Part VIII

Advanced programming examples

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Dutch auction – fully graphical version

- the background
- the graphical clock
- other elements

Exercise: graphical version of an English auction

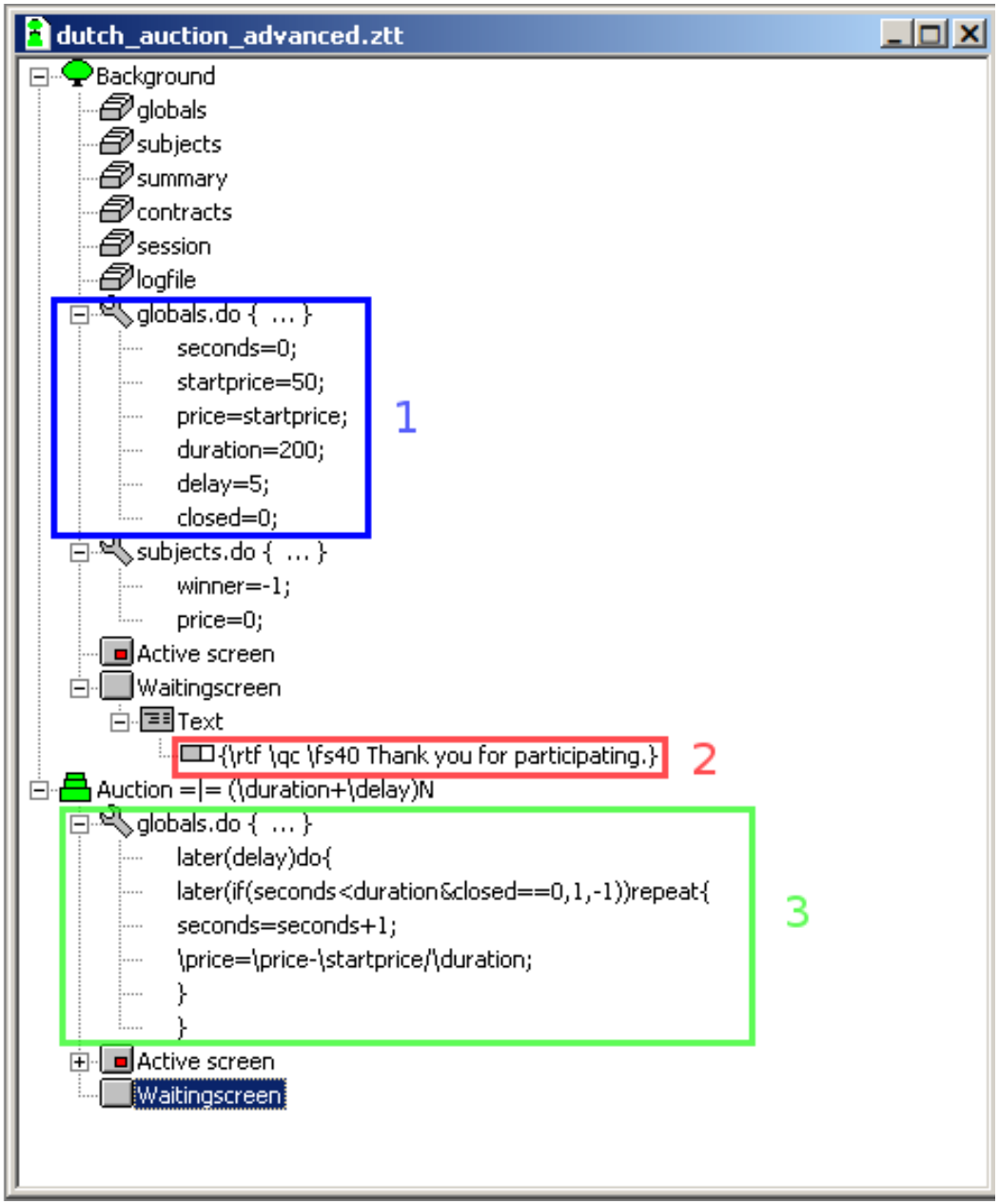
A real effort task: pick the right color

