### This is a league based challenge.

For this challenge, multiple leagues for the same game are available. Once you have proven yourself against the first Boss, you will access a higher league and harder opponents will be available.

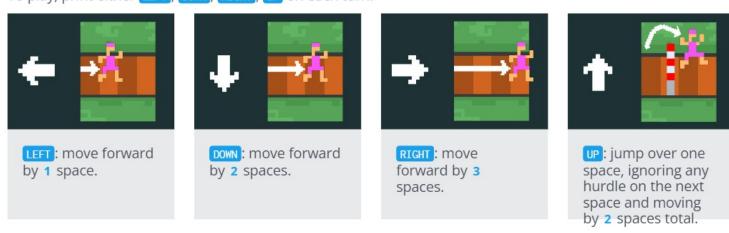
**NEW:** In wood leagues, your submission will only fight the boss in the arena. Win a best-of-five to advance.

## @ Goal

End the game with a higher **score** than your opponent.

### ✓ Rules

Play multiple runs of the **Hurdle Race mini-game** against two other players. To play, print either **LEFT**, **DOWN**, **RIGHT**, **UP** on each turn.



Jump over hurdles or you will **collide** with them, causing your agent to be **stunned** for **3** turns.

The race track is **30** spaces long, players begin on space **0**. When a player reaches the end, the race ends. Two things will then occur:

- According to their position on the race track, each player is awarded a **gold**, **silver** or **bronze** medal.
- The mini-game **resets**, this means that for one turn all input is ignored.

After 100 turns, your final score is nb silver medals + nb gold medals \* 3.

The mini-game is running on an **old arcade machine**. Your program will receive the **8 registers** used internally by the machine: GPU, containing a string and reg0 to reg6 containing integers. What those values represent specific to the game being played.

In this case:

Register	Description	Example
GPU	ASCII representation of the racetrack. . for empty space. $\mbox{\em \#}$ for hurdle.	###
reg0	position of player 1	0
reg1	position of player 2	6
reg2	position of player 3	12
reg3	stun timer for player 1	1
reg4	stun timer for player 2	0
reg5	stun timer for player 3	2

reg6 unused

The **stun timer** is the number of turns remaining of being stunned (3, then 2, then 1). 0 means the agent is not stunned.

During a **reset** turn, the **GPU** register will show **"GAME\_OVER"**.



### **Victory Condition**

You have a higher **final score** after **100** turns.



#### **Defeat Condition**

Your program does not provide a command in the allotted time or it provides an unrecognized command.

# 🀞 Debugging tips

- Press the gear icon on the viewer to access extra display options.
- Use the keyboard to control the action: space to play/pause, arrows to step 1 frame at a time.

# **■** Game Protocol

#### **Initialization Input**

First line: playerIdx an integer to indicate which agent you control in the mini-games. Next line: the number of simultaneously running mini-games. For this league it's 1.

### Input for One Game Turn

**Next 3 lines:** one line per player, ordered by playerldx. A string scoreInfo containing a breakdown of each player's final score. In this league, it contains 4 integers. The first integer representing the player's current **final score points** followed by: <a href="mailto:nb\_gold\_medals">nb\_gold\_medals</a>, <a href="mailto:nb\_go

**Next** nbGames lines: one line for each mini-game, containing the eight space-separated registers:

- gpu a string
- reg0 an integer
- reg1 an integer
- reg2 an integer
- reg3 an integer
- reg4 an integer
- reg5 an integer
- reg6 an integer

Unused registers will always be -1.

### Output

One of the following strings:

- UP
- RIGHT
- DOWN
- · LEFT

### Constraints

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0 ≤ playerIdx ≤ 2
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1 ≤ nbGames ≤ 4 (across all leagues)

Response time per turn  $\leq 50 \text{ ms}$ Response time for the first turn  $\leq 1000 \text{ ms}$ 

## What is in store for me in the higher leagues?

- 4 hurdle race mini-games will be played simultaneously
- 4 entirely different mini-games will be played simultaneously!