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# Abstract

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# Kurzfassung

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

Link Gliederung: <https://www.diplomarbeiten-bbs.at/durchfuehrung/gliederung-der-diplomarbeit-und-formale-vorgaben>

### 1.1 Short description

The topic of this diploma thesis is creating a platform which supports different voting options like single, multiple or weighted choice. Additionally there should be a Login system with different roles to administer and create or delete polls and one where the user can simply vote for the polls he's included in. Furthermore there an option to disclose the results and who voted for which answers. The database should run on a remote server and be accessed by an API.

The reason we chose this topic is because our supervisor is part of the LMP party and they couldn't find an appropriate platform to vote on party intern problems and topics. Hence he approached us and suggested we write our diploma thesis on a voting platform.

### 1.2 Description of performed work

Our aim is to provide a website where different organizations can create and publish polls for their members. Since our finished work will be open source, everyone who wants to create polls will benefit from our work.

We chose to accept the LMP as our partner, because they brought up that there isn't a platform that supports all the features they need. Moreover can they give us feedback of the real life application so we can adjust the features to a user organization. During the development of our work we had monthly meetings with the LMP to discuss the progress. Because we decided

to develop our software in an agile way the discussions we had with them also helped so we could focus on the more important features first and implement elements of lesser importance later.

## 1.3 Methodology of the thesis

At first we had to decide on a tech stack. After careful consideration we decided upon a PostgreSQL database, a backend of node.js, sequelize to perform database operations and express to write APIs so we can connect with our frontend. Our frontend is based on React and we also included a PWA. After this decision we began with a simple input and output from front- to backend so ensure we all understood how each part is connected to each other. The next step was implementing the first features. We split the elements in different components so we could work separately and efficiently, e.g the single choice is split in create the poll, display the poll, vote, and show the results. Reasons we chose this tech stack and a thorough description of each function our work has will be in the main part.



Figure 1.1: Hier ist ein Bier

# Chapter 2

## Tech Stack

2.1 PostgreSQL

2.2 node.js

2.3 Sequelize

2.4 express

2.5 React

2.6 PWA



# Chapter 3

## Features

```
1  useEffect(() => {
2    const linkParam = window.location.search.substring(1);
3    if (linkParam) {
4      const unhashed = atob(decodeURIComponent(linkParam));
5      const params = new URLSearchParams(unhashed);
6      const token = params.get('token');
7      if (token) {
8        setNewUserRegistration(1);
9        setNewUserToken(token);
10     } else {
11       const publicValue = params.get('public');
12       if (publicValue === "true") {
13         setIsPublic(1);
14       } else {
15         setIsPublic(0);
16       }
17     }
18   }
19 }, []);
```

Figure 3.1: Hier ist ein Beispielcode

```

1      useEffect(() => {
2          const linkParam = window.location.search.substring(1);
3          if (linkParam) {
4              const unhashed = atob(decodeURIComponent(linkParam));
5              const params = new URLSearchParams(unhashed);
6              const token = params.get('token');
7              if (token) {
8                  setNewUserRegistration(1);
9                  setNewUserToken(token);
10             } else {
11                 const publicValue = params.get('public');
12                 if (publicValue === "true") {
13                     setIsPublic(1);
14                 } else {
15                     setIsPublic(0);
16                 }
17             }
18         }
19     }, []);

```

Figure 3.2: Hier ist ein Beispielcode

## 3.1 Login

## 3.2 Registration

### 3.2.1 Roles

Implementing a role-based system with three distinct roles - "Admin," "Poweruser," and "Normal" - is crucial for the functionality and security of the application. By assigning permissions flexibly, a clear hierarchy is established, enhancing both user experience and data integrity. Admins are granted full control over the application, while Poweruser enjoy extended privileges for managing polls. Normal users can seamlessly participate in polls and view results without jeopardizing sensitive functionalities. This structure facilitates efficient task delegation and scalability, allowing the application to be easily expanded with additional roles in the future. The role system thus significantly contributes to the security, organization, and user-friendliness of the polling application.

## 3.3 Group System

## 3.4 Create Polls

### 3.4.1 Start-/ Endtime

### 3.4.2 Questions

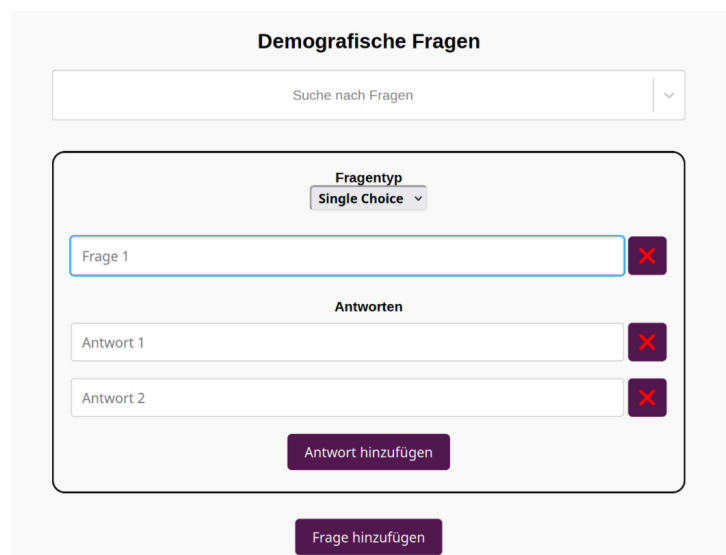
Single Choice

Multiple Choice

Weighted Choice

### 3.4.3 Demographic Questions

To gather the data of our public voters, the implementation of demographic questions was crucial. This feature is only available for public polls since the created user would be part of the organization using our project and therefore have the data already. If the users is not part of the organization there is still the option to contact them via the e-mail used for the registration. Since most of these questions are similar for every poll, a modular system where questions can be created, added, removed and changed is the best solution. Figure 3.3 shows the demographic question in create polls. The options for these questions are the ones described in the previous sections.



The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Demografische Fragen". At the top is a search bar with the placeholder text "Suche nach Fragen". Below this is a form container with a "Fragentyp" dropdown menu set to "Single Choice". Inside the form, there is a text input field labeled "Frage 1" with a red "X" delete button to its right. Below the question field is a section titled "Antworten" (Answers). It contains two text input fields labeled "Antwort 1" and "Antwort 2", each with a red "X" delete button to its right. At the bottom of the answer section is a purple button labeled "Antwort hinzufügen" (Add Answer). Below the entire form container is a purple button labeled "Frage hinzufügen" (Add Question).

Figure 3.3: Create Demographic Question

The new part for this feature is the search bar. For this the "Select" component of "react-select" is used. With its controllable state props and modular architecture like "isMulti" or "isSearchable" it is an appropriate solution for this feature, which allows an ease to implement and already styled search bar in the project. [2]

## **3.5 Edit Polls**

## **3.6 Voting**

### **3.6.1 Disclosed Voting**

### **3.6.2 Anonymous Voting**

### **3.6.3 Public Voting**

what to write about: how to prevent multiple votes: - captcha against bots - cookies to prevent non techie users - users with knowledge almost impossible to prevent without storing ip or device fingerprints, problem with ip and device fp is probably legal reasons

- userData: which information is important for polls (gender, age, job, )

## **3.7 Results**

### **3.7.1 CSV-Export**

## **3.8 MyPolls**

### **3.8.1 Polllink**

### **3.8.2 Delete Polls**

## **3.9 Accessibility**

### **3.9.1 Tooltips**

### **3.9.2 Screenreader**

## **3.10 Styling**

# Chapter 4

## Summary

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