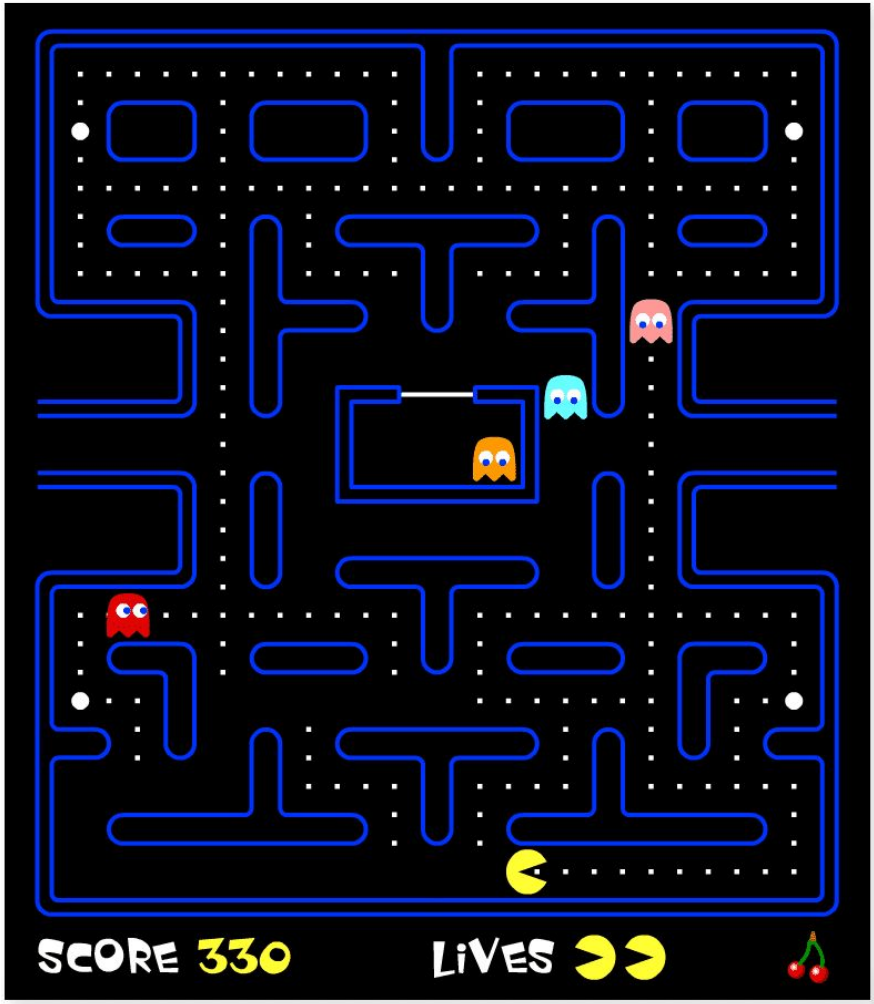
Game Development

Pac-Man

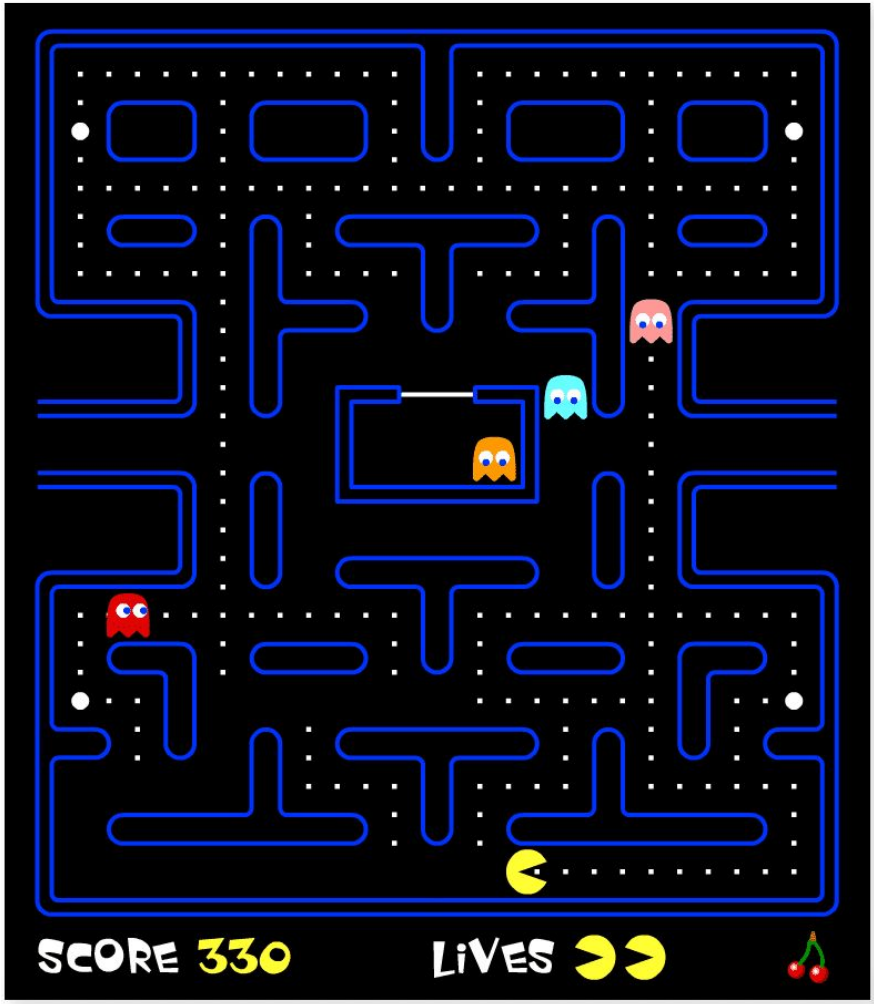
Pac-Man is a maze-based 2D game which was developed by Namco and first released in Japan on May 22, 1980.



Characters

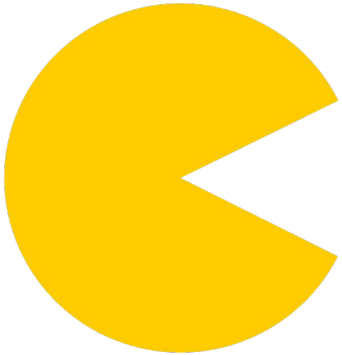
There are a total 5 characters in the Pac-Man Game.

