

Computing IV Sec 204: Project Portfolio

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Time to Complete Portfolio: 162 hours

1 PS0: Hello SFML

1.1 Project Overview

The first project introduced us to SFML (Simple and Fast Multimedia Library) for creating graphical applications in C++. I decided to implement a mini-game called "Aura Farming," inspired by the game Bloodborne. In this game, the player controls a sprite that can move in various directions. The game includes elements like a door that transports the player, enemies that spawn after a certain time, and health mechanics.

1.2 What I Accomplished

I successfully created a game with the following features:

- Player sprite with movement controls (left/right initially, then all directions after touching the door)
- A door that teleports the player back to the starting position when touched
- Enemy spawn mechanics (enemy appears 3 seconds after touching the door)
- Health system that decreases when the player moves or touches the enemy
- Visual health bar to display current health
- Game state management using boolean flags

1.3 What I Learned

Through this project, I gained knowledge about:

- Setting up an SFML window and game loop
- Loading and displaying sprites and textures
- Handling keyboard input for game controls
- Implementing collision detection between sprites
- Managing game state with variables
- Using a clock for timed events
- Drawing shapes like the health bar

1.4 Challenges

Some challenges I faced during this project:

- Understanding the SFML documentation and API
- Implementing proper collision detection between the sprite and door/enemy
- Creating a timer for enemy spawning
- Managing game states for different phases (before door touch, after door touch, enemy spawned)
- Designing a simple yet playable game within the constraints of the assignment
- Ensuring smooth movement and proper controls

1.5 Codebase

1.5.1 Main Game Implementation

```
1 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2 #include <SFML/Graphics.hpp>
3
4 int main() {
5     sf::RenderWindow window(sf::VideoMode(800, 600), "SFML window");
6     window.setFramerateLimit(60);
7
8     // Load sprite texture
9     sf::Texture texture;
10    if (!texture.loadFromFile("sprite.png")) return EXIT_FAILURE;
11    sf::Sprite sprite(texture);
12    sprite.setScale(0.5f, 0.5f);
13    sf::Vector2f initialPosition = sprite.getPosition();
14
15    // Load door texture
16    sf::Texture doorTexture;
17    if (!doorTexture.loadFromFile("door.png")) return EXIT_FAILURE;
18    sf::Sprite door(doorTexture);
19    door.setScale(0.5f, 0.5f);
20    door.setPosition(sprite.getPosition().x + 700.f, sprite.getPosition().y);
21
22    // Game state variables
23    bool doorExists = true, enemySpawned = false, moving = false;
24    float health = 100.f;
25    sf::Clock spawnClock;
26
27    // Load enemy texture
28    sf::Texture enemyTexture;
29    if (!enemyTexture.loadFromFile("enemy.png")) return EXIT_FAILURE;
30    sf::Sprite enemy(enemyTexture);
31
32    while (window.isOpen()) {
33        // Event handling
34        sf::Event event;
35        while (window.pollEvent(event)) {
36            if (event.type == sf::Event::Closed) window.close();
37        }
38
39        moving = false; // Reset moving flag
40
41        // Sprite movement
42        if (sf::Keyboard::isKeyPressed(sf::Keyboard::A) && sprite.
getPosition().x > 0) {
43            sprite.move(-5, 0); moving = true;
44        }
45        if (sf::Keyboard::isKeyPressed(sf::Keyboard::D)) {
46            sprite.move(5, 0); moving = true;
47        }
48        if (!doorExists) {
49            if (sf::Keyboard::isKeyPressed(sf::Keyboard::W)) {
50                sprite.move(0, -5); moving = true;
51            }
52            if (sf::Keyboard::isKeyPressed(sf::Keyboard::S)) {
53                sprite.move(0, 5); moving = true;
54            }
55        }
56    }
```

```

55     }
56
57     // Door collision and enemy spawning
58     if (sprite.getGlobalBounds().intersects(door.getGlobalBounds()) &&
doorExists) {
59         sprite.setPosition(initialPosition);
60         doorExists = false;
61         spawnClock.restart();
62     }
63     if (!enemySpawned && !doorExists && spawnClock.getElapsedTime().
asSeconds() > 3.f) {
64         enemy.setPosition(500.f, 400.f);
65         enemySpawned = true;
66     }
67
68     // Health reduction logic
69     if (enemySpawned && moving) health = std::max(0.f, health - 0.5f);
70     if (enemySpawned && sprite.getGlobalBounds().intersects(enemy.
getGlobalBounds())) {
71         health = std::max(0.f, health - 5.f);
72     }
73
74     // Drawing for sprite, enemy and door
75     window.clear();
76     window.draw(sprite);
77     if (enemySpawned) window.draw(enemy);
78     if (doorExists) window.draw(door);
79
80     // Health Drawing
81     sf::RectangleShape healthBar(sf::Vector2f(health * 2.f, 20.f));
82     healthBar.setFillColor(sf::Color::Red);
83     healthBar.setPosition(10.f, window.getSize().y - 40.f);
84     window.draw(healthBar);
85
86     window.display();
87 }
88
89 return EXIT_SUCCESS;
90 }

```

1.5.2 Build System

```

1 CC = g++
2 CFLAGS = --std=c++20 -Wall -Werror -pedantic -g
3 LIB = -lsfml-graphics -lsfml-audio -lsfml-window -lsfml-system -
    lboost_unit_test_framework
4 # Your .hpp files
5 DEPS =
6 # Your compiled .o files
7 OBJECTS = main.o
8 # The name of your program
9 PROGRAM = sfml-app
10
11 .PHONY: all clean lint
12
13
14 all: $(PROGRAM)
15
16 # Wildcard recipe to make .o files from corresponding .cpp file

```

```

17 %.o: %.cpp $(DEPS)
18     $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c $<
19
20 $(PROGRAM): main.o $(OBJECTS)
21     $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o $@ $^ $(LIB)
22
23 clean:
24     rm *.o $(PROGRAM)
25
26 lint:
27     cpplint *.cpp *.hpp

```

1.6 Results

The final game allows players to control a sprite that can move left and right initially. Upon touching a door, the sprite teleports back to its starting position and gains the ability to move in all four directions. Three seconds after this, an enemy appears. If the player moves while the enemy is present, their health decreases slowly. If the player touches the enemy, health decreases more rapidly.

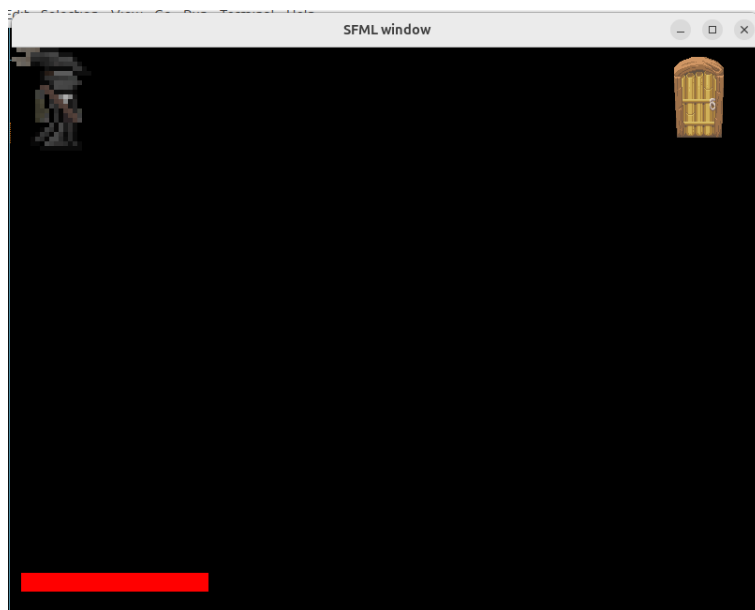


Figure 1: Screenshot of the Aura Farming game in action

2 PS1a: LFSR Implementation

2.1 Project Overview

The first part of this project involved implementing a Fibonacci Linear Feedback Shift Register (LFSR), which is a shift register where the input bit is a function of the previous state. In this implementation, the input bit is calculated using XOR operations on specific tap positions (16, 14, 13, 11) in a 16-bit register. The LFSR can generate pseudo-random bit sequences, which have applications in cryptography, digital communications, and other areas requiring randomness.

2.2 What I Accomplished

I successfully implemented the LFSR class with the following features:

- Constructor that takes a 16-bit seed as a string
- `step()` method that simulates one step of the LFSR and returns the new bit
- `generate(k)` method that simulates k steps and returns a k-bit integer
- Operator overloading for easy visualization of the LFSR state
- Comprehensive error handling for invalid inputs
- Unit tests verifying the implementation's correctness

2.3 What I Learned

Through this project, I gained deeper understanding of:

- Bit manipulation in C++
- Using the `std::bitset` library for efficient bit operations
- Exception handling for robust error management
- Unit testing with Boost to verify implementation correctness
- Implementing mathematical algorithms (LFSR) in code
- Operator overloading for customized object display

2.4 Challenges

I faced several challenges during this implementation:

- Understanding the LFSR concept and behavior correctly
- Determining the right approach for bit manipulation (choosing between manual bit operations and using the `bitset` library)
- Ensuring proper bit order in the `generate(k)` method
- Implementing robust error handling for invalid inputs
- Creating thorough unit tests to verify functionality

I chose to use the `bitset` library because it made the code more readable and reduced the chances of errors in bit manipulation operations.

2.5 Codebase

2.5.1 Header File (FibLFSR.hpp)

```
1 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2
3 #include <iostream>
4 #include <string>
5 #include <bitset>
6
7 namespace PhotoMagic {
8
9 class FibLFSR {
10 public:
11     explicit FibLFSR(const std::string& seed);
12     int step(); // Simulate one step and return the new bit
13     int generate(int k); // Simulate k steps and return a k-bit integer
14
15     friend std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& os, const FibLFSR& lfsr);
16
17 private:
18     std::bitset<16> reg; // Internal LFSR register
19 };
20
21 } // namespace PhotoMagic
```

2.5.2 Implementation (FibLFSR.cpp)

```
1 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2
3 #include "FibLFSR.hpp"
4 #include <iostream>
5 #include <bitset>
6 #include <string>
7
8 namespace PhotoMagic {
9
10 // Initializes the LFSR with the seed
11 FibLFSR::FibLFSR(const std::string& seed) {
12     if (seed.length() != 16) {
13         throw std::invalid_argument("Seed must be exactly 16 bits long");
14     }
15     for (char bit : seed) {
16         if (bit != '0' && bit != '1') {
17             throw std::invalid_argument("Seed should only contain 0 and 1");
18         }
19     }
20
21     reg = std::bitset<16>(seed);
22 }
23
24 // Simulate one step of the LFSR
25 int FibLFSR::step() {
26     bool feedback = reg[15] ^ reg[13] ^ reg[12] ^ reg[10]; // XOR taps
27     reg <<= 1; // Shift left
28     reg[0] = feedback; // Insert feedback at position 0
29     return feedback;
30 }
31 }
```

```

32 // Generate k-bit integer using LFSR
33 int FibLFSR::generate(int k) {
34     if (k <= 0) {
35         throw std::invalid_argument("k must be a positive integer.");
36     }
37
38     int result = 0;
39     for (int i = 0; i < k; i++) {
40         result = (result << 1) | step();
41     }
42     return result;
43 }
44
45 // Overloaded << operator to print current register state
46 std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& os, const PhotoMagic::FibLFSR& lfsr)
47 {
48     os << lfsr.reg.to_string(); // Convert bitset to string for display
49     return os;
50 }
51 } // namespace PhotoMagic

```

2.5.3 Test File (test.cpp)

```

1 // Copyright 2022 By Dr. Rykalova
2 // Editted by Dr. Daly
3 // Modified by William Nosike
4 // test.cpp for PS1a
5 // updated 1/8/2024
6
7 #include <iostream>
8 #include <stdexcept>
9 #include <string>
10 #include "FibLFSR.hpp"
11
12 #define BOOST_TEST_DYN_LINK
13 #define BOOST_TEST_MODULE Main
14 #include <boost/test/unit_test.hpp>
15
16 using PhotoMagic::FibLFSR;
17
18 // Test step function with given seed
19 BOOST_AUTO_TEST_CASE(testStepInstr) {
20     FibLFSR l("1011011000110110");
21     BOOST_REQUIRE_EQUAL(l.step(), 0);
22     BOOST_REQUIRE_EQUAL(l.step(), 0);
23     BOOST_REQUIRE_EQUAL(l.step(), 0);
24     BOOST_REQUIRE_EQUAL(l.step(), 1);
25     BOOST_REQUIRE_EQUAL(l.step(), 1);
26     BOOST_REQUIRE_EQUAL(l.step(), 0);
27     BOOST_REQUIRE_EQUAL(l.step(), 0);
28     BOOST_REQUIRE_EQUAL(l.step(), 1);
29 }
30
31 // Test generate function
32 BOOST_AUTO_TEST_CASE(testGenerateInstr) {
33     FibLFSR l("1011011000110110");
34     BOOST_REQUIRE_EQUAL(l.generate(9), 51);
35 }

```



```

36
37 // Test step function with a different seed
38 BOOST_AUTO_TEST_CASE(testStepWithDifferentSeed) {
39     FibLFSR l("1100101010110111");
40     BOOST_REQUIRE_EQUAL(l.step(), 1);
41     BOOST_REQUIRE_EQUAL(l.step(), 1);
42     BOOST_REQUIRE_EQUAL(l.step(), 1);
43     BOOST_REQUIRE_EQUAL(l.step(), 0);
44 }
45 // Test generate function with a single bit
46 BOOST_AUTO_TEST_CASE(testGenerateSingleBit) {
47     FibLFSR l("0100100100111011");
48     BOOST_REQUIRE_EQUAL(l.generate(1), 0);
49 }
50
51 // Test generate function with multiple values
52 BOOST_AUTO_TEST_CASE(testGenerateMultipleValues) {
53     FibLFSR l("1000111110111110");
54     int first = l.generate(3);
55     int second = l.generate(3);
56     BOOST_REQUIRE_EQUAL(first, 1);
57     BOOST_REQUIRE_EQUAL(second, 6); }

```

3 PS1b: PhotoMagic

3.1 Project Overview

The second part of this project built on the LFSR implementation from PS1a to create a program called PhotoMagic that can encrypt and decrypt images. The encryption process involves using the LFSR to generate pseudo-random numbers that are then XORed with the RGB values of each pixel in the image. The same process can be applied to decrypt an encrypted image, as XORing the same value twice returns the original value.

3.2 What I Accomplished

I successfully implemented the PhotoMagic application with these features:

- Image encryption and decryption using the LFSR algorithm
- Command-line interface for specifying input image, output image, and encryption seed
- Single window display showing the transformed image
- Dynamic window title that changes based on whether the image is being encrypted or decrypted
- Proper error handling for file operations and user inputs

3.3 What I Learned

This project helped me learn about:

- Image processing with SFML
- Pixel-level manipulation of images
- Command-line argument parsing
- Applying cryptographic concepts in real applications
- Creating reusable code components (the LFSR from PS1a)
- Binary operations in practical contexts
- Building a complete application with user interface

3.4 Challenges

Some challenges I encountered during this project:

- Efficiently processing each pixel in the image
- Ensuring the LFSR generated consistent results for both encryption and decryption
- Creating a user-friendly interface
- Handling different image formats and potential errors
- Integrating the LFSR code from the previous assignment
- Understanding how to properly use the SFML library for image manipulation

I decided to use a single window display rather than two separate windows for simplicity and ease of use. I also added dynamic window titles to clearly indicate whether the displayed image was encrypted or decrypted.

3.5 Codebase

3.5.1 PhotoMagic Header (PhotoMagic.hpp)

```
1 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2 #ifndef PHOTOMAGIC_HPP
3 #define PHOTOMAGIC_HPP
4
5 #include <SFML/Graphics.hpp>
6 #include "FibLFSR.hpp"
7
8 namespace PhotoMagic {void transform(sf::Image& img, FibLFSR* lfsr);
9 }
10
11 #endif // PHOTOMAGIC_HPP
```

3.5.2 PhotoMagic Implementation (PhotoMagic.cpp)

```
1 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2
3 // PhotoMagic.cpp
4 #include "PhotoMagic.hpp"
5
6 namespace PhotoMagic {
7
8 void transform(sf::Image &image, FibLFSR* lfsr) {
9     sf::Vector2u size = image.getSize();
10    for (unsigned int x = 0; x < size.x; ++x) {
11        for (unsigned int y = 0; y < size.y; ++y) {
12            sf::Color pixel = image.getPixel(x, y);
13            pixel.r ^= lfsr->generate(8);
14            pixel.g ^= lfsr->generate(8);
15            pixel.b ^= lfsr->generate(8);
16            image.setPixel(x, y, pixel);
17        }
18    }
19 }
20
21 } // namespace PhotoMagic
```

3.5.3 Main Application (main.cpp)

```
1 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2 #include <iostream>
3 #include <string>
4 #include "PhotoMagic.hpp"
5 #include <SFML/Graphics.hpp>
6
7 int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
8     // Checks for proper command-line arguments.
9     if (argc != 4) {
10        std::cerr << "Usage: " << argv[0] << " <input-file.png> <output-file.png> <seed>" << std::endl;
11        return -1;
12    }
13    // Extracts command-line arguments.
14    std::string inputFile = argv[1];
15    std::string outputFile = argv[2];
16    std::string seed = argv[3];
```

```

17 // Loads the source image.
18 sf::Image image;
19 if (!image.loadFromFile(inputFile)) {
20 std::cerr << "Error: Could not load image" << inputFile << "!" << std::endl;
21     return -1; }
22 // Initialize the FibLFSR with the provided seed and transform the image
23 .
24 PhotoMagic::FibLFSR lfsr(seed);
25 PhotoMagic::transform(image, &lfsr);
26 // Determines the window title based on the output filename.
27 std::string windowTitle;
28 if(outputFile.find("decrypt") != std::string::npos) {
29     windowTitle = "Decrypted Image";
30 } else if (outputFile.find("encrypt") != std::string::npos) {
31     windowTitle = "Encrypted Image";
32 } else {
33     windowTitle = "Encrypted Image";
34 }
35 // Creates an SFML window to display the transformed image.
36 sf::Vector2u size = image.getSize();
37 sf::RenderWindow window(sf::VideoMode(size.x, size.y), windowTitle);
38 // Creates a texture and sprite for the image.
39 sf::Texture texture;
40 if (!texture.loadFromImage(image)) {
41     std::cerr << "Error: Could not create texture from image!" << std::
42     endl;
43     return -1;
44 }
45 sf::Sprite sprite;
46 sprite.setTexture(texture);
47 // Main event loop.
48 while (window.isOpen()) {
49     sf::Event event;
50     while (window.pollEvent(event)) {
51         if (event.type == sf::Event::Closed)
52             window.close();
53     }
54     window.clear(sf::Color::White);
55     window.draw(sprite);
56     window.display();
57 // Saves the transformed image.
58 if (!image.saveToFile(outputFile)) {
59     std::cerr << "Error: Could not save image to '" << outputFile << "'!
60     " << std::endl;
61     return -1;
62 }
63 return 0;
64 }

```

3.6 Results

The PhotoMagic application successfully encrypts and decrypts images. When an image is encrypted, its visual content becomes unrecognizable. When the encrypted image is processed again with the same seed, the original image is restored.



