NEA: Font Rasterizer

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Chapter 1

Analysis

Text is a key aspect of how we interact with machines. Virtually everything that is done on a computer requires some form of reading on a screen. The program that converts the binary text data to pixels on a screen is a 'font engine' or 'font rasterizer'. These take some text or a single character and output a texture which will get copied into the screen buffer. There is another component of font rendering, which arranges individual characters output by a font rasterizer into words or paragraphs, called a layout engine.

Creating a full font engine is a very large task - the TrueType format (the industry standard for font files) is a very large specification, and can be further enhanced by vendor-specific extensions. For example, some fonts contain small programs inside them that adjust the actual glyphs to better fit the pixel grid of the screen. These are implemented in a custom virtual machine that is very complex and time consuming to create. However, when rendering characters at a large scale, the impact of these features is far less, yet still comes at a substancial performance cost.

My project has two parts: the parser and the renderer itself. The parser will take a TrueType font file and output the bezier curves of the selected character, by reading the binary file. This is non-trivial, because the TrueType format is relatively complex, and contains a lot of optional features (which this project will largely ignore, unless I have time left over). I will investigate parser-combinator systems and either use that or create my own custom parser architecture.

TrueType fonts are composed of straight line segments and bezier curves. These are primitives that are relatively easy to draw to the screen quickly, and are what the rendering portion of my project will involve. I will initially render at a high resolution, to avoid the need for anti-aliasing and reduce the possibility of artifacts (pixels out of place, etc) in the process. I will potentially implement some form of anti-aliasing at some point, depending on how well the rest of the project goes.

1.1 Project Scope

The TrueType format is very complex, and creating a full implementation is outside the scope of a NEA. For simplicity, I will focus on the most important part of the format: individual character glyphs. This avoids the need for parsing kerning data, ligatures, and other optional features that would be present in a full implementation. In addition, I will not implement the grid-fitting aspect of the specification, as this would require creating a virtual machine to run the instructions contained in the font.

1.2 Existing Solutions

Since we can see text on a screen, there are clearly several existing solutions to font rasterization. A few prominent examples are outlined below.

1.2.1 SDL_ttf

SDL_ttf is a ready to use library for rendering fonts to a texture using the SDL graphics library. Internally, it uses the freetype library, which is discussed below.

Advantages:

- Simple to integrate into (SDL) applications.
- Uses the freetype backend, which supports a wide range of font features.
- Can be compiled for any platform, due to the fact that it's written using crossplatform libraries and C++.

Disadvantages:

- Slower than using freetype alone, because it adds SDL bindings on top of it
- Can only render on the CPU, failing to take advantage of any GPU that may be present.
- Since it uses SDL for rendering, it can be quite hard to use with a non SDL project.
- Due to it's simple API, it fails to expose many advanced features of freetype, that might be useful to a client.

1.2.2 freetype

Freetype is a free, open source font engine that is used in many large software projects, such as GNU/Linux, iOS and Postscript. It supports the vast majority of font features and formats, including little-used ones such as .FON files and X11 PCF fonts. However, due to this, it is very large, and rather slow.

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Advantages:

- Can handle virtually any font format you may need.
- A full implementation of the TrueType specification, meaning it supports all of the features of the specification, as well as a number of vendor specific extensions.
- Will run on a wide variety of systems, including the 16-bit Atari and Amiga computers.
- Supports a wide range of character encodings, including the full unicode range of encodings, such as UTF-8 and UTF-16.

Disadvantages:

- Slow, due to it's support of the full specification.
- Has a large memory footprint, meaning there is less space available for other programs.
- Has a relatively complex API, that can be harder to integrate into applications already using a different font engine.
- It does not handle complex layouts, which may be useful for some users.

1.2.3 Quartz

Quartz is the font renderer used on MacOS and iOS devices, for almost all software. It uses subpixel positioning, which means each glyph doesn't have to be aligned with the pixel grid, instead being allowed to be anywhere between pixels, using subpixel rendering and anti-aliasing to properly handle this case.

Whilst this can result in clearer display at high dpi resolutions, (such as Apple's retina displays), at lower dpi monitors or smaller font sizes it can result in harder to read text.

Advantages:

- Provides the closest similarity to printed text when viewed on high DPI displays.
- Is included by default with MacOS and iOS

Disadvantages:

- Will only run on MacOS / iOS devices
- The subpixel grid can make fonts look blurry at low DPI monitors.

1.3 Project Background

1.3.1 Domain Terminology

Font Family: a collection of typefaces, at different weights, or styles such as italics.

Typeface: commonly referred to as a font, a typeface is a style of lettering that can be displayed on the screen or in print.

Font: an instance of a typeface at a specific size.

Glyph: the shape corresponding to a specific character in a specific font.

TrueType: TrueType is the industry standard for font files, and the specific file format that is being targeted by this project. It contains all of the data needed to describe a typeface (or sometimes multiple typefaces).

TTF file: A file following the TrueType format.

Table: a table in a TTF file is a section of data following a specific format that is indexed using the table directory at the start of the font file. For example, the glyf table stores the actual glyph data of the font, and the cmap table stores the mappings between character and glyph.

1.3.2 Bezier Curves

Individual glyphs of a font are built up using *outlines*, which are themselves built of several segments of line and curve. More specifically, an outline consists of a set of line segments and quadratic bezier curves, which create a closed loop that forms all or part of the glyph. Luckily, both line segments and bezier curves are fairly easy for computers to render, and have been used in computer graphics since it's inception.

A quadratic bezier curve is described by the equation

$$\mathbf{B}(t) = (1-t)^2 \mathbf{P}_0 + 2(1-t)t\mathbf{P}_1 + t^2 \mathbf{P}_2$$

where \mathbf{P}_0 , \mathbf{P}_1 , \mathbf{P}_2 are the position vectors of the 3 control points for the curve, as t ranges from 0 to 1. We can draw this in a similar way to how we draw line segments: for a sufficient sample rate over t, we can evaluate $\mathbf{B}(t)$ and, rounding to the nearest pixel, plot that point.

Similarly, we can describe a line segment (which is effectively a linear bezier curve) using the following equation:

$$\mathbf{B}(t) = \mathbf{P}_0 + t(\mathbf{P}_1 - \mathbf{P}_0)$$

where \mathbf{P}_0 , \mathbf{P}_1 are the two control points, the beginning and end of the line segment.

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1.3.3 The Font Pipeline

There are several stages involved in getting text to display on the screen. First, the file containing the font is read. Often these are in a standard folder, but

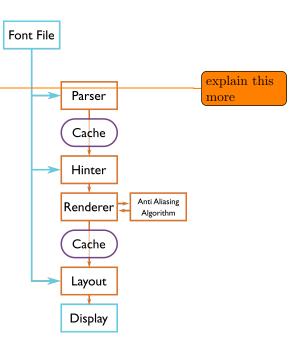
all font systems support reading from arbutrary files. The file is parsed (which means broken down into the data that's needed for the specific task) and various tables in the font file are read. The glyph coordinate data will then be parsed and read, usually into a cache.

Next is the hinting step. Because fonts are usually distributed as vectors, yet they are being displayed on a fine pixel grid, naievely rendering them can result in poor font quality. Hinting is an process of distorting the glyph to better fit the pixel grid and size that it will be displayed on. A properly hinted font contains a small program for each glyph, to be executed in a virtual machine, that distorts the vector data to align with the pixel grid. This is a very complex process that is responsible for most of the time rendering the font.

The hinted font is then rendered, taking the bezier curves of the font and creating a raster image. This image is then anti-aliased, probably through supersampling , which is a process that turns a black-and-white image to a greyscale one which looks sharper on the screen. Some advanced anti-aliasing techniques take advantage of the RGB format of our displays, to get a larger effective resolution to work with.

Finally, the anti-aliased image is displayed on the screen. The exact process behind where it should be placed is handled by a layout engine, which is responsible for forming individual glyphs into words and pages. A layout engine still needs to reference the original font file, as kerning information which dictates the individual spacing between characters is stored in a table there.

font file \rightarrow parser \rightarrow cache \rightarrow hinting \rightarrow rendering \rightarrow anti-aliasing \rightarrow layout



1.3.4 The TrueType Format

A TrueType font file is a binary file that contains all the data needed to display a font on the screen. The format, initially codenamed 'Bass', was designed by Apple in the 1980s for Mac System 7, and has continued to evolve and is now used by virtually every consumer operating system and font engine. The full specification is available at https://developer.apple.com/fonts/TrueType-Reference-Manual/, which will be summarized here.

A TrueType font is identified by the magic bytes (the first few bytes of many

file formats are different to aid in distinguishing them) 0x00010000. This is followed by a table directory which provides offsets to the various tables used in the file. Each table contains some information about how the font should be rendered, or metadata such as the font licence or author. For example, the kern table contains data related to font kerning, which controls the spacing between individual letters.

There are several mandatory tables, as shown below. More tables may exist in the file, but are optional, and may contain extensions to the format, or other data such as raster images.

Name	Function
cmap	Maps between characters and glyphs
glyf	Stores the actual glyph data
head	Font header, contains various data involved in the rest of the font
hhea	Secondary header containing specifics of horizontal font layout
hmtx	Data on the metrics of fonts when layed out horizontally
loca	Indexes glyph IDs to offsets in the file
maxp	Contains the maximum quantities of various features of the font
name	Contains the name of the font
post	Data for printing fonts

The tables of relevance to this project are head, loca, cmap, and glyf. A detailed explanation of table data structures can be found in the TrueType specification; a simplified version of the glyf table is shown below:

The glyf table consists of a number of glyph data structures. Each data structure is either a simple or compound glyph, and is of the form

dependent on the value of numberOfContours.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	_	
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							xN	Iax								}	Glyph header
							yN	Лin									
							yl	Iax] J	
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Simple Glyph Data														
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15													
Array of glyph contour endpoints, one word wide, numberOfContours long.														
instructionLength														
Instruction 1	Instruction 2													
Instruction 3														
	Instruction n													
Array of flags, length can be determined from the final endpoint index Example: C xSh ySh R xR yR Reserved														
	C ASI J = It AIT J = ItoScrvet													
Array of deltaY														

	Compound Glyph Data														
0	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15														15
Flags (see full spec for details)															
	Glyph Index														
	variable size Argument 1 (flag dependent)														
	variable size Argument 2 (flag dependent)														

Note: Most uses of compound glyph tables are outside of the scope of this project.

To turn a character into a set of points, we must first lookup the character in the cmap table. This will give us a glyph index, which we can index into the loca table to get a glyph offset and length. Finally, we can use the offset and length to find the appropriate section of the glyf table, and get the glyph data itself.

1.4 Project Objectives

- 1. The program will parse TTF files correctly, extracting character and glyph data from them.
- 2. The program will display single characters on the screen in a specified font.
- 3. The program will display these characters in a reasonable amount of time, say, not longer than a second (1000ms)
- 4. The program will anti-alias these characters for improved readability
- 5. The program will reject incorrectly formed TTF files in a safe manner

Chapter 2

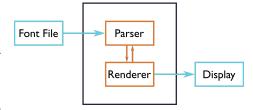
Design

2.1 High Level Design

The task has 2 clear subdivisions:

- 1. Parsing the specified font file.
- 2. Displaying the parsed bezier curves on the screen.

I anticipate task 1 being the hardest, because the TrueType format is very complex and requires sophisticated parsing to extract the data needed.



In contrast, rendering bezier curves to the screen is a task is moderately simple, as the bezier curve is used frequently in computer graphics applications.

I will program in C++, using the cmake build system, and use the SDL graphics library to display the rendered characters to the screen. Finally, I will use a slightly modified version of sdl_gfx to make rendering the characters easier.

2.1.1 The Parser

The parser needs to take the filename of a font, and by examining the associated file, read various data about the font. The following is a loose list of the data needed; other data may be needed to properly parse this, or for other purposes.

1. The head table, which contains information about the rest of the file

- 2. The cmap table, which contains the mapping between character and glyph index
- 3. The loca table, which maps glyph indices to offsets from the start of the glyf table
- 4. The individual glyph data, which requires the above data points to find in the file
- 5. Various font metrics, contained in various tables around the font file

At the very beginning of the file is the table directory, which contains the locations and length of all the font tables. Parsing this allows us to look up the locations of the rest of the data in the file. Next we will examine the head table to store important metrics that will be used elsewhere in the file.

At this point, the program will prompt the user for the character that they would like displayed. This character will be looked up in the cmap table, to get a glyph index, and then the loca table, to convert the index into a glyph offset and length.

Finally, we lookup the glyph in the glyf table, and store the entire glyph data structure. This is quite complex to parse, and will have it's own section of the program specifically. Parsing this will result in a list of bezier curves to be rendered, which is then passed to the renderer.

The Font class

A key data structure in this project will be the Font class. This is a large structure that represents a specific font. We create one at the start of our program, and gradually fill it in over the course of parsing the font.

The Font class											
Type	Name	Access									
Glyph	glyph	public									
std::string	filename	private									
Header	header	private									
HEADTable	head	private									
CMAPTable	cmap	private									
std::vector <uint8_t>*</uint8_t>	data	private									
int	fileLength	private									
char	characterToGet	private									
uint32_t	glyphOffset	private									
uint32_t	glyphLength	private									
Signature	Returns	Access									
Font()	Font	public									
Font(std::string filename, char	Font	public									
characterToGet)											
readFont(std::string filename)	void	private									

The most important section of this class is the readFont method. It is called in the constructor of the font, and does the following things:

- 1. Opens the file speficied by filename.
- 2. Reads that file into the data variable in memory.
- 3. Parses the header of the font to get the offsets of the tables.
- 4. Parses the HEAD table into the the head variable.
- 5. Parses the CMAP table into the cmap variable.
- 6. Uses the cmap table to get the glyph index of the requested glyph.
- 7. Looks up this glyph index in the loca table.
- 8. Parses the glyph using that information.

This prepares the font to be passed to the renderer, where the public member glyph will be read by the renderer itself to draw the font to the screen.

Parsing Fonts

The TTF specification uses a number of different types of data, which must be parsed from a series of bytes. My project has a utility module that contains various functions to take a data array and an offset, and can return a requested data type from that data. For example, parse16 will return a signed 16-bit integer parsed from the bytes after the offset given. These functions are used throughout the project, and the util module is included in nearly every file of the parsing system.

The Glyph Table

The core algorithm of the parsing section is the glyph parser. To save space, data in the glyph itself is not repeated, instead a special flag is set to tell the parser to repeat this data again. In addition, we must calculate when to switch from parsing x values to parsing y values, which requires special calculations to do. The algorithm in pseudocode is as follows:

```
Glyph::parse(data, offset, length):
     numberOfContours = parse an unsigned 16bit integer at (offset)
     xMin = parse an unsigned 16bit integer at (offset+2)
     yMin = parse an unsigned 16bit integer at (offset+4)
     xMax = parse an unsigned 16bit integer at (offset+6)
     yMax = parse an unsigned 16bit integer at (offset+8)
      if numberOfContours < 0:</pre>
        abort() (compound glyphs are outside the scope of the program)
9
10
      endPointsOfContours = empty vector
11
     for (i = 0; i < numberOfContours; i++):</pre>
       parse a 16bit integer at (offset+10+i*2) and append it to
13
        endPointsOfContours
15
      instructionOffset = offset+10+numberOfContours*2
16
      instructionLength = parse an unsigned 16bit integer at
17
                           (instructionOffset)
18
19
      dataOffset = instructionOffset + instructionLength
20
      currentOffset = dataOffset
21
22
      totalPoints = the last value of endPointsOfContours
24
      flags = empty vector
25
     xDeltas = empty vector
26
     yDeltas = empty vector
28
      currentOffset += 2
29
30
     while numberOfPoints < totalPoints:</pre>
        construct a PointFlag at the currentOffset and append it to \
32
33
        the flags vector
        numberOfPoints++
34
        currentOffset++
35
36
      currentOffset--
37
```

```
for each flag in flags:
39
        xDelta = 0
40
        if xShortVector is set in flag:
41
          currentOffset++
          xDelta = parse an unsigned 8bit integer at (currentOffset)
43
          if sign is not set in flag:
44
            xDelta = -xDelta
45
        else:
46
          if xSame is not set in flag:
47
            currentOffset++
            xDelta = parse a signed 16bit integer at (currentOffset)
49
            currentOffset++
50
          else: (if xSame is set)
51
            xDelta = 0
52
        append xDelta to xDeltas
54
      repeat the above loop for the yDeltas
55
56
      for each i in range(length(xDeltas)):
        point = (xDelta, yDelta, flag)
58
        append point to points
59
60
```

return points

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2.1.2 Rendering

The rendering system is comparitively much simpler. We take the points array returned by the algorithm above, and draw it to the screen. To make this process simpler, we use a slightly modified version of the sdl_gfx library. This library has been modified to allow for anti-aliased bezier curves, which previously the library did not support.

First, we iterate through the list of points to convert all of the delta values into absolute coordinates. During this process, we also insert phantom points between two off-curve points, to allow the drawing routine to look at the points in sets of two or three. Finally, we add the first point again at the end of the loop, to ensure that the loop gets closed.

Now that we have prepared our final list of points, we iterate through each point, drawing either a line or a bezier curve (using the sdl_gfx library functions) as required. These are drawn onto the back framebuffer, which is then made the active framebuffer (and displayed on the screen) with the call to SDL_RenderPresent in main().

Chapter 3

Technical Solution

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3.1 cmakelists.txt

```
cmake_minimum_required(VERSION 3.15)
project(NEA)
list(APPEND CMAKE_MODULE_PATH ${CMAKE_CURRENT_SOURCE_DIR})
set(CMAKE_CXX_STANDARD 17)

find_package(SDL2_REQUIRED)
find_package(SDL2_gfx_REQUIRED)

include_directories(${SDL2_INCLUDE_DIRS})
```

```
add_executable(NEA SDL_gfx/SDL2_gfxPrimitives.c

SDL_gfx/SDL2_gfxPrimitives.h src/main.cpp src/Font.cpp

include/Font.h src/Header.cpp include/Header.h src/util.cpp

include/util.h src/TableHeader.cpp include/TableHeader.h

src/HEADTable.cpp include/HEADTable.h src/CMAPTable.cpp

include/CMAPTable.h src/Glyph.cpp include/Glyph.h

src/PointFlag.cpp include/PointFlag.h src/Point.cpp

include/Point.h SDL_gfx/SDL2_rotozoom.c

SDL_gfx/SDL2_rotozoom.h src/log.cpp include/log.h)

target_link_libraries(NEA ${SDL2_LIBRARY})
```

3.2 main.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
   #include "../include/Font.h"
   #include <SDL2/SDL.h>
   #include "../SDL_qfx/SDL2_qfxPrimitives.h"
   #include <algorithm>
   const int WIDTH = 400;
   const int HEIGHT = 400;
10
  const double SCALE = 0.1;
11
12
   void drawFont(Font font, SDL_Renderer* renderer);
14
   int main() {
15
16
        SDL_Window* window = nullptr;
                                               // Create pointers for
17
        → our window and renderer -- these will remain as null
        SDL_Renderer* renderer = nullptr; // if window or renderer
        \hookrightarrow creation fails.
19
                                               // Attempt to initialize
        SDL_Init(SDL_INIT_VIDEO);
20
        \hookrightarrow SDL
21
       window = SDL_CreateWindow( "Font Renderer",
                                                              // Attempt
        → to create the window...
                                    SDL_WINDOWPOS_UNDEFINED,
                                    SDL_WINDOWPOS_UNDEFINED,
24
                                    WIDTH, HEIGHT,
25
```

