

Dutch auction

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Part VIII

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Dutch auction – fully graphical version

- the background
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Exercise: graphical version of an English auction

A real effort task: pick the right color

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Dutch auction - screenshot

Example: dutch_auction_advanced.ztt



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Dutch auction - the background

Background

- globals
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1

globals.do { ... }

- seconds=0;
- startprice=50;
- price=startprice;
- duration=200;
- delay=5;
- closed=0;

subjects.do { ... }

- winner=-1;
- price=0;

Active screen

Waiting screen

Text

2

{\rtf \qc \fs40 Thank you for participating.}

Auction = | = ({duration+{delay}N

3

globals.do { ... }

- later(delay)do{
- later(if(seconds<duration&closed==0,1,-1))repeat{
- seconds=seconds+1;
- \price=\price-\startprice/\duration;
- }
- }

Active screen

Waiting screen

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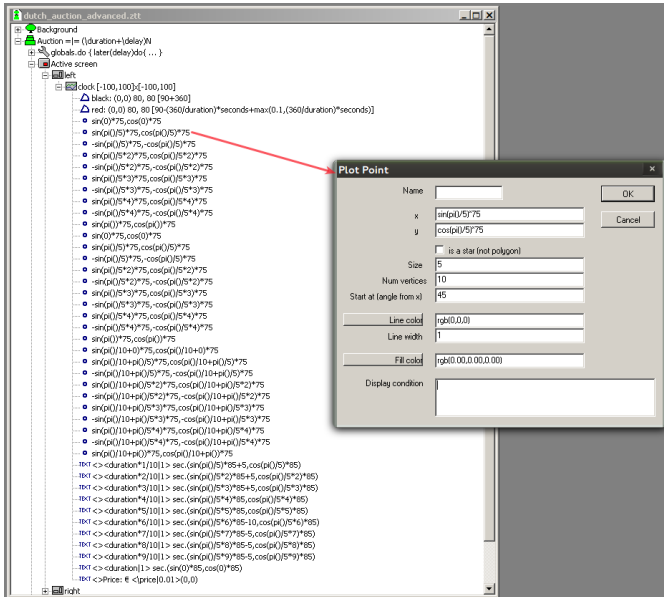
1. define the **global variables**
2. set the message for the **waiting screen**
3. let the **clock** run, using
 - ▶ the `later()`do statement
 - ▶ and the `later()`repeat statement

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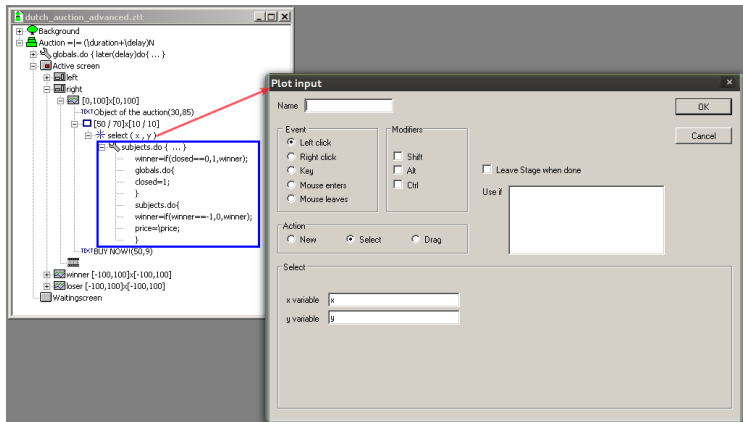
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Dutch auction - the input

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.

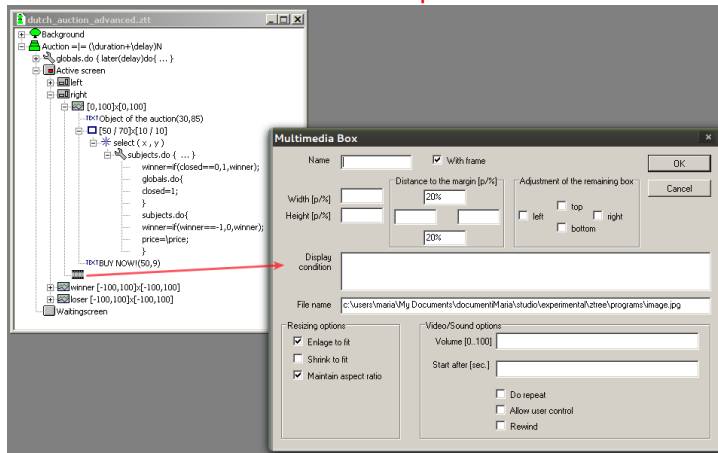
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Dutch auction - the figure

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

Remember to write the full file path.



