OOP coursework

<u>Initialising a local GIT repository to work on (Part 3):</u>

This Section of the report focuses on some of the requirements which from Part 3 and how I meet them. The rest of Part 3 will be shown in other parts of the report (eg. sensible commit messages) and at Part 3 section at the end of the report.

After creating a local folder named "HorseRaceSimulator", and adding folders "Part1" and "Part2" to it and after copying the existing .java files "Horse" and "Race" to the Part 1 folder, I initialised Git on the folder "HorseRaceSimulator".

Initialising git:

```
C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator> git init
Initialized empty Git repository in C:/Vasanth/Uni/Comp sci/HorseRaceSimulator/.git/
```

Listing contents of the folders:

```
C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator>dir /a
 Volume in drive C is Windows
 Volume Serial Number is A2A9-1DC0
Directory of C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator
20/03/2024
            04:39 PM
                        <DIR>
20/03/2024
            04:32 PM
                        <DIR>
20/03/2024
                        <DIR>
            04:40 PM
                                        .git
20/03/2024
            04:22 PM
                        <DIR>
                                        Part2
20/03/2024
            04:22 PM
                        <DIR>
               0 File(s)
                                       0 bytes
               5 Dir(s) 15,559,000,064 bytes free
```

```
C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part1>dir /a
Volume in drive C is Windows
 Volume Serial Number is A2A9-1DC0
Directory of C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part1
20/03/2024
           04:22 PM
                        <DIR>
20/03/2024
           04:39 PM
                        <DIR>
20/03/2024
           04:22 PM
                                 1,098 Horse.java
20/03/2024
           04:22 PM
                                 6,263 Race.java
               2 File(s)
                                  7,361 bytes
               2 Dir(s) 15,550,427,136 bytes free
```

Committing the changes of adding the files to the folder with appropriate commit message:

```
C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator>git add Part1 Part2

C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator>git status
On branch main

No commits yet

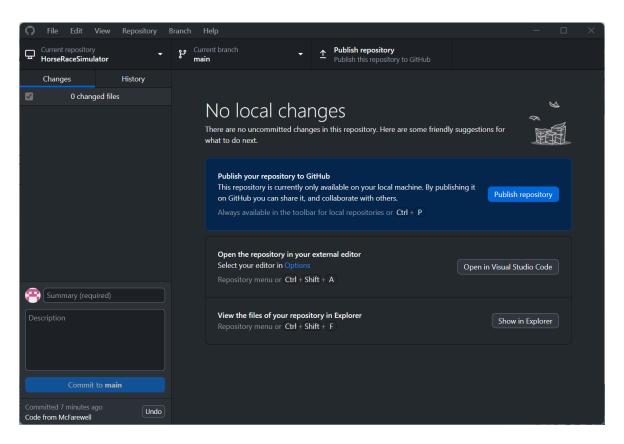
Changes to be committed:
   (use "git rm --cached <file>..." to unstage)
        new file: Part1/Horse.java
        new file: Part1/Race.java

C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator> git commit Part1 -m "Code from McFarewell"
[main (root-commit) 906fdd8] Code from McFarewell
2 files changed, 298 insertions(+)
        create mode 100644 Part1/Horse.java
        create mode 100644 Part1/Race.java
```

Git status after:

```
C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator>git status
On branch main
nothing to commit, working tree clean
```

Adding the local repository to GitHub:



The rest of part 3 requirements will be illustrated at later sections of the report.

Part 1: A textual racing simulator

Section 1: the Horse class

A) Naming the class "Horse":

It is already named Horse from McFarwell's code, so I will not change it.

B) Making the required fields for the horse class:

I made the fields that were required, which were:

- The name of the horse String.
- A single (Unicode) character used to represent the horse char.
- The distance travelled by the horse as a whole number int.
- A boolean indicating whether or not the horse has fallen boolean.
- The confidence rating of the horse, represented as a decimal number between 0 and 1 double.

Here is the screenshot of the code:

```
//Fields of class Horse

String name;
char icon;
int distance;
boolean fallen;
double confidence;
```

C) Making a Constructor method:

I followed the requirement to make a constructor method with the same signature as public Horse(char horseSymbol, String horseName, double horseConfidence)

So I made one accordingly, here is a screenshot:

```
//Constructor of class Horse
/**

* Constructor for objects of class Horse

*/
public Horse(char _icon, String _name, double _confidence)
{
    name=_name;//
    icon=_icon;//
    confidence=_confidence; // should be checked if valid or not before calling this method distance=0;
    fallen=false;
}
```

As pointed out in the comments, input validation should be done prior to calling this method.

Testing:

I made some other methods such as printout and testConstructor to test the constructor method Horse. Here are the screen shots:

```
/**
    * Method to test the public methods
    */
private static void printout (Horse horse){
    System.out.println("name: "+horse.name+" | icon: "+horse.icon+" | fallen: "+horse.fallen+" | distance: "+horse.distance+" | confidence: "+horse.confidence);
}

/**
    * Method to test the constructor method Horse
    */
private static void testConstructor(){
    Horse test = new Horsec_icon: A', _name: "testName", _confidence:0.5);
    printout(test);
    // (expected:) name: testName | icon: A | fallen: false | distance: 0 | confidence: 0.5
}

/**
    * main method, currently used to test code
    */
Run|Debug
public static void main(String[] args) {
        testConstructor();
}
```

Here is the output:

name: testName | icon: A | fallen: false | distance: 0 | confidence: 0.5

So I believe the function operates as it should. (there was no need to test boundary/ erroneous data as the input needs to be validated outside the function).

D) Making the other public methods:

<u>Fall():</u>

```
/**
  * Method to make fallen= true
  */
public void fall()
{
    fallen=true;
    return;
}
```

Testing Fall():

```
/**
  * Method to test the fall() method
  */
private static void testFall(){
    Horse test = new Horse(_icon: 'A', _name: "testName", _confidence:0.5);
    System.out.println(x: "Before: ");
    printout(test);
    System.out.println(x: "After: ");
    test.fall();
    printout(test);
    // (expected:) name: testName | icon: A | fallen: true | distance: 0 | confidence: 0.5
}
```

Output:

```
Before:
name: testName | icon: A | fallen: false | distance: 0 | confidence: 0.5
After:
name: testName | icon: A | fallen: true | distance: 0 | confidence: 0.5
```

Works as expected.

getConfidence():

```
/**
   * Method to get the confidence of the object
   * @return the confidence
   */
public double getConfidence()
{
     return this.confidence;
}
```

Testing for all the get methods are done together later.

getDistanceTravelled():

```
/**
   * Method to get the distance travelled by far
   * @return the distance attribute of the object
   */
public int getDistanceTravelled()
{
    return this.distance;
}
```

getName():

```
/**
  * Method to get the name of the horse
  * @return the name attribute of the object
  */
public String getName()
{
    return this.name;
}
```

getSymbol():

```
/**
  * Method to return the icon/symbol of the horse
  * @return the icon attribute of the horse
  */
public char getSymbol()
{
    return this.icon;
}
```

Testing the get methods:

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    // testing the get methods
    Horse test = new Horse(_icon:'A', _name:"testName", _confidence:0.5);
    System.out.println(test.getConfidence()); // expected: 0.5
    System.out.println(test.getDistanceTravelled()); //expected: 0
    System.out.println(test.getName());//expected: testName
    System.out.println(test.getSymbol());//expected: A
```

Output:

```
0.5
0
testName
A
```

This output was satisfactory as all the methods work as expected.

goBackToStart():

```
/**
  * Method to set the distance to 0
  */
public void goBackToStart()
{
   this.distance = 0;
   return;
}
```

The testing of this method will be done after/along with the moveForward method.

hasFallen():

```
/**
   * Method to see if a horse has fallen or not
   * @return returns the fallen attribute
   */
public boolean hasFallen()
{
    return this.fallen;
}
```

Testing:

```
/**
    * main method, currently used to test code
    */
Run|Debug
public static void main(String[] args) {
    // testing the hasfallen method
    Horse test = new Horse(_icon: 'A', _name:"testName", _confidence:0.5);
    System.out.println(test.hasFallen());// expected: false
    test.fall();
    System.out.println(test.hasFallen());// expected: true
}
```

Output:



The output was satisfactory as it was what the method was expected to do.

moveFoward():

