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Abstract

The Maze Runner, created using EMU8086, is a virtual maze game. The objective of the game is to guide the virtual player through the maze, avoiding false turns and guiding them to escape the maze. A virtual emulator with a maze of walls is displayed in the game. The arrow keys on the keyboard are used to move the character in four directions – up, down, left and right. If the player moves in the direction where the path is blocked by a wall, the system creates a beeping sound – alerting the player about the lack of free path to move. The player must employ a variety of moves to progress through the maze. The goal of this game is to put your wits to the test by finding the shortest and the most efficient path to evade the maze using the arrow keys only.

1. Introduction

The Maze Runner is an arcade game where the player has to begin from one endpoint of the maze and exit the maze by reaching the other end point using arrow keys. It used arithmetic logic programming to achieve this goal.

A maze is a collection of paths, typically from an entrance to exit. The exit is the required destination for the player. All paths do not lead to the required destination. From the starting point, the paths diverge in different directions, facilitating the player to navigate through the maze in an attempt to reach the final goal. There can be more than one paths that finally lead to the exit. In the program, the maze is defined using an array of 0s and 1s.

The player will be able to navigate through arrow keys. In the program, the ASCII values of the arrow keys are defined as variables in the program and are used to tell the code what is the value of the input. If the value of the input is anything other than the pre-defined values, the system makes a beep sound. When the player moves using arrow keys, the character on the screen moves into the blank spaces present on the screen. If the character moves somewhere where there is a wall, the system makes a beeping sound, alerting the user that the move made is invalid and waits for further input. Total number of moves of the player are counted. For each key press moves count will increase and the number moves would act as a performance metric of the user.

The user input is taken using interrupts (INT 21H), hence the code stops functioning until the user gives an input. That is, the character cannot move unless the user instructs it to do so. Once the maze is completed and the character escapes it, another interrupt is used to break the play and print the winning message as the final output. The game will continue for as long as the character remains inside the maze, irrespective of the time and the number of wrong paths taken.

2. Literature Review

[1] A Guideline for Game Development-Based Learning: A Literature Review

Authors: Bian Wu and Alf Inge Wang

Journal/Conference: International Journal of Computer Games Technology

Year: 2012

The goal of this study is to review the published scientific literature on the topics of a game development-based learning (GDBL) method using game development frameworks (GDFs) with the goal of (a) summarising a guideline for using GDBL in a curriculum, (b) identifying relevant features of GDFs, and (c) presenting a synthesis of impact factors with empirical evidence on the educational effectiveness of the GDBL method.

[2] Using Assembly Language for Creating Games

Authors: Haris Turkmanovic David Vukoje Aleksandra Lekić Milan Prokin

Journal/Conference: IcEtran, 2018

Year: 2018

The purpose of this paper is to show several interesting and useful techniques to building assembly language programmes. A project dubbed "Arkanoid" was built to demonstrate the capabilities of the assembly language. This project is developed in assembly code and contains a handful of intriguing algorithms. The game is designed in the x86 Assembly language, which generates object code for processors in the x86 class. Visual Studio 2015 was chosen as the working environment since it provides useful tools for debugging and testing the developed software (game). When the software is run, it creates a "Arkanoid" game in the Windows OS Console.

[3] Model based design introduction: modeling game controllers to microprocessor architectures

Authors: Jungwirth Patrick Abdel-Hameed Badawy

Journal/Conference: SPIE Defense + Security, 2018, Anaheim

Year: 2018

The paper starts with a notion for a video game controller and then iterates the design using model-based design to get it to a working system.

[4] Evolving Assembly Programs: How Games Help Microprocessor Validation

Authors: F. Corno; E. Sanchez; G. Squillero

Journal/Conference: IEEE Xplore

Year: 2005

This paper has two objectives. They aim to show why the microprocessor validation and test problem and the chosen game are related, and to illustrate why an optimizer designed to win a game can be successful in a different, more practical area.

[5] Microprocessor-Based Television Games, Exercises, and Evaluation Procedures for the Physically and Mentally Handicapped

Authors: W M Honig, R H Eikelboom

Journal/Conference: IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology

Year: 1985

Techniques for assisting both physically and intellectually challenged people are described below. Patients helped to design and test television games and workouts for the disabled. The system began with a central gaming box containing a microprocessor, interchangeable memory cards, and body joint angle transducers that could be used with a conventional colour television set. Additional transducers and software have also been developed. Although the emphasis has been on therapeutic and diagnostic applications, all games and exercises developed have varied degrees of therapeutic, diagnostic, entertaining, and educational value.

