

**Objective** Implement a maze traversal program in C++ using dynamic arrays and queues.

**Program Description** Implement a program to traverse a maze subject to the following constraints:

- Storage for the maze must be allocated dynamically.
- Find the path using a queue (positions).

### Maze Representation

A maze is represented as a 2D array of characters, where characters are interpreted as follows:

Symbol	Meaning
.	empty space, a place where it is legal to go
#	a wall, a place where it is illegal to move
S	starting position in the maze
G	the goal (final position in the maze)

### Maze file format

The mazes to be solved will be stored in a text file, in the following format:

First line: width height (of maze)

Remaining lines: the maze itself, using the characters previously defined.

An example of one possible 5 by 5 maze:

```
5 5
S....
.#.##
.#...
.#.#.
...#G
```

Several mazes will be posted on the web site for your program to solve. Your program must solve all of them, no maze will be larger than 40 by 40.

### Maze Solution Method

Make the cell at the entrance the current cell. Take the following actions, then repeat:

- If the current cell is adjacent to the exit, stop.
- Mark the current cell as visited.
- Add all unvisited neighbors to the north, east, south, and west to a queue.
- Remove the next element from the queue and make it the current cell.

## Deliverables:

- A complete functional program with output.
- A program design sheet. Describe all data structures and functions necessary to implement your program.
- Programming Log:
  - Record the time required to design and implement your program.
  - Record of things you encountered/learned while implementing your program.

## Addenda

- Only horizontal and vertical moves are possible. Diagonal moves are not possible.
- Your program must be capable of reading and solving (if possible) a maze as defined in an external file as described on the original assignment. It should not be necessary to recompile your program to solve a different maze stored in a different file.
- A printed copy of your programming assignment (source listing, design document, and programming log) is due at the *start* of class on March 11
- See the web page for additional information. In particular, you should read the page on code style:

<http://www.cs.uidaho.edu/~bruceb/General/codeStyle.html>

## Grading Scheme

Source	
Comments	3
Readability	3
Functionality	5
Output	4
Programming Log	4