```
/**
 * Method to increment the distance moved by the horse by 1
 */
public void moveForward()
{
    this.distance+=1;
    return;
}
```

Testing:

```
/**
    * main method, currently used to test code
    */
Run|Debug
public static void main(String[] args) {
        // testing the moveForward and goBackToStart methods
        Horse test = new Horse(_icon:'A', _name:"testName", _confidence:0.5);
        System.out.println(test.getDistanceTravelled());// expected: 0
        test.moveForward();
        System.out.println(test.getDistanceTravelled());// expected: 1
        for (int i=0;i<10;i++){test.moveForward();}
        System.out.println(test.getDistanceTravelled());// expected: 11

        test.goBackToStart();
        System.out.println(test.getDistanceTravelled());// expected: 0
}</pre>
```

Output:

The output is as expected of the method so we can conclude that it works as intended.

setConfidence():

```
/**

* Sets the confidence of the horse to the given value. Input needs to be validated before calling this method

* @param newConfidence the new value for the confidence attribute

*/
public void setConfidence(double newConfidence)

{
    this.confidence=newConfidence;
    return;
}
```

The testing for this method is done along with the setSymbol() method

setSymbol():

```
/**
    * Sets the icon of the horse to the given value, input needs to be validated before this method is called
    * @param newSymbol the new icon of the horse
    */
public void setSymbol(char newSymbol)
{
        this.icon=newSymbol;
}
```

Testing:

```
/**
    * main method, currently used to test code
    */
Run|Debug
public static void main(String[] args) {
        // testing the setConfidence and setSymbol methods
        Horse test = new Horse(_icon:'A', _name:"testName", _confidence:0.5);
        printout(test);
        test.setConfidence(newConfidence:0.99);
        test.setSymbol(newSymbol:'@');
        printout(test);
        // the icon and confidence attributes should change to '@' and 0.99 respectively
}
```

The printout method here is the same as the one used to test the constructor method, see the report on that to see its code.

Output:

```
name: testName | icon: A | fallen: false | distance: 0 | confidence: 0.5 name: testName | icon: @ | fallen: false | distance: 0 | confidence: 0.99
```

The output is as expected so the methods work as intended.

E) Encapsulation:

To ensure that I encapsulated the fields of the class Horse so that it can only be acceptable values, I made all the fields/ attributes of the class private so that then they can only be accessed via the accessor/ mutator methods. I will also identify which of the methods from part D are accessor and mutator methods.

```
// making the fields private for encapsulation
private String name;
private char icon;
private int distance;
private boolean fallen;
private double confidence;
```

Accessor Methods:

- getConfidence() [accesses the field confidence]
- getDistanceTraveled() [accesses the field distance]
- getName() [accesses the field name]

• getSymbol() [accesses the field icon]

Mutator Methods:

- fall() [modifies the field fallen]
- goBackToStart() [modifies the field distance]
- moveForward() [modifies the field distance]
- setConfidence() [modifies the field confidence]
- setSymbol() [modifies the field icon]

This marks the end of section 1 of part 1, so I will commit this to Git with a suitable message:



Section 2: the Race class

A) Changing the startRace() method to display winner:

To achieve this I introduced a new local variable to the method startRace, type Horse to store the winning horse. It is initialised to null, and upon race completion gets a value of the horse which won the race. Here is the screenshot of my implementation:

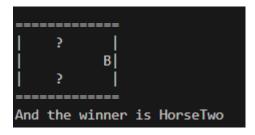
```
public void startRace() {
   Horse winner = null;
   // Reset all the lanes (all horses not fallen and back to 0).
    lane1Horse.goBackToStart();
   lane2Horse.goBackToStart();
    lane3Horse.goBackToStart();
   while (winner == null) {
        moveHorse(lane1Horse);
        moveHorse(lane2Horse);
        moveHorse(lane3Horse);
        printRace();
        if (raceWonBy(lane1Horse)) {
            winner = lane1Horse;
        } else if (raceWonBy(lane2Horse)) {
           winner = lane2Horse;
        } else if (raceWonBy(lane3Horse)) {
            winner = lane3Horse;
            TimeUnit.MILLISECONDS.sleep(timeout:100);
        } catch (InterruptedException e) {
            e.printStackTrace();
        }
   System.out.println("And the winner is " + winner.getName());
```

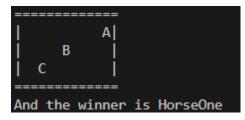
And here is screenshots of testing/running it:

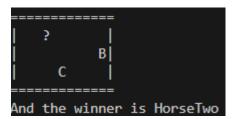
Code:

```
/**
    * main Method of the Race class, currently used to test the race methods
    */
Run|Debug
public static void main(String[] args) {
    Race testRace = new Race(distance:10);
    testRace.addHorse(new Horse(_icon:'A',_name:"HorseOne",_confidence:1),laneNumber:1);
    testRace.addHorse(new Horse(_icon:'B',_name:"HorseTwo",_confidence:0.5),laneNumber:2);
    testRace.addHorse(new Horse(_icon:'C',_name:"HoresThree",_confidence:0.25),laneNumber:3);
    testRace.startRace();
}
```

Outputs:







Many other tests were done, and it passed all the tests and displayed the winners correctly.

B) Improving the Race class:

To improve the class, first we need to spot issues with the existing class and any areas of improvements to focus on. Here are some I could find:

- 1. **Continuous Printing and Clearing Terminal**: continuously printing the race positions without clearing the terminal can clutter the output. Clearing the terminal before printing each race iteration would provide a cleaner display.
- 2. **Handling of Fallen Horses**: If all horses fall during the race, the race will never end. Implementing a mechanism to handle this scenario, such as checking if all horses are fallen or setting a maximum number of iterations or providing a way to manually end the race, would prevent an infinite loop.

3. Race Length and Horse Attributes: These values are predetermined and do not change during the runtime of the program right now. Allowing the user to enter them and making them customisable would add more realism to the simulation.

- 4. Randomness in Horse Movement: The moveHorse() method currently uses Math.random() to determine whether a horse moves forward, or falls based on its confidence level. This randomness can lead to unpredictable races and may not accurately reflect a horse's behavior. Implementing a more sophisticated algorithm that considers factors such as horse skill, track conditions, and competitors' performances could improve realism.
- 5. **Additional Horse statistics:** Giving the user other Horse statistics in real time like the time taken to complete the race, or average speed, or expected place etc. will be a good improvement to make on the current version.
- 6. **Handling of Tie Races**: Currently, the race stops as soon as one horse reaches the end, declaring it the winner. In a real race scenario, there could be tie races where multiple horses reach the finish line simultaneously. Implementing logic to handle tie race would improve the simulation's accuracy.
- 7. **Input Validation**: Currently, there is no validation in the **addHorse()** method to ensure that the lane number provided is valid (1, 2, or 3). Adding input validation would prevent adding horses to nonexistent lanes and provide better error handling. This can be either done in the Horse class or the Race class.
- 8. **Error Handling**: The code lacks proper error handling mechanisms. For example, if a horse with 0 confidence is added to the race, it will never move. Implementing error handling to notify users of invalid inputs or unexpected behaviour would improve the robustness of the simulation.
- 9. **Scalability**: The **Race** class is designed for a fixed number of three lanes. Enhancing the class to support variable numbers of lanes would increase its scalability and flexibility, allowing for races with more or fewer horses. Also, currently only one race occurs at once, we can perhaps simulate a "Championship" by making multiple races occur at the same time and track results to determine the winner.
- 10. **Performance Optimization**: The current implementation uses a simple loop to repeatedly move horses forward until one wins. For large race lengths or a large number of races, this approach may be inefficient. Optimizing the algorithm or introducing concurrency (e.g., using threads) could improve performance.

Implementing these changes (where possible):

1. Continuous Printing and Clearing Terminal:

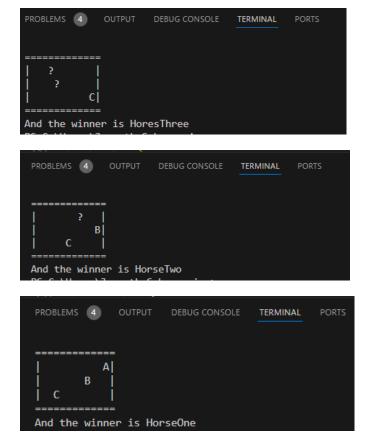
I implemented a new method **clearTerminal()** to clear the screen of the terminal so that the display of the race looks nicer. Here is the code:

Changing the startRace() method by adding a line clearTerminal(); at the start of the whole loop:

```
public void startRace() {
    // Reset all the lanes (all horses not fallen and back to 0).
   lane1Horse.goBackToStart();
   lane2Horse.goBackToStart();
   lane3Horse.goBackToStart();
   while (winner == null) {
        //Clearing terminal
        clearTerminal();
        moveHorse(lane1Horse);
        moveHorse(lane2Horse);
        moveHorse(lane3Horse);
        printRace();
        // Check if any of the horses has won the race
        if (raceWonBy(lane1Horse)) {
            winner = lane1Horse;
        } else if (raceWonBy(lane2Horse)) {
            winner = lane2Horse;
        } else if (raceWonBy(lane3Horse)) {
            winner = lane3Horse;
```

The rest of the method is not shown here but it has not been changed form part 1

It running:



As you can see, only one race is printed at the terminal at the same time. Makes the output more readable.

2. Handling of Fallen Horses:

To make sure that we are not stuck in a dead lock when all the horses fall, we need to make sure we can handle it when it happens. I made a new method return type boolean called allHorsesFallen() that can be used in the startRace method to solve this issue.

Changed startRace method:

```
public void startRace()
   Horse winner = null;
   lane1Horse.goBackToStart();
   lane2Horse.goBackToStart();
   lane3Horse.goBackToStart();
   // Continue the race until a horse wins / all horses fall
while (winner == null && !allHorsesFallen()) {
       //Clearing terminal
       clearTerminal();
       // Move each horse
       moveHorse(lane1Horse);
       moveHorse(lane2Horse);
       moveHorse(lane3Horse);
       printRace();
       if (raceWonBy(lane1Horse)) {
           winner = lane1Horse;
       } else if (raceWonBy(lane2Horse)) {
           winner = lane2Horse;
       } else if (raceWonBy(lane3Horse)) {
           winner = lane3Horse;
           TimeUnit.MILLISECONDS.sleep(timeout:100);
       } catch (InterruptedException e) {
           e.printStackTrace();
   if (allHorsesFallen()) {
       winner=lane1Horse;
       if (lane2Horse.getDistanceTravelled() > winner.getDistanceTravelled()) {
           winner = lane2Horse;
       if (lane3Horse.getDistanceTravelled() > winner.getDistanceTravelled()) {
           winner = lane3Horse;
   if (allHorsesFallen()) {
       System.out.println("All the horses fell! the winner with the longest distance is: "+ winner.getName());
   else System.out.println("And the winner is " + winner.getName());
```

The changes made are the conditions of the while loop, and how the winner is chosen when all the horses fall.

Here is the testing code for this improvement: (made confidence 1 and length of race longer to get more falls)

```
/**
    * main Method of the Race class, currently used to test the race methods
    */
Run|Debug
public static void main(String[] args) {
    Race testRace = new Race(distance:20);
    testRace.addHorse(new Horse(_icon: 'A',_name: "HorseOne",_confidence:1),laneNumber:1);
    testRace.addHorse(new Horse(_icon: 'B',_name: "HorseTwo",_confidence:1),laneNumber:2);
    testRace.addHorse(new Horse(_icon: 'C',_name: "HoresThree",_confidence:1),laneNumber:3);
    testRace.startRace();
}
```

Output:

This improvement performs as expected.

3. Race Length and Horse Attributes:

To make these customisable, I changed the main method in the class, which was previously used for testing, to have it take user input to make the race and the horses. Here is the new main method:

```
* main Method of the Race class, Takes user input to create and start a race
Run|Debug
public static void main(String[] args) {
    Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
    System.out.print(s:"Enter the race length: ");
    int raceLength = scanner.nextInt();
    Race testRace = new Race(raceLength);
    // adding the horses from input to the race
    for (int i = 1; i \leftarrow 3; i++) {
        System.out.print("Enter name for horse " + i + ": ");
        String horseName = scanner.next();
       System.out.print("Enter symbol for horse " + i + ": ");
       char horseSymbol = scanner.next().charAt(index:0);
        System.out.print("Enter confidence for horse " + i + ": ");
        double horseConfidence = scanner.nextDouble();
        testRace.addHorse(new Horse(horseSymbol, horseName, horseConfidence), i);
    testRace.startRace();
    scanner.close();
```

Output:

```
Enter the race length: 20
Enter name for horse 1: Alex
Enter symbol for horse 1: A
Enter confidence for horse 1: 0.7
Enter name for horse 2: Bob
Enter symbol for horse 2: B
Enter confidence for horse 2: 0.6
Enter name for horse 3: Charlotte
Enter symbol for horse 3: C
Enter confidence for horse 3: 0.8
```

```
Enter the race length: 5
Enter name for horse 1: X
Enter symbol for horse 1: £
Enter confidence for horse 1: 0.9
Enter name for horse 2: Y
Enter symbol for horse 2: $
Enter confidence for horse 2: 0.8
Enter name for horse 3: Z
Enter symbol for horse 3: &
Enter confidence for horse 3: 0.85
```

```
Enter the race length: 50
Enter name for horse 1: SpongeBob
Enter symbol for horse 1: #
Enter confidence for horse 1: 0.8
Enter name for horse 2: Patrick
Enter symbol for horse 2: *
Enter confidence for horse 2: 0.5
Enter name for horse 3: Squidward
Enter symbol for horse 3: @
Enter confidence for horse 3: 0.6
```

4. Randomness in Horse Movement:

From the testing I have done throughout this section, I feels like the horses fall too often, and movement algorithm feels a little clunky. So, to improve this I changed the moveHorse() method. Here is the new moveHorse() method:

```
/**

* Randomly make a horse move forward or fall depending

* on its confidence rating

* A fallen horse cannot move

*

* genram theHorse the horse to be moved

*/

// If the horse has fallen

if (theHorse.hasfallen()) {

return;

}

//If it has already finished

if (theHorse.getDistanceTravelled()=-racelength){

return;

}

// Calculate the probability of movement based on confidence

double confidencefactor = 0.2 + 0.8 * theHorse.getConfidence();

// Calculate additional randomness based on track conditions or other factors, can be implemented better in the future

double additionalRandomness = Math.random() * 0.2 - 0.1; // Adjust range as needed

// Combined movement probability

double movementProbability = confidenceFactor + additionalRandomness;

// Generate a random number to determine movement

double randomValue = Math.random();

// Move the horse forward if random value falls within the movement probability

if (randomValue < movementProbability) {

theHorse.moveForward();

} else {

// Generate a random number to determine if the horse falls

double fallProbability = 0.12 * theHorse.getConfidence() * theHorse.getConfidence();

if (Math.random() < fallProbability) {

theHorse.fall();

}

}
```

Testing:

```
Enter the race length: 50
Enter name for horse 1: SpongeBob
Enter symbol for horse 1: #
Enter confidence for horse 1: 0.8
Enter name for horse 2: Patrick
Enter symbol for horse 2: *
Enter confidence for horse 2: 0.5
Enter name for horse 3: Squidward
Enter symbol for horse 3: 0
Enter confidence for horse 3: 0.65
```



As you can see this same test when done in the previous method resulted in all horses falling (even with higher confidence values), so this model seems good. I was tested a few times to adjust the values in the algorithm, which I will not show here.

5. Additional Statistics & 6. Handling ties:

I implemented these two changes at the same time to the Race class. Firstly, I added a new private attribute to the class Race which was a Map:

```
private Map<Horse,Double> results= new HashMap<>();
```

This holds the Horse and the time taken for the horse to complete which is stored as a double. The Map will be sorted in the future as a LinkedHashMap but for now we will just use this to provide the real time statistics for the horses.

To do this I changed the printRace method to be this:

```
.vate void printRace()
System.out.print(c:'\u000C'); //clear the terminal window
multiplePrint(aChar:'=',raceLength+3); //top edge of track
System.out.println();
printLane(lane1Horse);
 System.out.print(" "+lane1Horse.getName()+" Confidence: "+lane1Horse.getConfidence()+" ");
if(lane1Horse.hasFallen()) System.out.print(s:"Fallen ");
else if(results.containsKey(lane1Horse)) System.out.print("Finished, time: "+Math.round(results.get(lane1Horse)*100.0)/100.0);
System.out.println();
printLane(lane2Horse);
                   "+lane2Horse.getName()+" Confidence: "+lane2Horse.getConfidence()+" ");
 System.out.print("
if(lane2Horse.hasFallen()) System.out.print(s:"Fallen");
else if(results.containsKey(lane2Horse)) System.out.print("Finished, time: "+Math.round(results.get(lane2Horse)*100.0)/100.0);
System.out.println();
printLane(lane3Horse);
 System.out.print(" "+lane3Horse.getName()+" Confidence: "+lane3Horse.getConfidence()+" ");
if(lane3Horse.hasFallen()) System.out.print(s:"Fallen");
else if(results.containsKey(lane3Horse)) System.out.print("Finished, time: "+Math.round(results.get(lane3Horse)*100.0)/100.0);
System.out.println();;
multiplePrint(aChar:'=',raceLength+3); //bottom edge of track
 System.out.println();
```

This now prints the name of the horse, its confidence value, and if it finishes the time it took to finish and if I fall it prints "Fallen" all next to the lane of the horse displayed.

Output of this method:

As you can see once a horse finishes the race it shows their time, before it only shows their name and confidence.

