

## Configurations, l18n y Debug - Tutorial #3.

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## Tutorial #3: Matching Pennies

***Programmer*** *(noun.)*

A person who fixed a problem that  
you don't know you have,  
in a way you don't understand.

- ▶ Open your console (Powershell, terminal, or any flavored python console)
- ▶ Open an editor (PyCharm, SublimeText, Kate, Atom...)
- ▶ Follow Me!

## Tutorial #3: Matching Pennies

We will now create a “Matching pennies” game with the following features:

- ▶ 4 rounds
- ▶ The roles of the players will be reversed halfway through
- ▶ In each round, a “history box” will display the results of previous rounds
- ▶ A random round will be chosen for payment

Create the app

```
$ otree startapp my_matching_pennies
```

## Tutorial #3: Matching Pennies - Define `models.py`

### Constants class

We define our constants as we have previously. Matching pennies is a 2-person game and the payoff for winning a paying round is 100 points. In this case, the game has 4 rounds, so we set `num_rounds` (see `Rounds`).

### Player class:

- ▶ In each round, each player decides “Heads” or “Tails”, so we define a field `tails`, which will be displayed as a radio button.
- ▶ We also have a boolean field `is_winner` that records if this player won this round.
- ▶ We define the `role` method to define which player is the “Matcher” and which is the “Mismatcher”.

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### Payment Round:

- ▶ let's define the code to randomly choose a round for payment.
- ▶ Let's define the code in `Subsession.creating_session`, which is the place to
- ▶ put code that initializes the state of the game.
- ▶ The value of the chosen round is “global” rather than different for each participant, so the logical place to store it is in `self.session.vars`.

### Code to swap roles halfway through

- ▶ This kind of group-shuffling code should also go in `creating_session`. We put it after our existing code.
- ▶ So, in round 3, we should do the shuffle, and then in round 4, use `group_like_round(3)` to copy the group structure from round 3.

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### Group class.

- ▶ We define the payoff method.
- ▶ We use `get_player_by_role` to fetch each of the 2 players in the group.
- ▶ Then, depending on whether the penny sides match, we either make P1 or P2 the winner.
- ▶ Remember that the player should only receive a payoff if the current round is the randomly chosen paying round. Otherwise, the payoff should be 0.

# Tutorial #3: Matching Pennies - Templates and views

- ▶ This game has 2 main pages:
  1. A Choice page that gets repeated for each round. The user is asked to choose heads/tails, and they are also shown a “history box” showing the results of previous rounds.
  2. A ResultsSummary page that only gets displayed once at the end, and tells the user their final payoff.



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## Choice view

- ▶ In `views.py`, we define the `Choice` page. This page should contain a form field that sets `player.tails`, so we set `form_model` and `form_fields`.
- ▶ Also, on this page we would like to display a “history box” table that shows the result of all previous rounds. So, we can use `player.in_previous_rounds()`, which returns a list referring to the same participant in rounds 1, 2, 3, etc.
- ▶ We then create a template `Choice.html`.



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## ResultsWaitPage

- ▶ Before a player proceeds to the next round's **Choice** page, they need to wait for the other player to complete the **Choice** page as well.
- ▶ So, as usual, we use a **WaitPage**. Also, once both players have arrived at the wait page, we call the **set\_payoffs** method we defined earlier.

## ResultsSummary

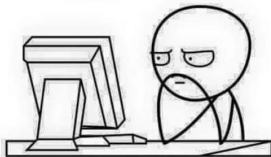
- ▶ It only gets shown in the last round, so we set **is\_displayed** accordingly.
- ▶ We retrieve the value of **paying\_round** from **session.vars**
- ▶ We get the user's total payoff by summing up how much they made in each round.
- ▶ We pass the round history to the template with **player.in\_all\_rounds()**

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## Settings and run

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

Never let your computer  
know that you are in a hurry.



Computers can smell fear.  
They slow down if they know that  
you are running out  
of time.

## settings.py.

Your settings can be found in settings.py. Here are explanations of a few oTree-specific settings. Full info on all Django's settings can be found:

<https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/1.8/ref/settings/>



## settings.py.

### SESSION\_CONFIGS

- ▶ In settings.py, add an entry to `SESSION_CONFIGS` like this (assuming you have created apps named `my_app_1` and `my_app_2`):

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

- ▶ Once you have defined a session config, you can run `otree resetdb`, then `otree runserver`, open your browser to the admin interface, and create a new session. You would select “My Session Config” as the configuration to use.

settings.py.

## SESSION\_CONFIG\_DEFAULTS

- ▶ If you set a property in `SESSION_CONFIG_DEFAULTS`, it will be inherited by all configs in `SESSION_CONFIGS`, except those that explicitly override it.
- ▶ The session config can be accessed from methods in your apps as:

```
self.session.config['participation_fee']
```

settings.py.

## DEBUG

- ▶ You can turn off debug mode by setting the **environment variable** `OTREE_PRODUCTION` to 1, or by directly modifying `DEBUG` in `settings.py`
- ▶ If you turn off `DEBUG` mode, you need to manually run `otree collectstatic` before starting your server-
- ▶ Also, you should set up Sentry to receive email notifications of errors.

`settings.py`.

## `REAL_WORLD_CURRENCY_CODE`

- ▶ 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`.)

## settings.py.

### USE\_POINTS

- ▶ 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



settings.py.

## USE\_POINTS

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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'
```

`settings.py`.

## SENTRY\_DSN

- ▶ Sentry service which can log all errors on your server and send you email notifications.
- ▶ Sentry is necessary because many errors are not visible in the UI after you turn off debug mode.
- ▶ You will no longer see Django's yellow error pages; you or your users will just see generic:

### **Server Error (500)**

There are several ways to find the cause of the issue:

- Set the `OTREE_PRODUCTION` environment variable to `0` and reload this page
- Look at your Sentry messages (see the docs on how to enable Sentry)
- Look at the server logs

- ▶ You need to check the sentry documentation to understand this setting.

## settings.py.

### AUTH\_LEVEL

- ▶ It's somewhat preferable to set the environment variable `OTREE_AUTH_LEVEL` on your server, rather than setting `AUTH_LEVEL` directly in `settings.py`.
- ▶ When you first install oTree, The entire admin interface is accessible without a password.
- ▶ However, when you are ready to deploy to your audience, you should password protect the admin.
- ▶ If you are launching an experiment and want visitors to only be able to play your app if you provided them with a start link, set the environment variable `OTREE_AUTH_LEVEL` to `STUDY`.
- ▶ To put your site online in public demo mode where anybody can play a demo version of your game (but not access the full admin interface), set `OTREE_AUTH_LEVEL` to `DEMO`.
- ▶ If you don't want any password protection at all, leave this variable unset/blank.

settings.py.

## ROOMS

- ▶ DONE in Day 4



`settings.py`.

## ADMIN\_USERNAME, ADMIN\_PASSWORD

- ▶ For security reasons, it's recommended to put your admin password in an environment variable, then read it in `settings.py` like this:

```
ADMIN_PASSWORD = environ.get('OTREE_ADMIN_PASSWORD')
```

- ▶ If you change `ADMIN_USERNAME` or `ADMIN_PASSWORD`, you need to reset the database.

`settings.py`.

`DEMO_PAGE_TITLE`

- ▶ The title of the demo page

`DEMO_PAGE_INTRO_HTML`

- ▶ The HTML in the sidebar of the demo page

# Localization

- ▶ oTree's participant interface has been translated to the following languages:
  - ▶ Chinese (simplified)
  - ▶ Dutch
  - ▶ French
  - ▶ German
  - ▶ Hungarian
  - ▶ Italian
  - ▶ Japanese
  - ▶ Korean
  - ▶ Norwegian
  - ▶ Russian
  - ▶ Spanish
- ▶ This means that all built-in text that gets displayed to participants is available in these languages.

# Localization

- ▶ This localization includes things like:
  - ▶ Form validation messages
  - ▶ Wait page messages
  - ▶ Dates, times and numbers (e.g. “1.5” vs “1,5”)
- ▶ So, as long as you write your app’s text in one of these languages, all text that participants will see will be in that language.
- ▶ For more information, see the Django documentation on translation and format localization.
- ▶ However, oTree’s admin/experimenter interface is currently only available in English, and the existing sample games have not been translated to any other languages.



# Localization

## Changing the language setting

- ▶ Go to `settings.py`, change `LANGUAGE_CODE`, and restart the server. For example:

```
LANGUAGE_CODE = 'fr' # French  
LANGUAGE_CODE = 'zh-hans' # Chinese (simplified)
```

# Localization

## Writing your app in multiple languages

- ▶ You may want your own app to work in multiple languages.
- ▶ For example, let's say you want to run the same experiment with English, French, and Chinese participants.
- ▶ For this, you can use Django's translation system.



# Localization

## A quick summary:

- ▶ Go to settings.py, change LANGUAGE\_CODE, and restart the server.
- ▶ Create a folder locale in each app you are translating, e.g. public\_goods/locale.
- ▶ If you forget to create this folder, the translations will go into your root directory's locale folder. At the top of your templates, add

```
{% load i18n %}
```

- ▶ Then use `.`. There are some things you can't use inside a blocktrans, such as variables containing dots

```
{% blocktrans trimmed %}...{% endblocktrans %}
```

# Localization

## A quick summary:

- ▶ If you have localizable strings in your **Python code**, use `ugettext`.
- ▶ Use `makemessages` to create the **.po** files in your app's locale directory:

```
$ django-admin makemessages -l fr  
$ django-admin makemessages -l zh_Hans
```

- ▶ Edit the `.po` file in Poedit

# Localization

## A quick summary:

- ▶ Run `compilemessages` to create `.mo` files next to your `.po` files.

```
$ django-admin compilemessages
```

- ▶ If you localize the files under `_templates/global`, you need to create a directory `locale` in the root of the project.

## Debug

- ▶ The module `pdb` defines an interactive source code debugger.
- ▶ It supports setting (conditional) breakpoints and single stepping at the source line level, inspection of stack frames, source code listing, and evaluation of arbitrary Python code in the context of any stack frame.
- ▶ It also supports post-mortem debugging and can be called under program control.

```
>>> import pdb
>>> import mymodule
>>> pdb.run('mymodule.test()')
> <string>(0)?()
(Pdb) continue
> <string>(1)?()
(Pdb) continue
NameError: 'spam'
> <string>(1)?()
(Pdb)
```

# Debug

## PostMortem

The typical usage to inspect a crashed program is:

```
>>> import pdb
>>> import mymodule
>>> mymodule.test()
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "<stdin>", line 1, in <module>
  File "./mymodule.py", line 4, in test
    test2()
  File "./mymodule.py", line 3, in test2
    print(spam)
NameError: spam
>>> pdb.pm()
> ./mymodule.py(3)test2()
-> print(spam)
(Pdb)
```

# Debug

## Break-Points

- ▶ The typical usage to break into the debugger from a running program is to insert

```
import pdb; pdb.set_trace()
```





# Debug

## Commands

```
(Pdb) help
Documented commands (type help <topic>):
=====
EOF      bt          cont        enable      jump      pp         run        unt
a        c          continue   exit        l         q         s         until
alias    cl         d          h          list      quit      step      up
args     clear      debug      help        n         r         tbreak    w
b        commands  disable    ignore     next      restart   u         whatis
break    condition down        j          p         return    unalias   where

Miscellaneous help topics:
=====
exec     pdb

Undocumented commands:
=====
retval  rv
```

# Debug

## Commands

- ▶ **h(elp)** [**command**] Without argument, print the list of available commands. With a command as argument, print help about that command.
- ▶ **w(here)** Print a stack trace, with the most recent frame at the bottom.
- ▶ **u(p)** [**count**] Move the current frame count (default one) levels up in the stack trace (to an older frame).
- ▶ **s(tep)** Execute the current line, stop at the first possible occasion (either in a function that is called or on the next line in the current function).

# Debug

## Commands

- ▶ **n(ext)** Continue execution until the next line in the current function is reached or it returns. (The difference between next and step is that step stops inside a called function, while next at the next line in the current function.)
- ▶ **unt(il)** [**lineno**] With a line number, continue execution until a line with a number greater or equal to that is reached. In both cases, also stop when the current frame returns.
- ▶ **c(ontinue)** Continue execution, only stop when a breakpoint is encountered.

# References

- ▶ <http://otree.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>
- ▶ <https://docs.python.org/3.6/library/pdb.html>
- ▶ <https://docs.djangoproject.com/en/1.11/topics/i18n/>