[6] Pac-Man Conquers Academia: Two Decades of Research Using a Classic Arcade Game

Authors: Philipp Rohlfshagen; Jialin Liu; Diego Perez-Liebana; Simon M. Lucas

Journal/Conference: IEEE Xplore

Year: 2017

Pac-Man and its equally popular successor Ms Pac-Man are frequently credited with being the forerunners of the arcade video game golden age. Both games have been featured in various academic study projects over the last two decades, and their significance extends well beyond the commercial realm of video games. This publication summarises peer-reviewed research on each game (or close versions thereof), with a focus on computational intelligence. The paper also discusses the possibilities for games like Pac-Man to be used in higher education, and it finishes with a discussion of future research opportunities.

[7] Development of the Game Hangman in Assembly Programming Language

Authors: Tešanović, Stefan & Mitrović, Predrag

Journal/Conference: Telfor Journal

Year: 2018

The authors discuss a Hangman implementation in this publication. Despite the fact that the game is well-known and has been developed countless times, the implementation provides an intriguing approach to a programming assignment written entirely in assembly. This discovery is particularly educational because it gives a fun approach to expose kids to assembly programming and the architecture of x86 processors.

[8] Analysis of microprocessor system interface with memory

Authors: Lim Chun Keat; Asral Bahari Jambek; Uda Hashim

Journal/Conference: IEEE International Circuits and Systems Symposium

Year: 2015

The experiment was carried out by loading the microprocessor system architecture into Altera Cyclone II field programmable gate array (FPGA).

[9] Multiplayer Support for the Arcade Learning Environment

Authors: Justin K. Terry, Benjamin Black, Luis Santos

Journal/Conference: arxiv

Year: 2021

ALE mainly developed during Atari 2600 games, Using technologies Reinforcement Learning, Atari, Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning

[10] Structured Assembly Language Programming

Authors: Robert N. Cook.

Journal/Conference: SIGCSE

Year: 1982

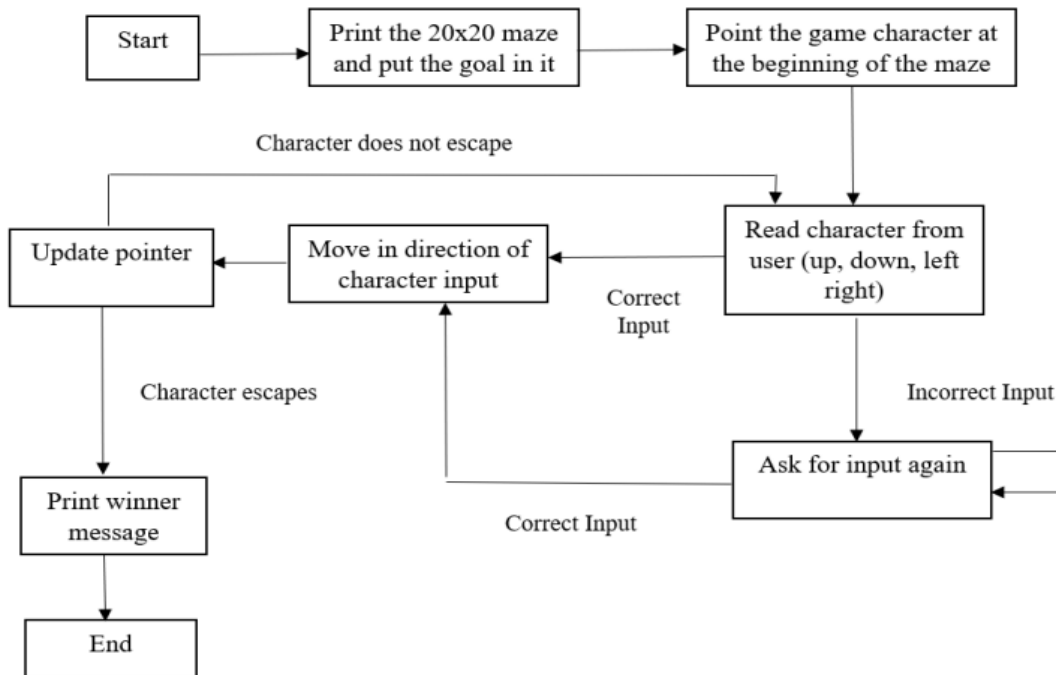
By solving the problem first using structured pseudocode and then "compiling" the pseudocode into assembly language, students can write readable self-documenting programs beginning with their first simple assignments. As the problems become more complex, the advantages of the approach described here become even more obvious.

3. Proposed Work

The proposed work uses ALP programming to emulate a maze-based game using the 8086 microprocessor. The work develops an arcade game, beginning with the concept of a character escaping a maze and further exploring methods to build a maze, take continuous user input, make use of arrow keys input and finally completing the arcade game with a winner message.

The game also makes use of system hardware sound whenever it makes a beeping sound, thus alerting the user of a wrong move made. If the user continues to make wrong moves, then the system will continue making the same sound. While running, the game utilises very low system RAM and space, thus allowing it to function even in low memory (16-bit) systems. This greatly lowers down the hardware requirements of the game. Since the code is locally stored in the system, no network requirements are needed.

4. Flowchart for algorithm



5. Implementation

5.1 Approach

- In Maze Runner game, 20 rows will be used to create a maze, that is 20 arrays of 0's and 1's. It will be a 2-D matrix of 20 rows and 20 columns. At 1's place we will print block using PUTC 219 and blank space at 0's using PUTC 32. A loop will run to print all rows of maze from row 1 to row 20 sequentially. CX register will maintain the count of 20 to print all 20 arrays from maze 1 to maze 20 .
- When maze is created a character will be created which will perform 4 types of operations: move left, move right, move up and move down. These will be done using arrow keys, whose ASCII values are stored in the variables left, right, up and down – defined in the data segment. From Game loop label, game will start and ask for moves from keyboard by using up, down, right and left arrow keys, by making an interrupt every time user input is required.
- Character can move only in blank spaces that is 0's in the matrix. This loop for moving and asking input as interrupt will be continued.
- If the character tackles any obstacle, that is, when it tackles any 1 in memory location of arrays, it will not move and make a beep sound using:

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MOV AH,  
02 MOV DL,  
07H INT 21H
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informing of the obstacle ahead and then ask the user to enter the move again. This will be achieved using CMP instruction. That is, the next value of array is compared to 0. If the values are equal, the character moves ahead. If they are unequal, the system produces a beep.

- Character moves will be counted and stored at a memory location. When the character escapes the maze at row 18, that is, at maze with last array data as 0, the loop will stop.
- This will follow in the screen being cleared of the maze and the winner message being displayed, which will be initialised as string.

5.2 Algorithm

- On running the code, the screen would display rules of the game and ask the user to press any key.
- On getting a user input, the program starts to print a 20x20 maze line by line, which is pre-defined in the data segment as 20 arrays of 0s and 1s.
- The program then prints a Character, which the user can navigate through the maze using arrow keys.

- If the user makes a move in the direction where a wall is blocking it, a beep sound will be produced.
- Total number of moves used are counted.
- Once the user navigates through the maze, the program prints the number of moves used, a winner message and halts.

