

Technical manual

Apple store

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Objectives

The main objective of this project is to develop an interactive virtual environment that faithfully replicates the Apple Store located in Antara, Polanco (Mexico City) using Maya as the software for the modeling and detailing of the architectural structure and internal objects of the store. Also, involving OpenGL for the implementation of interactive functionalities, dynamic animations and lighting systems.

The project seeks to offer an immersive experience that allows users to explore the space virtually. This manual has been designed to provide a more explored understanding of each interaction, element and process involved in the creation of this animation.

Project Scope

The objective of this project is to develop an interactive virtual environment that simulates the Apple Store located in Antara, providing a visual, functional, realistic and detailed experience; modeled in Maya and animated in OpenGL.

The following points are the scope of the project:

- **3D modeling:**
 - Detailed modeling of the store's exterior frontage.
 - Complete modeling of the store interior, including fixed furniture such as display tables and shelves.
 - Creation of digital replicas of typical Apple products found in the store, such as iPhones, iPads and MacBooks.
- **Texturing and Materials:**
 - Application of textures and materials for all internal and external objects and structures, based on photographs of the actual store.
- **Lighting:**
 - Implementation of a lighting system that reflects both natural and artificial lighting conditions within the environment.
- **Animations:**
 - Simple animations of interactive objects, such as opening and closing doors, product movements and other animated elements. Also complex animations applied to store objects.
- **Interactivity:**
 - Development of basic controls for navigation within the virtual environment using keyboard and mouse.
 - Interactivity with some objects within the environment, such as operating electronic devices and opening doors.

- **Optimization and Performance:**

- The virtual environment is fluent and runs efficiently on computers with medium specifications.

Constraints

The development of an animation project using Maya software for an Apple store faced a number of technical complications that required creative and adaptive solutions. One of the main difficulties was importing the glass animation directly from Maya. In this process, a recurring problem arose when we tried to import an object to OpenGL, textures were added that did not correspond, generating a bug in the visualization.

The solution to this problem involved a modification of the fragment shader and the activation of the alpha channel to allow transparency. Once these adjustments were applied, We tried again importing a solid model to OpenGL and applying transparency, which finally allowed displaying the transparent models correctly.

Another significant limitation is related to the poor optimization of the models as, this delayed the startup of the project, the computer used for the project has a Ryzen 5 3500 series processor, 8 GB RAM, 512 GB SSD integrated graphics, the computer showed difficulties at times when loading the visualizations in Maya, especially with regard to the front end of the project. In addition, delays were experienced when loading the project in Visual Studio. However, once the models, textures and uv maps were optimized, the behavior was much improved.

Software methodology

For the development of the Apple Store project, we chose to use an Incremental Development methodology. This decision was based on the need to have a good management of the complexity of modeling and programming in OpenGL, allowing the necessary flexibility to adapt to changes and improvements throughout the development process. This choice was important to integrate continuous feedback from the teacher and adjust the project according to the needs and expectations of the initial proposal.

- **Phase organization:**

It was divided into several incremental phases, each with specific objectives and clear deliverables. This structure allowed us to focus on completing segments of the environment in manageable stages, ensuring steady and visible progress.

