

Spike: Task 11**Title:** Game Graphs from Data

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Goals / deliverables:

The goal of this spike is to create a Graph Data Map. This Map will have Locations that have their own connections to other location on the map. This will all be loaded in via a text file and displayed and allow the player to traverse through the world.

Technologies, Tools, and Resources used:

To create this task, I used Visual Studios and Draw.IO. I designed a rough layout of how the classes would be interconnected and then started creating it.

Tasks undertaken:

Starting with Draw.IO, I created a very simple diagram to help visualize what I was going to do.



It is not much but it helped get me started on the functions and variables required for making this work.

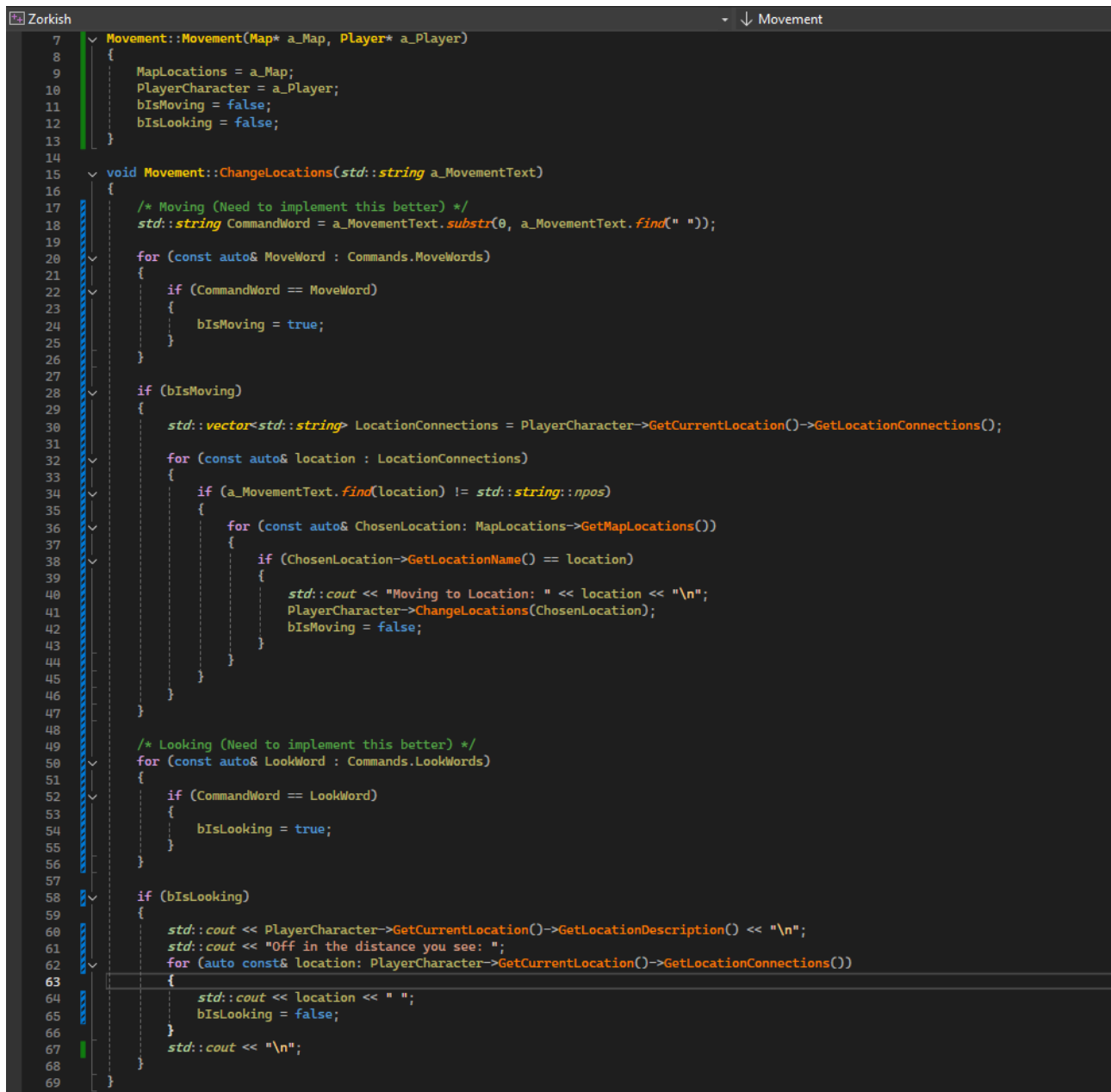
Next, I started to implement this system. I first started by creating a Locations Class which holds all the information about any given location such as its name, description, connections and eventually Items!

```
1  #include "Location.h"
2  #include "Item.h"
3  #include <stream>
4  #include <iostream>
5
6
7  Location::Location()
8  {
9      LocationName = "Default Location yet to be made";
10     LocationDescription = "A Location yet to be created";
11 }
12
13 Location::Location(std::string a_locationName, std::string a_locationDescription, std::string a_locationConnections)
14 {
15     LocationName = a_locationName;
16     LocationDescription = a_locationDescription;
17     CreateConnections(a_locationConnections);
18 }
19
20 std::string Location::GetLocationName() const
21 {
22     return LocationName;
23 }
24
25 std::string Location::GetLocationDescription() const
26 {
27     return LocationDescription;
28 }
29
30 std::vector<std::string> Location::GetLocationConnections() const
31 {
32     return LocationConnections;
33 }
34
35 void Location::CreateConnections(std::string a_locationConnections)
36 {
37     std::stringstream ConnectionStream(a_locationConnections);
38     std::string ConnectionName;
39
40     while (std::getline(ConnectionStream, ConnectionName, ' '))
41     {
42         LocationConnections.push_back(ConnectionName);
43     }
44 }
```