- background
- main stage

Dutch auction - screenshot

Example: dutch_auction_advanced.ztt

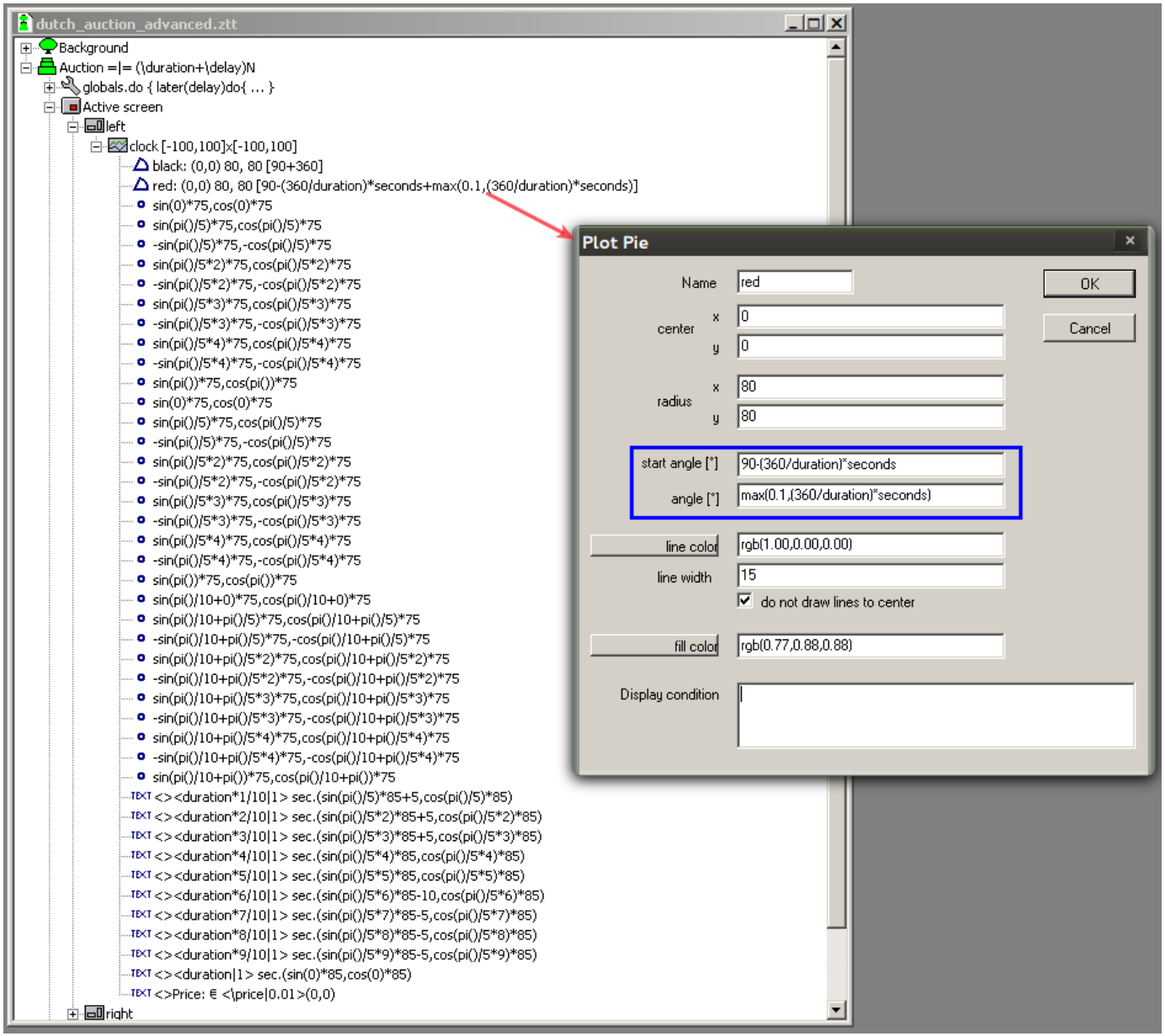
Dutch auction - the background



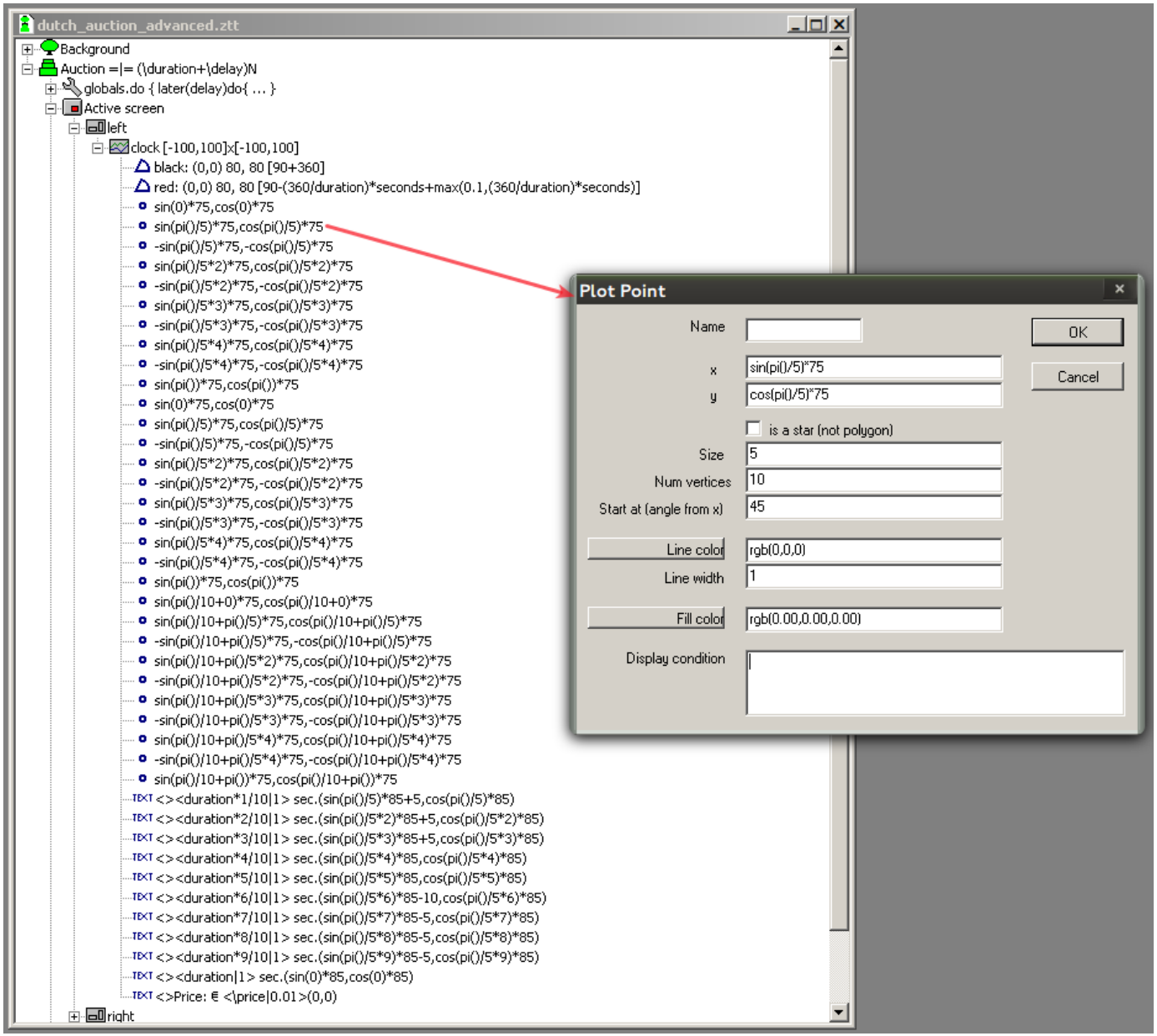
Dutch auction - the background

1. define the **global variables**
2. set the message for the **waiting screen**
3. let the **clock** run, using
   - the `later()do` statement
   - and the `later()repeat` statement

