

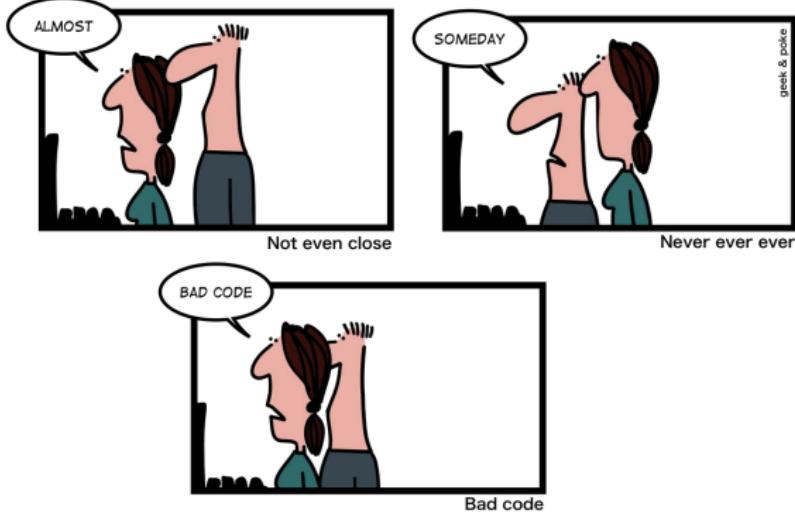
oTree Concepts #2 - Tutorial #2

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Tutorial #2: Trust Game.

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- ▶ Now let's create a 2-player Trust game, and learn some more features of oTree.
 - ▶ To start, Player 1 receives 10 points;
 - ▶ Player 2 receives nothing.
 - ▶ Player 1 can send some or all of his points to Player 2.
 - ▶ Before P2 receives these points they will be tripled.
 - ▶ Once P2 receives the tripled points he can decide to send some or all of his points to P1.

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Define models.py

- ▶ First we define our app's constants. The endowment is 10 points and the donation gets tripled.
- ▶ There are 2 critical data points to record: the “sent” amount from P1, and the “sent back” amount from P2.
- ▶ Also, let's define the payoff function in the Group class.

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Define the templates and views

We need 3 pages:

1. P1's "Send" page
2. P2's "Send back" page
3. "Results" page that both users see.
4. It would also be good if game instructions appeared on each page so that players are clear how the game works.
5. This game has 2 wait pages:
 - 5.1 P2 needs to wait while P1 decides how much to send
 - 5.2 P1 needs to wait while P2 decides how much to send back
 - 5.3 After the second wait page, we should calculate the payoffs. So, we use `after_all_players_arrive`.
6. Then we define the page sequence.

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Settings and run

- ▶ Add an entry to SESSION_CONFIGS in `settings.py`
- ▶ Reset the database and run.



oTree Concepts #2.

Groups

- ▶ oTree's group system lets you divide players into groups and have players interact with others in the same group. This is often used in multiplayer games.
- ▶ To set the group size, go to your app's `models.py` and set `Constants.players_per_group`.

```
class Constants(BaseConstants):  
    ...  
    players_per_group = 2
```

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Groups

- ▶ If all players should be in the same group, or if it's a single-player game, set it to `None`:

```
class Constants(BaseConstants):  
    # ...  
    players_per_group = None
```

- ▶ In this case, `self.group.get_players()` and `self.subsession.get_players()` has the same behavior.
- ▶ Each player has an attribute `id_in_group`, which will tell you if it is player 1, player 2, etc.

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Getting players

Group objects have the following methods:

- ▶ `get_players()`: Returns a list of the players in the group (ordered by `id_in_group`).
- ▶ `get_player_by_id(n)`: Returns the player in the group with the given `id_in_group`.



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Getting players

- ▶ `get_player_by_role(r)`: Returns the player with the given role. If you use this method, you must define the role method. For example:

```
class Group(BaseGroup):  
    def set_payoff(self):  
        buyer = self.get_player_by_role('buyer')  
  
class Player(BasePlayer):  
    def role(self):  
        if self.id_in_group == 1:  
            return 'buyer'  
        return 'seller'
```

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Getting other players

Player objects have methods `get_others_in_group()` and `get_others_in_subsession()` that return a list of the other players in the group and subsession. For example, with 2-player groups you can get the partner of a player:

```
class Player(BasePlayer):  
  
    def get_partner(self):  
        return self.get_others_in_group()[0]
```

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Group matching - Fixed matching

- ▶ By default, in each round, players are split into groups of size `Constants.players_per_group`.
- ▶ They are grouped sequentially – for example:

if there are 2 players per group, then P1 and P2 would be grouped together, and so would P3 and P4, and so on.
- ▶ `id_in_group` is also assigned sequentially within each group.
- ▶ This means that by default, the groups are the same in each round, and even between apps that have the same `players_per_group`.
- ▶ If you want to rearrange groups, you can use the next techniques.