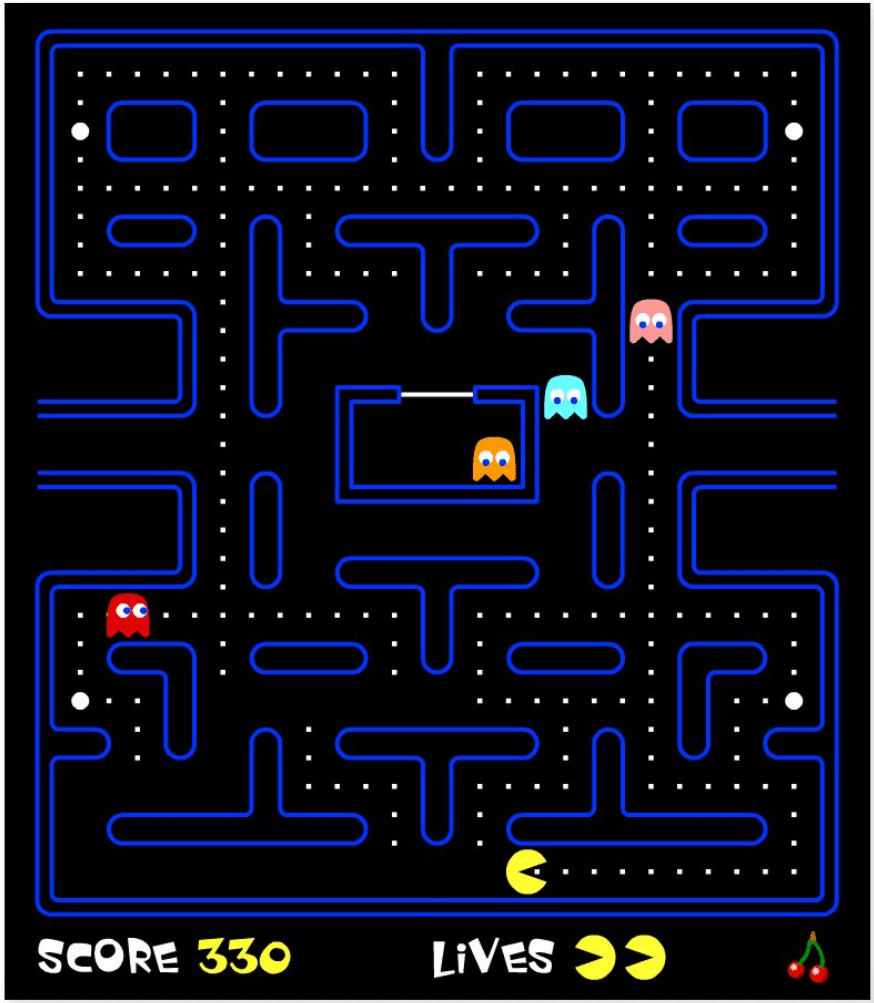
1 Pac-Man.
4 Ghosts.



Characters: Pac-Man

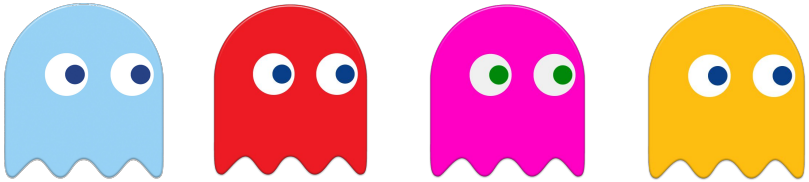
A yellow, circular character named Pac-Man is controlled by the player with the help of arrow keys.

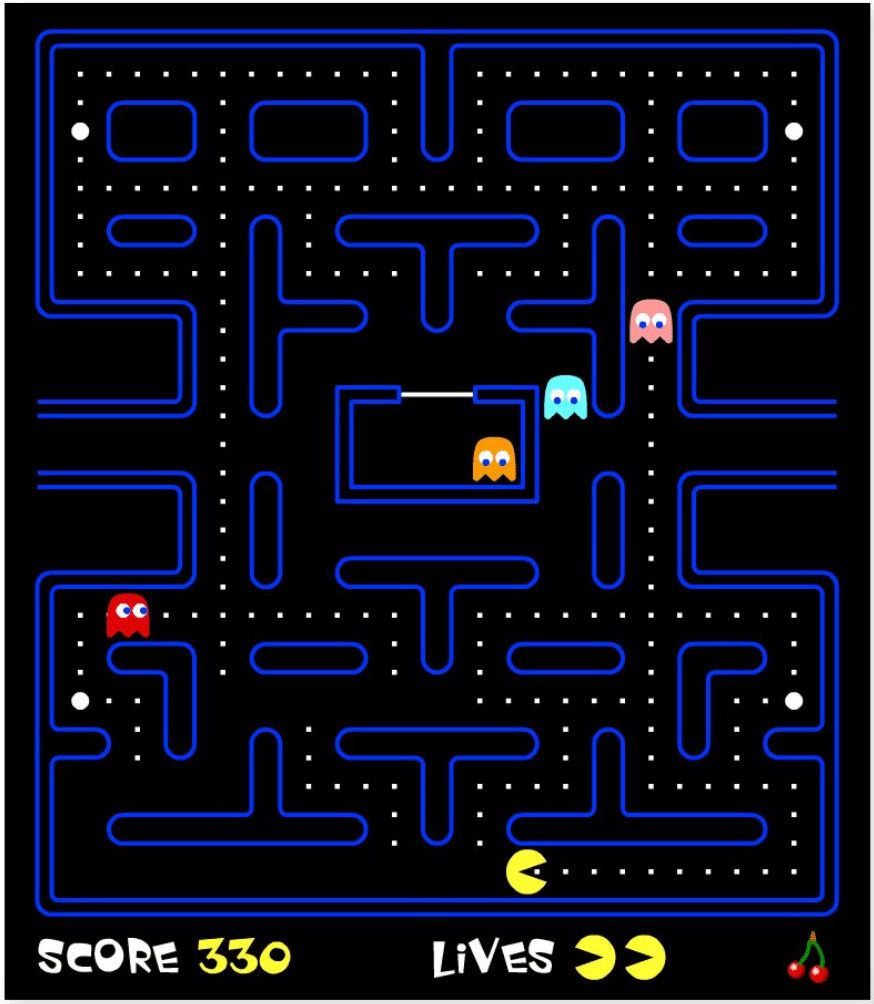




Characters: Ghosts

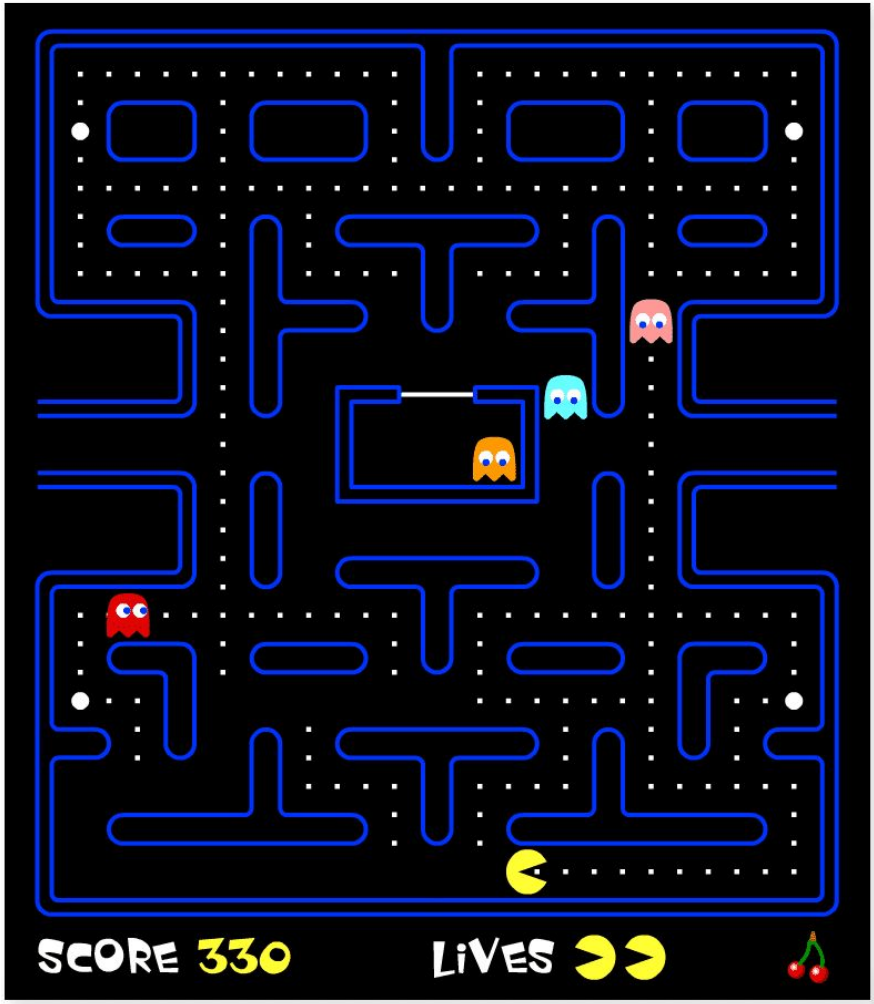
Each of the four ghosts are controlled by the computer.