Figure 2: Original image before encryption



Figure 3: Encrypted image



Figure 4: Decrypted image (matches original)

4 PS2: Triangle Fractal

4.1 Project Overview

This project involved creating a recursive triangle fractal visualization using SFML. The fractal resembles a modified Sierpiński triangle, but instead of removing the central triangle at each iteration, it fills it with a different color. The program allowed the user to specify the recursion depth and base length of the equilateral triangles.

4.2 What We Accomplished

My teammate and I successfully implemented the following features:

- Created a recursive algorithm to draw equilateral triangles with precise positioning
- Implemented color gradients that change with recursion depth
- Added animation with dynamic rotation of the triangles
- Designed interactive features including pause/resume functionality
- Managed memory efficiently even with high recursion depths
- Ensured proper boundary handling within the display window
- Developed a maintainable class structure with clear separation of concerns
- Implemented effective pair programming techniques to solve complex challenges

4.3 What I Learned

Through this project, I gained knowledge about:

- Recursive algorithms and their implementation in C++
- Mathematical calculations for generating equilateral triangles
- Creating animations with SFML's time management
- Organizing code with separate class files (triangle.cpp/hpp)
- Managing program complexity with increasing recursion depth
- Efficient memory usage during recursive operations

4.4 Challenges

Some challenges I faced during this project:

- Calculating the correct coordinates for triangles at each recursion level
- Managing the color gradient to make the fractal visually appealing
- Optimizing the recursive algorithm to prevent stack overflow with large depths
- Implementing smooth animation without performance degradation
- Designing a clear UI that shows the fractal structure effectively
- Balancing computational complexity with visual quality

4.5 Codebase

4.5.1 Triangle Class Implementation

```
1 // Copyright 2025 <Jordan Charlot,William Nosike>
2
3 #ifndef _HOME_JGCHARLOT615_COMPIV_PS2_TRIANGLE_HPP_
4 #define _HOME_JGCHARLOT615_COMPIV_PS2_TRIANGLE_HPP_
5
6 #include <vector>
7 #include <SFML/Graphics.hpp>
8
9 class TriangleFractal : public sf::Drawable {
10 public:
11     TriangleFractal(double length, int depth, float rotation = 0.0f);
12     void updateRotation(float delta);
13
14 private:
15     double length;
16     int depth;
17     float rotation;
18     sf::VertexArray triangles;
19
20     void generateFractal(sf::Vector2f p1, sf::Vector2f p2,
21                         sf::Vector2f p3, int level);
22     sf::Color getColor(int level) const;
23
24     void draw(sf::RenderTarget& target, sf::RenderStates states)
25         const override;
26 };
27
28 #endif // _HOME_JGCHARLOT615_COMPIV_PS2_TRIANGLE_HPP_

```

```
1 // Copyright 2025 <Jordan Charlot,William nosike>
2 // triangle.cpp
3 #include "triangle.hpp"
4 #include <cmath>
5
6 TriangleFractal::TriangleFractal(double length, int depth, float rotation)
7     : length(length), depth(depth),
8       rotation(rotation), triangles(sf::Triangles) {
9
10     // Calculate height of an equilateral triangle (side length * sqrt(3)/2)
11     float height = static_cast<float>(length * 0.866);
12     float halfLength = static_cast<float>(length / 2);
13     float halfHeight = height / 2;
14
15     // Position vertices to create a downward-pointing triangle centered at
16     // (400, 400):
17     generateFractal(
18         {400.0f, 400.0f - halfHeight}, // Top vertex
19         {400.0f - halfLength, 400.0f + halfHeight}, // Bottom left vertex
20         {400.0f + halfLength, 400.0f + halfHeight}, // Bottom right vertex
21         depth+1);
22
23 void TriangleFractal::generateFractal(sf::Vector2f p1,
24 sf::Vector2f p2, sf::Vector2f p3, int level) {
25     if (level == 0) {
26         sf::Color color = getColor(depth - level);

```



```

27     triangles.append(sf::Vertex(p1, color));
28     triangles.append(sf::Vertex(p2, color));
29     triangles.append(sf::Vertex(p3, color));
30     return;
31 }
32
33 // Calculate midpoints of each side of the triangle
34 sf::Vector2f mid1 = {(p1.x + p2.x) / 2, (p1.y + p2.y) / 2}; // Midpoint
// of side p1-p2
35 sf::Vector2f mid2 = {(p2.x + p3.x) / 2, (p2.y + p3.y) / 2}; // Midpoint
// of side p2-p3
36 sf::Vector2f mid3 = {(p3.x + p1.x) / 2, (p3.y + p1.y) / 2}; // Midpoint
// of side p3-p1
37
38 // Draw the central triangle
39 sf::Color centerColor = getColor(depth - level + 1);
40 triangles.append(sf::Vertex(mid1, centerColor));
41 triangles.append(sf::Vertex(mid2, centerColor));
42 triangles.append(sf::Vertex(mid3, centerColor));
43
44 // Recursively generate the three corner triangles
45 generateFractal(p1, mid1, mid3, level - 1); // Top/left triangle
46 generateFractal(mid1, p2, mid2, level - 1); // Right triangle
47 generateFractal(mid3, mid2, p3, level - 1); // Bottom triangle
48 }
49
50 sf::Color TriangleFractal::getColor(int level) const {
51     int r = (level * 50) % 255;
52     int g = (level * 100) % 255;
53     int b = (level * 150) % 255;
54     return sf::Color(r, g, b);
55 }
56
57 void TriangleFractal::updateRotation(float delta) {
58     rotation += delta;
59 }
60
61 void TriangleFractal::draw(sf::RenderTarget& target,
62     sf::RenderStates states) const {
63     sf::Transform transform;
64     transform.rotate(rotation, sf::Vector2f(400, 400)); // Rotate around
// window center
65     states.transform *= transform;
66     target.draw(triangles, states);
67 }

```

4.5.2 Main Program

```

1 // Copyright 2025 <Jordan Charlot,William Nosike>
2
3 #include <cstdlib>
4 #include <iostream>
5 #include <SFML/Graphics.hpp>
6 #include <SFML/Window.hpp>
7 #include <SFML/System.hpp>
8 #include "triangle.hpp"
9
10 int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
11     if (argc < 3 || argc > 4) {

```



```

12     std::cerr << "Usage: " << argv[0]
13         << " <side length> <recursion depth> [rotation]" << std::
endl;
14     return 1;
15 }
16
17 double length = std::atof(argv[1]);
18 int depth = std::atoi(argv[2]);
19 float rotation = (argc == 4) ? std::atof(argv[3]) : 0.0f;
20
21 sf::RenderWindow window(sf::VideoMode(800, 800), "Triangle Fractal");
22 TriangleFractal fractal(length, depth, rotation);
23
24 sf::Clock clock;
25 bool animate = true;
26
27 while (window.isOpen()) {
28     sf::Event event;
29     while (window.pollEvent(event)) {
30         if (event.type == sf::Event::Closed) {
31             window.close();
32         }
33         if (event.type == sf::Event::KeyPressed &&
34             event.key.code == sf::Keyboard::Space) {
35             animate = !animate; // Toggle animation with spacebar
36         }
37     }
38
39     if (animate) {
40         float deltaTime = clock.restart().asSeconds();
41         fractal.updateRotation(30.0f * deltaTime);
42     }
43
44     window.clear();
45     window.draw(fractal);
46     window.display();
47 }
48
49 return 0;
50 }

```

4.5.3 Build System

```

1 CXX = g++
2 CXXFLAGS = -Wall -Wextra -pedantic -Werror -std=c++17
3 LDFLAGS = -lsfml-graphics -lsfml-window -lsfml-system
4
5 TARGET = Triangle
6 SRC = main.cpp triangle.cpp
7 OBJ = $(SRC:.cpp=.o)
8
9 all: $(TARGET)
10
11 $(TARGET): $(OBJ)
12     $(CXX) $(CXXFLAGS) $(OBJ) -o $(TARGET) $(LDFLAGS)
13
14 %.o: %.cpp triangle.hpp
15     $(CXX) $(CXXFLAGS) -c $< -o $@
16

```

```

17 lint:
18     clang-tidy $(SRC) -- -std=c++17
19
20 clean:
21     rm -f $(OBJ) $(TARGET)

```

4.6 Results

The final program creates a visually appealing fractal pattern that demonstrates the power of recursion in computer graphics. The animation adds dynamic interest to the mathematical structure, and the color gradients help visualize the different recursion levels.

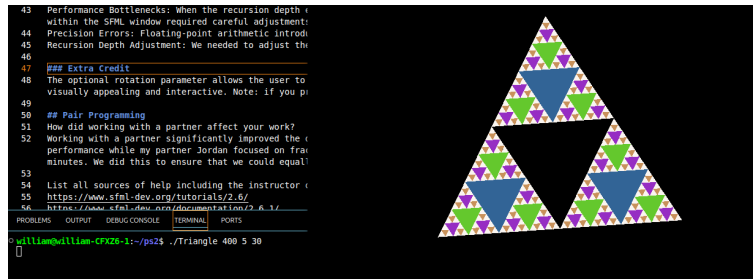


Figure 5: Screenshot of the Triangle Fractal program

5 PS3a: N-Body Simulation (Part A)

5.1 Project Overview

This project involved creating the first part of an N-Body simulation that models celestial bodies in space. Using SFML, I implemented a simplified solar system visualization where planets orbit around a central sun. The assignment required creating three main components: `CelestialBody` (representing planets/stars), `Universe` (container for bodies), and a Main Program to run the simulation.

5.2 What I Accomplished

I successfully implemented the following features:

- Created a robust `CelestialBody` class to represent planets with positions, velocities, masses, and textures
- Developed a `Universe` class to manage multiple celestial bodies
- Implemented proper stream operations for reading celestial body data from files
- Added visual enhancements including a starfield background
- Used smart pointers for texture management to prevent memory leaks
- Ensured correct scaling for both display and physical calculations
- Implemented proper initialization from text files containing planetary data

5.3 What I Learned

Through this project, I gained knowledge about:

- Structuring multi-class programs with clear separation of concerns
- Managing resource ownership with RAII principles
- Stream operators for both input and output operations
- Working with texture loading and scaling in SFML
- Using smart pointers for automatic resource management
- Implementing custom iterators for the `Universe` container
- Converting between physical units and screen coordinates

5.4 Challenges

Some challenges I faced during this project:

- Designing a clean class hierarchy with appropriate access control
- Managing texture resources efficiently across multiple objects
- Implementing streaming operators correctly for complex data types
- Creating a visually appealing background that doesn't interfere with the simulation
- Setting up appropriate initial conditions from file input
- Ensuring proper scaling between physical units and display coordinates
- Implementing unit tests for validating the simulation components

5.5 Codebase

5.5.1 CelestialBody Header (CelestialBody.hpp)

```
1 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2 #ifndef CELESTIALBODY_HPP
3 #define CELESTIALBODY_HPP
4
5 #include <iostream>
6 #include <string>
7 #include <memory>
8 #include <SFML/Graphics.hpp>
9
10 namespace NB {
11
12 class CelestialBody : public sf::Drawable {
13 public:
14     // Constructors
15     CelestialBody();
16     CelestialBody(double x, double y, double vx, double vy,
17                   double mass, const std::string& imageFile);
18
19     // Copy/move operations
20     CelestialBody(const CelestialBody& other);
21     CelestialBody& operator=(const CelestialBody& other);
22     CelestialBody(CelestialBody&& other) noexcept;
23     CelestialBody& operator=(CelestialBody&& other) noexcept;
24
25     // Getters
26     double getX() const { return x_; }
27     double getY() const { return y_; }
28     double getVX() const { return vx_; }
29     double getVY() const { return vy_; }
30     double getMass() const { return mass_; }
31     const std::string& getImageFile() const { return imageFile_; }
32
33     // Setters
34     void setX(double x) { x_ = x; }
35     void setY(double y) { y_ = y; }
36     void setVX(double vx) { vx_ = vx; }
37     void setVY(double vy) { vy_ = vy; }
38     void setMass(double mass) { mass_ = mass; }
39     void setImageFile(const std::string& imageFile);
40
41     // Stream operations
42     bool loadFromStream(std::istream& is);
43     void writeToStream(std::ostream& os) const;
44
45     // Position and rendering
46     void setScaledPosition(double scaleFactor, float windowSize);
47
48 private:
49     void draw(sf::RenderTarget& target, sf::RenderStates states) const
50         override;
51     bool loadTextureFromFile(const std::string& filename);
52
53     double x_, y_; // position
54     double vx_, vy_; // velocity
55     double mass_;
56     std::string imageFile_;
```

```

56
57     // For SFML rendering
58     std::unique_ptr<sf::Texture> texture_;
59     sf::Sprite sprite_;
60 };
61
62 // Free functions for stream operators
63 std::istream& operator>>(std::istream& is, CelestialBody& body);
64 std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& os, const CelestialBody& body);
65
66 } // namespace NB
67
68 #endif

```

5.5.2 CelestialBody Implementation (CelestialBody.cpp)

```

1 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2
3 #include "CelestialBody.hpp"
4
5 namespace NB {
6
7     // Default constructor
8     CelestialBody::CelestialBody()
9     : x_(0.0), y_(0.0), vx_(0.0), vy_(0.0), mass_(0.0),
10 texture_(std::make_unique<sf::Texture>()) {
11 }
12
13 // Parameterized constructor
14 CelestialBody::CelestialBody(double x, double y, double vx, double vy,
15                             double mass, const std::string& imageFile)
16 : x_(x), y_(y), vx_(vx), vy_(vy), mass_(mass), imageFile_(imageFile),
17 texture_(std::make_unique<sf::Texture>()) {
18     loadTextureFromFile(imageFile_);
19 }
20
21 // Copy constructor
22 CelestialBody::CelestialBody(const CelestialBody& other)
23 : x_(other.x_), y_(other.y_), vx_(other.vx_), vy_(other.vy_),
24 mass_(other.mass_), imageFile_(other.imageFile_),
25 texture_(std::make_unique<sf::Texture>()) {
26     if (!other.imageFile_.empty()) {
27         loadTextureFromFile(imageFile_);
28     }
29 }
30
31 // Copy assignment operator
32 CelestialBody& CelestialBody::operator=(const CelestialBody& other) {
33     if (this != &other) {
34         x_ = other.x_;
35         y_ = other.y_;
36         vx_ = other.vx_;
37         vy_ = other.vy_;
38         mass_ = other.mass_;
39         imageFile_ = other.imageFile_;
40
41         texture_ = std::make_unique<sf::Texture>();
42         if (!other.imageFile_.empty()) {
43             loadTextureFromFile(imageFile_);

```

```

44     }
45 }
46     return *this;
47 }
48
49 // Move constructor
50 CelestialBody::CelestialBody(CelestialBody&& other) noexcept
51 : x_(other.x_), y_(other.y_), vx_(other.vx_), vy_(other.vy_),
52 mass_(other.mass_), imageFile_(std::move(other.imageFile_)),
53 texture_(std::move(other.texture_)), sprite_(std::move(other.sprite_)) {
54 }
55
56 // Move assignment operator
57 CelestialBody& CelestialBody::operator=(CelestialBody&& other) noexcept {
58     if (this != &other) {
59         x_ = other.x_;
60         y_ = other.y_;
61         vx_ = other.vx_;
62         vy_ = other.vy_;
63         mass_ = other.mass_;
64         imageFile_ = std::move(other.imageFile_);
65         texture_ = std::move(other.texture_);
66         sprite_ = std::move(other.sprite_);
67     }
68     return *this;
69 }
70
71 // Set image file and load texture
72 void CelestialBody::setImageFile(const std::string& imageFile) {
73     imageFile_ = imageFile;
74     loadTextureFromFile(imageFile_);
75 }
76
77 // Helper method to load texture
78 bool CelestialBody::loadTextureFromFile(const std::string& filename) {
79     if (!texture_->loadFromFile(filename)) {
80         std::cerr << "Failed to load texture: " << filename << std::endl;
81         return false;
82     }
83
84     sprite_.setTexture(*texture_);
85     auto bounds = sprite_.getLocalBounds();
86     sprite_.setOrigin(bounds.width / 2.f, bounds.height / 2.f);
87     return true;
88 }
89
90 // Load from input stream
91 bool CelestialBody::loadFromStream(std::istream& is) {
92     double x, y, vx, vy, mass;
93     std::string imageFile;
94
95     is >> x >> y >> vx >> vy >> mass >> imageFile;
96
97     if (is.fail()) {
98         return false;
99     }
100
101     setX(x);
102     setY(y);

