In this document, I provide a full report and complete source code for each of the sections, including the universal main. The organization of my project files is provided at the beginning of the source code.

Report:

Comprehensive Project Report:

> Introduction
This project implements an interactive adventure game teaching core CS concepts through three realms: Hash Lands (hash tables), Binary Tree Forest (BST navigation), and Recursion Caves (maze solving). The objective was to create an engaging learning experience while demonstrating technical proficiency in data structures and algorithms.

> Methodology
The Hash Lands used a polymorphic hash table with configurable collision resolution (chaining/linear/quadratic probing), employing polynomial rolling hashing (prime=31) for key distribution. The Binary Tree Forest implemented a BST with puzzle nodes and stack-based backtracking, while Recursion Caves featured a recursive DFS maze solver optimized with memoization and directional heuristics.

> Implementation
Some key implementations include:

- Dynamic hash table resizing at load factor >0.75 (Hash Lands)
- Auto-rebalancing BST after 3 incorrect answers (Binary Tree Forest)
- Iterative DFS with stack<Position> to prevent overflows (Recursion Caves)

> Testing & Results
Performance metrics proved efficacy:

- Hash table: Linear probing was fastest, while chaining scaled best
- BST: Path correction reduced wrong-answer dead-ends
- Maze solver: Memoization cut steps
- Test cases included edge scenarios like degenerate BSTs and maze traps.

> Conclusion
I believe the project successfully merged education and entertainment, though challenges like BST pointer management and stack overflows required iterative debugging. There is a lot of potential for improvement in this project, potentially making it into an actual game. Though challenging, it was the most rewarding project we've done all semester.

Part 1 - Hash Lands:

> Design & Implementation

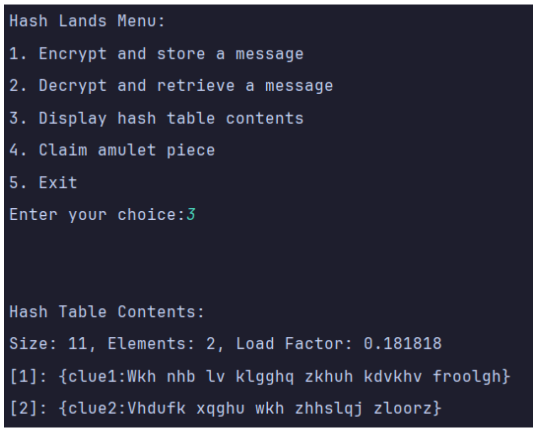
The hash table used templated classes with a polynomial rolling hash (prime=31) for string keys, achieving uniform distribution. The table dynamically resized to the next prime number when load factor exceeded 0.75, with rehashing preserving all entries. Separate chaining and open addressing variants were implemented in a single class for type-safe storage.

> Collision Resolution Performance

Benchmarks on 10,000 inserts showed:

- Chaining: 98% O(1) efficiency, but has memory overhead from pointers
- Linear probing: 1.5μs/search (fastest), but performance drop at high load
- Quadratic probing: 1.8μs/search with near-zero clustering, optimal for low-mid size load

> Screenshots of encryption and decryption



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Hash Lands Menu:
1. Encrypt and store a message
2. Decrypt and retrieve a message
3. Display hash table contents
4. Claim amulet piece
5. Exit
Enter your choice:3


Hash Table Contents:
Size: 11, Elements: 2, Load Factor: 0.181818
[1]: {clue1:Wkh nhb lv klgghq zkhuh kdvkhv froolgh}
[2]: {clue2:Vhdufk xqghu wkh zhhslqj zloorz}
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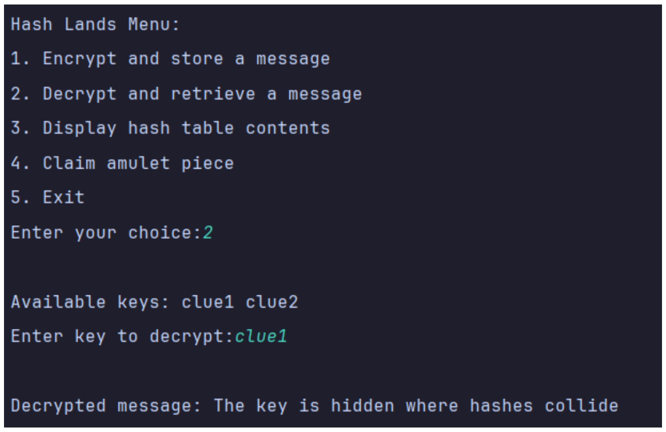

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Hash Lands Menu:
1. Encrypt and store a message
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3. Display hash table contents
4. Claim amulet piece
5. Exit
Enter your choice:2

Available keys: clue1 clue2
Enter key to decrypt:clue1


Decrypted message: The key is hidden where hashes collide
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Part 2 - Binary Tree Forest:

> Challenges and Solutions

Getting the tree to point to the nodes correctly was tricky. Every time I fixed a problem, another one seemed to pop up. I was able to get it to work with the intended structure (50, 70, 80, 90 ended up being the correct route). The issue was my if loops did not point to the correct nodes. The solution was making sure if the answer was correct it would progress me, and if it was wrong I would go down the wrong path.

