Introduction to Programming

Lab Session 2

(With material from the ETH Zurich course "Introduction to Programming")

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Assignment Policy

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Submission Policy

Each assignment defines a hard deadline. Any submission after the deadline will not be taken into account.
All assignment must be submitted using the Moodle system. Any other means of submission will not be taken into consideration.

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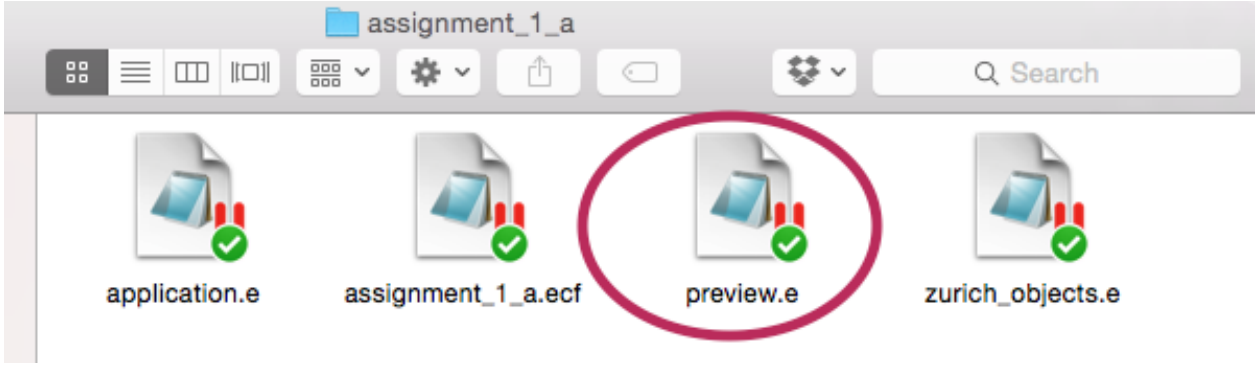
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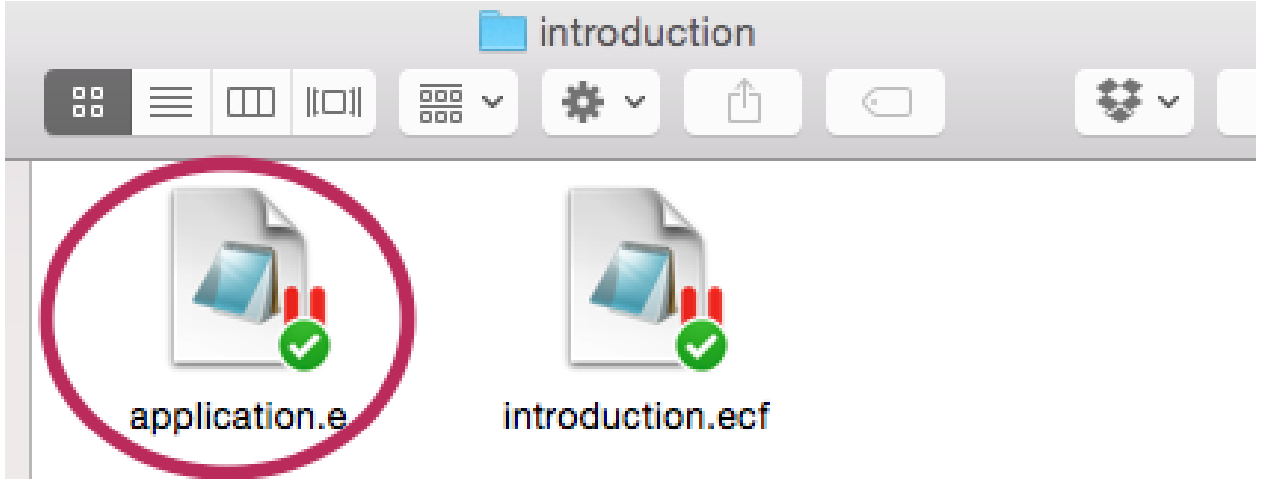
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Section 6 – CLASSES VS. OBJECTS: *For the queries 2a – 2c hand in the type of the object they return and the question they answer; for the questions 3a–3e hand in the queries that answer the question.*

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Section 7 – IN AND OUT: *Hand in the code of the class BUSINESS_CARD (i.e. `business_card.e` file) and your answers to the questions in point 7.*

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When you already have all your answers: create an archive file (e.g. assignment_1.zip) with all your answers and submit that file. Moodle allows you to submit only one file.

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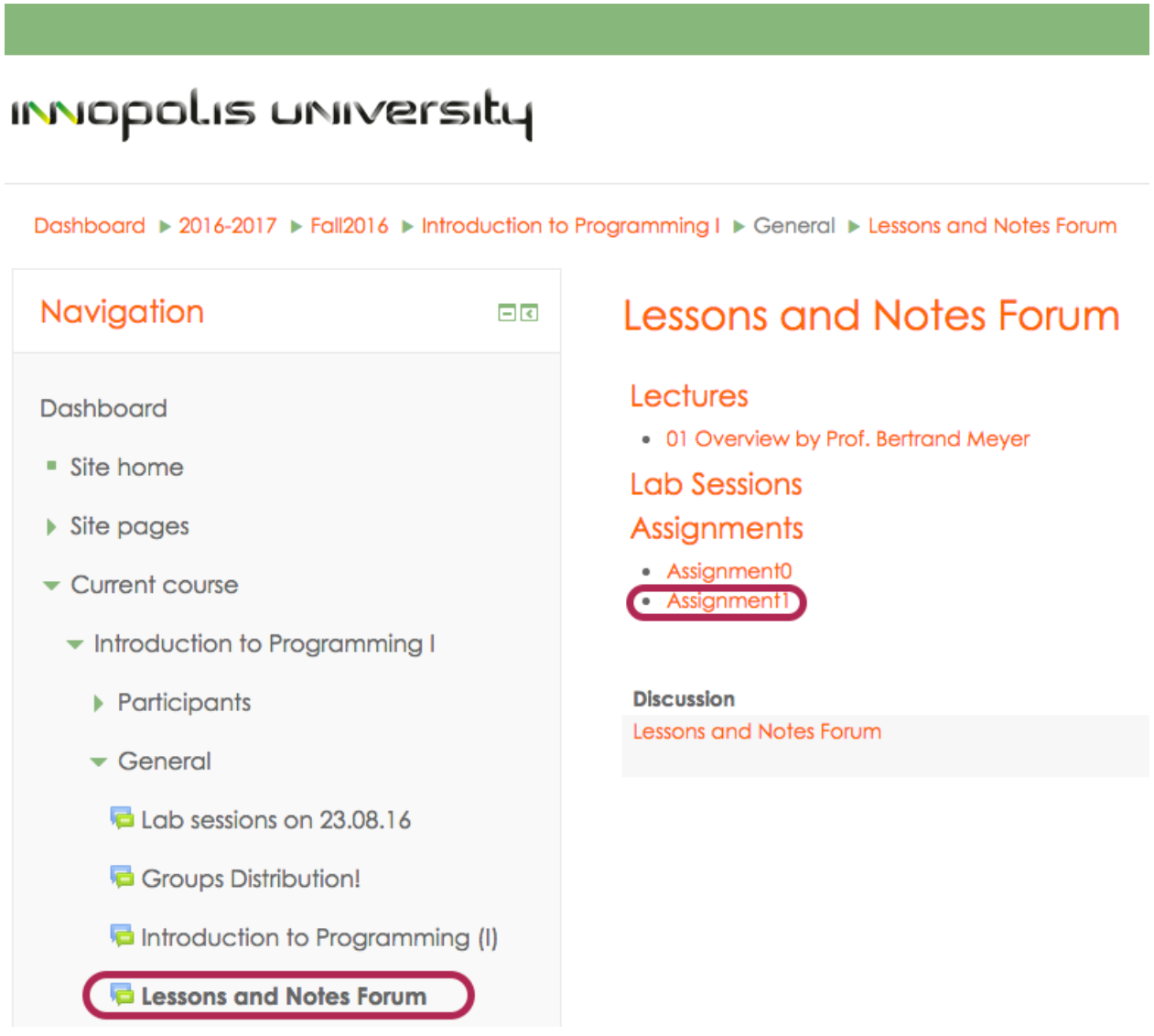