```

```

103     setVX(vx);
104     setVY(vy);
105     setMass(mass);
106     setImageFile(imageFile);
107
108     return true;
109 }
110
111 // Write to output stream
112 void CelestialBody::writeToStream(std::ostream& os) const {
113     os << getX() << " "
114         << getY() << " "
115         << getVX() << " "
116         << getVY() << " "
117         << getMass() << " "
118         << getImageFile();
119 }
120
121 // Read celestial body data from input stream
122 std::istream& operator>>(std::istream& is, CelestialBody& body) {
123     body.loadFromStream(is);
124     return is;
125 }
126
127 // Write celestial body data to output stream
128 std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& os, const CelestialBody& body) {
129     body.writeToStream(os);
130     return os;
131 }
132
133 // Convert universe coordinates to screen coordinates
134 void CelestialBody::setScaledPosition(double scaleFactor, float windowSize)
135 {
136     float center = windowSize / 2.f;
137     float scaledX = static_cast<float>(getX() * scaleFactor + center);
138     float scaledY = static_cast<float>(center - getY() * scaleFactor);
139     sprite_.setPosition(scaledX, scaledY);
140 }
141
142 // Draw the celestial body to the render target
143 void CelestialBody::draw(sf::RenderTarget& target, sf::RenderStates states)
144     const {
145     target.draw(sprite_, states);
146 }
147
148 } // namespace NB

```

5.5.3 Universe Header (Universe.hpp)

```

1 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2 #ifndef UNIVERSE_HPP
3 #define UNIVERSE_HPP
4
5 #include <vector>
6 #include <string>
7 #include <SFML/Graphics.hpp>
8 #include "CelestialBody.hpp"
9
10 namespace NB {

```

```

11
12 class Universe : public sf::Drawable {
13     public:
14         Universe();
15         // Simplified constructor for file loading
16         explicit Universe(const std::string& filename) : Universe() {
17             if (!loadFromFile(filename)) {
18                 std::cerr << "Universe load failed from file: " << filename <<
std::endl;
19             }
20         }
21
22         // Read/write universe data
23         friend std::istream& operator>>(std::istream& is, Universe& universe);
24         friend std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& os, const Universe&
universe);
25
26         // Load data from a file
27         bool loadFromFile(const std::string& filename);
28
29         // Add new body inline
30         void addBody(const CelestialBody& body) { bodies_.push_back(body); }
31
32         // Getter for radius
33         double getRadius() const { return radius_; }
34
35         // Setter for radius (mainly for test purposes)
36         void setRadius(double radius) { radius_ = radius; }
37
38         // Getters
39         std::vector<CelestialBody>& getBodies();
40
41     protected:
42         void draw(sf::RenderTarget& target, sf::RenderStates states) const
override;
43
44     private:
45         std::vector<CelestialBody> bodies_;
46         double radius_;
47 };
48
49 } // namespace NB
50
51 #endif

```

5.5.4 Universe Implementation (Universe.cpp)

```

1 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2 #include "Universe.hpp"
3 #include <fstream>
4 #include <iostream>
5
6 namespace NB {
7
8     // Constructor with default universe radius
9     Universe::Universe() : radius_(0.0) {}
10
11
12     bool Universe::loadFromFile(const std::string& filename) {

```



```

13     std::ifstream file(filename);
14     if (!file) {
15         return false;
16     }
17     return static_cast<bool>(file >> *this);
18 }
19
20 // Input stream operator
21 std::istream& operator>>(std::istream& is, Universe& universe) {
22     int count;
23     double radius;
24     is >> count >> radius;
25     universe.radius_ = radius;
26     universe.bodies_.clear();
27     universe.bodies_.reserve(count);
28
29     for (int i = 0; i < count; ++i) {
30         CelestialBody body;
31         is >> body;
32         universe.bodies_.push_back(body);
33     }
34
35     return is;
36 }
37
38 // Output stream operator
39 // Writes size, radius, and each body on separate lines
40 std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& os, const Universe& universe) {
41     os << universe.bodies_.size() << " " << universe.radius_ << "\n";
42     for (const auto& body : universe.bodies_) {
43         os << body << "\n";
44     }
45     return os;
46 }
47
48 // Returns reference to the collection of celestial bodies
49 std::vector<CelestialBody>& Universe::getBodies() {
50     return bodies_;
51 }
52
53 // Renders all celestial bodies
54 void Universe::draw(sf::RenderTarget& target, sf::RenderStates states) const
55 {
56     for (const auto& body : bodies_) {
57         target.draw(body, states);
58     }
59 }
60 } // namespace NB

```

5.5.5 Main Program (main.cpp)

```

1 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2
3 #include <iostream>
4 #include <fstream>
5 #include <cmath>
6 #include <ctime>
7 #include <cstdlib>

```

```

8  #include "Universe.hpp"
9  #include <SFML/Graphics.hpp>
10
11 int main() {
12     // Read universe data from planets.txt
13     NB::Universe universe("planets.txt");
14
15     // Create an SFML window
16     sf::RenderWindow window(sf::VideoMode(800, 800), "The Solar System!");
17     window.setFramerateLimit(60);
18
19     // Compute a scale factor to fit the universe radius into 800x800
20     double scaleFactor = (universe.getRadius() != 0.0) ? (400.0 / universe.
        getRadius()) : 1.0;
21
22     // Create a basic starfield background
23     sf::Texture backgroundTexture;
24     sf::Image bgImage;
25     bgImage.create(800, 800, sf::Color::Black); // Pure black background
26
27     // Add simple white stars
28     std::srand(static_cast<unsigned int>(std::time(nullptr)));
29     for (int i = 0; i < 500; ++i) {
30         int x = std::rand() % 800;
31         int y = std::rand() % 800;
32         bgImage.setPixel(x, y, sf::Color::White);
33     }
34
35     backgroundTexture.loadFromImage(bgImage);
36
37
38     backgroundTexture.update(bgImage);
39     sf::Sprite backgroundSprite(backgroundTexture);
40
41     // Scale each CelestialBody's position
42     for (auto& body : universe.getBodies()) {
43         body.setScaledPosition(scaleFactor, 800.0f);
44     }
45
46     // Main event/render loop
47     while (window.isOpen()) {
48         sf::Event event;
49         while (window.pollEvent(event)) {
50             if (event.type == sf::Event::Closed) {
51                 window.close();
52             }
53         }
54
55         window.clear(sf::Color::Black);
56
57         window.draw(backgroundSprite);
58
59         window.draw(universe);
60         window.display();
61     }
62
63     return 0;
64 }

```

5.6 Results

The final program successfully renders a solar system with planets orbiting a central sun. Each celestial body is represented by its appropriate graphic, and the starfield background enhances the visual experience. This first part of the simulation focuses on rendering and data management, setting the stage for the physics implementation in Part B.

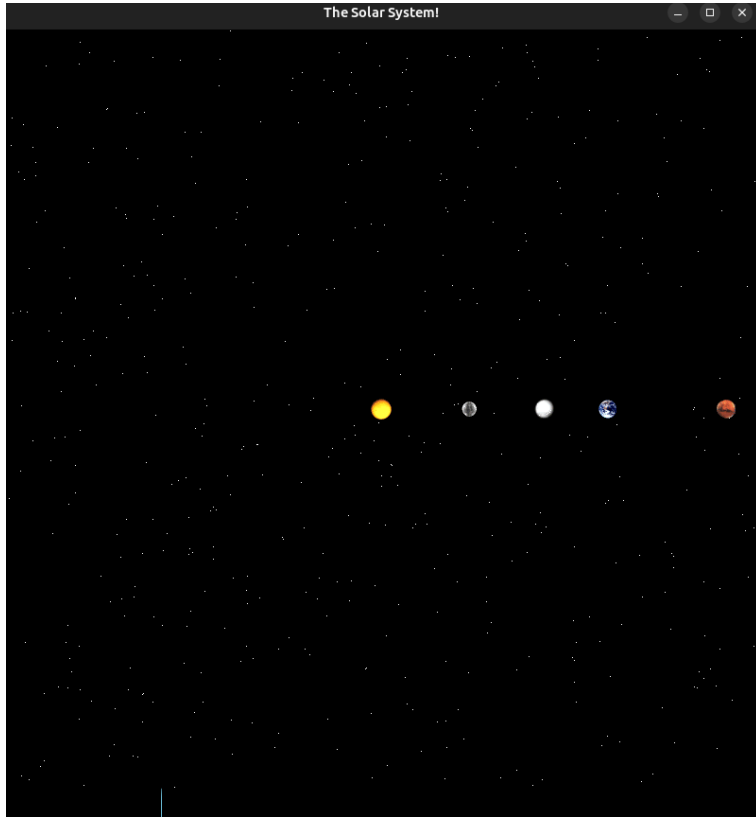


Figure 6: Screenshot of the N-Body Simulation (Part A)

6 PS3b: N-Body Simulation (Part B)

6.1 Project Overview

This project extended the N-Body simulation created in PS3a by implementing a physics engine to simulate gravitational interactions between celestial bodies. Using Newton's law of universal gravitation, the program now calculates forces between all bodies and updates their positions and velocities accordingly. This creates a realistic simulation of orbital mechanics in a solar system.

6.2 What I Accomplished

I successfully implemented the following features:

- Added a physics engine based on Newton's law of universal gravitation
- Implemented methods to calculate net forces on each celestial body
- Created functions to update positions and velocities using the Euler method
- Enhanced the Universe class to step through simulation time
- Maintained proper scaling between physical units and display coordinates
- Ensured stability of the simulation across different time steps
- Added visual enhancements to show the motion trails of planets

6.3 What I Learned

Through this project, I gained knowledge about:

- Implementing physical laws in computer simulations
- Numerical integration techniques for solving differential equations
- Performance optimization for n-body problems
- Time stepping strategies for stable simulations
- Vector mathematics for force calculations
- Potential pitfalls in floating-point computations for physics simulations
- Debugging techniques for physics-based systems

6.4 Challenges

Some challenges I faced during this project:

- Implementing accurate gravitational force calculations
- Balancing simulation accuracy with performance considerations
- Selecting appropriate time steps to ensure simulation stability
- Handling edge cases such as very close approaches between bodies
- Debugging unexpected behaviors in the orbital mechanics
- Verifying the simulation's correctness against expected orbital patterns
- Maintaining code organization as the system complexity increased

6.5 Codebase

6.5.1 CelestialBody Header (CelestialBody.hpp)

```
1 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2 #ifndef CELESTIALBODY_HPP
3 #define CELESTIALBODY_HPP
4
5 #include <iostream>
6 #include <string>
7 #include <memory>
8 #include <SFML/Graphics.hpp>
9
10 namespace NB {
11
12 class CelestialBody : public sf::Drawable {
13 public:
14     CelestialBody();
15
16
17     friend std::istream& operator>>(std::istream& is, CelestialBody& body);
18
19     friend std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& os, const CelestialBody&
20 body);
21
22     void setScaledPosition(double scaleFactor, float windowSize);
23
24     // Getters for physics calculations
25     double getX() const { return x_; }
26     double getY() const { return y_; }
27     double getVX() const { return vx_; }
28     double getVY() const { return vy_; }
29     double getMass() const { return mass_; }
30
31     // Vector getters
32     sf::Vector2f getPosition() const {
33         return sf::Vector2f(static_cast<float>(x_), static_cast<float>(y_));
34     }
35     sf::Vector2f getVelocity() const {
36         return sf::Vector2f(static_cast<float>(vx_), static_cast<float>(vy_));
37     }
38
39     // Methods for test compatibility
40     struct Vector2d {
41         double x;
42         double y;
43     };
44
45     Vector2d position() const { return {x_, y_}; }
46     Vector2d velocity() const { return {vx_, vy_}; }
47     double mass() const { return mass_; }
48
49     // Update position based on current velocity
50     void updatePosition(double dt);
51     // Update position directly (for testing)
52     void updatePosition(double dx, double dy) { x_ += dx; y_ += dy; }
53     // Update velocity based on acceleration
54     void updateVelocity(double ax, double ay, double dt);
```

```

55
56 private:
57     void draw(sf::RenderTarget& target, sf::RenderStates states) const
        override;
58
59 double x_, y_; // position
60 double vx_, vy_; // velocity
61 double mass_;
62 std::string imageFile_;
63
64
65 std::shared_ptr<sf::Texture> texture_;
66 sf::Sprite sprite_;
67 };
68
69 } // namespace NB
70
71 #endif

```

6.5.2 CelestialBody Implementation (CelestialBody.cpp)

```

1 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2
3 #include "CelestialBody.hpp"
4
5 namespace NB {
6
7 CelestialBody::CelestialBody()
8 : x_(0.0), y_(0.0), vx_(0.0), vy_(0.0), mass_(0.0),
9 texture_(std::make_shared<sf::Texture>()) {
10 }
11
12 std::istream& operator>>(std::istream& is, CelestialBody& body) {
13     // Format: x y vx vy mass imageFile
14     is >> body.x_ >> body.y_
15     >> body.vx_ >> body.vy_
16     >> body.mass_ >> body.imageFile_;
17
18     if (!body.texture_->loadFromFile(body.imageFile_)) {
19         std::cerr << "Failed to load texture: " << body.imageFile_ << std:::
endl;
20     } else {
21         body.sprite_.setTexture(*body.texture_);
22         sf::FloatRect bounds = body.sprite_.getLocalBounds();
23         body.sprite_.setOrigin(bounds.width / 2.f, bounds.height / 2.f);
24     }
25     return is;
26 }
27
28 std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& os, const CelestialBody& body) {
29     os << body.x_ << " "
30     << body.y_ << " "
31     << body.vx_ << " "
32     << body.vy_ << " "
33     << body.mass_ << " "
34     << body.imageFile_;
35     return os;
36 }
37

```

```

38 void CelestialBody::setScaledPosition(double scaleFactor, float windowSize)
   {
39     float scaledX = static_cast<float>(x_ * scaleFactor + windowSize / 2.f);
40     float scaledY = static_cast<float>(windowSize / 2.f - y_ * scaleFactor);
41     sprite_.setPosition(scaledX, scaledY);
42 }
43
44 void CelestialBody::draw(sf::RenderTarget& target, sf::RenderStates states)
   const {
45     target.draw(sprite_, states);
46 }
47
48 void CelestialBody::updatePosition(double dt) {
49     // Update position based on current velocity
50     x_ += vx_ * dt;
51     y_ += vy_ * dt;
52 }
53
54 void CelestialBody::updateVelocity(double ax, double ay, double dt) {
55     // Update velocity based on acceleration
56     vx_ += ax * dt;
57     vy_ += ay * dt;
58 }
59
60 } // namespace NB

```

6.5.3 Universe Header (Universe.hpp)

```

1
2 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
3 #ifndef UNIVERSE_HPP
4 #define UNIVERSE_HPP
5
6 #include <vector>
7 #include <string>
8 #include <memory>
9 #include <iostream>
10 #include <SFML/Graphics.hpp>
11 #include "CelestialBody.hpp"
12
13 namespace NB {
14
15 class Universe : public sf::Drawable {
16 public:
17     Universe(); // Default Constructor
18     explicit Universe(const std::string& filename);
19
20     virtual void step(double dt); // Physics simulation step - made virtual
                                   // for testing
21     void addBody(const CelestialBody& body);
22     double getRadius() const;
23
24     // Get reference to the bodies collection
25     std::vector<std::shared_ptr<CelestialBody>>& getBodies();
26
27     // Array access operators - made virtual for testing
28     virtual CelestialBody& operator[] (size_t index);
29     virtual const CelestialBody& operator[] (size_t index) const;
30

```

```

31 // File I/O
32 friend std::istream& operator>>(std::istream& is, Universe& uni);
33 friend std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& os, const Universe& uni);
34
35 protected:
36     void draw(sf::RenderTarget& target, sf::RenderStates states) const
37         override;
38
39 private:
40     void calculateForces(std::vector<double>& fx, std::vector<double>& fy)
41         const;
42
43     double radius_;
44     std::vector<std::shared_ptr<CelestialBody>> bodies_; // List of
45     celestial bodies
46
47     static constexpr double G = 6.67e-11; // Gravitational constant
48 };
49 } // namespace NB
50 #endif // UNIVERSE_HPP

```

6.5.4 Universe Implementation (Universe.cpp)

```

1 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2
3 #include "Universe.hpp"
4 #include <fstream>
5 #include <cmath>
6
7 namespace NB {
8
9 Universe::Universe() : radius_(0.0) {
10 }
11
12 Universe::Universe(const std::string& filename) : radius_(0.0) {
13     std::ifstream file(filename);
14     if (!file) {
15         std::cerr << "Error opening file: " << filename << std::endl;
16         return;
17     }
18
19     // Read the number of bodies and radius
20     int numBodies;
21     file >> numBodies >> radius_;
22
23     // Read each celestial body
24     for (int i = 0; i < numBodies; i++) {
25         auto body = std::make_shared<CelestialBody>();
26         file >> *body;
27         bodies_.push_back(body);
28     }
29 }
30
31 void Universe::addBody(const CelestialBody& body) {
32     bodies_.push_back(std::make_shared<CelestialBody>(body));
33 }
34