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Group matching - `group_randomly()`

- ▶ Subsessions have a method `group_randomly()` that shuffles players randomly, so they can end up in any group, and any position within the group.
- ▶ For example, this will group players randomly each round:

```
class Subsession(BaseSubsession):  
    def creating_session(self):  
        self.group_randomly()
```

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Group matching - `group_randomly()`

- ▶ If you would like to shuffle players between groups but keep players in fixed roles, use

```
group_randomly(fixed_id_in_group=True):
```

```
class Subsession(BaseSubsession):  
    def creating_session(self):  
        self.group_randomly(fixed_id_in_group=True)
```

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Group matching - `group_like_round()`

- ▶ To copy the group structure from one round to another round, use the `group_like_round(n)` method.
- ▶ The argument to this method is the round number whose group structure should be copied.
- ▶ In the below example, the groups are shuffled in round 1, and then subsequent rounds copy round 1's grouping structure.

```
class Subsession(BaseSubsession):  
  
    def creating_session(self):  
        if self.round_number == 1:  
            # <some shuffling code here>  
        else:  
            self.group_like_round(1)
```

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Group matching - `get_group_matrix()`

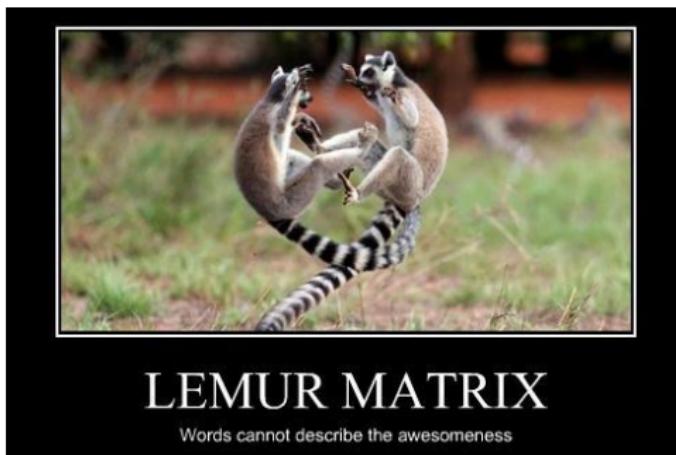
- ▶ Subsessions have a method called `get_group_matrix()` that return the structure of groups as a matrix, i.e. a list of lists, with each sublist being the players in a group, ordered by `id_in_group`.
- ▶ The following lines are equivalent.

```
matrix = self.get_group_matrix()
# === is equivalent to ===
matrix = [
    group.get_players()
    for group in self.get_groups()]
```

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Group matching - `set_group_matrix()`

- ▶ `set_group_matrix()` lets you modify the group structure in any way you want.
- ▶ You can modify the list of lists returned by `get_group_matrix()`, using regular Python list operations, and then pass this modified matrix to `set_group_matrix()`.



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Group matching - `set_group_matrix()`

- ▶ Here is how this would look in `creating_session`:

```
class Subsession(BaseSubsession):  
    def creating_session(self):  
        matrix = self.get_group_matrix()  
        for row in matrix:  
            row.reverse()  
        self.set_group_matrix(matrix)
```

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Group matching - `set_group_matrix()`

- ▶ You can also pass a matrix of integers. It must contain all integers from **1** to the number of players in the subsession.
- ▶ Each integer represents the player who has that id_in_subsession. For example:

```
>>> new_structure = [[1, 3, 5],  
...                      [7, 9, 11],  
...                      [2, 4, 6],  
...                      [8,10, 12]]  
>>> self.set_group_matrix(new_structure)  
>>> self.get_group_matrix()
```

- ▶ You can even use `set_group_matrix` to make groups of uneven sizes.