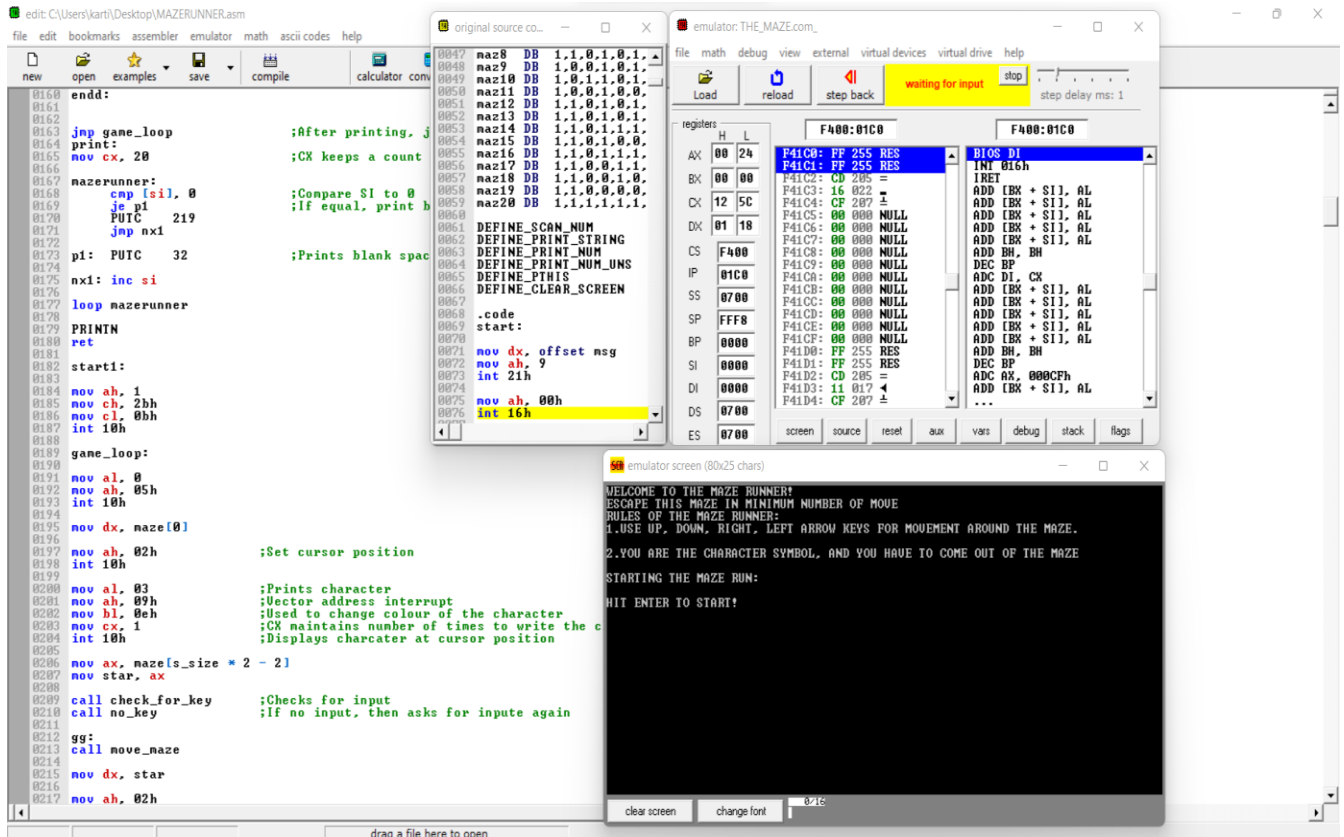
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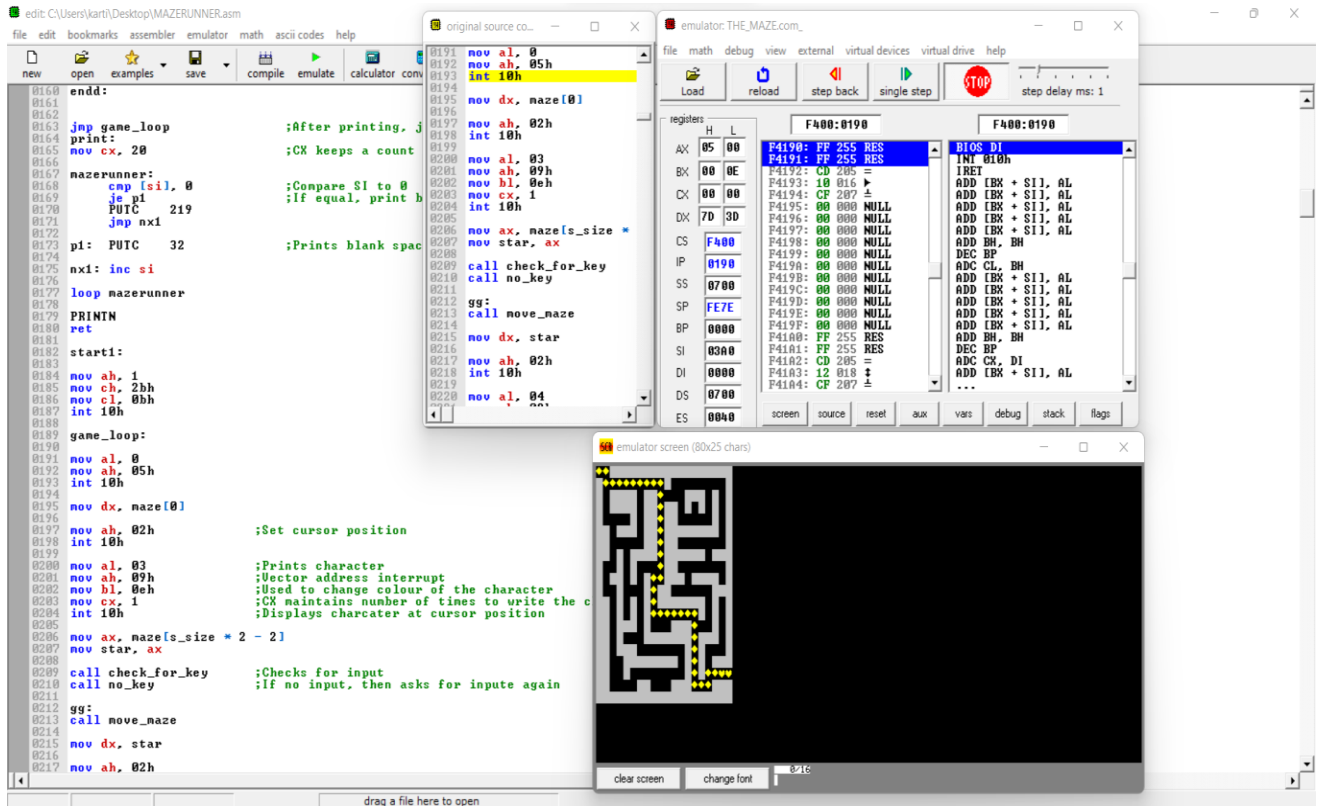
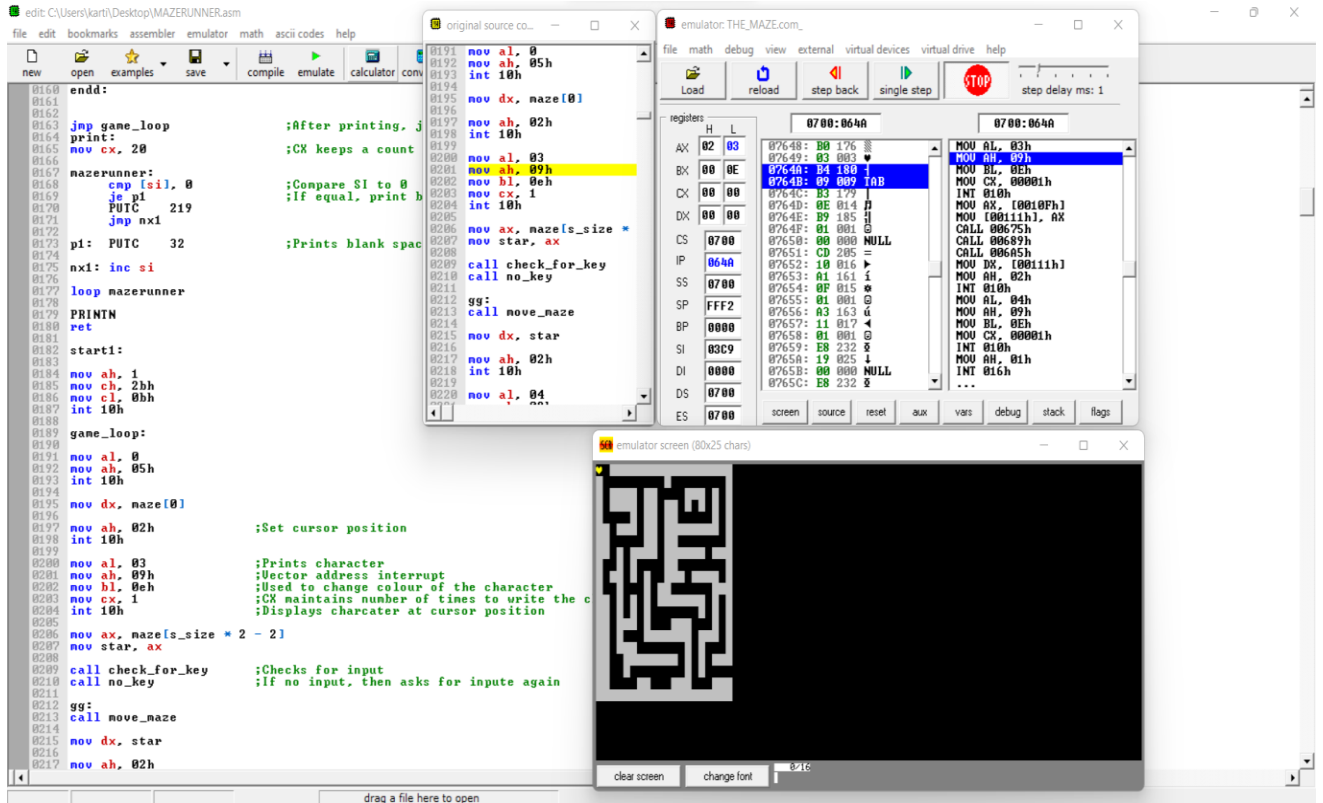
The program will be written in assembly language and run on an emu8086 emulator. The game greets the user with a welcome message and instructs them to start the game by pressing any key.