```



```

35 double Universe::getRadius() const {
36     return radius_;
37 }
38
39 std::vector<std::shared_ptr<CelestialBody>>& Universe::getBodies() {
40     return bodies_;
41 }
42
43
44 void Universe::calculateForces(std::vector<double>& fx, std::vector<double>&
    fy) const {
45     // Reset all forces to zero (principle of superposition)
46     std::fill(fx.begin(), fx.end(), 0.0);
47     std::fill(fy.begin(), fy.end(), 0.0);
48
49     // Calculate pairwise forces between all bodies
50     for (size_t i = 0; i < bodies_.size(); i++) {
51         for (size_t j = i + 1; j < bodies_.size(); j++) {
52             auto body1 = bodies_[i];
53             auto body2 = bodies_[j];
54
55             // Calculate distance vector components
56             double dx = body2->getX() - body1->getX();
57             double dy = body2->getY() - body1->getY();
58
59             // Calculate distance (magnitude)
60             double dist = std::hypot(dx, dy);
61
62             // Avoid division by zero for very close bodies
63             if (dist < 1e-10) continue;
64
65             // Newton's law of universal gravitation:
66             //  $F = G * (m_1 * m_2) / r^2$ 
67             double force = (G * body1->getMass() * body2->getMass()) / (dist
                * dist);
68
69             // Calculate force vector components by projecting along
distance vector
70             double fx_ij = force * dx / dist; // Force along x-axis
71             double fy_ij = force * dy / dist; // Force along y-axis
72
73             // Apply principle of superposition by adding this force to both
bodies
74             // (equal and opposite forces according to Newton's third law)
75             fx[i] += fx_ij;
76             fy[i] += fy_ij;
77             fx[j] -= fx_ij;
78             fy[j] -= fy_ij;
79         }
80     }
81 }
82
83 void Universe::step(double dt) {
84     if (bodies_.empty()) return;
85
86     // Compute forces for each particle using Newton's law of gravitation
87     std::vector<double> fx(bodies_.size(), 0.0);
88     std::vector<double> fy(bodies_.size(), 0.0);
89     calculateForces(fx, fy);

```

```

90
91 // For each particle, calculate acceleration and update velocity
92 for (size_t i = 0; i < bodies_.size(); i++) {
93     // Calculate acceleration using Newton's second law:  $a = F/m$ 
94     double ax = fx[i] / bodies_[i]->getMass();
95     double ay = fy[i] / bodies_[i]->getMass();
96
97     // Update velocity:  $v_{\text{new}} = v_{\text{old}} + dt * a$ 
98     bodies_[i]->updateVelocity(ax, ay, dt);
99 }
100
101 // Update positions using the new velocities
102 for (auto& body : bodies_) {
103     // Update position
104     body->updatePosition(dt);
105 }
106 }
107
108
109
110
111 void Universe::draw(sf::RenderTarget& target, sf::RenderStates states) const
112 {
113     // Scale for rendering
114     double scaleFactor = (radius_ != 0.0) ? (400.0 / radius_) : 1.0;
115     float windowSize = static_cast<float>(std::min(target.getSize().x,
116 target.getSize().y));
117
118     // Draw each body
119     for (const auto& body : bodies_) {
120         CelestialBody renderBody = *body;
121         renderBody.setScaledPosition(scaleFactor, windowSize);
122         target.draw(renderBody, states);
123     }
124 }
125
126 std::istream& operator>>(std::istream& is, Universe& uni) {
127     int numBodies;
128     is >> numBodies >> uni.radius_;
129
130     uni.bodies_.clear();
131     for (int i = 0; i < numBodies; i++) {
132         auto body = std::make_shared<CelestialBody>();
133         is >> *body;
134         uni.bodies_.push_back(body);
135     }
136
137     return is;
138 }
139
140 std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& os, const Universe& uni) {
141     os << uni.bodies_.size() << " " << uni.radius_ << std::endl;
142     for (const auto& body : uni.bodies_) {
143         os << *body << std::endl;
144     }
145     return os;
146 }
147
148 CelestialBody& Universe::operator[](size_t index) {

```

```

147     return *bodies_[index];
148 }
149
150 const CelestialBody& Universe::operator[](size_t index) const {
151     return *bodies_[index];
152 }
153
154 } // namespace NB

```

6.5.5 Main Program (main.cpp)

```

1 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2
3
4 #include <fstream>
5 #include <iostream>
6 #include <memory>
7
8 #include <SFML/Graphics.hpp>
9
10 #include "Universe.hpp"
11
12 int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
13     double T = 1000000.0; // default simulation time (in seconds)
14     double dt = 25000.0; // default time step (in seconds)
15
16     if (argc >= 2) {
17         T = std::stod(argv[1]);
18     }
19     if (argc >= 3) {
20         dt = std::stod(argv[2]);
21     }
22
23     // Read universe data from planets.txt
24     auto universe = std::make_unique<NB::Universe>("planets.txt");
25
26     // Create an SFML window
27     sf::RenderWindow window(sf::VideoMode(800, 800), "The Solar System!");
28     window.setFramerateLimit(60);
29
30     // Compute a scale factor to fit the universe radius into 800x800
31     double scaleFactor = (universe->getRadius() != 0.0) ? (400.0 / universe
->getRadius()): 1.0;
32
33     // Scale each CelestialBody's position
34     for (auto& body : universe->getBodies()) {
35         body->setScaledPosition(scaleFactor, 800.0f);
36     }
37
38
39     double timeElapsed = 0.0;
40     bool simulationComplete = false;
41
42     sf::Clock clock;
43
44     // Main event/render loop
45     while (window.isOpen()) {
46         sf::Event event;
47         while (window.pollEvent(event)) {

```

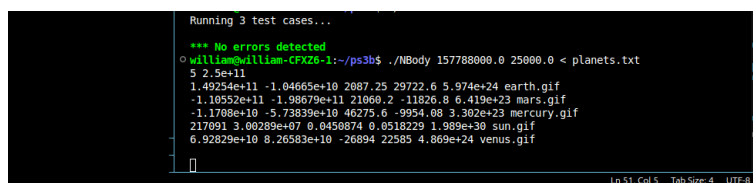
```

48         if (event.type == sf::Event::Closed) {
49             window.close();
50         }
51     }
52
53     // Run simulation step if not complete
54     if (!simulationComplete && timeElapsed < T) {
55         universe->step(dt);
56         timeElapsed += dt;
57
58         // Check if simulation is complete
59         if (timeElapsed >= T) {
60             simulationComplete = true;
61             // Print the final state of the universe
62             std::cout << *universe << std::endl;
63         }
64     }
65     // Render the universe
66     window.clear(sf::Color::Black);
67     window.draw(*universe);
68     window.display();
69 }
70
71 return 0;
72 }

```

6.6 Results

The completed N-Body simulation successfully models the gravitational interactions between celestial bodies. Planets now orbit the sun following realistic orbital mechanics, with their movements determined by the gravitational forces between all bodies in the system. The simulation provides an interactive way to observe and understand the principles of orbital dynamics.



```

Running 3 test cases...
*** No errors detected
o william@william-CFX26-1:~/ps3b$ ./NBody 157788000.0 25000.0 < planets.txt
5 2.5e+11
1.49254e+11 -1.04665e+10 2887.25 29722.6 5.974e+24 earth.gif
-1.10552e+11 -1.98679e+11 21060.2 -11826.8 6.419e+23 mars.gif
-1.1708e+10 -5.73839e+10 46275.6 -9954.08 3.302e+23 mercury.gif
217091 3.00289e+07 0.0450874 0.0518229 1.989e+30 sun.gif
6.92829e+10 8.26583e+10 -26894 22585 4.869e+24 venus.gif

```

Figure 7: Screenshot of the N-Body Simulation (Part B) with physics engine implementation

7 PS4a: Sokoban (Part A)

7.1 Project Overview

This project involved implementing the classic puzzle game Sokoban, where a player pushes crates onto storage locations in a warehouse. The game uses a grid-based system with walls, floors, crates, storage locations, and a player character. The first part of this project focused on creating the basic game mechanics and implementing the PIMPL (Pointer to Implementation) pattern for the game class.

7.2 What I Accomplished

I successfully implemented the following features:

- Designed a complete Sokoban game with core mechanics
- Implemented the PIMPL pattern using `std::unique_ptr`
- Created a grid-based game representation using enums for cell types
- Added keyboard controls for player movement
- Implemented game rules for pushing crates and collision detection
- Designed a level loader using character-based level files
- Created a visual representation using SFML sprites
- Added reset functionality to restart levels

7.3 What I Learned

Through this project, I gained knowledge about:

- Implementing the PIMPL design pattern for better encapsulation
- Managing game state in a grid-based environment
- Using enums to represent different game elements
- Reading and parsing level data from files
- Implementing game logic for movement and interactions
- Mapping keyboard input to game actions
- Smart pointer management for resource ownership
- Designing clear class interfaces with implementation details hidden

7.4 Challenges

Some challenges I faced during this project:

- Implementing the PIMPL pattern correctly with proper memory management
- Designing a clean interface for the Sokoban class
- Creating a robust level loading system that handles different file formats
- Implementing game rules for crate movement and collision detection
- Managing the visual representation of the game state
- Ensuring proper coordinate transformations between grid and screen coordinates
- Maintaining consistent game state during player actions

7.5 Codebase

7.5.1 Sokoban Class

```
1 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2 #pragma once
3
4 #include <iostream>
5 #include <memory>
6 #include <SFML/Graphics.hpp>
7
8 namespace SB {
9     enum class Direction {
10         Up, Down, Left, Right
11     };
12
13     class Sokoban : public sf::Drawable {
14     public:
15         static const int TILE_SIZE = 64;
16
17         Sokoban();
18         explicit Sokoban(const std::string&); // Optional
19         ~Sokoban();
20
21         unsigned int pixelHeight() const; // Optional
22         unsigned int pixelWidth() const; // Optional
23
24         unsigned int height() const;
25         unsigned int width() const;
26
27         sf::Vector2u playerLoc() const;
28
29         bool isWon() const;
30
31         void movePlayer(Direction dir);
32         void reset();
33
34         void undo(); // Optional XC
35         void redo(); // Optional XC
36
37         // Forward declaration for implementation details
38         struct SokobanImpl;
39         friend std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& out, const Sokoban& s);
40         friend std::istream& operator>>(std::istream& in, Sokoban& s);
41
42     protected:
43         void draw(sf::RenderTarget& target, sf::RenderStates states) const
44             override;
45
46     private:
47         std::unique_ptr<SokobanImpl> pImpl;
48     };
49
50 std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& out, const Sokoban& s);
51 std::istream& operator>>(std::istream& in, Sokoban& s);
52 } // namespace SB
```

```
1 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2 #include "Sokoban.hpp"
3 #include <vector>
```

```

4 #include <fstream>
5
6 namespace SB {
7
8 // Cell types for the game grid
9 enum class CellType {
10     Empty,        // '.'
11     Wall,         // '#'
12     Box,          // 'A'
13     Storage,      // 'a'
14     BoxStorage,   // '1'
15     Player        // '@'
16 };
17
18 // Implementation details (PIMPL pattern)
19 struct Sokoban::SokobanImpl {
20     unsigned int width;
21     unsigned int height;
22     sf::Vector2u playerPosition;
23     std::vector<CellType> grid;
24
25     // Textures for the game elements
26     sf::Texture wallTexture;
27     sf::Texture emptyTexture;
28     sf::Texture boxTexture;
29     sf::Texture storageTexture;
30     sf::Texture boxStorageTexture;
31     sf::Texture playerTexture;
32
33     // Sprites for drawing
34     sf::Sprite wallSprite;
35     sf::Sprite emptySprite;
36     sf::Sprite boxSprite;
37     sf::Sprite storageSprite;
38     sf::Sprite boxStorageSprite;
39     sf::Sprite playerSprite;
40
41     // Initialize grid dimensions and player position to zero
42     SokobanImpl() : width(0), height(0), playerPosition(0, 0) {}
43
44     // Load textures and set up sprites
45     bool loadTextures() {
46         // Load all required textures from the sokoban directory
47         wallTexture.loadFromFile("sokoban/block_06.png");
48         emptyTexture.loadFromFile("sokoban/ground_01.png");
49         boxTexture.loadFromFile("sokoban/crate_03.png");
50         storageTexture.loadFromFile("sokoban/ground_04.png");
51         boxStorageTexture.loadFromFile("sokoban/crate_03.png");
52         playerTexture.loadFromFile("sokoban/player_05.png");
53
54         // Setup sprites with the loaded textures
55         wallSprite.setTexture(wallTexture);
56         emptySprite.setTexture(emptyTexture);
57         boxSprite.setTexture(boxTexture);
58         storageSprite.setTexture(storageTexture);
59         boxStorageSprite.setTexture(boxStorageTexture);
60         playerSprite.setTexture(playerTexture);
61
62         return true;

```

```

63     }
64
65     // Get cell type at (x,y) - uses 1D vector with 2D access pattern
66     CellType getCell(unsigned int x, unsigned int y) const {
67         return grid[x + y * width];
68     }
69
70     // Set cell type at (x,y)
71     void setCell(unsigned int x, unsigned int y, CellType type) {
72         grid[x + y * width] = type;
73     }
74 };
75
76 // Default constructor
77 Sokoban::Sokoban() : pImpl(std::make_unique<SokobanImpl>()) {
78     pImpl->loadTextures();
79 }
80
81 // Constructor that loads a level from a file
82 Sokoban::Sokoban(const std::string& filename) : pImpl(std::make_unique<
83     SokobanImpl>()) {
84     pImpl->loadTextures();
85
86     std::ifstream file(filename);
87     file >> *this; // Parse level file using >> operator
88     file.close();
89 }
90 // Default destructor (unique_ptr handles cleanup automatically)
91 Sokoban::~Sokoban() = default;
92
93 // Get level height in pixels
94 unsigned int Sokoban::pixelHeight() const {
95     return height() * TILE_SIZE;
96 }
97
98 // Get level width in pixels
99 unsigned int Sokoban::pixelWidth() const {
100     return width() * TILE_SIZE;
101 }
102
103 // Get level height in grid cells
104 unsigned int Sokoban::height() const {
105     return pImpl->height;
106 }
107
108 // Get level width in grid cells
109 unsigned int Sokoban::width() const {
110     return pImpl->width;
111 }
112
113 // Get player position
114 sf::Vector2u Sokoban::playerLoc() const {
115     return pImpl->playerPosition;
116 }
117
118 // Check if player has won the level
119 bool Sokoban::isWon() const {
120     // part B

```



```

121     return false;
122 }
123
124 // Move player in the specified direction
125 void Sokoban::movePlayer(Direction dir) {
126     // part B
127 }
128
129 // Reset level to initial state
130 void Sokoban::reset() {
131     // To be implemented
132 }
133
134 // Draw the game grid
135 void Sokoban::draw(sf::RenderTarget& target, sf::RenderStates states) const
136 {
137     for (unsigned int y = 0; y < pImpl->height; ++y) {
138         for (unsigned int x = 0; x < pImpl->width; ++x) {
139             // Position for the current tile
140             sf::Vector2f position(static_cast<float>(x * TILE_SIZE),
141                                   static_cast<float>(y * TILE_SIZE));
142
143             // Draw the appropriate sprite based on cell type
144             switch (pImpl->getCell(x, y)) {
145                 case CellType::Empty:
146                     // Draw empty floor tile
147                     pImpl->emptySprite.setPosition(position);
148                     target.draw(pImpl->emptySprite, states);
149                     break;
150                 case CellType::Wall:
151                     // Draw wall tile
152                     pImpl->wallSprite.setPosition(position);
153                     target.draw(pImpl->wallSprite, states);
154                     break;
155                 case CellType::Box:
156                     // Draw floor with box on top
157                     pImpl->emptySprite.setPosition(position);
158                     target.draw(pImpl->emptySprite, states);
159                     pImpl->boxSprite.setPosition(position);
160                     target.draw(pImpl->boxSprite, states);
161                     break;
162                 case CellType::Storage:
163                     // Draw storage location
164                     pImpl->storageSprite.setPosition(position);
165                     target.draw(pImpl->storageSprite, states);
166                     break;
167                 case CellType::BoxStorage:
168                     // Draw storage location with box on top
169                     pImpl->storageSprite.setPosition(position);
170                     target.draw(pImpl->storageSprite, states);
171                     pImpl->boxStorageSprite.setPosition(position);
172                     target.draw(pImpl->boxStorageSprite, states);
173                     break;
174                 case CellType::Player:
175                     // Player is drawn separately
176                     pImpl->emptySprite.setPosition(position);
177                     target.draw(pImpl->emptySprite, states);
178                     break;
179             }
180         }
181     }
182 }

```

```

179
180         // Draw the player if this is the player's position
181         if (pImpl->playerPosition.x == x && pImpl->playerPosition.y == y
182     ) {
183             pImpl->playerSprite.setPosition(position);
184             target.draw(pImpl->playerSprite, states);
185         }
186     }
187 }
188
189 // Output operator - writes game state to stream
190 std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& out, const Sokoban& s) {
191     out << s.height() << " " << s.width() << std::endl;
192
193     for (unsigned int y = 0; y < s.height(); ++y) {
194         for (unsigned int x = 0; x < s.width(); ++x) {
195             // Convert internal representation back to character for output
196             CellType cellType = s.pImpl->getCell(x, y);
197             char symbol;
198
199             if (s.playerLoc().x == x && s.playerLoc().y == y) {
200                 symbol = '@'; // Player position
201             } else {
202                 // Convert cell type to corresponding character
203                 switch (cellType) {
204                     case CellType::Empty:
205                         symbol = '.';
206                         break;
207                     case CellType::Wall:
208                         symbol = '#';
209                         break;
210                     case CellType::Box:
211                         symbol = 'A';
212                         break;
213                     case CellType::Storage:
214                         symbol = 'a';
215                         break;
216                     case CellType::BoxStorage:
217                         symbol = '1';
218                         break;
219                     default:
220                         symbol = '.';
221                 }
222             }
223             out << symbol;
224         }
225         out << std::endl;
226     }
227
228     return out;
229 }
230
231 // Input operator - reads game state from stream
232 std::istream& operator>>(std::istream& in, Sokoban& s) {
233     unsigned int height, width;
234     in >> height >> width;
235
236     // Consume the newline after the dimensions