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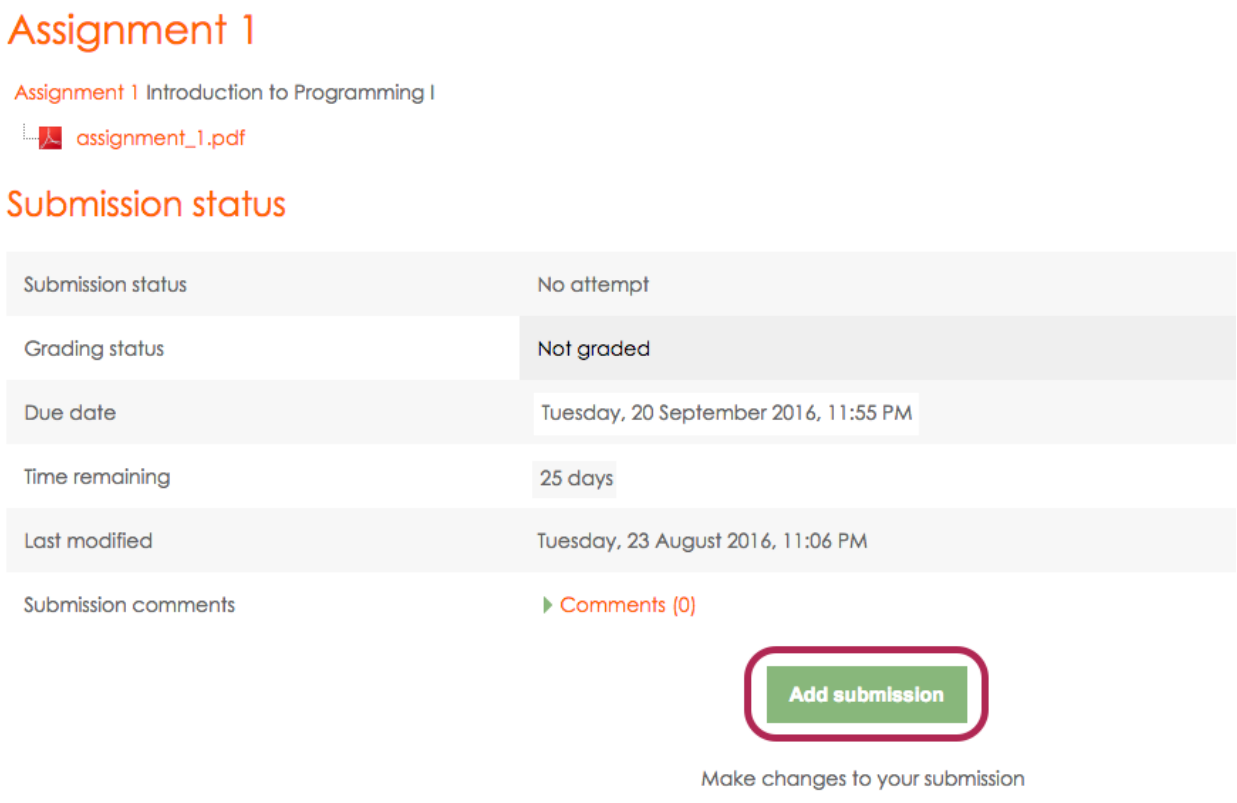

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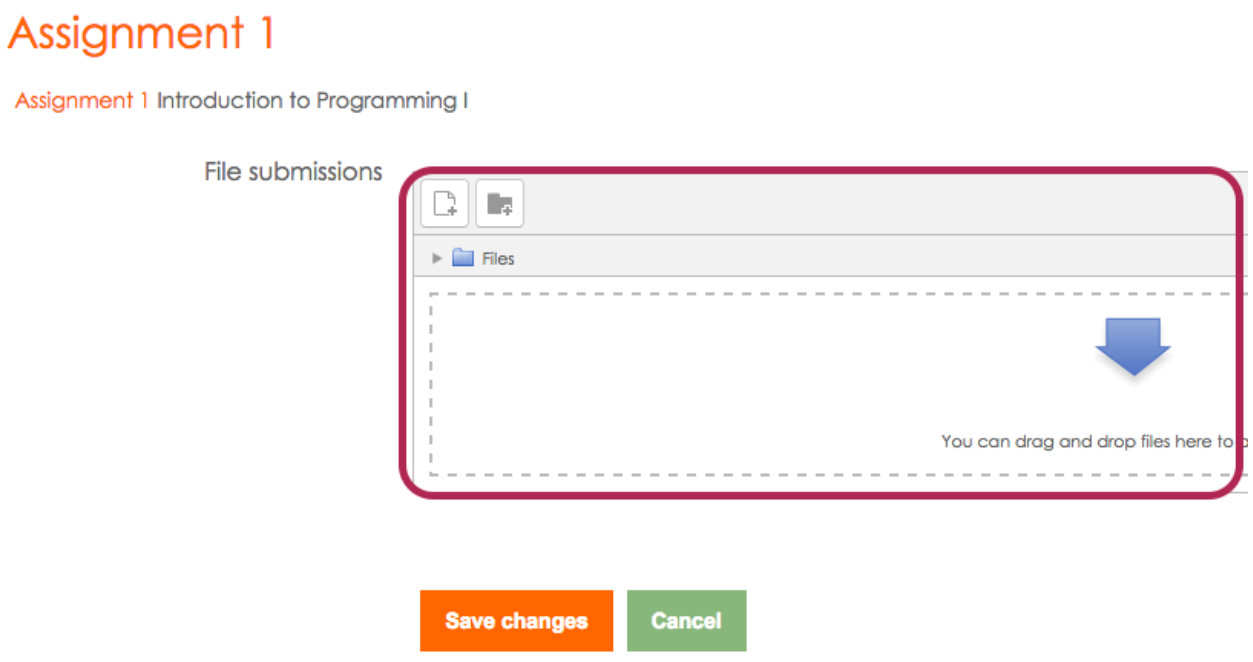