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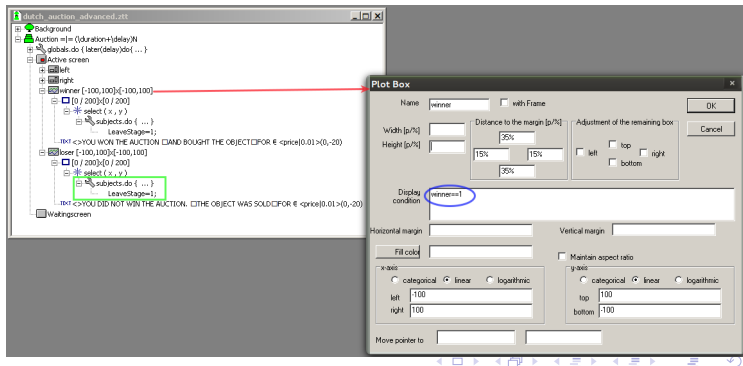
Dutch auction - the final message

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.

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solution: english_auction_advanced.ztt

Exercise: what changes?

1. price **increases** in time
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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- ▶ 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

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Screenshot - I

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Remaining time: 55.30 seconds.

click on the color named below



BLACK

Screenshot - II

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Remaining time: 47.80 seconds.

click on the color of the word written below



RED

Screenshot - III

Remaining time: 47.80 seconds.

1. different timer for
different subjects

click on the color of the word written below

2. two alternative tasks

3. options in random order



4. randomization of the color, and of the color's name.

RED

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Remaining seconds

zTree - [Colors.ztt]

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- remaining_seconds

user defined table: remaining_seconds.

Lifetime: treatment.

This means that the table is not cancelled at the end of each period, but it lasts across all periods of a treatment.

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

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

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

//INITIALIZE THE "COLORS" TABLE
iterator(1,8).do{
  colors.new{
    color=i;
    red=random();
    green=random();
    blue=random();
  }
}

globals(Period==1).do { ... }
//INITIALIZE THE "REMAINING SECONDS" TABLE
iterator(1,8).do{
  remaining_seconds.new{
    Subject=i;
    remaining_seconds=60;
  }
}

subjects.do { ... }
remaining_seconds=remaining_seconds.find(same(Subject),remaining_seconds);
```

Initialize the remaining_seconds table in Period 1.

The table contains two variables:

- Subject
- remaining_seconds

copy the variable remaining_seconds into the subjects table

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Randomize the task

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 - 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(1,8).do{
 - colors.new{
 - color=i;
 - red=roundup(8*random(),1);
 - green=roundup(8*random(),1);
 - blue=roundup(8*random(),1);

- 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)

randomly select the task in each period

randomly select one of the eight possible colors

randomly select the name of the color that will be displayed, making sure that it is different from the color used to write it

repeat the treatment as long as at least one subject has not run out of time

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Define the colors

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The screenshot shows the zTree interface with a project tree on the left and a code editor in the center. The 'colors' folder in the project tree is highlighted with a pink box, and a pink arrow points from it to a pink box containing the text 'create the user defined table "colors" Lifetime: period'. In the code editor, the 'INITIALIZE THE "COLORS" TABLE' section is highlighted with a blue box. A red arrow points from this section to a red box containing the text 'colors in z-Tree are defined in terms of their three components: red, green and blue'. The code in the editor includes comments and logic for initializing the 'colors' table and replacing the 'colors.txt' file.

```
//INITIALIZE THE "COLORS" 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(,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
```

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

Define the options

zTree - [Colors.ztt]

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The user-defined "options" table contains the 8 options (colors) among which subjects have to choose. It will be used to display the 8 balls on the screen.

```
//INITIALIZE THE "GLOBALS" TABLE ...  
globals.do { //INITIALIZE THE "REMAINING SECONDS" TABLE ... }  
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  
red=colors.find(color==\color,red);  
green=colors.find(color==\color,green);  
blue=colors.find(color==\color,blue);  
  
//GENERATE THE "OPTIONS" TABLE  
iterator(i,8).do{  
  options.new{  
    color=i;  
    red=colors.find(color==i,red);  
    green=colors.find(color==i,green);  
    blue=colors.find(color==i,blue);  
    rand=random();  
    y=0;  
  }  
}  
  