Once the locations were in and working, I next worked on the Map. This was a sizable undertaking as the Map needs to load all locations that will exist, as well as their data from a text file. I struggled a little on this but in the end, I was able to have the map Generate each location from the Text File with their description and Connections.

```
1  #include "Map.h"
2  #include <fstream>
3  #include <vector>
4
5  #include "Location.h"
6  #include "Item.h"
7
8  Map::Map(std::string a_file)
9  {
10     std::string fileLine;
11     std::ifstream mapFile(a_file);
12
13     if (mapFile.is_open())
14     {
15         while (std::getline(mapFile, fileLine, '\n'))
16         {
17             if (fileLine.empty())
18             {
19                 continue;
20             }
21             locationInformation.push_back(fileLine);
22         }
23     }
24
25     CreateLocations();
26 }
27
28 std::vector<Location*> Map::GetMapLocations()
29 {
30     return LocationsArray;
31 }
32
33 void Map::CreateLocations()
34 {
35     int informationSize = 3;
36     std::vector<std::string> information;
37     for (int i = 0; i < locationInformation.size(); i += informationSize)
38     {
39         Location* newLocation = new Location(locationInformation[i], locationInformation[i + 1], locationInformation[i + 2]);
40         LocationsArray.push_back(newLocation);
41     }
42 }
```

Finally, was Movement, this is still a work in progress, but the basic commands are in for walking and looking, the player's location changes if they walk to a connecting location.



```

7  Movement::Movement(Map* a_Map, Player* a_Player)
8  {
9      MapLocations = a_Map;
10     PlayerCharacter = a_Player;
11     bIsMoving = false;
12     bIsLooking = false;
13 }
14
15 void Movement::ChangeLocations(std::string a_MovementText)
16 {
17     /* Moving (Need to implement this better) */
18     std::string CommandWord = a_MovementText.substr(0, a_MovementText.find(" "));
19
20     for (const auto& MoveWord : Commands.MoveWords)
21     {
22         if (CommandWord == MoveWord)
23         {
24             bIsMoving = true;
25         }
26     }
27
28     if (bIsMoving)
29     {
30         std::vector<std::string> LocationConnections = PlayerCharacter->GetCurrentLocation()->GetLocationConnections();
31
32         for (const auto& location : LocationConnections)
33         {
34             if (a_MovementText.find(location) != std::string::npos)
35             {
36                 for (const auto& ChosenLocation : MapLocations->GetMapLocations())
37                 {
38                     if (ChosenLocation->GetLocationName() == location)
39                     {
40                         std::cout << "Moving to Location: " << location << "\n";
41                         PlayerCharacter->ChangeLocations(ChosenLocation);
42                         bIsMoving = false;
43                     }
44                 }
45             }
46         }
47     }
48
49     /* Looking (Need to implement this better) */
50     for (const auto& LookWord : Commands.LookWords)
51     {
52         if (CommandWord == LookWord)
53         {
54             bIsLooking = true;
55         }
56     }
57
58     if (bIsLooking)
59     {
60         std::cout << PlayerCharacter->GetCurrentLocation()->GetLocationDescription() << "\n";
61         std::cout << "Off in the distance you see: ";
62         for (auto const& location : PlayerCharacter->GetCurrentLocation()->GetLocationConnections())
63         {
64             std::cout << location << " ";
65             bIsLooking = false;
66         }
67         std::cout << "\n";
68     }
69 }

```

What we found out:

This was quite challenging to setup and I still need to refine the Movement Class to make it be more flexible, test out more scenarios but in terms of functionality it performs the required tasks.