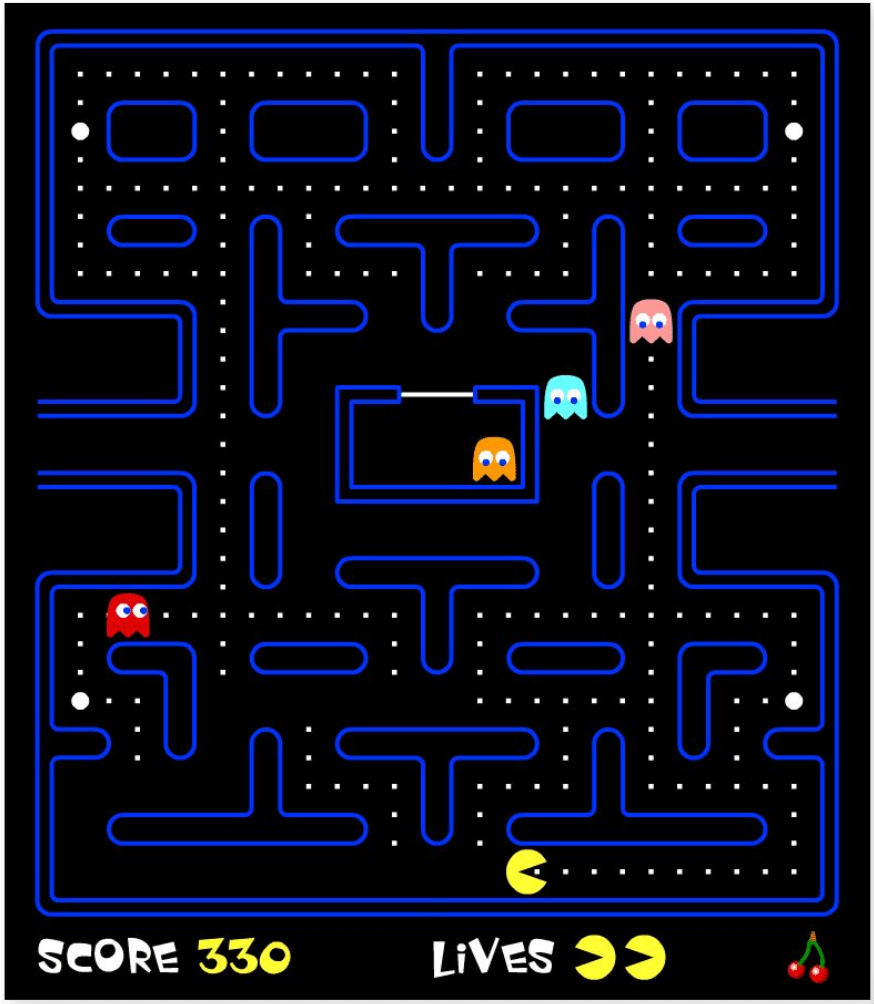
Objects: Food Pallets

Small white dots are called "Food Pallets" whereas the large flashing white dots are called "Power Pallets" or "Energizers".



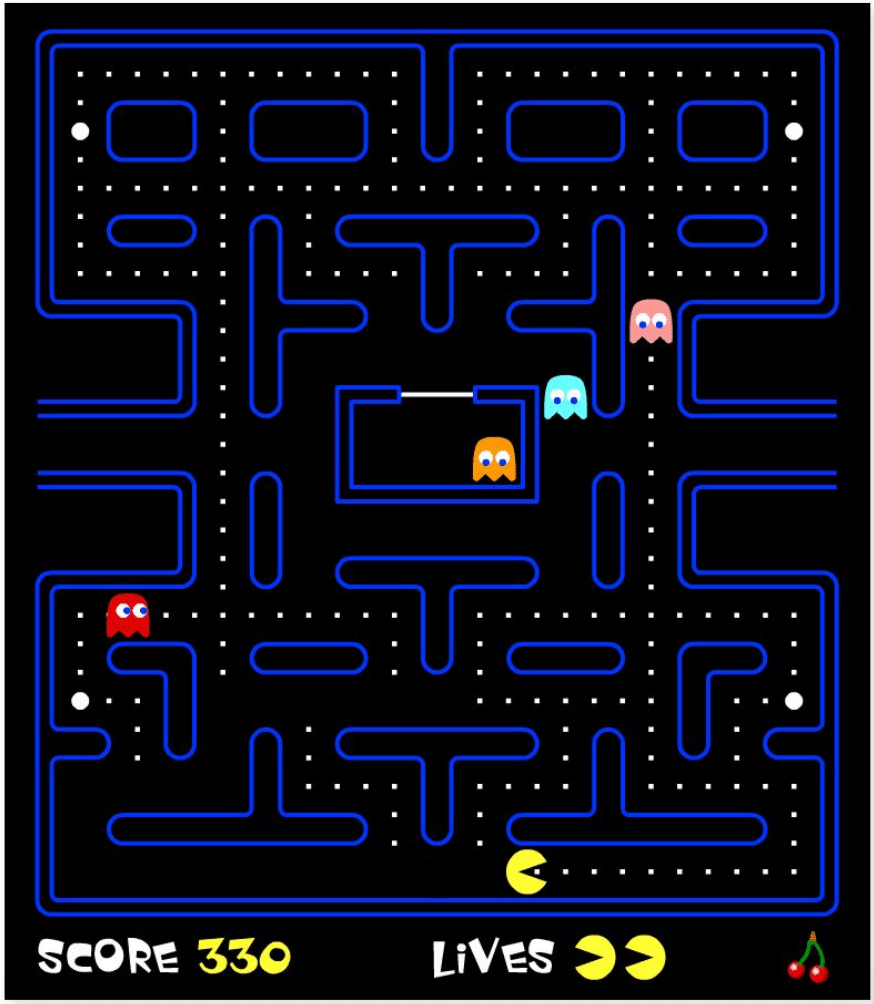
Objects: Walls

Blue outline represents the walls of the maze.



