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User Manual

0. Running Executable

Run the Executable Team4.exe to start the program.

1. Startup Window

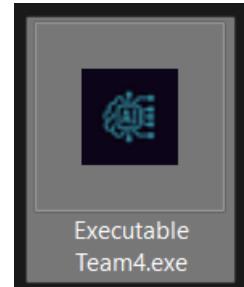


Figure 1 Shows exe

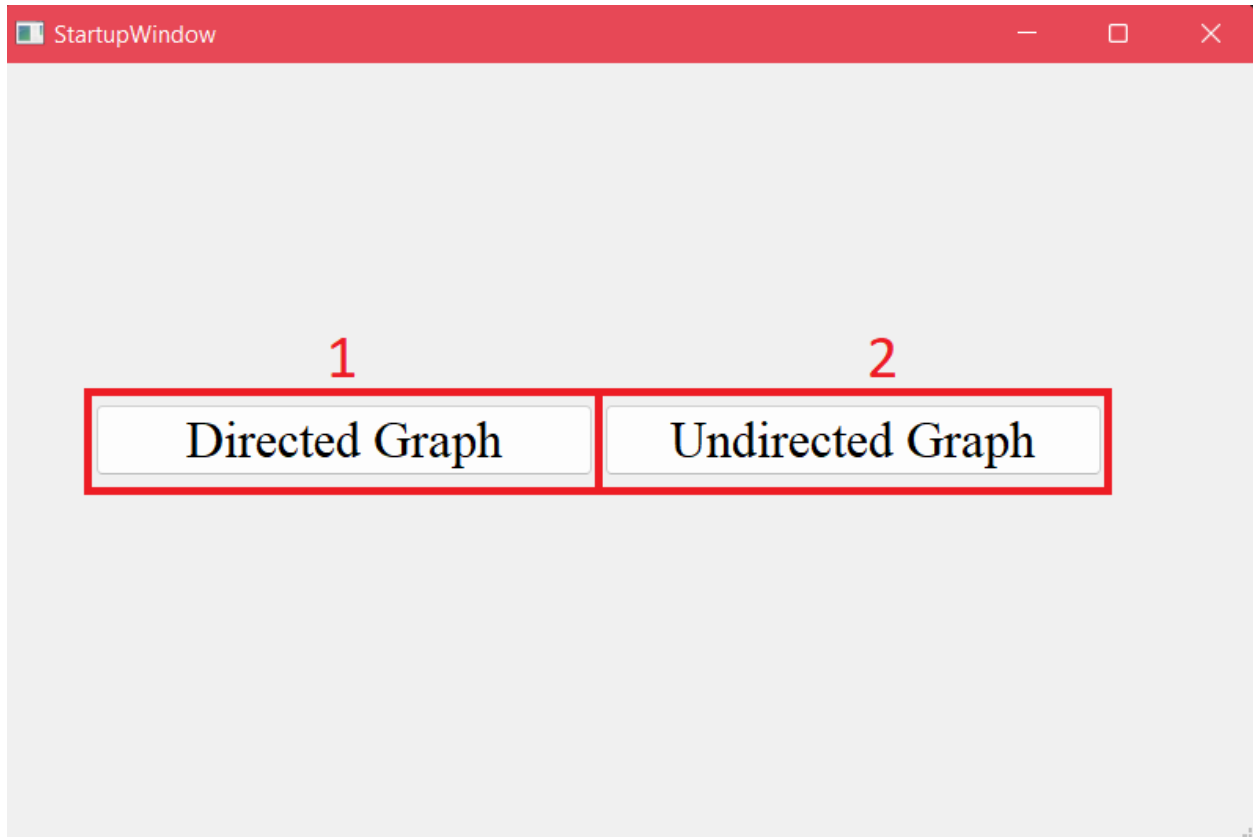


Figure 2 Shows Startup Window

This is the first window that appears to the user upon startup of the application.

In this window the user has the option to choose one of the two types of graphs:

1. Directed Graph: where the relationship between the nodes is a one-way relationship through the edges.
2. Undirected Graph: where the relationship between the nodes is a two-way relationship through the edges.

After choosing the type of graph a transition occurs to another window (Main window).

2.0. Main Window

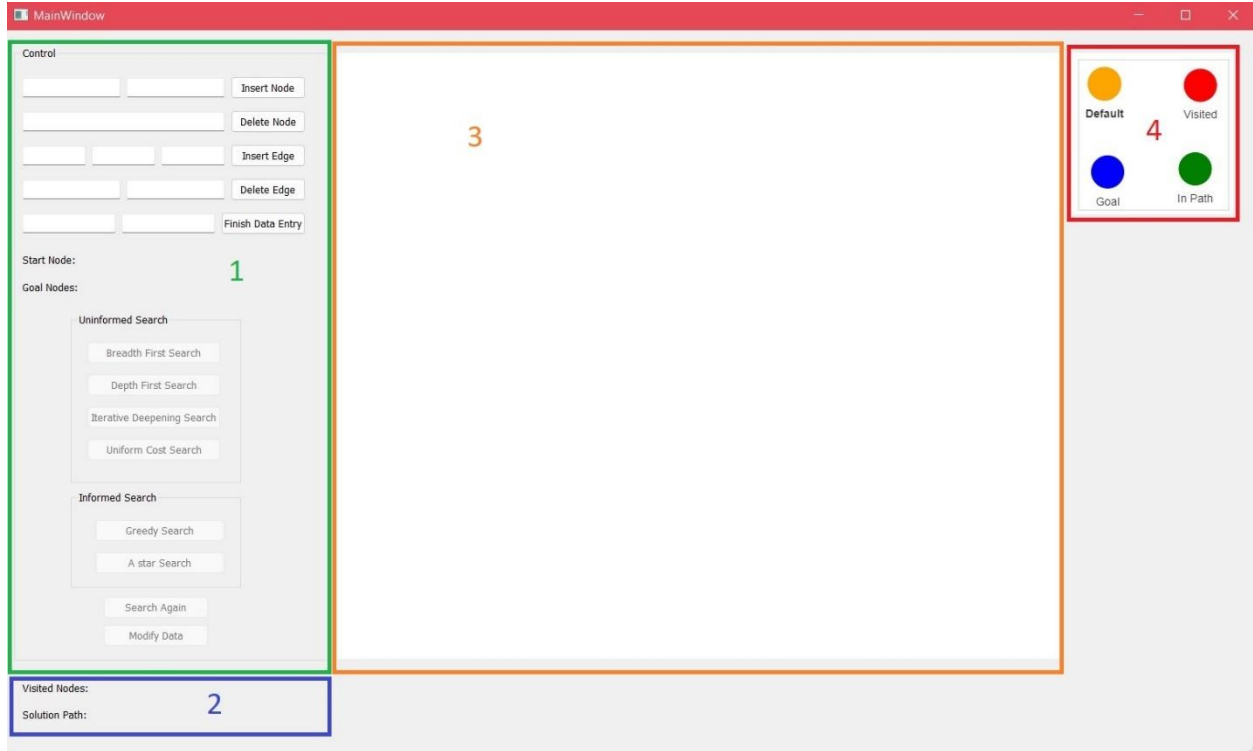


Figure 3 Shows Main Window

The Main Window consists of four main components:

1. Control panel: used to enter the graph data and choose the searching algorithm
2. Output panel: displays the visited nodes and the solution path which the chosen algorithm returns.
3. Graph view: shows visualization of the entered graph containing the nodes and the edges.
4. Legend: helps the user understand the color scheme of the graph.

2.1. Control Panel

2.1.1. Data entry

The image shows a 'Control' panel with six numbered sections. Section 1 (red border) contains two text boxes and an 'Insert Node' button. Section 2 (orange border) contains one text box and a 'Delete Node' button. Section 3 (yellow border) contains three text boxes and an 'Insert Edge' button. Section 4 (green border) contains two text boxes and a 'Delete Edge' button. Section 5 (blue border) contains two text boxes and a 'Finish Data Entry' button. Section 6 (blue border) contains two labels: 'Start Node:' and 'Goal Nodes:'. The numbers 1 through 5 are placed to the right of their respective sections, and the number 6 is placed to the right of the 'Start Node:' label.

Figure 4 Shows Control Panel

1. Insert Node: enter the node name in the first textbox and the heuristic in the second text box then press Insert Node. The node will be displayed in the graph view. (Note: the node name is unique, the heuristic must be positive or zero).
2. Delete Node: enter the node name to be deleted and press Delete Node. The node will be removed from the graph view.
3. Insert Edge: enter the first node name in the first textbox, the second node name in the second textbox and the weight in the third text box then press Insert Edge. The edge will be displayed in the graph view connecting the two nodes. (Note: in case of directed graph the edge is directed first \rightarrow second in case of undirected order doesn't matter).
4. Delete Edge: enter the first node in the first text box and the second node in the second text box then press Delete Edge. The edge will be removed from the graph view.
5. Finish Data Entry: enter the start node in the first textbox and the goal nodes separated by commas in the second textbox then press Finish Data Entry. The color of the goal nodes will be changed in the graph view from orange (default) to blue (goal nodes).
6. Upon clicking Finish Data Entry the start and goal nodes are written here for display.

Example:

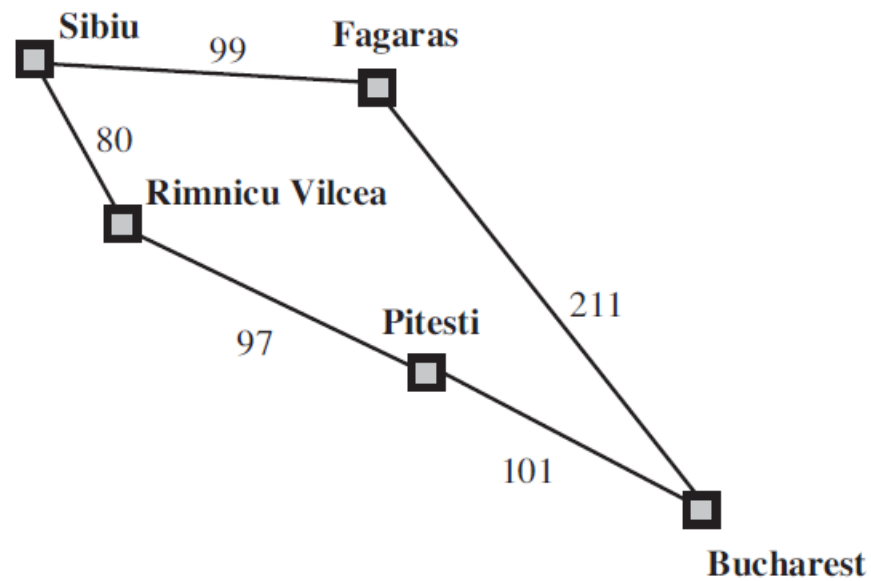


Figure 5 Example to be used throughout the manual

Step 1: Inserting nodes: type the node name and its heuristic then press **Insert Node**

