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# At a glance

This document will contain the various functional, and non-functional requirements (in addition to project constraints) that have been generated in relation to the Pacman project.

# Functional Requirements

Below is a list generated of the functional requirements for the project.

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| Identifier | Priority | Functional requirement |
| F-R-1 | 4 | The game should offer a graphical interface through which the player can see Pacman, the ghosts, walls, and any other objects which get added to the game. |
| F-R-2 | 4 | Pacman and the ghosts should be able to move around the maze, moving at a constant speed in a constant direction until decided otherwise by the player or the A.I. |
| F-R-3 | 4 | Pacman and the ghosts should collide with walls and consider them impassable |
| F-R-4 | 4 | Pacman should be able to change his direction whenever, and the ghosts should decide their direction based on heuristic algorithms calculated every time they reach a crossroad. |
| F-R-5 | 4 | If Pacman collides with a ghost, Pacman should lose a life and the game should restart |
| F-R-6 | 4 | Pacman should be able to collide with small pellets, which would have the effect of removing the pellet and raising Pacman’s score |
| F-R-7 | 3 | Pacman should receive a penalty to his score depending on the amount of time it took to complete the level |
| F-R-8 | 3 | The game should also have the ability to run on three different display / map settings, a square cell configuration, a hexagonal grid configuration, and an arbitrary grid configuration |
| F-R-9 | 2 | At least one ghost should move towards Pacman through the use of Dijkstra’s algorithm |
| F-R-10 | 2 | The game should be able to randomly generate valid mazes |
| F-R-11 | 2 | Pacman should be able to collide with large pellets, which would have the effect of removing the pellet and temporarily changing the Pacman ghost rule so that it is instead the ghosts which temporarily die, the will also try to get away from Pacman |
| F-R-12 | 1 | If all pellets have been consumed, Pacman should gain a life and the game should restart |
| F-R-13 | 1 | Players should be able to easily manipulate various game options (for example: map type, Pacman speed, ghost speed, map size) |

# Non-Functional Requirements

Below is a list generated of the functional requirements for the project.

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| Identifier | Priority | Non-Functional requirement |
| NF-R-1 | 3 | Universality: the game should be able to run on both 32 and 64 bit versions of windows |
| NF-R-2 | 3 | Reliability: the game should work without crashing, producing errors, or violating defined behaviours |
| NF-R-3 | 2 | Ascetics: the finished game should look and feel as close to the original retro Pacman as possible within time limits and requirements (obviously this will not be possible with some of the aspects, but it would be preferable for the overall ascetics to match throughout) |
| NF-R-4 | 1 | Performance: the finished game should be able to run at a stable frame rate |
| NF-R-5 | 1 | Useability: players should be able to change their control bindings and other game options via a file placed in the same directory as the executable |

# Constraints

Below is a list generated of the functional requirements for the project.

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| Identifier | Constraint |
| C-1 | Tool Constraint: It has been chosen that the game is going to be getting compiled using a 32bit architecture version of MinGW in addition to 32 bit packages of SDL, and SDL image. Because of this choice, an effort must be made to ensure memory usage stays under 4 gigabytes |
| C-2 | Tool Constraint: The packages require that certain .dlls are present in the same directory as the executable when running the production version |
| C-3 | Time Constraint: The whole Pacman game must be completed by the time of the third assignment milestone |
| C-4 | Platform Constraint: The game should be able to run on 2 vastly different operating systems |
| c-5 | Version Control Constraint: During the creation of the game, a version control software should be used extensively |