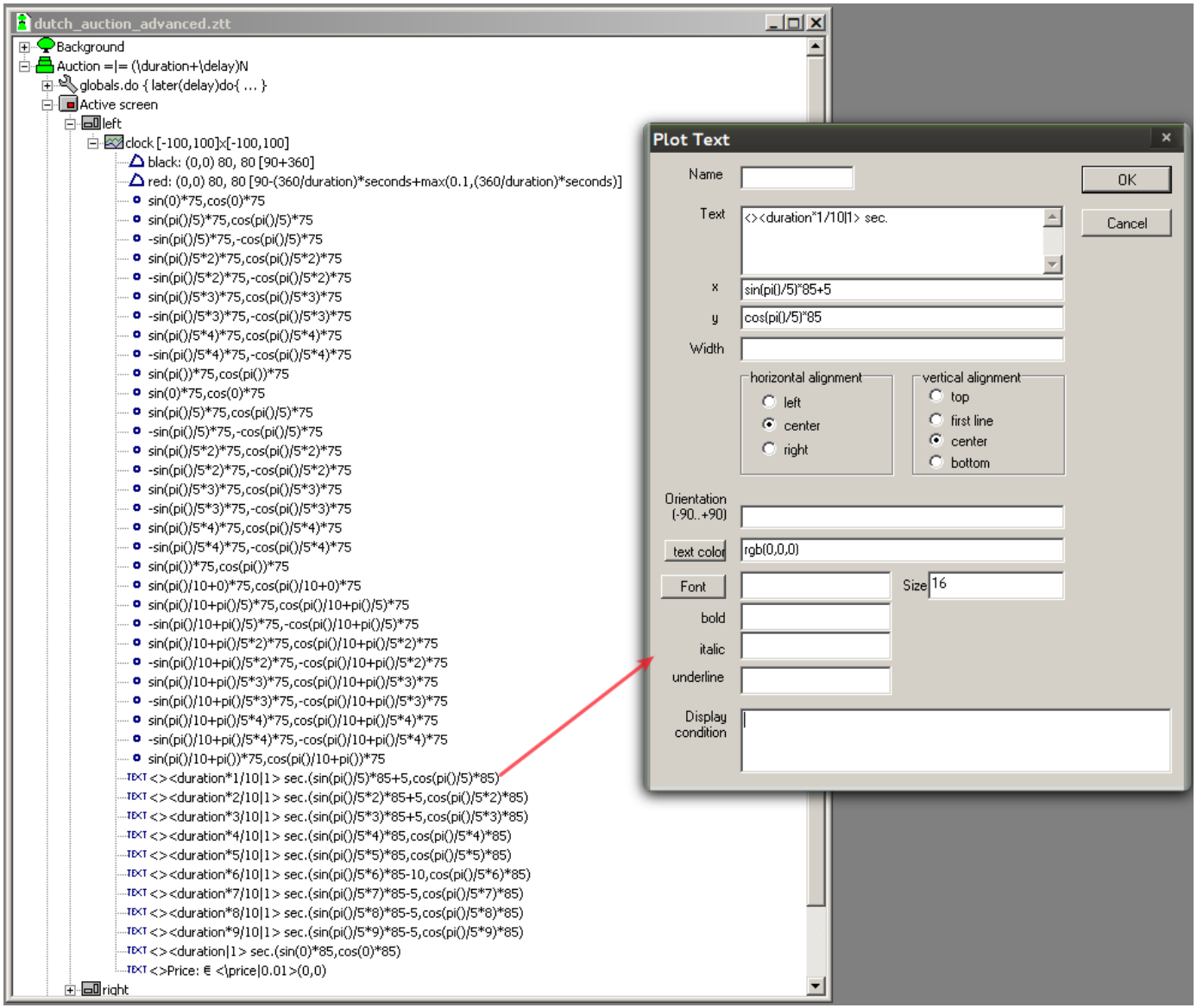
Dutch auction - the graphical clock I



Dutch auction - the graphical clock II

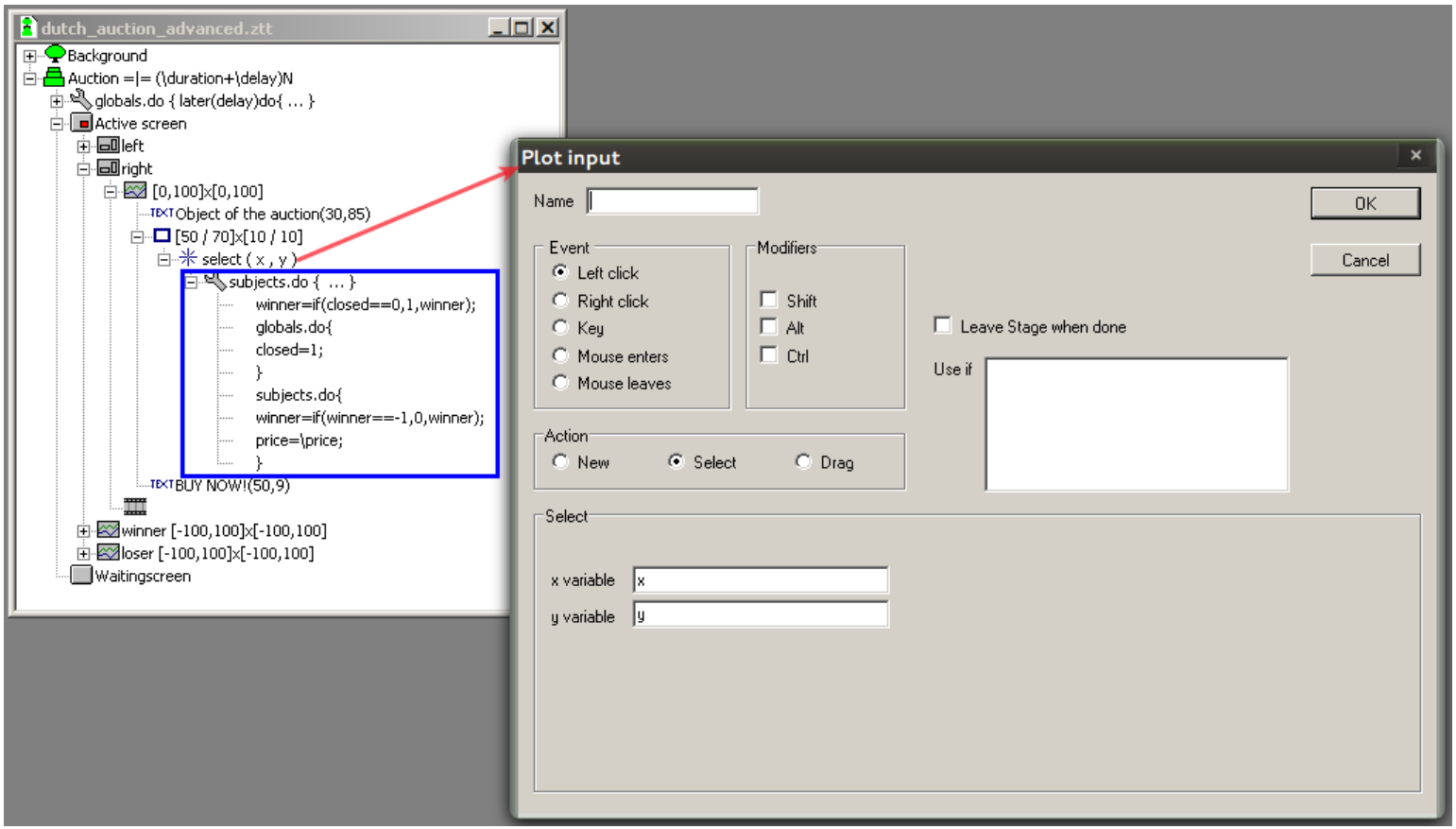


Dutch auction - the graphical clock III



Dutch auction - the input

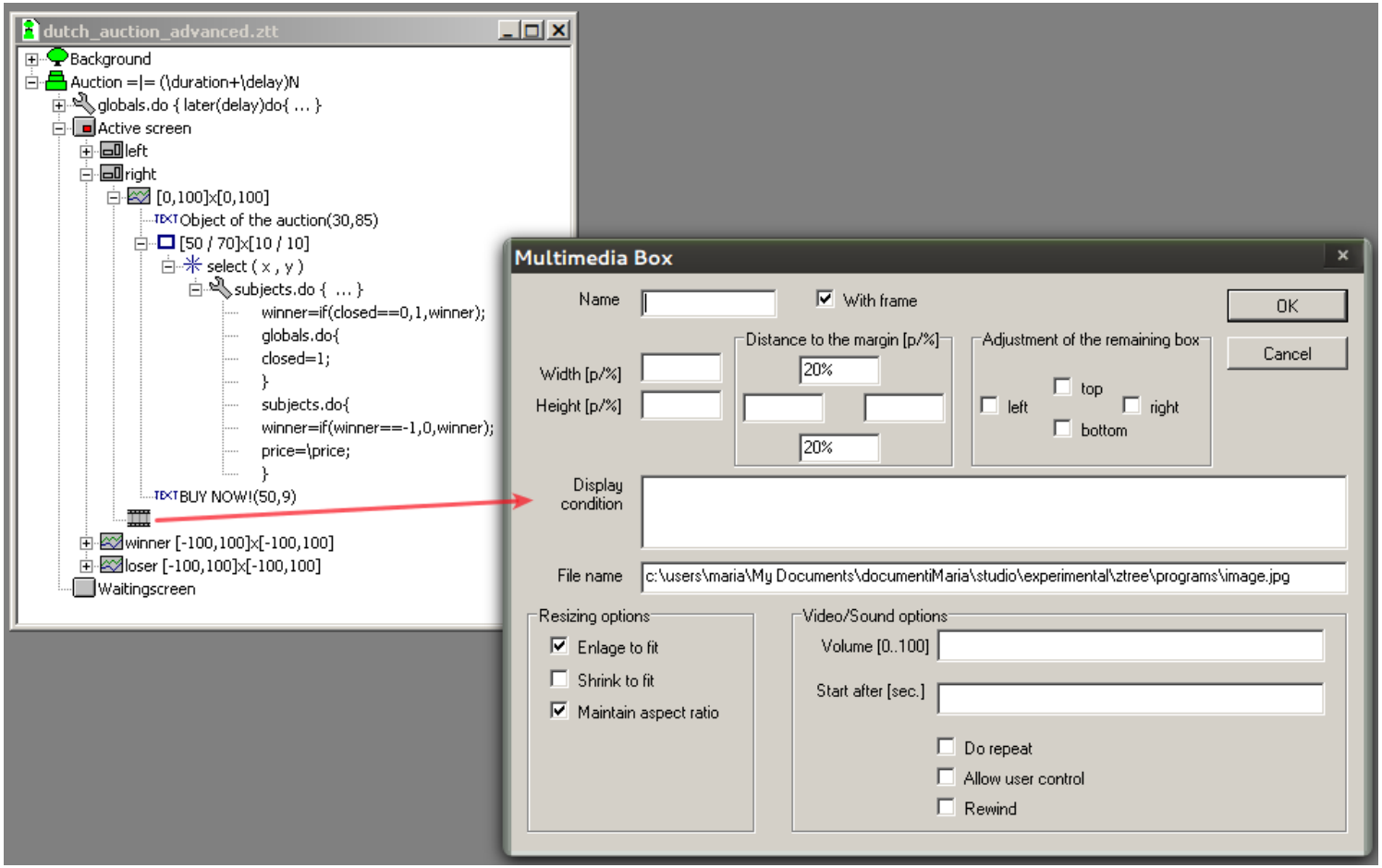
1. Transform a `Rectangle` in a button, by adding a `plot input`.
2. Add a `program` to trigger the consequences of the subject's action.