```
SDL_WINDOW_SHOWN );
26
27
        renderer = SDL_CreateRenderer(window, 0,
28
        \hookrightarrow SDL_RENDERER_ACCELERATED); // ... and the renderer
29
        // Render a white background
        SDL_SetRenderDrawColor(renderer, 255, 255, 255, 255);
        SDL_RenderClear(renderer);
33
        char characterToDraw = 'A';
35
        std::string filename = "Roboto.TTF";
36
        Font font = Font(filename, characterToDraw);
                                                          // Create the
37
        → font object (this will also parse the file)
39
        bool quit = false;
40
        // Do things here
41
       while(!quit) {
            SDL_SetRenderDrawColor(renderer, 255, 255, 255, 255);
43
            SDL_RenderClear(renderer);
                                               // Clear the screen
45
            drawFont(font, renderer); // Render our font to the
            \hookrightarrow buffer
            SDL_RenderPresent(renderer);
                                             // Show the buffer on the
47
            SDL_StartTextInput();
            SDL_Event ev;
49
            while (SDL_PollEvent(&ev)) {
50
                if(ev.type == SDL_TEXTINPUT) {
                    characterToDraw = ev.text.text[0];
52
                    font = Font(filename, characterToDraw);
53
                    SDL_StopTextInput();
54
                    SDL_StartTextInput(); // Restart text input to
                     → avoid any weird text editing stuff
                }
56
57
                if(ev.type == SDL_QUIT) {
                    quit = true;
59
                }
            }
61
        }
63
        SDL_DestroyRenderer(renderer);
        SDL_DestroyWindow(window);
65
        SDL_Quit();
```

```
}
67
69
    void drawFont(Font font, SDL_Renderer *renderer) {
        // Pick a sensible place to start
71
        double locX = 1400;
72
        double locY = -2500;
73
        std::vector<Point> points = {};
75
        std::vector<int> endpoints = {};
        for(int i=0; i<font.glyph.points.size(); i++) {</pre>
79
            // If this point would be the last point of a contour, we
80
             → need to not draw a line here.
            // We add it the current index to the endpoints array so
81
            → we know when not to draw a line.
            if (std::find(font.glyph.endPointsOfContours.begin(),
82
                font.glyph.endPointsOfContours.end(), i) !=
                font.glyph.endPointsOfContours.end()) {
                endpoints.push_back(points.size());
            }
            Point* thisPoint = &font.glyph.points.at(i);
86
            Point* nextPoint = nullptr;
            try {
                nextPoint = &font.glyph.points.at(i+1);
            } catch (std::out_of_range &e) {
90
                nextPoint = &font.glyph.points.at(0); // If we're at
91
                 \rightarrow the last glyph, go back to the start
            }
92
93
            // Insert the point
94
            locX += thisPoint->deltaX;
            locY += thisPoint->deltaY;
96
            points.emplace_back(locX, -locY, thisPoint->flag);
97
100
            if(!thisPoint->flag.onCurvePoint &&
101
                !nextPoint->flag.onCurvePoint) {
                // Insert a phantom point between the two
                auto deltaX = nextPoint->deltaX / 2;
103
                auto deltaY = nextPoint->deltaY / 2;
105
```

```
points.emplace_back(locX+deltaX, -(locY+deltaY),
106
                      PointFlag(0b00000001));
             }
107
         }
109
110
         // Sort the points into contours
111
         std::vector<std::vector<Point>> contours;
113
         int i = 0;
         for(auto maxI : endpoints) {
115
             std::cout << "Starting contour, will end at point #" <<
116

    maxI << std::endl;
</pre>
             std::vector<Point> currentContour = {};
117
             int s = i;
             for(; i <= maxI; i++) {
119
                  std::cout << "Adding point #" << i << std::endl;</pre>
120
                  currentContour.emplace_back(points[i]);
121
             }
122
             std::cout << "Readding point #" << s << std::endl;</pre>
123
             currentContour.emplace_back(points[s]);
             currentContour.emplace_back(points[s]);
125
             contours.push_back(currentContour);
         }
127
128
         std::cout << "Done adding points" << std::endl;</pre>
129
130
         // Draw each contour to the screen
131
         for(auto contour : contours) {
132
             std::cout << "Starting new contour" << std::endl;</pre>
133
             for(int j=0; j < contour.size()-1; j++) {</pre>
134
                 Point* currentPoint = &contour[j];
135
                 Point* controlPoint = nullptr;
136
                 Point* nextPoint;
137
                  if(!contour[j+1].flag.onCurvePoint) {
138
                      controlPoint = &contour[j+1];
139
                      nextPoint = &contour[j+2];
140
                      j++;
                  } else {
142
                      nextPoint = &contour[j+1];
143
                  }
144
145
                  if(controlPoint) {
146
```

```
std::cout << "Drawing curve from (" <<</pre>
147
                        \hookrightarrow currentPoint->deltaX << ", " <<

    currentPoint→deltaY << ") to (" <</pre>
                        _{\hookrightarrow} nextPoint->deltaX << ", " <<
                        → nextPoint->deltaY << ").\n";</pre>
                       double pX[] = {
148
                                 static_cast<double>(currentPoint->deltaX)
149

→ * SCALE,

                                 static_cast<double>(controlPoint->deltaX)
150

→ * SCALE,

                                 static_cast<double>(nextPoint->deltaX) *
151
                                 \hookrightarrow SCALE
                       };
152
153
                       double pY[] = {
154
                                 static_cast<double>(currentPoint->deltaY)
155

→ * SCALE,

                                 static_cast<double>(controlPoint->deltaY)
156

→ * SCALE,

                                 static_cast<double>(nextPoint->deltaY) *
157
                                 \hookrightarrow SCALE
                       };
158
                       aaBezierRGBA(renderer, pX, pY, 3, 20, 1.0, 0, 0,
159
                        \rightarrow 0, 255);
                   } else {
160
                       std::cout << "Drawing line from (" <<
161

    currentPoint→deltaX << ", " <<
/p>

    currentPoint→deltaY << ") to (" <</pre>
                        \hookrightarrow nextPoint->deltaX << ", " <<

    nextPoint->deltaY << ").\n";
</pre>
                       aalineRGBA(renderer, currentPoint->deltaX *
162