```
? | SpongeBob Confidence: 0.9 Fallen
| @ Squidward Confidence: 0.9 Finished, time: 4.0
| * Patrick Confidence: 0.4 Finished, time: 6.7
```

As you can see it also displays "Fallen" if the horse on that lane has fallen.

Now to handle ties, I used the new system of storing the time the horse's finish to give their placements. Here is how I tracked the time in the startRace class, and how I put the horses in the map if the had fallen or finished:

```
oublic void startRace() {
    Reset all the lanes (all horses not fallen and back to 0).
 lane1Horse.goBackToStart();
 lane2Horse.goBackToStart();
 lane3Horse.goBackToStart();
 double time = 0.0; // Initialize time
 double fall= -1.0;
 while (!allHorsesFinishedOrFallen()) {
      clearTerminal();
      boolean fallen1 = lane1Horse.hasFallen();
      boolean fallen2 = lane2Horse.hasFallen();
      boolean fallen3 = lane3Horse.hasFallen();
      boolean hasFinished1 = raceWonBy(lane1Horse);
      boolean hasFinished2 = raceWonBy(lane2Horse);
      boolean hasFinished3 = raceWonBy(lane3Horse);
      moveHorse(lane1Horse);
      moveHorse(lane2Horse);
      moveHorse(lane3Horse);
      printRace();
       // putting to map if the horses just fell
if(fallen1==false && lane1Horse.hasFallen()==true){
            results.put(lane1Horse,fall--);
       if(fallen2==false && lane2Horse.hasFallen()==true){
           results.put(lane2Horse,fall--);
       if(fallen3==false && lane3Horse.hasFallen()==true){
            results.put(lane3Horse,fall--);
       if(hasFinished1==false && raceWonBy(lane1Horse)==true){
            results.put(lane1Horse,time);
       if(hasFinished2==false && raceWonBy(lane2Horse)==true){
           results.put(lane2Horse.time):
       if(hasFinished3==false && raceWonBy(lane3Horse)==true){
            results.put(lane3Horse,time);
       time += 0.1;
           TimeUnit.MILLISECONDS.sleep(timeout:100);
           e.printStackTrace():
   clearTerminal();
   printRace():
   results=sortMap(results);
   System.out.println(x:"Results: ");
   for (Map.Entry<Horse, Double> entry : results.entrySet()) {
       if(entry.getValue()>0)
       System.out.println(entry.getKey().getName() + ": " + Math.round(entry.getValue()*100.0)/100.0); else System.out.println(entry.getKey().getName() + ": DNF");
```

As you can see I implemented some other helper methods to achieve this, like allHorsesFinishedOrFallen() and sortMap(). Here are their implementations:

```
/**

* Check if all horses have finished the race or fallen.

*

* @return true if all horses have finished or fallen, false otherwise

*/

private boolean allHorsesFinishedOrFallen() {

   boolean horse1=lane1Horse.getDistanceTravelled() == raceLength || lane1Horse.hasFallen();

   boolean horse2=lane2Horse.getDistanceTravelled() == raceLength || lane2Horse.hasFallen();

   boolean horse3=lane3Horse.getDistanceTravelled() == raceLength || lane3Horse.hasFallen();

   return horse1 && horse2 && horse3;

}
```

```
Sort the given map to order the competitors
  @param map the map we are going to sort, which has the data on the competitors
public static Map<Horse, Double> sortMap(Map<Horse, Double> map) {
    List<Map.Entry<Horse, Double>> list = new ArrayList<>(map.entrySet());
    Collections.sort(list, new Comparator<Map.Entry<Horse, Double>>() {
        public int compare(Map.Entry<Horse, Double> o1, Map.Entry<Horse, Double> o2) {
            double value1 = o1.getValue();
            double value2 = o2.getValue();
            // Sort normal values in ascending order
            if (value1 >= 0 && value2 >= 0) {
                return Double.compare(value1, value2);
            else if (value1 < 0 && value2 < 0) {
                return Double.compare(value1, value2);
                 return value1 >= 0 ? -1 : 1;
    // Create a new LinkedHashMap to preserve the insertion order
Map<Horse, Double> sortedMap = new LinkedHashMap<>();
        sortedMap.put(entry.getKey(), entry.getValue());
    return sortedMap;
```

The negative values mentioned here are the values put in the map if the Horse has fallen. We rank the time taken in ascending order for the horses that finished first, then at the end we put the horses that did not finish, in the order of how far they travelled before falling.

Output:

Many more tests were run to see if the sorting was working as intentional, which I will not show here.

7. Input Validation & 8. Error Handling:

The only user Input that I take is in the main method, where I ask the user to give the specifications for the race that is to be simulated. So, I added input validation and Error handling using exceptions, and while loops that ask the user for a valid value until it gets one. Here is the new main method:

```
String horseName;
   char horseSymbol:
   double horseConfidence;
   // Getting horse name
System.out.print("Enter name for horse " + i + ": ");
   horseName = scanner.next():
   System.out.print("Enter symbol for horse " + i + ": ");
   horseSymbol = scanner.next().charAt(index:0);
    while (true) {
           System.out.print("Enter confidence for horse " + i + ": ");
            horseConfidence = scanner.nextDouble();
            if (horseConfidence < 0 || horseConfidence > 1) {
                throw new IllegalArgumentException(s:"Confidence must be a number between 0 and 1.");
            break; // Break out of the loop if input is valid
           System.out.println(x:"Invalid input. Please enter a valid number.");
           System.out.println(e.getMessage());
    testRace.addHorse(new Horse(horseSymbol, horseName, horseConfidence), i);
testRace.startRace();
scanner.close();
```

Here is the output:

```
Enter the race length: abcd
Invalid input. Please enter a valid integer.
Enter the race length: -12
Race length must be a positive integer.
Enter the race length: 20
Enter name for horse 1: abcd
Enter symbol for horse 1: a
Enter confidence for horse 1: 3.2
Confidence must be a number between 0 and 1.
Enter confidence for horse 1: 0.1
Enter name for horse 2: kajd
Enter symbol for horse 2: kajd
Enter confidence for horse 2: 0.9
Enter name for horse 3: aj
Enter symbol for horse 3: ai
Enter confidence for horse 3: -0.1
Confidence must be a number between 0 and 1.
Enter confidence for horse 3: 0.3
```

```
| a | abcd Confidence: 0.1 Finished, time: 4.1 | hdj Confidence: 0.9 Fallen | i | saj Confidence: 0.3 Finished, time: 3.1 | Results: saj: 3.1 | abcd: 4.1 | abcd: 4.1 | abdi: DNF
```

It works as intended. In the future we could be stricter on some parameters such as the race length, as in testing on my monitor anything over 200 the lines overflow and the display looks illegible.

9. Scaling the simulation to more lanes/races:

Firstly, I implemented the race having multiple lanes. To do this I got rid of the attributes lane1Horse, lane2Horse and lane3Horse and instead had a new attribute horses which was an List of Horse objects, along with another new attribute which was the number of lanes:

```
private List<Horse> horses = new ArrayList<>();
private final int numberOfLanes;
```

This meant that many methods had to be changed to work with this implementation, so I changed the following methods:

Race //the constructor method