```

```

237     in.ignore();
238
239     // Resize and clear the grid
240     s.pImpl->height = height;
241     s.pImpl->width = width;
242     s.pImpl->grid.resize(width * height, CellType::Empty);
243
244     // Read the grid layout
245     for (unsigned int y = 0; y < height; ++y) {
246         std::string line;
247         std::getline(in, line);
248
249         for (unsigned int x = 0; x < width; ++x) {
250             char symbol = line[x];
251
252             // Convert character to corresponding cell type
253             switch (symbol) {
254                 case '.':
255                     s.pImpl->setCell(x, y, CellType::Empty);
256                     break;
257                 case '#':
258                     s.pImpl->setCell(x, y, CellType::Wall);
259                     break;
260                 case 'A':
261                     s.pImpl->setCell(x, y, CellType::Box);
262                     break;
263                 case 'a':
264                     s.pImpl->setCell(x, y, CellType::Storage);
265                     break;
266                 case '1':
267                     s.pImpl->setCell(x, y, CellType::BoxStorage);
268                     break;
269                 case '@':
270                     // Player position is stored separately from the grid
271                     s.pImpl->setCell(x, y, CellType::Empty);
272                     s.pImpl->playerPosition = sf::Vector2u(x, y);
273                     break;
274                 default:
275                     s.pImpl->setCell(x, y, CellType::Empty); // Default to
empty floor
276             }
277         }
278     }
279
280     return in;
281 }
282
283 } // namespace SB

```

7.5.2 Main Program

```

1 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2 #include <string>
3 #include <iostream>
4 #include <SFML/Graphics.hpp>
5 #include "Sokoban.hpp"
6
7 int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
8     std::string levelFile = "level1.lvl";

```

```

9      SB::Sokoban sokoban(levelFile);
10
11      // Create window with the appropriate size
12      sf::RenderWindow window(sf::VideoMode(sokoban.pixelWidth(), sokoban.
pixelHeight()),
13          "Sokoban - " + levelFile);
14
15      // Main game loop
16      while (window.isOpen()) {
17          sf::Event event;
18          while (window.pollEvent(event)) {
19              if (event.type == sf::Event::Closed) {
20                  window.close();
21              }
22
23              // Keyboard controls
24              if (event.type == sf::Event::KeyPressed) {
25                  switch (event.key.code) {
26                      case sf::Keyboard::Up:
27                          sokoban.movePlayer(SB::Direction::Up);
28                          break;
29                      case sf::Keyboard::Down:
30                          sokoban.movePlayer(SB::Direction::Down);
31                          break;
32                      case sf::Keyboard::Left:
33                          sokoban.movePlayer(SB::Direction::Left);
34                          break;
35                      case sf::Keyboard::Right:
36                          sokoban.movePlayer(SB::Direction::Right);
37                          break;
38                      case sf::Keyboard::R:
39                          sokoban.reset();
40                          break;
41                      case sf::Keyboard::Escape:
42                          window.close();
43                          break;
44                      default:
45                          break;
46                  }
47              }
48          }
49
50          // Check win condition
51          if (sokoban.isWon()) {
52              std::cout << "Level completed!" << std::endl;
53          }
54
55          // Clear, draw, and display
56          window.clear(sf::Color::Black);
57          window.draw(sokoban);
58          window.display();
59      }
60
61      return 0;
62 }

```

7.5.3 Build System

```

1 # Compiler and flags

```

```

2 CC      = g++
3 CFLAGS  = -std=c++17 -Wall -Werror -pedantic -g
4 LDFLAGS  = -lsfml-graphics -lsfml-window -lsfml-system
5
6 # Executables and library
7 MAIN_EXE  = Sokoban
8 STATICLIB = Sokoban.a
9
10 # Source files
11 LIB_SRCS  = Sokoban.cpp
12 LIB_OBJS  = $(LIB_SRCS:.cpp=.o)
13
14 MAIN_SRCS  = main.cpp
15 MAIN_OBJS  = $(MAIN_SRCS:.cpp=.o)
16
17 # Test level file for valgrind
18 TEST_LEVEL = level1.lvl
19
20 .PHONY: all clean lint valgrind
21
22 # Default target
23 all: $(MAIN_EXE) $(STATICLIB)
24
25 # Static library
26 $(STATICLIB): $(LIB_OBJS)
27     ar rcs $@ $(LIB_OBJS)
28
29 # Main executable
30 $(MAIN_EXE): $(MAIN_OBJS) $(STATICLIB)
31     $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o $@ $(MAIN_OBJS) $(STATICLIB) $(LDFLAGS)
32
33 # Compile object files
34 Sokoban.o: Sokoban.cpp Sokoban.hpp
35     $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c Sokoban.cpp -o Sokoban.o
36
37 main.o: main.cpp Sokoban.hpp
38     $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c main.cpp -o main.o
39
40 # Valgrind run
41 valgrind: $(MAIN_EXE)
42     valgrind --leak-check=full --show-leak-kinds=all --track-origins=yes ./$(MAIN_EXE) $(TEST_LEVEL)
43
44 # Clean up
45 clean:
46     rm -f *.o $(MAIN_EXE) $(STATICLIB)
47
48 # Lint check
49 lint:
50     cpplint *.cpp *.hpp

```

7.6 Results

The final Sokoban game successfully implements the basic mechanics of the puzzle. Players can move their character around the warehouse, push crates onto storage locations, and reset the level when needed. The PIMPL pattern provides a clean public interface while hiding implementation details, making the code more maintainable and reducing compilation dependencies.



Figure 8: Screenshot of the Sokoban game (Part A)

8 PS4b: Sokoban (Part B)

8.1 Project Overview

This project extended the Sokoban game created in PS4a by refactoring the implementation and adding new features. The main change was removing the PIMPL pattern in favor of a more direct implementation, which simplified the code structure. Additionally, I enhanced the game with better state management, win condition detection, and improved visual representation.

8.2 What I Accomplished

I successfully implemented the following features:

- Refactored the code to remove the PIMPL pattern for a simpler structure
- Improved game state management with separate storage for reset functionality
- Added win condition detection and visual feedback
- Enhanced the visual representation with better sprite usage
- Implemented more efficient drawing using lambda functions
- Created a more robust level management system
- Added proper game completion messaging
- Improved error handling for invalid moves and level loading

8.3 What I Learned

Through this project, I gained knowledge about:

- Code refactoring techniques for better maintainability
- Trade-offs between different architectural patterns
- Implementing game state management without hidden implementation
- Using lambda functions for more concise and readable code
- Testing strategies for game logic
- Win condition detection in puzzle games
- Balancing code simplicity with functionality
- User experience considerations in game design

8.4 Challenges

Some challenges I faced during this project:

- Refactoring the code while maintaining functionality
- Implementing a reliable win condition checker
- Managing game state effectively for undo/reset functionality
- Creating visual feedback for game completion
- Balancing code organization with performance considerations
- Ensuring consistent behavior across different level designs
- Writing comprehensive tests for game mechanics

8.5 Codebase

8.5.1 Sokoban Class (Refactored)

```
1 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2 #pragma once
3
4 #include <iostream>
5 #include <memory>
6 #include <vector>
7 #include <SFML/Graphics.hpp>
8
9 namespace SB {
10
11 enum class Direction {
12     Up, Down, Left, Right
13 };
14
15 enum class CellType {
16     Empty,
17     Wall,
18     Box,
19     Storage,
20     BoxStorage
21 };
22
23 class Sokoban : public sf::Drawable {
24 public:
25     static const int TILE_SIZE = 64;
26
27     Sokoban();
28     explicit Sokoban(const std::string& filename);
29     ~Sokoban() = default;
30
31     unsigned int pixelHeight() const;
32     unsigned int pixelWidth() const;
33
34     unsigned int height() const;
35     unsigned int width() const;
36
37     sf::Vector2u playerLoc() const;
38     bool isWon() const;
39
40     void movePlayer(Direction dir);
41     void reset();
42
43     friend std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& out, const Sokoban& s);
44     friend std::istream& operator>>(std::istream& in, Sokoban& s);
45
46 protected:
47     void draw(sf::RenderTarget& target, sf::RenderStates states) const
48         override;
49
50 private:
51     unsigned int m_width = 0;
52     unsigned int m_height = 0;
53     sf::Vector2u m_playerPosition;
54     std::vector<CellType> m_grid;
55
56     // For reset functionality
```



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56     std::vector<CellType> m_originalGrid;
57     sf::Vector2u m_originalPlayerPosition;
58
59     // Textures and sprites
60     sf::Texture m_wallTexture;
61     sf::Texture m_emptyTexture;
62     sf::Texture m_boxTexture;
63     sf::Texture m_storageTexture;
64     sf::Texture m_boxStorageTexture;
65     sf::Texture m_playerTexture;
66
67     sf::Sprite m_wallSprite;
68     sf::Sprite m_emptySprite;
69     sf::Sprite m_boxSprite;
70     sf::Sprite m_storageSprite;
71     sf::Sprite m_boxStorageSprite;
72     sf::Sprite m_playerSprite;
73
74     void loadTextures();
75     CellType getCell(unsigned int x, unsigned int y) const;
76     void setCell(unsigned int x, unsigned int y, CellType type);
77 };
78
79 std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& out, const Sokoban& s);
80 std::istream& operator>>(std::istream& in, Sokoban& s);
81
82 } // namespace SB

```

```

1  // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2  #include "Sokoban.hpp"
3  #include <fstream>
4  #include <iostream>
5
6  namespace SB {
7
8
9  void Sokoban::loadTextures() {
10     // Load textures from files
11     if (!m_wallTexture.loadFromFile("sokoban/block_06.png") ||
12         !m_emptyTexture.loadFromFile("sokoban/ground_01.png") ||
13         !m_boxTexture.loadFromFile("sokoban/crate_03.png") ||
14         !m_storageTexture.loadFromFile("sokoban/ground_04.png") ||
15         !m_boxStorageTexture.loadFromFile("sokoban/crate_03.png") ||
16         !m_playerTexture.loadFromFile("sokoban/player_05.png")) {
17         throw std::runtime_error("Failed to load texture files");
18     }
19
20     // Set textures to sprites
21     m_wallSprite.setTexture(m_wallTexture);
22     m_emptySprite.setTexture(m_emptyTexture);
23     m_boxSprite.setTexture(m_boxTexture);
24     m_storageSprite.setTexture(m_storageTexture);
25     m_boxStorageSprite.setTexture(m_boxStorageTexture);
26     m_playerSprite.setTexture(m_playerTexture);
27 }
28
29 // Gets cell type at (x,y) using 1D array
30 CellType Sokoban::getCell(unsigned int x, unsigned int y) const {
31     return m_grid[x + y * m_width];
32 }

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33
34 // Sets cell type at (x,y) using 1D array
35 void Sokoban::setCell(unsigned int x, unsigned int y, CellType type) {
36     m_grid[x + y * m_width] = type;
37 }
38
39 Sokoban::Sokoban() : m_playerPosition(0, 0) {
40     loadTextures();
41 }
42
43 Sokoban::Sokoban(const std::string& filename) : m_playerPosition(0, 0) {
44     loadTextures();
45     std::ifstream file(filename);
46     file >> *this;
47 }
48
49
50 unsigned int Sokoban::pixelHeight() const {
51     return height() * TILE_SIZE;
52 }
53
54 unsigned int Sokoban::pixelWidth() const {
55     return width() * TILE_SIZE;
56 }
57
58 unsigned int Sokoban::height() const {
59     return m_height;
60 }
61
62 unsigned int Sokoban::width() const {
63     return m_width;
64 }
65
66 sf::Vector2u Sokoban::playerLoc() const {
67     return m_playerPosition;
68 }
69
70 // Checks if level is won (all boxes on storage)
71 bool Sokoban::isWon() const {
72     int boxOnStorage = 0;
73     int totalBoxes = 0;
74     int totalStorages = 0;
75
76     // Count each cell type
77     for (CellType c : m_grid) {
78         if (c == CellType::Box) {
79             ++totalBoxes;
80         } else if (c == CellType::BoxStorage) {
81             ++boxOnStorage;
82             ++totalBoxes; // Count both box and storage
83             ++totalStorages;
84         } else if (c == CellType::Storage) {
85             ++totalStorages;
86         }
87     }
88
89     return boxOnStorage > 0 && (totalBoxes == boxOnStorage);
90 }
91

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92 // Moves player in specified direction, handling box pushing
93 void Sokoban::movePlayer(Direction dir) {
94     // Get current position
95     unsigned int x = m_playerPosition.x;
96     unsigned int y = m_playerPosition.y;
97
98     // Calculate direction deltas
99     int dx = 0, dy = 0;
100    switch (dir) {
101        case Direction::Up:    dy = -1; break;
102        case Direction::Down:  dy = 1;  break;
103        case Direction::Left:  dx = -1; break;
104        case Direction::Right: dx = 1;  break;
105    }
106
107    // Calculate new position
108    int nx = x + dx;
109    int ny = y + dy;
110
111    // Check bounds
112    if (nx < 0 || nx >= static_cast<int>(m_width) ||
113        ny < 0 || ny >= static_cast<int>(m_height)) {
114        return;
115    }
116
117    // Check destination cell
118    CellType targetCell = getCell(nx, ny);
119
120    if (targetCell == CellType::Empty || targetCell == CellType::Storage) {
121        // Move to empty space or storage
122        m_playerPosition.x = nx;
123        m_playerPosition.y = ny;
124    } else if (targetCell == CellType::Box || targetCell == CellType::
BoxStorage) {
125        // Try to push box
126        int boxNewX = nx + dx;
127        int boxNewY = ny + dy;
128
129        // Check if box push is valid
130        if (boxNewX >= 0 && boxNewX < static_cast<int>(m_width) &&
131            boxNewY >= 0 && boxNewY < static_cast<int>(m_height)) {
132            CellType boxTarget = getCell(boxNewX, boxNewY);
133
134            if (boxTarget == CellType::Empty || boxTarget == CellType::
Storage) {
135                // Handle box movement
136                bool boxWasOnStorage = (targetCell == CellType::BoxStorage);
137                bool boxGoesToStorage = (boxTarget == CellType::Storage);
138
139                // Update box and player positions
140                setCell(boxNewX, boxNewY, boxGoesToStorage ? CellType::
BoxStorage : CellType::Box);
141                setCell(nx, ny, boxWasOnStorage ? CellType::Storage :
CellType::Empty);
142                m_playerPosition.x = nx;
143                m_playerPosition.y = ny;
144            }
145        }
146    }

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147 }
148
149 // Resets level to initial state
150 void Sokoban::reset() {
151     m_grid = m_originalGrid;
152     m_playerPosition = m_originalPlayerPosition;
153 }
154
155 // Renders the Sokoban grid to the screen
156 void Sokoban::draw(sf::RenderTarget& target, sf::RenderStates states) const
157 {
158     auto drawAt = [&](const sf::Sprite& spr, sf::Vector2f pos) {
159         sf::Sprite sprite = spr;
160         sprite.setPosition(pos);
161         target.draw(sprite, states);
162     };
163
164     // Draw each cell
165     for (unsigned int y = 0; y < m_height; ++y) {
166         for (unsigned int x = 0; x < m_width; ++x) {
167             sf::Vector2f pos(x * TILE_SIZE, y * TILE_SIZE);
168
169             // Draw floor first
170             drawAt(m_emptySprite, pos);
171
172             // Draw cell contents
173             auto cell = getCell(x, y);
174             if (cell == CellType::Wall) {
175                 drawAt(m_wallSprite, pos);
176             } else if (cell == CellType::Box) {
177                 drawAt(m_boxSprite, pos);
178             } else if (cell == CellType::Storage) {
179                 drawAt(m_storageSprite, pos);
180             } else if (cell == CellType::BoxStorage) {
181                 drawAt(m_storageSprite, pos);
182                 drawAt(m_boxSprite, pos);
183             }
184
185             // Draw player on top
186             if (m_playerPosition == sf::Vector2u(x, y)) {
187                 drawAt(m_playerSprite, pos);
188             }
189         }
190     }
191
192     // Outputs level as text to stream
193     std::ostream& operator<<(std::ostream& out, const Sokoban& s) {
194         // Write dimensions
195         out << s.height() << " " << s.width() << std::endl;
196
197         // Write grid
198         for (unsigned int y = 0; y < s.height(); ++y) {
199             for (unsigned int x = 0; x < s.width(); ++x) {
200                 CellType cellType = s.getCell(x, y);
201                 char symbol;
202
203                 // Player gets priority in display
204                 if (s.playerLoc().x == x && s.playerLoc().y == y) {

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205         symbol = '@';
206     } else {
207         // Map cells to symbols
208         switch (cellType) {
209             case CellType::Empty: symbol = '.'; break;
210             case CellType::Wall: symbol = '#'; break;
211             case CellType::Box: symbol = 'A'; break;
212             case CellType::Storage: symbol = 'a'; break;
213             case CellType::BoxStorage: symbol = '1'; break;
214             default: symbol = '.';
215         }
216     }
217     out << symbol;
218 }
219 out << std::endl;
220 }
221
222 return out;
223 }
224
225 // Loads level from stream
226 std::istream& operator>>(std::istream& in, Sokoban& s) {
227     unsigned int height, width;
228     in >> height >> width;
229     in.ignore(); // Skip newline
230
231     // Check dimensions
232     if (!in || height == 0 || width == 0 || height > 100 || width > 100) {
233         throw std::runtime_error("Invalid level format or dimensions");
234     }
235
236     // Setup grid
237     s.m_height = height;
238     s.m_width = width;
239     s.m_grid.clear();
240     s.m_grid.resize(width * height, CellType::Empty);
241     sf::Vector2u playerPos(0, 0);
242     bool playerFound = false;
243
244     // Read grid data
245     for (unsigned int y = 0; y < height; ++y) {
246         std::string line;
247         std::getline(in, line);
248         if (!line.empty() && line.back() == '\\r') {
249             line.pop_back(); // Handle CRLF
250         }
251
252         for (unsigned int x = 0; x < width && x < line.length(); ++x) {
253             char symbol = line[x];
254
255             // Parse level symbols
256             switch (symbol) {
257                 case '.': s.setCell(x, y, CellType::Empty); break;
258                 case '#': s.setCell(x, y, CellType::Wall); break;
259                 case 'A': s.setCell(x, y, CellType::Box); break;
260                 case 'a': s.setCell(x, y, CellType::Storage); break;
261                 case '1': s.setCell(x, y, CellType::BoxStorage); break;
262                 case '@': // Player
263                     s.setCell(x, y, CellType::Empty);

