# CSCB024 Практика по програмиране и интернет технологии

# Text Grouping Survey Website

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# Task Goal

The goal of this project is to create a website for an Internet survey that involves grouping eight texts at a time into several groups by the emotion invoked in the participants. The texts can be grouped into no more than five groups and at minimum one, no limitation how many texts can be grouped together or how many times the texts can be moved around until the final submission.

The requirements for the number of texts and the number of groups have been developed with the assistance of a specialist in psychology statistical methods. The collected data will be processed by a special methodology, allowing finding distances and compiling a space with axes.

The texts were first selected by English specialists and then distributed in different variants - eight texts in each variant, out of a total of twenty texts included in the study. The task in making the variants is for each of the twenty texts to appear approximately the same number of times in the variants. There are over 400 different variants that can be used in the survey all kept in a separate table in the database.

# Implementation Overview

The task has been implemented using MySQL as the database provider, C# with .NET Core for the backend and Javascript with React for the frontend.

Libraries and other dependencies:

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| Backend Libraries | Version |
| Microsoft.AspNetCore.SpaServices.Extensions | 3.1.10 |
| Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore | 3.1.10 |
| Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Design | 3.1.10 |
| Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore.Tools | 3.1.10 |
| MySql.Data.EntityFrameworkCore | 8.0.22 |
| Microsoft.VisualStudio.Azure.Containers.Tools.Targets | 1.10.9 |
| Microsoft.VisualStudio.Web.CodeGeneration.Design | 3.1.4 |

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| Frontend Libraries | Version |
| @atlaskit/theme | 11.0.2 |
| @emotion/react | 11.1.4 |
| @emotion/styled | 11.0.0 |
| @material-ui/core | 4.11.2 |
| @material-ui/lab | 4.0.0-alpha.57 |
| axios | 0.21.0 |
| bootstrap | 4.1.3 |
| immutability-helper | 3.1.1 |
| jquery | 3.4.1 |
| merge | 1.2.1 |
| oidc-client | 1.9.0 |
| react | 16.14.0 |
| react-beautiful-dnd | 13.0.0 |
| react-dom | 16.14.0 |
| react-router-bootstrap | 0.25.0 |
| react-router-dom | 5.1.2 |
| react-scripts | 3.4.1 |
| reactstrap | 8.4.1 |
| rimraf | 2.6.2 |
| styled-components | 5.2.1 |

# Database

The database is a MySQL database that consists of several tables:

* User – This table holds information about registered users, with the user email as the primary key.
* Survey – This table holds information about any surveys the users have started.
* GroupTextMapping – This table holds information about each individual action in a survey, e.g. a user dragging a specific text into a specific group creates a new row for this action. A user dragging a text away from a group and into another will cause the row to be marked as deleted and new row with the new mapping will be created. If the user drags the text away from a group back into the starting area, the row is just marked as deleted, but a new one will not be created at this time.
* TextEntry – This table holds all currently available texts and their assigned ids.
* Variant – This table holds all variants, that are combinations of the texts to be shown to the user. Each survey has its own variant, and a user can receive each variant only once.
* Group – This table holds the ids for the different groups that a text can be assigned to.
* Password – This table currently has only a single row, that holds the password hash and password salt for the password for the administrator panel.

# Backend

The backend is a standard ASP .NET Core Web API, that consists of three layers, data, service and web. The data layer uses Entity Framework Core as a ORM that translates C# code into SQL statements, with C# classes that correspond to each database table. The approach used is Code-First, which means that for every schema update required, Entity framework will generate a new database migration that can be run directly on the database.

The Service layer abstracts the database access and business logic away from the controllers in the Web layer. For each type of data, there is a separate service class, e.g. there is a SurveyService that creates and updates surveys when necessary and is called by the SurveyController class in the Web layer.

The Web layer contains the WebAPI controllers for each type of data. They can handle GET, POST and PUT requests, to create, update and retrieve data.

# Frontend

The frontend is a single-page application, written in Javascript, using React as the main library. The unique challenge of the drap-and-drop functionality in the main part of the survey has been resolved using Atlassian’s library react-beautiful-dnd. The client app is hosted within the .NET WebAPI web project under the ClientApp folder in the SurveyApp.Web project. The files are divided into separate component folders for each page, e.g. in the “components” folder there are admin, registration and survey folders that contain the multiple files used for each page. There are also common components, Header and Footer that are present on each page.

# Scenarios Covered

* New user registers and starts new survey.
* Existing user logs in with email to continue survey.
* Existing user can start new survey variant.
* Administrator logs in to access User, Survey and Mapping tables, and to download matrix.csv

# Running the Project on a Local Machine

In order to run the project locally, the following are required:

Visual Studio 2019 (optional, but necessary if you need to view the code)

NET Core SDK 3.1

Node.js (doesn’t matter what version)

Steps after installing the prerequisites:

1. Either open Visual Studio or navigate to the project directory in a terminal.
2. Build the project in VS, or run “dotnet build” in the project directory.
3. Ctrl + f5 will start a local server and open the UI in browser (from Visual Studio)
4. In the terminal the way to run it is “dotnet run”, which will show you what port it is currently running on and you can navigate to it in the browser.

# Hosting

The project is currently hosted on Ubuntu 18.04 OS using the following setup:

Web server: nginx 1.18.0-0ubuntu1 with reverse proxy to the kestrel server that the .NET Core app runs on

Certificate management: certbot 0.40.0-1ubuntu0.1 that has registered the certificate with Let’s Encrypt and will auto-renew the certificate before it expires (More information here: <https://certbot.eff.org/lets-encrypt/ubuntubionic-nginx.html>)

Domain: The domain has been acquired from <https://www.freenom.com> and is free for the first year. The DNS has been setup through the Digital Ocean UI, and can be managed here: <https://cloud.digitalocean.com/networking/domains>

The site has been installed as a service so that if the machine is rebooted, it will start up again on its own.

The GitHub repository can be found here: https://github.com/malaclypse/SurveyApp