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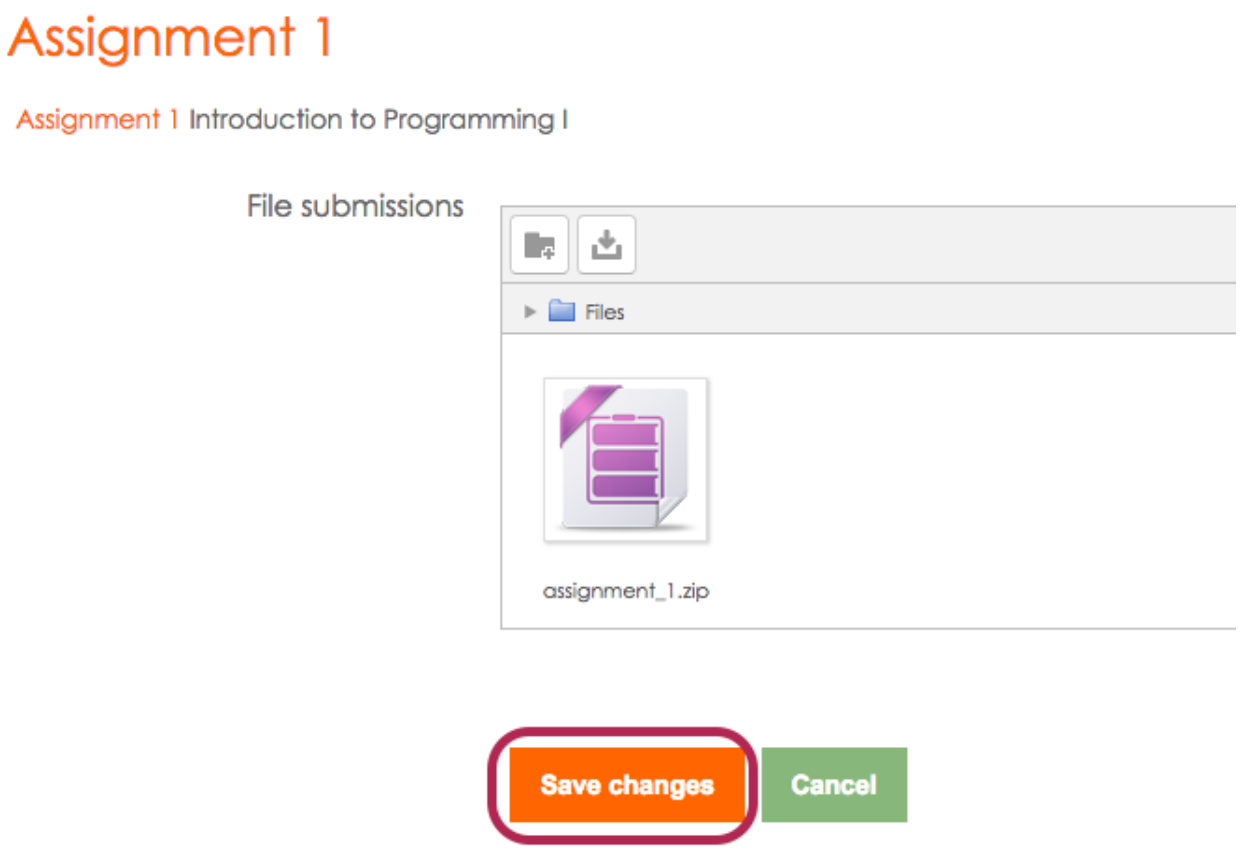

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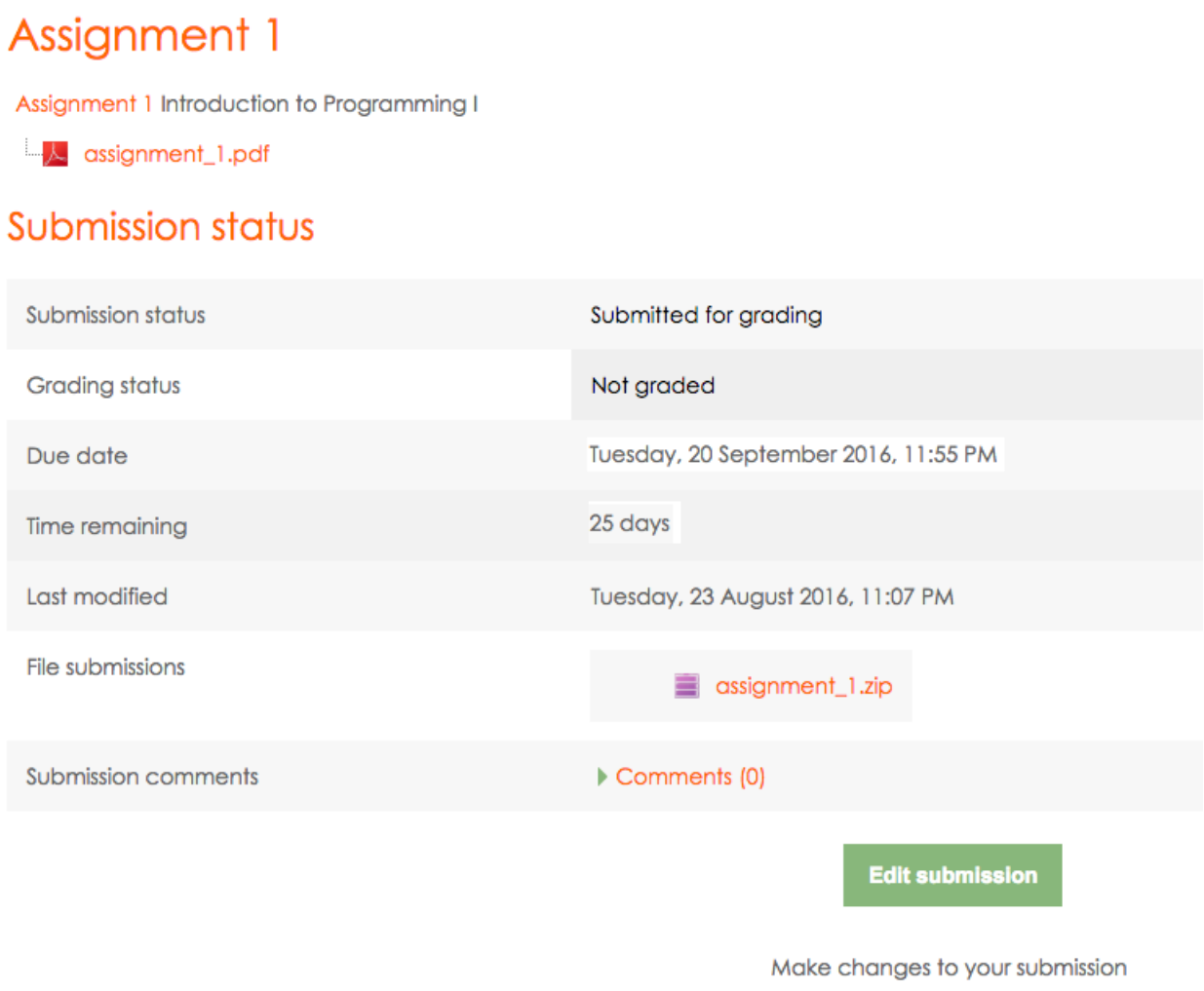

In this Lab

- We will revisit classes, features and objects.
- We will see how program execution starts.
- Understanding contracts: preconditions, postconditions (a first attempt)

Static view

- A program consists of a set of classes.
- Features are declared in classes. They define operations on objects created from classes.
  - Queries answer questions. The answer is provided in a variable called **Result**.
  - Commands execute actions. They do not return any result, so there is NO variable called **Result** that we can use.
- Another name for a class is `type`.
- Class and Type are not exactly the same, but they are close enough for now, and we will learn the difference later on.

