COMP4011/8011
Advanced Topics in
Formal Methods and Programming Languages

– Software Verification with Isabelle/HOL –

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Section 2

Enough Theory!

Getting started with Isabelle

System Architecture

Prover IDE (jEdit) – user interface

HOL, ZF – object-logics

Isabelle – generic, interactive theorem prover

Standard ML – logic implemented as ADT

User can access all layers!

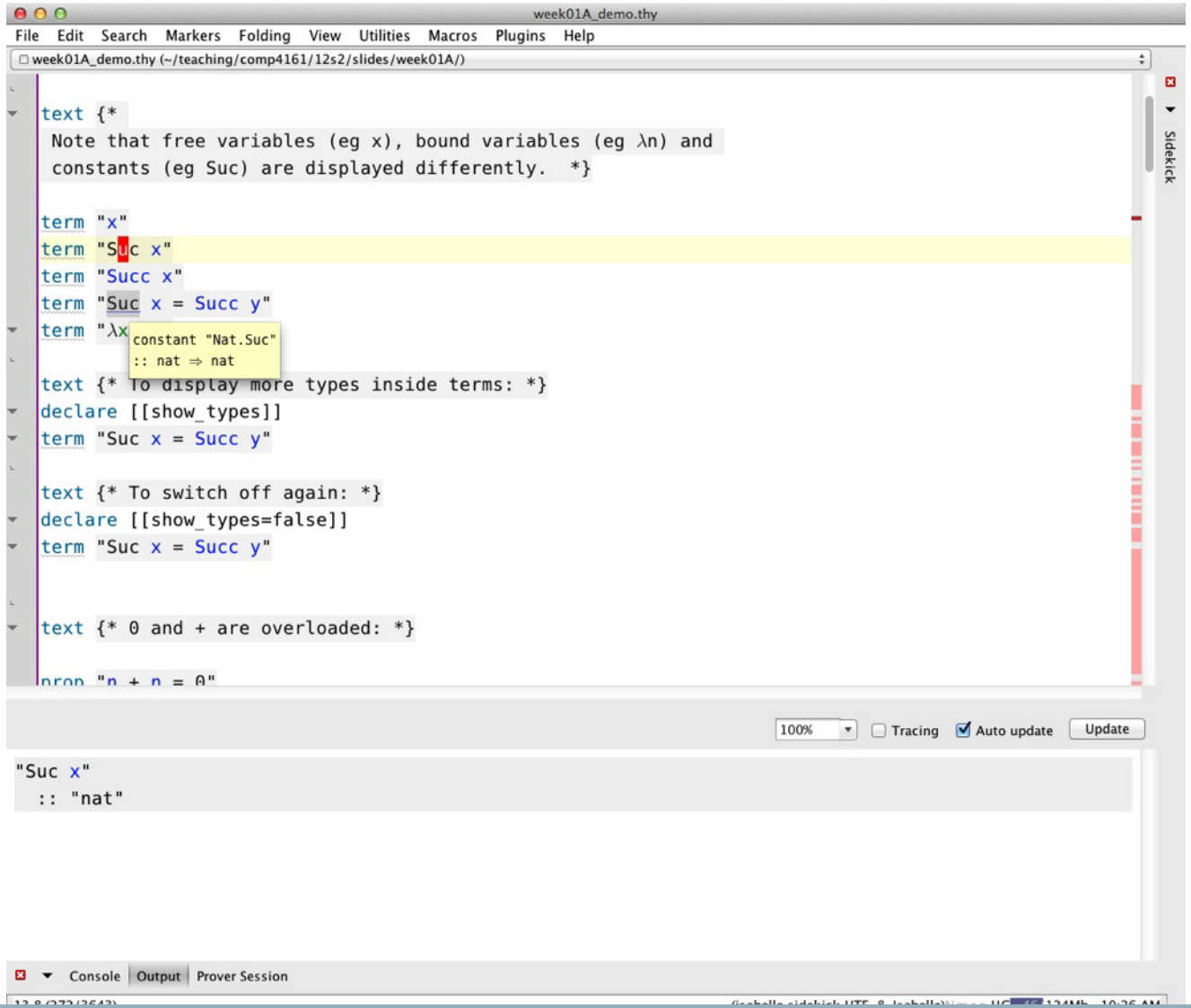
System Requirements

- Linux, **Windows**, or MacOS X (10.8 +)
- Standard ML (PolyML implementation)
- Java (for jEdit)