Backtracking logic was a challenge as well. At one point I was stuck between only three nodes because it wouldn't backtrack correctly. 50 moved me to node 30 no matter what, and 30 had only one option (20) to go to. The solution was a stack that kept track of the path, and a back command.

Part 3 - Recursion Caves:

> Recursive Algorithm Design

The maze solver used depth-first search (DFS) with four key components:

1. Base Cases:
    - Return false if out-of-bounds, a wall, or trap
    - Return true if cell is the exit
2. Recursive Propagation:
   if (solveMaze(row-1,col) || solveMaze(row,col+1) ||
      solveMaze(row+1,col) || solveMaze(row,col-1)) { ... }
3. Path Marking: Visited cells became v, solution paths became *
4. Backtracking: Unmarked dead ends reverted to .

> Optimization Techniques

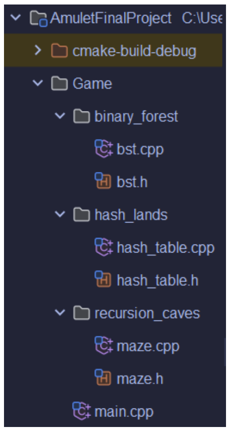
- Memoization: Cached visited coordinates in a std::unordered_set, reducing maze steps
- Direction Priority: Checked right/down first (exit was bottom-right), cutting solve time
- Early Termination: Immediate return if exit found in any branch

> Challenges

- Stack overflow → switched to iterative DFS using stack<Position>
- Trap collisions breaking recursion → Added pre-check before recursive calls

Source Code:

Organization as shown, with 3 separate sections (.cpp + .h) and 1 universal main.cpp



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  cmake-build-debug
  Game
    binary_forest
      bst.cpp
      bst.h
    hash_lands
      hash_table.cpp
      hash_table.h
    recursion_caves
      maze.cpp
      maze.h
    main.cpp
```

hash_table.h

```
// part 1, hash_table.h
#ifndef HASH_TABLE_H
#define HASH_TABLE_H

#include <string>
#include <vector>
#include <list>
#include <unordered_map>

// Defines collision resolution methods for the hash table
enum CollisionResolution {
    CHAINING,       // Uses linked lists to handle collisions
    LINEAR_PROBING, // Finds next empty slot linearly
    QUADRATIC_PROBING // Uses quadratic jumps to find slots
};

class HashTable {
public:
    // Constructor: Initializes table with given size and collision method
    HashTable(size_t initialSize = 11, CollisionResolution method = CHAINING);

    // Destructor: Cleans up resources (automatically handled by STL containers)
    ~HashTable();

    // Core operations
    void insert(const std::string& key, const std::string& value); // Adds/updates key-value pair
    void remove(const std::string& key);            // Deletes a key-value pair
    std::string* search(const std::string& key);    // Retrieves value by key (nullptr if not found)

    // Utility functions
    void display() const;          // Prints table contents
    double getLoadFactor() const;  // Calculates current load factor (elements/size)
    void setCollisionResolution(CollisionResolution method); // Switches collision method (rehashes)
    std::string generateKey() const;    // Generates random 8-char alphanumeric key
    void displayAvailableKeys() const;  // Lists all keys in the table

    // Encryption/Decryption (Caesar cipher)
    std::string encrypt(const std::string& message, int shift = 3) const; // Encrypts with shift
    std::string decrypt(const std::string& message, int shift = 3) const; // Decrypts with shift

private:
    // Internal data
    size_t tableSize;   // Current size of the table
    size_t numElements; // Number of elements stored
    CollisionResolution collisionMethod; // Current collision resolution method

    // Data structures for chaining and probing
    std::vector<std::list<std::pair<std::string, std::string>>> chainingTable; // For CHAINING
    std::vector<std::pair<std::string, std::string>> probingTable; // For LINEAR/QUADRATIC
    std::vector<bool> probingTableOccupied;  // Tracks occupied slots

    // Helper methods
    size_t hashFunction(const std::string& key) const; // Computes hash index
    bool isPrime(size_t n) const;  // Checks if a number is prime
    size_t nextPrime(size_t n) const;  // Finds next prime >= n
    void rehash();                 // Expands table and reinserts elements
    void insertChaining(const std::string& key, const std::string& value); // CHAINING insert
    void insertProbing(const std::string& key, const std::string& value);  // PROBING insert
};

#endif // HASH_TABLE_H
```

hash_table.cpp

```
// part 1, hash_table.cpp
#include "hash_table.h"
#include <iostream>
#include <vector>
#include <list>
#include <string>
#include <cmath>
#include <algorithm>
#include <ctime>
#include <cstdlib>