Dutch auction - the figure

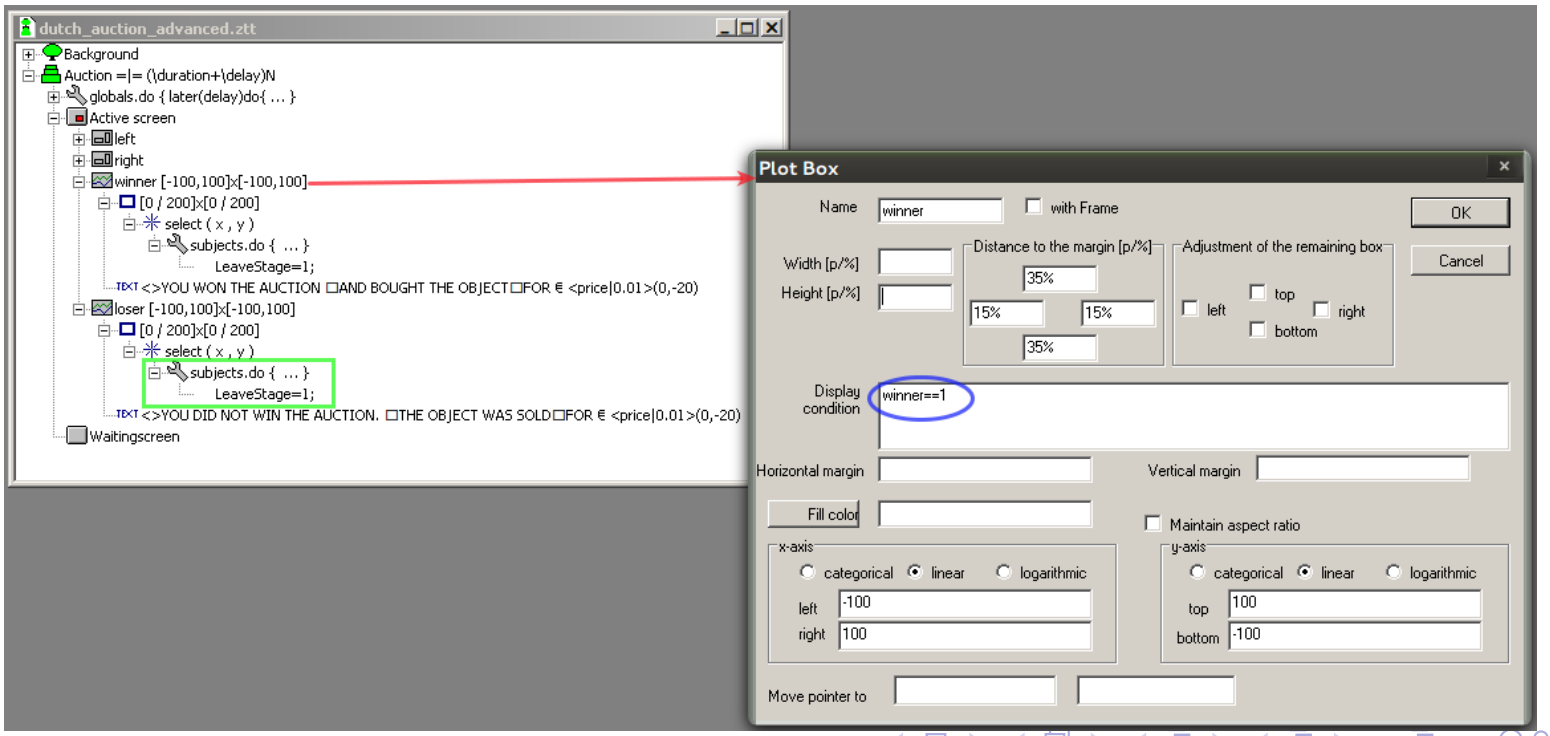
Use a `Multimedia box` to insert the picture of the object of the auction.

Remember to write the full file path.



Dutch auction - the final message

1. Use the `Display condition` to show different messages to the winner of the auction and to the other subjects.
2. With a `program` within a `plot input`, you let the subjects leave the stage when they click on the final message.



Exercise: English auction

solution: english_auction_advanced.ztt

Exercise: what changes?

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2. subject's action: **leave** the auction

3. **plot** on the right, showing the number of remaining participants, and the time when each of the others left the auction $\Rightarrow$ how to implement it?

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   Suggestions:
   - save the number of remaining subjects at each point in time in a `user defined table` or in the `contracts table`
   - plot the content of this table using a `graph`, which is one of the `plot items`

A real effort task: pick the right color

The **task**:

1. correctly answer as many questions as possible
2. in a given time interval (60 seconds)

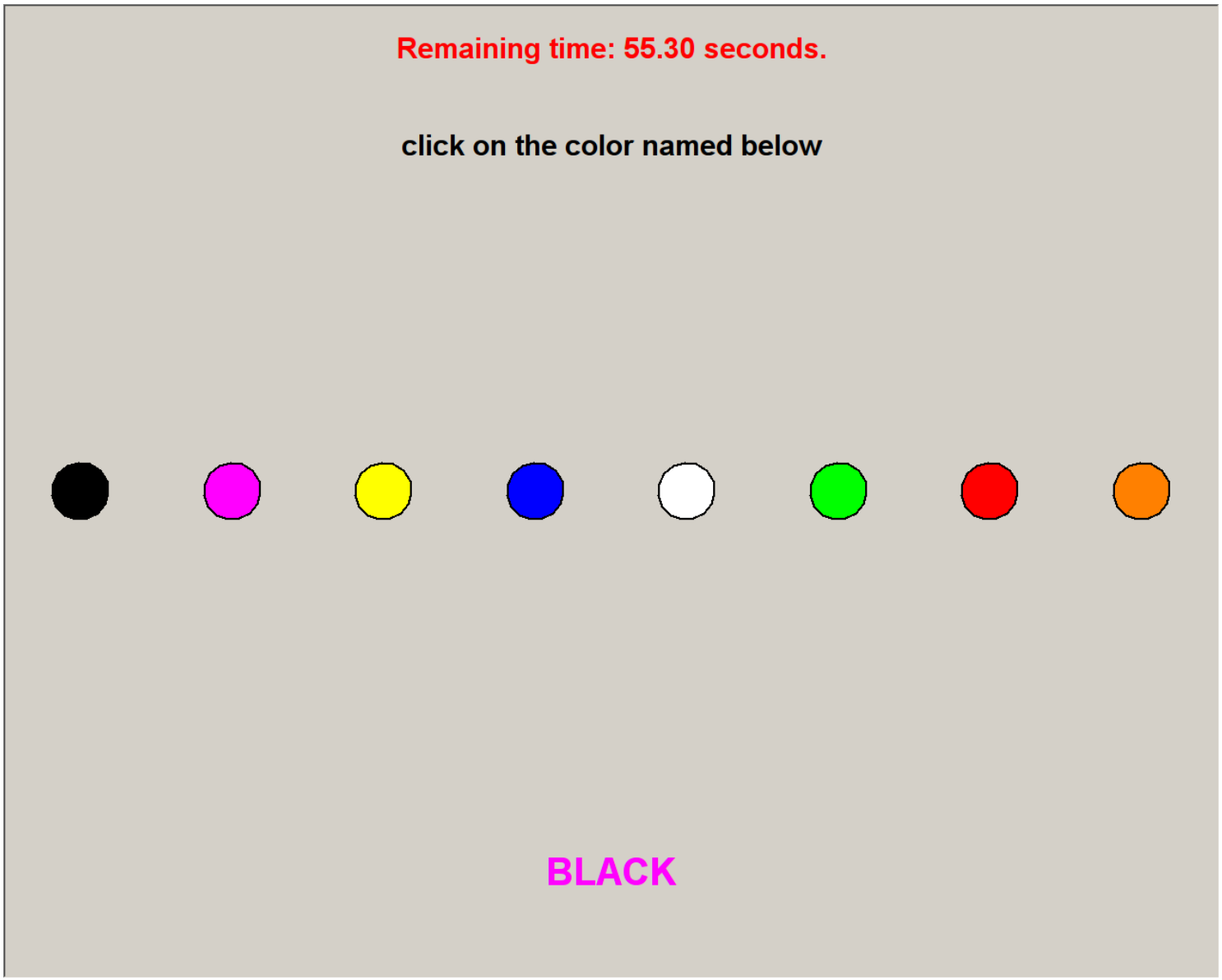
Two different **questions**:

1. click on the color of the word written on the screen
2. click on the color corresponding to the word written on the screen

To **answer**, the subject must click on one of eight alternative colors, presented in random order on the screen.