Pre-made packages for Linux, Mac, and Windows + info on:
`https://proofcraft.systems/isabelle/`

Demo

jEdit/PIDE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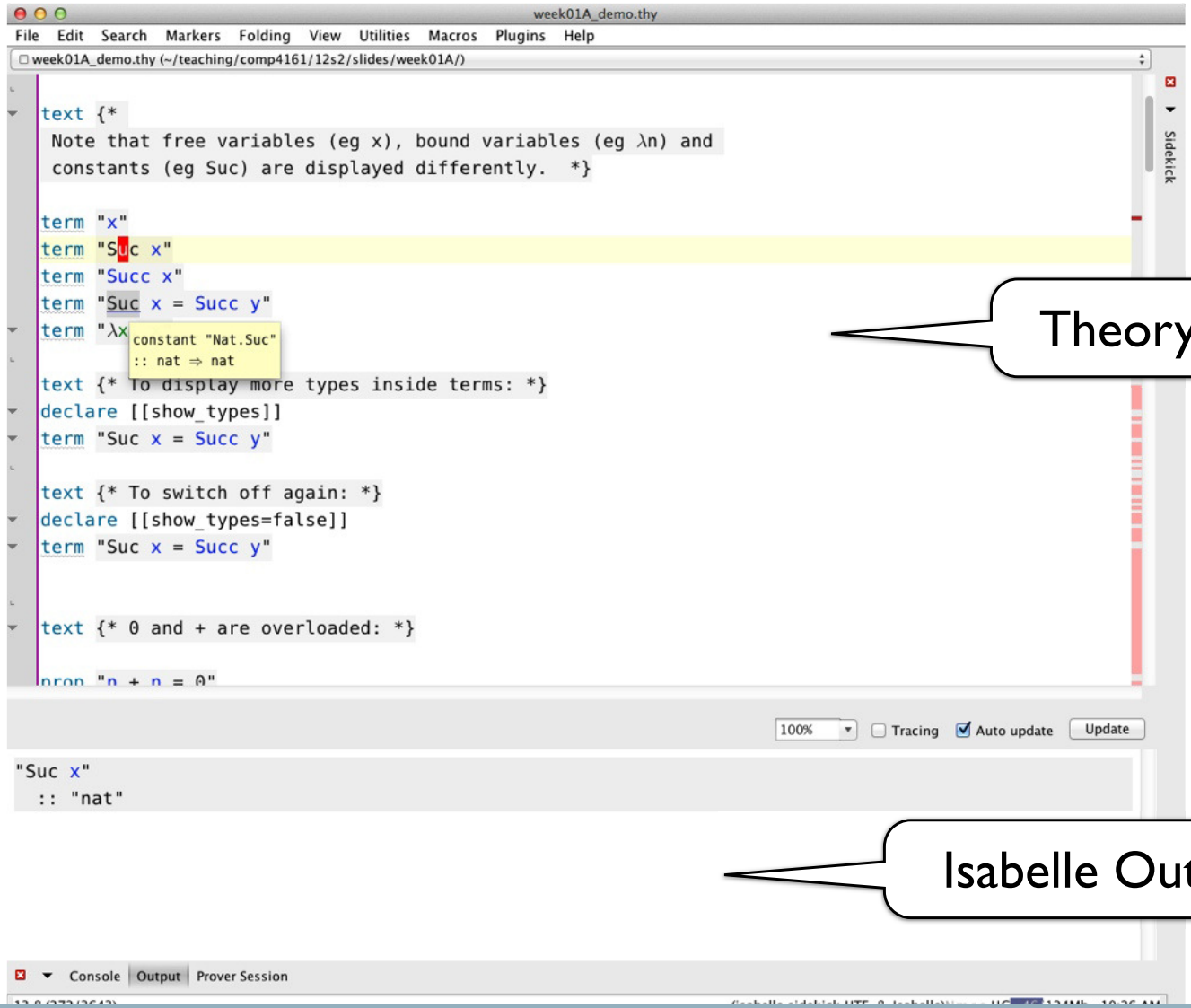
Note that free variables (eg x), bound variables (eg λn) and
constants (eg Suc) are displayed differently. *}
term "x"
term "Suc x"
term "Succ x"
term "Suc x = Succ y"
term "λx
constant "Nat.Suc"
:: nat ⇒ nat
text {* To display more types inside terms: *}
declare [[show_types]]
term "Suc x = Succ y"
text {* To switch off again: *}
declare [[show_types=false]]
term "Suc x = Succ y"
text {* 0 and + are overloaded: *}
prop "n + n = 0"
Sidekick
100%
Tracing
Auto update
Update
"Suc x"
:: "nat"
Console
Output
Prover Session