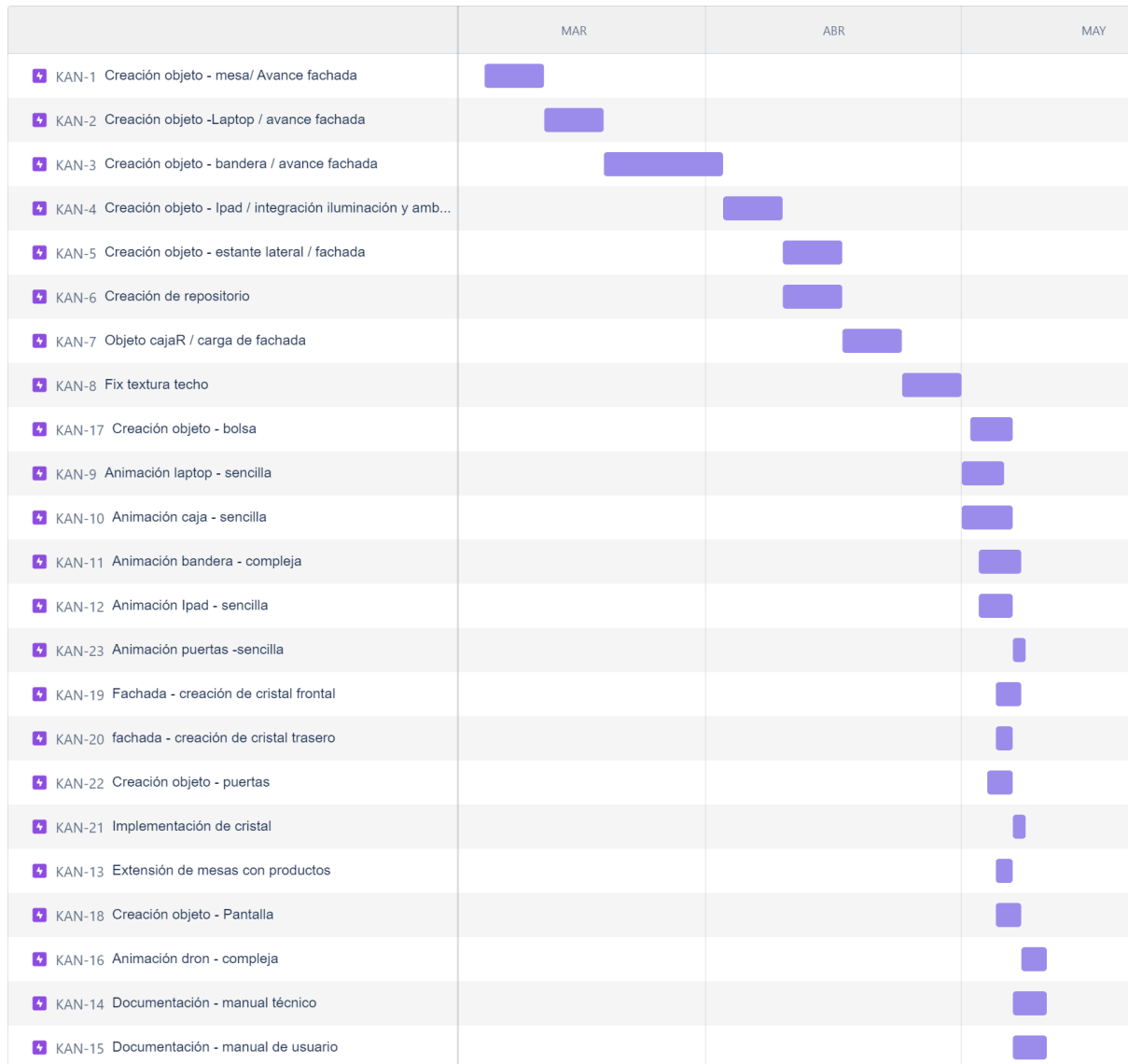
- **Weekly deliverables:**

A weekly delivery cycle was established, where significant project progress was presented each week. These presentations ranged from new 3D models to improvements in animation and interactivity. This regularity in the deliverables helped to keep the ongoing project under constant evaluation and also allowed for the timely implementation of changes suggested by the reviewers.

- **Continuous improvement:**

With each weekly delivery, the technical results and feedback received by the teacher were evaluated. This allowed for technical adjustments that improved efficiency and quality in the development of the project.