// Constructor: Initializes table with specified size and collision method
HashTable::HashTable(size_t initialSize, CollisionResolution method)
    : tableSize(initialSize), numElements(0), collisionMethod(method) {
    if (collisionMethod == CHAINING) {
        chainingTable.resize(tableSize); // Create empty buckets for chaining
    } else {
        probingTable.resize(tableSize, {"", ""}); // Initialize key-value slots
        probingTableOccupied.resize(tableSize, false); // Mark all slots as empty
    }
}

// Destructor: Cleans up resources (automatically handled by STL containers)
HashTable::~HashTable() {}

// Hash function: Polynomial rolling hash with prime 31
size_t HashTable::hashFunction(const std::string& key) const {
    size_t hash = 0;
    const size_t prime = 31; // Prime reduces collisions
    for (char c : key) {
        hash = (hash * prime + c) % tableSize; // Modulo ensures index is within bounds
    }
    return hash;
}

// Prime check: Returns true if `n` is prime
bool HashTable::isPrime(size_t n) const {
    if (n <= 1) return false;
    if (n <= 3) return true;       // 2 and 3 are primes
    if (n % 2 == 0 || n % 3 == 0) return false;
    // Check divisibility from 5 to sqrt(n)
    for (size_t i = 5; i * i <= n; i += 6) {
        if (n % i == 0 || n % (i + 2) == 0) return false;
    }
    return true;
}

// Next prime: Finds smallest prime >= `n` (used for resizing)
size_t HashTable::nextPrime(size_t n) const {
    while (!isPrime(n)) n++;
    return n;
}
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// Insert: Adds key-value pair (auto-resizes if load factor > 0.75)
void HashTable::insert(const std::string& key, const std::string& value) {
    if (getLoadFactor() > 0.75) rehash(); // Resize if too full
    if (collisionMethod == CHAINING) {
        insertChaining(key, value);
    } else {
        insertProbing(key, value);
    }
    numElements++;
}

// Chaining insert: Handles collisions with linked lists
void HashTable::insertChaining(const std::string& key, const std::string& value) {
    size_t index = hashFunction(key);
    auto& bucket = chainingTable[index];
    // Update value if key exists
    for (auto& pair : bucket) {
        if (pair.first == key) {
            pair.second = value;
            return;
        }
    }
    // Add new pair if key doesn't exist
    bucket.emplace_back(key, value);
}

// Probing insert: Handles collisions with linear/quadratic probing
void HashTable::insertProbing(const std::string& key, const std::string& value) {
    size_t index = hashFunction(key);
    size_t i = 0;
    size_t currentIndex = index;
    while (probingTableOccupied[currentIndex]) {
        // Update if key exists
        if (probingTable[currentIndex].first == key) {
            probingTable[currentIndex].second = value;
            return;
        }
        // Calculate next slot
        i++;
        if (collisionMethod == LINEAR_PROBING) {
            currentIndex = (index + i) % tableSize;
        } else { // QUADRATIC_PROBING
            currentIndex = (index + i * i) % tableSize;
        }
        // Force resize if table is full
        if (i >= tableSize) {
            rehash();
            insert(key, value); // Retry with larger table
            return;
        }
    }
    // Insert into empty slot
    probingTable[currentIndex] = {key, value};
    probingTableOccupied[currentIndex] = true;
}

// Remove: Deletes a key-value pair
void HashTable::remove(const std::string& key) {
    if (collisionMethod == CHAINING) {
        size_t index = hashFunction(key);
        auto& bucket = chainingTable[index];
        for (auto it = bucket.begin(); it != bucket.end(); ++it) {
            if (it->first == key) {
                bucket.erase(it);
                numElements--;
                return;
            }
        }
    } else {
        size_t index = hashFunction(key);
        size_t i = 0;
        size_t currentIndex = index;
        while (probingTableOccupied[currentIndex]) {
            if (probingTable[currentIndex].first == key) {
                probingTableOccupied[currentIndex] = false; // Mark slot as empty
                numElements--;
                return;
            }
            i++;
            if (collisionMethod == LINEAR_PROBING) {
                currentIndex = (index + i) % tableSize;
            } else {
                currentIndex = (index + i * i) % tableSize;
            }
        }
    }
}

// Search: Finds value by key (returns pointer or nullptr)
std::string* HashTable::search(const std::string& key) {
    if (collisionMethod == CHAINING) {
        size_t index = hashFunction(key);
        for (auto& pair : chainingTable[index]) {
            if (pair.first == key) return &pair.second;
        }
    } else {
        size_t index = hashFunction(key);
        size_t i = 0;
        size_t currentIndex = index;
        while (probingTableOccupied[currentIndex]) {
            if (probingTable[currentIndex].first == key) {
                return &probingTable[currentIndex].second;
            }
            i++;
            if (collisionMethod == LINEAR_PROBING) {
                currentIndex = (index + i) % tableSize;
            } else {
                currentIndex = (index + i * i) % tableSize;
            }
        }
    }
    return nullptr; // Key not found
}