Rules & Interactions

Pac-Man can eat food pallets that have been put across the maze.
Pac-Man loses a life if he collides with any of the ghosts.
If Pac-man eats Power Pallets then the ghosts will turn blue and then Pac-Man can touch the ghosts as well.



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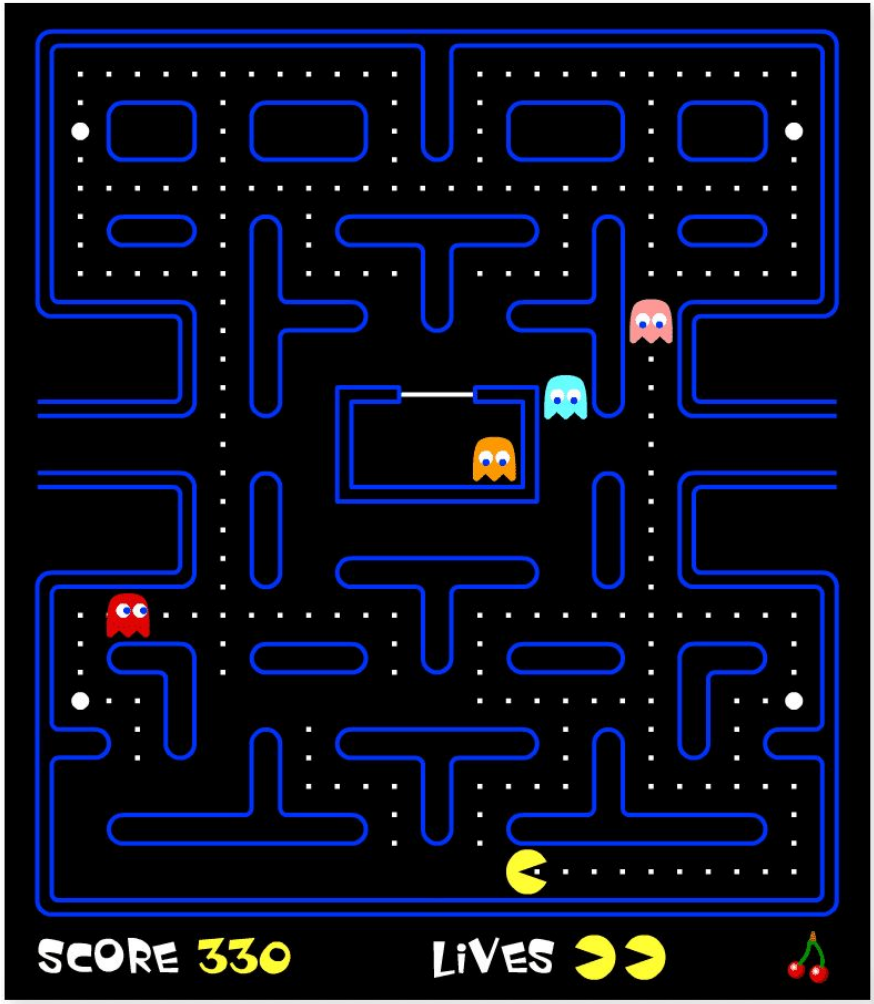
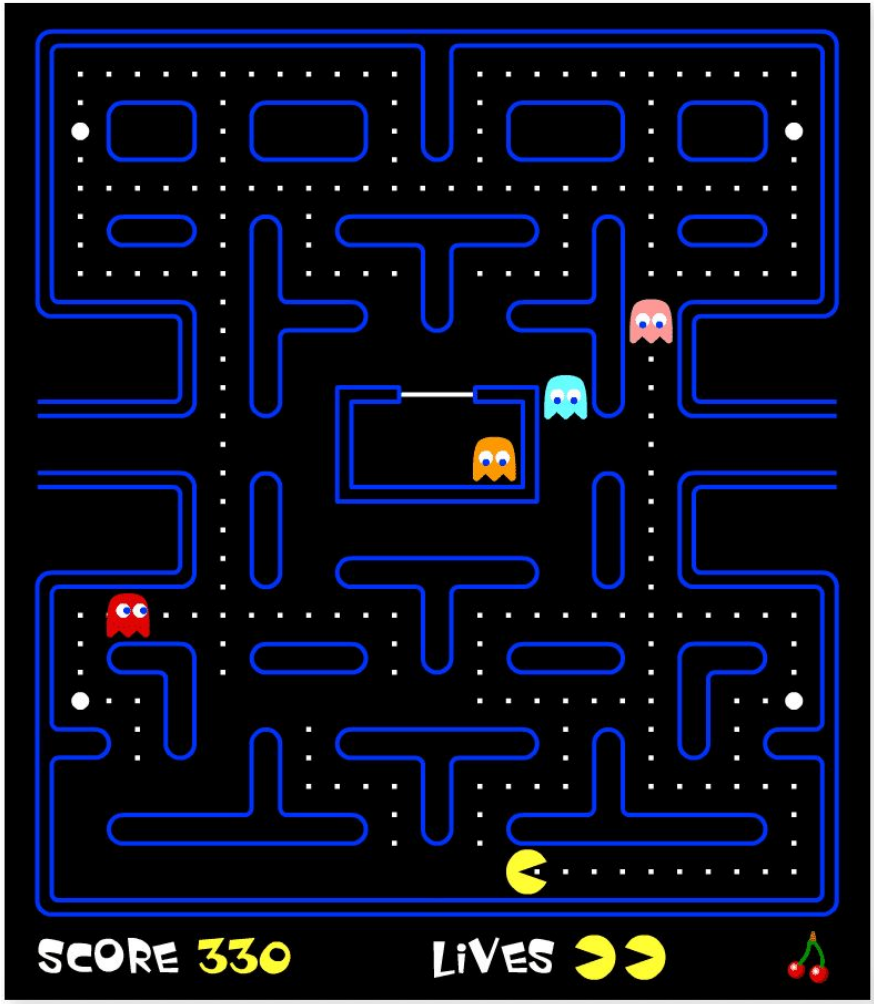
Score increases when the Pac-Man eats food pallets.



Goal

The goal of the game is to eat all of the food pallets that have been put across the maze while avoiding the Ghosts.