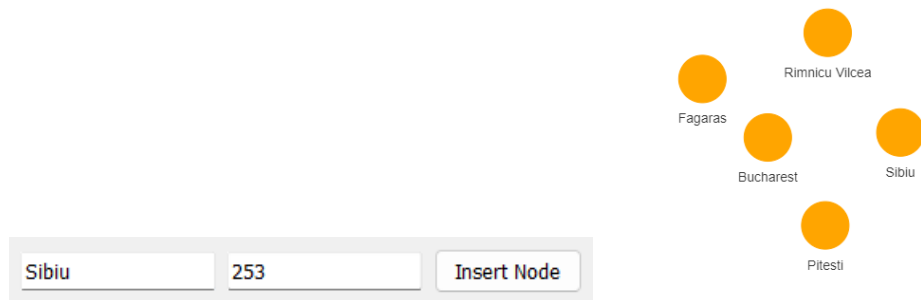


Figure 6 inserting nodes syntax

Deleting node: type the node name to be deleted then press **Delete Node**

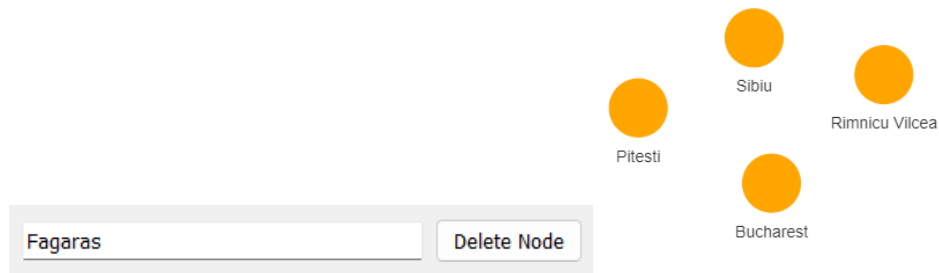


Figure 7 Deleting Nodes syntax

Step 2: Inserting edges: type first node, second node and the weight then press **Insert Edge**

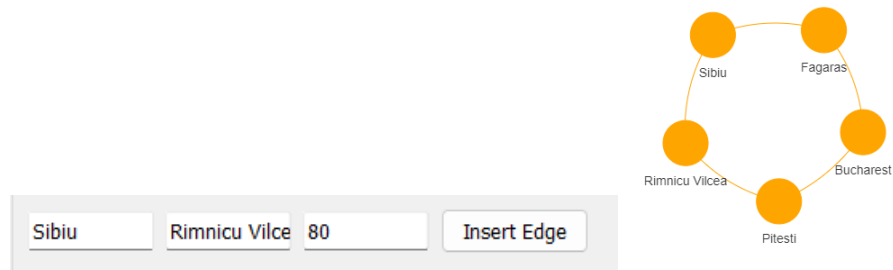


Figure 8 Inserting Edges syntax

Deleting edge: type the two node's name connected by an edge then press **Delete Edge**.

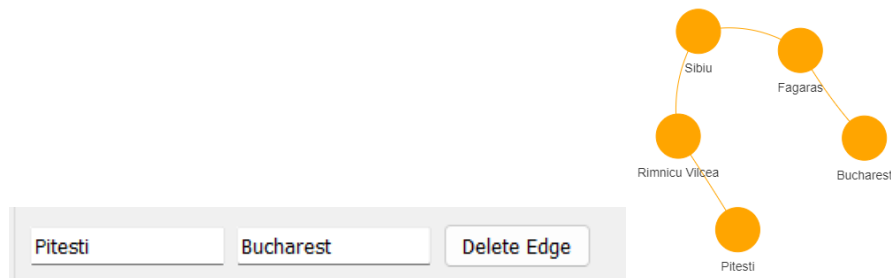


Figure 9 Deleting Edges syntax

Step 3: Finish Data Entry: type the start and then the goal nodes separated by commas (',') then press **Finish Data Entry**.

Sibiu Bucharest Finish Data Entry

Figure 10 Start and Goal nodes syntax

Start: Sibiu
Goals: ['Bucharest']

Figure 11 Start and Goal nodes displayed

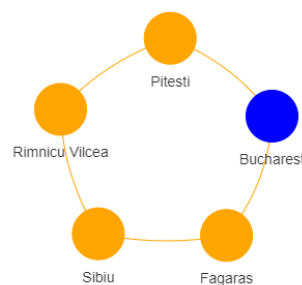


Figure 12 Graph after inserting all data

2.1.2. Choosing searching algorithm

The user has a variety of options in choosing the type of searching algorithms either uninformed search or informed search.

Uninformed Search include:

Breadth first, Depth first, Iterative deepening and uniform cost.

Informed Search include:

Greedy and A*.

1. Searching:

Simply the user chooses whichever searching algorithm he wishes to use.

If the user wants to search on the same graph using another algorithm, he first presses the **Search Again** button and then choose the algorithm he wishes to execute.

2. Modifying Data:

If the user wants to modify the data i.e., add/delete nodes/edges he presses the **Modify Data** button then he can modify the data.

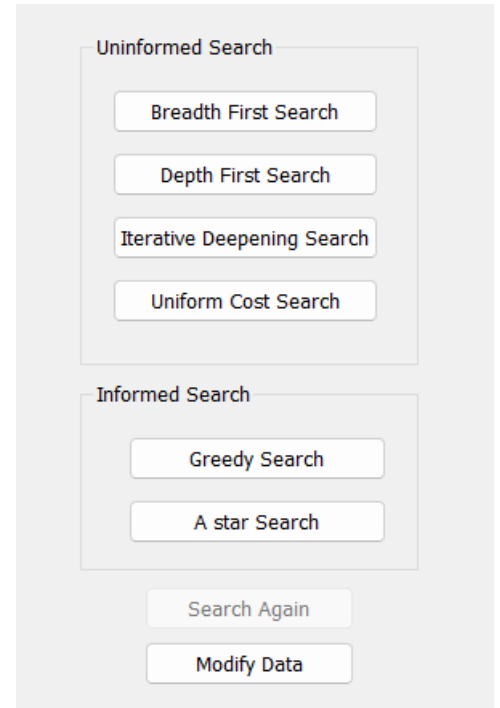


Figure 13 Shows searching algorithms available

2.2. Output panel

This panel shows the list of visited nodes in order and the solution path.