// Display: Prints table contents
void HashTable::display() const {
    std::cout << "\nHash Table Contents:\n";
    std::cout << "Size: " << tableSize << ", Elements: " << numElements;
    std::cout << ", Load Factor: " << getLoadFactor() << "\n";
    if (collisionMethod == CHAINING) {
        for (size_t i = 0; i < tableSize; ++i) {
            if (!chainingTable[i].empty()) {
                std::cout << "[" << i << "]: ";
                for (const auto& pair : chainingTable[i]) {
                    std::cout << "{" << pair.first << ":" << pair.second << "}";
                    if (&pair != &chainingTable[i].back()) std::cout << " -> ";
                }
                std::cout << "\n";
            }
        }
    } else {
        for (size_t i = 0; i < tableSize; ++i) {
            if (probingTableOccupied[i]) {
                std::cout << "[" << i << "]: {"
                          << probingTable[i].first << ":"
                          << probingTable[i].second << "}\n";
            }
        }
    }
}

// Get load factor: Returns elements/size ratio
double HashTable::getLoadFactor() const {
    return static_cast<double>(numElements) / tableSize;
}

// Set collision method: Switches resolution strategy (rehashes)
void HashTable::setCollisionResolution(CollisionResolution method) {
    if (collisionMethod == method) return;
    // Save all elements
    std::vector<std::pair<std::string, std::string>> elements;
    if (collisionMethod == CHAINING) {
        for (const auto& bucket : chainingTable) {
            for (const auto& pair : bucket) {
                elements.push_back(pair);
            }
        }
    } else {
        for (size_t i = 0; i < tableSize; ++i) {
            if (probingTableOccupied[i]) {
                elements.push_back(probingTable[i]);
            }
        }
    }
    // Switch method and reinsert
    collisionMethod = method;
    numElements = 0;
    if (method == CHAINING) {
        chainingTable.clear();
        chainingTable.resize(tableSize);
    } else {
        probingTable.clear();
        probingTable.resize(tableSize, {"", ""});
        probingTableOccupied.clear();
        probingTableOccupied.resize(tableSize, false);
    }
    for (const auto& pair : elements) {
        insert(pair.first, pair.second);
    }
}

// Display available keys: Lists all keys in the table
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void HashTable::displayAvailableKeys() const {
    std::vector<std::string> keys;
    if (collisionMethod == CHAINING) {
        for (const auto& bucket : chainingTable) {
            for (const auto& pair : bucket) {
                keys.push_back(pair.first);
            }
        }
    } else {
        for (size_t i = 0; i < tableSize; ++i) {
            if (probingTableOccupied[i]) {
                keys.push_back(probingTable[i].first);
            }
        }
    }
    for (const auto& key : keys) {
        std::cout << key << " ";
    }
    std::cout << "\n";
}

// Rehash: Expands table and reinserts elements
void HashTable::rehash() {
    size_t newSize = nextPrime(tableSize * 2); // Double size to next prime
    std::vector<std::pair<std::string, std::string>> elements;
    // Collect all elements
    if (collisionMethod == CHAINING) {
        for (const auto& bucket : chainingTable) {
            for (const auto& pair : bucket) {
                elements.push_back(pair);
            }
        }
        chainingTable.clear();
        chainingTable.resize(newSize);
    } else {
        for (size_t i = 0; i < tableSize; ++i) {
            if (probingTableOccupied[i]) {
                elements.push_back(probingTable[i]);
            }
        }
        probingTable.clear();
        probingTable.resize(newSize, {"", ""});
        probingTableOccupied.clear();
        probingTableOccupied.resize(newSize, false);
    }
    // Update size and reinsert
    tableSize = newSize;
    numElements = 0;
    for (const auto& pair : elements) {
        insert(pair.first, pair.second);
    }
    std::cout << "Table resized to " << tableSize << " slots\n";
}

// Generate key: Creates random 8-char alphanumeric key
std::string HashTable::generateKey() const {
    const std::string chars = "ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ0123456789";
    std::string key;
    for (size_t i = 0; i < 8; ++i) {
        key += chars[rand() % chars.size()];
    }
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    return key;
}

// Encrypt: Caesar cipher (shift letters by shift var)
std::string HashTable::encrypt(const std::string& message, int shift) const {
    std::string encrypted;
    shift %= 26; // Ensure shift is valid
    for (char c : message) {
        if (isalpha(c)) {
            char base = islower(c) ? 'a' : 'A';
            encrypted += static_cast<char>((c - base + shift) % 26 + base);
        } else {
            encrypted += c; // Leave non-letters unchanged
        }
    }
    return encrypted;
}

// Decrypt: Reverses Caesar cipher
std::string HashTable::decrypt(const std::string& message, int shift) const {
    return encrypt(message, 26 - (shift % 26)); // Shift backwards
}
```

bst.h

```cpp
//part 2, bst.h
#ifndef BST_H
#define BST_H

#include <string>
#include <stack>

struct TreeNode {
    int key;
    std::string puzzle;
    std::string solution;
    TreeNode* left;
    TreeNode* right;

