

Modal Dialogs

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Overview

There are several ways to create modal dialogs in Drupal. Modal dialogs provide a way to display additional information without having to reload the entire page. These dialogs can display anything you can imagine including static text, an image, a node, a form, a view or any custom markup.

Dialog title

You define the title for the dialog by specifying it in the *.routing.yml file. In the file below the title is in the _title key:

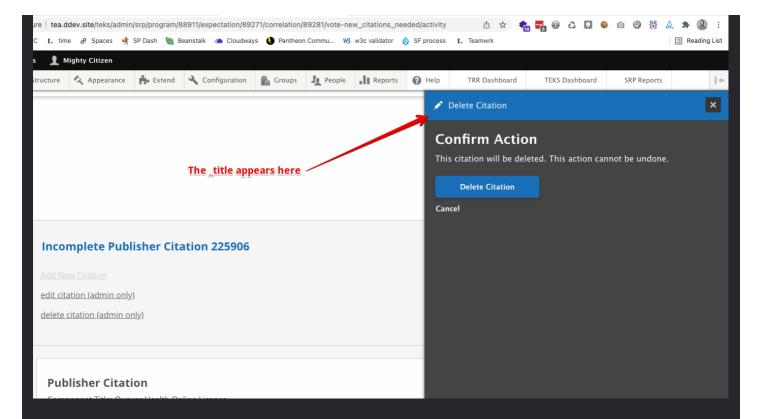
taa.srp_delete_citation:

path: '/taa/admin /citation/delete/citation/{citation}'

defaults:

_title: 'Delete Citation'

_form: 'Drupal\taa\Form\DeleteCitationForm'



Links to slide-in dialogs

In your controller (or in a form) you can define links in your render array which can fire off the slide-in dialogs. E.g.

```
use Drupal\Component\Serialization\Json;

$submit_for_review_link = [
'#type' => 'link',
'#title' => '(\submit_for_Review'),
'#ut' => \text{Ur\stromRoute('taa_teks_publisher.submit_for_review', [node' => \$node->id(), 'return_type' => 'program']),
'#attributes' => [
'class' => [use-ajax', 'button'],
'id' => 'edit-program-' . \$node->id(),
'data-dialog-renderer' => 'off_canvas',
'data-dialog-options' => \Json::encode(

[
'width' => '600',
]
],
],
],
],
];
```

Notice the data-dialog- options. 'off_canvas' is the magic sauce. Also note that the parameters that are passed to the form are 'node' and 'return_type' which are specified in the route below also.

Note the class 'button' will make this link show up as a button. If you remove it, this will instead just be a link.

You could easily make this a modal dialog by specifying:

```
'data-dialog-type' => 'modal',

'data-dialog-options' => Json::encode([ 'width' => 'auto',]),
```

Modal dialog example

This example displays a page with links to pop up two different modal dialogs. Clicking on either of the links will display a slightly different modal dialogs. The page looks like this:

Modal Examples (example1)



Route: modal_examples.example1

Link to a custom modal (modal1)

Link to a node in a dialog (modal2)

Here is the routing file at web/modules/custom/modal_examples/modal_examples.routing.yml.

The first route (modal_examples.example1) displays the links. The second route (modal_examples.modal1) allows the modal be displayed on a page on its own. This route also has parameters which can be useful when you want to display some relevant variable information in the dialog.

```
modal examples.example1:
 path: '/modal-examples/example1'
  title: 'Modal Examples (example1)'
  _controller: '\Drupal\modal_examples\Controller\ModalExamplesController::buildExample1'
modal examples.modal1:
 path: '/modal-examples/modal1/{program_id}/{type}'
  _title: 'Modal 1 with parameters'
  _controller: '\Drupal\modal_examples\Controller\ModalExamplesController::buildModal1'
  permission: 'access content'
   program id:
   tvpe:
modal_examples.modal2:
 path: '/modal-examples/create-my-dialog'
  controller: '\Drupal\modal examples\Controller\ModalExamplesController2::createDialogFromNode'
```

In web/modules/custom/modal_examples/src/Controller/ModalExamplesController.php are the functions for both the page (which displays the link) and first modal.

