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If R is a commutative noetherian local ring with residue field k, then the graded vector space  $\operatorname{Ext}_R^*(k,k)$  has a product giving it the structure of a graded k-algebra, which is called the Ext-algebra of R. In this talk we will explain how rings with minimal Hilbert-Samuel multiplicity can be detected by examining the structure of this algebra. (Received February 24, 2017)