

Assignment4 - Simple particle effect: Snowing

Since this assignment was based on Tutorial7 I have used it as my reference base code and built my program on top of it. The first I have done is that I had to modify the ParticleSystem.h to create a class called snowflake to initialize the necessary functionalities and properties of a snowflake such as gravity, speed force, size position etc. of course I had to decide which properties had to be private or public.

Example code:

```
class Snowflake
{
    glm::vec3 gravAcceleration;
    glm::vec3 initialSpeed;
    double initialLife;
    glm::vec3 force;
    glm::vec3 speed;
    double mass;
    double life;

public:
    double scale = 10.0f;
    glm::vec3 position;
    glm::vec4 color;

public:
    Snowflake(double m, glm::vec3 positionValue, glm::vec3 speedValue,
              glm::vec3 gravity, double lifeValue, double scaleValue)
    {
        gravAcceleration = gravity;
        position = positionValue;
        speed = speedValue;
        initialSpeed = speedValue;
        scale = scaleValue;
        color = glm::vec4(_x: 1.0f, _y: 1.0f, _z: 1.0f, _w: 0.5f);
        life = lifeValue;
        initialLife = lifeValue;
        mass = m;
        force = glm::vec3(_x: 0.0, _y: 0.0, _z: 0.0);
    }
}
```

The assignment wanted us to use different size so I have used the rand() function within the width so each time it would display a different size of snowflake. Of this will be done in an increasing while loop.

```
scaleValue: 10.0f + rand() % 60));
```

Also I had to create an array to setup the mesh and contain the attribute properties for the particles and the background image.

```
GLuint backgroundVBO, backgroundVAO;  
GLfloat background_quad[] = {  
    0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f,  
    1.5f, 0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f,  
    0.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f,  
  
    0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f,  
    1.5f, 1.0f, 1.0f, 1.0f,  
    1.5f, 0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f  
};  
// Set up mesh and attribute properties  
GLuint VBO, VAO;  
GLfloat particle_quad[] = {  
    0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f,  
    1.0f, 1.0f, 1.0f, 1.0f,  
    1.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f,  
  
    0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f,  
    1.0f, 0.0f, 1.0f, 0.0f,  
    0.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f, 0.0f,  
};
```

Lastly every second passed in the program I had to make sure that the snowflake had to increase divisible by 200 then increase the snowflake.

```
if (rand() % (200) == 0) {  
    sf_num++;  
    snowflakes.push_back(SnowFlake( m: 0.5, positionValue: glm::vec3( _x: rand()  
    speedValue: glm::vec3( _x: 0.0, _y: rand()
```