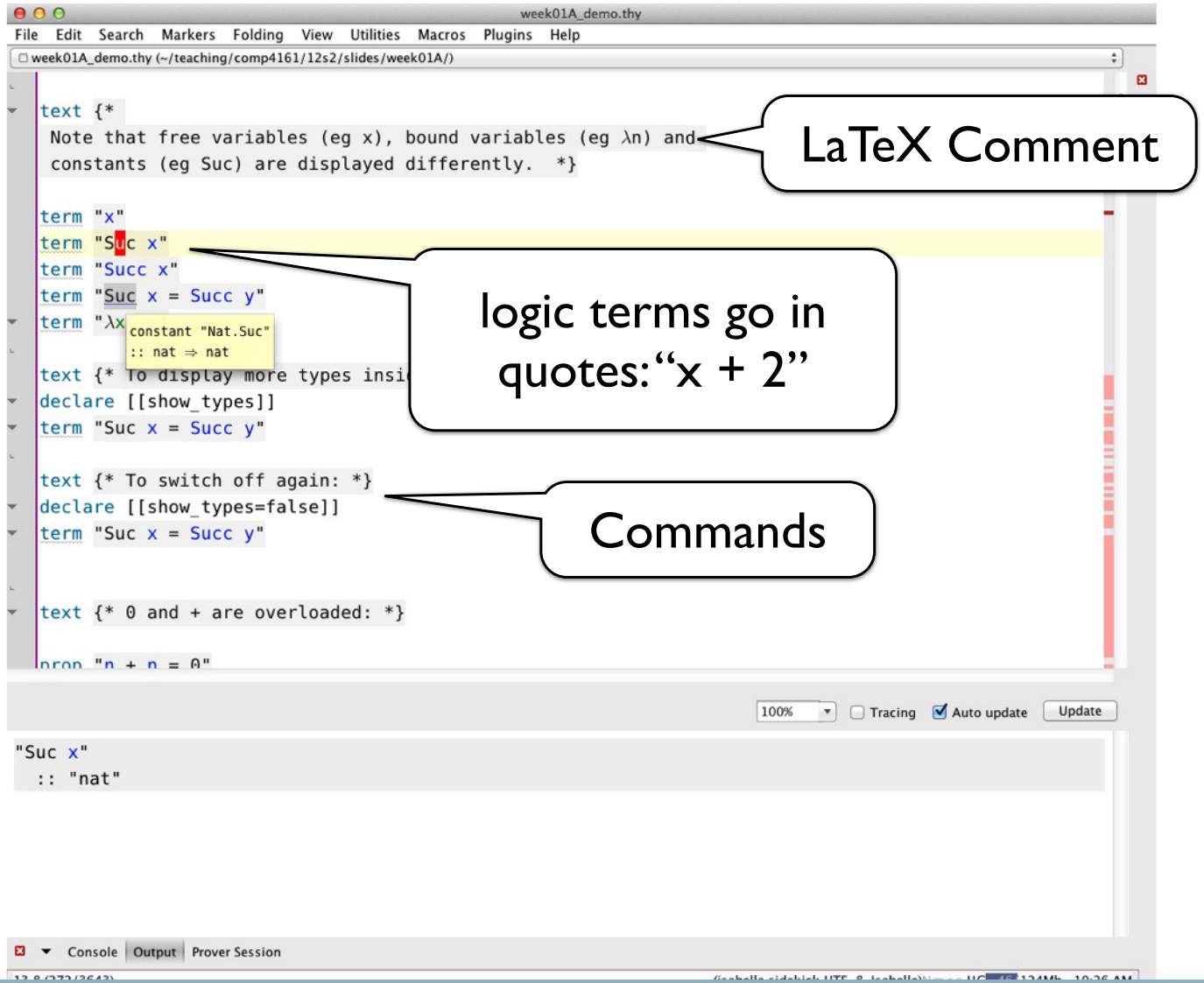
jEdit/PIDE



Theory File

Isabelle Output

jEdit/PIDE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LaTeX Comment
logic terms go in quotes: "x + 2"
Commands
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Console
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Prover Session