```
/**
  * Constructor for objects of class Race
  * Initially there are no horses in the lanes
  *
  * @param distance the length of the racetrack (in metres/yards...)
  * @param lanes the number of lanes in the race
  */
public Race(int distance,int lanes)
{
    // initialise instance variables
    raceLength = distance;
    numberOfLanes=lanes;
}
```

addHorse method:

```
/**
  * Adds a horse to the race
  *
  * @param theHorse the horse to be added to the race
  */
public void addHorse(Horse theHorse) {
    if (horses.size() < numberOfLanes) {
        horses.add(theHorse);
    } else {
        System.out.println(x:"Cannot add more horses. Maximum number of lanes reached.");
    }
}</pre>
```

startRace method:

printRace method:

The hasAllHorsesFallen method was deleted as it became obsolete.

main method:

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
   Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
    int raceLength;
       try {
           System.out.print(s:"Enter the race length: ");
           raceLength = scanner.nextInt();
            if (raceLength <= 0) {
               throw new IllegalArgumentException(s: "Race length must be a positive integer.");
           break; // Break out of the loop if input is valid
       } catch (InputMismatchException e) {
           System.out.println(x:"Invalid input. Please enter a valid integer.");
           scanner.nextLine(); // Clear the input buffer
        } catch (IllegalArgumentException e) {
            System.out.println(e.getMessage());
    // Getting the number of horses participating in the race
   int numberOfHorses;
           System.out.print(s:"Enter the number of horses: ");
           numberOfHorses = scanner.nextInt();
           if (numberOfHorses <= 0) {</pre>
               throw new IllegalArgumentException(s:"Number of horses must be a positive integer.");
        } catch (InputMismatchException e) {
           System.out.println(x:"Invalid input. Please enter a valid integer.");
           scanner.nextLine(); // Clear the input buffer
        } catch (IllegalArgumentException e) {
           System.out.println(e.getMessage());
```

```
Race testRace = new Race(raceLength, numberOfHorses);
for (int i = 0; i < numberOfHorses; i++) {</pre>
   String horseName;
   char horseSymbol;
   double horseConfidence;
   // Getting horse name
   System.out.print("Enter name for horse " + (i + 1) + ": ");
   horseName = scanner.next();
   // Getting horse symbol
   System.out.print("Enter symbol for horse " + (i + 1) + ": ");
   horseSymbol = scanner.next().charAt(index:0);
    // Getting horse confidence with input validation
   while (true) {
           System.out.print("Enter confidence for horse " + (i + 1) + ": ");
           horseConfidence = scanner.nextDouble();
            if (horseConfidence < 0 || horseConfidence > 1) {
                throw new IllegalArgumentException(s: "Confidence must be a number between 0 and 1.");
       } catch (InputMismatchException e) {
           System.out.println(x:"Invalid input. Please enter a valid number.");
           scanner.nextLine(); // Clear the input buffer
       } catch (IllegalArgumentException e) {
           System.out.println(e.getMessage());
   testRace.addHorse(new Horse(horseSymbol, horseName, horseConfidence));
testRace.startRace();
scanner.close();
```

AllHorsesFinishedOrFallen method:

```
/**
 * Check if all horses have finished the race or fallen.
 *
 * @return true if all horses have finished or fallen, false otherwise
 */
private boolean allHorsesFinishedOrFallen() {
    for (Horse horse : horses) {
        if (horse.getDistanceTravelled() == raceLength || horse.hasFallen()) {
            continue;
        }
        return false;
    }
    return true;
}
```

All these methods were changed to incorporate this implementation.

Testing and output:

```
Enter the race length: 20
Enter the number of horses: 5
Enter name for horse 1: A
Enter symbol for horse 1: A
Enter confidence for horse 1: 0.9
Enter name for horse 2: B
Enter symbol for horse 2: B
Enter confidence for horse 2: 0.8
Enter name for horse 3: C
Enter symbol for horse 3: C
Enter confidence for horse 3: 0.85
Enter name for horse 4: D
Enter symbol for horse 4: D
Enter confidence for horse 4: 0.5
Enter name for horse 5: E
Enter symbol for horse 5: E
Enter confidence for horse 5: 0.7
```

```
| A | A Confidence: 0.9 Finished, time: 2.2 | B | B Confidence: 0.8 Finished, time: 2.0 | C | C Confidence: 0.85 Finished, time: 2.0 | D | D Confidence: 0.5 Finished, time: 2.4 | P | E Confidence: 0.7 Fallen | E Confidence: 0.8 Finished, time: 2.0 | E Confidence: 0.7 Fallen | E
```

```
Enter the race length: 30
Enter the number of horses: 6
Enter name for horse 1: Jojo
Enter symbol for horse 1: J
Enter confidence for horse 1: 0.8
Enter name for horse 2: Gyro
Enter symbol for horse 2: G
Enter confidence for horse 2: 0.8
Enter name for horse 3: Sandman
Enter symbol for horse 3: S
Enter confidence for horse 3: 0.7
Enter name for horse 4: Dio
Enter symbol for horse 4: D
Enter confidence for horse 4: 0.9
Enter name for horse 5: Valentine
Enter symbol for horse 5: V
Enter confidence for horse 5: 0.8
Enter name for horse 6: Pocoloco
Enter symbol for horse 6: P
Enter confidence for horse 6: 0.6
```

Now before adding the Championship simulation, I first decided to make a points Map to store the points the horses receive regarding their position in the race. So First I added the attribute to the class:

```
private Map<Horse, Integer> points = new HashMap<>();
```

Then I had to change the startRace method, and had to make 2 new methods; calculatePoints and PrintResults:

```
public void startRace() {
      for (Horse horse : horses) {
          moveHorse(horse);
          if (horse.hasFallen() && !results.containsKey(horse)) {
              results.put(horse, fall--);
           if (raceWonBy(horse) && !results.containsKey(horse)) {
              results.put(horse, time);
      printRace();
      time += 0.1;
           TimeUnit.MILLISECONDS.sleep(timeout:100);
       } catch (InterruptedException e) {
          e.printStackTrace();
  clearTerminal();
  printRace();
  results = sortMap(results);
  calculatePoints();
  printResults();
```

Only the lines with the green highlights where changed/added, form line 103 to 108.

```
/**
  * calculates the points earned by each horse once the race finishes, and puts them in the points map.
  */
private void calculatePoints() {
    int numberOfLanes = horses.size();
    int pointsEarned = numberOfLanes;

    // Sort the race results by time taken to finish
    List</ap>
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    Fintry</a>
    Horse borse, Double>> entries = new ArrayList<>(results.entrySet());
    Collections.sort(entries, Comparator.comparing(Map.Entry::getValue));

// Track the previous time to detect ties in the race
double previousTime =-0.1;

// Iterate over the sorted entries to assign points to horses
for (Map.Entry</a>
    Horse horse and its finishing time
    Horse horse = entry.getKey();
    double time = entry.getValue();

// Decrement points earned if there's a new position or a tie
if (time >= 0 && time != previousTime) {
    pointsEarned--;
    previousTime = time;
    }

// Assign points to the horse based on its finishing position
// If the horse didn't finish, assign 0 points
points.put(horse, time >= 0 ? pointsEarned : 0);
}
```

```
**
    * Prints the race results including each horse's position and points earned.
    */
private void printResults() {

    // Sort the race results by time taken to finish
    ListcMap.Entry<Horse, Double> entries = new ArrayList<>(results.entrySet());
    Collections.sort(entries, Comparator.comparing(Map.Entry::getValue));

// Track the position of horses in the race
    int position = 1;

// Iterate over the sorted entries to print results
    for (Map.Entry<Horse, Double> entry : entries) {

        // Get the horse and its finishing time
        Horse horse = entry.getKey();
        double time = entry.getValue();

        // Print the horse's name, time taken, position, and points earned
        System.out.print(horse.getName() + ": ");
        if (time >= 0) {

            System.out.print("Time: " + Math.round(time * 100.0) / 100.0 + " seconds, ");
            System.out.print("Position: " + position + ", ");
            System.out.println("Position: " + position + ", ");
            System.out.print(s:"Position: DNF ");
            System.out.print(s:"Position: DNF ");
            System.out.println("Points: " + points.get(horse));
        }

        // Increment the position for the next horse
        position++;
    }
}
```

Testing and output:

```
Enter the race length: 30
Enter the number of horses: 5
Enter name for horse 1: A
Enter symbol for horse 1: A
Enter confidence for horse 1: 0.8
Enter name for horse 2: B
Enter symbol for horse 2: B
Enter confidence for horse 2: 0.7
Enter name for horse 3: C
Enter symbol for horse 3: C
Enter confidence for horse 3: 0.6
Enter name for horse 4: D
Enter symbol for horse 4: D
Enter confidence for horse 4: 0.8
Enter name for horse 5: E
Enter symbol for horse 5: E
Enter confidence for horse 5: 0.8
```

```
A A Confidence: 0.8 Finished, time: 3.6
B B Confidence: 0.7 Finished, time: 3.2
C C Confidence: 0.6 Finished, time: 3.3
D D Confidence: 0.8 Finished, time: 3.4
E E Confidence: 0.8 Finished, time: 3.4
E Confidence: 0.8 Finished, time: 3.1
E: Time: 3.1 seconds, Position: 1, Points: 4
B: Time: 3.2 seconds, Position: 2, Points: 3
C: Time: 3.3 seconds, Position: 3, Points: 2
D: Time: 3.4 seconds, Position: 4, Points: 1
A: Time: 3.6 seconds, Position: 5, Points: 0
```

```
Enter the race length: 20
Enter the number of horses: 3
Enter name for horse 1: Lion
Enter symbol for horse 1: L
Enter confidence for horse 1: 0.6
Enter name for horse 2: Tiger
Enter symbol for horse 2: T
Enter confidence for horse 2: 0.55
Enter name for horse 3: Cheetah
Enter symbol for horse 3: C
Enter confidence for horse 3: 0.9
```

```
L Lion Confidence: 0.6 Finished, time: 2.1

T Tiger Confidence: 0.55 Finished, time: 3.2

C Cheetah Confidence: 0.9 Finished, time: 1.9

Cheetah: Time: 1.9 seconds, Position: 1, Points: 2

Lion: Time: 2.1 seconds, Position: 2, Points: 1

Tiger: Time: 3.2 seconds, Position: 3, Points: 0
```

```
Enter the race length: 100
Enter the number of horses: 2
Enter name for horse 1: Gon
Enter symbol for horse 1: G
Enter confidence for horse 1: 0.99
Enter name for horse 2: Killua
Enter symbol for horse 2: K
Enter confidence for horse 2: 0.99
```

Okay now with the points system in place, I made many new methods and edited some old ones to now implement the option to simulate Championships, which is multiple races that are held in succession, and the points from all the races are kept track to display the winners and the points

table at the end. I also implemented the characteristic of horses where if they fall their confidences decrease, and if they finish the race their confidences increase relative to the position they finish in (so first place gets a big confidence boost, last place gets little boost). Here are all the methods I changed/ added, and I will provide screenshots below.

In Race class:

- Added new attribute overallPoints which is a Map
- Changed startRace method
- Added getRaceLength method
- Added getNumberOfHorses method
- Added getHorseName method
- Added getHorseSymbol method
- Added getHorseConfidence method
- Added updateConfidence method
- Added printOverallResults method
- Changed calculatePoints method
- Changed main method
- Added runSingleRace method
- Added runChampionship method

In Horse class:

• Added reset method

Screenshots:

In Race class:

private Map<Horse, Integer> overallPoints = new HashMap<>();

```
public void startRace() {
   for (Horse horse : horses) {
      horse.goBackToStart();
      horse.reset();
   double time = 0.0; // Initialize time
   double fall = -1.0;
   int placement = numberOfLanes;
   while (!allHorsesFinishedOrFallen()) {
       clearTerminal();
       for (Horse horse : horses) {
           moveHorse(horse);
           if (horse.hasFallen() && !results.containsKey(horse)) {
               results.put(horse, fall--);
               updateConfidence(horse, -1); // Decrease confidence if the horse falls
           if (raceWonBy(horse) && !results.containsKey(horse)) {
               results.put(horse, time);
               {\bf updateConfidence(horse,\ placement);\ //\ Increase\ confidence\ if\ the\ horse\ wins}
               placement--; // Decrease placement for the next horse
       printRace();
       time += 0.1;
           TimeUnit.MILLISECONDS.sleep(timeout:100);
       } catch (InterruptedException e) {
           e.printStackTrace();
   clearTerminal();
   printRace();
   results = sortMap(results);
   calculatePoints();
   printResults();
```

```
/**

* Helper method to get the race length from the user.

* @param scanner The Scanner object for user input

* @preturn The race length entered by the user

*/
private static int getRaceLength(Scanner scanner) {
    int raceLength;
    while (true) {
        try {
            System.out.print(s:"Enter the race length: ");
            raceLength = scanner.nextInt();
            if (raceLength <= 0) {
                  throw new IllegalArgumentException(s:"Race length must be a positive integer.");
            }
            break; // Break out of the loop if input is valid
            } catch (InputMismatchException e) {
                 System.out.println(x:"Invalid input. Please enter a valid integer.");
            scanner.nextLine(); // Clear the input buffer
            } catch (IllegalArgumentException e) {
                 System.out.println(e.getMessage());
            }
            return raceLength;
}
```

```
# # Helper method to get the number of horses participating from the user.
# @param scanner The Scanner object for user input
# @return The number of horses entered by the user
# private static int getNumberOfHorses(Scanner scanner) {
    int numberOfHorses;
    while (true) {
        try {
            System.out.print(s:"Enter the number of horses: ");
            numberOfHorses = scanner.nextInt();
            if (numberOfHorses <= 0) {
                  throw new IllegalArgumentException(s:"Number of horses must be a positive integer.");
            }
            break; // Break out of the loop if input is valid
            } catch (InputMismatchException e) {
                  System.out.println(x:"Invalid input. Please enter a valid integer.");
                  scanner.nextLine(); // Clear the input buffer
            } catch (IllegalArgumentException e) {
                  System.out.println(e.getMessage());
            }
            return numberOfHorses;
}
</pre>
```

```
/**
    * Helper method to get the name of a horse from the user.
    * @param scanner The Scanner object for user input
    * @param horseNumber The number of the horse for which the name is being entered
    * @return The name of the horse entered by the user
    */
private static String getHorseName(Scanner scanner, int horseNumber) {
        System.out.print("Enter name for horse " + horseNumber + ": ");
        return scanner.next();
}

/**
    * Helper method to get the symbol of a horse from the user.
    * @param scanner The Scanner object for user input
    * @param horseNumber The number of the horse for which the symbol is being entered
    * @return The symbol of the horse entered by the user
    */
    private static char getHorseSymbol(Scanner scanner, int horseNumber) {
        System.out.print("Enter symbol for horse " + horseNumber + ": ");
        return scanner.next().charAt(index:0);
}
```

```
* @param horse The horse whose confidence needs to be updated
* \ensuremath{\text{@param placement}} The placement of the horse in the race (-1 if the horse fell)
public void updateConfidence(Horse horse, int placement) {
   double currentConfidence = horse.getConfidence();
   if (placement > 0) {
       double increase = 0.2 / (numberOfLanes-placement+1); // Adjust this factor as needed
       horse.setConfidence(Math.min(currentConfidence + increase, b:0.99)); // capping max confidence at 0.99
       double decrease = 0.2; // Adjust this factor as needed
       horse.setConfidence(Math.max(currentConfidence - decrease, b:0.1)); // capping min confidence at 0.1
private void printOverallResults(Map<Horse, Integer> overallPoints) {
   System.out.println(x:"Overall Results:");
   List<Horse> sortedHorses = new ArrayList<>(overallPoints.keySet());
   Collections.sort(sortedHorses, Comparator.comparingInt(overallPoints::get).reversed());
   int position = 1;
    for (Horse horse : sortedHorses) {
       int pointsEarned = overallPoints.get(horse);
       System.out.println("Position " + position + ": " + horse.getName() + " - Points: " + pointsEarned);
       position++;
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
   Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
   while (true) {
       System.out.println(x:"Welcome to Horse Race Simulator!");
       System.out.println(x:"Choose an option:");
       System.out.println(x:"1. Single Race");
       System.out.println(x:"2. Championship");
       System.out.print(s:"Enter your choice (1 or 2): ");
       try {
           choice = scanner.nextInt();
           if (choice != 1 && choice != 2) {
               throw new IllegalArgumentException(s:"Invalid choice. Please enter 1 or 2.");
           break; // Break out of the loop if input is valid
       } catch (InputMismatchException e) {
           System.out.println(x:"Invalid input. Please enter a valid integer.");
           scanner.nextLine(); // Clear the input buffer
       } catch (IllegalArgumentException e) {
           System.out.println(e.getMessage());
    // Getting horse details
   List<Horse> horses = new ArrayList<>();
   int numberOfHorses= getNumberOfHorses(scanner);
   Race race = new Race(distance:0, numberOfHorses); // Create an instance of the Race class
    for (int i = 0; i < numberOfHorses; i++) {</pre>
       String horseName = getHorseName(scanner, i + 1);
       char horseSymbol = getHorseSymbol(scanner, i + 1);
       double horseConfidence = getHorseConfidence(scanner, i + 1);
       horses.add(new Horse(horseSymbol, horseName, horseConfidence));
    if (choice == 1) {
       runSingleRace(scanner, horses); // Call the method for a single race
    } else if (choice == 2)
        race.runChampionship(scanner, horses); // Call the method for a championship
    scanner.close();
 * @param scanner The Scanner object for user input
private static void runSingleRace(Scanner scanner,List<Horse> horses) {
    int raceLength = getRaceLength(scanner);
    Race singleRace = new Race(raceLength, horses.size());
    for(Horse horse:horses){
        singleRace.addHorse(horse);
    singleRace.startRace();
```

```
/**
    * Run a single race based on user input.
    * @param scanner The Scanner object for user input
    */
    private static void runSingleRace(Scanner scanner,List<Horse> horses) {
        // Getting race details from the user
        int raceLength = getRaceLength(scanner);
        Race singleRace = new Race(raceLength, horses.size());
        for(Horse horse:horses){
            singleRace.addHorse(horse);
        }

        // Start the single race
        singleRace.startRace();
}
```

```
* Run a championship consisting of multiple races.
* @param scanner The Scanner object for user input
* @param horses The list of horses participating in the championship

public void runChampionship(Scanner scanner, List<Horse> horses) {

// Prompt for the number of races in the championship

System.out.print(s:"Enter the number of races in the championship: ");
     int numRaces = scanner.nextInt();
    Map<Horse, Integer> overallPoints = new HashMap<>();
     for (Horse horse : horses) {
         overallPoints.put(horse, value:0);
     for (int i = 1; i <= numRaces; i++) {
         System.out.println("Race " + i + " of " + numRaces);
         int length = getRaceLength(scanner);
          Race newRace = new Race(length, numberOfLanes);
          newRace.horses = horses; // Tr
          newRace.overallPoints = overallPoints; // Transfer overallPoints data
          newRace.startRace();
             Horse horse = entry.getKey();
              int pointsEarned = entry.getValue();
              overallPoints.put(horse, overallPoints.get(horse) + pointsEarned);
          if (i < numRaces) {</pre>
              System.out.print(s:"Do you want to continue to the next race? (y/n): ");
               String input = scanner.next();
               if (!input.equalsIgnoreCase(anotherString:"y")) {
     printOverallResults(overallPoints);
```

In Horse class:

Testing and output:

Single Race:

```
Welcome to Horse Race Simulator!
Choose an option:
1. Single Race
2. Championship
Enter your choice (1 or 2): 1
Enter the number of horses: A
Invalid input. Please enter a valid integer.
Enter the number of horses: 2
Enter name for horse 1: A
Enter symbol for horse 1: A
Enter confidence for horse 1: 0.5
Enter name for horse 2: B
Enter symbol for horse 2: B
Enter confidence for horse 2: 0.5
Enter the race length: 20
```

Championship:

```
Welcome to Horse Race Simulator!
Choose an option:
1. Single Race
2. Championship
Enter your choice (1 or 2): 2
Enter the number of horses: 4
Enter name for horse 1: SpongeBob
Enter symbol for horse 1: #
Enter confidence for horse 1: 0.6
Enter name for horse 2: Patrick
Enter symbol for horse 2: *
Enter confidence for horse 2: 0.5
Enter name for horse 3: Squidward
Enter symbol for horse 3: @
Enter confidence for horse 3: 0.6
Enter name for horse 4: Mr.Crabs
Enter symbol for horse 4: $
Enter confidence for horse 4: 0.5
Enter the number of races in the championship: 3
Race 1 of 3
Enter the race length: 20
```

Many other tests were conducted to see if all the methods worked properly, they were all passed.

This concludes the improvements section of the of the Race class, and also the Part 1 of this project.

Committing Changes to GIT

As I have completed the improvements In the Horse and Race classes before GUI, I am going to commit this as version 1.0.1.

```
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator> git status
On branch main
Changes not staged for commit:
    (use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
    (use "git restore <file>..." to discard changes in working directo
Untracked files:
    (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
               Part1/Horse.class
Part1/Race$1.class
Part1/Race.class
no changes added to commit (use "git add" and/or "git commit -a")
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator>
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator> cd Part1
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part1> git add Horse.java
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part1> git add Race.java
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part1> git status
On branch main
Changes to be committed:
(use "git restore --staged <file>..." to unstage)
modified: Horse.java
                   Race.java
Untracked files:
(use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part1> git commit -m "Implemented races with multiple lanes, results of ra
ces, simulating championships, and other small improvements"
[main d2214bf] Implemented races with multiple lanes, results of races, simulating championships, and other small improv
2 files changed, 531 insertions(+), 86 deletions(-)
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part1>
```

Files successfully committed in git, along with suitable message.

Now branching to develop GUI.

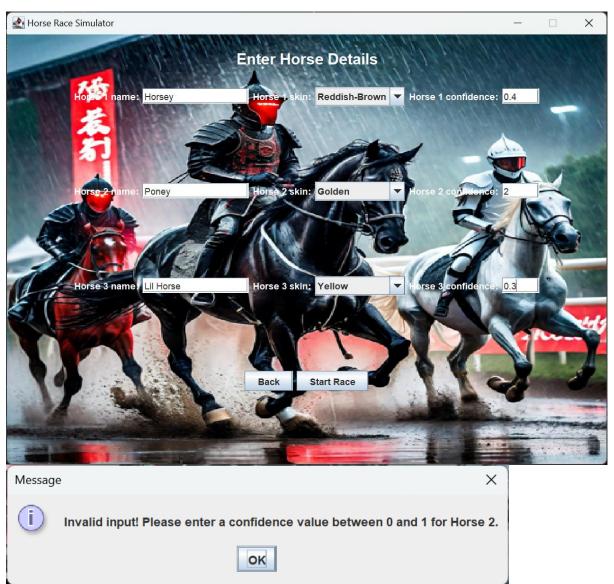
```
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator> cd Part2
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part2> git branch gui-development
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part2> git branch
 gui-development
* main
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part2> git checkout "gui-development"
Switched to branch 'gui-development'
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part2> git status
On branch gui-development
Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
nothing added to commit but untracked files present (use "git add" to track)
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part2> git add Horse.java
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part2> git add Race.java
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part2> git status
On branch gui-development
Changes to be committed:
  (use "git restore --staged <file>..." to unstage)
   new file: Horse.java
   new file: Race.java
Untracked files:
  (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part2> git commit -m "making new branch to develop GUI"
[gui-development 3fa466a] making new branch to develop GUI 2 files changed, 836 insertions(+) create mode 100644 Part2/Horse.java create mode 100644 Part2/Race.java
```

Part II - GUI

As it was not required, I did not document my journey of making the GUI. Here are some images of the final product:











I did not show all the features of the GUI here, as there are many more error messages etc. In this option, and the whole other option of running a championship. I hope you have fun exploring that as well when marking.

