONS:

The program has some limitations that should be considered:

- It does not handle punctuation or special characters. Words with punctuation marks will be treated as separate words.
- The program assumes that words are delimited by spaces, so words separated by other characters may not be counted correctly.
- The hash function used is simple and may not be optimal for all input cases, potentially leading to collisions.

CONCLUSION

The C program provides a basic implementation to count the frequency of each word in a text file using a hash table. While the program achieves its objective for simple use cases, it may require further improvements and modifications to handle more complex scenarios.

For more robust word frequency counting in real-world applications, additional features such as handling punctuation, special characters, and different delimiters would be necessary. Moreover, the hash function can be enhanced for better performance, and input validation and error handling can be added for improved reliability.

GITHUB LINK

https://github.com/vishwa3674/Word_frequency.git