

A08 – 3D Maze generation

The Vulkan application whose source code is contained in file `A08.cpp`, generates a random maze and allows the player to explore it. In file `mazeGen.hpp`, you have to implement the procedure that create the 3D mesh of the maze, starting from a textual representation. In particular, you have to work inside method `void Assignment08::createMazeMesh(...)`:

The procedure gets in input the number of rows `<row>` of the maze, and the number of columns `<col>`. Element `<maze[r][c]>`, with $0 \leq r \leq \text{row}-1$ and $0 \leq c \leq \text{col}-1$ contains:

- Symbol ' ' if there is an empty space
 - Symbol '#' if there is a wall
- ```
//
```

Example: The following piece of code executes the instruction in the ... section if there is a wall in position `r=5, c=7`:

```
int r, c;
r = 5; c = 7;
if(maze[r][c] == '#') {
 ...
}
```

You have to create the vertices inside array `vPos`, by placing in order the x, y and z component of a vertex, and create the index buffer inside array `vIdx`. The mesh is encoded as an indexed triangle list, so any group of three successive indices defines a new triangle. The sample code, creates a square as a set of two triangles, sharing four vertices:

```
// Fill array vPos with the positions of the vertices of the mesh
vPos.push_back(0.0); vPos.push_back(0.0); vPos.push_back(0.0); // vertex 0
vPos.push_back(1.0); vPos.push_back(0.0); vPos.push_back(0.0); // vertex 1
vPos.push_back(0.0); vPos.push_back(1.0); vPos.push_back(0.0); // vertex 2
vPos.push_back(1.0); vPos.push_back(1.0); vPos.push_back(0.0); // vertex 3

// Fill the array vIdx with the indices of the vertices of the triangles
vIdx.push_back(0); vIdx.push_back(1); vIdx.push_back(2); // First triangle
vIdx.push_back(1); vIdx.push_back(2); vIdx.push_back(3); // Second triangle
```

- You have to replace this section, with an algorithm that builds the maze, starting from its textual description, and which produces the correct vertex and index buffers.
- Try to include all the walls, but leave the ceiling of the maze “open air”.
- Try to use the least possible number of vertices and triangles, reusing vertices whenever it is possible.

You can move the view using the same keys as in *Assignment0*:

|                            |             |          |         |              |              |               |
|----------------------------|-------------|----------|---------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| ESC – quit the application |             |          |         |              |              |               |
|                            | W: forward  |          | R: up   |              | ↑: look up   |               |
| A: left                    | S: backward | D: right | F: down | ←: look left | ↓: look down | →: look right |

If everything work, you should be able to have screenshots like the following:

