



Introduction

When a user selects one of the players in the list, that player's name should appear beneath the list. To achieve this, create a `selectedPlayer` helper function for the leaderboard template. Within this function, retrieve the ID of the currently selected player using the `Session.get` function and store this inside a `selectedPlayer` variable. Then create a return statement that uses a `findOne` function to retrieve the selected players document:

```
'selectedPlayer': function() {  
  var selectedPlayer = Session.get('selectedPlayer');  
  return PlayersList.findOne({_id: selectedPlayer});  
}
```

We haven't talked about the `findOne` function before, but this function offers a performance benefit over the regular `find` function. This is because, while the `find` function will search through the collection for all possible matches to a query, the `findOne` function will stop searching as soon as a match is found. As such, if you ever need to only retrieve a single document, it's best to use the `findOne` function.

Next place a reference to the `selectedPlayer` function inside the Leaderboard template:

```
<li>Selected player: {{selectedPlayer}}</li>
```

I'm placing mine at the bottom of the player's list between a pair of list item tags.

The `findOne` function

But if we save the file, the output won't look quite right. And that's because the `findOne` function is retrieving the player's entire document. To fix this, we need to specify that we only want to retrieve the value of the document's name field. This can be achieved with dot notation:

```
'selectedPlayer': function() {  
  var selectedPlayer = Session.get('selectedPlayer');  
  return PlayersList.findOne({_id: selectedPlayer.name});  
}
```

We should also make it so the template doesn't attempt to show a player's name if a player isn't selected. This can be achieved with a conditional in the Spacebars syntax:

```
{{#if selectedPlayer}}  
<li>Selected player: {{selectedPlayer}}</li>  
{{/if}}
```

We can also use this same conditional to make sure the interface buttons don't appear, unless a player is currently selected:

```
{{#if selectedPlayer}}  
  <li>  
    <button class="increment">Give 5 Points</button>  
    <button class="decrement">Take 5 Points</button>  
  </li>  
{{/if}}
```