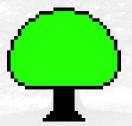
z-Tree Programming: Part I

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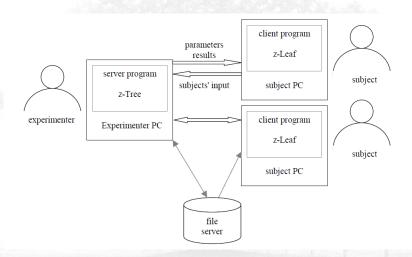
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z-Tree Architecture



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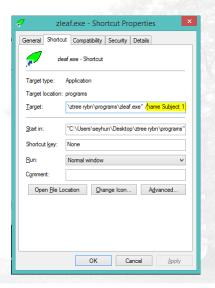
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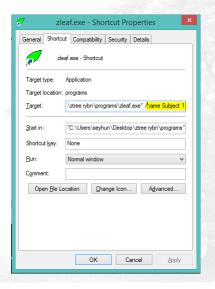
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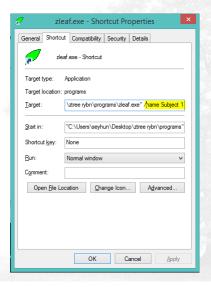
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 - ▶ Run from command line "zleaf.exe /name SubjectName" to give a name to the subject



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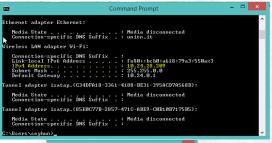
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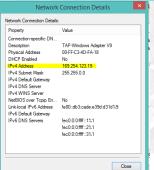
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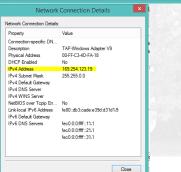




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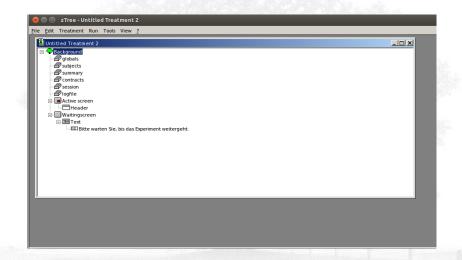