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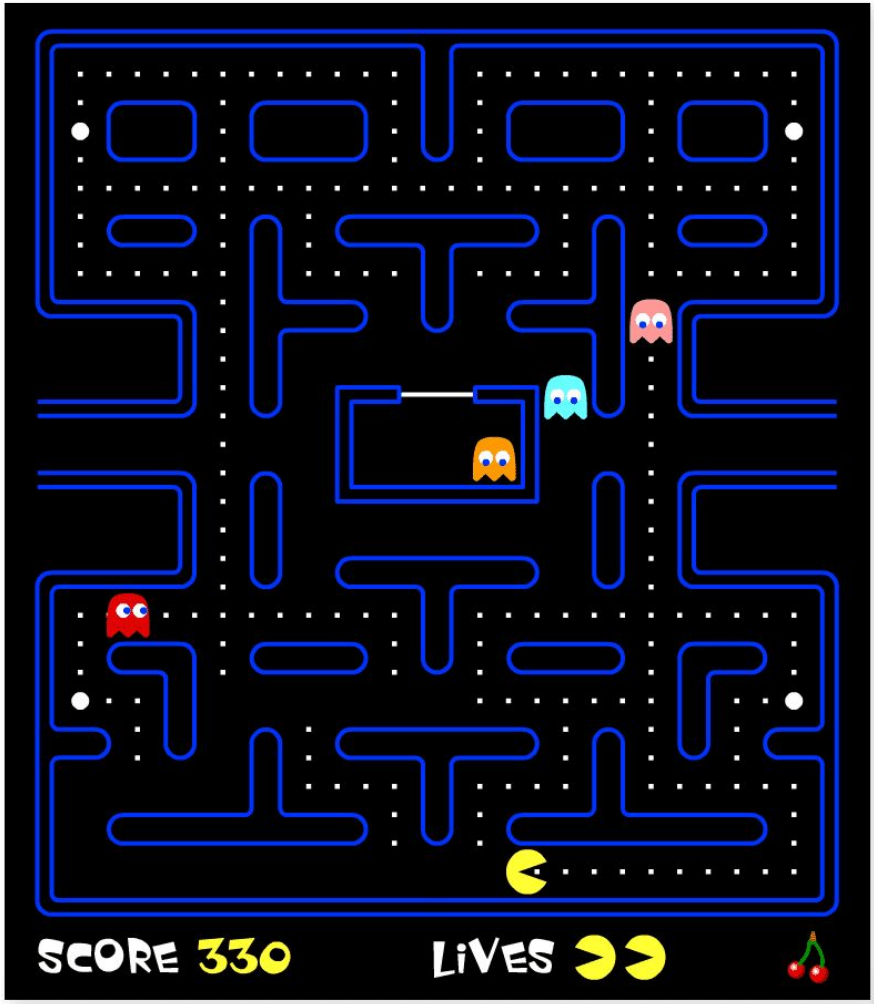

GUI Based Game

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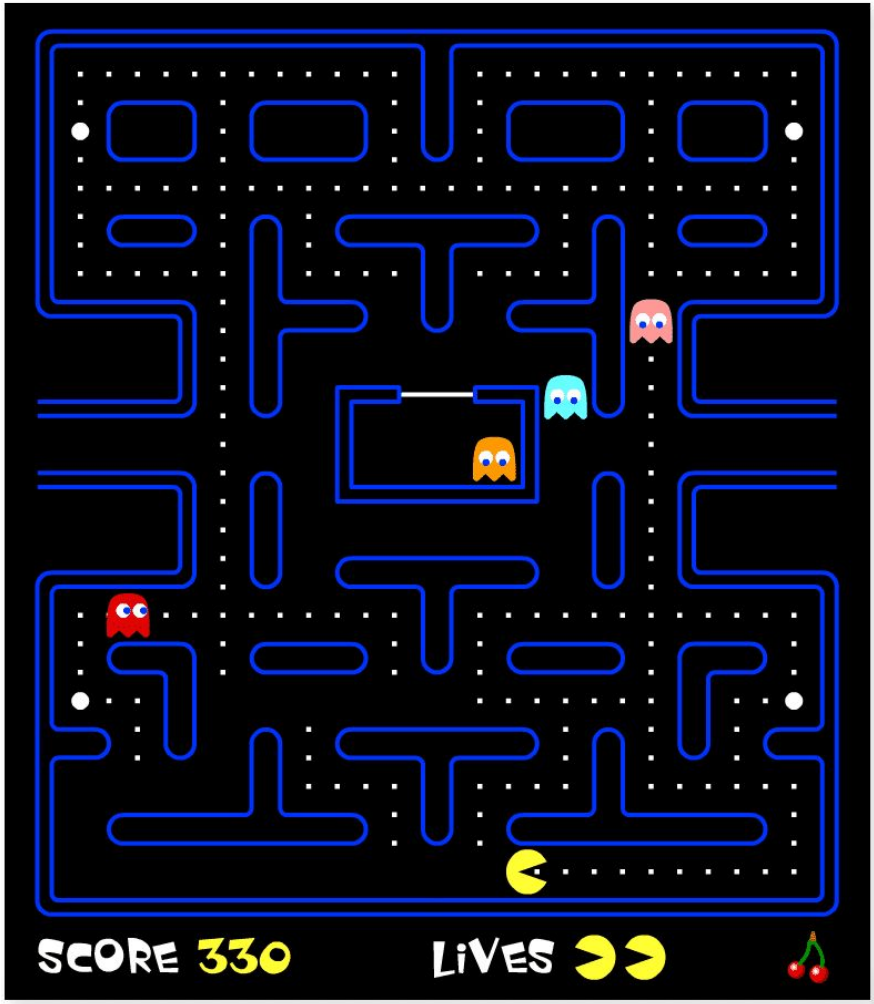
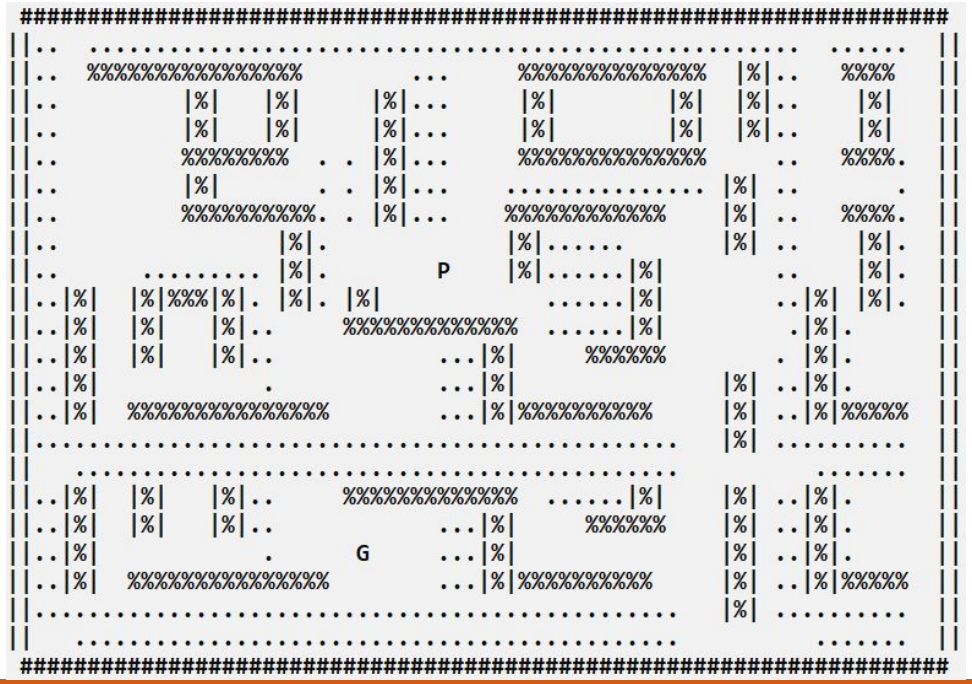


