Project 3

Link to GitHub Repository: https://github.com/yawbtng/Data-Structures-Project 3-Search-Engine

Final Project Summary

The C++ financial news search engine project is a comprehensive implementation that demonstrates advanced data structures and search algorithms.

Project Architecture

- 1. **AVL Tree-Based Index** The core data structure for fast search operations
- 1. **Document Parser** Processes JSON articles with NLP techniques (stopwords, stemming)
- 1. **Query Processor** Handles search queries with boolean operations and ranking
- 1. User Interface Command-line tools for indexing, searching, and viewing

Key Features Implemented

- Custom AVL tree implementation with balancing
- Indexed search with stopword removal and stemming
- Entity extraction for organization and person searches
- TF-IDF relevancy ranking
- Persistent indices with serialization and deserialization
- Command-line interface with interactive mode

Technical Achievements

Successfully compiled with CMake

- Implemented Porter stemming algorithm
- Used RapidJSON for efficient document parsing
- Built custom AVL trees for O(log n) search complexity
- Created a persistent storage system for indices

Running the Application

- 1. Build with CMake using: cmake .. && cmake --build .
- 1. Index JSON documents with: .\supersearch.exe index <path>
- 1. Search using: .\supersearch.exe query <terms>
- 1. Or use interactive mode: .\supersearch.exe ui

The search engine can process large volumes of financial news articles, extract entities, and provide relevant search results ranked by importance.

Next Steps

- Further optimize query processing for larger datasets
- Enhance relevancy ranking with additional algorithms
- Add more advanced search operators
- Implement result highlighting and snippets
- Support for more complex boolean queries

The project demonstrates a solid understanding of C++ programming, data structures (particularly AVL trees), and search engine architecture principles.