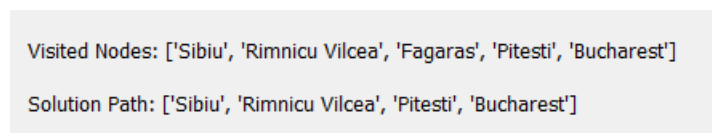


Figure 14 Shows the visited nodes and the solution path using uniform cost search on the previous example

2.3. Graph View

Shows visualization of the entered graph containing the nodes and the edges.

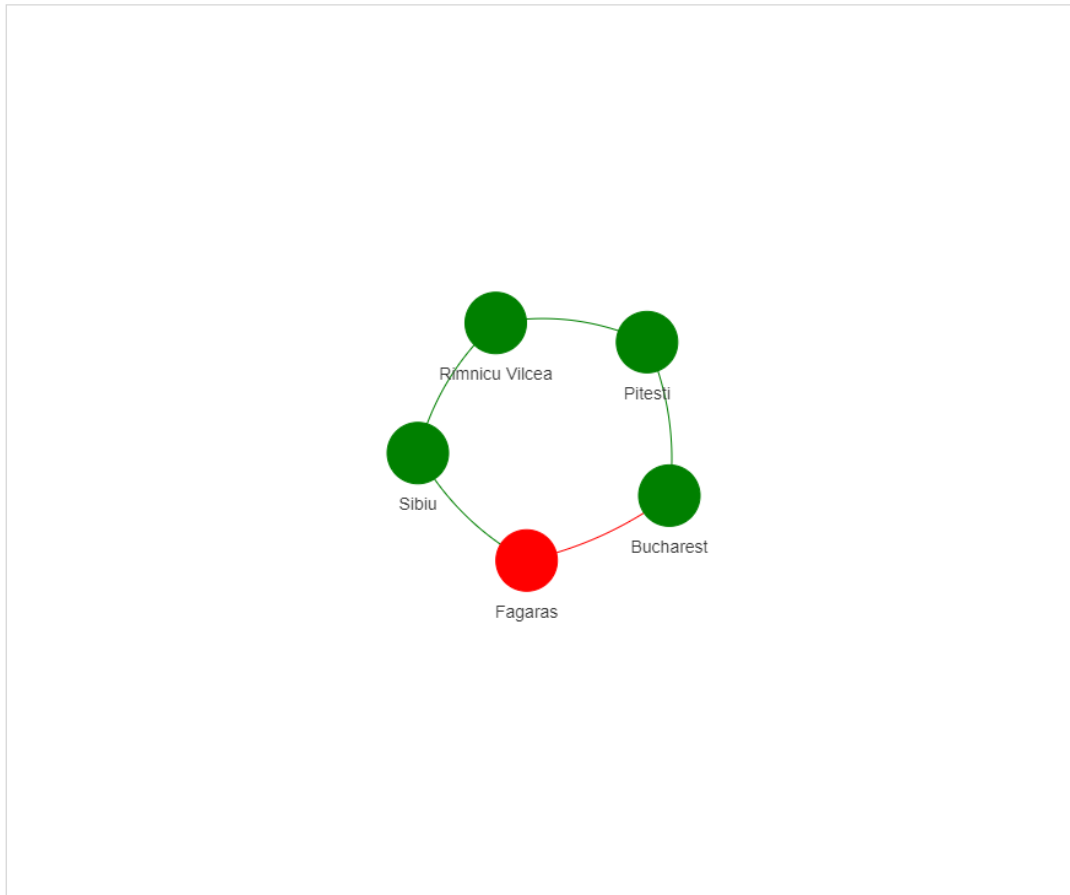


Figure 15 Graph after running uniform cost search on the previous Example

2.4. Legend

Helps the user understand the color scheme of the graph.

- The orange color is used as a default before executing search and the color of unvisited nodes.
- The blue color is for the goal node after being identified.
- The red color is for the visited nodes after executing a search.
- The green color is for the nodes in the solution path after executing a search.

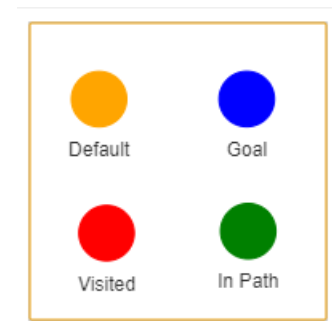


Figure 16 Shows the legend

3.0. Test Example

The goal is to get from Arad to Bucharest we will test it using all the searching algorithms.

