BRINGING ORDER TO CHAOS

Object Properties

THE CHALLENGE

SO MANY PROPERTIES ON AN OBJECT



Reappraisal of leading symptom cases

Best possible decisions even with incomplete information

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Preconditions that need to be fulfilled to access this object: » Hide

You have to fulfill all of the following preconditions:



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Required Precondition: Visited

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- the title
- a description
- a variety of dates and deadlines
- icons
- a learning progress
- tags
- comments
- previews
- and much more...

Properties can pile up...

...so let's try grouping and sorting...

...and see what changes.

EXAMPLE 1: WHY CAN'T I REGISTER?





EXAMPLE 2: ANYTHING NEW?



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EXAMPLE 3: USER INTERACTION?



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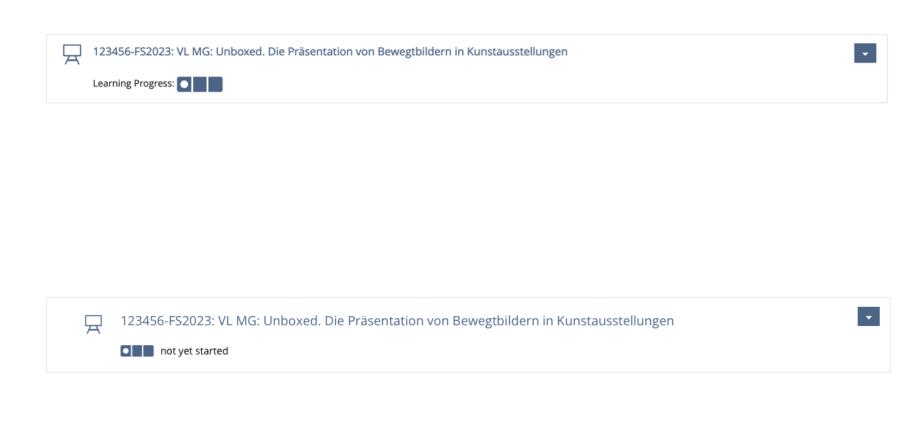
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MINIMAL ITEMS BARELY CHANGE



WHY LOOK INTO THIS NOW?

Repository is switching from legacy components to UI components

- Transfer Repository Objects to KS Items
- Streamline Object Properties

THE APPROACH TO FIND GROUPINGS

CONSIDERING USER INTENT

 most of the time the user is not an admin, but a learner

UX Guide for Repository Object Properties

General User Intents

- Managing multiple objects
- Making a quick pick

- admin: wants to see all properties for managing and sorting
- normal user (learner): trying to find something quickly

MAKING A QUICK PICK

- one clear choice for one expected object
- glancing at one or two of its properties
- action shown as the most prominent usually the reason why user came to this view

WORKSHOP

COLLECTION OF POSSIBLE PROPERTIES

- Very helpful tables in FR Streamline Object Properties
- such collections often focus on data types

PROPERTY TYPES VS SEMANTIC GROUP

- Type: Date
- Possibly different Semantic Groups:
 - Event Date
 - Registration
 - Availability
 - Deadline

FINDING THE SEMANTIC GROUPS

- Which properties belong together for the most optimal fulfillment of the user intent?
- same kind of information close together
- user learns default order and position

 hypothesis - argumentation - rearrangement / acceptance (several discussion rounds)



- Product: Matrix with semantic groups (horizontal) and order of their necessity (vertical)
- Additional: Arguments quickly showed that special mechanisms are needed (priority areas)

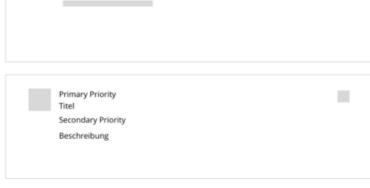
PRIORITY AREAS

- make important information jump out visually
- e.g. user can't open a course, would immediately like to know why
- really quick decisions become possible

TESTING WITH MOCKUPS

• Initial wireframes give a sense that the division of semantic groups works for different objects (file, exercise, forum, group)





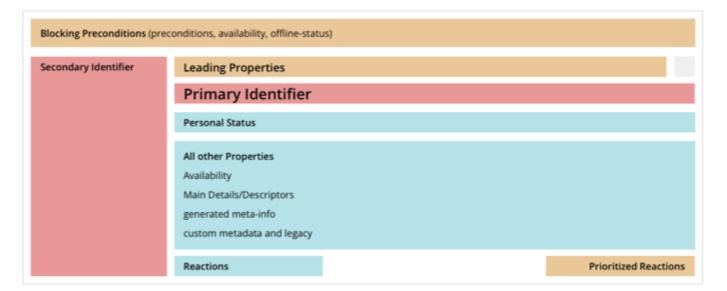


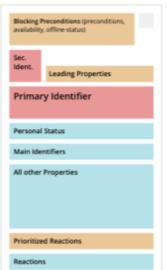


FEEDBACK AND TWEAKING

- Naming of semantic groups and priority areas was revised for a better understanding and differentiation from each other
- Think through different workflows and representations (f.e. what happens if a property is not present)

 Representation for different screen sizes were tried (xlarge, large, small)









•	current classification allows future development of item and other representations

CONCLUSION

- What can we do to help the user make a decision quickly based on the properties on an item?
 - Semantic Groups
 - Priority Areas
 - Leading Properties

RESULT: SEMANTIC GROUPS

- Primary & Secondary Identifier (title, tile image, icon, event date)
- Personal Status (learning progress, membership)
- Availability (availibility time frame, seats left)
- Details (description, file type and size, other metadata)
- Reactions (comments, star-rating)

RESULT: PRIORITY AREAS

- Blocking Availability Condition (filled from Availability Group)
- Main Details (filled from Details Group)
- Prioritized Reaction (filled from Reactions Group)
- Leading Properties (filled from any group)

LEADING PROPERTIES

- anticipating different user intents is now possible
- there are good reasons for it, but not mandatory
- exact logic has to be developed case by case
 - for courses: event date
 - for files: file type and size

CODING

- just examples and ideas
- implementation details are yet to be determined

- flat hierarchy
- DOM order = accessible screen reader order
- Re-ordering with CSS grid or flexbox = best order and weighting for seeing users

•	right now all properties are placed as a listing into "withProperties"

- in the future properties could be sorted into the different groups
 - PrimaryIdentifier
 - SecondaryIdentifier
 - inGroupPersonalStatus
 - inGroupAvailability
 - inGroupDetails
 - inGroupReaction

priority areas could pull from these groups

```
$crs_item = f('title', 'icon') //define primary and secondary
->inGroupPersonalStatus('progress', 'membership')
    ->withLeadingProperty('progress')
->inGroupAvailability('date', 'seats', 'preconditions')
    ->withBlockingAvailabilityCondition('preconditions')
```

SEMANTIC GROUPING BRINGS MORE OPPORTUNITIES

- on other UI components, views and sidebars?
- filter by group?

OUTLOOK

- Repository object MUST be replaced by UI item soon
- Finalizing design suggestion for Delos
- Finalizing PR -> Discussion/Refinement -> Implementation of UI Repository Item