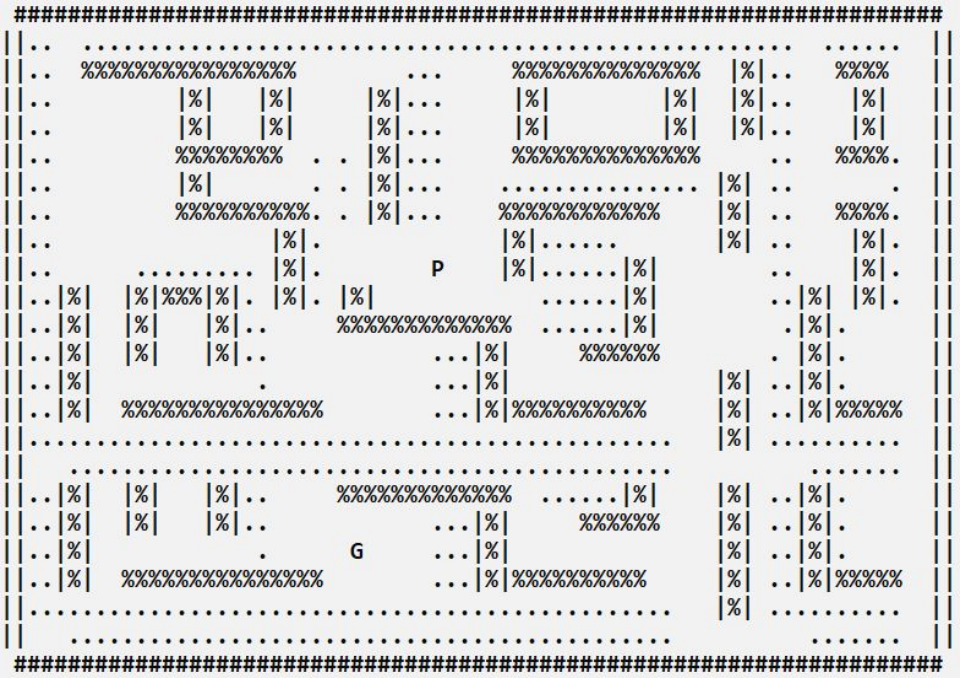
Console Based Game

The Logic behind both GUI and CLI game is the same which is the most important.



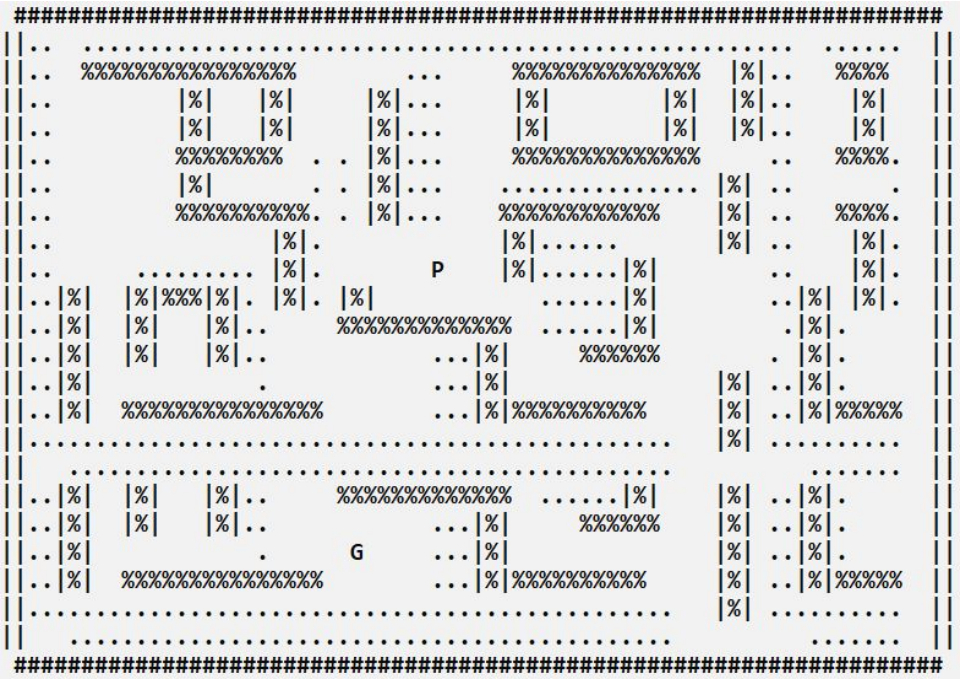
Console Based Game

Pac-Man is represented by P, ghost by G, Walls with |, # and %



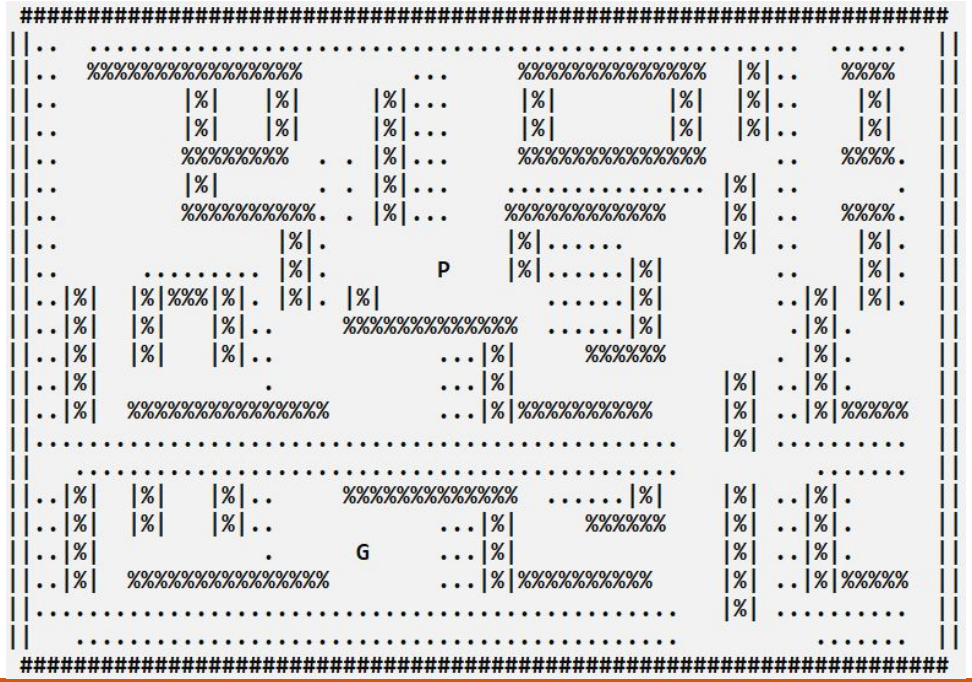
Console Based Game

How to Store this Maze ?



Pac-Man

Lets store this maze in 2D array.