→ SCALE, currentPoint->deltaY * SCALE,
                        → nextPoint->deltaX * SCALE, nextPoint->deltaY
                        → * SCALE, 0, 0, 0, 255);
                  }
163
              }
164
         }
165
     }
166
```

3.3 util.h

```
1 //
2 // Created by jake on 09/11/2020.
```

```
//
  #ifndef NEA_UTIL_H
   #define NEA_UTIL_H
   #include <cstdint>
   #include <vector>
   #include <string>
11
   uint32_t parseu32(std::vector<uint8_t>* data, int offset);
   uint16_t parseu16(std::vector<uint8_t>* data, int offset);
   uint8_t parseu8(std::vector<uint8_t>* data, int offset);
14
15
   int16_t parse16(std::vector<uint8_t>* data, int offset);
16
   std::string parseString(std::vector<uint8_t>* data, int offset,
    → int length);
19
   #endif //NEA_UTIL_H
```

3.4 util.cpp

```
// Created by jake on 09/11/2020.
   //
   #include "../include/util.h"
   #include <cstring>
   uint32_t parseu32(std::vector<uint8_t>* data, int offset) {
        uint32_t val = (uint32_t) data->at(offset);
10
        val <<= 8;</pre>
        val += data->at(offset+1);
12
        val <<= 8;</pre>
13
       val += data->at(offset+2);
       val <<= 8;</pre>
       val += data->at(offset+3);
16
17
       return val;
18
   }
19
   uint16_t parseu16(std::vector<uint8_t>* data, int offset) {
```

```
uint16_t val = (uint16_t) data->at(offset);
        val <<= 8;</pre>
        val += data->at(offset+1);
24
        return val;
26
   }
27
28
    std::string parseString(std::vector<uint8_t> *data, int offset,
29
        int length) {
        std::string result = std::string("");
30
        for(int i=offset; i<offset+length; i++) {</pre>
31
            result += (char) data->at(i);
32
33
        return result;
34
   }
35
36
    uint8_t parseu8(std::vector<uint8_t> *data, int offset) {
37
        return data->at(offset);
38
39
40
    int16_t parse16(std::vector<uint8_t> *data, int offset) {
41
42
        auto higher = data->at(offset);
        auto lower = data->at(offset+1);
44
45
46
        auto val = (uint16_t) data->at(offset);
        val <<= 8;</pre>
48
        val |= (uint16_t) data->at(offset+1);
49
        int16_t result;
51
        std::memcpy(&result, &val, 2); // Copy two bytes of memory
52

→ from val → result

        // We need to do this because leftshifting a signed integer
53
        \rightarrow is UB and c++ doesn't want to reinterpret it
54
        return result;
55
   }
```

3.5 Font.h

```
1 //
2 // Created by jake on 12/10/2020.
```

```
//
5 #ifndef NEA_FONT_H
6 #define NEA_FONT_H
7 #include <string>
  #include <vector>
  #include "Header.h"
   #include "HEADTable.h"
   #include "CMAPTable.h"
11
   #include "Glyph.h"
   class Font {
14
   public:
15
       Font();
16
       Font(std::string filename, char characterToGet);
17
        ~Font();
18
19
       Glyph glyph;
20
   private:
^{21}
22
       void readFont(std::string filename);
23
24
        std::string filename;
26
        int fileLength;
       std::vector<uint8_t>* data;
28
       Header header;
30
       HEADTable head;
31
       CMAPTable cmap;
32
33
        char characterToGet;
34
       uint32_t glyphOffset;
35
       uint32_t glyphLength;
36
   };
37
38
   std::pair<uint32_t, uint32_t>
39
       getGlyphOffset(std::vector<uint8_t>* data, Header header,
       HEADTable head, uint16_t glyphIndex);
   #endif //NEA_FONT_H
41
```

3.6 Font.cpp

```
#include <fstream>
   #include <filesystem>
   #include <iostream>
   #include "../include/Font.h"
   #include "../include/util.h"
   #include "../include/log.h"
   Font::Font() {
10
   Font::Font(std::string filename, char characterToGet) :
11
       filename(filename), characterToGet(characterToGet) {
        info("Opening font: ", filename);
12
        info("-> Looking for character: ", std::string(1,

    characterToGet));
       readFont(filename);
15
   }
16
17
   void Font::readFont(std::string filename) {
19
        std::ifstream file = std::ifstream(filename, std::ios::in |
20

    std::ios::binary);
       std::filesystem::path path = std::filesystem::path(filename);
21
       fileLength = std::filesystem::file_size(path);
22
       data = new
23

    std::vector<uint8_t>((std::istreambuf_iterator<char>(file)),

    std::istreambuf_iterator<char>());
       info("-> Read " + std::to_string(data->size()) + " bytes.",
25
        26
        // Parse the header! This is used to get the table offsets
        \rightarrow for the rest of the parsing.
       header = Header(data);
       head = HEADTable(data, header);
       cmap = CMAPTable(data, header, characterToGet);
31
        // So now, we've got the glyph index we want, and need to use
33
        → the loca table to convert that into a glyph offset and
           length!
```

```
auto glyphOffsetAndLength = getGlyphOffset(data, header,
34
        → head, cmap.glyphIndex);
       glyphOffset = glyphOffsetAndLength.first;
35
       glyphLength = glyphOffsetAndLength.second;
37
        // And now we need to actually parse the glyph!
       glyph = Glyph(data, glyphOffset, glyphLength);
41
   }
42
43
   // Mixing levels of abstraction = bad, I know, but parsing the
    → loca table is too trivial to get it's own class imo
   std::pair<uint32_t, uint32_t> getGlyphOffset(std::vector<uint8_t>
45
    *data, Header header, HEADTable head, uint16_t glyphIndex) {
        // Find the offset of the loca table
46
       uint32_t offset = header.tables["loca"].tableOffset;
47
48
       info("Glyph Index: ", std::to_string(glyphIndex));
50
       uint16_t glyphPointerMultiplier = head.indexToLocFormat ? 1 :
        → 2; // why is the spec life this :(
       uint16_t glyphPointerSize = head.indexToLocFormat ? 4 : 2;
53
       uint16_t locaOffset = offset + glyphIndex*glyphPointerSize;
55
       uint32_t glyphOffset;
       uint32_t nextGlyphOffset;
57
       if (glyphPointerSize == 2) {
            glyphOffset = parseu16(data, locaOffset);
60
           nextGlyphOffset = parseu16(data, locaOffset+2);
61
62
       } else {
            glyphOffset = parseu32(data, locaOffset);
64
           nextGlyphOffset = parseu32(data, locaOffset+4);
       }
66
       glyphOffset *= glyphPointerMultiplier;
68
       nextGlyphOffset *= glyphPointerMultiplier;
       uint32_t length = nextGlyphOffset - glyphOffset;
72
       glyphOffset += header.tables["glyf"].tableOffset;
73
74
       // huh okay that was less trivial than I expected
```

3.7 Header.h