Example: Colors.ztt

Screenshot - I



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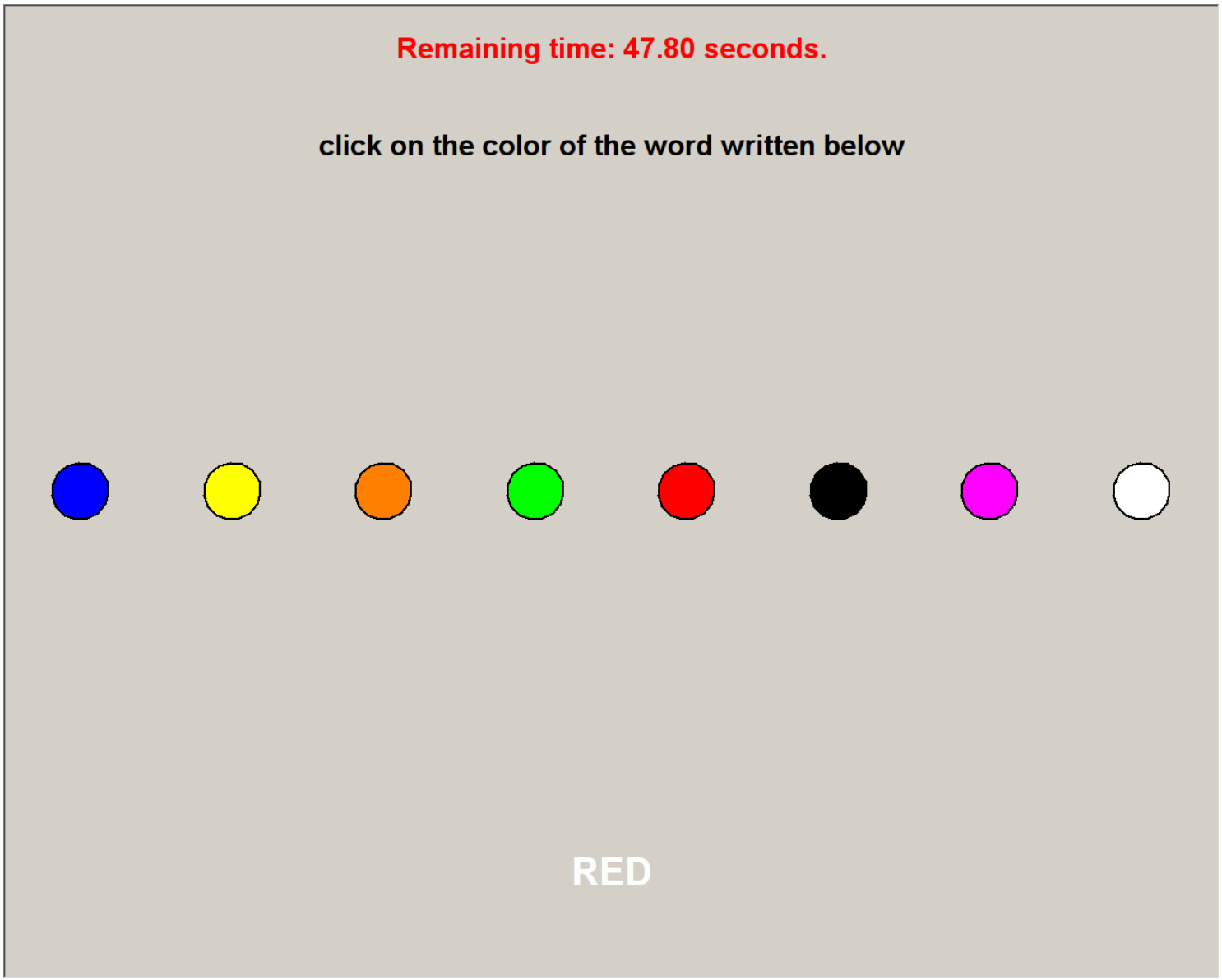