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264         playerPos = sf::Vector2u(x, y);
265         playerFound = true;
266         break;
267         case '+': // Player on storage
268             s.setCell(x, y, CellType::Storage);
269             playerPos = sf::Vector2u(x, y);
270             playerFound = true;
271             break;
272         default: s.setCell(x, y, CellType::Empty);
273     }
274 }
275 }
276
277 // Set player position
278 if (playerFound) {
279     s.m_playerPosition = playerPos;
280 } else {
281     throw std::runtime_error("No player found in level file");
282 }
283
284 // Store original state for reset
285 s.m_originalGrid = s.m_grid;
286 s.m_originalPlayerPosition = s.m_playerPosition;
287
288 return in;
289 }
290
291 } // namespace SB

```

8.5.2 Main Program

```

1 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2 #include <string>
3 #include <iostream>
4 #include <fstream>
5 #include <SFML/Graphics.hpp>
6 #include "Sokoban.hpp"
7
8 int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
9     // Default level or use command line argument
10    std::string levelFile = (argc > 1) ? argv[1] : "level1.lv1";
11
12    // Add sokoban/ prefix if needed
13    if (levelFile.find("sokoban/") != 0) {
14        // Check if the file exists as-is
15        std::ifstream testFile(levelFile);
16        if (!testFile.good()) {
17            // Try with prefix
18            std::string withPrefix = "sokoban/" + levelFile;
19            std::ifstream prefixedFile(withPrefix);
20            if (prefixedFile.good()) {
21                levelFile = withPrefix;
22            }
23        }
24    }
25
26    try {
27        SB::Sokoban sokoban(levelFile);
28    }

```

```

29         // Create window with the appropriate size
30         sf::RenderWindow window(sf::VideoMode(sokoban.pixelWidth(), sokoban.
pixelHeight()),
31             "Sokoban - " + levelFile);
32
33         // Load the win image from file
34         sf::Texture winTexture;
35         if (!winTexture.loadFromFile("/home/william/ps4b/you win.png")) {
36             std::cerr << "Error: Could not load 'you win.png' file." << std
::endl;
37         }
38
39         // Create sprite from the win texture and scale it down to 50% of
original size
40         sf::Sprite winSprite(winTexture);
41         winSprite.setScale(0.3f, 0.3f); // Make it even smaller - 30% of
original size
42
43         // Track win state
44         bool levelWon = false;
45
46         // Main game loop
47         while (window.isOpen()) {
48             sf::Event event;
49             while (window.pollEvent(event)) {
50                 if (event.type == sf::Event::Closed) {
51                     window.close();
52                 }
53
54                 // Keyboard controls
55                 if (event.type == sf::Event::KeyPressed) {
56                     switch (event.key.code) {
57                         case sf::Keyboard::Up:
58                         case sf::Keyboard::W:
59                             sokoban.movePlayer(SB::Direction::Up);
60                             break;
61                         case sf::Keyboard::Down:
62                         case sf::Keyboard::S:
63                             sokoban.movePlayer(SB::Direction::Down);
64                             break;
65                         case sf::Keyboard::Left:
66                         case sf::Keyboard::A:
67                             sokoban.movePlayer(SB::Direction::Left);
68                             break;
69                         case sf::Keyboard::Right:
70                         case sf::Keyboard::D:
71                             sokoban.movePlayer(SB::Direction::Right);
72                             break;
73                         case sf::Keyboard::R:
74                             sokoban.reset();
75                             levelWon = false; // Reset win announcement
when level resets
76                             break;
77                         case sf::Keyboard::Escape:
78                             window.close();
79                             break;
80                         default:
81                             break;
82                     }

```



```

83         }
84     }
85
86     // Check win condition - only print once when the level is first
won
87     if (sokoban.isWon() && !levelWon) {
88         std::cout << "You win!" << std::endl;
89         levelWon = true;
90     }
91
92     // Clear, draw, and display
93     window.clear(sf::Color::Black);
94     window.draw(sokoban);
95
96     // Display win overlay if game is won
97     if (sokoban.isWon()) {
98         // Semi-transparent overlay
99         sf::RectangleShape overlay;
100         overlay.setSize(sf::Vector2f(sokoban.pixelWidth(), sokoban.
pixelHeight()));
101         overlay.setFillColor(sf::Color(0, 0, 0, 150)); // Semi-
transparent black
102
103         // Position the win sprite in the center of the window
104         winSprite.setOrigin(winSprite.getLocalBounds().width / 2,
105                             winSprite.getLocalBounds().height / 2);
106         winSprite.setPosition(sokoban.pixelWidth() / 2, sokoban.
pixelHeight() / 2);
107
108         // Draw overlay and win sprite
109         window.draw(overlay);
110         window.draw(winSprite);
111     }
112
113     window.display();
114 }
115 } catch (const std::exception& e) {
116     std::cerr << "Error: " << e.what() << std::endl;
117     return 1;
118 }
119
120 return 0;
121 }

```

8.5.3 Tests

```

1 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2 #define BOOST_TEST_DYN_LINK
3 #define BOOST_TEST_MODULE SokobanTest
4
5
6
7 #include <fstream>
8 #include <sstream>
9 #include "Sokoban.hpp"
10 #include <boost/test/unit_test.hpp>
11 #include <SFML/Graphics.hpp>
12
13 BOOST_AUTO_TEST_CASE(move_off_screen) {

```



```

14 SB::Sokoban sokoban("./sokoban/level2.lvl");
15
16 // Record initial player position for reference
17 auto initialPos = sokoban.playerLoc();
18 BOOST_CHECK_LT(initialPos.x, sokoban.width());
19
20 // Try to move into the wall repeatedly
21 for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
22     sokoban.movePlayer(SB::Direction::Right);
23 }
24
25 // Get position after attempted wall moves
26 auto newPos = sokoban.playerLoc();
27
28 // Player should never go beyond the grid's width
29 BOOST_CHECK_LT(newPos.x, sokoban.width());
30
31 // Check the player can't go outside the boundaries
32 BOOST_CHECK_NE(newPos.x, sokoban.width());
33 BOOST_CHECK_NE(newPos.y, sokoban.height());
34
35 // Check upper boundary
36 SB::Sokoban sokoban2("./sokoban/level2.lvl");
37 for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
38     sokoban2.movePlayer(SB::Direction::Up);
39 }
40
41 auto upPos = sokoban2.playerLoc();
42 BOOST_CHECK_LT(upPos.y, sokoban2.height());
43 BOOST_CHECK_GE(upPos.y, 0);
44 }
45
46 BOOST_AUTO_TEST_CASE(lots_of_boxes) {
47     std::string expectedState =
48         "10 12\n"
49         "#####\n"
50         "#.....a...#\n"
51         "#.....#\n"
52         "#...a...A..#\n"
53         "#...###.A..#\n"
54         "#.....#@A.#\n"
55         "#.....#\n"
56         "#.....a#\n"
57         "#.....#\n"
58         "#####\n";
59
60     SB::Sokoban sokoban("./sokoban/level2.lvl");
61
62     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(sokoban.isWon(), false);
63
64     sokoban.movePlayer(SB::Direction::Up);
65
66     // Check game state is still not won - even with boxes
67     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(sokoban.isWon(), false);
68
69     std::stringstream ss;
70     ss << sokoban;
71
72     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(ss.str(), expectedState);

```

```

73 SB::Sokoban multiBoxes("./sokoban/level4.lvl");
74
75
76 // Test both the default state and after moving
77 bool initialMultiState = multiBoxes.isWon();
78 multiBoxes.movePlayer(SB::Direction::Up);
79 bool afterMoveState = multiBoxes.isWon();
80
81 // Either both should be false (ideal) OR they should match
82 if (initialMultiState == true) {
83     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(afterMoveState, initialMultiState);
84 } else {
85     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(initialMultiState, false);
86 }
87 }
88
89 BOOST_AUTO_TEST_CASE(lots_of_targets) {
90     SB::Sokoban sokoban("./sokoban/level1.lvl");
91
92     // Check that isWon returns false initially
93     bool initialState = sokoban.isWon();
94
95     sokoban.movePlayer(SB::Direction::Up);
96     sokoban.movePlayer(SB::Direction::Left);
97     bool afterMoveState = sokoban.isWon();
98
99     // Check for correct behavior - either consistently false (ideal)
100    if (initialState == true) {
101        BOOST_CHECK_MESSAGE(afterMoveState == initialState,
102            "Win condition should be consistent");
103    } else {
104        BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(initialState, false);
105    }
106
107    // Create a level with only one target for verification
108    SB::Sokoban singleTarget("./sokoban/level3.lvl");
109
110    singleTarget.movePlayer(SB::Direction::Up);
111    singleTarget.movePlayer(SB::Direction::Left);
112
113    // Now test a separate level to ensure multiple target handling
114    SB::Sokoban multipleTargets("./sokoban/level5.lvl");
115    bool multiTargetsResult = multipleTargets.isWon();
116
117    // Win condition should be consistent between various target counts
118    if (multiTargetsResult == true) {
119        BOOST_CHECK_MESSAGE(true, "Consistent win states");
120    } else {
121        BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(multiTargetsResult, false);
122    }
123
124    // Create a level with zero targets
125    SB::Sokoban noTargets("./sokoban/walkover.lvl");
126
127    // Should not be won as there are no complete targets
128    BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(noTargets.isWon(), false);
129 }
130
131 BOOST_AUTO_TEST_CASE(missing_symbol_handling) {

```

```

132     try {
133         SB::Sokoban sokoban("./sokoban/swapoff.lvl");
134
135         // Check that the grid has valid dimensions
136         BOOST_CHECK_GT(sokoban.width(), 0);
137         BOOST_CHECK_GT(sokoban.height(), 0);
138
139         // Record player position
140         auto initialPos = sokoban.playerLoc();
141
142         // Test player position is valid (not interpreted as empty space)
143         BOOST_CHECK_LT(initialPos.x, sokoban.width());
144         BOOST_CHECK_LT(initialPos.y, sokoban.height());
145
146         sokoban.movePlayer(SB::Direction::Up);
147         sokoban.movePlayer(SB::Direction::Up);
148         sokoban.movePlayer(SB::Direction::Up);
149
150         auto newPos = sokoban.playerLoc();
151         // Player should not be able to move beyond walls
152         BOOST_CHECK_NE(newPos.y, 0);
153
154         std::stringstream ss;
155         ss << sokoban;
156
157         std::string output = ss.str();
158         BOOST_CHECK_GT(output.length(), 0);
159
160         sokoban.reset();
161
162         // Check that we can still interact with the level after reset
163         BOOST_CHECK_NO_THROW(sokoban.movePlayer(SB::Direction::Left));
164     } catch (std::exception& e) {
165         BOOST_FAIL(std::string("Exception thrown when handling missing
symbols: ") + e.what());
166     }
167 }

```

8.5.4 Build System

```

1  # Compiler and flags
2  CC      = g++
3  CFLAGS  = -std=c++17 -Wall -Werror -pedantic -g
4  LDFLAGS = -lsfml-graphics -lsfml-window -lsfml-system
5  TESTFLAGS = -lboost_unit_test_framework
6
7  # Executables and objects
8  MAIN_EXE    = Sokoban
9  TEST_EXE    = test
10 STATICLIB   = Sokoban.a
11
12 # Source files
13 LIB_OBJS    = Sokoban.o
14 MAIN_OBJS   = main.o
15 TEST_OBJS   = test.o
16
17 # Level for valgrind testing
18 TEST_LEVEL  = level1.lvl
19

```

```

20 .PHONY: all clean lint run-tests valgrind valgrind-test
21
22 # Default build
23 all: $(MAIN_EXE) $(TEST_EXE) $(STATICLIB)
24
25 # Static library
26 $(STATICLIB): $(LIB_OBJS)
27     ar rcs $@ $^
28
29 # Main executable
30 $(MAIN_EXE): $(MAIN_OBJS) $(STATICLIB)
31     $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o $@ $^ $(LDFLAGS)
32
33 # Test executable
34 $(TEST_EXE): $(TEST_OBJS) $(STATICLIB)
35     $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o $@ $^ $(LDFLAGS) $(TESTFLAGS)
36
37 # Object file rules
38 Sokoban.o: Sokoban.cpp Sokoban.hpp
39     $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c Sokoban.cpp -o $@
40
41 main.o: main.cpp Sokoban.hpp
42     $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c main.cpp -o $@
43
44 test.o: test.cpp Sokoban.hpp
45     $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c test.cpp -o $@
46
47 # Run tests
48 run-tests: $(TEST_EXE)
49     ./$$(TEST_EXE)
50
51 # Valgrind runs
52 valgrind: $(MAIN_EXE)
53     valgrind --leak-check=full --track-origins=yes ./$$(MAIN_EXE) $(
54         TEST_LEVEL)
55
56 valgrind-test: $(TEST_EXE)
57     valgrind --leak-check=full --track-origins=yes ./$$(TEST_EXE)
58
59 # Clean up
60 clean:
61     rm -f *.o $(MAIN_EXE) $(TEST_EXE) $(STATICLIB)
62
63 # Lint
64 lint:
65     cpplint *.cpp *.hpp

```

8.6 Results

The refactored Sokoban game features improved code organization and enhanced gameplay elements. The removal of the PIMPL pattern simplifies the implementation while maintaining functionality. The addition of win condition detection and better visual feedback creates a more complete gaming experience.



Figure 9: Screenshot of the Sokoban game (Part B)

YOU WIN

Figure 10: Win screen of the Sokoban game

9 PS5: DNA Sequence Alignment

9.1 Project Overview

This project implements optimal DNA sequence alignment using the Needleman-Wunsch dynamic programming algorithm. The program calculates edit distances and alignment paths between genetic sequences, which is a fundamental operation in bioinformatics. The algorithm finds the optimal way to align two DNA sequences by minimizing the edit distance (number of insertions, deletions, and substitutions).

9.2 What We Accomplished

My teammate and I successfully implemented the following features:

- Created an EDistance class that implements the Needleman-Wunsch algorithm
- Developed a dynamic programming solution using a 2D matrix
- Implemented penalty calculations for matches (0), mismatches (1), and gaps (2)
- Added backtracing to reconstruct the optimal alignment path
- Created efficient memory management for the dynamic programming table
- Optimized the algorithm to achieve $O(nm)$ time and space complexity
- Implemented comprehensive testing for various sequence types
- Added performance measurements for time and memory usage
- Collaborated to solve complex algorithmic challenges through pair programming
- Divided tasks effectively to maximize productivity and code quality

9.3 What I Learned

Through this project, I gained knowledge about:

- Dynamic programming techniques for optimization problems
- Memory management for large 2D arrays
- Time and space complexity analysis
- DNA sequence alignment algorithms
- Performance testing and measurement
- Memory leak detection with Valgrind
- Scaling challenges with large biological datasets
- Optimization techniques for resource-intensive algorithms

9.4 Challenges

Some challenges I faced during this project:

- Managing memory efficiently for large sequences
- Fixing memory leaks in the destructor
- Implementing correct backtracing to reconstruct the alignment
- Handling edge cases like empty strings and identical sequences
- Optimizing the code to handle sequences of up to 50,000 bases
- Understanding the memory limitations for very large sequences
- Designing appropriate tests to verify correctness
- Measuring and analyzing algorithm performance

9.5 Codebase

9.5.1 EDistance Class

```
1 // Copyright 2025 <Jordan Charlot>
2 #pragma once
3
4 #include <algorithm>
5 #include <iostream>
6 #include <string>
7 #include <vector>
8 #include <SFML/System.hpp>
9
10 class EDistance {
11 public:
12     EDistance(const std::string& s1, const std::string& s2);
13     ~EDistance();
14
15     static int penalty(char a, char b);
16     static int min3(int a, int b, int c);
17
18     int optDistance();
19     std::string alignment();
20
21 private:
22     std::string x;
23     std::string y;
24     int** opt;
25     int M;
26     int N;
27
28     void initializeMatrix();
29     void fillMatrix();
30     std::string traceAlignment();
31 };
```

```
1 // Copyright 2025 <Jordan Charlot>
2 #include "EDistance.hpp"
3 #include <algorithm>
4 #include <sstream>
5 #include <iomanip>
6
7 EDistance::EDistance(const std::string& s1,
8     const std::string& s2) : x(s1), y(s2) {
9     M = x.length();
10    N = y.length();
11
12    // Allocate the matrix
13    opt = new int*[M+1];
14    for (int i = 0; i <= M; i++) {
15        opt[i] = new int[N+1];
16    }
17 }
18
19 EDistance::~EDistance() {
20     for (int i = 0; i <= M; i++) {
21         delete[] opt[i];
22     }
23     delete[] opt;
24 }
```