```
//
   // Created by jake on 09/11/2020.
   #ifndef NEA_HEADER_H
   #define NEA_HEADER_H
7 #include <vector>
  #include <map>
   #include <cstdint>
  #include <string>
  #include "TableHeader.h"
   class Header {
13
14
  public:
15
       Header() = default;
16
       Header(std::vector<uint8_t>* data);
17
       ~Header() = default;
19
       std::map<std::string, TableHeader> tables;
21
   private:
       uint32_t fontType;
23
       uint16_t numTables;
   };
25
26
27
   #endif //NEA_HEADER_H
```

3.8 Header.cpp

```
// Created by jake on 09/11/2020.
   #include "../include/Header.h"
   #include "../include/util.h"
   #include "../include/log.h"
   #include <iostream>
   Header::Header(std::vector<uint8_t>* data) {
        fontType = parseu32(data, 0);
11
       numTables = parseu16(data, 4);
12
        // skipping searchRange, entrySelector, rangeShift, they're
13
        \rightarrow not relevant.
14
       tables = std::map<std::string, TableHeader>();
        info("-> Enumerating tables...", "");
18
        // ok, now time to parse each table
        for (int offset=12; offset < numTables*16+12; offset += 16) {</pre>
20
            auto table = TableHeader(data, offset);
            tables[table.tag] = table;
22
        }
23
        // Print each table to the screen, because logging is
        \rightarrow important!
25
       for (auto table : tables) {
26
            info("->-> Found table " + table.first + " @ " +

    std::to_string(table.second.tableOffset), "");
        }
29
       // And we're done!
31
```

3.9 CMAPTable.h

```
1 //
2 // Created by jake on 16/11/2020.
3 //
```

```
4
   #ifndef NEA_CMAPTABLE_H
   #define NEA_CMAPTABLE_H
   #include <vector>
   #include <cstdint>
   #include "Header.h"
   class CMAPTable {
12
   public:
       CMAPTable();
14
15
       CMAPTable(std::vector<uint8_t> *data, Header header, char
16
       17
       void parse(std::vector<uint8_t> *data, int offset, int
18
       → length, char characterToGet);
19
       uint16_t glyphIndex;
21
   private:
       void parseSubtableType4(std::vector<uint8_t> *data, int
23
        → offset, char characterToMap);
   };
24
25
26
   #endif //NEA_CMAPTABLE_H
```

3.10 CMAPTable.cpp

```
// Look for the table in the header
13
        TableHeader table = header.tables["cmap"];
14
15
       parse(data, table.tableOffset, table.length, characterToGet);
   }
17
18
   void CMAPTable::parse(std::vector<uint8_t> *data, int offset, int
19
       length, char characterToGet) {
        // Parsing the cmap table is a bit more complex, there are
20
        → multiple possible formats it could be in.
        uint16_t numSubtables = parseu16(data, offset+2);
21
22
        std::vector<uint16_t> platformIds = {};
23
        std::vector<uint16_t> platformSpecificIds = {};
24
        std::vector<uint32_t> offsets = {};
26
        // Enumerate the subtables
27
        for (int i=offset+4; i<offset+4+(8*numSubtables); i+=8) {</pre>
28
            platformIds.push_back(parseu16(data, i));
            platformSpecificIds.push_back(parseu16(data, i+2));
30
            offsets.push_back(parseu32(data, i+4));
        }
32
        uint16_t subOffset = 0;
34
        // Look for a table with type 0/3 or 0/4 (unicode)
36
        for (int i=0; i<numSubtables; i++) {</pre>
            if(
38
                    platformIds[i] == 0 &&
39
                     (platformSpecificIds[i] == 4 ||
                     → platformSpecificIds[i] == 3)
            ) {
41
                subOffset = offsets[i];
42
                break;
            }
44
        }
45
46
        // If we didn't find a suitable subtable
        if (subOffset == 0) {
48
            std::abort(); // TODO: proper error handling
50
52
        // So now we know which subtable to use, and we have it's
54
        \hookrightarrow offset
```

```
subOffset = subOffset + offset;
55
        // Find the subtable format
56
        uint16_t subtableFormat = parseu16(data, subOffset);
        // Right now, my font only has a type 4 table
59
        // TODO: Add support for more subtable types
        if(subtableFormat == 4) {
            parseSubtableType4(data, subOffset, characterToGet);
        } else {
63
            std::abort(); // TODO: add error handling
65
   }
66
67
   void CMAPTable::parseSubtableType4(std::vector<uint8_t> *data,
68
       int offset, char characterToMap) {
        uint16_t subtableLength = parseu16(data, offset+2);
69
        uint16_t languageCode = parseu16(data, offset+4);
70
        uint16_t segCount = parseu16(data, offset+6) / 2; // This is
71
        → inexplicably doubled in the file, idk why
72
        // Next few bytes are weird old optimisation stuff, we can
        → safely ignore them
        std::vector<uint16_t> endCodes = {};
75
        for (int i=offset+14; i<offset+14+(2*segCount); i+=2) {</pre>
76
            endCodes.push_back(parseu16(data, i));
        std::vector<uint16_t> startCodes = {};
79
        for (int i=offset+16+(2*segCount); i<offset+16+(4*segCount);</pre>
           i+=2) {
            startCodes.push_back(parseu16(data, i));
        }
82
83
        std::vector<uint16_t> idDeltas = {};
        for (int i=offset+16+(4*segCount); i<offset+16+(6*segCount);</pre>
85
            i+=2) {
            idDeltas.push_back(parseu16(data, i));
86
        }
        std::vector<uint16_t> idRangeOffsets = {};
88
        for (int i=offset+16+(6*segCount); i<offset+16+(8*segCount);</pre>
            i+=2) {
            idRangeOffsets.push_back(parseu16(data, i));
91
        uint16_t startCode;
93
        uint16_t endCode;
```