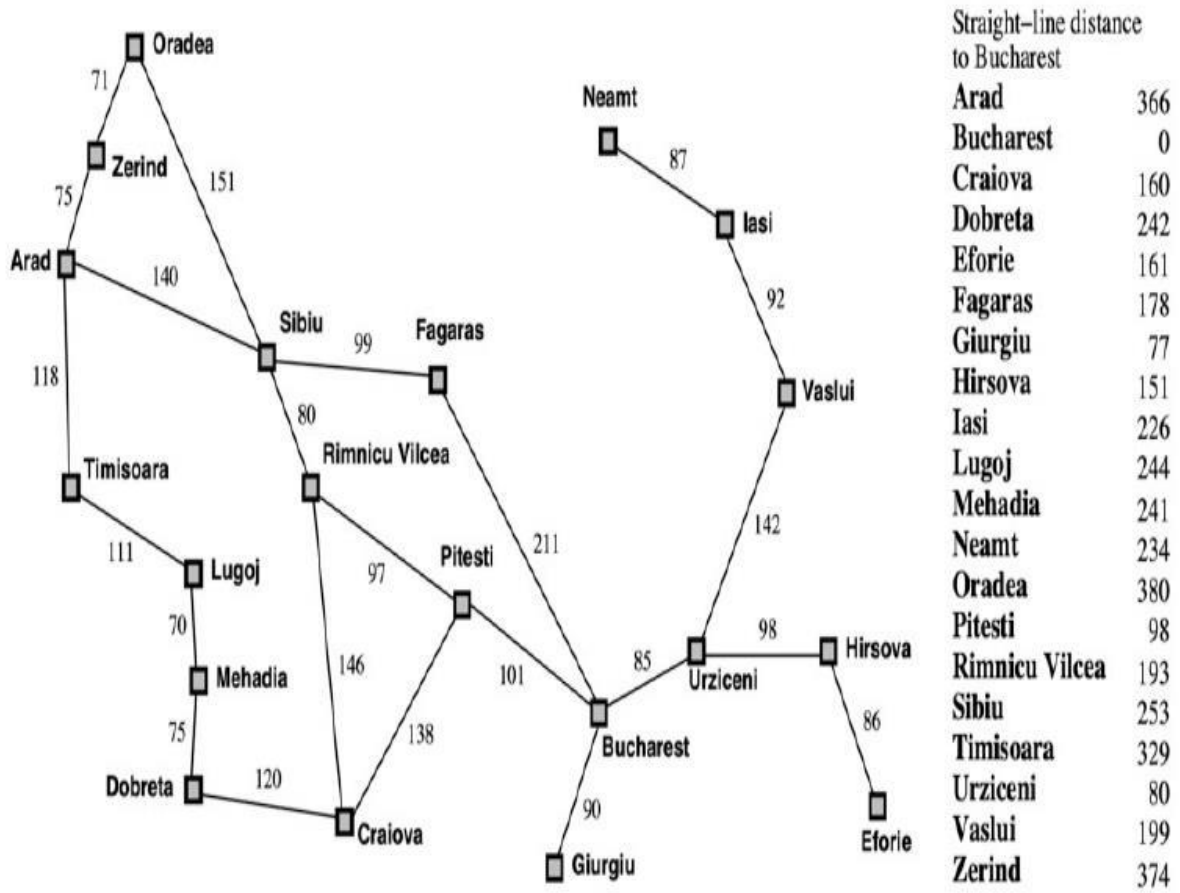


Figure 17 Shows Example from sheet 3

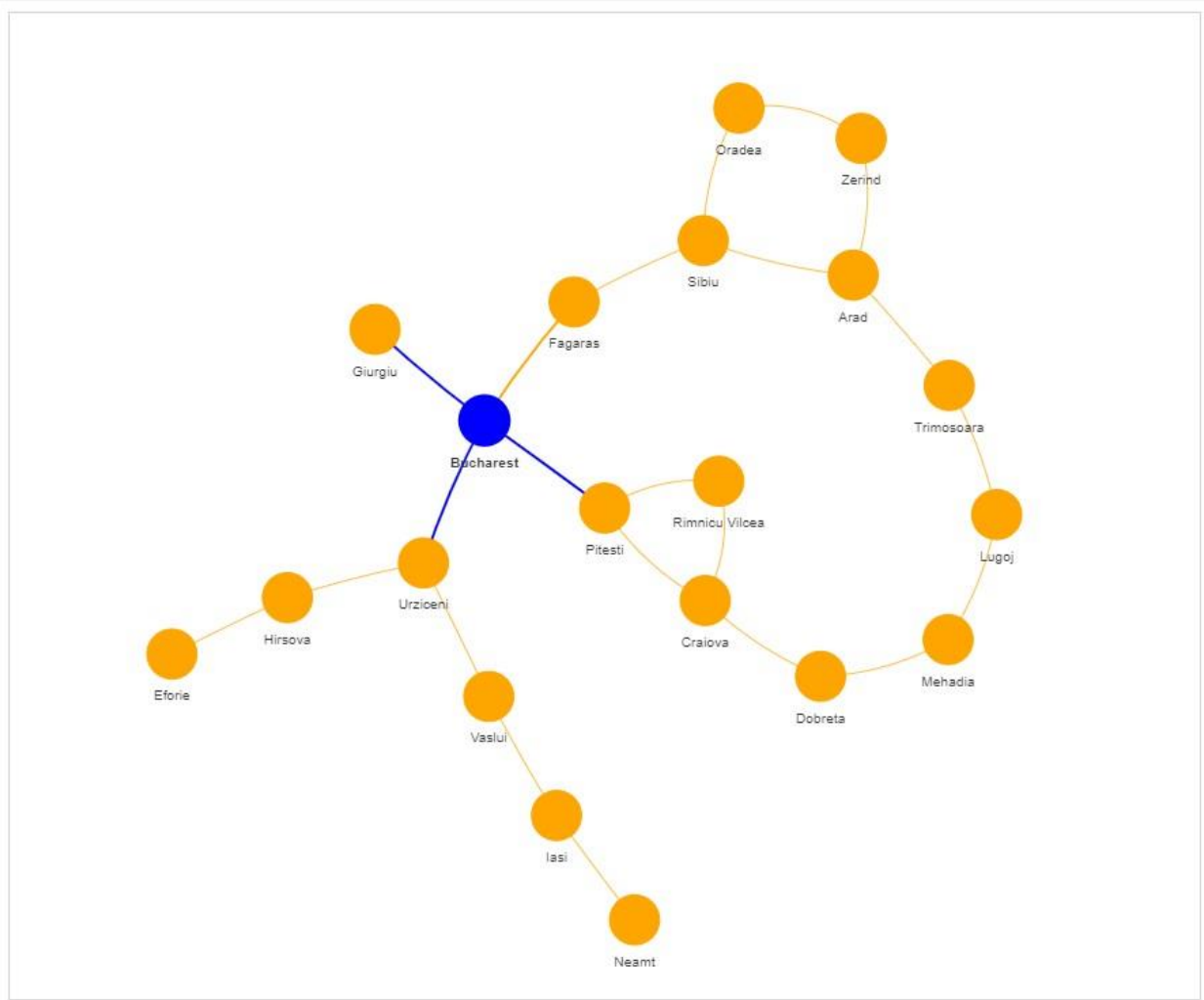


Figure 18 Initial state with Bucharest as goal