Declaring the type of an object

- The type of any object you use in your program must be declared somewhere.
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Here is where you declare objects that only the routine needs and knows about.

Declaring the type of an object

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class  DEMO
feature
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     -- Comment
  local
   l1: T3
  do
   ...
  end
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     -- Comment
  do
   Result := ...
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   l1: T3                                   <-- local variable type
  do
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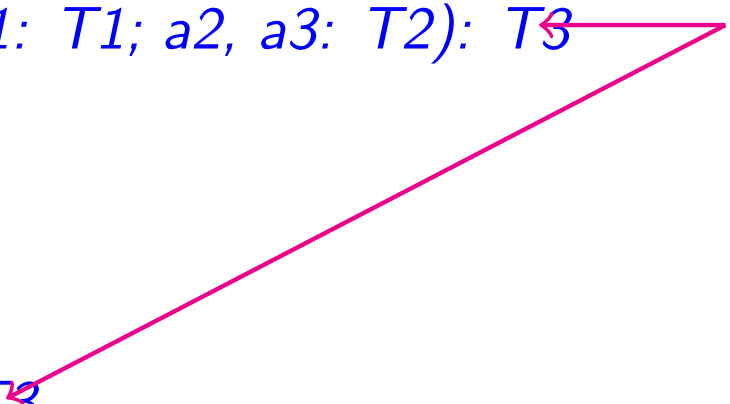

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```
class GAME
feature
  map_name: STRING
      -- Name of the map to be loaded for the game
  last_player: PLAYER
      -- Last player that moved
  players: PLAYER_LIST
      -- List of players in this game.
```

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```
feature
  is_occupied (a_location: TRAFFIC_PLACE): BOOLEAN
      -- Check if 'a_location' is occupied.
    require
      a_location_exists: a_location /= Void
    local
      old_cursor: CURSOR
    do
      Result := False
      -- Remember old cursor position.
      old_cursor := players.cursor
      ...
```