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Group matching - `group.set_players()`

- ▶ If you just want to rearrange players within a group, you can use the method on `group.set_players()` that takes as an argument a list of the players to assign to that group, in order.
- ▶ For example, if you want players to be reassigned to the same groups but to have roles randomly shuffled around within their groups (e.g. so player 1 will either become player 2 or remain player 1), you would do this:

```
class Subsession(BaseSubsession):  
  
    def creating_session(self):  
        for group in self.get_groups():  
            players = group.get_players()  
            players.reverse()  
            group.set_players(players)
```

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Group matching - Shuffling during the session

- ▶ If your shuffling logic needs to depend on something that happens after the session starts, you should do the shuffling in a wait page instead of in `creating_session`
- ▶ For example, let's say you want to randomize groups in round 2 only if a certain result happened in round 1. You need to make a `WaitPage` with `wait_for_all_groups=True` and put the shuffling code in `after_all_players_arrive`:

```
class ShuffleWaitPage(WaitPage):  
    wait_for_all_groups = True  
  
    def after_all_players_arrive(self):  
        if some_condition:  
            self.subsession.group_randomly()
```

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Group matching - Shuffling during the session

- ▶ You should also use `is_displayed()` so that this method only executes once. For example:

```
class ShuffleWaitPage(WaitPage):  
    wait_for_all_groups = True  
  
    def after_all_players_arrive(self):  
        # [...shuffle groups for round 1]  
        subsessions = self.subsession.in_rounds(  
            2, Constants.num_rounds)  
        for subsession in subsessions:  
            subsession.group_like_round(1)  
  
    def is_displayed(self):  
        return self.round_number == 1
```

oTree Concepts #2 - Wait pages

- ▶ Wait pages are necessary when one player needs to wait for others to take some action before they can proceed.
- ▶ If you have a WaitPage in your sequence of pages, then oTree waits until all players in the group have arrived at that point in the sequence, and then all players are allowed to proceed.

```
class NormalWaitPage(WaitPage):  
    pass
```



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- ▶ If your subsession has multiple groups playing simultaneously, and you would like a wait page that waits for all groups (i.e. all players in the subsession), you can set the **attribute** `wait_for_all_groups = True` on the wait page, e.g.:

```
class AllGroupsWaitPage(WaitPage):  
    wait_for_all_groups = True
```

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Methods - `after_all_players_arrive()`

- ▶ Any code you define here will be executed once all players have arrived at the wait page.
For example, this method can determine the winner and set each player's payoff.

```
class ResultsWaitPage(WaitPage):  
    def after_all_players_arrive(self):  
        self.group.set_payoffs()
```

WARNING

- ▶ you can't reference `self.player` inside `after_all_players_arrive`, because the code is executed once for the entire group, not for each individual player.
- ▶ However, you can use `self.player` in a wait page's `is_displayed`.

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Methods - `is_displayed()`

- ▶ Works the same way as with regular pages. If this returns `False` then the player skips the wait page.
- ▶ If some or all players in the group skip the wait page, then `after_all_players_arrive()` may not be run.



Never die in an invisibility cloak.

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Methods - `group_by_arrival_time`

- ▶ If you set `group_by_arrival_time = True` on a `WaitPage`, players will be grouped in the order they arrive at that wait page:

```
class MyWaitPage(WaitPage):  
    group_by_arrival_time = True
```

For example, if `players_per_group = 2`, the first 2 players to arrive at the wait page will be grouped together, then the next 2 players, and so on.

This is useful in sessions where some participants might drop out in something like consent pages.

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Methods - `group_by_arrival_time`

If a game has multiple rounds, you may want to only group by arrival time in round 1:

```
class MyWaitPage(WaitPage):
    group_by_arrival_time = True

    def is_displayed(self):
        return self.round_number == 1
```

If you do this, then subsequent rounds will keep the same group structure as round 1. Otherwise, players will be re-grouped by their arrival time in each round.

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Methods - `group_by_arrival_time`

Notes:

- ▶ `id_in_group` is not necessarily assigned in the order players arrived at the page.
- ▶ `group_by_arrival_time` can only be used if the wait page is the first page in `page_sequence`
- ▶ If you use `is_displayed` on a page with `group_by_arrival_time`, it should only be based on the round number. **Don't use** `is_displayed` to show the page to some players but not others.
- ▶ If you need further control on arranging players into groups, use `get_players_for_group()`.

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Methods - `get_players_for_group()`

- ▶ If you're using `group_by_arrival_time` and want more control over which players are assigned together, you can use `get_players_for_group()`.
- ▶ Let's say that in addition to grouping by arrival time, you need each group group to consist of 1 man and 1 woman (or 2 "A" players and 2 "B" players, etc).
- ▶ If you define a method called `get_players_for_group`, it will get called whenever a new player reaches the wait page.
- ▶ The method's argument is the list of players who are waiting to be grouped (in no particular order).
- ▶ If you select some of these players and return them as a list, those players will be assigned to a group, and move forward.
- ▶ If you don't return anything, then no grouping occurs.

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Methods - `get_players_for_group()`

- ▶ Here's an example where each group has 2 A and B players.

```
class GroupingWaitPage(WaitPage):  
    group_by_arrival_time = True  
  
    def get_players_for_group(self, waiting_players):  
        a_players = [p for p in waiting_players if  
                    p.participant.vars['type'] == 'A']  
        b_players = [p for p in waiting_players if  
                    p.participant.vars['type'] == 'B']  
        if len(a_players) >= 2 and len(b_players) >= 2:  
            return [a_players[0], a_players[1],  
                    b_players[0], b_players[1]]  
  
    def is_displayed(self):  
        return self.round_number == 1
```

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Methods - Customizing the wait page's appearance

- ▶ You can customize the text that appears on a wait page by setting the `title_text` and `body_text`:

```
class MyWaitPage(WaitPage):  
    title_text = "Custom title text"  
    body_text = "Custom body text"
```

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Methods - Customizing the wait page's appearance

- ▶ You can also make a custom wait page template. For example, save this to `my_app/templates/my_app/MyWaitPage.html`:

```
{% extends 'otree/WaitPage.html' %}  
{% load staticfiles otree %}  
{% block title %}{{ title_text }}{% endblock %}  
{% block content %}  
    {{ body_text }}  
    My custom content here.  
{% endblock %}
```

Then tell your wait page to use this template:

```
class MyWaitPage(WaitPage):  
    template_name = 'my_app/MyWaitPage.html'
```

oTree Concepts #2 - Apps & rounds

Apps

- ▶ In oTree (and Django), an app is a folder containing Python and HTML code.
- ▶ A session is basically a sequence of apps that are played one after the other.

Creating an app

Enter:

```
$ otree startapp your_app_name
```

- ▶ This will create a new app folder based on a oTree template, with most of the structure already set up for you.

oTree Concepts #2 - Apps & rounds

Apps - Combining apps

- ▶ In your `SESSION_CONFIGS`, you can combine apps by setting '`app_sequence`'.
- ▶ assuming you have created apps named `my_app_1` and `my_app_2`):

```
SESSION_CONFIGS = [{}  
    'name': 'my_session_config',  
    'display_name': 'My Session Config',  
    'num_demo_participants': 2,  
    'app_sequence': ['my_app_1', 'my_app_2'],  
]
```

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Rounds

- ▶ You can make a game run for multiple rounds by setting `Constants.num_rounds` in `models.py`.
- ▶ For example, if your session config's `app_sequence` is `['app1', 'app2']`, where:
 - ▶ **app1** has `num_rounds = 3`
 - ▶ and **app2** has `num_rounds = 1`, then your sessions will contain 4 subsessions.
 1. app1 Round1
 2. app1 Round2
 3. app1 Round3
 4. app2 Round1

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Rounds - Round numbers

- ▶ You can get the current round number with `self.round_number` (this attribute is present on subsession, group, player, and page **objects**).
- ▶ Round numbers start from 1.



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Rounds - Passing data between rounds or apps

- ▶ Each round has separate Subsession, Group, and Player objects.
- ▶ For example, let's say you set `self.player.my_field = True` in **round 1**. In round 2, if you try to access `self.player.my_field`, you will find its value is `None`,
- ▶ This is because the Player objects in **round 1** are separate from Player objects in **round 2**.

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Rounds - `in_rounds`, `in_previous_rounds`, `in_round` etc.

- ▶ Player, group, and subsession objects have the following methods, which work similarly:
 - ▶ `in_previous_rounds()` return a list of players representing the same participant in previous rounds of the same app
 - ▶ `in_all_rounds()` like `in_previous_rounds` but includes the current round's player
- ▶ For example, if you wanted to calculate a participant's payoff for all previous rounds of a game, plus the current one:

```
cumulative_payoff = sum([p.payoff for p in
                        self.player.in_all_rounds()])
```

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Rounds - `in_rounds`, `in_previous_rounds`, `in_round` etc.