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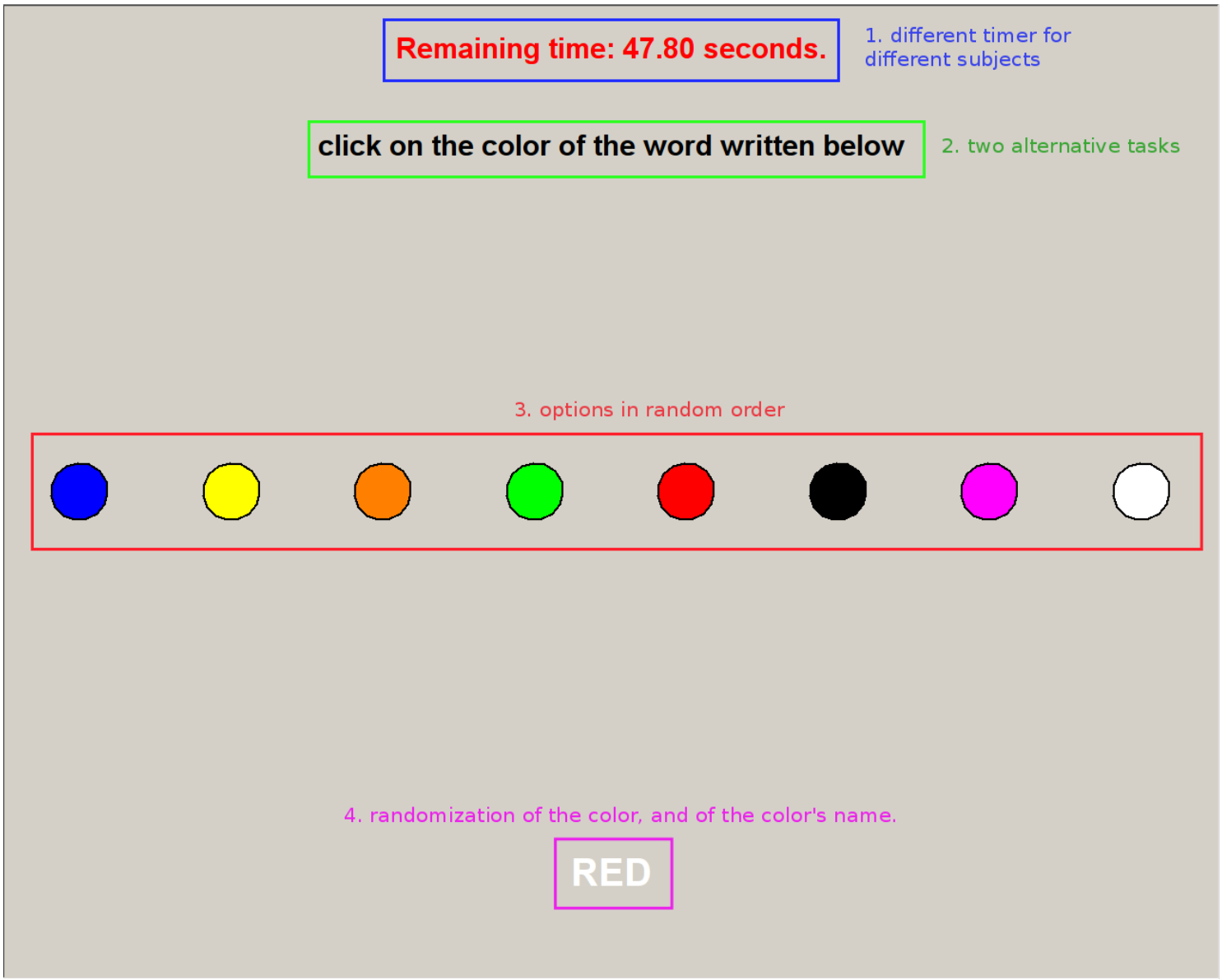
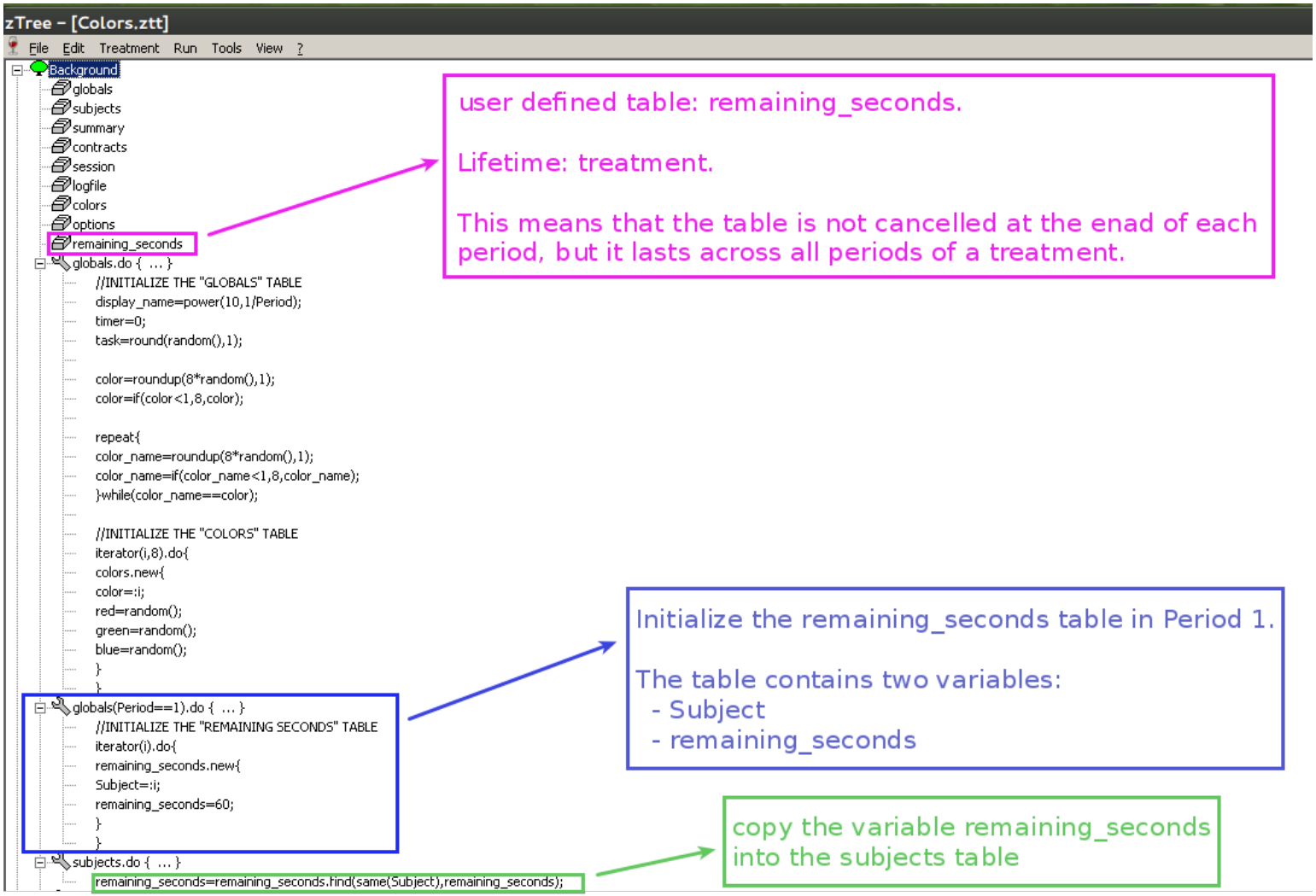
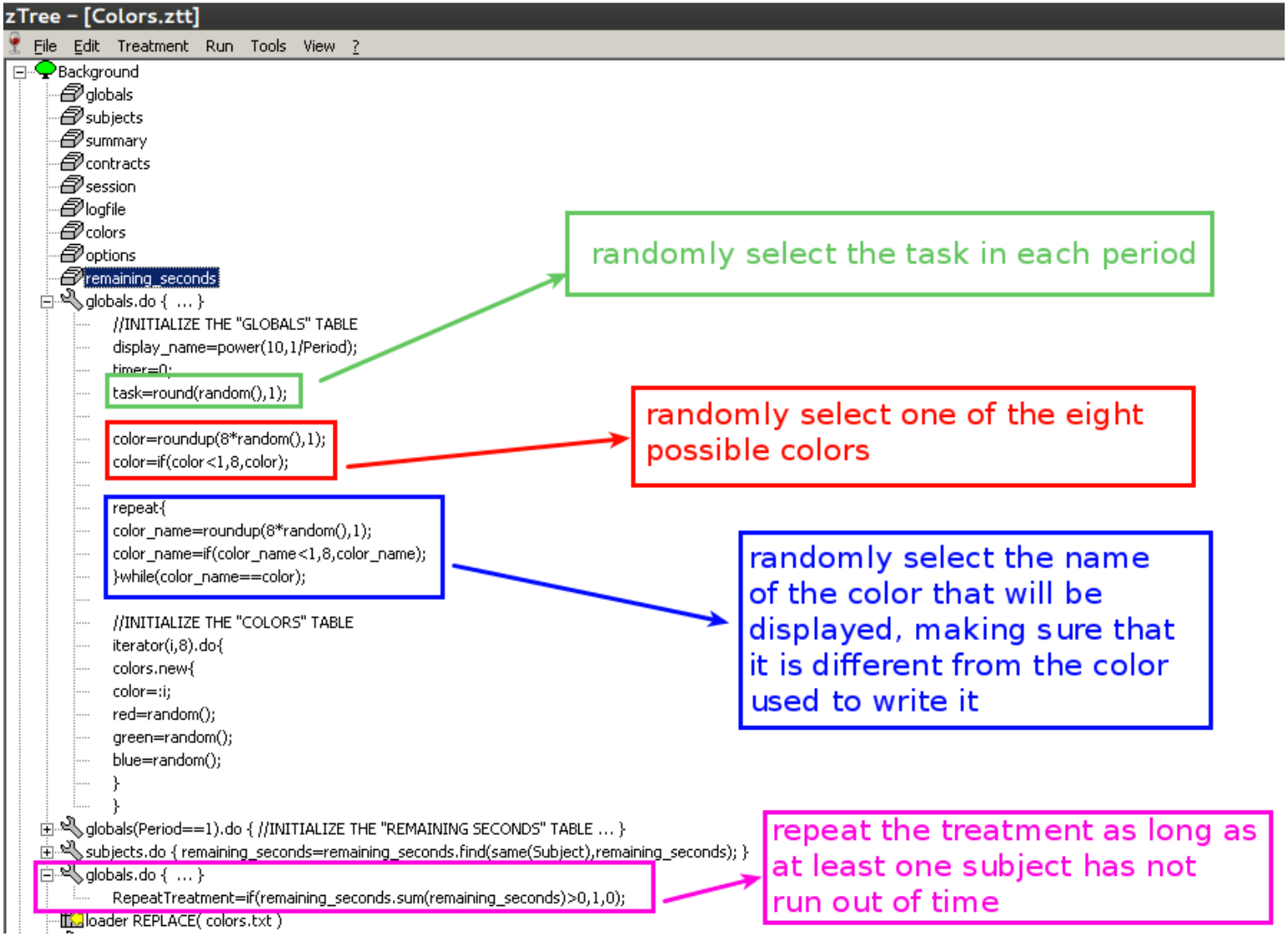


Remaining seconds



Randomize the task



Define the colors

zTree – [Colors.ztt]

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Background
- globals
- subjects
- summary
- contracts
- session
- logfile
- colors
- options
- remaining_seconds
- globals.do { ... }

```
//INITIALIZE THE "GLOBALS" TABLE
display_name=power(10,1/Period);
timer=0;
task=round(random(),1);

color=roundup(8*random(),1);
color=if(color<1,8,color);

repeat{
color_name=roundup(8*random(),1);
color_name=if(color_name<1,8,color_name);
}while(color_name==color);

//INITIALIZE THE "COLORS" TABLE
iterator(i,8).do{
colors.new{
color=:i;
red=random();
green=random();
blue=random();
}
}
```

- globals(Period==1).do { //INITIALIZE THE "REMAINING SECONDS" TABLE ... }
- subjects.do { remaining_seconds=remaining_seconds.find(same(Subject),remaining_seconds); }
- globals.do { ... }

```
RepeatTreatment=if(remaining_seconds.sum(remaining_seconds)>0,1,0);
```

- loader REPLACE(colors.txt)
- globals.do { ... }

```
//DEFINE THE THREE COMPONENTS OF THE SELECTED COLOR
```

create the user defined table "colors"

Lifetime: period

colors.txt – Kate

File Modifica Visualizza Segnalibri Sessioni Strumenti

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Navigatore del file... Do...

colors	Period	color	red	green	blue
colors	1	1	1	1	1
colors	1	2	1	0	0
colors	1	3	0	0	1
colors	1	4	0	1	0
colors	1	5	1	1	0
colors	1	6	1	0.5	0
colors	1	7	1	0	1
colors	1	8	0	0	0

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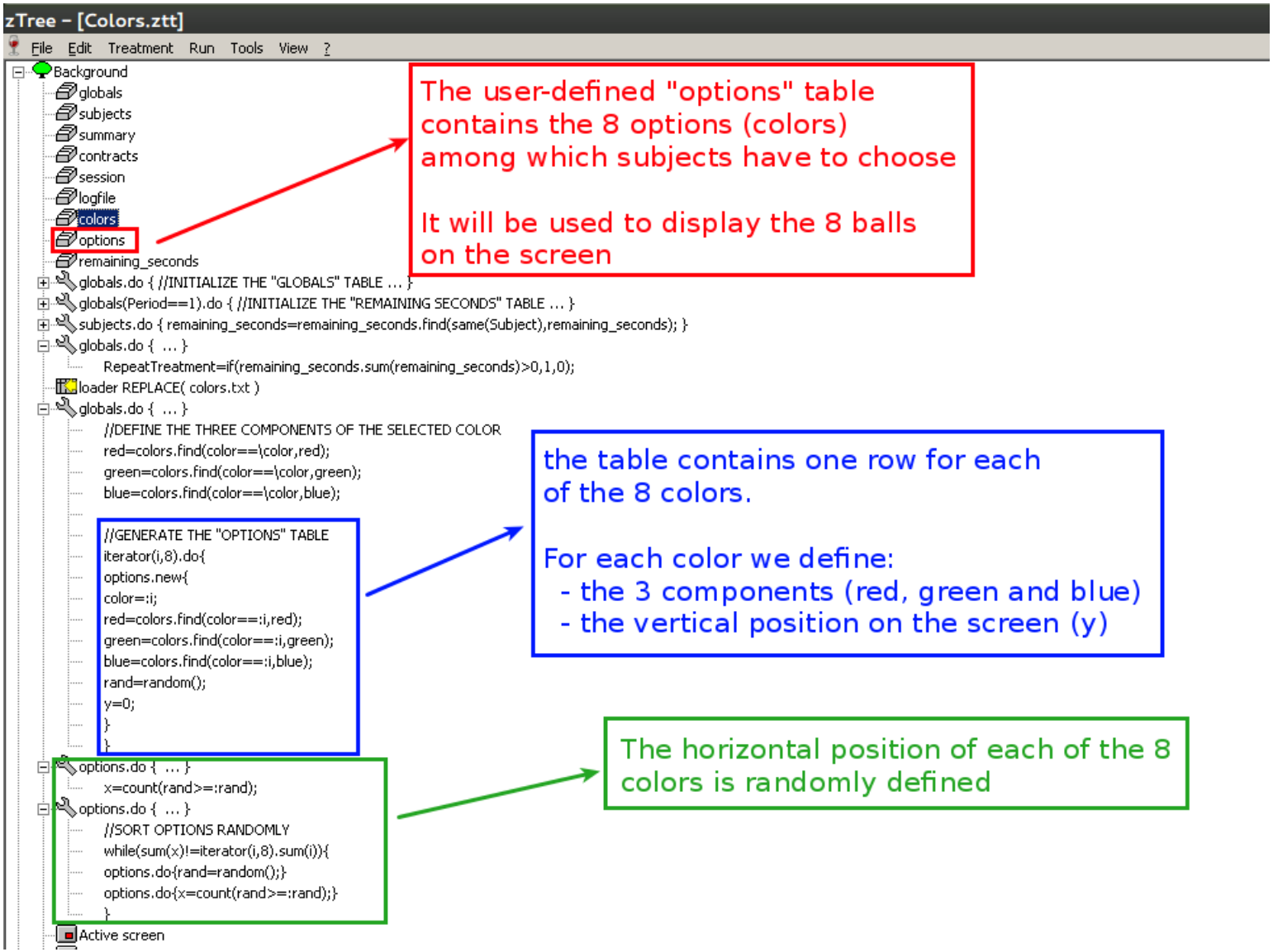
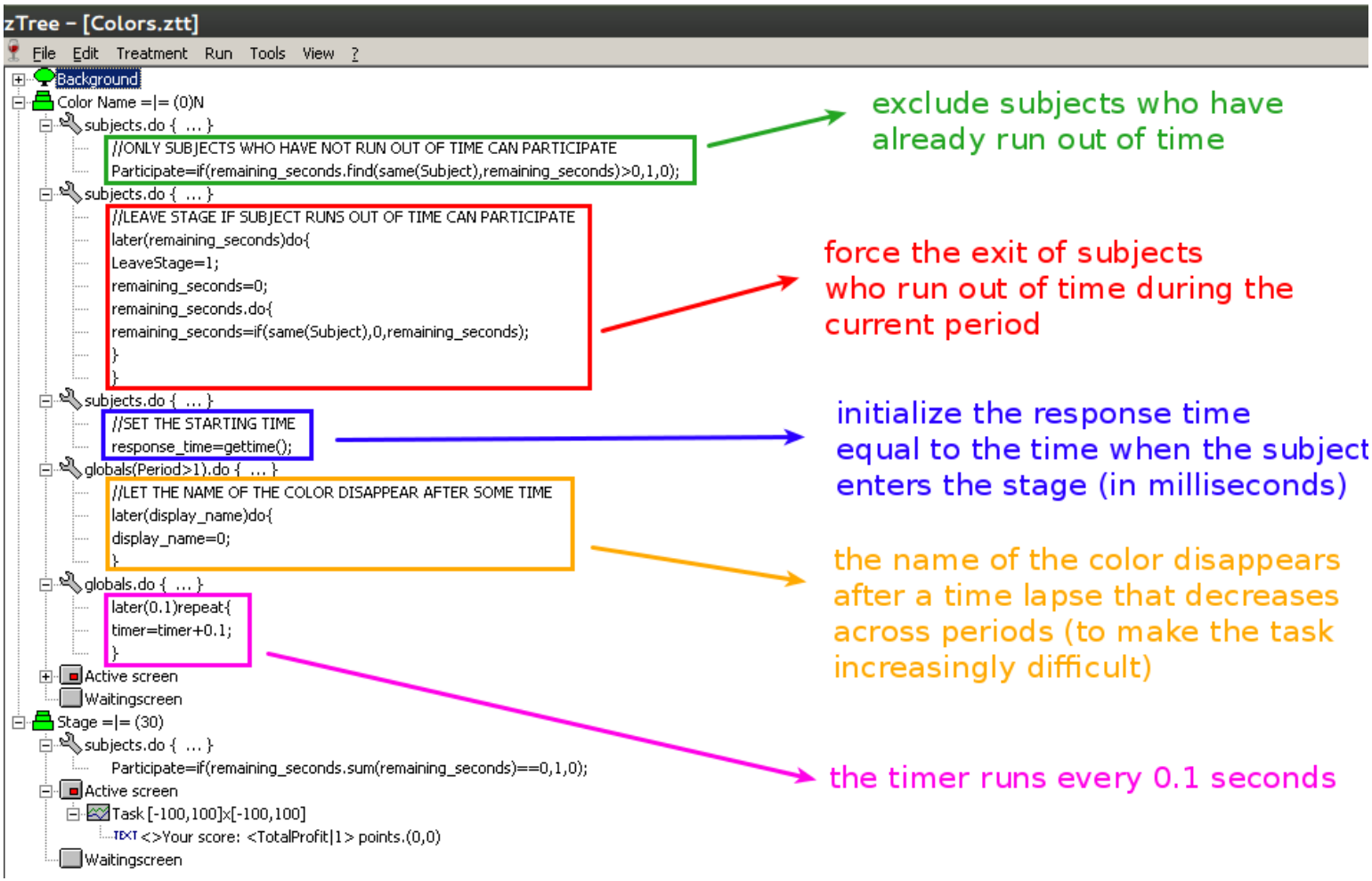
Terminale

colors in z-Tree are defined in terms of their three components: red, green and blue