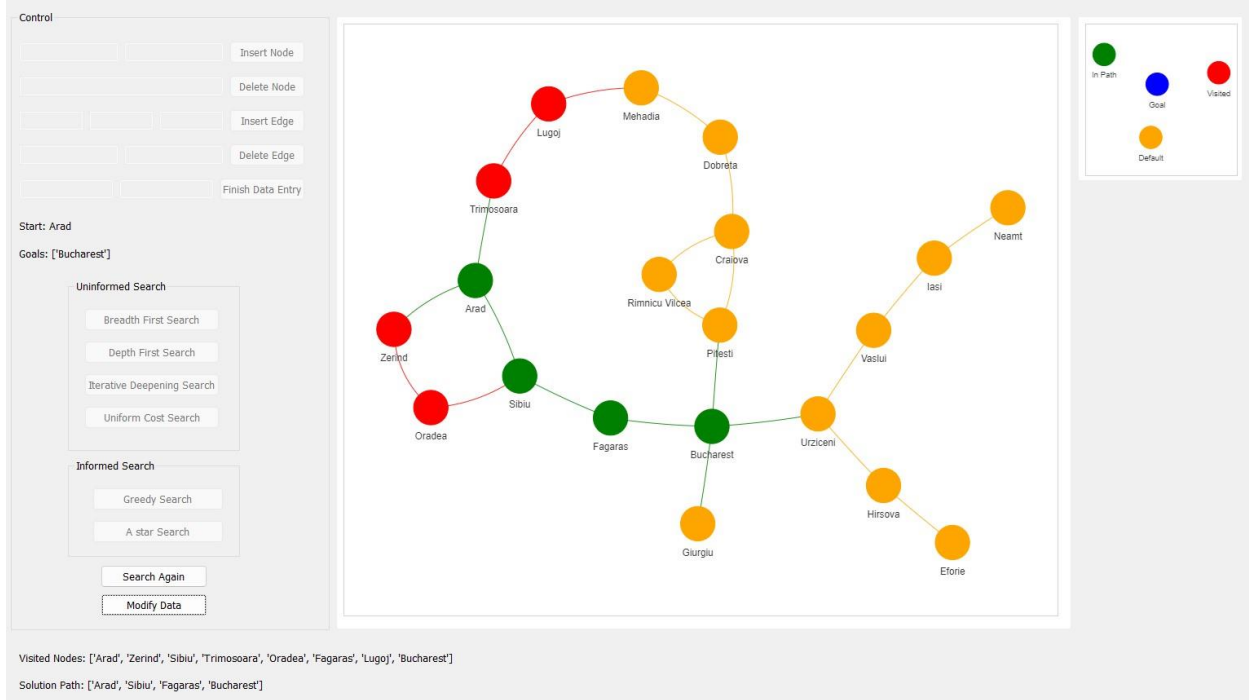


Figure 19 Breadth First Search

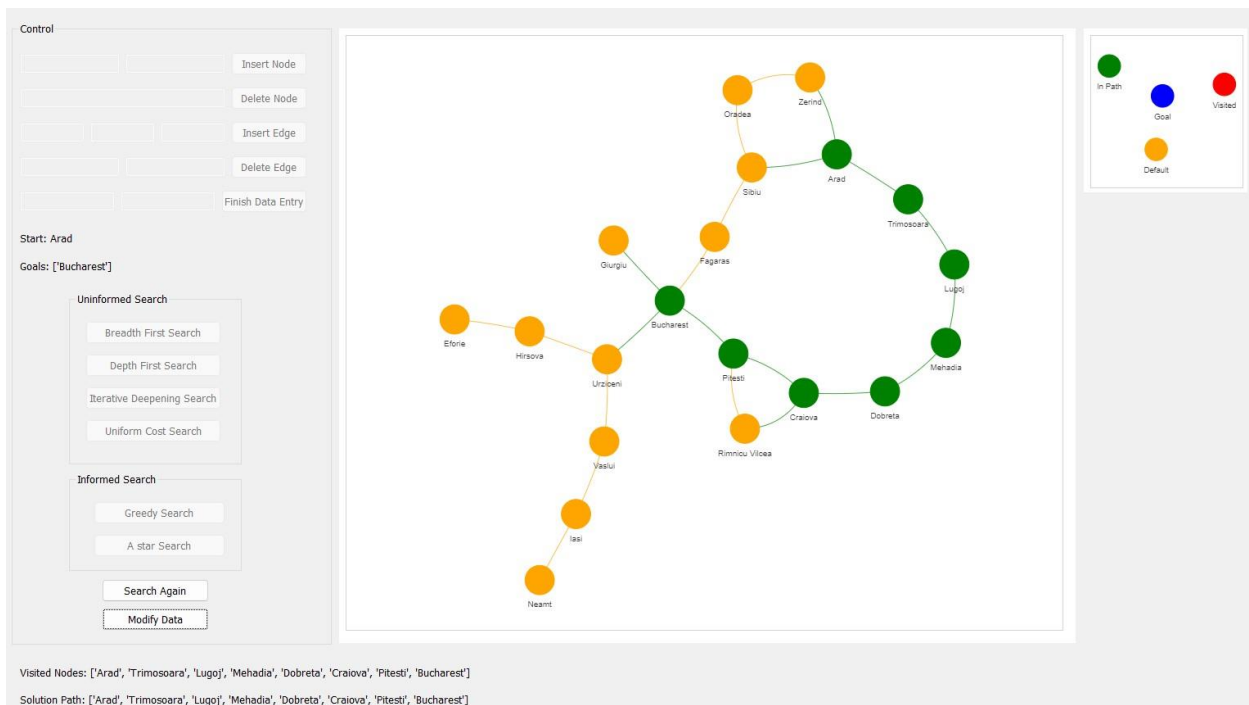