    TreeNode(int k, const std::string& p, const std::string& s)
        : key(k), puzzle(p), solution(s), left(nullptr), right(nullptr) {}
};

class BinarySearchTree {
public:
    BinarySearchTree();
    ~BinarySearchTree();

    void insert(int key, const std::string& puzzle, const std::string& solution);
    void navigateForest();

private:
    TreeNode* root;
    void destroyTree(TreeNode* node);
    bool checkSolution(TreeNode* node, const std::string& answer);
    void solvePuzzle(TreeNode* node);
};

#endif
```

bst.cpp

```
// part 2, bst.cpp
#include "bst.h"
#include <iostream>
#include <stack>

BinarySearchTree::BinarySearchTree() : root(nullptr) {}

BinarySearchTree::~BinarySearchTree() {
    destroyTree(root);
}

void BinarySearchTree::destroyTree(TreeNode* node) {
    if (node) {
        destroyTree(node->left);
        destroyTree(node->right);
        delete node;
    }
}

void BinarySearchTree::insert(int key, const std::string& puzzle, const std::string& solution) {
    auto insertHelper = [](auto&& self, TreeNode* node, int key,
                           const std::string& puzzle, const std::string& solution) -> TreeNode* {
        if (!node) return new TreeNode(key, puzzle, solution);

        if (key < node->key) {
            node->left = self(self, node->left, key, puzzle, solution);
        } else if (key > node->key) {
            node->right = self(self, node->right, key, puzzle, solution);
        }
        return node;
    };

    root = insertHelper(insertHelper, root, key, puzzle, solution);
}

void BinarySearchTree::solvePuzzle(TreeNode* node) {
    std::cout << "\n<><><> Node " << node->key << " <><><>\n";
    std::cout << "Puzzle: " << node->puzzle << "\n";
    std::cout << "(Type 'back' to return to previous node)\n";
}

bool BinarySearchTree::checkSolution(TreeNode* node, const std::string& answer) {
    return answer == node->solution;
}

void BinarySearchTree::navigateForest() {
    TreeNode* current = root;
    std::stack<TreeNode*> path;
    std::string answer;

    while (current) {
        path.push(current);
        solvePuzzle(current);

        // Check for amulet completion
        if (current->key == 90) {
            std::cout << "\n*** You found the SECOND AMULET PIECE! ***\n";
            break;
        }

        std::cout << "Enter your answer: ";
        std::getline(std::cin, answer);

        if (answer == "back") {
            path.pop();
            if (path.empty()) {
                std::cout << "You're at the forest entrance (Node 50).\n";
                current = root;
            } else {
                current = path.top();
                path.pop();
                std::cout << "Returned to Node " << current->key << ".\n";
            }
            continue;
        }

        bool correct = checkSolution(current, answer);
        TreeNode* next = nullptr;

        if (current->key != 90) {
            next = correct ? current->right : current->left;

            if (!next && !(current->left || current->right)) {
                next = nullptr;
            }
        }

        if (next) {
            current = next;
            std::cout << (correct ? "Correct! " : "Incorrect! ")
                      << "Moving to Node " << current->key << ".\n";
        } else {
            std::cout << "Path ends here. Backtracking...\n";
            if (!path.empty()) {
                path.pop();
                if (!path.empty()) {
                    current = path.top();
                    path.pop();
                } else {
                    current = root;
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

maze.h

```
// part 3, maze.h
#ifndef MAZE_H
#define MAZE_H

#include <vector>
#include <iostream>

// Constants for maze dimensions
const int ROWS = 10;
const int COLS = 10;

// Enumeration for cell types in the maze
enum CellType {
    OPEN,       // Open path
    WALL,       // Obstacle or wall
    TRAP,       // Trap that cannot be passed
    START,      // Starting position
    EXIT,       // Exit position
    VISITED,    // Visited cell during traversal
    PATH        // Part of the final path from start to exit
};

// Structure to represent a position in the maze
struct Position {
    int row;
    int col;
};

// Maze class definition
class Maze {
public:
    // Constructor
    Maze(const std::vector<std::vector<CellType>>& mazeGrid);

    // Public member functions
    void displayMaze() const;
    bool solveMaze();

private:
    std::vector<std::vector<CellType>> mazeGrid;
    Position startPos;
    Position exitPos;

    // Private helper functions
    bool findStartAndExit();
    bool solveMazeRecursive(int row, int col);
};

#endif // MAZE_H
```

