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Project: Real Time Emergency Response System
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Introduction

The purpose of this project is to develop a program to dispatch emergency services to various locations on Northeastern University's campus based on the urgency of the situation, route, terrain, and distance.



Introduction

The project's main objectives are:

- To find optimal paths for emergency services based on their location on campus and the incident location.
- To respond to incidents as quickly as possible by dispatching the nearest available emergency services based on the incident type.
- To dynamically deploy emergency services to locations on campus that are incident hot spots.



Literature Review

- NUPD already has an emergency response procedure in place
- Used Google API to do the routing of all personnel



Literature Review

- Nlohmann/json used to extract needed data from API response

JSON for Modern C++

What if JSON was part of modern C++?

Methodology

Methods and Techniques

Data preprocessing

1. Parse past data from CSV
 - Store data about locations, emergencies, and items in arrays
 - Dynamic officer allocation on campus for use dispatching later
2. When receiving an emergency:
 - Get route from Google API
 - Algorithms to allocate officer personnel and resources.

Methodology

Routing Code

```
std::string autoURL = "https://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/place/autocomplete/json"
                        "?input=" + location +
                        "&location=Northeastern+University"
                        "&radius=3000" // Limit search radius to within 3km of Northeastern
                        "&key=" + apiKey;
PlaceID = jsonResponse["predictions"][0]["description"].get<std::string>();
```



```
std::string polyUrl = "https://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/directions/json?"
                      "origin=" + origin +
                      "&destination=" + destination +
                      "&mode=walking"
                      "&location=Northeastern+University" // limit search results to northeastern area
                      "&radius=3000" // Limit search radius to within 3km of Northeastern
                      "&key=" + apiKey;
polyline = jsonResponse["routes"][0]["overview_polyline"]["points"].get<std::string>();
```



```
std::string url = "https://maps.googleapis.com/maps/api/staticmap?"
                  "size=600x600"
                  "&markers=color:blue%7Clabel:S%7C" + origin + // Add NEU to address for accuracy
                  "&markers=color:red%7Clabel:D%7C" + destination + // Add NEU to address for accuracy
                  "&path=enc:" + getPolyLine(origin, destination) + // Shows actual path for officers to take
                  "&maptype=satellite" // Change map type to satellite
                  //"&zoom=17" // Adjust zoom level to focus on the path
                  "&key=" + this->apiKey;
```

Methodology

Dynamic Allocation

PastEmergencies[0] ~ Columbus Place (Columbus South Sector)

PastEmergencies[1] ~ Behrakis (West Campus Sector)

PastEmergencies[2] ~ Curry (Academics Sector)

PastEmergencies[3] ~ Marino (East Fenway Sector)

AED LOCATIONS - WEST CAMPUS SECTOR



- BK Behrakis Health Science Center** – 1
 - First floor – right of main entrance.
- RY Ryder Hall** – 1
 - Enter first floor, on the left.
- SH Shillman Hall** – 1
 - Next to women's bathroom first floor.
- WVA West Village A-North** – 1
 - Near elevator first floor.
- WVB West Village B** – 1
 - Near elevator first floor.
- WVF West Village F Visitor's Center** – 1
 - Main Lobby Near Side Entrance.
- WVH West Village H** – 1
 - Near mailboxes first floor.

AED LOCATIONS - EAST FENWAY SECTOR



AED LOCATIONS - COLUMBUS SOUTH SECTOR



AED LOCATIONS - ACADEMICS SECTOR



- CSC Curry Student Center** – 1
 - Near bookstore
- CB Cabot Athletics** – 2
 - Athletic Training
- HT Hurlig** – 1
 - Room 102
- MA Matthews Arena** – 5

Pseudo Code Dynamic Allocation

Dynamic Allocation

End Algorithm: DynamicOfficerAllocation

Methodology

Pseudo Code Greedy Algorithm

Algorithm 1: GreedilyDeployOfficer

Input: A list of officer objects, *officers*. The location of the emergency, *emergencyLocation*

Output: Nearest officer deployed to location

Begin Algorithm: GreedilyDeployOfficer

shortestPath \leftarrow infinity

nearestOfficer \leftarrow NULL

for each officer in *officers* **do**

if officer is available **then**

pathLength \leftarrow Distance of officer to *emergencyLocation*

if *pathLength* < *shortestPath* **then**

shortestPath \leftarrow *pathLength*

nearestOfficer \leftarrow officer

end

end

end

if *nearestOfficer* \neq NULL **then**

 Deploy officer to *emergencyLocation*

nearestOfficer.isAvailable \leftarrow false

end

else

 print("No available officers.")

end

End Algorithm: GreedilyDeployOfficer

Methodology

Pseudo Code 0-1 Knapsack

Algorithm 1: solveKnapsack

Input: A list of equipment objects, *items*. The maximum weight of the knapsack, *maxWeight*.

Output: A list of strings representing the names of the items chosen, *maxWeight*.

Begin Algorithm: solveKnapsack

$n \leftarrow$ Number of items

$dp \leftarrow$ A 2D array of size $(n+1) \times (\text{maxWeight}+1)$ initialized to 0

for $i = 1$ **to** n **do**

for $w = 1$ **to** maxWeight **do**

if $\text{items}[i-1].\text{weight} \leq w$ **then**

$dp[i][w] = \max(dp[i-1][w],$

$dp[i-1][w - \text{items}[i-1].\text{weight} + \text{items}[i-1].\text{importance}])$

end

else

$dp[i][w] = dp[i-1][w]$

end

end

end

$\text{chosenItems} \leftarrow$ empty list

$w \leftarrow w - \text{items}[i-1].\text{weight}$

for $i = n$ **decrementing to** 1 **do**

if $dp[i][w] \neq dp[i-1][w]$ **then**

 Add $\text{items}[i-1].\text{name}$ to chosenItems

$w \leftarrow w - \text{items}[i-1].\text{weight}$

end

end

End Algorithm: solveKnapsack

Methodology

Time Complexity

- Dynamic Allocation $O(n)$
- Greedy Algorithm $O(n)$
- 0-1 Knapsack $O(n)$

Methodology

Data Structures

1. All data stored is done so in CSV file and parsed into arrays.
2. Indexes correlate to the item
3. Equipment needed for emergency types stored in unordered map

```
/* The first location is where the officers are stationed  
The second location is the AED zone the station point is based upon  
Zone 1 ~ Columbus Place (Columbus South Sector)  
Zone 2 ~ Behrakis (West Campus Sector)  
Zone 3 ~ Curry (Academics Sector)  
Zone 4 ~ Marino (East Fenway Sector)  
*/
```

Analysis and Results

- Live Demonstration Here

Discussion

- Project was limited by the deadline
- Large potential for expansion, but good MVP



Conclusion

- Our project is viable
- Improvements:
 - Number of emergency types and resources available
 - Flush out the GUI

References

- List of All Cited Sources
- <https://console.cloud.google.com/apis/library>