Figure 20 Depth First Search

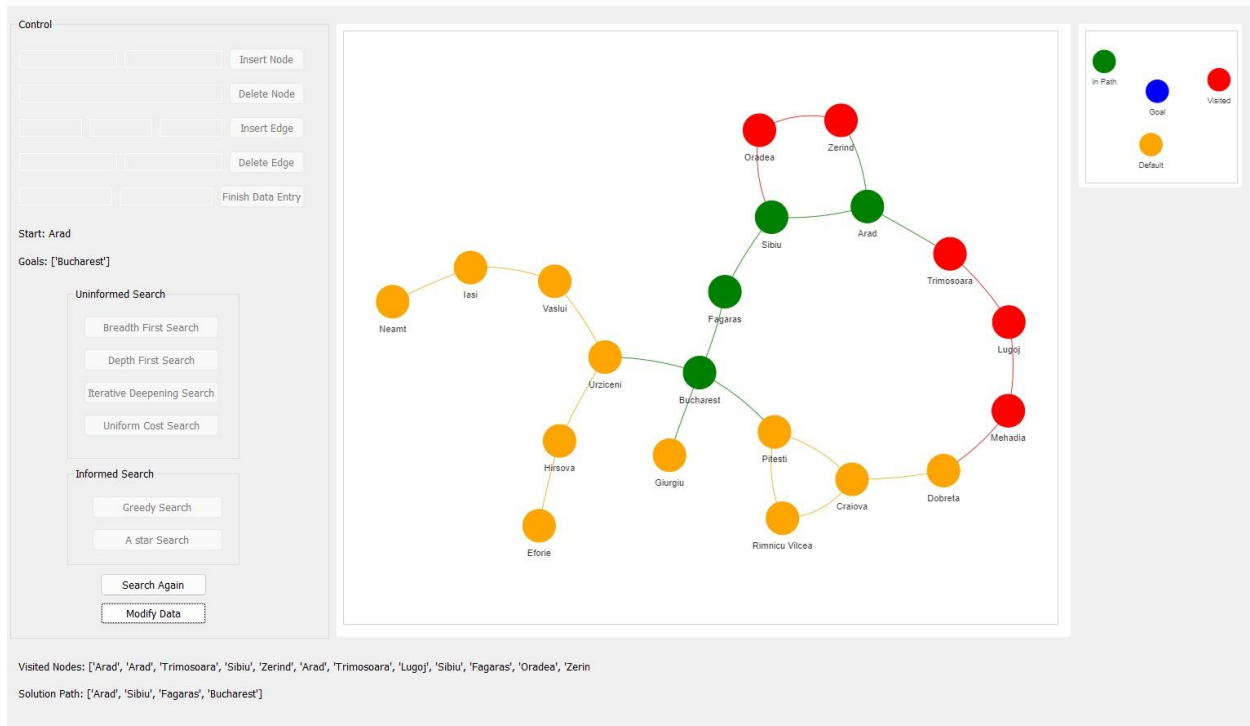


Figure 21 Iterative Deepening Search

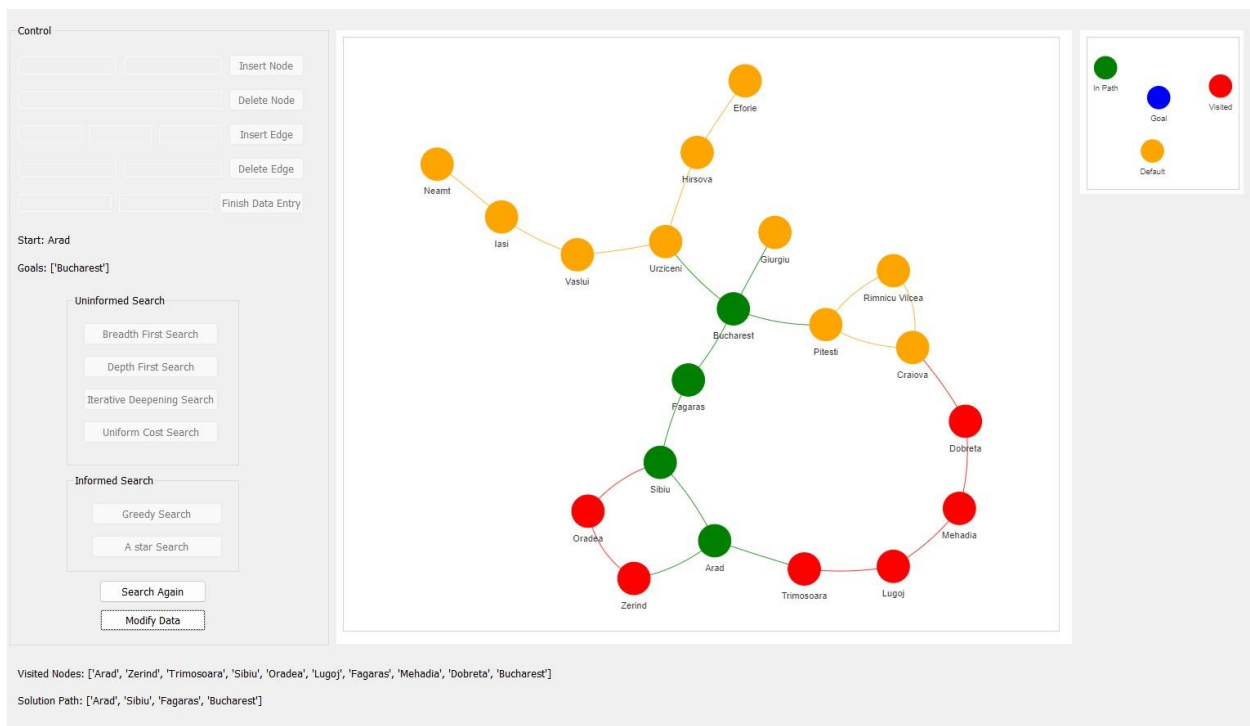


