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This is a programming assignment that I did in my Intro to Programming class where I used queues to find the
shortest path of a maze
#include <iostream>
#include "mazeio.h"
#include "queue.h"
using namespace std;
// Prototype for maze search
int maze search(char**, int, int);
// main function to read, solve maze, and print result
int main(int argc, char* argv[]) {
  int rows, cols, result;
   char** mymaze=NULL;
   if(argc < 2)
       cout << "Please provide a maze input file" << endl;</pre>
       return 1;
   mymaze = read maze(argv[1], &rows, &cols);
   if (mymaze == NULL) {
      cout << "Error, input format incorrect." << endl;</pre>
      return 1;
   result = maze search(mymaze, rows, cols);
   if (result == 1) { // path found!
      print_maze(mymaze, rows, cols);
   else if (result == 0) { // no path :(
      cout << "No path could be found!" << endl;</pre>
   else { // result == -1
      cout << "Invalid maze." << endl;</pre>
   for (int i = 0; i < rows; i++) {</pre>
      delete[] mymaze[i];
   delete[] mymaze;
   return 0;
 \mbox{*} Attempt to find shortest path and return:
 * 1 if successful
 * 0 if no path exists
 \star -1 if invalid maze (not exactly one S and one F)
 * If path is found fill it in with '*' characters
 * but don't overwrite the 'S' and 'F' cells
 * NOTE: don't forget to deallocate memory in here too!
int maze_search(char** maze, int rows, int cols)
  // *** You complete **** CHECKPOINT 4
  int scounter = 0;
  int fcounter = 0;
  Location start;
  Location finish;
  for (int i = 0; i < rows; i ++) {</pre>
for (int j = 0; j < cols; j++) {</pre>
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char check = maze[i][j];
      if (check == 'S') {
         scounter++;
         start.row = i;
         start.col = j;
     if (check == 'F') {
         fcounter++;
         finish.row = i;
         finish.col = j;
if (scounter != 1 || fcounter !=1) {
  return -1;
Queue q(rows*cols);
int **explored = new int*[rows];
for ( int i = 0; i < rows; i++) {</pre>
  explored[i] = new int[cols];
for (int i = 0; i < rows; i++) {</pre>
 for (int j = 0; j < cols; j++) {</pre>
   explored[i][j] = 0;
Location **predecessor = new Location *[rows];
for (int i = 0; i < rows; i++) {</pre>
  predecessor[i] = new Location[cols];
explored[start.row][start.col] = 1;
q.add to back(start);
while(!q.is_empty()) {
   Location loc = q.remove_from_front();
   Location north ;
   north.row = loc.row- 1;
   north.col = loc.col;
   Location west = loc;
   west.col -= 1;
   Location south = loc;
   south.row += 1;
   Location east = loc;
   east.col += 1;
   if (north.row >= 0 && north.row < rows && north.col >= 0 && north.col < cols) {
      if (maze[north.row][north.col] != '#' && explored[north.row][north.col] != 1) {
          explored[north.row] [north.col] = 1;
          q.add to back(north);
          predecessor[north.row][north.col] = loc;
    if (west.row \geq 0 && west.row < rows && west.col \geq 0 && west.col < cols) {
       if (maze[west.row][west.col] != '#' && explored[west.row][west.col] != 1) {
          explored[west.row] [west.col] = 1;
          q.add to back(west);
          predecessor[west.row][west.col] = loc;
  }
    if (south.row \geq 0 && south.row < rows && south.col \geq 0 && south.col < cols) {
        if (maze[south.row][south.col] != '#' && explored[south.row][south.col] != 1) {
          explored[south.row][south.col] = 1;
          q.add_to_back(south);
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predecessor[south.row][south.col] = loc;
  if (east.row >= 0 && east.row < rows && east.col >= 0 && east.col < cols) {
      if (maze[east.row][east.col] != '#' && explored[east.row][east.col] != 1) {
         explored[east.row][east.col] = 1;
         q.add_to_back(east);
         predecessor[east.row][east.col] = loc;
 }
int end = explored[finish.row][finish.col];
if (end == 1) {
 Location fin = predecessor[finish.row][finish.col];
 while (maze[fin.row][fin.col] != 'S') {
   maze[fin.row][fin.col] = '*';
   fin = predecessor[fin.row][fin.col];
}
for (int i = 0; i < rows; i++) {</pre>
delete[] explored[i];
delete[] explored;
for (int i = 0; i < rows; i++) {</pre>
delete[] predecessor[i];
delete[] predecessor;
if (end == 1) {
  return 1;
} else {
  return 0;
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