```
uint16_t idDelta;
95
         uint16_t idRangeOffset;
96
         // Search for the character in the data structures
         for (int i=0; i<endCodes.size(); i++) {</pre>
99
             if (endCodes[i] >= characterToMap) {
100
                  if(startCodes[i] <= characterToMap) {</pre>
101
                      // We've found our character!
102
                      startCode = startCodes[i];
103
                      endCode = endCodes[i];
104
                      idDelta = idDeltas[i];
105
                      idRangeOffset = idRangeOffsets[i];
106
                      break;
107
                  } else {
108
                      std::abort(); // oh no
109
110
             }
111
         }
112
113
         if (idRangeOffset != 0) {
114
             std::abort();
         }
116
         glyphIndex = idDelta + characterToMap;
118
119
    }
120
```

3.11 HEADTable.h

```
15
        HEADTable(std::vector<uint8_t> *data, Header header);
16
17
        void parse(std::vector<uint8_t> *data, int offset, int
        → length);
19
        uint16_t flags;
20
        uint16_t unitsPerEm;
^{21}
        int16_t xMin;
22
        int16_t xMax;
        int16_t yMin;
24
        int16_t yMax;
25
26
27
        bool indexToLocFormat;
   };
28
29
30
    #endif //NEA_HEADTABLE_H
31
```

3.12 HEADTable.cpp

```
//
   // Created by jake on 09/11/2020.
   #include "../include/HEADTable.h"
   #include "../include/util.h"
   #include "../include/log.h"
   #include <iostream>
10
   void HEADTable::parse(std::vector<uint8_t> *data, int offset, int
11
       length) {
12
        info("-> Parsing HEAD table @ ", "");
13
14
        // Offset +16: flag word
        flags = parseu16(data, offset+16);
16
17
       // Offset +18: unitsPerEm
       unitsPerEm = parseu16(data, offset+18);
19
20
       // Offset +36: xMin
21
```

```
xMin = parse16(data, offset+36);
       yMin = parse16(data, offset+38);
24
        xMax = parse16(data, offset+40);
       yMax = parse16(data, offset+42);
26
        indexToLocFormat = (bool) parseu16(data, offset+50);
        // Most of the rest of HEAD is kinda irrelevant, checksum,
        → various other properties don't really matter
   }
30
31
   HEADTable::HEADTable() {
32
33
   }
34
35
   HEADTable::HEADTable(std::vector<uint8_t> *data, Header header) {
36
        // Look for the table in the header
37
        TableHeader table = header.tables["head"];
38
       parse(data, table.tableOffset, table.length);
40
   }
41
```

3.13 Glyph.h

```
//
   // Created by kernel on 16/11/2020.
   #ifndef NEA_GLYPH_H
   #define NEA_GLYPH_H
   #include <cstdint>
   #include <vector>
   #include "Point.h"
11
   class Glyph {
12
   public:
13
       Glyph();
14
       Glyph(std::vector<uint8_t>* data, uint32_t offset, uint32_t
        → length);
16
       void parse(std::vector<uint8_t>* data, uint32_t offset,
17

    uint32_t length);
```

```
18
        int16_t numberOfContours;
19
        int16_t xMin;
20
        int16_t yMin;
        int16_t xMax;
22
        int16_t yMax;
        std::vector<uint16_t> endPointsOfContours;
        uint16_t instructionLength;
26
        std::vector<Point> points;
28
29
   };
30
31
32
33
    #endif //NEA_GLYPH_H
```

3.14 Glyph.cpp

```
//
   // Created by jake on 16/11/2020.
   #include "../include/Glyph.h"
   #include "../include/util.h"
   #include "../include/log.h"
   Glyph::Glyph(std::vector<uint8_t> *data, uint32_t offset,
       uint32_t length) : points() {
        parse(data, offset, length);
10
11
12
   Glyph::Glyph() {
13
14
   }
15
16
   void Glyph::parse(std::vector<uint8_t> *data, uint32_t offset,
17

    uint32_t length) {
        // The number of contours in the glyph
18
       numberOfContours = parseu16(data, offset);
19
        xMin = parseu16(data, offset+2);
20
       yMin = parseu16(data, offset+4);
21
        xMax = parseu16(data, offset+6);
22
```

```
yMax = parseu16(data, offset+8);
23
24
        info("numberOfContours: ", std::to_string(numberOfContours));
25
        if (numberOfContours < 0) {</pre>
27
            // Compound glyph, out of the scope of the program
            abort();
        }
31
        endPointsOfContours = {};
        for (int i=0; i < numberOfContours; i++) {</pre>
            endPointsOfContours.push_back(parseu16(data,
            \hookrightarrow offset+10+(i*2)));
        }
35
        uint32_t instructionLengthOffset = offset + 10 +
37

→ numberOfContours*2;

        instructionLength = parseu16(data, instructionLengthOffset);
40
        // Skip the instructions, they're not used here
        uint32_t dataOffset = instructionLengthOffset +
42

    instructionLength;

        uint32_t currentOffset = dataOffset;
43
        uint16_t totalPoints = endPointsOfContours.back() + 1;
45
        uint16_t numberOfPoints = 0;
        std::vector<PointFlag> flags = {};
47
        std::vector<int16_t> xDeltas = {};
        std::vector<int16_t> yDeltas = {};
50
        // THE BIGGER ALGORITHM
51
52
        // Attempt to read each flag
        currentOffset+=2;
54
        while (numberOfPoints < totalPoints) {</pre>
            flags.emplace_back(PointFlag(data, currentOffset)); //
56
            \rightarrow kinda cool that we can just pass stuff like this
            numberOfPoints += 1;
57
            currentOffset++;
        } // TODO: handle repeating?
        currentOffset -= 1;
61
        // Parse the X values
63
        for(auto flag : flags) {
```

```
int16_t xDelta;
65
             if(flag.xShortVector) {
66
                 currentOffset++;
67
                 bool sign = flag.xSame;
                 // Read the single byte of the vector
69
                 xDelta = parseu8(data, currentOffset);
                 if(!sign) { // If the sign is negative, invert the
                     delta
                     xDelta = -xDelta;
72
                 }
74
             } else {
75
                 if(!flag.xSame) {
76
                     currentOffset +=1;
77
                     xDelta = parse16(data, currentOffset);
                     currentOffset +=1;
79
                 }
80
                 else
                     xDelta = 0; //lastX;
             }
83
             xDeltas.emplace_back(xDelta);
85
        // This might just be valid!
87
        // Parse the Y values
89
        for(auto flag : flags) {
             int16_t yDelta;
91
             if(flag.yShortVector) {
92
                 currentOffset++;
                 bool sign = flag.ySame;
                 // Read the single byte of the vector
95
                 yDelta = parseu8(data, currentOffset);
96
                 if(!sign) { // If the sign is negative, invert the
                     delta
                     yDelta = -yDelta;
                 }
99
             } else {
101
                 if(!flag.ySame) {
102
                     currentOffset +=1;
103
                     yDelta = parse16(data, currentOffset);
                     currentOffset +=1;
105
                 }
                 else
107
                     yDelta = 0;//lastY;
108
```

