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Final Project Reflection: Beat The Beatles

Original Design

Space Class: Base class

- minigame
 - o gives player item if completed correctly
- initial interaction
- bool if game has been completed
- getters/setters
- pointers: up, down, left, right

Derived Classes

- Ringo : tic tac toe
 - check array if winner is in a line/tied
- Paul : trivia
 - two arrays, with questions and answers
- John : hang man
 - two arrays, check array with word and fill in empty array
 - array – keeps track of wrong letters
- George: Sandwich
 - assign points to each topping
- Beginning: a place to return to after each turn
- End: checks if items are obtained, if so ends game

Item

- name and description
- ~~-used status bool~~

Item Bag

- a linked list of items
- add
- remove
- print

Player

- keep track of space
- keep track of number of turns

Game progression

- ask if user wants to play
 - prompt with menu
 - list the boys they can choose from
 - they can look at their items
 - they can delete item
 - test to see if be completed
 - quit the game
 - go back to menu after each turn
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Design Reflection:

As I was going along, I realized that the Space pointers would need access to their respective member functions. This caused me a bit of trouble, as sometimes they needed to do different things. Originally, I wanted some of the same functions in different classes to return different data types. But apparently virtual functions do not like that, as I found out. I ended up being able to maneuver my way around, although it made things a bit more complicated.

My first thought regarding the items was to set a bool about whether or not the item had been 'used.' At that point, I still did not have a solid idea on my project. When I decided on the "Beat The Beatles" theme, I decided that having a simple collection would be better as the minigames would already be complicated enough. Thankfully, changing that aspect of the program was simple as I just commented out the related variables and functions and tested to see if it still ran as intended – and it did!

Another issue I ran into was the creation of items. I thought about giving each of The Beatles their own ItemBag that the player could get their own items from, but I just couldn't figure it out. So, I ended up with a function that creates 3 items every time it's called. I know that this will take up more processing power, but I will have to study up on this type of thing over the break.

When I was coding the program, I originally had the items only have a name. I decided to add in the description later, because I thought it was fun. However, it turned out to be a major hassle. I had to figure out how to make an overloaded member function to add either an Item or an Item pointer an ItemBag. In the end, the description doesn't really add or subtract from the basis of the game and it is more of an easter egg. If I decided not to have the description, maybe I could have spent more effort on cleaning up the code.

TEST CASES

What is being tested?	Input	Expected Output	Actual Output
game ending after 10 turns	go into spaces 10 times	game ends	game ends
game ending after 10 turns, checking bag and end are not included	go into spaces 5 times check bag check end go into spaces 5 times	game ends after 10 turns into spaces	game ends as expected
game ends after 10 turns with the 4 items	go into spaces 10 times, collect the items	game ends with a win	as expected
game ends after 10 turns without the 4 needed items	go into spaces 10 times, not enough items	game ends with a los	as expected

remembers if you already won the item for each Beatle	try playing a Beatle again after winning his game already	asks user if they want to face the Beatle again	as expected
quitting game at various times	try to quit the game at various spots in the game	quits the game	as expected
PAUL / TRIVIA			
If user is wrong firsts time, asks one more time	input wrong answer	asks again for a response	as expected
user gets it right the first time	input right answer	gives item	as expected
wrong first time, wrong second time	input 2 wrong answers	asks again then kicks user out	as expected
RINGO / TIC TAC TOE			
Win vertical	win 3 vertical ways	gives item	as expected
Win horizontal	win 3 horizontal ways	gives item	as expected
win diagonal	win the two different ways to win diagonally	gives item	as expected
tie	play the game and make it result in a tie	does not give item	as expected
loss	lose to ringo	does not give you item, does not set interact bool	as expected
JOHN / HANGMAN			
does not accept repeated letters	repeat A, A, A, A, A	reprompt 4 times, does not count in wrong letters more than once	as expected
game completes when all letters are guessed	complete the word	gives an item	as expected
game ends when 5 wrong letters are guessed	guess 5 wrong letters	does not give an item, prints out losing screen	as expected
GEORGE / SANDWICH			
can only win if you choose egg	choose egg	gives item	as expected

“	choose ham or cheese	does not give item, george is disappointed	as expected
COMPLETING GAME			
can only win with the 4 instruments	choose to load van with the 4 needed items	ask user to make sure if they want to load van, if Y: print win screen	as expected
“	choose to load van without the items	Tell user to go back and win more games	as expected
INVENTORY MANAGEMENT			
can only have 9 items	try to get more than 9 items	prompt user to get rid of an item	as expected
remove item	choose to remove an item	removes the item, moves the other items in the bag to appropriate spots	as expected
Read description	choose to read description and pick the item	displays description	as expected