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char maze[24][71] = {
{"#######################################################################"},
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{"||.. %%%%%%%%%%%%%%%        ...     %%%%%%%%%%%%%%  |%|..   %%%%   ||"},
{"||..         |%|   |%|     |%|...     |%|         |%|  |%|..    |%|   ||"},
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{"||..               |%|.              |%|......        |%| ..    |%|.  ||"},
{"||..     .........  |%|.        P     |%|......|%|         ..    |%|.  ||"},
{"||..|%|  |%|%%%|%|.|%|. |%|             ......|%|         ..|%| |%|.  ||"},
{"||..|%|  |%|   |%|..    %%%%%%%%%%%%  ......|%|          .|%|.       ||"},
{"||..|%|  |%|   |%|..            ...|%|     %%%%%%         . |%|.      ||"},
{"||..|%|             .            ...|%|                 |%| ..|%|.      ||"},
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{"#######################################################################"}};
```

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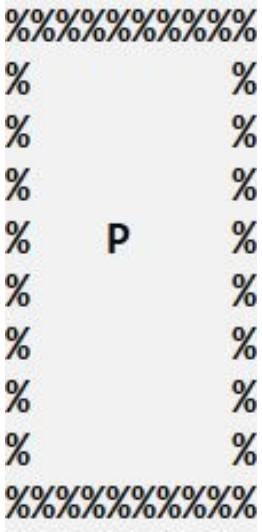

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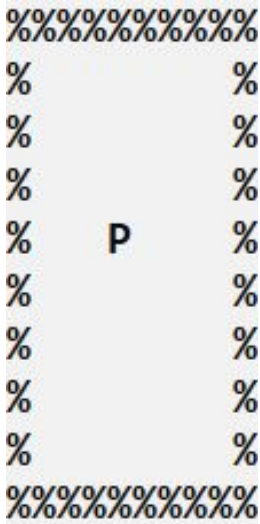
Player can press:

- Left arrow key (Move Left)
- Right arrow key (Move Right)
- Up arrow key (Move Up)
- Down arrow key (Move Down)



Pac-Man: 2D Representation

maze[10][10]	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1	%									%
2	%									%
3	%									%
4	%				P					%
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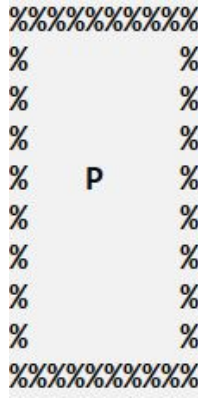
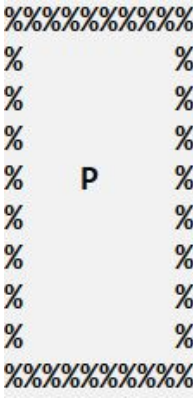


Pac-Man: Move Left



maze[10][10]	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1	%									%
2	%									%
3	%									%
4	%			P ←						%
5	%									%
6	%									%
7	%									%
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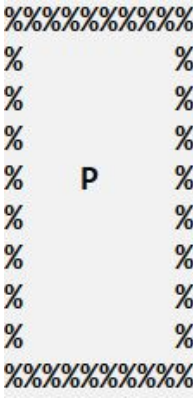
9	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Row Same

Column - 1

Pac-Man: Move Right



maze[10][10]	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1	%									%
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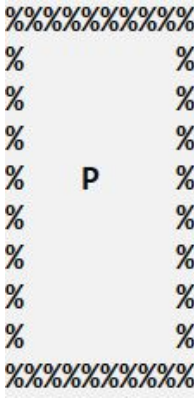
Row Same

Column + 1

Pac-Man: Move UP



maze[10][10]	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1	%									%
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9	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Row - 1

Column Same

Pac-Man: Move Down

maze[10][10]	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1	%									%
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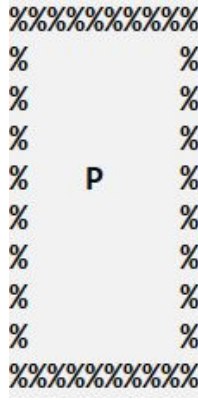
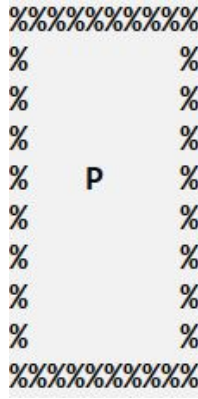


Row
+ 1

Column
Same

Pac-Man: Movement



Important thing to note here is Pac-Man is removed from the previous Cell when it moved to the next cell.

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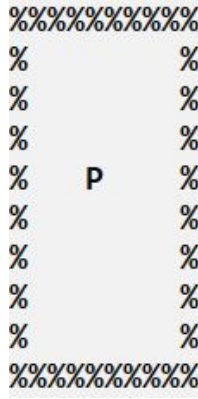
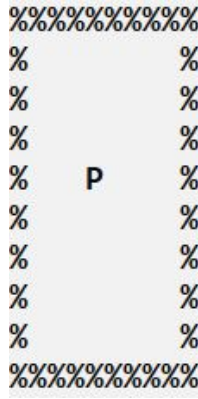


We can make the following general formulas

Keys	Movement
Up	Row decrements by 1, Column remains same
Down	Row increments by 1, Column remains same
Left	Row remains same, Column decrements by 1
Right	Row remains same, Column increments by 1

Pac-Man: Detect Arrow Key



Before changing the cell location of the Pan-Man we have to detect which arrow key is pressed

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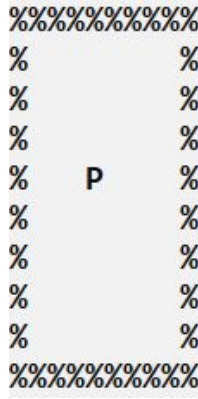
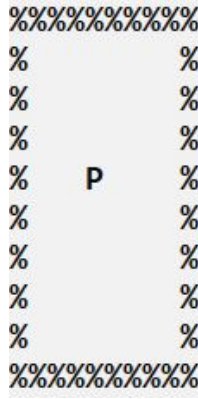


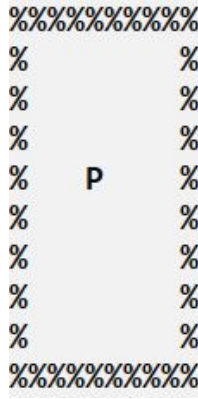
C++ provides us with a function named GetAsyncKeyState().
GetAsyncKeyState stands for Get Asynchronous Key State. This function gives information about the key, whether the key was pressed or not at the time when the function was called.

Pac-Man: Detect Arrow Key

But we have to only detect arrow keys.



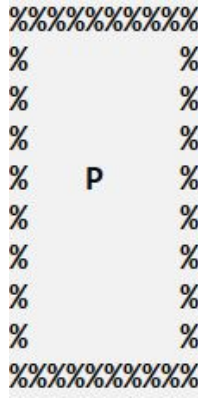
Pac-Man: Virtual Key Codes



C++ also provides Virtual-key code constants that are used to find the state of the pressed keys.

Codes	Meaning
VK_LEFT	Left arrow key
VK_RIGHT	Right arrow key
VK_UP	Up Arrow key
VK_DOWN	Down arrow key

Pac-Man: Detect Up arrow Key



Code to detect if the up arrow key is pressed is given by:

```
1  if (GetAsyncKeyState(VK_UP))
2  {
3      // Move the Pac Man Up
4  }
```

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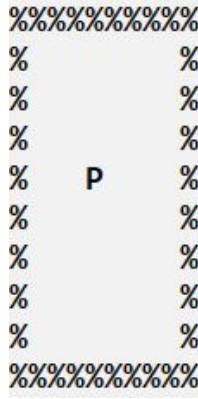

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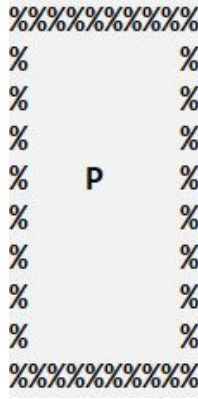
GetAsyncKeyState(VK_UP) function returns 0 if the key is not pressed and a non zero value if the key is currently pressed.

Pac-Man: windows.h



The definition of GetAsyncKeyState() function is given in the windows.h header file.