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```
-- Loop over all players to check if one occupies 'a_location'.
from
  players.start
  -- do not consider estate agent, hence skip the first
  -- entry in 'players'.
  players.forth
until
  players.after or Result
loop
  if players.item.location = a_location then
    Result := True
  end
  players.forth
end
-- Restore old cursor position.
players.go_to(old_cursor)
end
```

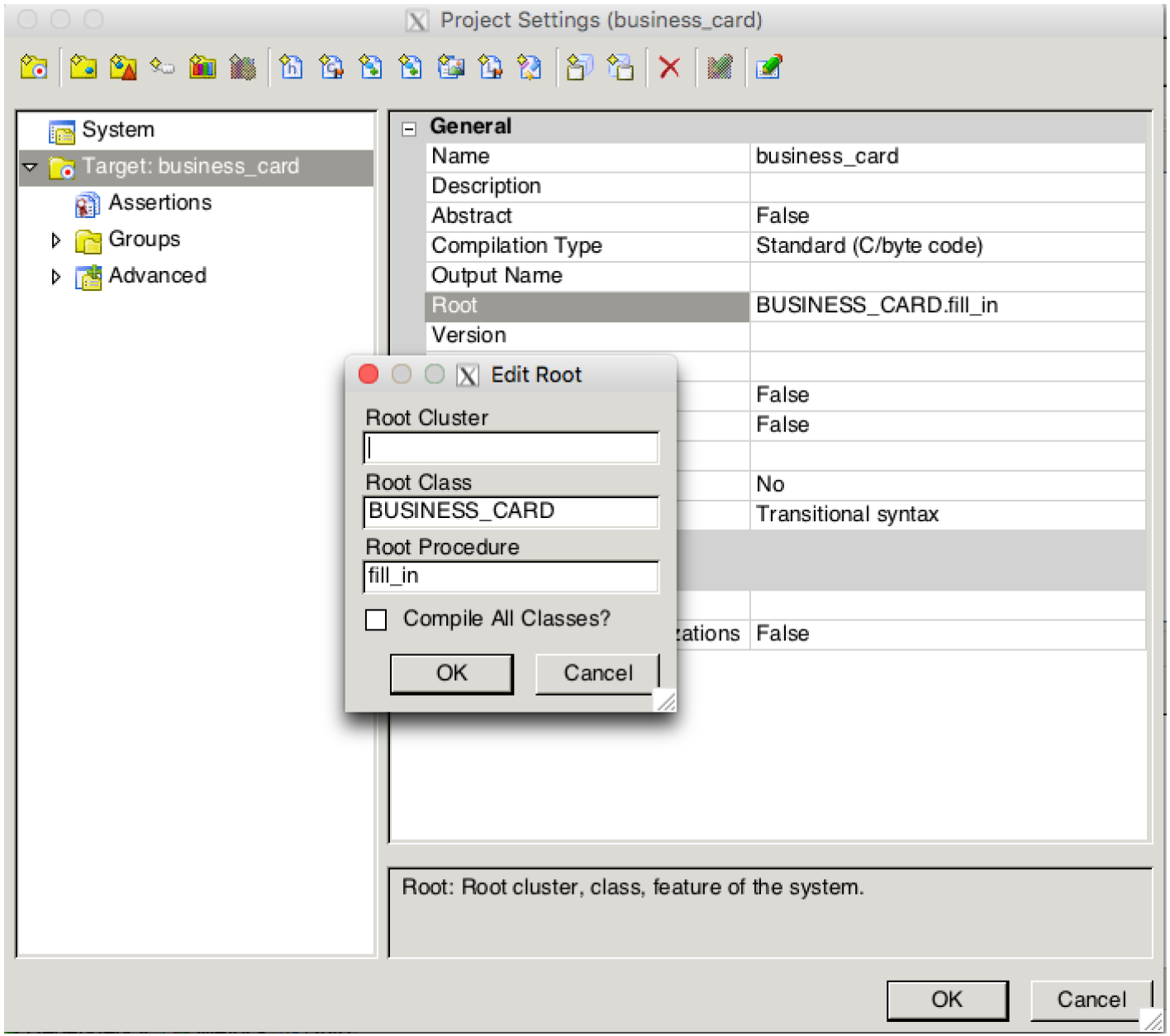
Dynamic view

- At runtime (i.e. during the program execution), we have a set of objects (instances) created from the classes (types).
- The creation of an object implies that a piece of memory is allocated in the computer to represent the object itself.
- Objects interact with each other by calling features on each other.

How all starts?

- Who creates the first object?
  - The runtime creates a so-called root object.
  - The root object creates other objects, which in turn create other objects, etc.
  - You define the type of the root object in the project settings.
- How is the root object created?
  - The runtime calls a creation procedure of the root object.
  - You define this creation procedure in the project settings.
  - The application exits at the end of this creation procedure.

Changing the root class



Static view vs. dynamic view

- Queries (attributes and functions) have a result type. When executing the query, you get an object of that type.
- Routines have formal arguments of certain types. During the execution you pass objects of the same (or compatible) type as actual arguments to a routine call.
