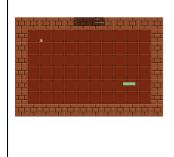
Game Programming: Exercise 3: C++ Pointers and memory



Learning objectives:

- Allocate dynamic memory in C++ using pointers (new, delete,
 -> operator, nullptr)
- Write programs that manage memory without any leaks
- Iterate tree structures e.g. using recursion
- Explaining the relationship between pointers and memory addresses
- Explaining the memory layout of stack-based and heap based memory layout.
- Use shared pointers

For exercise 3.1 to 3.5 you only need to modify Snake and SnakeBody.

An online version of the final game can be found here: http://www.itu.dk/~mnob/snake/Snake.html

Exercise 3.1

Move snake

Setup project as a SimpleRenderingProject using CMake.

Make snake move by implementing Snake::move. The member function should compute the new position of the snake-head and call moveTo() on its object.

The move-direction is defined in Snake::moveX and Snake::moveY.

When implemented correctly you should be able control a single element snake.

Exercise 3.2	 Initial length and snake grow. Snake::init(). Must create a snake with an initial length, position, and move-direction. If a snake already exists make to destroy it to prevent leaking memory (the number of SnakeBody parts visible should correspond to the counter). Snake::grow(). Called when the snake eats a piece of fruit. This should increase the length of the snake by adding a SnakeBody to the snake. You must use raw pointers (using new and delete). The Snake object has a pointer to the snake head (an object of SnakeBody). Each SnakeBody object has a pointer to the next part in the 'linked-list'. The last has a next pointer to nullptr. Also make sure that the snake moves as expected (modifications to SnakeBody::moveTo() may be needed).
Exercise 3.3	Implement Snake::collide This should return true if snake collides with itself.
Exercise 3.4	Modify Snake::setMoveDirection If the user attempts to move in the opposite direction than the current move-direction then ignore the call by not modifying Snake::moveX and Snake::moveY.
Exercise 3.5	Using smart pointers Replace use of raw pointers in Snake and SnakeBody with std::shared_ptr.
Exercise 3.6 (Optional)	Optional additions Extend the game to a two-player snake game, where the other snake is controlled using the AWSD keys. Show a score per snake. Other additions (such as other level-layouts). Multiple levels. Timers. Enemies.