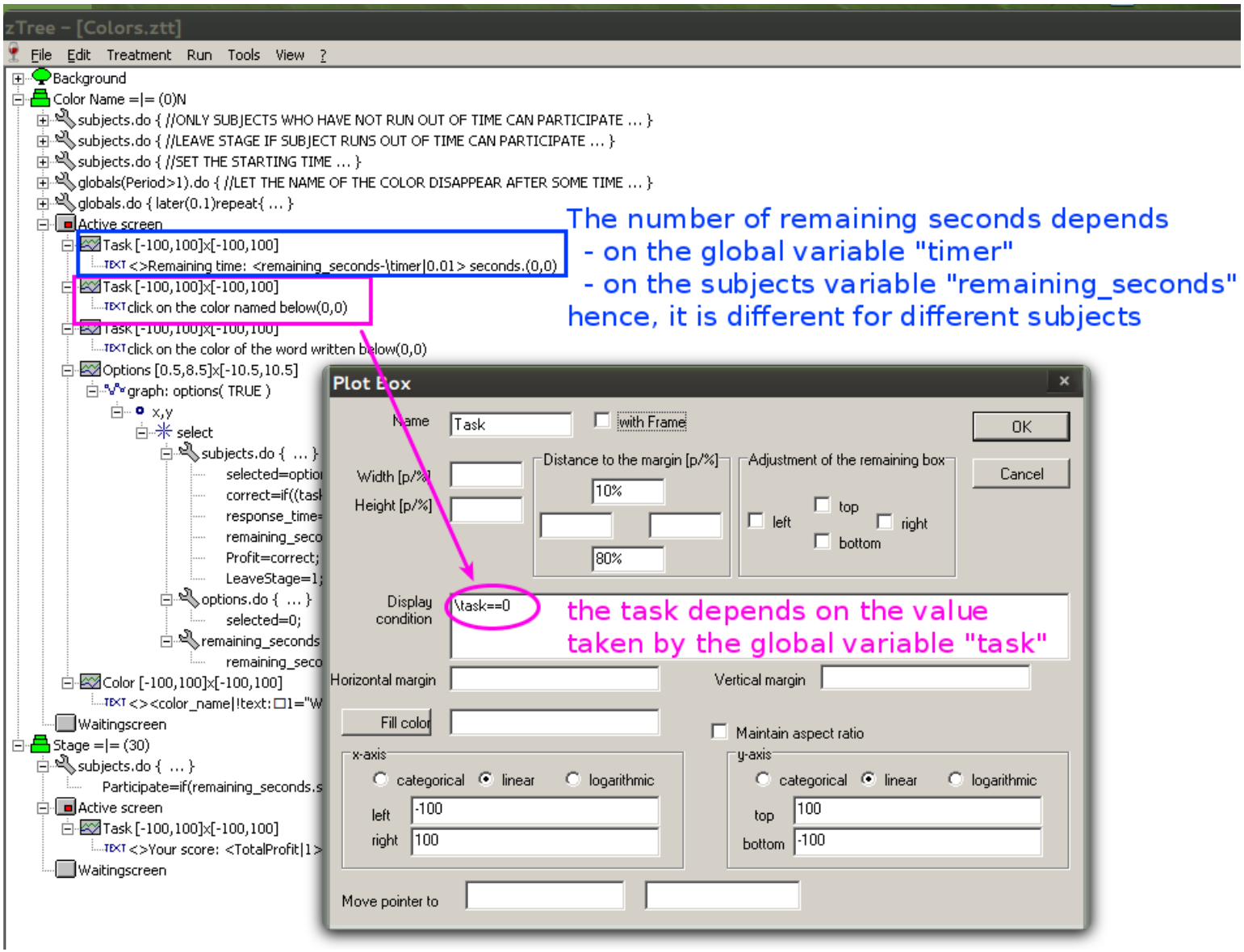
Define the options



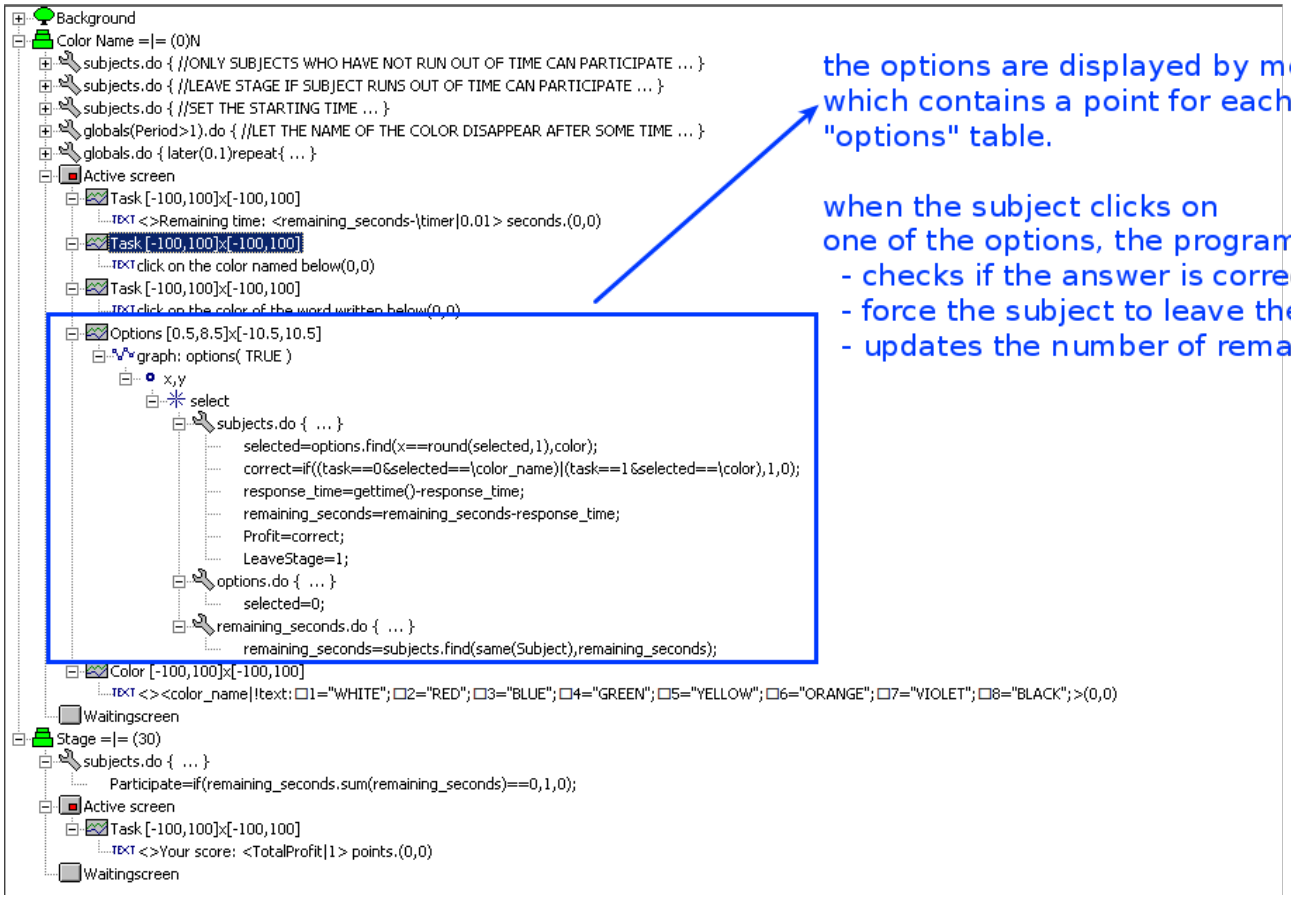
Programs



Information to be displayed



Subjects' actions



the options are displayed by means of a graph which contains a point for each element of the "options" table.

when the subject clicks on one of the options, the program
- checks if the answer is correct
- force the subject to leave the stage
- updates the number of remaining seconds