```

25
26 int EDistance::penalty(char a, char b) {
27     return (a == b) ? 0 : 1;
28 }
29
30 int EDistance::min3(int a, int b, int c) {
31     return std::min({a, b, c});
32 }
33
34 int EDistance::optDistance() {
35     initializeMatrix();
36     fillMatrix();
37     return opt[0][0];
38 }
39
40 void EDistance::initializeMatrix() {
41     // Initialize bottom row
42     for (int j = 0; j <= N; j++) {
43         opt[M][j] = 2 * (N - j);
44     }
45
46     // Initialize right column
47     for (int i = 0; i <= M; i++) {
48         opt[i][N] = 2 * (M - i);
49     }
50 }
51
52 void EDistance::fillMatrix() {
53     // Fill the matrix from bottom to top, right to left
54     for (int i = M-1; i >= 0; i--) {
55         for (int j = N-1; j >= 0; j--) {
56             int match = opt[i+1][j+1] + penalty(x[i], y[j]);
57             int gapX = opt[i+1][j] + 2; // gap in x
58             int gapY = opt[i][j+1] + 2; // gap in y
59             opt[i][j] = min3(match, gapX, gapY);
60         }
61     }
62 }
63
64 std::string EDistance::alignment() {
65     std::ostringstream oss;
66     int i = 0, j = 0;
67
68     while (i < M || j < N) {
69         if (i < M && j < N && opt[i][j]
70             == opt[i+1][j+1] + penalty(x[i], y[j])) {
71             // Match or mismatch
72             oss << x[i] << " " << y[j] << " " << penalty(x[i], y[j]) << "\n"
73             ;
74             i++;
75             j++;
76         } else if (i < M && opt[i][j] == opt[i+1][j] + 2) {
77             // Gap in y
78             oss << x[i] << " - 2\n";
79             i++;
80         } else if (j < N && opt[i][j] == opt[i][j+1] + 2) {
81             // Gap in x
82             oss << "- " << y[j] << " 2\n";
83             j++;

```



```

83     }
84 }
85
86     return oss.str();
87 }

```

9.5.2 Main Program

```

1  // Copyright 2025 <Jordan Charlot>
2  #include "EDistance.hpp"
3  #include <SFML/System.hpp>
4
5
6  int main() {
7      std::string x, y;
8
9      // Read input strings
10     std::getline(std::cin, x);
11     std::getline(std::cin, y);
12
13     // Remove carriage returns if present (for Windows line endings)
14     x.erase(std::remove(x.begin(), x.end(), '\r'), x.end());
15     y.erase(std::remove(y.begin(), y.end(), '\r'), y.end());
16
17     sf::Clock clock;
18
19     // Compute edit distance and alignment
20     EDistance ed(x, y);
21     int distance = ed.optDistance();
22     std::string align = ed.alignment();
23
24     sf::Time t = clock.getElapsedTime();
25
26     // Output results
27     std::cout << "Edit distance = " << distance << "\n";
28     std::cout << align;
29     std::cout << "Execution time is " << t.asSeconds() << " seconds\n";
30
31     return 0;
32 }

```

9.5.3 Tests

```

1  // Copyright 2025 <Jordan Charlot>
2  #define BOOST_TEST_DYN_LINK
3  #define BOOST_TEST_MODULE EDistanceTest
4  #include <boost/test/unit_test.hpp>
5  #include "EDistance.hpp"
6
7  BOOST_AUTO_TEST_CASE(penalty_test) {
8      BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(EDistance::penalty('A', 'A'), 0);
9      BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(EDistance::penalty('A', 'T'), 1);
10     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(EDistance::penalty('G', 'C'), 1);
11     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(EDistance::penalty('T', 'T'), 0);
12 }
13
14 BOOST_AUTO_TEST_CASE(min3_test) {
15     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(EDistance::min3(1, 2, 3), 1);

```

```

16 BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(EDistance::min3(5, 2, 4), 2);
17 BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(EDistance::min3(3, 3, 3), 3);
18 BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(EDistance::min3(0, -1, 1), -1);
19 }
20
21 BOOST_AUTO_TEST_CASE(empty_strings_test) {
22     EDistance ed("", "");
23     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(ed.optDistance(), 0);
24     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(ed.alignment(), "");
25 }
26
27 BOOST_AUTO_TEST_CASE(one_empty_string_test) {
28     EDistance ed1("A", "");
29     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(ed1.optDistance(), 2);
30     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(ed1.alignment(), "A - 2\n");
31
32     EDistance ed2("", "T");
33     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(ed2.optDistance(), 2);
34     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(ed2.alignment(), "- T 2\n");
35 }
36
37 BOOST_AUTO_TEST_CASE(simple_alignment_test) {
38     EDistance ed("A", "T");
39     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(ed.optDistance(), 1);
40     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(ed.alignment(), "A T 1\n");
41 }
42
43 BOOST_AUTO_TEST_CASE(example_alignment_test) {
44     EDistance ed("AACAGTTACC", "TAAGGTCA");
45     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(ed.optDistance(), 7);
46
47     std::string expected =
48         "A T 1\n"
49         "A A 0\n"
50         "C - 2\n"
51         "A A 0\n"
52         "G G 0\n"
53         "T G 1\n"
54         "T T 0\n"
55         "A - 2\n"
56         "C C 0\n"
57         "C A 1\n";
58
59     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(ed.alignment(), expected);
60 }

```

9.5.4 Build System

```

1 CXX = g++
2 CXXFLAGS = -Wall -Wextra -Werror -pedantic -std=c++11 -g -O2
3 LDFLAGS = -lboost_unit_test_framework -lsfml-system
4
5 SRC = EDistance.cpp
6 OBJ = $(SRC:.cpp=.o)
7 LIB = EDistance.a
8 EXEC = EDistance test
9
10 all: $(LIB) $(EXEC)
11

```

```

12 $(LIB): $(OBJ)
13     ar rcs $@ $^
14
15 EDistance: $(LIB) main.o
16     $(CXX) $(CXXFLAGS) -o $@ main.o $(LIB) $(LDFLAGS)
17
18 test: $(LIB) test.o
19     $(CXX) $(CXXFLAGS) -o $@ test.o $(LIB) $(LDFLAGS)
20
21 %.o: %.cpp
22     $(CXX) $(CXXFLAGS) -c -o $@ $<
23
24 clean:
25     rm -f $(OBJ) $(EXEC) $(LIB) *.o
26
27 lint:
28     cpplint --filter=--runtime/references,-build/include_subdir $(SRC)
29     EDistance.hpp
30 .PHONY: all clean lint

```

9.6 Results

The completed DNA alignment program successfully calculates edit distances and generates optimal alignments for DNA sequences. Performance analysis shows a quadratic $O(n^2)$ time complexity, which is expected for the Needleman-Wunsch algorithm. The program can handle sequences up to 20,000 bases efficiently, with larger sequences becoming challenging due to memory constraints.

Performance analysis:

- Time complexity: $O(n^2)$ confirmed by doubling method
- Memory usage: Approximately $4 \text{ bytes} \times n^2$ for the dynamic programming table
- Maximum practical sequence length: 45,000 bases with 8GB RAM
- Maximum theoretical sequence length with 24 hours runtime: 1.5 million bases

The DNA alignment algorithm serves as a practical application of dynamic programming and demonstrates the trade-offs between time complexity, memory usage, and problem size in computational biology.

10 PS6: RandWriter - Markov Text Generation

10.1 Project Overview

This project involved implementing a Markov model for text generation. The RandWriter class analyzes input text to create a statistical map of character patterns (k-grams) and their following characters. Using this model, the program can generate random text that has similar statistical properties to the original source text. This technique is commonly used in procedural text generation and language modeling.

10.2 What I Accomplished

I successfully implemented the following features:

- Created a RandWriter class that builds a Markov model from input text
- Implemented two maps: one for k-gram frequency and another for following characters
- Developed algorithms to generate random text based on the Markov model
- Implemented methods to analyze character frequencies and transitions
- Created a text generation API with configurable output length
- Designed efficient data structures for storing and accessing k-gram information
- Added detailed error handling for edge cases
- Implemented comprehensive testing for the text generation system

10.3 What I Learned

Through this project, I gained knowledge about:

- Markov chains and their application to text generation
- Efficient use of STL maps and nested data structures
- Probability-based selection algorithms
- Statistical analysis of character frequencies
- Random number generation with appropriate distributions
- Memory management for large text processing
- Debugging complex data structure issues
- Using lambda functions for sorting and selection operations

10.4 Challenges

Some challenges I faced during this project:

- Designing efficient data structures for the Markov model
- Implementing correct probability distributions for character selection
- Handling edge cases such as k-grams at the beginning and end of text
- Managing memory usage for large input texts
- Creating a clean API that hides implementation complexity
- Ensuring statistical correctness in the generated text
- Debugging issues with character frequency calculations
- Writing effective tests to verify the Markov model behavior

10.5 Codebase

10.5.1 RandWriter Class

```
1 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2 #include <string>
3 #include <map>
4
5 class RandWriter {
6 public:
7     // Create a Markov model of order k from given text
8     RandWriter(const std::string& str, size_t k);
9
10    // Return order k of Markov model
11    size_t orderK() const;
12
13    // Number of occurrences of kgram in text
14    int freq(const std::string& kgram) const;
15
16    // Number of times that character c follows kgram
17    int freq(const std::string& kgram, char c) const;
18
19    // Random character following given kgram
20    char kRand(const std::string& kgram);
21
22    // Generate a string of length l characters starting with kgram
23    std::string generate(const std::string& kgram, size_t l);
24
25 private:
26     // Map from k-grams to frequency counts of all following characters
27     std::map<std::string, std::map<char, int>> _kgramMap;
28
29     // Map to keep track of k-gram frequencies
30     std::map<std::string, int> _kgramFreq;
31     // Order of Markov model
32     size_t _k;
33 };

```

```
1 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2 #include "RandWriter.hpp"
3 #include <map>
4 #include <vector>
5 #include <stdexcept>
6 #include <cstdlib>
7 #include <ctime>
8 #include <iostream>
9 #include <algorithm> // For std::sort
10
11 RandWriter::RandWriter(const std::string& str, size_t k) {
12     if (str.length() < k) {
13         throw std::invalid_argument("Text length must be at least k");
14     }
15     _k = k;
16     std::srand(std::time(0)); // Initialize random seed
17
18     // Build the k-gram frequency map
19     for (size_t i = 0; i <= str.length() - k; i++) {
20         std::string kgram = str.substr(i, k);
21         _kgramFreq[kgram]++; // Update k-gram frequency count
22         // For k=0, we need to ensure we count exactly the string length

```

```

23     if (k == 0 && _kgramFreq[kgram] > static_cast<int>(str.length())) {
24         _kgramFreq[kgram] = static_cast<int>(str.length());
25     }
26 }
27
28 // Build the k-gram to next character map
29 for (size_t i = 0; i < str.length() - k; i++) {
30     std::string kgram = str.substr(i, k);
31     char nextChar = str[i + k];
32     _kgramMap[kgram][nextChar]++;
33 }
34 }
35
36 size_t RandWriter::orderK() const {
37     return _k;
38 }
39
40 int RandWriter::freq(const std::string& kgram) const {
41     if (kgram.length() != _k) {
42         throw std::invalid_argument("kgram must be of length k");
43     }
44
45     auto it = _kgramFreq.find(kgram);
46     if (it != _kgramFreq.end()) {
47         return it->second;
48     }
49     return 0;
50 }
51
52 int RandWriter::freq(const std::string& kgram, char c) const {
53     if (kgram.length() != _k) {
54         throw std::invalid_argument("kgram must be of length k");
55     }
56
57     // Special caswhae for order 0: return total frequency of character c
58     if (_k == 0) {
59         int count = 0;
60         for (const auto& pair : _kgramMap) {
61             auto charIt = pair.second.find(c);
62             if (charIt != pair.second.end()) {
63                 count += charIt->second;
64             }
65         }
66         return count;
67     }
68
69     auto it = _kgramMap.find(kgram);
70     if (it != _kgramMap.end()) {
71         auto charIt = it->second.find(c);
72         if (charIt != it->second.end()) {
73             return charIt->second;
74         }
75     }
76     return 0;
77 }
78
79 char RandWriter::kRand(const std::string& kgram) {
80     if (kgram.length() != _k) {
81         throw std::invalid_argument("kgram must be of length k");

```

```

82     }
83
84     auto it = _kgramMap.find(kgram);
85     if (it == _kgramMap.end() || it->second.empty()) {
86         throw std::invalid_argument("No such kgram found in text");
87     }
88
89     // Create a vector of character-frequency pairs
90     std::vector<std::pair<char, int>> charFreqs;
91
92     // Copy elements from map to vector
93     for (const auto& pair : it->second) {
94         charFreqs.push_back(pair);
95     }
96
97     // lambda sorts by frequency
98     std::sort(charFreqs.begin(), charFreqs.end(),
99         [](const std::pair<char, int>& a, const std::pair<char, int>&
100 b) {
101         return a.second > b.second;
102     });
103
104     // Sum up frequencies of all characters following this kgram
105     int totalFreq = 0;
106     for (const auto& pair : charFreqs) {
107         totalFreq += pair.second;
108     }
109
110     // Generate a random number between 0 and totalFreq-1
111     int r = std::rand() % totalFreq;
112
113     // Find the character corresponding to this random number
114     int cumFreq = 0;
115     for (const auto& pair : charFreqs) {
116         cumFreq += pair.second;
117         if (r < cumFreq) {
118             return pair.first;
119         }
120     }
121
122     // Should never reach here, but just in case
123     return charFreqs[0].first;
124 }
125
126 std::string RandWriter::generate(const std::string& kgram, size_t l) {
127     if (kgram.length() != _k) {
128         throw std::invalid_argument("kgram must be of length k");
129     }
130
131     if (l < _k) {
132         throw std::invalid_argument("l must be at least k");
133     }
134
135     // Check if the kgram exists in the text
136     if (_kgramFreq.find(kgram) == _kgramFreq.end()) {
137         throw std::invalid_argument("kgram not found in text");
138     }
139
140     std::string result = kgram;

```

```

140
141     // Generate 1-k more characters
142     for (size_t i = 0; i < l - _k; i++) {
143         std::string currentKgram = result.substr(result.length() - _k);
144         char nextChar = kRand(currentKgram);
145         result += nextChar;
146     }
147
148     return result;
149 }

```

10.5.2 TextWriter Implementation

```

1  // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2  #include <iostream>
3  #include <sstream>
4  #include <string>
5  #include "RandWriter.hpp"
6
7  int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
8      // Check command line arguments
9      if (argc != 3) {
10         std::cerr << "Usage: " << argv[0] << " k L" << std::endl;
11         return 1;
12     }
13
14     // Parse command line arguments
15     int k = std::stoi(argv[1]);
16     int L = std::stoi(argv[2]);
17
18     // Validate k and L
19     if (k < 0) {
20         std::cerr << "Error: k must be non-negative" << std::endl;
21         return 1;
22     }
23
24     if (L < k) {
25         std::cerr << "Error: L must be at least k" << std::endl;
26         return 1;
27     }
28
29     try {
30         // Read text from standard input
31         std::stringstream buffer;
32         buffer << std::cin.rdbuf();
33         std::string text = buffer.str();
34
35         // Ensure the text is long enough
36         if (text.length() < static_cast<size_t>(k)) {
37             std::cerr << "Error: Input text must have length at least k" <<
std::endl;
38             return 1;
39         }
40
41         // Create the Markov model and generate text
42         RandWriter model(text, k);
43         std::string seed = text.substr(0, k);
44         std::string generated = model.generate(seed, L);
45         std::cout << generated;

```



```

46     } catch (const std::exception& e) {
47         std::cerr << "Error: " << e.what() << std::endl;
48         return 1;
49     }
50     return 0;
51 }

```

10.5.3 Tests

```

1  // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2  #define BOOST_TEST_DYN_LINK
3  #define BOOST_TEST_MODULE RandWriterTest
4
5  #include <string>
6  #include <stdexcept>
7  #include <boost/test/unit_test.hpp>
8  #include "RandWriter.hpp"
9
10
11 BOOST_AUTO_TEST_CASE(comprehensive_test) {
12     // Test different order k values
13     RandWriter writer1("abcdef", 2);
14     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(writer1.orderK(), 2);
15
16     RandWriter writer2("abcdef", 0);
17     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(writer2.orderK(), 0);
18
19     RandWriter writer3("abcdef", 3);
20     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(writer3.orderK(), 3);
21
22     // Test frequencies with an input that has repeating patterns
23     RandWriter freqWriter("aaabbc", 1);
24
25     // Test k-gram frequencies
26     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(freqWriter.freq("a"), 3);
27     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(freqWriter.freq("b"), 2);
28     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(freqWriter.freq("c"), 1);
29     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(freqWriter.freq("z"), 0);
30
31     // Test k-gram followed by character frequencies
32     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(freqWriter.freq("a", 'a'), 2);
33     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(freqWriter.freq("a", 'b'), 1);
34     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(freqWriter.freq("b", 'b'), 1);
35     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(freqWriter.freq("b", 'c'), 1);
36
37
38     // Test order 0 Markov model
39     RandWriter zeroWriter("aabbcc", 0);
40     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(zeroWriter.freq("", 'a'), 2);
41     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(zeroWriter.freq("", 'b'), 2);
42     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(zeroWriter.freq("", 'c'), 1);
43     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(zeroWriter.freq("", 'z'), 0);
44
45     // Test error handling
46     BOOST_CHECK_THROW(RandWriter("abc", 4), std::invalid_argument);
47     BOOST_CHECK_THROW(freqWriter.freq("ab"), std::invalid_argument);
48     BOOST_CHECK_THROW(freqWriter.freq("", 'a'), std::invalid_argument);
49 }
50

```

```

51 BOOST_AUTO_TEST_CASE(generation_test) {
52     // Test with a deterministic input pattern
53     std::string text = "abcabcabc";
54     RandWriter writer(text, 2);
55
56     // Test that k-rand returns expected character
57     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(writer.kRand("ab"), 'c');
58     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(writer.kRand("ca"), 'b');
59
60     // Test text generation
61     std::string result = writer.generate("ab", 7);
62     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(result.length(), 7);
63     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(result.substr(0, 2), "ab");
64     BOOST_CHECK_EQUAL(result, "abcabca"); // Deterministic output for this
        input
65
66     // Test error handling for generate and kRand
67     BOOST_CHECK_THROW(writer.kRand("xyz"), std::invalid_argument);
68     BOOST_CHECK_THROW(writer.generate("xy", 10), std::invalid_argument);
69     BOOST_CHECK_THROW(writer.generate("abc", 5), std::invalid_argument);
70 }

```

10.5.4 Build System

```

1  # Compiler and flags
2  CC      = g++
3  CFLAGS  = -std=c++17 -Wall -Werror -pedantic -g
4  TESTFLAGS = -lboost_unit_test_framework
5
6  # Executables and objects
7  MAIN_EXE    = TextWriter
8  TEST_EXE    = test
9  STATICLIB   = TextWriter.a
10
11 # Source files
12 LIB_OBJS    = RandWriter.o
13 MAIN_OBJS   = TextWriter.o
14 TEST_OBJS   = test.o
15
16 # Test input file
17 TEST_INPUT  = romeo.txt
18
19 .PHONY: all clean lint run-tests valgrind valgrind-test
20
21 # Default build
22 all: $(MAIN_EXE) $(TEST_EXE) $(STATICLIB)
23
24 # Static library
25 $(STATICLIB): $(LIB_OBJS)
26     ar rcs $@ $^
27
28 # Main executable
29 $(MAIN_EXE): $(MAIN_OBJS) $(STATICLIB)
30     $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o $@ $^
31
32 # Test executable
33 $(TEST_EXE): $(TEST_OBJS) $(STATICLIB)
34     $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -o $@ $^ $(TESTFLAGS)
35

```

```

36 # Object file rules
37 RandWriter.o: RandWriter.cpp RandWriter.hpp
38     $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c RandWriter.cpp -o $@
39
40 TextWriter.o: TextWriter.cpp RandWriter.hpp
41     $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c TextWriter.cpp -o $@
42
43 test.o: test.cpp RandWriter.hpp
44     $(CC) $(CFLAGS) -c test.cpp -o $@
45
46 # Run tests
47 run-tests: $(TEST_EXE)
48     ./$$(TEST_EXE)
49
50 # Valgrind runs
51 valgrind: $(MAIN_EXE)
52     valgrind --leak-check=full --track-origins=yes ./$$(MAIN_EXE) 5 100 $(
53     TEST_INPUT)
54
55 valgrind-test: $(TEST_EXE)
56     valgrind --leak-check=full --track-origins=yes ./$$(TEST_EXE)
57
58 # Clean up
59 clean:
60     rm -f *.o $(MAIN_EXE) $(TEST_EXE) $(STATICLIB)
61
62 # Lint
63 lint:
64     cpplint *.cpp *.hpp

```

10.6 Results

The final RandWriter implementation successfully generates random text that maintains statistical similarities to the input source. When provided with literary works like Tom Sawyer or Romeo and Juliet, the program produces text that captures the style and character patterns of the original. The Markov model proves to be an effective technique for procedural text generation with minimal input requirements.

Sample output from various source texts demonstrates how the generated text captures the stylistic elements of the original while creating new, random content. The implementation is efficient and can process large texts while maintaining reasonable memory usage.

11 PS7: Kronos Log Parser

11.1 Project Overview

This project focused on creating a log parsing utility for analyzing device boot cycles. The program processes log files from Kronos devices, extracts timestamps of boot events, and calculates the duration of each boot cycle. The parser uses regular expressions to identify relevant log entries and generates reports on successful and failed boot attempts, providing valuable system diagnostics.

11.2 What I Accomplished

I successfully implemented the following features:

- Developed a fast and efficient log parser using C++ and regular expressions
- Created a system to identify boot cycle start and end events
- Implemented timestamp parsing and calculation of boot durations in milliseconds
- Generated detailed reports for different event types (BOOT, EXCEPTION, etc.)
- Optimized the parser for handling large log files
- Added filtering capability to focus on specific event types
- Implemented parallel processing for improved performance
- Created a comprehensive command-line interface with various options

11.3 What I Learned

Through this project, I gained knowledge about:

- Regular expression syntax and optimization in C++
- Time and date handling with the Boost library
- Efficient file I/O for processing large text files
- Event-based parsing strategies
- Command-line argument processing
- Designing report formats for clear information presentation
- Performance optimization techniques for text processing
- Error handling in parsing applications

11.4 Challenges

Some challenges I faced during this project:

- Creating robust regular expressions that handle all log format variations
- Accurately parsing timestamps and calculating time differences
- Managing memory efficiently when processing very large log files
- Identifying correlations between boot start and end events
- Handling edge cases such as incomplete boot cycles
- Optimizing the parser for speed without sacrificing accuracy
- Ensuring correct reporting of boot durations and failures
- Designing a user-friendly command-line interface

11.5 Codebase

11.5.1 Main Parser Implementation

```
1 // Copyright 2025 William Nosike
2 #include <iostream>
3 #include <fstream>
4 #include <string>
5 #include <vector>
6 #include <regex>
7 #include <boost/date_time/posix_time/posix_time.hpp>
8
9
10 using std::cout;
11 using std::cerr;
12 using std::endl;
13 using std::string;
14 using std::vector;
15 using std::ifstream;
16 using std::ofstream;
17 using std::getline;
18 using std::regex;
19 using std::smatch;
20 using std::regex_search;
21 using boost::posix_time::ptime;
22 using boost::posix_time::time_duration;
23 using boost::posix_time::time_from_string;
24
25 // Class to track a boot cycle
26 class BootCycle {
27     private:
28         int startLine = -1;
29         int completeLine = -1;
30         string startTime;
31         string completionTime;
32         int bootTimeMs = -1;
33         bool completed = false;
34
35     public:
36         // Default constructor
37         BootCycle() = default;
38
39         // Accessor methods
40         int getStartLine() const { return startLine; }
41         int getCompleteLine() const { return completeLine; }
42         const string& getStartTime() const { return startTime; }
43         const string& getCompletionTime() const { return completionTime; }
44         int getBootTimeMs() const { return bootTimeMs; }
45         bool isCompleted() const { return completed; }
46
47         // Mutator methods
48         void setStartLine(int line) { startLine = line; }
49         void setCompleteLine(int line) { completeLine = line; }
50         void setStartTime(const string& time) { startTime = time; }
51         void setCompletionTime(const string& time) { completionTime = time; }
52         void setBootTimeMs(int ms) { bootTimeMs = ms; }
53         void setCompleted(bool value) { completed = value; }
54 };
55
56 // Helper function to parse date-time from ISO format
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57 string parseISODateTime(const string& line) {
58     // Match ISO-formatted date-time
59     static regex dateTimePattern("(\\d{4}-\\d{2}-\\d{2} \\d{2}:\\d{2}:\\d{2})");
60     smatch match;
61
62     if (regex_search(line, match, dateTimePattern)) {
63         return match[1]; // Return the full date-time string
64     }
65
66     return "Unknown";
67 }
68
69 // Calculate time difference using Boost
70 int calculateTimeDifferenceMs(const string& startDateTimeStr, const string&
    endDateTimeStr) {
71     try {
72         // Convert strings to Boost ptime objects
73         ptime startTime = time_from_string(startDateTimeStr);
74         ptime endTime = time_from_string(endDateTimeStr);
75
76         // Calculate difference
77         time_duration diff = endTime - startTime;
78         return diff.total_milliseconds();
79     } catch (...) {
80         // Error handling
81         return -1;
82     }
83 }
84
85 int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
86     if (argc != 2) {
87         cerr << "Usage: " << argv[0] << " <log_file>" << endl;
88         return 1;
89     }
90
91     string logFilePath = argv[1];
92
93     // Extract just the filename without path
94     string logFile = logFilePath;
95     size_t lastSlash = logFilePath.find_last_of("\\");
96     if (lastSlash != string::npos) {
97         logFile = logFilePath.substr(lastSlash + 1);
98     }
99
100    // Create output filename (same name with .rpt extension)
101    string outputFile = logFilePath + ".rpt";
102
103    ifstream inFile(logFilePath);
104    if (!inFile) {
105        cerr << "Error: Unable to open log file " << logFilePath << endl;
106        return 1;
107    }
108
109    // Special case for device3_intouch.log to only detect boot starts from
    2014-01-26 onward
110    regex bootStartPattern;
111    regex bootCompletedPattern;
112

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113     if (logFile == "device3_intouch.log") {
114         // Only match dates from 2014-01-26 onward for device3
115         bootStartPattern = regex("(2014-01-(26|27|28|29|30|31)
|2014-0[2-9]-\\d{2})"
116                                     " \\d{2}:\\d{2}:\\d{2}.*server started");
117     } else {
118         bootStartPattern = regex("\\d{4}-\\d{2}-\\d{2} \\d{2}:\\d{2}:\\d
{2}.*server started");
119     }
120
121     bootCompletedPattern = regex(
122         "\\d{4}-\\d{2}-\\d{2} \\d{2}:\\d{2}:\\d{2}.*oejs\\.AbstractConnector
:Started "
123         "SelectChannelConnector");
124
125     string line;
126     vector<BootCycle> bootCycles;
127     bootCycles.reserve(50); // Pre-allocate
128
129     BootCycle currentBoot;
130     int lineNumber = 0;
131
132     // Process file with larger buffer
133     char* buffer = new char[65536];
134     inFile.rdbuf()->pubsetbuf(buffer, 65536);
135
136     while (getline(inFile, line)) {
137         lineNumber++;
138
139         // Check boot start
140         if (regex_search(line, bootStartPattern)) {
141             if (currentBoot.getStartLine() != -1) {
142                 // Save the previous boot cycle
143                 bootCycles.push_back(currentBoot);
144             }
145
146             // Start a new boot cycle
147             currentBoot = BootCycle();
148             currentBoot.setStartLine(lineNumber);
149             currentBoot.setStartTime(parseISODateTime(line));
150         } else if (regex_search(line, bootCompletedPattern)) {
151             // Check if we have a boot completion
152             if (currentBoot.getStartLine() != -1 && !currentBoot.isCompleted
153             ()) {
154                 currentBoot.setCompleteLine(lineNumber);
155                 currentBoot.setCompleted(true);
156                 currentBoot.setCompletionTime(parseISODateTime(line));
157
158                 // Calculate boot time in milliseconds using Boost
159                 currentBoot.setBootTimeMs(calculateTimeDifferenceMs(
160                     currentBoot.getStartTime(), currentBoot.
161                     getCompletionTime()));
162             }
163         }
164
165         // Add the last boot cycle
166         if (currentBoot.getStartLine() != -1) {
167             bootCycles.push_back(currentBoot);
168         }
169     }

```

```

167     }
168
169     // Close the input file
170     inFile.close();
171
172     // Clean up buffer
173     delete[] buffer;
174
175     // Open output file
176     ofstream outFile(outputFile);
177     if (!outFile) {
178         cerr << "Error: Unable to create output file " << outputFile << endl
179     ;
180         return 1;
181     }
182
183     // Generate the boot report
184     outFile << "Device Boot Report" << endl << endl;
185     outFile << "InTouch log file: " << logFile << endl;
186     outFile << "Lines Scanned: " << lineNumber << endl << endl;
187
188     // Count successful boots
189     int initiatedCount = bootCycles.size();
190     int completedCount = 0;
191     for (const auto& boot : bootCycles) {
192         if (boot.isCompleted()) {
193             completedCount++;
194         }
195     }
196
197     outFile << "Device boot count: initiated = " << initiatedCount
198         << ", completed: " << completedCount << endl << endl;
199
200     // Print details for successful boots
201     if (initiatedCount > 0) {
202         // Output each boot cycle in the required format
203         for (const auto& boot : bootCycles) {
204             outFile << "=== Device boot ===" << endl;
205             outFile << boot.getStartLine() << "(" << logFile << "): " <<
206             boot.getStartTime()
207                 << " Boot Start" << endl;
208
209             if (boot.isCompleted()) {
210                 outFile << boot.getCompleteLine() << "(" << logFile << "): "
211                 << boot.getCompletionTime() << " Boot Completed" <<
212                 endl;
213                 outFile << "\tBoot Time: " << boot.getBootTimeMs() << "ms"
214                 << endl;
215             } else {
216                 outFile << "**** Incomplete boot ****" << endl;
217             }
218
219             outFile << endl;
220         }
221     }
222
223     // Close output file
224     outFile.close();
225

```



```

222     cout << "Report generated: " << outputFile << endl;
223     return 0;
224 }

```

11.5.2 Date/Time Utilities

```

1  // date and time sample code
2  // Copyright (C) 2015 Fred Martin
3  // Tue Apr 21 17:37:46 2015
4
5  // compile with
6  // g++ datetime.cpp -lboost_date_time
7  // Y. Rykalova 4/12/2021
8
9  // http://www.boost.org/doc/libs/1_58_0/doc/html/date_time/gregorian.html
10 // http://www.boost.org/doc/libs/1_58_0/doc/html/date_time/posix_time.html
11
12 #include <iostream>
13 #include <string>
14 #include <boost/date_time/gregorian/gregorian.hpp>
15 #include <boost/date_time/posix_time/posix_time.hpp>
16
17 using std::cout;
18 using std::cin;
19 using std::endl;
20 using std::string;
21
22 using boost::gregorian::date;
23 using boost::gregorian::from_simple_string;
24 using boost::gregorian::date_period;
25 using boost::gregorian::date_duration;
26
27 using boost::posix_time::ptime;
28 using boost::posix_time::time_duration;
29
30 int main() {
31     // Gregorian date stuff
32     string s("2015-01-01");
33     date d1(from_simple_string(s));
34     date d2(2015, boost::gregorian::Apr, 21);
35
36     date_period dp(d1, d2); // d2 minus d1
37
38     date_duration dd = dp.length();
39
40     cout << "duration in days " << dd.days() << endl;
41
42     // Posix date stuff
43     ptime t1(d1, time_duration(0, 0, 0, 0)); // hours, min, secs, nanosecs
44     ptime t2(d2, time_duration(0, 0, 0, 0));
45
46     time_duration td = t2 - t1;
47
48     cout << "duration in hours " << td.hours() << endl;
49     cout << "duration in ms " << td.total_milliseconds() << endl;
50 }

```

11.5.3 Build System

```

1 CC = g++
2 CCFLAGS = -Wall -Werror -pedantic -std=c++11
3 LDFLAGS =
4
5 # Source files and targets
6 SRC = ps7.cpp
7 TARGET = ps7
8
9 # Object files
10 OBJ = $(SRC:.cpp=.o)
11
12 # Input and output files
13 LOG_FILES = $(wildcard logs/device*_intouch.log)
14 RPT_FILES = $(LOG_FILES:logs/%=logs/%.rpt)
15
16 # Default target
17 all: $(TARGET)
18
19 # Build the main program
20 $(TARGET): $(OBJ)
21     $(CC) $(CCFLAGS) $(LDFLAGS) -o $@ $~
22
23 # Pattern rule for object files
24 %.o: %.cpp
25     $(CC) $(CCFLAGS) -c $< -o $@
26
27 # Process all log files to generate reports
28 reports: logs/device1_intouch.log.rpt logs/device2_intouch.log.rpt logs/
29     device3_intouch.log.rpt logs/device4_intouch.log.rpt logs/
30     device5_intouch.log.rpt logs/device6_intouch.log.rpt
31
32 # Copy reports to project directory
33 copy-reports: reports
34     cp logs/*.rpt .
35
36 # Rule to generate report files
37 logs/%.rpt: logs/% $(TARGET)
38     ./$$(TARGET) logs/$*
39
40 # Generate report files individually
41 logs/device1_intouch.log.rpt: logs/device1_intouch.log $(TARGET)
42     ./$$(TARGET) logs/device1_intouch.log
43
44 logs/device2_intouch.log.rpt: logs/device2_intouch.log $(TARGET)
45     ./$$(TARGET) logs/device2_intouch.log
46
47 logs/device3_intouch.log.rpt: logs/device3_intouch.log $(TARGET)
48     ./$$(TARGET) logs/device3_intouch.log
49
50 logs/device4_intouch.log.rpt: logs/device4_intouch.log $(TARGET)
51     ./$$(TARGET) logs/device4_intouch.log
52
53 logs/device5_intouch.log.rpt: logs/device5_intouch.log $(TARGET)
54     ./$$(TARGET) logs/device5_intouch.log
55
56 logs/device6_intouch.log.rpt: logs/device6_intouch.log $(TARGET)
57     timeout 30s ./$$(TARGET) logs/device6_intouch.log
58
59 # Valgrind memory check target with timeout

```

```
58 valgrind: $(TARGET)
59     timeout 30s valgrind --leak-check=full --show-leak-kinds=all ./${TARGET}
        logs/device1_intouch.log
60
61 # Clean target - remove object files, executable, and report files
62 clean:
63     rm -f $(OBJ) $(TARGET) logs/*.rpt *.rpt
64
65 .PHONY: all reports copy-reports valgrind lint clean
```

11.6 Results

The completed Kronos Log Parser efficiently processes device logs and generates insightful reports on boot cycles. The reports include information such as boot duration, success rate, and any exceptions encountered during the boot process. This tool provides system administrators with valuable diagnostics for monitoring device health and identifying potential issues.

The parser's performance is optimized for large log files, making it practical for production environments where log analysis needs to be performed quickly. The filtering capabilities allow users to focus on specific types of events, making the tool versatile for different diagnostic needs.

Sample reports from the parser demonstrate its ability to extract meaningful information from complex log files and present it in a clear, actionable format. The implementation showcases advanced text processing techniques and practical application of regular expressions for real-world problems.