Part3: Finishing parts

As you know I have been keeping my project up-to date on git, so once I finished developing the GUI I added it to the staging area and committed it. Here are some images of that:

```
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator> git status
On branch gui-development
Changes not staged for commit:
    (use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
    (use "git restore <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)
    modified: Part1/Race.java
    modified: Part2/Horse.java
    modified: Part2/Race.java

Untracked files:
    (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
    Part1/Horse.class
    Part1/Race.class
    Part1/Race.class
    Part2/BackgroundPanel.java
    Part2/Horse.class
    Part2/Horse.class
    Part2/Horse.lapng
    Part2/Horse.lapng
    Part2/Horse.png
    Part2/Horse3.png
    Part2/Horse4.png
    Part2/Horse5.png
    Part2/Horse6.png
    Part2/Horse6.png
    Part2/Horse8.png
    Part2/Horse8.png
    Part2/Horse8.png
    Part2/Rose8GI.java
    Part2/RaceBGI.png
    Part2/RaceBGI.png
```

Adding the files I missed on the Part1 Folder:

```
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\part1> git add Horse.class
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\part1> git add Race.class
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\part1> git add Race$.class
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\part1> git add Race$.class
fatal: pathspec 'Race$.class' did not match any files
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\part1> git add Race$1.class
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\part1> git commit -m "Adding the compiled versions"
[gui-development 541a6f4] Adding the compiled versions
2 files changed, 0 insertions(+), 0 deletions(-)
create mode 100644 Part1/Horse.class
create mode 100644 Part1/Race.class
```

Commiting Part 2:

```
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part2> git add
 Nothing specified, nothing added.
Nothing specified, nothing added.
hint: Maybe you wanted to say 'git add .'?
hint: Turn this message off by running
hint: "git config advice.addEmptyPathspec false"
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part2> git add Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part2
fatal: pathspec 'Vasanth\Uni\Comp' did not match any files
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part2> git add "Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part2"
warning: could not open directory 'Part2/Vasanth/Uni/Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\': No such file or directory
fatal: pathspec 'Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part2' did not match any files
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part2> git add .
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part2> git status
  PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part2> git status
   On branch gui-development
  Changes to be committed:
  (use "git restore --staged <file>..." to unstage)
    new file: BackgroundPanel.java
    new file: Fallen.png
                                                                                            Horse.java
Horse1.png
                                      new file:
new file:
                                                                                              Horse4.png
                                       new file:
                                                                                               Horse5.png
                                      new file:
new file:
                                                                                             HorseBG.png
HorseRaceGUI.java
                                                                                           Race.java
RaceBG1.png
RaceBG2.png
                                      new file:
new file:
                                                                                            RaceBG3.png
RaceDisplayPanel.java
 Changes not staged for commit:
(use "git add <file>..." to update what will be committed)
(use "git restore <file>..." to discard changes in working directory)
    Untracked files:
             (use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
 PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator\Part2> git commit -m "Implemented a GUI, with customisable tracks and Horses, along with some statistics displayed. 21 files changed, 1283 insertions(+), 7 deletions(-) create mode 10064W Part2/RackgroundPanel.java create mode 10064W Part2/Horse.class create mode 10064W Part2/Horse.class create mode 10064W Part2/Horse.png create mode 10064W Part2/Race.png create mode 10064W P
```

The git log so far:

```
Commit 0a2f340433db79a44ca5fde522271fe263387994d (HEAD -> gui-development)
Author: Vasanth Subramanian <skjvasanth8gmail.com>
Date: Thu Apr 25 19:11:29 2024 +0100

Implemented a GUI, with customisable tracks and Horses, along with some statistics displayed.

commit 541a6f446ee9469cf1a7e5a2e6fde466c402d2a7
Author: Vasanth Subramanian <skjvasanth8gmail.com>
Date: Thu Apr 25 19:07:12 2024 +0100

Adding the compiled versions

commit 3f4466a2d621a0f59caa8cd84484285c4f201175
Author: Vasanth Subramanian <skjvasanth8gmail.com>
Date: Mon Apr 22 20:53:46 2024 +0100

making new branch to develop GUI

commit df2214bf5b8fc0fea0476a6b63c6a83774c94ea92 (main)
Author: Vasanth Subramanian <skjvasanth8gmail.com>
Date: Mon Apr 22 20:41:08 2024 +0100

Implemented races with multiple lanes, results of races, simulating championships, and other small improvements

commit aaf79963525e25d865a0bd6e27586f2611ec4dc0
Author: Vasanth Subramanian <skjvasanthegmail.com>
Date: Tue Apr 2 21:15:16 2024 +0100

Update Horse.java

Completed the public methods, tested them and implemented encapsulation

commit 906fdd8a957f7c1c20a8221d5ca028dc2153cdc4
Author: Vasanth Subramanian <skjvasanth8gmail.com>
Date: Wed Mar 20 16:54:20 2024 +0000

Code from McFarewell
```

Merging the Branches:

```
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator> git status
On branch main
On Detach man, morking tree clean
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator> git merge gui-development
Updating d2214bf..df38b97
Fast-forward
   Part1/Horse.class
Part1/Race$1.class
Part1/Race.class
Part1/Race.glass
                                                                                                                   Bin 0 -> 2173 bytes
Bin 0 -> 1063 bytes
Bin 0 -> 7553 bytes
                                                                                                                   2 +-
27 ++
Bin 0 -> 271522 bytes
Bin 0 -> 2173 bytes
182 ++++++
   Part2/BackgroundPanel.java
Part2/Fallen.png
Part2/Horse.class
Part2/Horse.java
Part2/Horse1.png

        Part2/Horse.class
        Bin 0 -> 2173 bytes

        Part2/Horse.java
        182 +++++

        Part2/Horsel.png
        Bin 0 -> 17083 bytes

        Part2/Horse2.png
        Bin 0 -> 16442 bytes

        Part2/Horse3.png
        Bin 0 -> 15884 bytes

        Part2/Horse4.png
        Bin 0 -> 14840 bytes

        Part2/Horse5.png
        Bin 0 -> 16423 bytes

        Part2/Horse6.png
        Bin 0 -> 16423 bytes

        Part2/Horse7.png
        Bin 0 -> 16469 bytes

        Part2/Horse8.png
        Bin 0 -> 17828 bytes

        Part2/HorseRaceGUI.java
        Bin 0 -> 517882 bytes

        Part2/Race.class
        Bin 0 -> 16459 bytes

        Part2/Race.class
        Bin 0 -> 517882 bytes

        Part2/Race.class
        Bin 0 -> 219908 bytes

        Part2/RaceBG1.png
        Bin 0 -> 2119908 bytes

        Part2/RaceBG2.png
        Bin 0 -> 2456819 bytes

        Part2/RaceBG3.png
        Bin 0 -> 241222 bytes

        Part2/RaceBG3.png
        Bin 0 -> 241222 bytes

        Part2/RaceBG4.png
        Bin 0 -> 241222 bytes

        Part
    create mode 100644 Part1/Race.class
create mode 100644 Part2/BackgroundPanel.java
    create mode 100644 Part2/Fallen.png
create mode 100644 Part2/Horse.class
    create mode 100644 Part2/Horse.java
create mode 100644 Part2/Horse1.png
    create mode 100644 Part2/Horse2.png
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    create mode 100644 Part2/Horse4.png
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    create mode 100644 Part2/Horse6.png
create mode 100644 Part2/Horse7.png
   create mode 100644 Part2/Horse8.png
create mode 100644 Part2/HorseBG.png
    create mode 100644 Part2/HorseRaceGUI.java
create mode 100644 Part2/Race$1.class
    create mode 100644 Part2/Race.class
create mode 100644 Part2/Race.java
   create mode 100644 Part2/RaceBG1.png
create mode 100644 Part2/RaceBG2.png
create mode 100644 Part2/RaceBG3.png
create mode 100644 Part2/RaceBG3.png
create mode 100644 Part2/RaceBG3.png
create mode 100644 Part2/RaceBisplayPanel.java
PS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator> git commit -m "Merged gui-development branch with main branch"
On branch main
nothing to commit, working tree clean
```

Adding the README files

```
OS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator> git status
On branch main
Untracked files:

(use "git add <file>..." to include in what will be committed)
README.md
README.txt

Nothing added to commit but untracked files present (use "git add" to track)
OS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator> git add .

varning: in the working copy of 'README.md', LF will be replaced by CRLF the next time Git touches it
OS C:\Vasanth\Uni\Comp sci\HorseRaceSimulator> git commit -m "Added README files to guide users"

[main 6e1e832] Added README files to guide users
2 files changed, 94 insertions(+)
create mode 100644 README.md
create mode 100644 README.md
```

That concludes my report, Hope you had fun running my code! If I had more time, I would implement the betting system and make things more polished, but that's improvements for another time.