

# AMStartup

**Input:** Number of avatars, Difficulty of Maze, Hostname.

**Output:** Error messages, Image of maze, logfile.

**Data Flow:**

AMStartup initializes the server and collects the basic information (dimensions, mazeport). It then initializes the logfile and *Leaders* and *Info* structs.

GULinit builds an empty Maze struct of the correct size and places avatars at their starting points. Avatar takes the information from AMStartup. It runs a turn, receives the response, stores it in *Info*, and passes the current position of all avatars and the original position of the avatar whose turn it was to GULupdate, which updates the shared *Cell\_t Maze[x][y]* struct. *Info* is then updated with the new direction. This continues until an error or maze complete message is received.

Move takes the current positions of the avatars, the position of a single avatar, and the shared *Cell\_t Maze[x][y]* struct. It checks for movement, then adds walls and paths to the shared *Cell\_t Maze[x][y]* struct based on whether or not the new position matches the old one. Finally, it closes off dead ends in the maze and updates the walls in the *Cell\_t Maze[x][y]* struct to reflect them.

## Data Structures:

*Cell\_t*: array of 4 ints for the walls followed by a pointer to store an array of ints tracking the number of times each avatar has visited the cell

*Cell\_t Maze[x][y]*: double array of cells representing every space in the maze.

*Leaders*: array of ints describing whether a given avatar is following a path or laying its own.

*Info*: the memory of every individual avatar. Stored as an array, each structure holds the avatar ID, its socket, the maze port, the hostname, the last message from the server, and the last direction the avatar traveled in.

## Pseudo Code:

1. Validate inputs.
2. Create socket and initialize the server address.
3. Connect socket to server and send initialization message. The dimensions and maze port are obtained from the AM\_INIT\_OK message.
4. Make the logfile title and open it for writing. Print the first line of the log.
5. Initialize n threads, where n is the number of avatars, and have each avatar send and AM\_AVATAR\_READY message to the server.
6. Call GULinit to build the empty maze
  - a. GULinit takes a height and width and makes an empty Maze struct from it
  - b. GULinit then sets the outside wall values
  - c. Finally, GULinit displays the maze with the avatars in their cells
7. Until an AM\_MAZE\_SOLVED is recieved, loop over each thread:
  - a. Check if it is that avatars turn

- b. If it is, call Avatar to determine move direction
  - c. Send the move to the server
  - d. Get the response
    - i. If it's an error or AM\_MAZE\_SOLVED, break.
  - e. Update the maze and the GUI
8. Clean up
  - a. Close all threads
  - b. Free the Maze struct
9. Report Success/Failure

## Avatar (a.k.a alg)

**Input:** initialized AM\_Message, Maze height, Maze width, Double array of cells, Avatar ID, number of avatars, Leaders array, last direction taken

**Output:** number between 1-4 corresponding to the chosen direction.

**Data Flow:**

Avatar takes an initialized AM\_Message, chooses a direction and changes the Leaders array, and sets the AM\_Message attributes based on it. The AM\_Message is then sent by AMStartup, which sends the message and updates the Maze struct based on the result of the move.

**Data Structures:** Uses the Cell\_t Maze[x][y] and Leaders, but no unique ones needed.

**Pseudo Code:**

1. Send AM\_AVATAR\_READY
2. For every message received, check if it's an error message. If yes, return a non-zero error code to end all Avatar threads.
3. Likewise, check if AM\_MAZE\_SOLVED is received (technically possible on turn 0)
  - a. If yes, return a 0 value
4. Wait until AM\_AVATAR\_TURN with matching Avatar ID is received
5. Start logic
  - a. Check if the avatar is a leader:
    - i. If yes, continue.
    - ii. If no, skip to (e).
  - b. Check if the avatar is the last leader left
    - i. If no, continue.
    - ii. If yes, check if it is in a dead end.
      1. If not, stop.
      2. If yes, move out of the dead end. This prevents an edge case where the followers will leave and the leader won't
  - c. Check if avatar is on a tile that has been explored by another avatar
    - i. If yes, check if the avatars that explored it are all followers
      1. If they all are, continue
      2. If one of them is not, the avatar becomes a follower. Skip to (e).

- d. Check if there are any unexplored walls left
  - i. If yes, try to go in that direction in this order: North, East, South, West
    - 1. (That is, if the North and West walls are closed, try to go East. If that is also filled, go South).
  - ii. If no, make a left turn
- e. If the avatar is a follower, check if a leader has left the square ( $\text{Cell\_t map[currentx][currenty].walls[i] = 3}$ )
  - i. If yes, follow it in that direction.
  - ii. If no, sleep.
- 6. Send the appropriate AM\_AVATAR\_MOVE message
- 7. Return the direction code