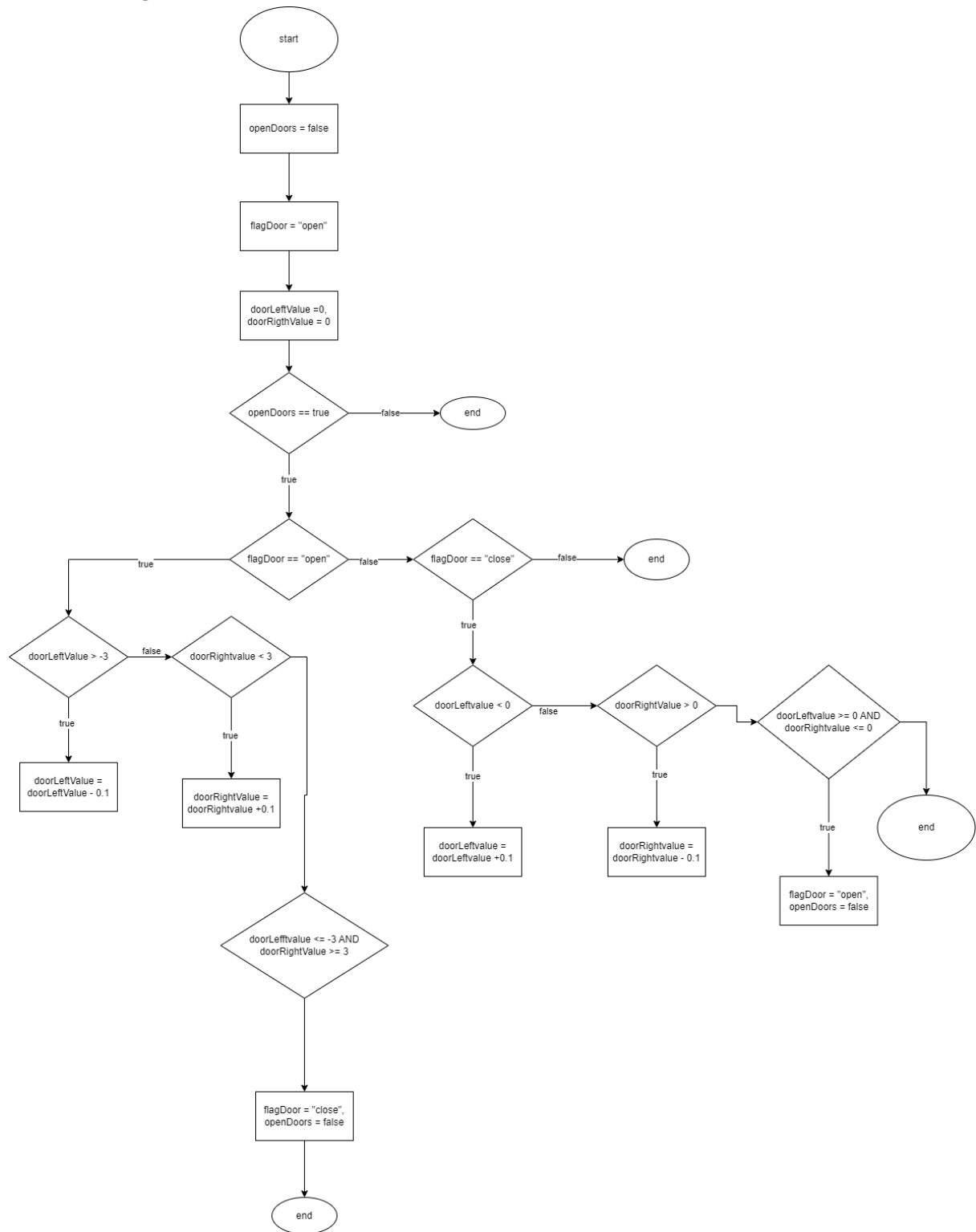
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