Project 3 - PACoronam

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Design and architecture of the code

Our implementation is composed of 15 classes splitted into 16 cpp files and 17 hpp files. For more details, see the class diagram. It is good to note that there are also different enum classes visible on the diagram. Here is the utility of each class:

- Gameplay is the main class of the game. It contains everything needed during the game and all the function needed to run a game correctly. Its instantiation also creates all the objects needed. It is responsible for the display of the game objects, the collision management, the computation of the global scatter-chase cycle and also the panic mode, the user inputs management, the time keeping, the propagation of the virus and the display of the messages in the center of the screen.
- Statistics is a class containing the score, the number of food eaten, the power pill multiplier (i.e.: the multiplier of the score when monsters are being eaten in a row) and the score label. It is a general purpose class to manage the different "statistics" of the game.
- Coordinates is inheriting from sf::Vector2f and is used to localise the objects of the game, or to represent directions or general-purpose vectors. We chose to use such a class instead of sf::Vector2f so as to add different useful operations on 2D vectors.
- Draw is an abstract class that is the parent of every drawable object in the game. It is used to ease the drawing of each object in the grid by imposing on its children to implement the drawOnWindow function.
- Grid is the maze. It is composed of 2 vector of tiles used to represent all the tiles. The first vector is used to represent the tiles that are visible while playing and the second one represent a temporary buffer for the tiles that aren't visible but that are used for the target tiles of the monsters and for going through the underground tunnel.
- Tile represents a cell of the grid. Each tile is identified by its coordinates, by its type and by the food it contains (or not). We used 5 different tile types: normal for the basic tiles, escape for the 4 yellow tiles where monsters can't go north, slow for the 5 cells before each extremity of the tunnel, wall for the tiles containing a wall or a door. Each tile can have a food that is either a treat or a powerpill.
- Food is a class managing the data contained in each tile. Each food has a score value, a position and 3 boolean telling if the food is eaten, is a powerpill or is infected. Food is the parent of Treat and PowerPill.
- Treat and PowerPill inherits from Food, they are just used for the 2 different graphical representations and score values of the food pieces in the maze.
- Character is the class containing the characteristics needed for a movable character such as its speed, its direction, its coordinates and also the management of the virus on those characters. Character is the parent of Monster and Pacman.
- Pacman is the class used for the main character of the game. It inherits from Character and have some new attributes such as its possible invicibility. This class also contains a bunch of new methods used to control pacman properly in the maze and the graphical design.
- Monster is the class used for the 4 types of monster. It inherits from Character but has also new features. The features added are some tile references for the routing, the behaviour they have and their score value. This class also contains all the needed function for the monsters to compute their next position and interact with the different maze components. It also contains the graphical design of a monster.
- Bashful, Pokey, Shadow and Speedy are children of Monster. They are used for their specific graphical design and for the computation of the target tile in chase mode and scatter mode for each monster since they only act differently by the computation of their target tile.

Our two non-class files are constants.hpp and main.cpp.

Constants.hpp is used to initialize global constants such as the FPS number or the size of a cell.

Main.cpp is used for launching and updating the game and for the management of the window and the reset function. First of all, the window is created. After this, we enter a loop and create the gameplay object. We create this object in a loop so that we can easily reset the game by creating a new gameplay object. Then, as long as the window is opened and the R key is not pressed, the gameplay object is updated and displayed 60 times per second.

