## **Inside Chisel**

- design goals
  - in the style of Unix
  - command line only
  - one command to achieve one task well
- chisel is a package with at least three command line programs
  - txt2pen convert a txt file into a pen file
  - pen2map convert a pen file into a map file (doom3)
  - rndpen generate a random pen file
- for your coursework you should consider extending:
  - pen2map or txt2pen or introducing a third which could manipulate a pen or txt file

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#### rndpen

\$ rndmap -h Usage rndpen [-a minroomsize] [-b maxroomsize] [-c mincorridorlength] [-d maxcorridorlength] [-e totalcorridorlength] [-h] [-o outputfile]  $\$ [-s seed] [-x maxx] [-y maxy] (default is 6) -a minroomsize -b maxroomsize (default is 13) -c mincorridorsize (default is 15) -d maxcorridorsize (default is 70) -e totalcorridorlength (default is 300) -o outputfile (default is stdout) -s seed (default is 3) -x minx for whole map (default is 120) (default is 80) -y maxy for whole map

rndpen

- generate a random pen map
- highly alpha code, but it will generate a corridor based random pen file
- the program does always find a map
- so some experimentation is required for the pseudo random numbers to mesh with the algorithm to generate a map

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#### rndpen

- \$ rndmap -s 3 -a 5 -b 10 -c 5 -d 10 -e 20 -x 30 -y 30 | p
- notice how the command line tools can be combined using the pipe

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rndpen

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rndpen prioritises placing random corridors on the map

- it then tries to fill in the remaining gaps with boxes and will combine boxes to give rooms of desired min/max dimensions
- it also restricts the number of walls to 8
- it might be useful if you wanted to generate a map quickly
  - however it might generate concave rooms (pen2map can only encode convex rooms currently)

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## Inside: txt2pen

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- source is in one file:
  \$HOME/Sandpit/chisel/python/txt2pen.py
  - 690 lines of Python
- uses the following command line options
- \$ cd \$HOME/Sandpit/chisel/python
  - \$ python txt2pen.py -h
    -d debugging
  - -h help
  - -V verbose
  - -v version
    -o outputfile name

- notice the -o option which takes an additional argument (filename)
- it uses the getopt module to handle the options
  - see function handleOptions

## Inside: txt2pen

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#### Inside: txt2pen

- it uses a dictionary to maintain the defines
- stores the map in a 2D list (array)
  - mapGrid

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## Inside: txt2pen

it determines the walls of a room

return (None, outputName)

- it finds the room number (location)
- moves to the top left inside the room (generateRoom)
- it then attempts to turn left as it moves around the room (the wall is always on the left)
- examine scanRoom for the implementation
- it looks the square forward and square forward left comparing the two characters: ## or -- or
  - # wall and for space
- a space should be thought of as not a wall

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## Inside: txt2pen

- scanRoom will start at the top right corner of a room and walk around the edge with the wall always on the left
  - it builds a list of walls, a wall stops/starts at each turn
- if it sees ## then it must turn right
  - the old wall is stored and a new start position is remembered
- if it sees -- then it must turn left
  - the old wall is stored and a new start position is remembered
- if it sees #- then it continues moving a square forward

## Extending chisel (txt2pen)

- one of the obvious improvements is for chisel to automatically introduce lights
  - add another option to enable automatic lighting
  - \_ \_ ]
- copy scanRoom into a new function introduceLights
- adapt this new function to add lights
  - but only if the rooms has no user defined lights

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# Example style sheet for the map

- how are textures defined could use the defaults and ignore this slide!
  - or examine chisel/python/tiny.ss

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# style sheet for simple doom3 maps

define floor textures/hell/qfloor
define portal textures/editor/visportal
define open textures/editor/visportal
define closed textures/hell/wood1
define secret textures/hell/bricksla_d
define wall textures/hell/cbrick2b
define ceiling textures/hell/wood1
```

## Inside: pen2map

chisel/python/pen2map.py is 2086 lines of Python

```
$ cd $HOME/Sandpit/chisel/python
$ python pen2map.py -h
Usage: pen2map [-c filename.ss] [-dhmtvV] [-o outputfile]
                     use filename.ss as the defaults for t
  -c filename.ss
  -d
                     debugging
                     provide comments in the map file
                      game type.
                                 The type must be 'single'
  -g type
  -h
                     help
                      create a doom3 map file from the pen
  -m
                      generate statistics about the map fil
  -s
                      create a txt file from the pen file
  -t
                      generate verbose information
                      print the version
   -o outputfile
                     place output into outputfile
```

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## pen2map

- reads in a pen file and converts it into a doom3 map file
- the pen map is parsed by a top down recursive descent parser
  - the pen syntax is described by an ebnf grammar
  - (extended backus naur form)
  - hand translated into a top down recursive descent parser
- recursive descent parsers are fast and straightforward to implement once the grammar is defined
  - they also allow for strict syntax checking of input
  - they are used extensively in the construction of compilers

## ebnf

- consists of terminal symbols and non-terminal production rules which define the legal sequence of symbols
- in C++ for example, a terminal symbol might be while, for, do, =; 0 etc
- a rule might be:
- assignment := lhs "=" rhs =:
- meaning the assignment rule is satisfied if there is a legal 1hs followed by = followed by rhs

ROOM 1 WALL 1 21 18 21 18 21 18 14 18 14 1 14 1 14 1 21 DOOR 18 18 18 17 STATUS OPEN LEADS TO 2

MONSTER python\_doommarine\_mp AT 13 18

LIGHT AT 12 20 LIGHT AT 4 15

LIGHT AT 15 15 SPAWN PLAYER AT 3 18

pen example

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## pen grammar in ebnf

```
FileUnit := RoomDesc { RoomDesc } [ RandomTreasure ] "END
RoomDesc := 'ROOM' Integer
{ WallDesc | DoorDesc | TreasureDesc } 'END' :
WallDesc := 'WALL' WallCoords { WallCoords } =:

WallCoords := Integer Integer Integer =:
DoorDesc := 'DOOR' DoorCoords { DoorCoords } =:
```

# pen grammar in ebnf

## ebnf meta symbols

- { foo }
  - means it is legal to have 0 or more occurrences of foo
- [foo]
  - means it is legal to have 0 or 1 occurrence of
- (foo | bar)
  - $\blacksquare$  here the ( and ) group together the extent of the |
- "foo" represents the terminal symbol foo
- as opposed to the rule foo

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## Translating ebnf grammar into a top down parser

- we define a few helper functions
  - expect ("foo") insists that the next token is "foo" and generates an error if it is not "foo"
  - if "foo" is seen the consume this symbol and move onto the next
- expecting (list)
  - returns True if any symbol in list matches the current symbol
- integer return True if the current symbol is an integer
  - if True store the value of the integer in curinteger

## Translating ebnf grammar into a top down parser

- once the grammar is defined it is straightforward to implement a top down parser
- if the grammar is said to be well formed if we only need to look at the next token to determine the flow of control in the parser