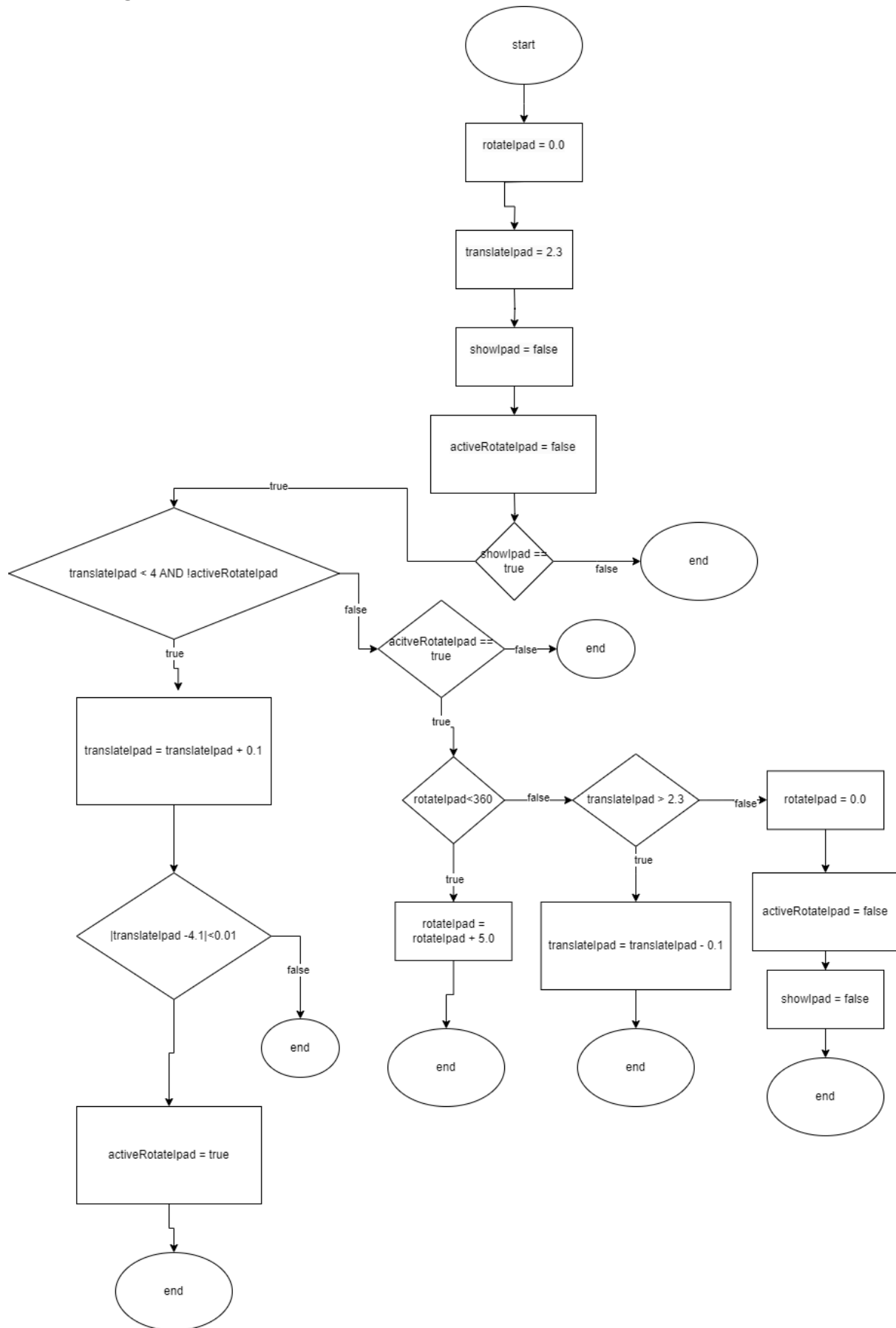
flow diagrams