- Local variables are declared in their own section, associating names with types. During the execution, local variables may hold different values of their respective types at different points in time.

Contracts

Why do we need contracts?

- They are executable specifications that evolve together with the code.
- Together with tests, they are a great tool for finding bugs.
- They help us reason about an Object Oriented (O-O) program at the level of classes and routines.
- Proving (part of) programs correct requires some way to specify how the program *should* operate. Contracts are a way to specify the program.

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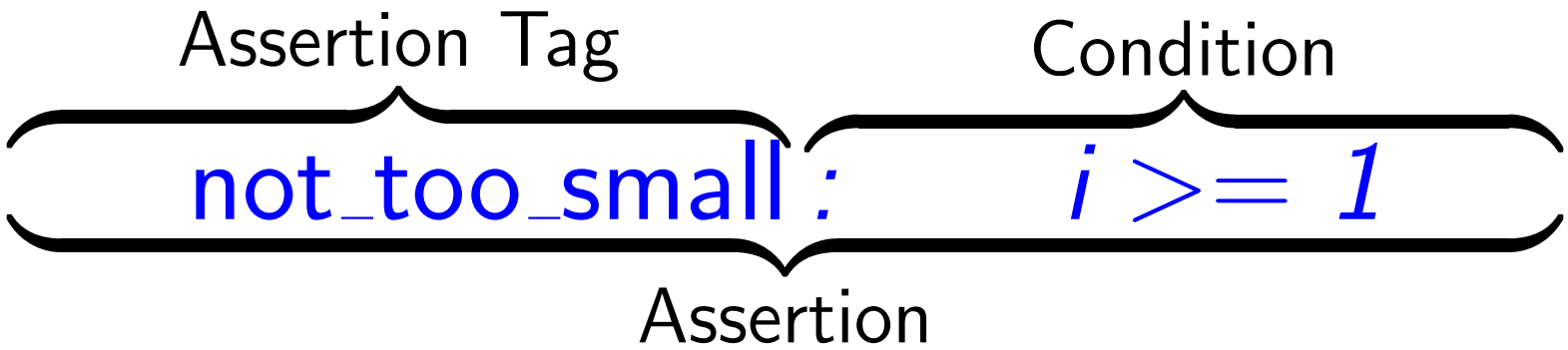

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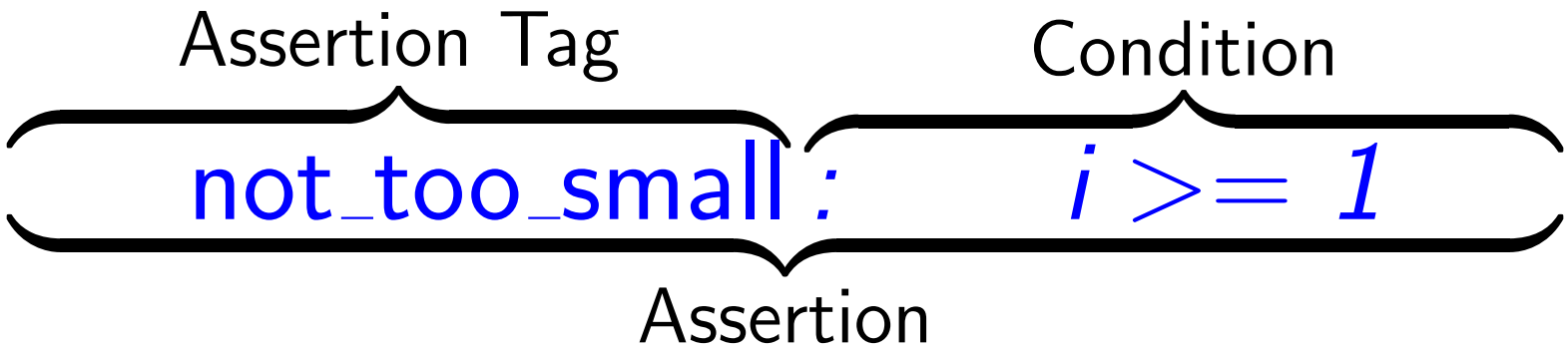

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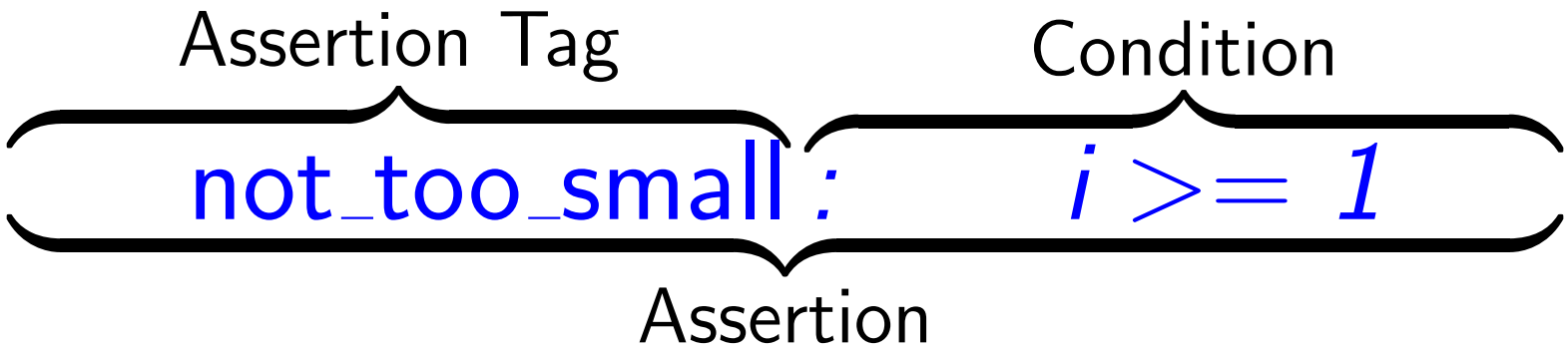

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A feature without an **ensure** clause always satisfies its postcondition, as if the postcondition reads

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Exercises

Pre- and postcondition example

Add pre- and postconditions to:

smallest_power (n, bound: NATURAL): NATURAL

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        greater_equal_bound: n^Result >= bound
        smallest : n^(Result - 1) < bound
    end
```

Go to `https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B1GMHm59JFjqOGJoWEpKT3kzRzA`. Next exercises will use the zip files you can find there.

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Thank you!