Figure 22 Uniform Cost Search

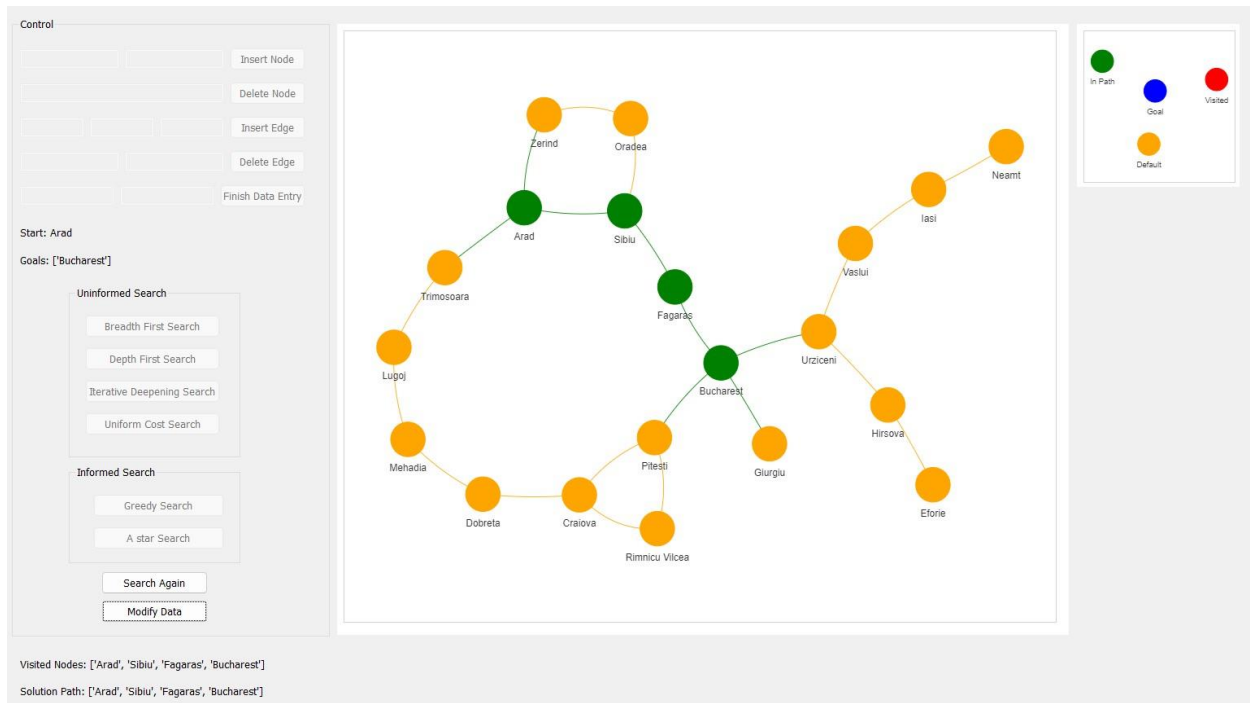


Figure 23 Greedy Search

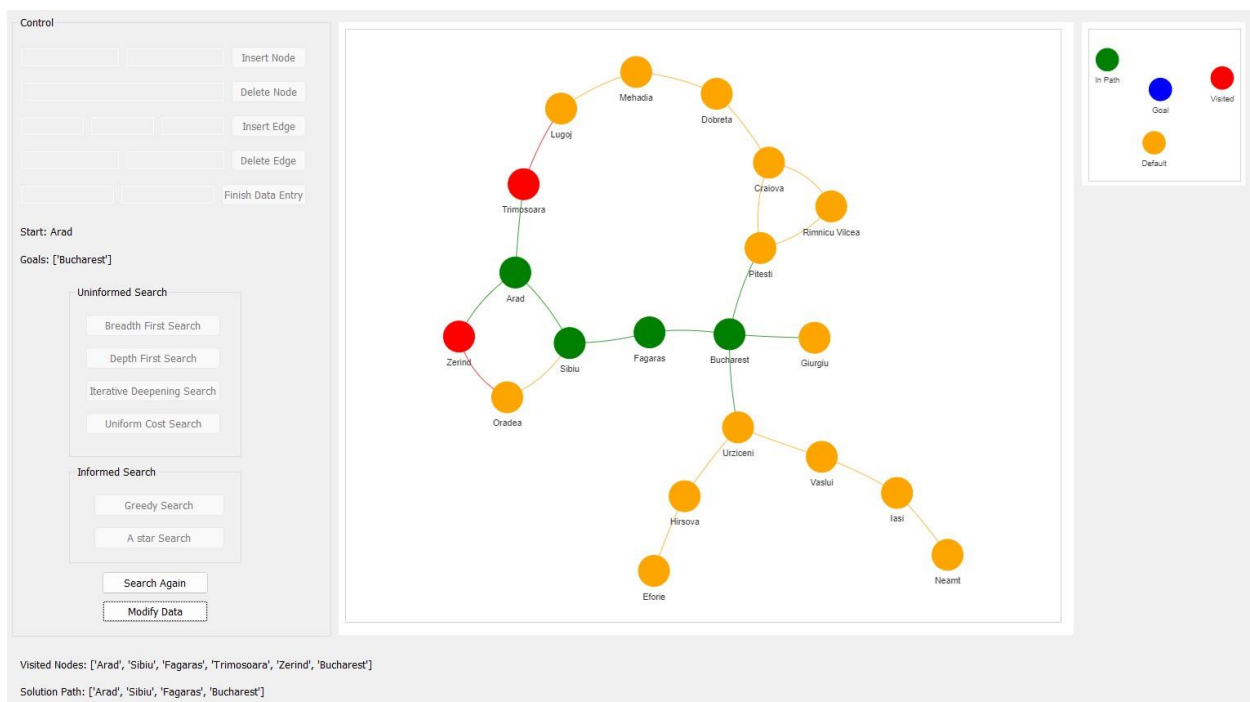


Figure 24 A* Search