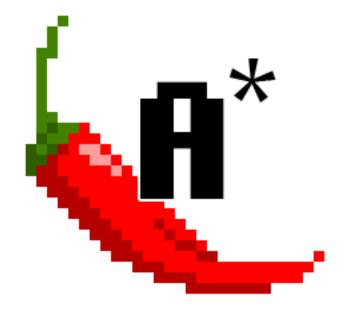
Pepino-A-Star

Manual



Introduction

This program was created by Eduardo Fernandes and Damien Fialho for EDA (Structure of data and algoritms, Estrutura de Dados e Algoritmos in portuguese) and it implements the A* pathfinding algoritm to find the shortest path on the given PGM, provided by the teacher, between two points.



• How to Use it?

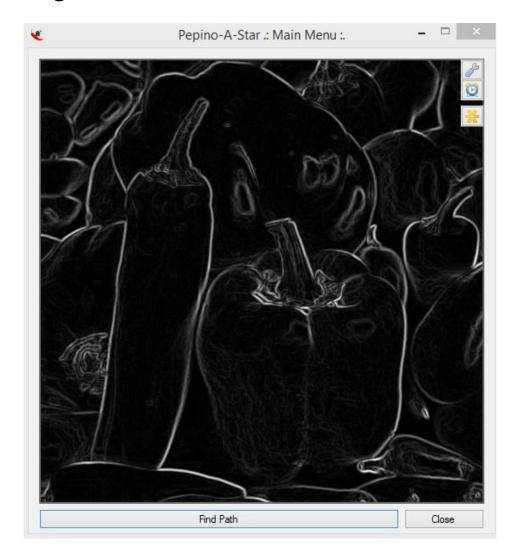
Once the program is started, it will automatically check for the provided PGM, and if that is not found, the program is unable to continue, so make sure the PGM file is on on the Textures folder. If it doens't complain, it will convert the PGM to a Bitmap picture (might take a while), don't worry, this is a one time thing as long there is a converted bitmap on the Textures folder.

PGM Not Found! Impossible to Continue!
In case it fails to find the PGM.
Creating el_pepino.bmp (12%)

Converting PGM to Bitmap

The Main Menu

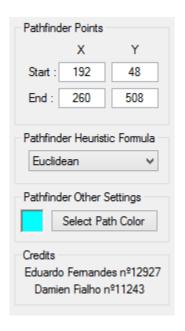
After that is done, the main menu will open showing the converted PGM.



Once here, you can either choose to find the default path between the two points given us by our teacher, or you can open the settings menu by clicking the icon open the Time Menu by clicking or clearing the path by clicking icon.

The Settings Menu

If you decide to open the settings menu (), a small menu will "popup" next to the mainmenu .



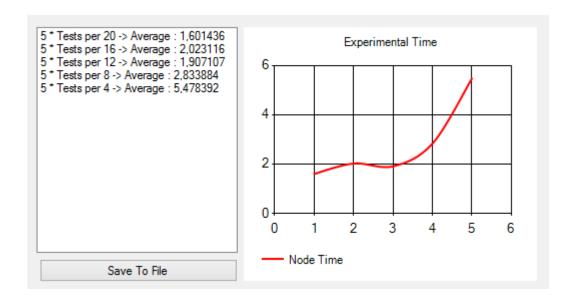
Here you can select the Start and End points, the heuristic formula and the path color.

Once your done, you can close it again by pressing the button.

Experimental Times Menu

You can check the Experimental Times between each nodes by clicking the [2] icon.

Once you click it, a menu will popup showing a chart and each experimental values.



Here you can either save the values (once you find the path at least once), or close it by clicking the icon again.