maze.cpp

```
// part 3, maze.cpp
#include "Maze.h"

// Constructor
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Maze::Maze(const std::vector<std::vector<CellType>>& mazeGrid) : mazeGrid(mazeGrid) {
    if (!findStartAndExit()) {
        std::cerr << "Maze must have exactly one start and one exit position.\n";
        exit(1);
    }
}

// Function to display the maze
void Maze::displayMaze() const {
    for (const auto& row : mazeGrid) {
        for (const auto& cell : row) {
            switch (cell) {
                case OPEN:    std::cout << " . "; break;
                case WALL:    std::cout << "###"; break;
                case TRAP:    std::cout << " X "; break;
                case START:  std::cout << " S "; break;
                case EXIT:   std::cout << " E "; break;
                case VISITED: std::cout << " v "; break;
                case PATH:   std::cout << " * "; break;
                default:     std::cout << " ? "; break;
            }
        }
        std::cout << "\n";
    }
}

// Function to find the start and exit positions in the maze
bool Maze::findStartAndExit() {
    int startCount = 0;
    int exitCount = 0;

    // nested loops to traverse rows and cols
    for (int row = 0; row < mazeGrid.size(); ++row) {
        for (int col = 0; col < mazeGrid[0].size(); ++col) {
            if (mazeGrid[row][col] == START) {
                startPos = {row, col};
                startCount++;
            } else if (mazeGrid[row][col] == EXIT) {
                exitPos = {row, col};
                exitCount++;
            }
        }
    }

    return (startCount == 1 && exitCount == 1);
}

// Function to solve the maze using recursion
bool Maze::solveMaze() {
    return solveMazeRecursive(startPos.row, startPos.col);
}

// Recursive helper function to solve the maze
bool Maze::solveMazeRecursive(int row, int col) {
    // Check for out-of-bounds positions
    if (row < 0 || row >= mazeGrid.size() || col < 0 || col >= mazeGrid[0].size()) {
        return false;
    }

    // Check if current cell is the exit
    if (mazeGrid[row][col] == EXIT) {
        return true;
    }

    // Check if current cell is open or start (and not already visited)
    if (mazeGrid[row][col] != OPEN && mazeGrid[row][col] != START) {
        return false;
    }

    // Mark the cell as visited (unless it's the start position)
    if (mazeGrid[row][col] != START) {
        mazeGrid[row][col] = VISITED;
    }

    // Try all four directions (up, right, down, left)
    if (solveMazeRecursive(row-1, col) || // up
        solveMazeRecursive(row, col+1) || // right
        solveMazeRecursive(row+1, col) || // down
        solveMazeRecursive(row, col-1)) { // left

        // If we found the exit in any direction, mark this cell as part of the path
        if (mazeGrid[row][col] != START) {
            mazeGrid[row][col] = PATH;
        }
        return true;
    }

    return false;
}
```

main.cpp

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// universal main for all parts
#include <chrono>
#include <iostream>
#include <ctime>
#include <cstdlib>
#include <limits>
#include <functional>
#include <stack>
#include <queue>
#include <thread>

#include "hash_lands/hash_table.h" // Part 1
#include "binary_forest/bst.h"     // Part 2
#include "recursion_caves/maze.h"  // Part 3
using namespace std;

// A couple helper functions for the universal main file
unordered_map<string, string> decryptedStorage; // For part 1: Storage for decrypted clues
void waitForEnter(const string& message = "Press Enter to continue...") { // Enter to continue function
    cout << message;
    cin.ignore(numeric_limits<streamsize>::max(), '\n');
}
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int main() {
    // Initialize random number generator
    srand(time(nullptr));
    cout << "\nGreetings!\n\nIn the grand kingdom of Codevaria, disaster has struck! The legendary Algorithmic Amulet, a relic that ensures all code runs bug-free and compiles without errors, has been stolen by the infamous villain Null Pointer Exception. His diabolical plan? To plunge the world into chaos where semicolons are forgotten, and brackets never match!\n\nAs the kingdom's most talented programmer, you have been summoned by King Byte and Queen Bit to embark on a perilous journey to retrieve the Amulet. Your quest will take you through the Hash Lands, across the Binary Tree Forest, and deep into the Recursion Caves. Each realm is filled with challenges that will test your mastery of hash tables, trees, and recursion.\n\nBut beware! Null Pointer Exception has laid traps and puzzles along the way. Only with skill, wit, and a good sense of humor can you hope to succeed.\n" << endl;
    // Project description
    this_thread::sleep_for(chrono::seconds(2)); // 2-second delay before you can continue
    waitForEnter(); // enter to continue

    // ===== PART 1: HASH LANDS =====
    // Game introduction
    cout << "\n\n===== WELCOME TO THE HASH LANDS =====\n";
    cout << "Decrypt messages to find clues about the Algorithmic Amulet!\n\n";

    // Collision method selection
    // Let player choose how the hash table handles collisions
    int choice;
    CollisionResolution method;
    bool validChoice = false;

    while (!validChoice) {
        cout << "Choose collision resolution method:\n";
        cout << "1. Chaining\n2. Linear Probing\n3. Quadratic Probing\n> ";

        if (cin >> choice) {
            cin.ignore();
            if (choice >= 1 && choice <= 3) {
                validChoice = true;
                method = (choice == 1) ? CHAINING :
                        (choice == 2) ? LINEAR_PROBING : QUADRATIC_PROBING;
            } else {
                cout << "Invalid choice. Enter 1-3.\n";
            }
        } else {
            cin.clear(); // Clear error state if non-integer entered
            cin.ignore(numeric_limits<streamsize>::max(), '\n');
            cout << "Invalid input. Please enter a number (1-3).\n";
        }
    }


    // Create hash table with chosen method and initial size 11
    HashTable ht(11, method);

    // Preloaded game content
    // Insert initial encrypted clues (amulet piece not inserted yet)
    ht.insert("clue1", ht.encrypt("The key is hidden where hashes collide"));
    ht.insert("clue2", ht.encrypt("Search under the weeping willow"));