The simple animations were defined inside the DoMovement function, since it is executed inside the while and this helps to have always listening to the behavior of the variables to activate or deactivate x animation.

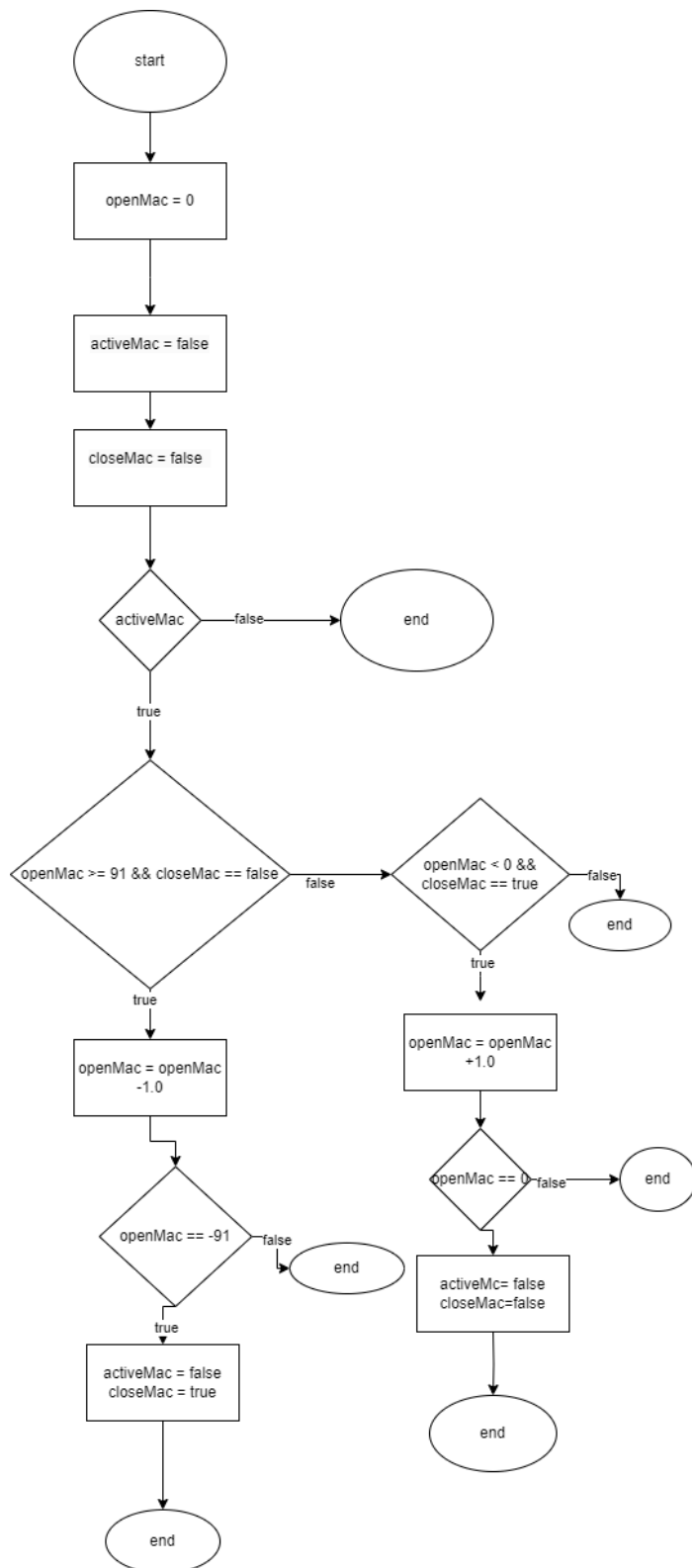
flow diagram - doors



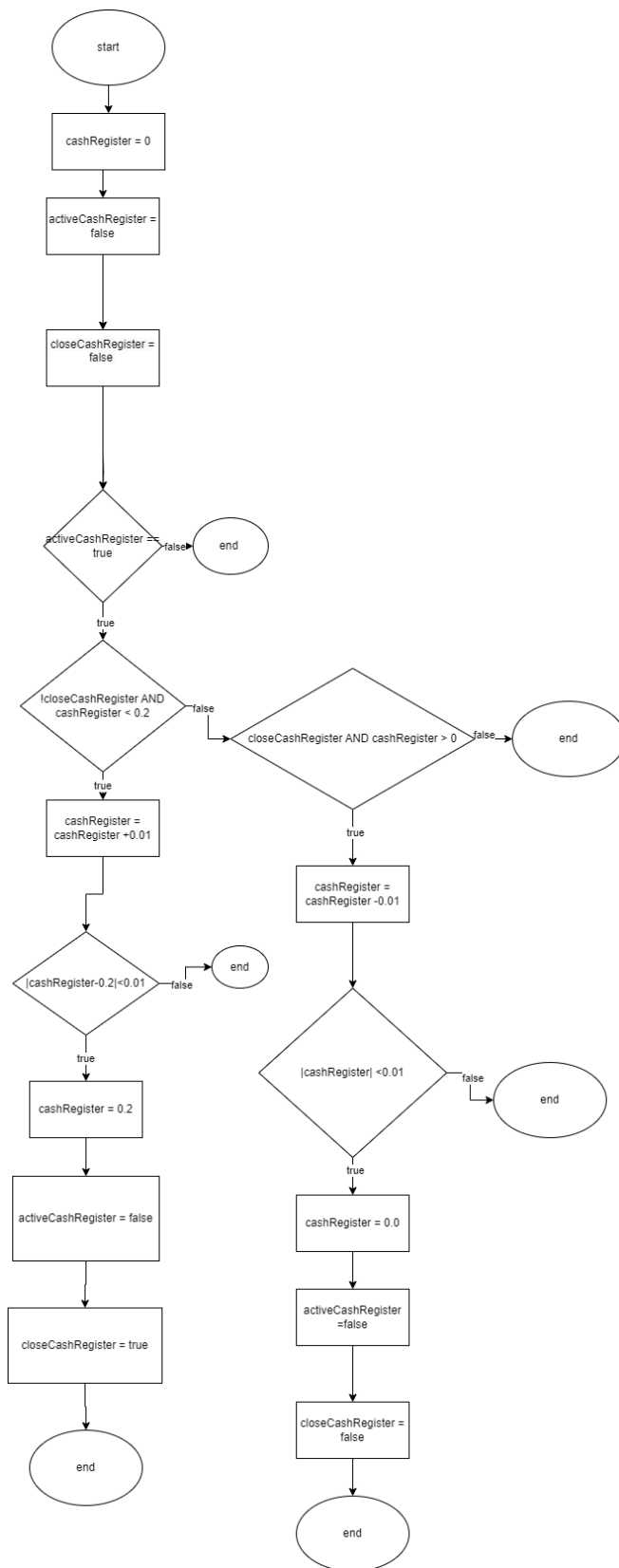
flow diagram - ipad



Flow diagram - mac



flow diagram - cash register



Code documentation

The cpp file is sectioned with comments to define each of the elements that define the project.

variable definition

1	Variable	Definition
2	-----	-----
3	WIDTH	Defines the screen width
4	HEIGHT	Defines the screen height
5	SCREEN_HEIGHT	Current screen dimensions
6	SCREEN_WIDTH	Current screen dimensions
7	camera	Camera type object that manages the view and position of the camera
8	lastX, lastY	Last recorded mouse position
9	keys	Array of booleans for handling key state
10	firstMouse	Indicator to determine if the mouse has moved for the first time
11	lightPos	Position of the light source
12	active	Boolean state to keep the light points always on
13	spotLightPosition	Position of the spot type light
14	spotLightDirection	Direction of the spot type light
15	time	Takes time from the processor
16	openMac	Controls activation to open the computer
17	activeMac	Indicates if the variable is active
18	closeMac	Indicates if the action to close the Mac is active
19	cashRegister	Increment or decrement value for cash register animation
20	activeCashRegister	Control variable when the drawer has to be opened
21	closeCashRegister	Control variable when the drawer has to be closed
22	rotateIpad	Controls the rotation of the iPad
23	translateIpad	Controls the translation of the iPad
24	showIpad	Control to activate the animation of showing
25	activeRotateIpad	Control to activate the rotation