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Let's try together

First look at z-Tree



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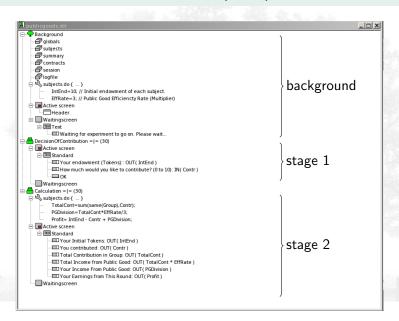
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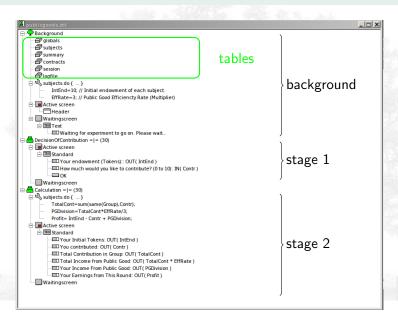
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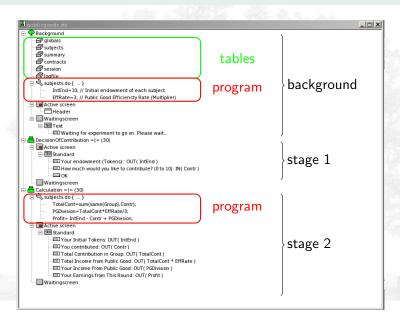
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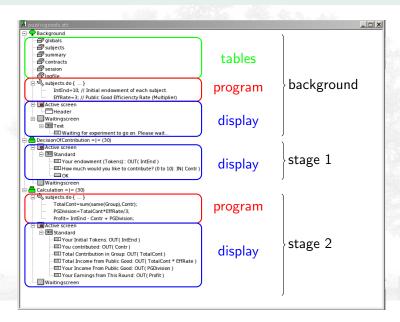
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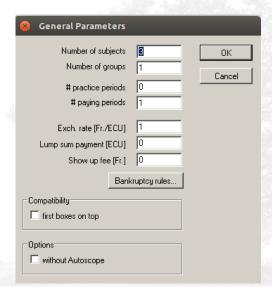
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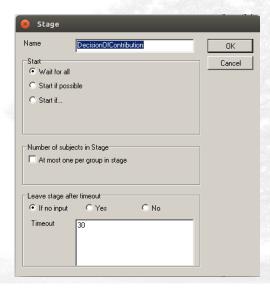
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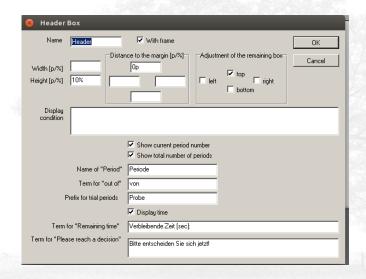
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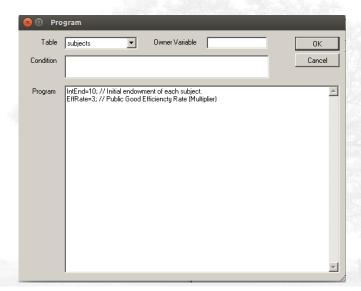
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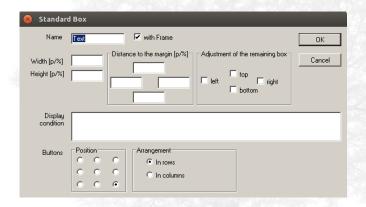
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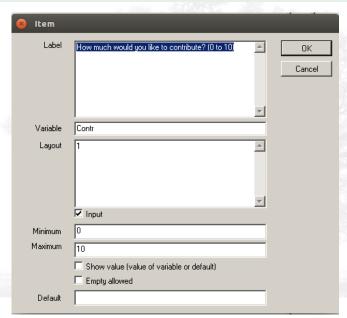
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Standard Box



Item



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!text: 7 = "seven"; 8 = "eight"; 9 = "nine";		
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!radio: 1 = "86.8"; 24 = "102.8";	€ 86.8€ 102.8	© 86.8 © 102.8
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!radiosequence: 7="seven";8="eight";9="nine";	⊂ seven ← eight ← nine	C seven
!slider: 0 ="A"; 100= "B"; 101;	A	А
!scrollbar: 0="L";100= "R";101;	L x R	L T R
!checkbox:1="check me";	□ check me	□ check me
!button: 1 = "accept"; 0 = "reject";	accept reject	accept

Let's start programming then...

Public Good Game

You will find the treatment file on the website: publicgood.ztt

- We need to define:
 - ► Number of people in each group
 - ► Initial Endowment
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 - Efficiency Factor globals Eff
 - ► Total Contribution in Group subjects **TotalCont**
 - ► Individual Share
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 - Profit subjects Profit (Default Variable)

Some Table Functions

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average( x ), average( a, x )
count(), count( a )
find( x ), find( a, x )
maximum( x ), maximum( a, x )
median( x ), median( a, x )
minimum( x ), minimum( a, x )
product( x ), product( a, x )
sum( x ), sum( a, x )
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Average of the values.

Number of records in the table
The first value of the variable
Maximum of the (found) values.

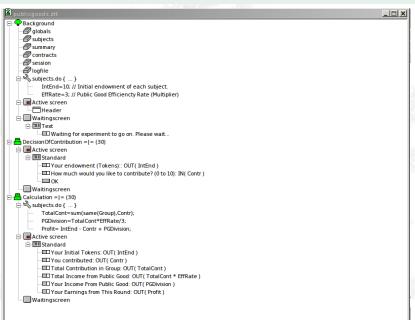
Median of the (found) values.

Minimum of the (found) values.

Product of the (found) values.

Sum of the (found) values.

Program should look like this:



See you next time

Some things to think about before next session

- How can we improve the code that we wrote today?
- What if we would like to show exactly how many tokens others contributed?
- ▶ Imagine we would like to have a second treatment with three different parameters. How can we implement different treatments in the same code?

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO ENROLL TO ORSEE!