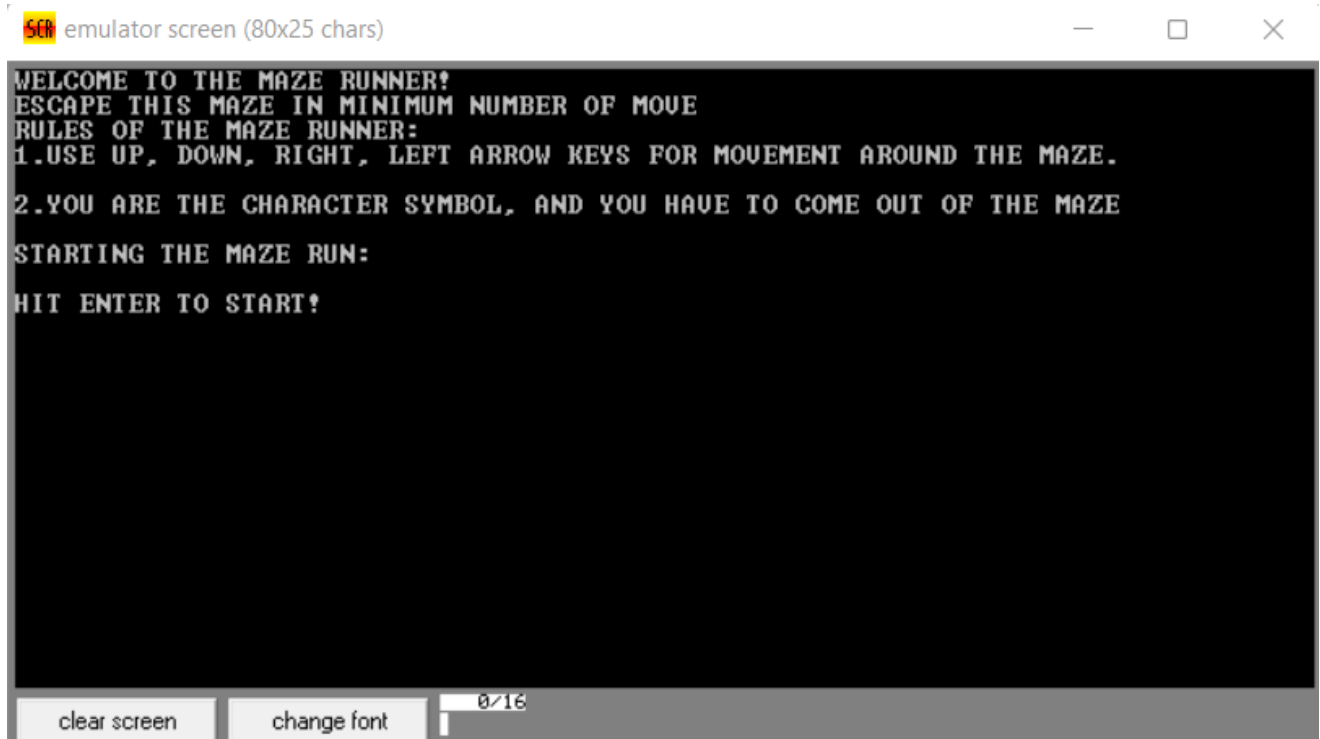
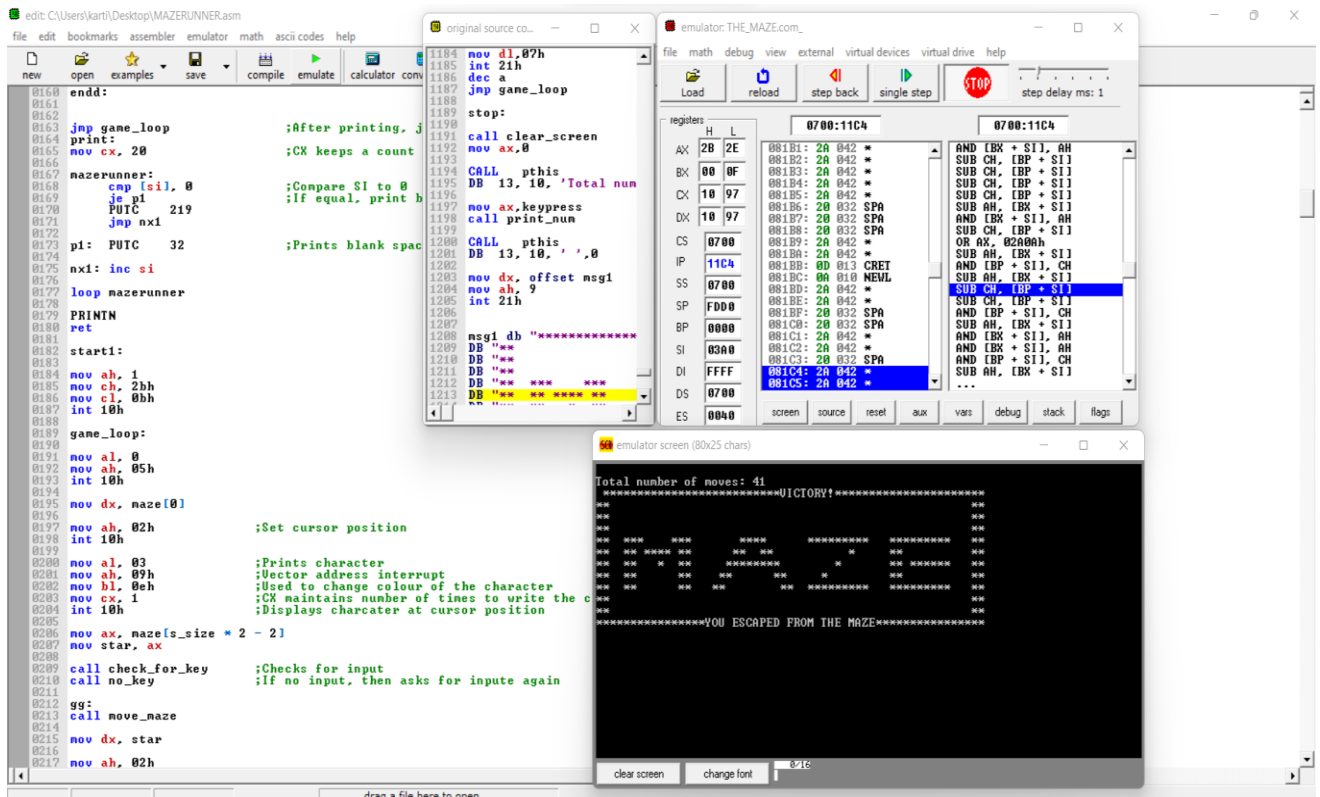
- When the player first starts the game, a maze will appear on the screen thanks to a loop in the code in which command PUTC219 places white areas on the screen and command PUTC32 places blank spaces. The maze's walls will be white blocks, while the black areas will be a blank area for the player to walk through.
- To successfully leave the maze, the player must avoid stepping into the maze walls and travel via the open sections. Once the maze has been established on the player screen, a character representing the player appears in the start spot. The player may now walk around the maze by pressing the up, down, left, and right arrow buttons on their keyboard.
- A new loop will be established in the code for each movement, which will update the player's position after each movement. When a player pushes a key to proceed through the maze, a function is invoked that first determines the key the player used as input and whether or not the position is valid. The position is legitimate and the method returns true if the player wants to move to a clear area. Then, depending on whatever key was used as input, a function is called.
- When the down key is pushed, the x coordinate is reset to the previous position, while the y coordinate is increased by one. If the right key is pushed, the player's y coordinate is set to the same as the previous position, but the x coordinate is increased by one to move the player to the new place.
- As a result, the player's position is changed to the new location based on the key input by the player. If a white block is present, however, the function that validates the correctness of a position returns false, and the player's position is reset to his prior position while the system waits for the next input.
- While the player is travelling through the maze, another loop continues to run, counting each keypress to calculate the total number of moves the player has made during the game.