```
1  #include <windows.h>
```

```cpp
#include <iostream>
#include <windows.h>
using namespace std;
            // Function Prototype
void printMaze();
void movePacmanLeft();
void movePacmanRight();
void movePacmanUP();
void movePacmanDown();
            // Global Parameters
char maze[10][10] = {
    {'%', '%', '%', '%', '%', '%', '%', '%', '%', '%'},
    {'%', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', '%'},
    {'%', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', '%'},
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    {'%', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', ' ', '%'},
    {'%', '%', '%', '%', '%', '%', '%', '%', '%', '%'}
};

int pacmanX = 4; // X Coordinate of Pacman
int pacmanY = 4; // Y Coordinate of Pacman
```
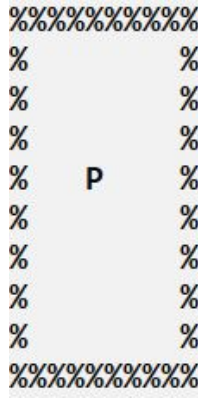

```cpp
main()                  // Main Function
{
    bool gameRunning = true;
    while (gameRunning)
    {
        Sleep(200);
        system("CLS");
        printMaze();
        if (GetAsyncKeyState(VK_LEFT)){
            movePacmanLeft();
        }
        if (GetAsyncKeyState(VK_RIGHT)){
            movePacmanRight();
        }
        if (GetAsyncKeyState(VK_UP)){
            movePacmanUP();
        }
        if (GetAsyncKeyState(VK_DOWN)){
            movePacmanDown();
        }
        if (GetAsyncKeyState(VK_ESCAPE)){
            gameRunning = false; // Stop the game
        }
    }
}
```

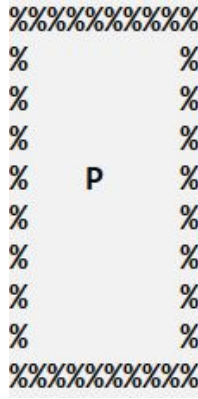
Pac-Man: Activity



Now, your task is to implement the following functions.

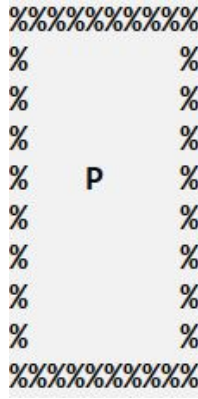
1. void printMaze();
2. void movePacmanLeft();
3. void movePacmanRight();
4. void movePacmanUP();
5. void movePacmanDown();

Pac-Man: PrintMaze()



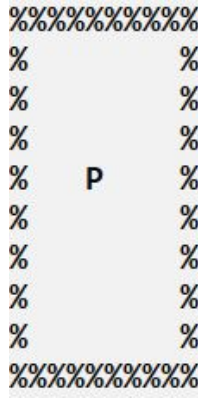

```
void printMaze()
{
    for (int row = 0; row < 10; row = row + 1)
    {
        for (int col = 0; col < 10; col = col + 1)
        {
            cout << maze[row][col];
        }
        cout << endl;
    }
}
```

Pac-Man: movePacmanLeft()



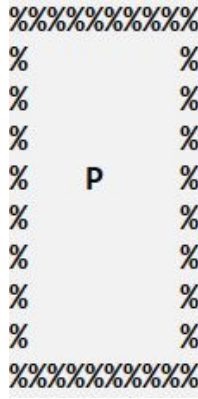

```
void movePacmanLeft()
{
    maze[pacmanX][pacmanY] = ' ';
    pacmanY = pacmanY - 1;
    maze[pacmanX][pacmanY] = 'P';
}
```

Pac-Man: movePacmanRight()



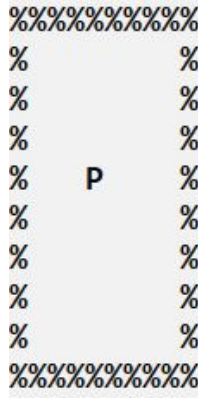

```
void movePacmanRight()
{
    maze[pacmanX][pacmanY] = ' ';
    pacmanY = pacmanY + 1;
    maze[pacmanX][pacmanY] = 'P';
}
```

Pac-Man: movePacmanUp()




```
void movePacmanUP()
{
    maze[pacmanX][pacmanY] = ' ';
    pacmanX = pacmanX - 1;
    maze[pacmanX][pacmanY] = 'P';
}
```

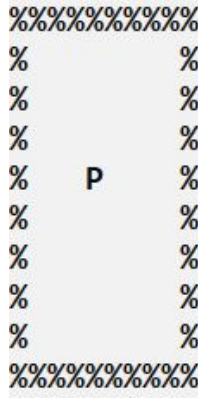
Pac-Man: movePacmanDown()



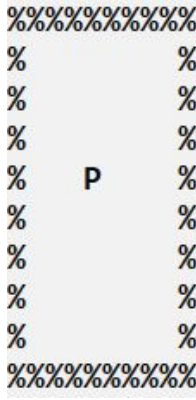

```
void movePacmanDown()
{
    maze[pacmanX][pacmanY] = ' ';
    pacmanX = pacmanX + 1;
    maze[pacmanX][pacmanY] = 'P';
}
```

Pac-Man: Activity

Do you see any problem in this code?



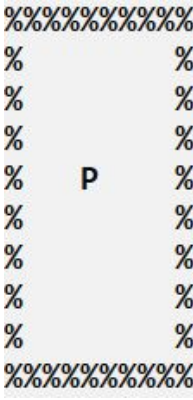
Pac-Man: Collision with Wall



What Happens when Pac-Man reaches any wall?

maze[10][10]	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1	%									%
2	%									%
3	%									%
4	%	P								%
5	%									%
6	%									%
7	%									%
8	%									%
9	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Pac-Man: Collision with Wall



% will be replaced with P.

maze[10][10]	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1	%									%
2	%									%
3	%									%
4	%	P								%
5	%									%
6	%									%
7	%									%
8	%									%
9	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Learning Objective

Write a C++ program to move a game object on the console using arrow keys.

Conclusion

- GetAsyncKeyState stands for Get Asynchronous Key State. This function gives information whether the key was pressed or not at the time when the function was called.
- Virtual key codes for the arrow keys and their meanings are given below.

Codes	Meaning
VK_LEFT	Left arrow key
VK_RIGHT	Right arrow key
VK_UP	Up Arrow key
VK_DOWN	Down arrow key

Conclusion

- Syntax to use GetAsyncKeyState() function is as follows:

```
#include <windows.h>
main()
{
     if (GetAsyncKeyState(VK_Code))
     {
          // Do something
     }
}
```

Self Assessment: (Video Profile Activity)

1. Now your task is to make the Pac-Man for a larger grid world. Include the functionality, if the Pac-Man strucks the wall, it does not change its position.

2. ALso, Add Ghost in the Grid and if Pac-Man collides with Ghost game should be over