```
}
109
110
              yDeltas.emplace_back(yDelta);
111
         }
112
113
         for(int i = 0; i < xDeltas.size(); i++) {</pre>
114
              points.emplace_back(xDeltas[i], yDeltas[i], flags[i]);
115
         }
116
117
    }
119
```

3.15 Point.h

```
// Created by jake on 04/12/2020.
   #ifndef NEA_POINT_H
   #define NEA_POINT_H
   #include "PointFlag.h"
9
10
   class Point {
11
   public:
12
        Point();
        Point(int16_t deltaX, int16_t deltaY, PointFlag flag);
14
15
        int16_t deltaX;
16
        int16_t deltaY;
17
18
19
        PointFlag flag;
   };
20
21
22
   #endif //NEA_POINT_H
```

3.16 Point.cpp

3.17 PointFlag.h

```
//
   // Created by jake on 25/11/2020.
   #ifndef NEA_POINTFLAG_H
   #define NEA_POINTFLAG_H
   #include <vector>
   #include <cstdint>
   class PointFlag {
11
   public:
12
        PointFlag();
13
        explicit PointFlag(uint8_t flagByte);
        PointFlag(std::vector<uint8_t>* data, uint32_t offset);
15
16
       bool onCurvePoint;
17
       bool xShortVector;
18
        bool yShortVector;
19
        bool repeat;
20
       uint8_t repeatCount;
21
22
        bool xSame;
        bool ySame;
23
        bool overlapSimple;
24
```

```
25
26     uint8_t flagByte;
27    };
28
29
30    #endif //NEA_POINTFLAG_H
```

3.18 PointFlag.cpp

```
//
   // Created by jake on 25/11/2020.
   #include "../include/PointFlag.h"
6
   PointFlag::PointFlag(std::vector<uint8_t> *data, uint32_t offset)
        flagByte = data->at(offset);
8
9
        onCurvePoint = flagByte & 0b00000001;
        xShortVector = flagByte & Ob00000010;
11
        yShortVector = flagByte & 0b00000100;
12
       repeat
                     = flagByte & 0b00001000;
13
        xSame
                     = flagByte & 0b00010000;
14
                     = flagByte & 0b00100000;
        ySame
        overlapSimple= flagByte & Ob01000000;
16
        // reserved = flagByte & 0b10000000;
17
18
        if (repeat) {
            repeatCount = data->at(offset+1);
20
        } else {
21
            repeatCount = 0;
22
        }
   }
24
25
   PointFlag::PointFlag(uint8_t flagByte) {
26
        onCurvePoint = flagByte & Ob00000001;
        xShortVector = flagByte & 0b00000010;
28
       yShortVector = flagByte & 0b00000100;
29
                     = flagByte & 0b00001000;
       repeat
30
                     = flagByte & 0b00010000;
        xSame
31
                     = flagByte & 0b00100000;
        ySame
32
        overlapSimple= flagByte & Ob01000000;
33
```

```
34  }
35
36  PointFlag::PointFlag() {
37
38  }
```

3.19 TableHeader.h

```
//
   // Created by jake on 09/11/2020.
   #ifndef NEA_TABLEHEADER_H
   #define NEA_TABLEHEADER_H
   #include <string>
   #include <vector>
   #include <cstdint>
11
   class TableHeader {
   public:
       TableHeader();
       TableHeader(std::vector<uint8_t>* data, int offset);
15
       ~TableHeader() = default;
16
       std::string tag;
18
       uint32_t checksum;
19
       uint32_t tableOffset;
20
       uint32_t length;
^{21}
   };
22
23
24
   #endif //NEA_TABLEHEADER_H
```

3.20 TableHeader.cpp

```
1  //
2  // Created by jake on 09/11/2020.
3  //
4
5  #include "../include/TableHeader.h"
```

```
#include "../include/util.h"

TableHeader::TableHeader(std::vector<uint8_t>* data, int offset)

{
    tag = parseString(data, offset, 4);
    checksum = parseu32(data, offset+4);
    tableOffset = parseu32(data, offset+8);
    length = parseu32(data, offset+12);
}

TableHeader::TableHeader() {

TableHeader::TableHeader() {
```

3.21 log.h

```
// Created by jake on 14/12/2020.

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#ifndef NEA_LOG_H

#define NEA_LOG_H

#include <iostream>

void info(const std::string& prompt, const std::string& data);

void error(const std::string& message);

std::string itoh(long val);

#endif //NEA_LOG_H
```

3.22 log.cpp

```
//
2  // Created by jake on 14/12/2020.
3  //
4
5  #include "../include/log.h"
6  #include <sstream>
7
```

```
void error(const std::string& message) {
      std::cerr << message << std::endl;</pre>
   }
10
11
   12
      std::cout << prompt << data << std::endl;</pre>
13
14
15
   std::string itoh(long val) {
16
      std::stringstream s;
17
      s << std::hex << val;
18
      std::string result( s.str() );
19
      return result;
20
  }
21
```

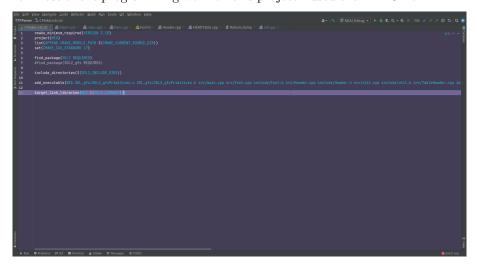
Chapter 4

Testing

To test the project I used a number of different methods to test my code. During the intial programming of the technical solution, I used a debugger to directly step through the code, along with directly modifying the code to print debugging information to the console. I also compared the values various parts of my program produced with the values produced by Freetype, another font rendering system described in the analysis section. Once the solution had been completed, I tested by running the code with a variety of inputs, and visually comparing the output to reference images.

4.0.1 Debugging

For most of the programming work on this project I used the IDE CLion.



This is a highly sophisticated IDE that has many features that make developing

 $\mathrm{C}{++}$ programs easier. The most useful of these is the visual debugger. This allows you to

Chapter 5

Evaluation