

## Maze Project – Design Document

### Key points

MazeMatrix class – holds an operable version of the maze for the solving algorithm

private members:

vector< vector<char> > vect;

- a two-dimensional vector, in case different sized mazes are used

coordinates start; for quick access at the beginning of solve()

coordinates current; for current position in matrix/onscreen

stack<coordinates> crumbs; stack of coordinates for backtracking

private methods:

parse(string); to read a string into the 2D vector vect

advance(); move through maze one step, called by solve()

public methods:

display(); displays the whole matrix, called at the beginning of main()

solve(); main algorithm

### Outline of Maze Algorithm:

begin at 'S';

crumbs.push(start);

while (!'E' at current position in MazeArray M):

put '-' onscreen; sidenote: put a face like " '-' "

record 'v' at current position in M;

time delay;

erase face, if used;

advance:

(check available routes in M & proceed to first condition)

1: up is ' ' or 'E' -> current = up; crumbs.push(current);

2: left is ' ' or 'E' -> current = left; crumbs.push(current);

3: down is ' ' or 'E' -> current = down; crumbs.push(current);

4: right is ' ' or 'E' -> current = right; crumbs.push(current);

5: nothing is ' ' or 'E' -> backtrack

crumbs.pop();

put ' ';

current = crumbs.top();

solved -> mark the endpoint

Screenshots:



