

# Protocol for Tax Experiments

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## Before subjects arrive

Open zTree Open zLeaf on the clients (Open net control on the experimenter's computer. Use net control to log in the client computers. When the machines are logged in, and selected in net control, run zleaf using the "quick launch" (or "quick run" or something similar) menu in net control).

Load all modules in zTree.

## After subjects arrive

Close extra zLeafs.

Change the number of subjects (double click background stage) in every module to the actual number of subjects.

Change the number of groups in j1\_d-TE\_Module1 to (number of subjects)/2.

Change the number of groups in j3\_d-TE\_Module2 to (number of subjects)/4.

With the 1-TE\_Module1 treatment selected [or treatment equivalent], click

Treatment>Matching>Stranger

Hand out instructions for Module 1.

Read instructions for Module 1 out loud to subjects.

--Start j1\_d-TE\_Module1[or treatment equivalent] in zTree.

-----j1\_d-TE\_Module1 – finished -----

Hand out instructions for Module 2.

Read instructions for Module 2 out loud to subjects.

Mention practice rounds

--Start j2\_d-TE\_Module2\_Trials [or treatment equivalent] in zTree.

-----j2\_d-TE\_Module2\_Trials - finished -----

With the j3\_d-TE\_Module2 [or equivalent] treatment selected, click

Treatment>Matching>Stranger

Mention start of actual rounds

--Start j3\_d-TE\_Module2 in zTree.  
----- j3\_d-TE\_Module2 - finished -----

Hand out instructions for Module 3.

Read instructions for Module 3 out loud to subjects.  
--Start j4\_d-TE\_Module3 [or treatment equivalent] in zTree.  
----- j4\_d-TE\_Module3 - finished -----

Hand out instructions for Module 4.  
Read instructions for Module 4 out loud to subjects.  
--Start j5\_d-TE\_Module4 [or treatment equivalent] in zTree.  
----- j5\_d-TE\_Module4 - finished -----

[If Die Game included in treatment]

Distribute a die to each station. As you do this, say something to the effect of “The next section of the experiment will involve a die, which we are/I am distributing now. All instructions for this session will be on your screen.”

--Start j6\_d-TE\_Module5 in zTree.  
----- j6\_d-TE\_Module5 - finished -----  
--Start j7\_d-TE\_Results\_B in zTree.

Mention results (“On your screen are the results of the experiment. If you have any questions please raise your hand. Otherwise please click through the screens. Once everyone is done looking at their results, we’ll proceed to payment.

----- j7\_d-TE\_Results\_B - finished -----  
--Start j8\_d-Make\_Payfile.ztq in zTree. (If using the file>open dialogue in ztree, make sure you change the file type to .ztq)

----- j8\_d-Make\_Payfile - finished -----

Open the .pay file and do payment as normal.