26	openDoors	Control variable to activate or deactivate the animation
27	flagDoor	Control flag to indicate whether to open or close
28	doorLeftValue	Displacement of the left door
29	doorRightValue	Displacement of the right door
30	activeDron	Boolean in charge of activating the animation
31	rotateDron	Drone rotation upon reaching a corner
32	rotateHeli	Rotation of the propellers
33	elevateDron	Increment/decrement to elevate the drone
34	desZ	Displacement in z
35	desX	Displacement in x
36	r1, r2, r3, r4, r5	Booleans that help to switch states
37	lightDron	Vector containing the color of the light corresponding to the drone
38	lightColorDron	Vector containing the data for the spot light
39	pointLightPositions	Array containing the positions of the light points
40	deltaTime	Time control between frames

function definition

1	Function	Definition
2	-----	-----
3	KeyCallback	Handles keyboard inputs
4	MouseCallback	Handles mouse inputs
5	DoMovement	Updates the camera position and manages animations based on user input.
6	FlyDron	Controls the drone's flight and animation
7	CircuitDron	Manages the drone's states to perform the route
8	main	The main function that initializes GLFW and GLEW, sets up the window and shaders, and loads lights, models, and facades.
9		

Complex animation - flag

A shader was defined to animate a flag by adding a ripple effect to the vertices of the flag mesh.

The shader modifies the z-coordinate of each vertex of the flag mesh based on a sine function, which changes with time and the x-position of the vertex. This creates a ripple effect that makes the flag appear to wave. In the C++ code, you update the shader's time variable at each frame to continuously animate the flag. In addition, transformations are set up to correctly position and orient the flag in the scene.