- ▶ `in_rounds(m, n)` returns a list of players representing the same participant from rounds m to n.
- ▶ `in_round(n)` returns just the player in round m.
- ▶ For example, to get the player's payoff in the previous round, you would do:

```
self.player.in_round(self.round_number - 1).payoff
```

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Rounds - `in_rounds`, `in_previous_rounds`, `in_round` etc.

- ▶ Similarly, **subsession** objects have methods `in_previous_rounds()`, `in_all_rounds()`, `in_rounds(m,n)` and `in_round(m)` that work the same way.
- ▶ **Group** objects also have methods but note that if you **re-shuffle** groups between rounds, then these methods **may not return anything meaningful**.

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Rounds - `participant.vars`

- ▶ `in_all_rounds()` only is useful when you need to access data from a previous round of the same app.
- ▶ If you want to pass data between different apps, you should store this data on the participant, which persists across apps
- ▶ `participant.vars`: is a dictionary that can store any data. For example, you can set an attribute like this:

```
self.participant.vars['name'] = 'John'
```

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Apps - Passing data between apps

- ▶ The current participant can be accessed from a `Page` or `Player`:

```
# in views.py
class MyPage(Page):
    def before_next_page(self):
        self.participant.vars['foo'] = 1

# in models.py
class Player(BasePlayer):
    def some_method(self):
        self.participant.vars['foo'] = 1
```

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Apps - `session.vars`

- ▶ For global variables that are the same for all participants in the session, you can use `self.session.vars`.
- ▶ This is a dictionary just like `participant.vars`. The difference is that if you set a variable in `self.session.vars`, it will apply to all participants in the session, not just one.
- ▶ As described here, the `session` object can be accessed from a Page object or any of the models (Player, Group, Subsession, etc.).



oTree Concepts #2 - Treatments

- ▶ To assign participants to different treatment groups, you can put the code in the subsession's `creating_session` method
- ▶ For example, if you want some participants to be in a “**blue**” treatment group and others to be in a “**red**” treatment group, first define a color field on the Player model:

```
class Player(BasePlayer):  
    color = models.CharField()
```

- ▶ Then you can assign to this field randomly:

```
class Subsession(BaseSubsession):  
  
    def creating_session(self):  
        for player in self.get_players():  
            player.color = random.choice(['blue', 'red'])
```

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- ▶ If your game has multiple rounds, the above code gets executed for each round.
- ▶ So if you want to ensure that participants are assigned to the same treatment group each round, you should set the property at the participant level, which persists across subsessions, and only set it in the first round:

```
class Subsession(BaseSubsession):  
    def creating_session(self):  
        if self.round_number == 1:  
            for p in self.get_players():  
                color = random.choice(['blue', 'red'])  
                p.participant.vars['color'] = color
```

- ▶ Then elsewhere in your code, you can access the participant's color with `self.participant.vars['color']`.

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- ▶ The above code makes a random drawing independently for each player, so you may end up with an imbalance between “blue” and “red”.
- ▶ To solve this, you can use `itertools.cycle`, which alternates. :

```
import itertools

class Subsession(BaseSubsession):

    def creating_session(self):
        colors = itertools.cycle(['blue', 'red'])
        for p in self.get_players():
            p.color = next(colors)
```

oTree Concepts #2 - Treatments

Choosing which treatment to play

- ▶ In the above example, players got randomized to treatments.
- ▶ But it is often useful to choose explicitly which treatment to play.
- ▶ You can create 2 session configs in settings.py that have the same keys to session config dictionary, except the treatment key:

```
SESSION_CONFIGS = [
    {'name': 'my_game_blue',
     # other arguments...
     'treatment': 'blue'},
    {'name': 'my_game_red',
     # other arguments...
     'treatment': 'red'}
]
```

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Choosing which treatment to play

- ▶ Then in the `creating_session` method, you can check which of the 2 session configs it is:

```
def creating_session(self):  
    for p in self.get_players():  
        if 'treatment' in self.session.config:  
            # demo mode  
            p.color = self.session.config['treatment']  
        else:  
            # live experiment mode  
            p.color = random.choice(['blue', 'red'])
```

- ▶ Then, when someone visits your demo page, they will see the “red” and “blue” treatment.
- ▶ If the demo argument is not passed, the color is randomized.

oTree Concepts #2 - Rooms

oTree lets you configure “rooms”, which provide:

- ▶ Persistent links that you can assign to participants or workstations.
- ▶ A “waiting room” that lets you see how many people are waiting to start a session.
- ▶ Short links that are easy for participants to type

Create a new session

Session config:

Number of participants:

Create

7 participants present

Show/Hide

Alice Bob Evan Gary Helen Jim
Louis

5 participants not present

Show/Hide

Charlie Danielle Fiona Ian Katie

Welcome

Please enter your participant label:

Next

Please wait

Waiting for your session to begin

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Creating rooms

- ▶ You can create multiple rooms – say, for different classes you teach, or different labs you manage.
- ▶ To create a room, add to your `settings.py` a setting `ROOMS` (and, optionally, `ROOM_DEFAULTS`).
- ▶ `ROOMS` should be a list of dictionaries; each dictionary defines the configuration of a room.

```
ROOM_DEFAULTS = {}
```

```
ROOMS = [  
    {'name': 'econ101',  
     'display_name': 'Econ 101 class',  
     'participant_label_file': 'econ101.txt'  
    },  
    {'name': 'econ_lab',  
     'display_name': 'Experimental Economics Lab'}]
```

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Creating rooms - Available properties

- ▶ `name` and `display_name` (required) The internal name and display name, respectively.
- ▶ `participant_label_file` (optional) A path to a text file with the “guest list” for this room. Path can be either absolute or relative to the project’s root directory. The file should contain one participant label per line. For example:

PC_1

PC_2

PC_3

...

If you omit `participant_label_file`, then anyone can join as long as they know the room-wide URL.

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Creating rooms - Available properties:

- ▶ **use_secure_urls** (optional) This setting provides an extra layer of security on top of the participant_label_file. For example, if you are not using secure URLs, your start URLs would look something like this:

```
http://host/room/econ101/?participant_label=Student1  
http://host/room/econ101/?participant_label=Student2
```

The issue is that if Student1 is mischievous, he might change his URL's participant_label from "Student1" to "Student2", so that he can impersonate playing as Student2.

However, if you set '**use_secure_urls': True**', oTree will add a unique secret key to each participant's URLs, like this:

```
...?participant_label=Student1&hash=29cd655f  
...?participant_label=Student1&hash=46d9f31d
```

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Using rooms

In the admin interface, click “Rooms” in the header bar, and click the room you created. Scroll down to the section with the participant URLs.



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Using rooms - If you have a `participant_label_file`

- ▶ Have each participant open the URLs. Then, in the room's admin page, check how many people are present, and create a session for that number of people.
- ▶ You can either use the room-wide URL, or the participant-specific URLs.
- ▶ The participant-specific URLs already contain the participant label, so as soon as they are clicked, the participant will go straight to the waiting page. For example one participant can open URL `http://.../?participant_label=Student1`

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Using rooms - If you have a `participant_label_file`

- ▶ Or, you can give both students the room-wide URL, which does not contain `participant_label`:
`http://127.0.0.1:8000/room/econ101/`
- ▶ and when a user clicks the room-wide URL, they are prompted to enter their participant label:

The image shows two screenshots of the oTree web application interface.

Left Screenshot: Create a new session

This screenshot shows the "Create a new session" form. It includes fields for "Session config:" (with a dropdown menu showing "-----") and "Number of participants:" (with an input field containing "1"). A "Create" button is present. Below the form, it says "7 participants present" and lists participants: Alice, Bob, Evan, Gary, Helen, Jim, and Louis. It also lists "5 participants not present" with Charlie, Danielle, Fiona, Ian, and Katie. A "Show/Hide" button is available.

Right Screenshot: Welcome screen

This screenshot shows the "Welcome" screen. It asks "Please enter your participant label:" and has an input field with "Alice". A "Next" button is present. Below it, a blue bar says "Please wait" and the message "Waiting for your session to begin" is displayed.

oTree Concepts #2 - Rooms

Using rooms - If you don't have a `participant_label_file`

- ▶ Starting is simple; just have each participant open the room-wide URL. Have each participant open the URLs.
- ▶ Then, in the room's admin page, check how many people are present, and create a session for that number of people.
- ▶ Although this option is simple, it is less reliable than using participant labels, because someone could easily play twice by opening the URL in 2 browser tabs.

oTree Concepts #2 - Rooms

Using rooms - Reusing for multiple sessions

- ▶ Room URLs are designed to be reused across sessions.
- ▶ In a lab, you can set the room URL (either room-wide or participant-specific) as the browser's home page.
- ▶ In classroom experiments, you can give each student the room-wide URL they can use repeatedly during the semester.