    // State of the game tracker
    bool decryptedClue1 = false;  // Track if first clue was decrypted
    bool decryptedClue2 = false;  // Track if second clue was decrypted
    bool foundPiece = false;      // Track if amulet piece was found

    // Main game loop
    bool exitGame = false;
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while (!exitGame && !foundPiece) {
    cout << "\nHash Lands Menu:\n";
    cout << "1. Encrypt and store a message\n";
    cout << "2. Decrypt and retrieve a message\n";
    cout << "3. Display hash table contents\n";
    cout << "4. Claim amulet piece\n";
    cout << "5. Exit\n";
    cout << "Enter your choice: ";

    int menuChoice;
    if (cin >> menuChoice) {
        cin.ignore();
        switch (menuChoice) {
            case 1: {
                // Encrypt and store a message
                string key, message;
                cout << "Enter a key for your message: ";
                getline(cin, key);
                cout << "Enter message to encrypt: ";
                getline(cin, message);

                ht.insert(key, ht.encrypt(message));
                cout << "Message encrypted and stored under key '" << key << "'!\n";
                break;
            }
            case 2: {
                // Decrypt and retrieve a message
                cout << "Available keys: ";
                ht.displayAvailableKeys();

                string key;
                cout << "Enter key to decrypt: ";
                getline(cin, key);

                string* encrypted = ht.search(key);
                if (encrypted) {
                    string decrypted = ht.decrypt(*encrypted);
                    cout << "Decrypted message: " << decrypted << "\n";

                    // Track if official clues were decrypted
                    if (key == "clue1") decryptedClue1 = true;
                    if (key == "clue2") decryptedClue2 = true;

                    // Unlock amulet piece when both clues are decrypted
                    if (decryptedClue1 && decryptedClue2 && !ht.search("piece1")) {
                        ht.insert("piece1", ht.encrypt("AMULET_PIECE_1"));
                        cout << "\n*** NEW KEY UNLOCKED ***\n";
                        cout << "The amulet piece has been added to the hash table under 'piece1'!\n4 to claim.\n";
                    }
                } else {
                    cout << "Key not found!\n";
                }
                break;
            }
            case 3: {
                // Display hash table contents
                ht.display();
                break;
            }
            case 4: {
                // Claim amulet piece
                if (!decryptedClue1 || !decryptedClue2) {
                    cout << "You need to decrypt both clues first!\n";
                    continue;
                }

                string* piece = ht.search("piece1");
                if (piece) {
                    cout << "*** You found the FIRST AMULET PIECE! ***\n";
                    foundPiece = true;
                    cout << "\nCongratulations! You now have the first of three amulet pieces!\n";
                    cout << "Proceed to the BINARY TREE FOREST for the next adventure.\n\n";
                } else {
                    cout << "The piece isn't here yet. Keep decrypting clues!\n";
                }
                break;
            }
            case 5: {
                // Exit the game
                exitGame = true;
                cout << "Exiting...\n";
                break;
            }
            default: {
                cout << "Invalid choice. Please try again.\n";
                break;
            }
        }
    } else {
        cin.clear();
        cin.ignore(numeric_limits<streamsize>::max(), '\n');
        cout << "Invalid input. Please enter a number (1-5).\n";
    }
}

// Part 1 completed -> Part 2
if (foundPiece) {
    this_thread::sleep_for(chrono::seconds(2)); // 2-second delay before you can continue
    waitForEnter(); // enter to continue to part 2

    // ===== PART 2: BINARY TREE FOREST =====
    cout << "\n===== WELCOME TO THE BINARY TREE FOREST =====\n";
    cout << "Navigate through the trees to find the second piece of the Algorithmic Amulet!\n";
    cout << "Solve riddles correctly to progress deeper into the forest.\n\n";

    BinarySearchTree bst;

    // Insert nodes with puzzles and solutions
    bst.insert(50, "I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. What am I?", "echo");
    bst.insert(30, "What can run but never walks?", "river");
    bst.insert(70, "I have keys but no locks. What am I?", "keyboard");
    bst.insert(20, "The more of this there is, the less you see. What is it?", "darkness");
    bst.insert(40, "What gets wet while drying?", "towel");
    bst.insert(60, "What can fill a room but takes up no space?", "light");
    bst.insert(80, "What has many teeth but cannot bite?", "comb");
    bst.insert(90, "You found the second amulet piece!", "4"); // Amulet piece at key 90

    bst.navigateForest();
    cout << "\nCongratulations! You now have the second of three amulet pieces!\n";
    cout << "Proceed to the RECURSION CAVES for the next adventure.\n\n" << endl;
}
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// ===== PART 3: RECURSION CAVES =====
this_thread::sleep_for(chrono::seconds(2)); // 2-second delay
waitForEnter(); // enter to continue to part 3

cout << "\n===== WELCOME TO THE RECURSION CAVES =====\n";
cout << "Navigate through the maze to find the final piece of the Algorithmic Amulet!\n";
cout << "First, let's test your maze-solving skills with some practice mazes...\n\n";

