Final Exam Q&A Session

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Points

- There will be at least one question from every lecture (except the very first one).
- The questions in the final exam will be in English. You can write your answers either in English or in German.
- There will be some bonus points.
- The questions will be more precise than in the assignments.
- The bonus questions will be more difficult than the bonus questions in the assignments.
- The exam will count for 60% of the total grade, the assignments for 40%.

Passing

- You'll have to pass the exam in order to pass the course.
- You'll have to take the exam (or have very good reasons for not showing up) in order to be eligible for an oral re-take if you fail.
- An oral re-take can only distinguish between "4.0" and "fail".
- To pass the course, you *must* pass the exam.
- Let's say, the exam has m points plus n bonus points. You are *guaranteed* to pass the exam if you get $m/2$ points or more, including your bonus points.
- It is possible (even probable, but not certain) that in the end you'll pass if you get $p < m/2$ points. How many points you need to get "100%" (1.0) will be decided after the exam, but will probably be somewhere around $2p$.

Grading

- The number of points you got in the exam will be expressed as a percentage of the "1.0" mark. Percentages in excess of "1.0" will be truncated to 1.0.
- Then, the final percentage will be computed as $0.4\mathit{exercises} + 0.6\mathit{exam}$, which will then be converted into a grade. The exact grading scheme is not yet fixed.

Techniques and Tactics (1)

- There are too many questions to answer in the alotted two hours. The suggested strategy is therefore first to read *all* the questions and then to attempt them in the order from easiest to most difficult.
- Bringing a (non-programmable) pocket calculator is advised.
- Dictionaries (here defined as paper-printed books that translate words from one language into words in another language) are OK.
- Other materials—except for writing implements—are allowed only if explicitly OK'd by Prof. Zeller or me *before* the exam starts. If we catch anybody using materials that are not OK'd, they risk failing the exam and hence the course.

Techniques and Tactics (2)

- If I ask for "two examples" or "three scenarios" etc, I will count only the first two (or three, or whatever) that you write down. This is to discourage you from simply writing down all examples or scenarios that you can think of and hope that the right ones are in there somewhere.

Timetable

- The exam takes place on **Monday, 2 August 2004** at **1300h *sharp*** in **Building 45, Lecture Hall 2** (this room).
- The exam lasts two whole hours.
- The results will be made available on Thursday, 5 August, 1300h at the latest. A sheet containing student-id/grade pairs will be posted on the board across from my office, together with an exemplary solution.
- "Klausureinsicht" will be from 1300–1600 on that same day.
- An oral retake will be offered only for those people who fail the exam narrowly, where "narrowly" is going to be defined later.
- The oral retake will take place at the end of August. You make an appointment with me.