options.do { ... }  
x=count(r and >= :rand);  
options.do { ... }  
//SORT OPTIONS RANDOMLY  
while(sum(x)!=iterator(i,8).sum()){  
  options.do{rand=random();}  
  options.do{x=count(r and >= :rand);}  
}
```

the table contains one row for each of the 8 colors.

For each color we define:

- the 3 components (red, green and blue)
- the vertical position on the screen (y)

The horizontal position of each of the 8 colors is randomly defined

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Programs

zTree - [Colors.ztt]

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```
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Color Name != (0)N
subjects.do { ... }
  //ONLY SUBJECTS WHO HAVE NOT RUN OUT OF TIME CAN PARTICIPATE
  Participate=if(remaining_seconds.find(same(Subject),remaining_seconds)>0,1,0);
  subjects.do { ... }
  //LEAVE STAGE IF SUBJECT RUNS OUT OF TIME CAN PARTICIPATE
  later(remaining_seconds)do{
    LeaveStage=1;
    remaining_seconds=0;
    remaining_seconds.do{
      remaining_seconds=if(same(Subject),0,remaining_seconds);
    }
  }
  subjects.do { ... }
  //SET THE STARTING TIME
  response_time=gettime();
  globals(Period>1).do { ... }
  //LET THE NAME OF THE COLOR DISAPPEAR AFTER SOME TIME
  later(display_name)do{
    display_name=0;
  }
  globals.do { ... }
  later(0.1)repeat{
    timer=timer+0.1;
  }
Active screen
Waiting screen
Stage != (30)
subjects.do { ... }
  Participate=if(remaining_seconds.sum(remaining_seconds)==0,1,0);
Active screen
Task [-100,100]x[-100,100]
  TEXT <>Your score: <TotalProfit[1]> points.(0,0)
Waiting screen
```

exclude subjects who have already run out of time

force the exit of subjects who run out of time during the current period

initialize the response time equal to the time when the subject enters the stage (in milliseconds)

the name of the color disappears after a time lapse that decreases across periods (to make the task increasingly difficult)

the timer runs every 0.1 seconds

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Information to be displayed

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The screenshot shows the zTree editor with a task configuration. The task is named "Task [-100,100]x[-100,100]" and has a display condition of "task=0". The task is configured to display a remaining time and a color. The Plot Box dialog is open, showing the task configuration. The dialog has fields for Name, Width, Height, Distance to the margin, Adjustment of the remaining box, Display condition, Horizontal margin, Vertical margin, Fill color, and x-axis/y-axis scales. The display condition field is highlighted with a pink circle and a pink arrow pointing to the text "the task depends on the value taken by the global variable 'task'".

zTree - [Colors.ztt]

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Color Name = (0)N

subjects.do { //ONLY SUBJECTS WHO HAVE NOT RUN OUT OF TIME CAN PARTICIPATE ... }

subjects.do { //LEAVE STAGE IF SUBJECT RUNS OUT OF TIME CAN PARTICIPATE ... }

subjects.do { //SET THE STARTING TIME ... }

globals(Period>1).do { //LET THE NAME OF THE COLOR DISAPPEAR AFTER SOME TIME ... }

globals.do { later(0.1)repeat(...) }

Active screen

Task [-100,100]x[-100,100]

task <> Remaining time: <remaining_seconds-timer[0.01]> seconds.(0,0)

Task [-100,100]x[-100,100]

task click on the color named below(0,0)

Task [-100,100]x[-100,100]

task click on the color of the word written below(0,0)

Options [0.5,8.5]x[-10.5,10.5]

graph: options(TRUE)

x,y

select

subjects.do { ... }

selected=option

correct=if((task

response_time

remaining_seco

Profit=correct;

LeaveStage=1;

options.do { ... }

selected=0;

remaining_seconds

remaining_seco

Color [-100,100]x[-100,100]

task <> <color_name|text:[]="V

Waiting screen

Stage = (30)

subjects.do { ... }

Participate=if(remaining_seconds

Active screen

Task [-100,100]x[-100,100]

task <> Your score: <TotalProfit[1]

Waiting screen

Plot Box

Name Task with Frame

Width [p/%]

Height [p/%]

Distance to the margin [p/%] 10%

Adjustment of the remaining box 80%

left top right bottom

Display condition task=0

Horizontal margin

Vertical margin

Fill color

Maintain aspect ratio

x-axis categorical linear logarithmic

left -100 right 100

y-axis categorical linear logarithmic

top 100 bottom -100

Move pointer to

The number of remaining seconds depends

- on the global variable "timer"
- on the subjects variable "remaining_seconds"

hence, it is different for different subjects

the task depends on the value taken by the global variable "task"

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Subjects' actions

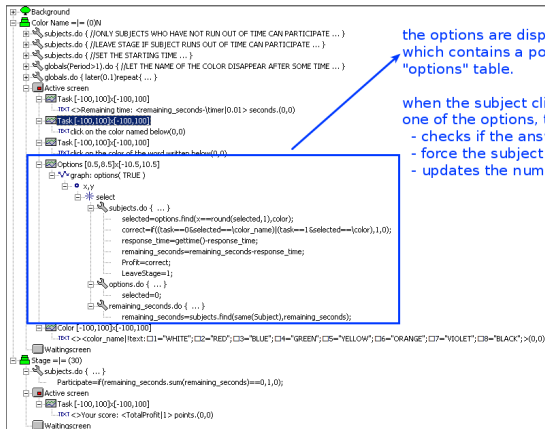
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the options are displayed by means of a graph which contains a point for each element of the "options" table.

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