- The loop stops running after the player has successfully exited the maze, and a congrats message appears on the screen. In addition, the screen displays the player's total number of moves. The player must try to make the fewest number of movements possible.

6. Results and Screenshots







7. Conclusion

The game 'Maze Runner' is an arcade game built using arithmetic logical programming on the platform EMU8086. It is a game with low hardware requirements, making it compatible with a large number of systems. The game begins with a character at the start of the maze. Objective is to use the arrow keys to navigate through the maze and escape it. Once escaped, user gets a message indicating victory. A well-loved arcade game, maze runner builds cognitive skills and helps develop quick and logical thinking.

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maz2 DB 1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1 ;1 represents walls
maz3 DB 1,0,1,1,1,1,0,1,1,0,0,0,1,1,1,0,1,0,1
maz4 DB 1,0,1,1,1,1,0,1,1,0,1,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1
maz5 DB 1,0,0,0,0,1,0,1,1,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,1
maz6 DB 1,1,0,1,1,1,0,1,1,0,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,0,1
maz7 DB 1,1,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1
maz8 DB 1,1,0,1,0,1,1,1,1,0,1,1,1,1,1,1,0,1,1,1
maz9 DB 1,0,0,1,0,1,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1
maz10 DB 1,0,1,1,0,1,0,1,0,0,1,1,1,0,1,1,1,1,0,1
maz11 DB 1,0,0,1,0,0,0,1,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,1
maz12 DB 1,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,0,1,0,1
maz13 DB 1,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,1,0,1
maz14 DB 1,1,0,1,1,1,0,1,0,0,0,1,1,1,0,0,0,1,0,1
maz15 DB 1,1,0,1,0,0,0,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,0,1,1,1,0,1
maz16 DB 1,1,0,1,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,1,0,0,0,1
maz17 DB 1,1,0,0,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,1,1
maz18 DB 1,1,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,0,1,0,0,0,0 ;maze exit
maz19 DB 1,1,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,0,0,1,1,1,0,0,0,1,3,1
maz20 DB 1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1

