Example-Driven Development

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The Trouble with TDD

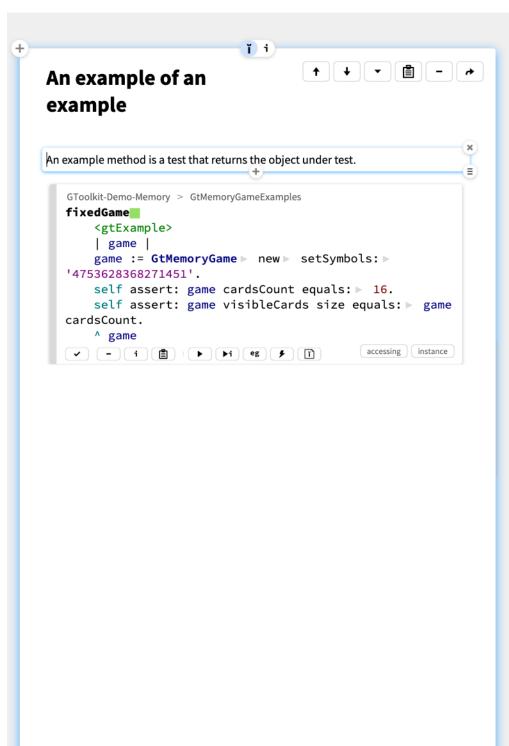
Where do tests come from?

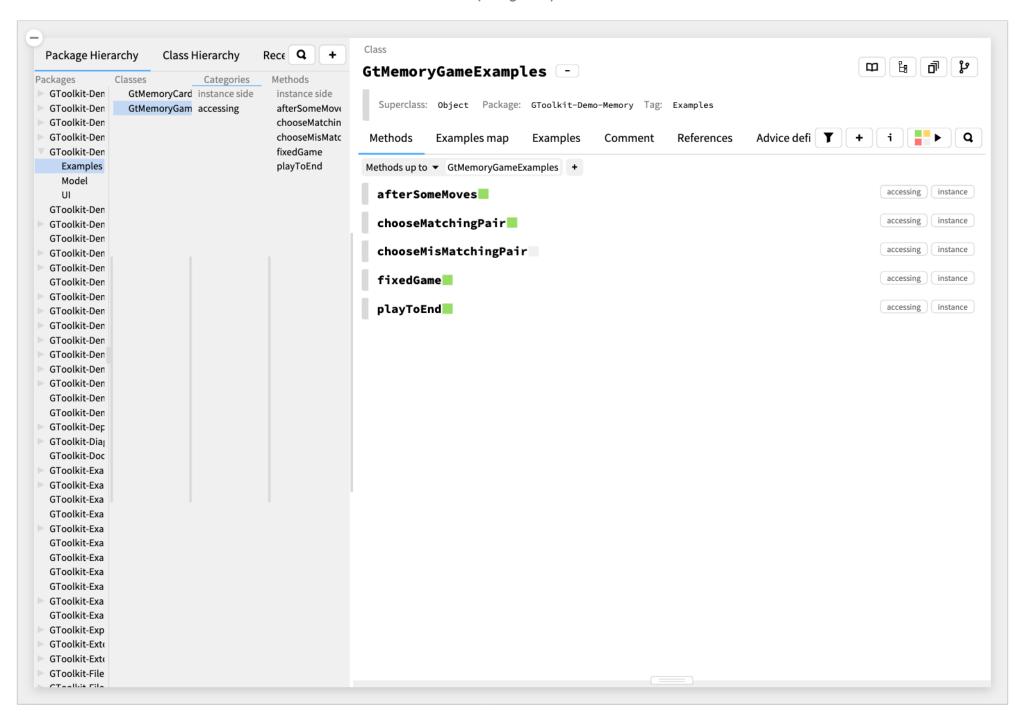
How do we write the simplest code that passes?

What use is a green test?

What's an Example?

An example (method) is a test that returns an example.





Why examples?

- Example composition reduces:
 - code duplication,
 - cascading failures.
- Examples can be reused in live documentation.
- EDD is an exploratory approach to TDD.

EDD Exercise: Modeling prices

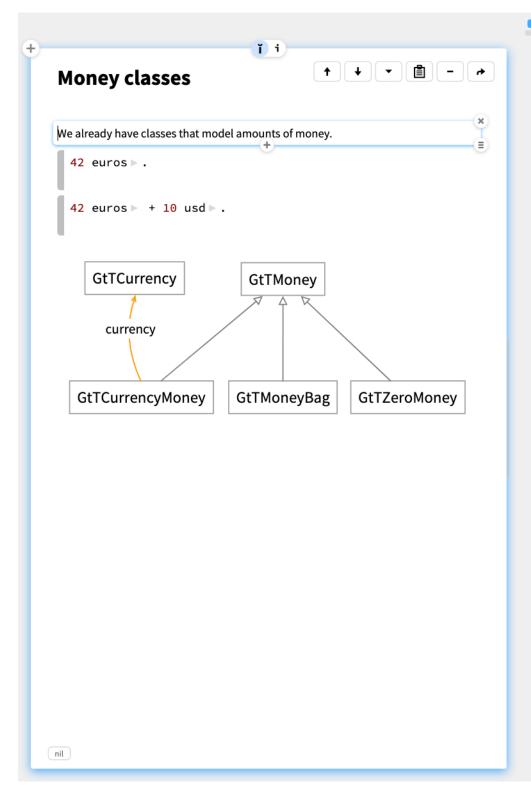
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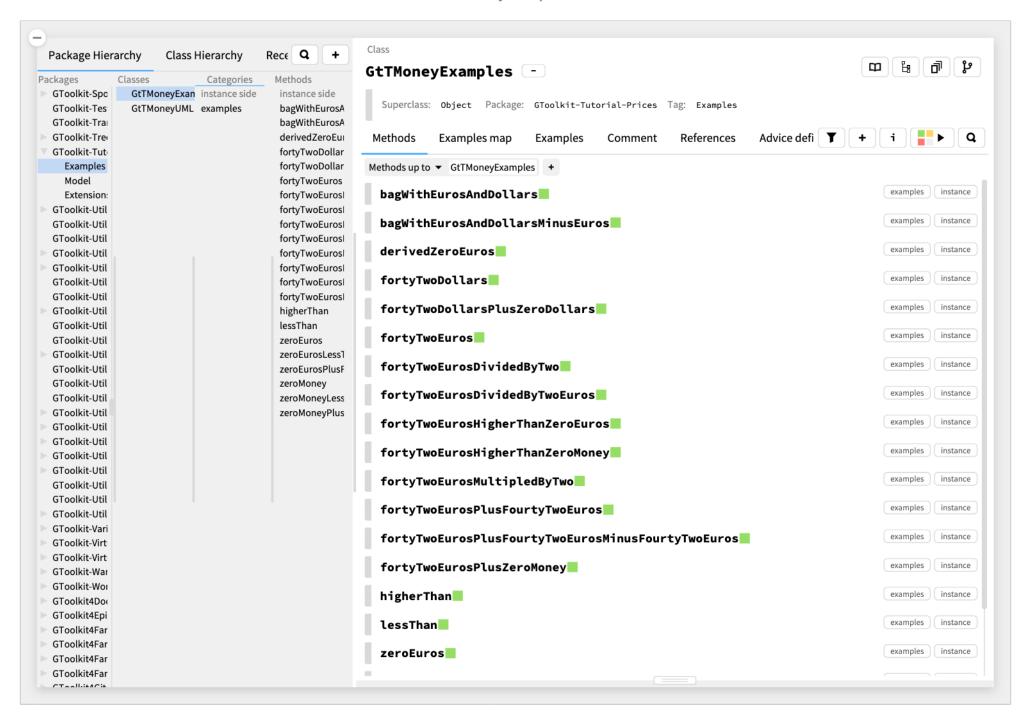
Prices can be added or multiplied.

A price can also be *discounted* either by a fixed amount of money, or by a percentage.

All operations can be combined arbitrarily.

And for audit purposes, we want to *track* all operations that lead to a concrete amount of money.

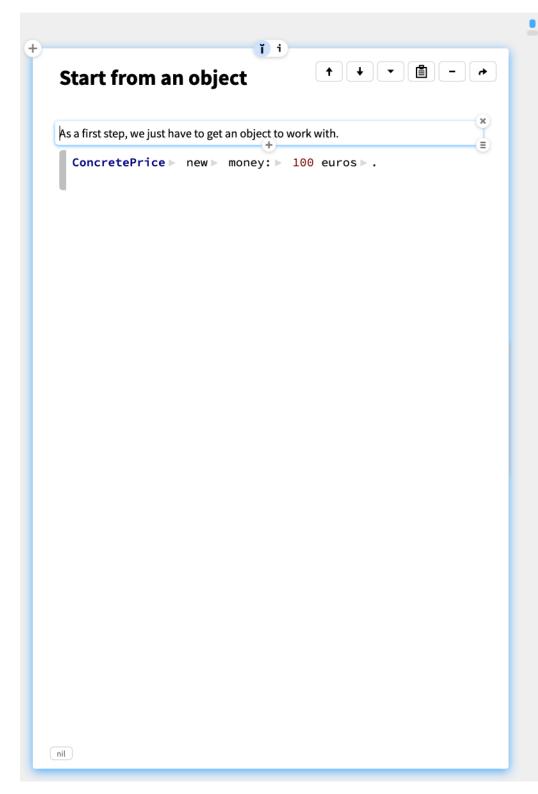


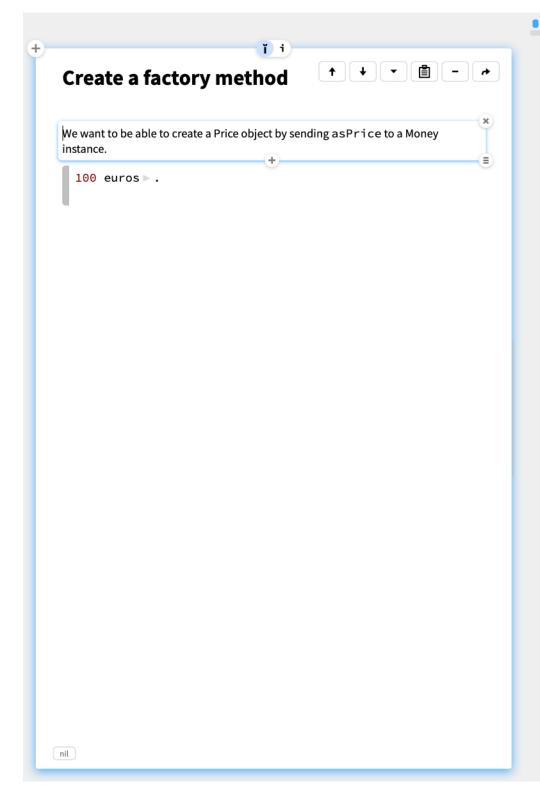


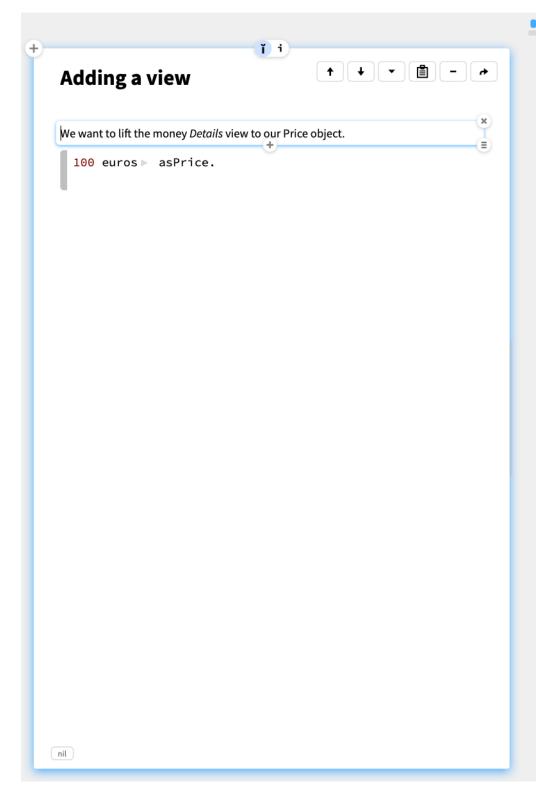
Introducing a Concrete Price

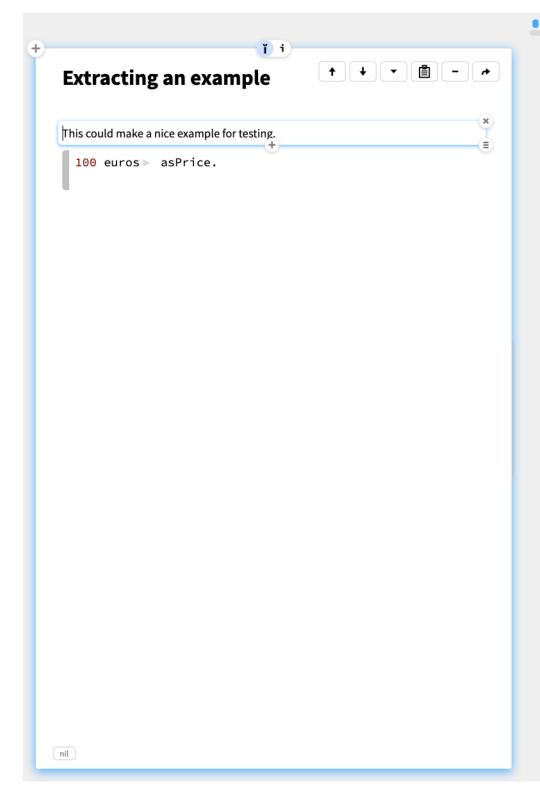
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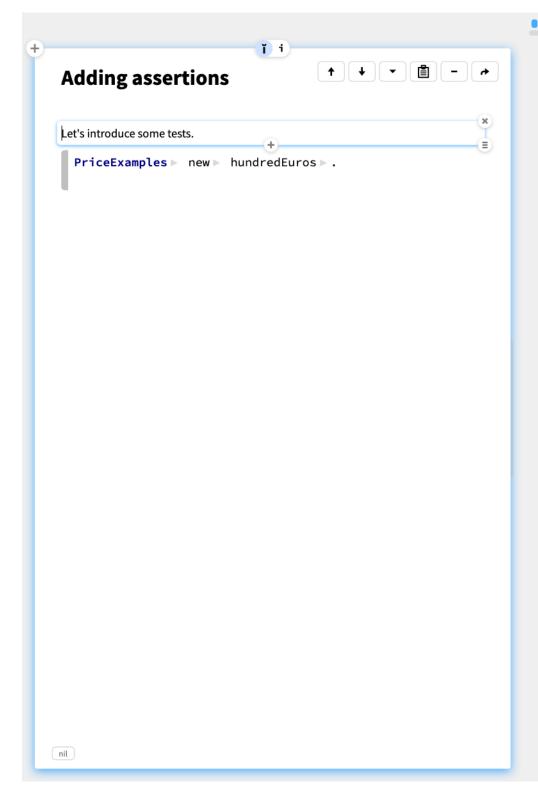
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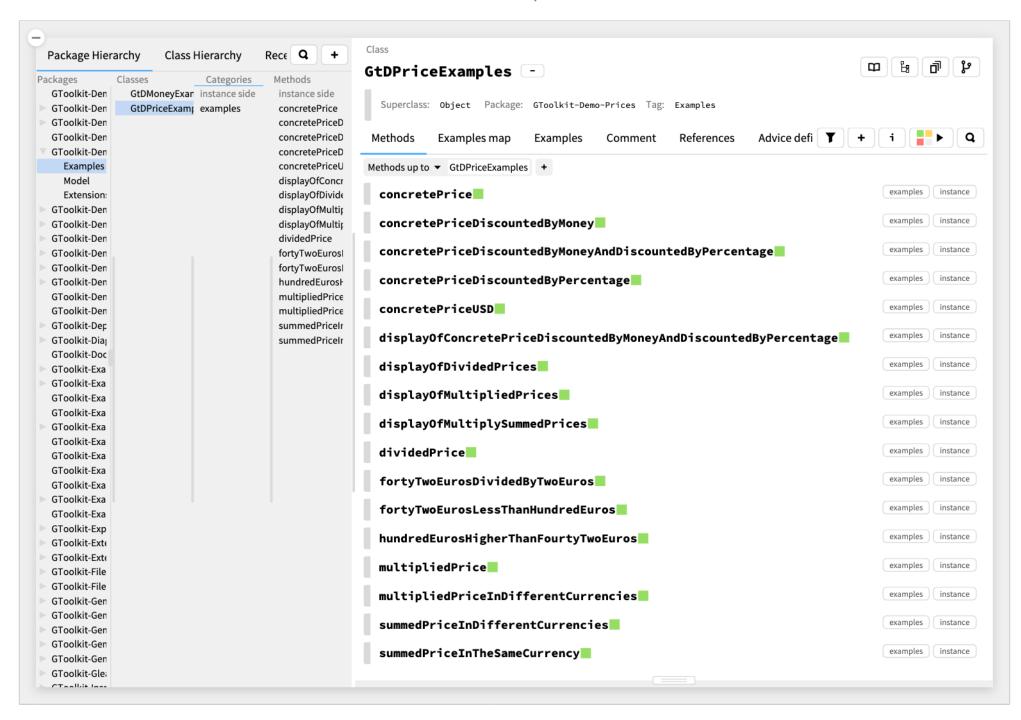












EDD in a Nutshell

- Start with an object
- Prototype behavior in the playground
- Extract methods
- Introduce useful *views*
- Extract examples
- Prototype assertions in the playground
- Add them to the example method
- *Reuse* examples as setups for new examples