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## How To Run

- cd to the directory with Main.java
- javac Main.java
- java Main

## Features Implemented / Represented

See last page for Class Diagram.

### Time to Travel Through Automatic Barriers

As per the assignment spec, we have three sets of entrances and three sets of exits. We use fair Semaphores with 3 permits each to control the threads accessing these entrances / exits. We set the fairness to true to represent the drivers queueing in an orderly fashion.

We use a final constant, `BARRIER_TRAVEL_TIME`, as the minimum amount of time it takes a driver to pass through a barrier (using a sleep).

### Drivers Delayed While Trying to Exit

For when a car is exiting the CarPark, we simulate the driver occasionally taking a longer than normal amount of time to exit, to simulate them having an issue and possibly having to walk to the security office to get it fixed. The `calculateTimeToLeaveCarPark(Car car)` function checks the car's "isUnlucky" condition, which is randomly set for each car in the Car Class. If a car is "unlucky" then they take a random multiple of `BARRIER_TRAVEL_TIME` (up to 10 times) to exit the car park.

The drivers who got delayed are represented in the "Delayed Exit" bar, the drivers who weren't delayed are represented in the "Undelayed Exit bar".

## Drivers Double Parking

To represent drivers occasionally double parking, i.e a car taking two spaces instead of one, we randomly set a variable in the Car Class to either take up one space or two spaces, with a weighting in favour of one space.

When a driver goes to take a space, they must acquire the appropriate amount of permits (the number of spaces they are taking) from the Semaphore "spacesSem".

## Drivers Searching For A Spot

We keep track of all drivers who have entered the CarPark and are currently searching for a parking space. We increment the atomic integer tracking the count as they enter, and until they can get a spot (by acquiring the Semaphore permit mentioned above), they are considered to be actively looking for a spot.

## Impatient Drivers Giving Up on Search And Leaving (to go to another CarPark for example)

We have decided to add our own use case to the assignment. We wanted to simulate drivers getting impatient while searching for a spot for a certain amount of time, and just give up and leave instead of parking. We achieve this in "takeSpace(Car car)" with a tryAcquire "spacesSem" for that has the amount of permits they want (car.getSpace), and a final constant FED\_UP\_TIME in milliseconds. If the driver can't get all the permits they need before the FED\_UP\_TIME expires, then they leave the CarPark without parking.

We represent these drivers in the "Total Fed Up" bar.

## A Count of Current Total of All Drivers in the CarPark

We actively keep a track of every driver who is currently in the CarPark, whether they are searching for a spot, have single or double parked, have parked and now are trying to exit, or who have given up trying to a spot and are trying to exit.

This is represented in "Total In CarPark" bar.

## Use Atomic Integers to track the values for the Bars

We utilize atomic integers to keep track of the numeric values of the bars to help safeguard to allow us to atomically increment and decrement the values. We discovered the hard way that the atomic integer set() method is not atomic, instead you must iteratively call the increment / decrement methods if you need to change the value by more than 1;

## Class Diagram:

