Borda Count Final Report

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Summary

In this project, we are tasked with developing a responsive website, which could be used for retrieving the optimal poll from the users. This website eliminates the need of sending bulk emails to a large list of users to gather their preferences and having to sort through each person to figure out the best preference.

The application implements an aggregation algorithm called Borda Count, which is a method used for aggregating individual preferences into a social preference. This is an area of Economics called Social Choice Theory, which is connected to Game Theory. In this algorithm, the administrator creates an event, which is a choice among K objects (e.g., times for a meeting). The N different users can then rank the K objects, which is a strict ordering, and the website uses the Borda Count method to deliver the top choice, and this result is visible to the administrator.

It is a legacy project wherein the Fall 2021 CSCE 606 class performed the initial implementation of the website using Python Django. They had implemented a single-admin system with a sumbased algorithm to output the group's final preferences. As part of the expansion, the requirements for our team were to replace the existing Borda Count algorithm to Cumulative Voting Algorithm and to implement the multi-admin functionality to accommodate multiple admins.

The application is developed using the Django framework. The story points of the project are monitored using Pivotal tracker. It is also deployed on Heroku and uploaded on GitHub. The stakeholders for this project are Dr. Korok Ray, Amith Gopi and Dr. Philip Ritchey.

User Stories Implemented

Below are the user stories and the sub-tasks that we planned and completed successfully.

User stories related to Multi-Admin Functionality:

Feature: Multi Admin Login (Points - 4)

- As multiple administrators,
- So that anyone can log into the application and view/create polls on the dashboard
- I want to allow multiple admins to enter personal credentials on the login page

Feature: Adding New Admin (Points - 4)

- · As an existing administrator,
- So that multiple admins can manage the application
- I want to add a new admin with random credentials which can be reset later.

Title	Multi Admin Login	Adding New Admin
Tasks	TASKS (10/10)	TASKS (10/10)
	✓ UI wire-framing	UI Wireframing
	✓ Code walkthrough	☑ DB Compatibility and Setup
	Architecture overview	Implementing add admin feature
	✓ Understanding Existing Test Case framework	☑ Implementing Unit/Integration Test Cases
	☑ DB compatibility check and setup	☑ E2E Testing
	☑ Implementing multiple admins login	Cloud deployment
	✓ Implementing Unit/Integration Tests	✓ Peer Review
	✓ E2E Testing	Add create dropdown with two options: Poll and Admin
	✓ Cloud Deployment	Notify on Dashboard on successful Admin Creation
	Peer Review	Admin Register Screen changes (Add username to existing user register)

User stories related to Cumulative Borda Count Algorithm:

Feature: Cumulative Voting Backend Changes (Points - 4)

- As an admin,
- So that I can get the highest preference,
- I want to replace the existing algorithm with Cumulative Voting.

Feature: Cumulative Voting UI Changes (Points - 4)

- As a user,
- So that I can give a number of points to each alternative,
- I want to replace the ranking with the intensity of preferences.

Title	Cumulative Voting Backend Changes	Cumulative Voting UI Changes		
Tasks	TASKS (8/8)	TASKS (10/10)		
	Code Walkthrough	✓ Code Walkthrough		
	✓ Understanding Existing Test Case Framework	✓ Understanding Existing UI Test case Framework		
	✓ DB Compatibility Setup	✓ UI Wireframing		
	✓ Backend Code Changes	☑ UI changes		
	Unit and Integration Test Cases	✓ Saving preferences to DB		
		Exploring Survey Monkey		
	✓ E2E Testing	✓ Unit and Integration Test cases		
	✓ Cloud Deployment	✓ E2E Testing		
	✓ Peer review	✓ Cloud Deployment		
		✓ Peer Review		

Iteration wise progress

Iteration 0: (2 points)

- Organized the team and developed a meeting schedule
- Scheduled meeting with the client and supervisor to discuss on the user requirements for the project

Iteration 1: (2 points)

- Had meeting with the client to acquire better understanding of the project and its requirements.
- Code walkthrough and completed the initial local setup of the project
- Came up with user stories for the application and developed UI wireframes.
- Presented client with the live demo of the wireframe and working prototype of the multi admin functionality.
- Acquainted ourselves with the Django framework.

Iteration 2: (4 points)

- Developed both the user interface and backend for implementing multi admin feature.
- Delivered multi admin feature via two different methods mentioned below:
 - The existing admin creates a new admin with username and password. The newly created admin can then login and change their passwords.
 - Second approach is that the new admin registers as a user with their preferred credentials and then an admin gives them admin permissions.
- Created interface for admin to add a new admin and to give admin permissions to a user
- Implemented UI changes to deliver notification after a new admin is added.
- Performed unit and integration testing of the implementation and deployed the changes to the Heroku.
- Demonstrated the actual working multi admin functionality to the client on Heroku.

Iteration 3: (4 points)

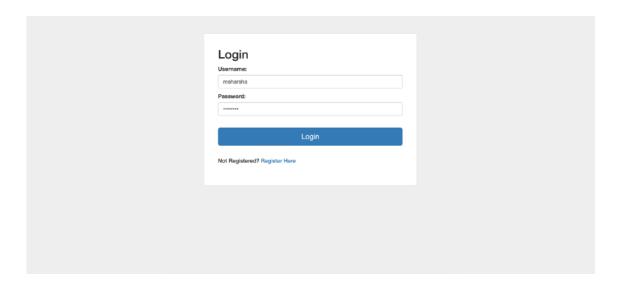
- Discussed the queries with supervisor for implementing the new Cumulative Borda-Count Algorithm.
- Discussed the validations for the new algorithm with the supervisor.
- Scheduled a meeting with previous team to discuss their approach to update the preference collecting mechanism.
- Generated the UI wireframes to collect the preferences and made backend changes to update the aggregator.
- The Database Schema for the new changes is designed.

Iteration 4: (4 points)

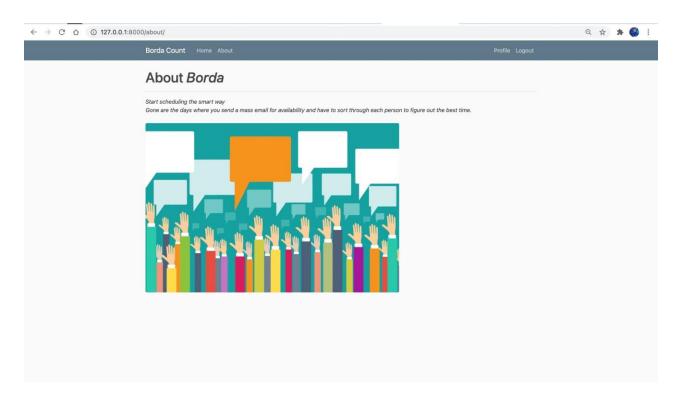
- Implemented the new Cumulative Algorithm with the required backend and UI changes.
- Added the necessary backend validations for the new algorithm.
- Added the UI implementations for the necessary validations implemented in the backend.
- Implemented Text Box Preferences on UI as well as Backend.
- The user can submit their preferences by filling in their choices in the text boxes.
- Performed unit and integration testing and deployed the changes to Heroku.
- Merged all the changes to the parent repository.
- Presented client with the live demo of the working prototype.

User Interface

Login Page

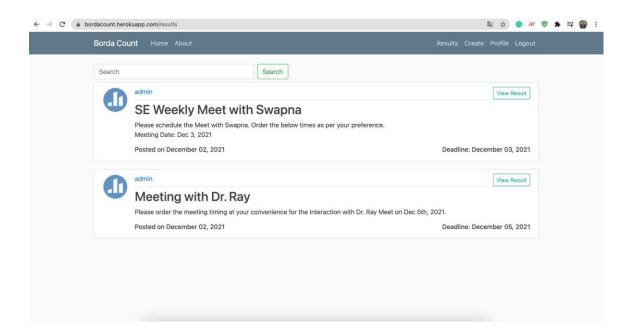


About Page

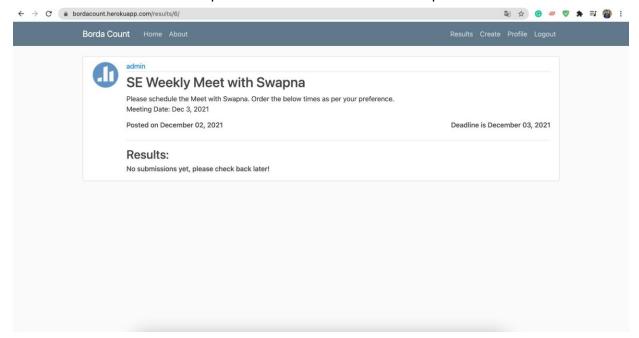


Admin flow

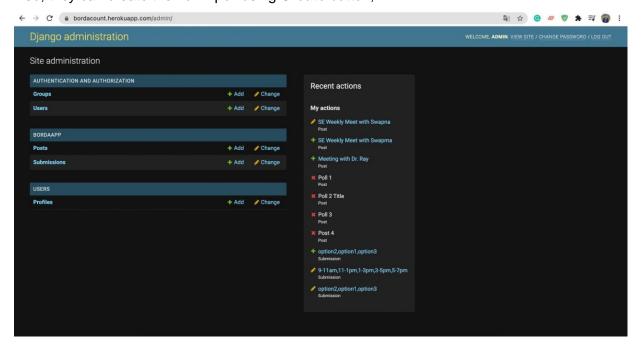
Once the login, upon clicking on results he can view all the polls that admins created.

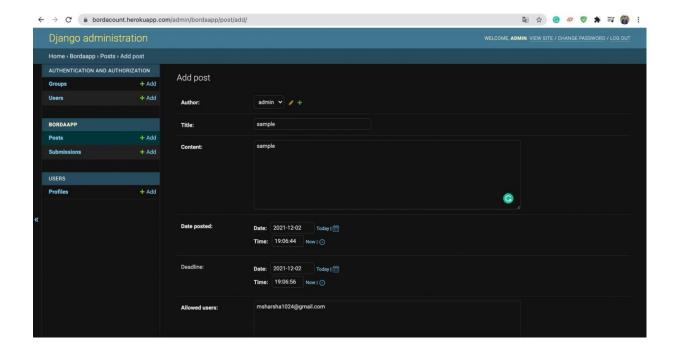


Upon clicking on the **View Results**, they can view the results for any poll like below. Below case when the admin has created a poll and none of the user have responded.



Also, they can create their own poll using Create button,



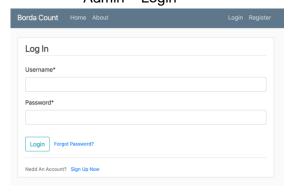


Upon clicking the save button, the poll is published. At this stage, all the allowed users should be able to see the poll on their dashboard.

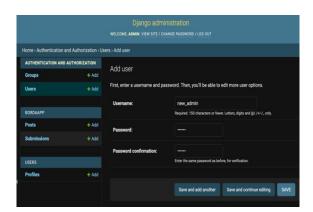
Multi-Admin Functionality Flow:

First Approach (Admin creates another admin):

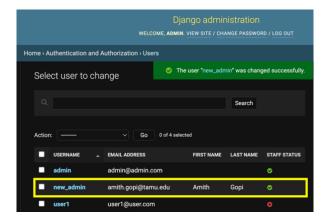
Admin – Login



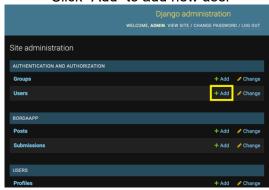
Admin gives credentials for new user



Added user appears on list



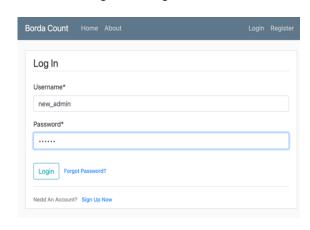
Click "Add" to add new user



User Added



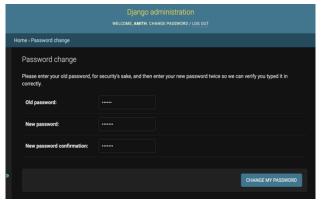
User logs in using added credentials



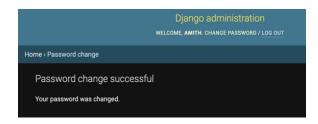
User homepage



User changes the password

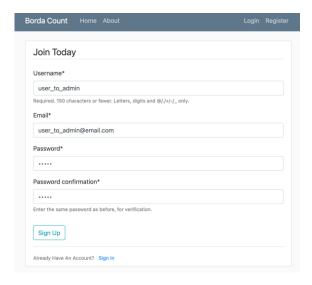


Password changed succesfully

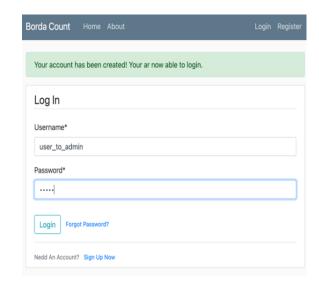


Second Approach (Admin grants existing user admin permissions):

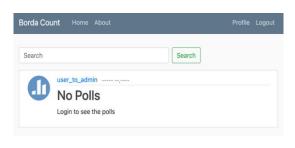
New User SignUp



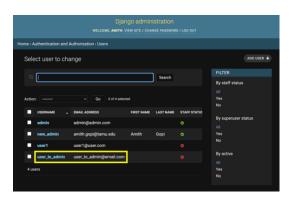
User Login



Homepage



User present in the list of users



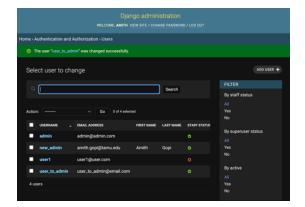
Change user info page



Add the user as admin



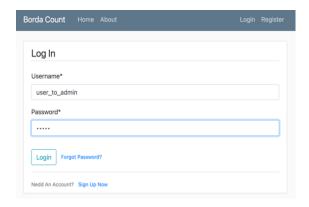
User changed to admin successfully



Admin Homepage

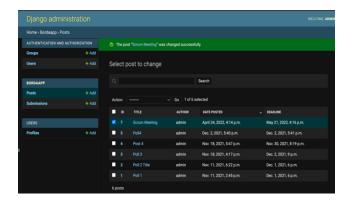


User can now log in as admin

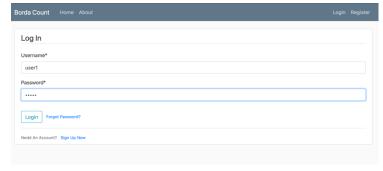


Cumulative Borda Count Implementation Flow:

Poll is created by admin



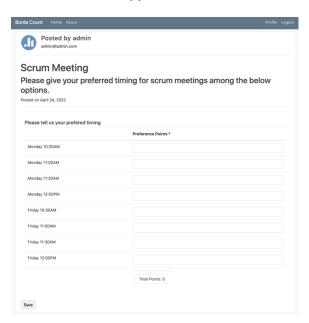
User logs in to take the poll



Poll as visible on the user dashboard

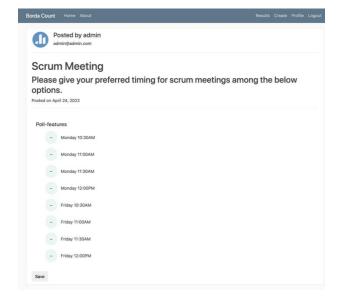


Poll as it appears to the user

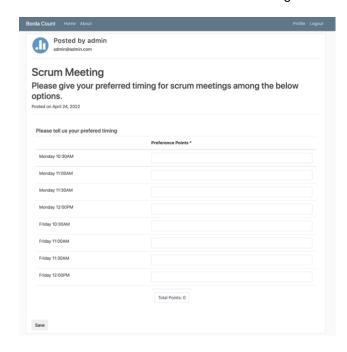


Comparison between old and new UI:

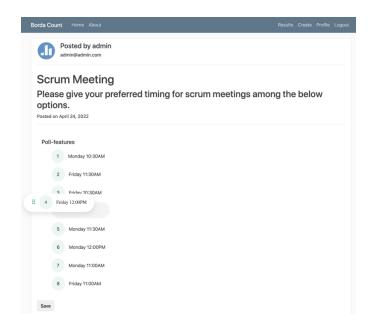
Previous screen with old Borda Count Algorithm



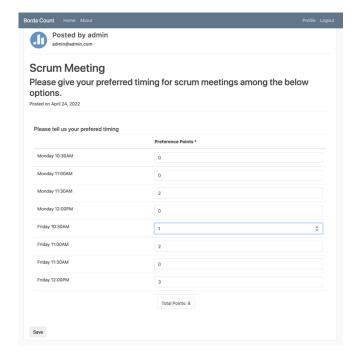
New Screen with Cumulative Borda Count Algorithm



Previously user needed to drag and drop preferences

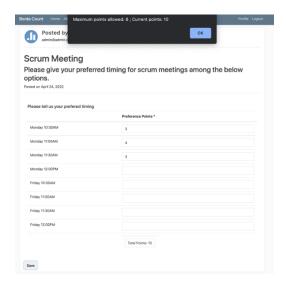


Currently user needs to allocate points to the preferences

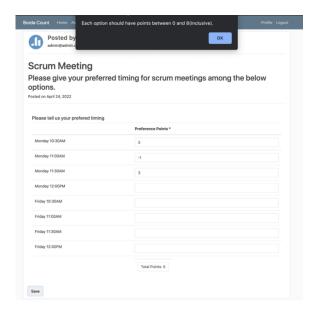


Required validations:

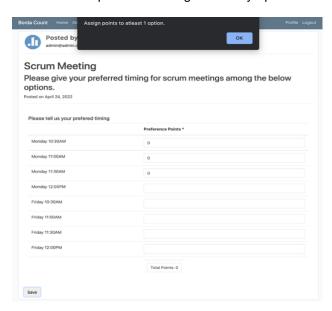
When total number of points exceeds the total points allocated to the user (Total points is equal to the number of alternatives)



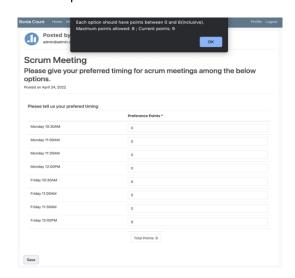
When negative points is allocated to a preference



When no points are assigned to any option



When points allocated to an option exceeds the total points allocated to the user



Results:

After the user has completed the poll

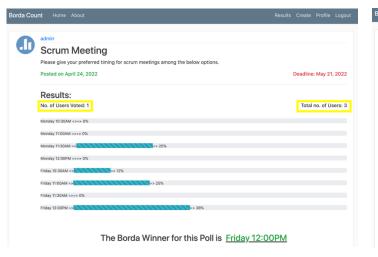


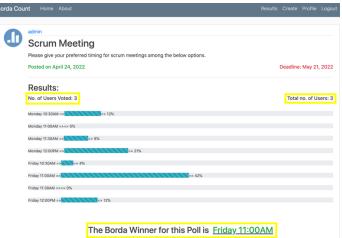
The admin can view the results



Results when only a percent of users have taken the poll

User needs to allocate points to the preferences





Borda Winner for this poll gives an insight to the admin about the preferred time chosen by all the users.

Database design diagram:

AUTH_USER_TABLE ID PASSWORD LAST_LOGIN IS_SUPERUSER USERNAME LAST_NAME EMAIL IS_STAFF IS_ACTIVE DATE_JOINED FIRST_NAME ID PASSWORD LAST_LOGIN IS_SUPERUSER USERNAME LAST_NAME EMAIL IS_STAFF IS_ACTIVE DATE_JOINED FIRST_NAME ID PASSWORD LAST_LOGIN IS_SUPERUSER USERNAME LAST_NAME IS_STAFF IS_ACTIVE DATE_JOINED FIRST_NAME ID PASSWORD LAST_LOGIN IS_SUPERUSER USERNAME LAST_NAME IS_STAFF IS_ACTIVE DATE_JOINED FIRST_NAME

USERS_PROFILE_TABLE

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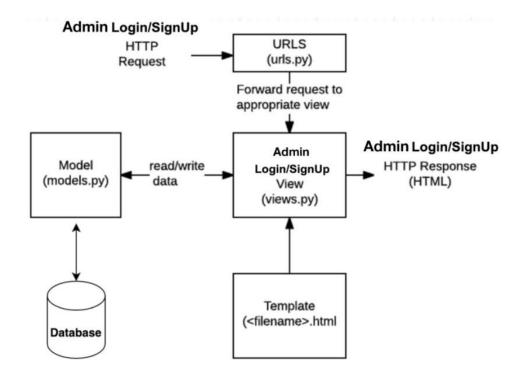
Post design:

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Design diagram:



Django uses the Model View Template (MVT) pattern. MVT has views for receiving HTTP requests and returning HTTP responses. When an admin/user creates/submits/views a poll, the respective HTTP requests will be sent. Using urls.py, the application eventually calls the respective view. These views use the models (Post & Submission) that interact with the database. In this way, the admin can create and view polls and users can submit their preferences.

Testing:

- Test case 1: User email validation Check if the given email is in valid format.
- Test case 2: Password validation Check if the password is meeting the requirements.
- Test case 3: Authentication validation- Check if the user is providing the correct password.
- Test case 4: Sign up validation Check if the user is a new user not an existing one.
- Test case 5: User sign in validation Check if the user is providing the correct username.

Code Coverage

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Ran 5 tests in 0.487s
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Destroying test database for alias 'default'...
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Test case 6: Post Object validation - Check if the post object is getting created successfully.

Test case 7 : Object creation : Check if Post Object is created with correct values.

Test case 8 : Submission Object validation - Check if the submission object is getting created successfully.

Test case 9: User Authorization: Check if a user has access to submit preferences to a post.

Test case 10: Borda Count Validation: Verify that the Borda Count algorithm runs successfully.

Test report:

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Creating test database for alias 'default'...

Ran 5 tests in 0.636s

OK

Destroying test database for alias 'default'...
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CodeClimate Link for the project: https://codeclimate.com/github/shaista5555/Borda-Count/progress/maintainability

Challenges Faced:

- Borda count algorithm was new to everyone across the team, so we went through Wikipedia and other learning sources to understand the algorithm.
- The team members were not very familiar with the Django framework, so they had to learn and adapt to it quickly.
- Challenge with AWS Cloud9 implementation We faced an issue with the
 version of SQLite3 while setting up the project in AWS Cloud9. It was solved by
 following a procedure to upgrade the version of Django.
 Following is the link to the solution: Solution to version upgrade of Sqllite3
- Deployment Issue: On altering the existing Submission model to add a new attribute, the
 existing data started throwing exceptions, as the field was not present for old rows. We
 tried adding the default argument to solve the issue, but it still did not help. So after
 checking the production data and confirming it was raw and meaningless, we unmigrated
 the existing migration files, deleted all existing migration files under 'bordaapp/migrations',
 recreated migrations and pushed them using the below command:

heroku run python manage.py migrate bordaapp zero delete all the migration files under 'bordaapp/migrations' heroku run python manage.py makemigrations git add .

git commit -m <msg>
git push heroku main
heroku run python manage.py migrate

Customer Interaction

- 02/23/2022: We met in-person with our customer and received the overview of the project.
- **02/27/2022:** We scheduled weekly scrum calls on zoom with our customer for every Wednesday from 11:30am 12:00pm.

• 03/02/2022 MoMs:

- Supervisor to clarify requirements about multiple admins
- Team to check the legacy code.
- Team to create wireframe for adding new Admin.
- Team to explore the DB changes that needs to be done.

• 03/23/2022 MoMs:

- o Team demoed working UI prototype as a plan for multi-admin functionality.
- Discussed queries about the future work for the project, Cumulative Borda Count.

03/30/2022 MoMs:

- o Team demoed multi-admin functionality using two approaches on Heroku.
- Supervisor to forward it to Prof. Ray and gather further feedback.

04/06/2022 MoMs:

Discussed the queries about the new Cumulative Borda-Count Algorithm.

• 04/20/2022 MoMs:

- Team demoed the implemented version of Cumulative Borda-Count.
- Discussed the validations we implemented for the new algorithm and asked for further inputs.

05/10/2022 MoMs:

 Team to give final walk-through of Multi-admin functionality and Cumulative Borda Count to Prof. Ray and his team.

Software Development Process

We have followed BDD methodology. Following BDD has helped speed up the development process. With BDD, as its name suggests, focus is on behavior rather than implementation itself. BDD enhances quality of the code, thus reducing the maintenance cost and minimizing project risk.

Configuration Management

We have created separate branches for implementing the user requirements and once implemented we merged the changes to the parent repository. Deployed the code to Heroku and tested the application by creating 4 users and 2 admins. Demo was presented to the client post every iteration.

The credentials for the initial user and admin is held by Prof. Korok Ray and will by provided to the future teams. No other credentials are needed.

Repo Content

Installation: (also present in Readme.txt)

 To create Virtual Environment (First Only, skip this step and activate Virtual Environment if you have the setup already.)

python3 -m venv myvenv

To activate Virtual Environment:

source myveny/bin/activate

• To update pip (First time only, skip this step if you're not setting up the application)

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python -m pip install --upgrade pip
```

To install necessary packages for the applications, use:

pip install -r requirements.txt Note: requirements.txt has the required packages for this application. Do pip freeze > requirements.txt to add newly installed packages.

• To run migrations:

python manage.py migrate Note: Migrations are to be run for the first time and only when there's a change in models.py

• To run the server:

python manage.py runserver Visit http://127.0.0.1:8000/ to see the Application running.

Deployment

The web application is deployed to Heroku using git as a version control. Following commands are used:

```
heroku login
heroku git:remote -a bordacount
git push heroku main
heroku logout
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Future Scope

- Add email validations and forward them emails once a new poll is created for them.
- Change the UI for accepting input for allowed users and options to make poll creation easy and convenient.
- Add features to allow poll creation for distributed lists/user groups, rather than individual users.
- Although we have covered the basic input handling at all the places, we can add a feature to do comprehensive input handling.
- We can try using other variants of Borda Count algorithm with this application.

Project Resources

Heroku Deployment

The application till today is deployed on Heroku at this link: https://bordacount.herokuapp.com/

Pivotal Tracker: https://www.pivotaltracker.com/n/projects/2556139

Source code: https://github.com/msharsha/Borda-Count Final source code till today can be found under the main branch.

Slack: https://softwareengin-nat9577.slack.com/archives/C033ZEWBT9B

Project Demo and Poster Video: https://youtu.be/W21kQuD2QHs

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