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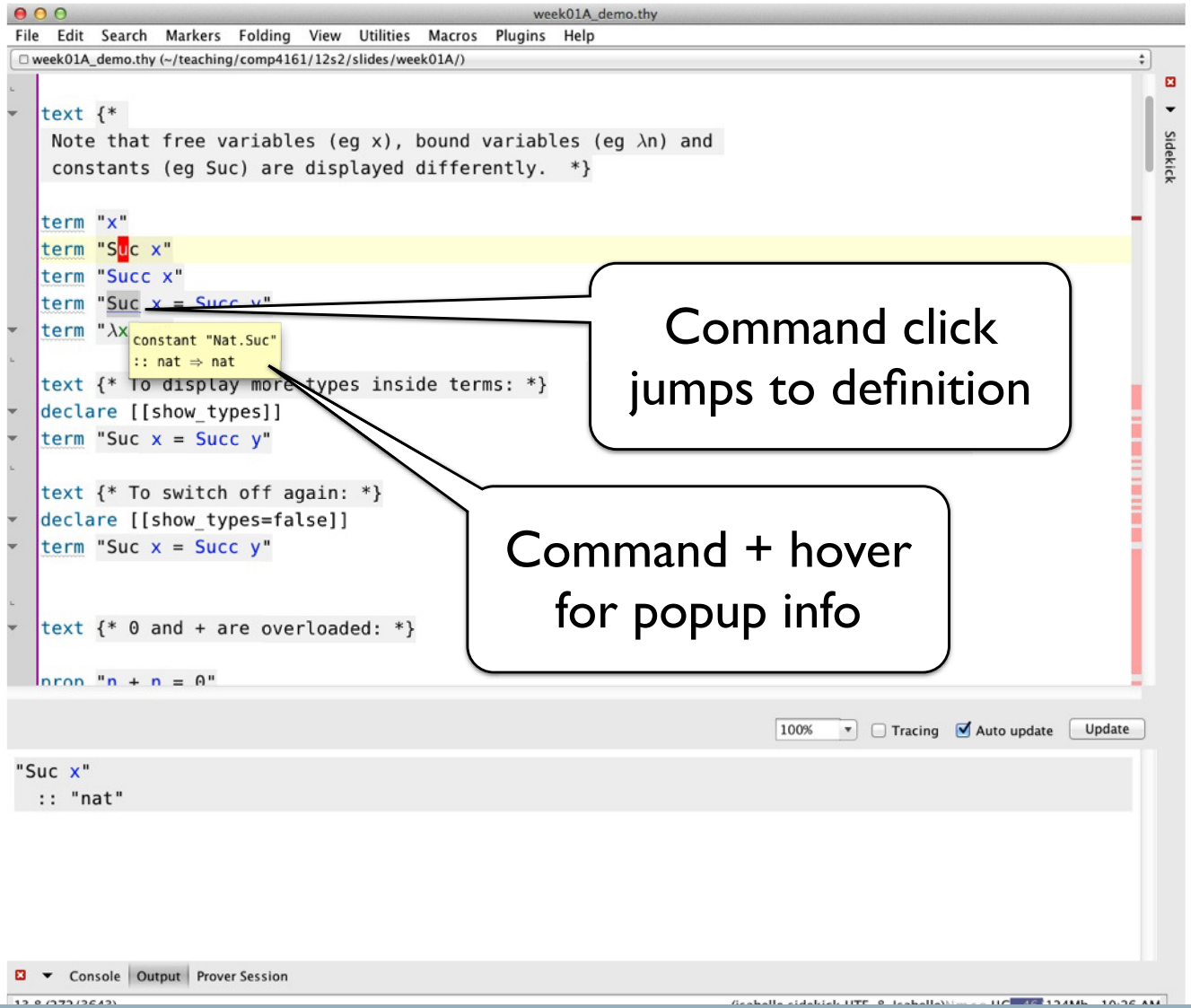
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text {* 0 and + are overloaded: *}
Command click jumps to definition
Command + hover for popup info
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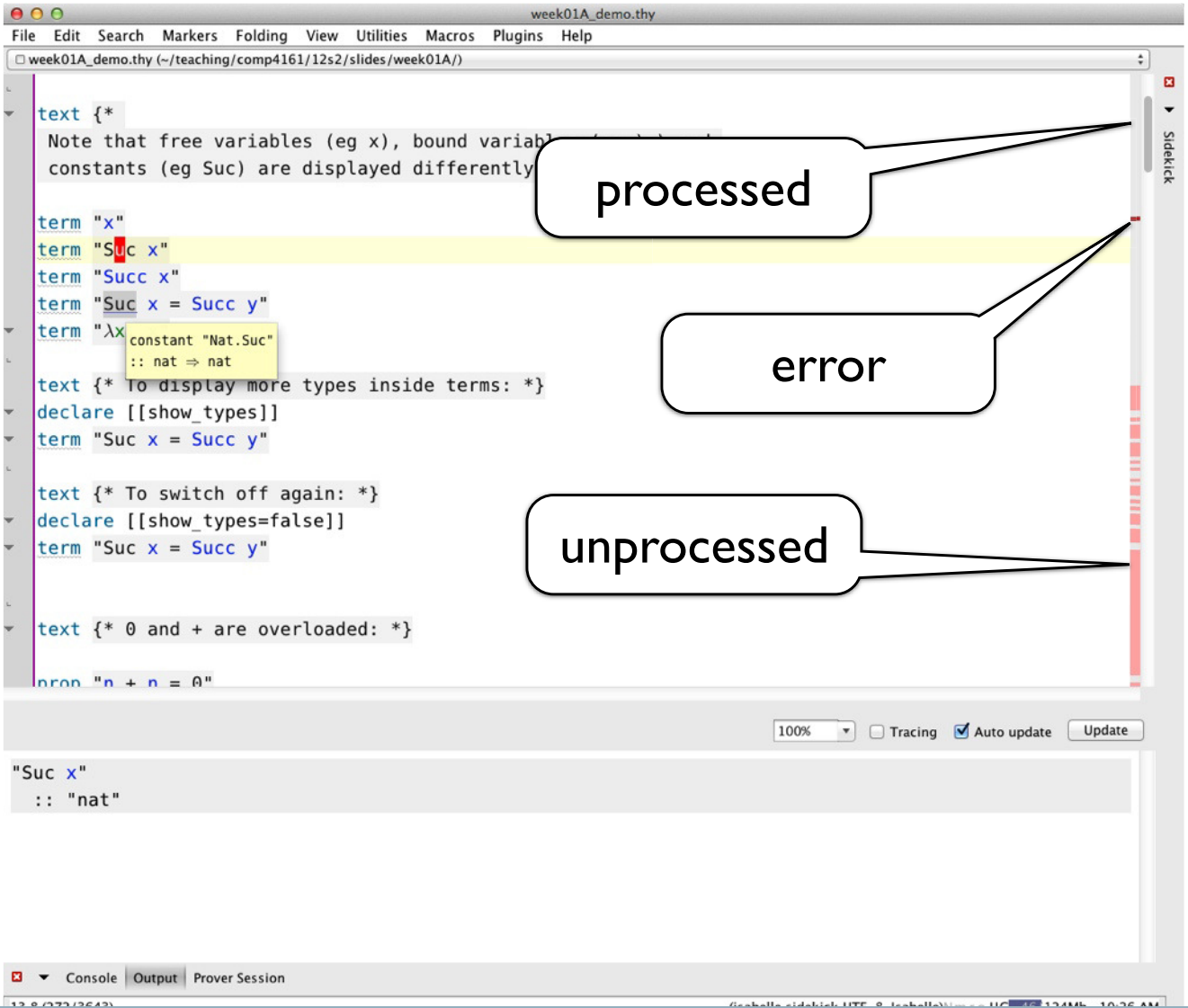
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prop "n + n = 0"
Sidekick
processed
error
unprocessed
100%
Tracing
Auto update
Update
"Suc x"
:: "nat"
Console
Output
Prover Session

Exercises

- Download and install Isabelle
- Step through the demo files from the lecture web page
- Write your own theory file, look at some theorems in the library, try 'find_theorems'
- How many theorems can help you if you need to prove something containing the term "Suc(Suc x)"?
- What is the name of the theorem for associativity of addition of natural numbers in the library?