oTree Concepts #2 - Money & Payoffs

Money

- ▶ In many experiments, participants play for currency: either real money, or points.
- ▶ oTree supports both
- ▶ You can switch from points to real money by setting `USE_POINTS = False` in `settings.py`.



oTree Concepts #2 - Money & Payoffs

Money

- ▶ If you have a value that represents an amount of currency (either points or dollars, etc), you should mark it with `c()`, e.g.

```
c(1) + c(0.2) == c(1.2)
```

- ▶ The advantage is that when it's displayed to users, it will automatically formatted as **\$1.20** or **1,20 €**, etc., depending on your `REAL_WORLD_CURRENCY_CODE` and `LANGUAGE_CODE` settings.
- ▶ Money amounts are displayed with 2 decimal places by default; you can change this with the setting `REAL_WORLD_CURRENCY_DECIMAL_PLACES`. (If you change the number of decimal places, you must `resetdb`.)

oTree Concepts #2 - Money & Payoffs

- ▶ If a model field is a currency amount, you should define it as a `CurrencyField`.

```
class Player(BasePlayer):  
    random_bonus = models.CurrencyField()  
    def some_method(self):  
        self.random_bonus = c(random.randint(1, 10))
```

- ▶ **NOTE:** instead of using Python's built-in range function, you should use oTree's `currency_range`

```
class Player(BasePlayer):  
    contribution = models.CurrencyField(  
        choices=currency_range(c(0), c(0.10), c(0.02)))  
        # [$0.00, $0.02, $0.04, $0.06, $0.08, $0.10]
```

- ▶ `currency_range` takes 3 arguments (start, stop, step), just like `range()`. However, unlike `range()`, the returned list includes the stop value as shown above.

oTree Concepts #2 - Money & Payoffs

Money

- ▶ In templates use the |c filter. For example, {{ 20|c }} displays as **20 points**.



oTree Concepts #2 - Money & Payoffs

payoffs

- ▶ Each player has `payoff` field, which is a `CurrencyField`. If your player makes money, you should store it in this field.
- ▶ `self.participant.payoff` automatically stores the sum of payoffs from all subsessions.
- ▶ You can modify `self.participant.payoff` directly, e.g. to round the final payoff to a whole number.

oTree Concepts #2 - Money & Payoffs

payoffs

- ▶ At the end of the experiment, a participant's total profit can be accessed by

```
self.participant.payoff_plus_participation_fee()
```

- ▶ it is calculated by converting `self.participant.payoff` to real-world currency (if `USE_POINTS` is `True`), and then adding `self.session.config['participation_fee']`.

oTree Concepts #2 - Money & Payoffs

payoffs - Points (i.e. “experimental currency”)

- ▶ Sometimes it is preferable for players to play games for points or “experimental currency units”, which are converted to real money at the end of the session.
- ▶ You can set `USE_POINTS = True` in `settings.py`, and then in-game currency amounts will be expressed in points rather than dollars or euros, etc.

$c(10)$ is displayed as 10 points.

- ▶ To change the exchange rate to real money, go to `settings.py` and set `real_world_currency_per_point` in the session config.
- ▶ For example, if you pay the user 2 cents per point, you would set

```
'real_world_currency_per_point': 0.02
```

oTree Concepts #2 - Money & Payoffs

payoffs - Points (i.e. “experimental currency”)

- ▶ Points are integers by default.
- ▶ You can change this by setting `POINTS_DECIMAL_PLACES = 2`, or whatever number of decimal places you desire.
- ▶ If you change the number of decimal places, you must resetdb.

oTree Concepts #2 - Money & Payoffs

payoffs - Points (i.e. “experimental currency”)

- ▶ If you switch your language setting to one of oTree’s supported languages, the name “points” is automatically translated, e.g. “puntos” in Spanish.
- ▶ To further customize the name “points” to something else like “tokens” or “credits”, set `POINTS_CUSTOM_NAME`, e.g.

```
POINTS_CUSTOM_NAME = 'tokens'
```

oTree Concepts #2 - Money & Payoffs

payoffs - Points (i.e. “experimental currency”)

- ▶ You can convert a points amount to money using the method:

```
>>> c(10).to_real_world_currency(self.session)
$0.20
```

- ▶ It requires self.session to be passed, because different sessions can have different conversion rates).

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