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DEFINE_SCAN_NUM           ;procedure that gets the multi-digit SIGNED number from
the keyboard, and stores the result in CX register.
DEFINE_PRINT_STRING        ;macro with 1 parameter, prints out a string.
DEFINE_PRINT_NUM           ;procedure that prints a signed number in AX register.
DEFINE_PRINT_NUM_UN        ;procedure that prints out an unsigned number in AX
register.
DEFINE_PTHIS               ;procedure to print a null terminated string at current cursor
position
DEFINE_CLEAR_SCREEN        ;procedure to clear the screen and set cursor position to
top of it

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.code                      ;Code Segment begins
start:
mov dx, offset msg         ;Prints message defined by 'msg' in the data segment
mov ah, 9                  ;Asks for user input to begin the game
int 21h
mov ah, 00h                ;Screen change on input
int 16h
CALL CLEAR_SCREEN          ;Clears screen once user input is obtained
pmaz1:                     ;Printing first row of the maze as defined in the data segment
lea si, maz1
call print

pmaz2:                     ;Printing second row of the maze as defined in the data segment
lea si, maz2
call print

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pmaz3: lea si,maz3 call print	;Printing third row of the maze as defined in the data segment
pmaz4: lea si,maz4 call print	;Printing fourth row of the maze as defined in the data segment
pmaz5: lea si,maz5 call print	;Printing fifth row of the maze as defined in the data segment
pmaz6: lea si,maz6 call print	;Printing sixth row of the maze as defined in the data segment
pmaz7: lea si,maz7 call print	;Print 7th row of the maze
pmaz8: lea si,maz8 call print	;Print 8th row of the maze
pmaz9: lea si,maz9 call print	
pmaz10: lea si,maz10 call print	
pmaz11: lea si,maz11 call print	
pmaz12: lea si,maz12 call print	
pmaz13: lea si,maz13 call print	
pmaz14:	

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lea si,maz14  
call print
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pmaz15:  
lea si,maz15  
call print
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pmaz16:  
lea si,maz16  
call print
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pmaz17:  
lea si,maz17  
call print
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pmaz18:  
lea si,maz18  
call print
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pmaz19:  
lea si,maz19  
call print
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pmaz20:  
lea si,maz20  
call print  
endd:
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jmp game_loop      ;After printing, jumps to game loop  
print:  
mov cx, 20          ;CX keeps a count of 20 to print all rows  
mazerunner:  
    cmp [si], 0      ;Compare SI to 0  
    je p1            ;If equal, print blank space  
    PUTC 219  
    jmp nx1
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p1: PUTC 32          ;Prints blank space  
nx1: inc si  
loop mazerunner
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PRINTN  
ret
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start1:  
mov ah, 1
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mov ch, 2bh
mov cl, 0bh
int 10h
game_loop:
mov al, 0
mov ah, 05h
int 10h
mov dx, maze[0]
mov ah, 02h      ;Set cursor position
int 10h
mov al, 03      ;Prints character
mov ah, 09h      ;Vector address interrupt
mov bl, 0eh      ;Used to change colour of the character
mov cx, 1        ;CX maintains number of times to write the character
int 10h          ;Displays character at cursor position
mov ax, maze[s_size * 2 - 2]
mov star, ax
call check_for_key ;Checks for input
call no_key        ;If no input, then asks for input again
gg:
call move_maze
mov dx, star
mov ah, 02h
int 10h
mov al, 04
mov ah, 09h
mov bl, 0eh
mov cx, 1
int 10h
check_for_key:
mov ah, 01h
int 16h          ;Asks for keyboard input
jz no_key        ;Waits if no key
mov ah, 00h
int 16h
cmp al, 1bh
je stop_game
mov cur_dir, ah  ;Value of AH moves to Current direction, as input by the user
jmp gg
no_key:
mov ah, 00h
int 1ah
cmp dx, wait_time
jb check_for_key
add dx, 4
mov wait_time, dx

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    jmp game_loop
stop_game:
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stop:
call clear_screen                ;Clears screen
mov ax,0
CALL pthis
DB 13, 10, 'Total number of moves: ',0    ;Prints total number of moves
mov ax,keypress
call print_num
CALL pthis
DB 13, 10, ' ',0
mov dx, offset msg1              ;Prints message 1
mov ah, 9
int 21h
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hlt          ;Halts code
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move_maze endp      ;End program
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