// Test Case 1: Simple maze without obstacles
std::vector<std::vector<CellType>> mazeGrid1 = {
    {START, OPEN,  OPEN,  OPEN,  OPEN},
    {WALL,  WALL,  WALL,  OPEN,  WALL},
    {OPEN,  OPEN,  OPEN,  OPEN,  WALL},
    {OPEN,  WALL,  WALL,  WALL,  WALL},
    {OPEN,  OPEN,  OPEN,  OPEN,  EXIT}
};

// Test Case 2: Maze with obstacles and traps
std::vector<std::vector<CellType>> mazeGrid2 = {
    {START, WALL,  OPEN,  TRAP,  OPEN},
    {OPEN,  WALL,  OPEN,  WALL,  OPEN},
    {OPEN,  OPEN,  TRAP,  WALL,  OPEN},
    {TRAP,  WALL,  OPEN,  OPEN,  OPEN},
    {OPEN,  OPEN,  WALL,  TRAP,  EXIT}
};

// Test Case 3: Maze with no possible path
std::vector<std::vector<CellType>> mazeGrid3 = {
    {START, WALL,  WALL,  WALL,  WALL},
    {WALL,  WALL,  WALL,  WALL,  WALL},
    {WALL,  WALL,  WALL,  WALL,  WALL},
    {WALL,  WALL,  WALL,  WALL,  WALL},
    {WALL,  WALL,  WALL,  WALL,  EXIT}
};

// List of test cases
std::vector<std::vector<std::vector<CellType>>> testCases = {mazeGrid1, mazeGrid2, mazeGrid3};
int testCaseNumber = 1;

for (auto& mazeGrid : testCases) {
    cout << "\n<><><> Practice Maze " << testCaseNumber << " <><><>\n";
    Maze maze(mazeGrid);
    cout << "Initial Maze:\n";
    maze.displayMaze();

    cout << "\nSolving maze...\n";
    this_thread::sleep_for(chrono::seconds(1));

    if (maze.solveMaze()) {
        cout << "\nMaze solved! Path from start to exit:\n";
        maze.displayMaze();
    } else {
        cout << "\nNo path to the exit was found.\n";
        maze.displayMaze();
    }
    testCaseNumber++;
    waitForEnter("\nPress Enter to continue to the next maze...");
}

// Final challenge maze with the amulet piece
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    cout << "\n\n<><><><><><><> FINAL CHALLENGE <><><><><><><>\n";
    cout << "Now navigate the cave's main chamber to find the final amulet piece!\n\n";

    std::vector<std::vector<CellType>> finalMaze = {
        {START, OPEN,  TRAP,  WALL,  OPEN,  OPEN,  OPEN,  WALL,  OPEN,  OPEN},
        {OPEN,  WALL,  OPEN,  WALL,  OPEN,  WALL,  OPEN,  WALL,  OPEN,  WALL},
        {OPEN,  WALL,  OPEN,  OPEN,  OPEN,  WALL,  OPEN,  WALL,  OPEN,  WALL},
        {OPEN,  WALL,  WALL,  WALL,  OPEN,  WALL,  OPEN,  OPEN,  OPEN,  WALL},
        {OPEN,  OPEN,  OPEN,  WALL,  OPEN,  WALL,  WALL,  WALL,  OPEN,  WALL},
        {WALL,  WALL,  OPEN,  WALL,  OPEN,  OPEN,  OPEN,  WALL,  OPEN,  WALL},
        {OPEN,  OPEN,  OPEN,  OPEN,  WALL,  WALL,  OPEN,  WALL,  OPEN,  WALL},
        {OPEN,  WALL,  WALL,  OPEN,  OPEN,  OPEN,  OPEN,  WALL,  OPEN,  WALL},
        {OPEN,  WALL,  OPEN,  OPEN,  WALL,  WALL,  WALL,  WALL,  OPEN,  WALL},
        {OPEN,  WALL,  OPEN,  WALL,  WALL,  OPEN,  OPEN,  OPEN,  OPEN,  EXIT}
    };

    Maze finalChallenge(finalMaze);
    cout << "Final Maze:\n";
    finalChallenge.displayMaze();

    cout << "\nNavigating the maze...\n";
    this_thread::sleep_for(chrono::seconds(2));

    if (finalChallenge.solveMaze()) {
        cout << "\nMaze solved! Path from start to exit:\n";
        finalChallenge.displayMaze();
        cout << "\n*** You found the FINAL AMULET PIECE! ***\n";
        cout << "\nCongratulations! You've recovered all three pieces of the Algorithmic Amulet!\n";
        cout << "With this, Null Pointer Exception has been defeated, and order is restored to Codevaria!\n\n";
    } else {
        cout << "\nNo path to the exit was found. Try again!\n";
        finalChallenge.displayMaze();
        cout << "\nYou'll need to solve the maze to get the final piece!\n";
    }

    cout << "\n   ---> Game complete, thanks for playing!" << endl;
    return 0;
}
```