anim.vs

```
1  #version 330 core
2  layout (location = 0) in vec3 aPos;
3  layout (location = 1) in vec3 aNormal;
4  layout (location = 2) in vec2 aTexCoords;
5
6  out vec2 TexCoords;
7
8  uniform mat4 model;
9  uniform mat4 view;
10 uniform mat4 projection;
11 uniform float time;
12
13 const float amplitude = 0.1;
14 const float frequency = 1.7;
15 const float PI = 3.14159265359;
16
17 void main()
18 {
19     float wave = amplitude * sin(PI * aPos.x * frequency + time);
20     vec3 newPosition = vec3(aPos.x, aPos.y, aPos.z + wave );
21     gl_Position = projection * view * model * vec4(newPosition, 1.0);
22     TexCoords = aTexCoords;
23 }
24
```

anim.frag

```
1  #version 330 core
2  out vec4 FragColor;
3  in vec2 TexCoords;
4  uniform sampler2D texture1;
5
6  void main()
7  {
8
9      vec4 texColor= texture(texture1, TexCoords);
10     if(texColor.a < 0.1)
11         discard;
12     FragColor = texColor;
13
14 }
```

Complex animation - drone

For this animation we created two separate functions which are responsible for animating the drone:

- FlyDron function

This function handles the activation and vertical movement of the drone, as well as integrating changes in lighting based on the state of activeDron (a Boolean that determines whether the drone is active or not).

```
1141 void FlyDron()
1142 {
1143     if (activeDron)
1144     {
1145         lightDron = glm::vec3(0.0f, 1.0f, 1.0f);
1146         rotateHeli += 10.0f;
1147         if (elevateDron < 5)
1148         {
1149             elevateDron += 0.01f;
1150             if (rotateDron > -90)
1151             {
1152                 rotateDron -= 1.0f;
1153             }
1154         }
1155         if (elevateDron >= 5)
1156         {
1157             CircuitDron();
1158         }
1159     }
1160 }
1161
1162 if (activeDron == false && elevateDron > 2.3f)
1163 {
1164     lightDron = glm::vec3(1.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f);
1165     if (elevateDron > 2.3)
1166     {
1167         rotateHeli += 10.0f;
1168         elevateDron -= 0.01f;
1169     }
1170     if (elevateDron == 2.3f) {
1171         rotateHeli = 0.0f;
1172         lightDron = glm::vec3(0.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f);
1173     }
1174 }
1175
1176 }
```

- CircuitDron function

This function controls the horizontal movement of the drone following a predefined circuit through five segments (r1 to r5), where each segment adjusts the horizontal position of the drone (desX, desZ) and its rotation (rotateDron) to align with the next flight direction.

```

1179 void CircuitDron()
1180 {
1181     if (r1)
1182     {
1183         desX += 0.02f;
1184         if (desX > 5.5f)
1185         {
1186             r1 = false;
1187             r2 = true;
1188         }
1189     }
1190
1191     if (r2)
1192     {
1193         desZ -= 0.02f;
1194         if (desZ < -11.0f)
1195         {
1196             r2 = false;
1197             r3 = true;
1198         }
1199         if (rotateDron < 0)
1200         {
1201             rotateDron += 1.0f;
1202         }
1203     }
1204
1205     if (r3)
1206     {
1207         desX -= 0.02f;
1208         if (desX < -5.5f)
1209         {
1210             r3 = false;
1211             r4 = true;
1212         }
1213         if (rotateDron < 90)
1214         {
1215             rotateDron += 1.0f;
1216         }
1217     }
1218
1219     if (r4)
1220     {
1221         desZ += 0.02f;
1222         if (desZ > 11.0f)
1223         {
1224             r4 = false;
1225             r5 = true;
1226         }
1227         if (rotateDron < 180)
1228         {
1229             rotateDron += 1.0f;
1230         }
1231     }
1232
1233     if (r5)
1234     {
1235         r5 = false;
1236         r1 = true;
1237         rotateDron = -90.0f;
1238     }
1239 }
1240
1241

```

Conclusions

It was a challenging project, I knew it since I was starting the course, but it was certainly interesting the whole process to acquire the tools that would help us to build the project in its entirety.

Starting from primitive objects, basic movements within the environment, the sum of all these practices resulted in a satisfactory project, which had its moments of complexity such as elaborating the complex animation of the drone or the flag, it was hard to understand the requirements necessary for an animation to be considered complex, but given the results it was achieved. It takes time and a lot of practice to be able to manage better in the technologies used.

Many theoretical concepts and techniques seen in class were clearer, little by little I was finding areas of improvement, trying to polish each part of the development to deliver a quality project.