Add the parameters to the end of the UnitifromRoute() call to pass them to the modal. You will probably do this a lot.

```
'#url' => Url::fromRoute('modal_examples.modal1', [
'program_id' => 123,
namespace Drupal\modal_examples\Controller;
use Drupal\Component\Serialization\Json;
use Drupal\Core\Controller\ControllerBase;
use Drupal\Core\Url;
class ModalExamplesController extends ControllerBase {
  $route_name = \Drupal::routeMatch()->getRouteName();
  $build['content'] = [
   '#type' => 'item',
   '#markup' => $this->t('Route: %route', ['%route' => $route_name]),
  $build['link-to-modal1'] = [
   '#type' => 'link',
   '#title' => t('Link to a custom modal (modal1)'),
   'program_id' => 123,
    'type' => 'all',
   '#attributes' => [
    'id' => 'view-correlation-' . 12345,
    'class' => ['use-ajax'],
    'aria-label' => 'View useful information pertaining to item ' . '12345',
    '#prefix' => '<div class="abcdef">',
    '#suffix' => '</div>',
     'data-dialog-type' => 'modal',
    'data-dialog-options' => Json::encode(
  $build['link-to-modal2'] = [
   '#type' => 'link',
   '#url' => new Url('modal_examples.modal2'),
   '#prefix' => '<div class="pqrst">',
   '#suffix' => '</div>',
   '#attributes' => [
     'class' => ['use-ajax'],
```

```
]:

Sbuild[#attached][library][] = 'core/drupal.dialog.ajax';

return Sbuild;
}

public function buildModal1[int Sprogram_id, string Stype) {

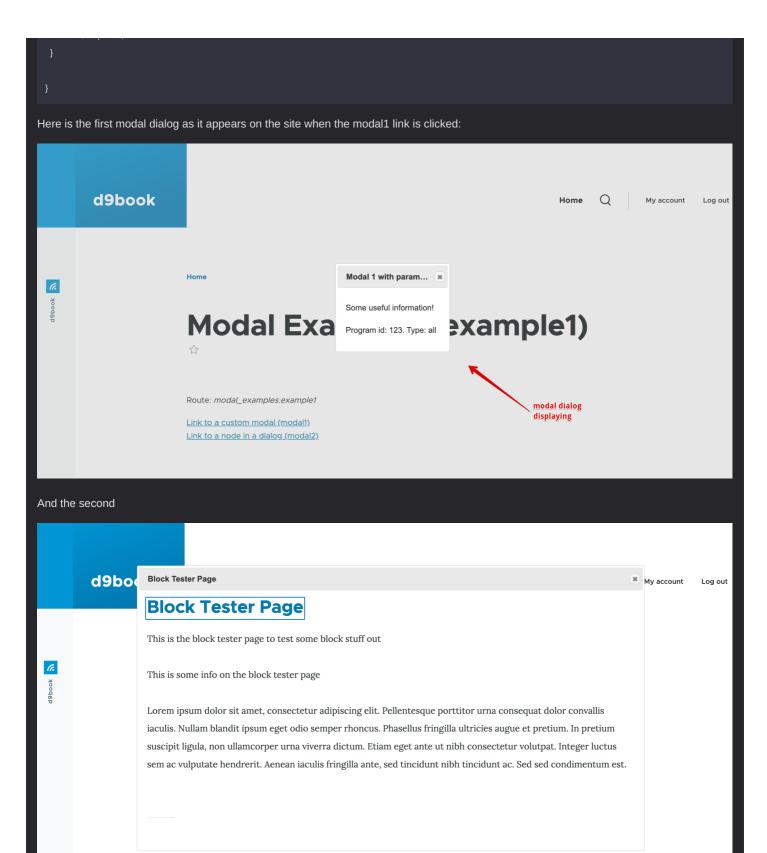
Sbuild[content] = [
    "trype' => 'ltem',
    "#markup' => Sthis->t('Some useful information!'),
];

Sbuild[other_content] = [
    "trype' => 'item',
    "#markup' => Sthis->t('Program id: @program_id. Type: @type', [
    "@program_id' => Strogram_id,
    "@type' => Stype,
]),
];

return Sbuild;
}
```

The second modal is in ModalExamplesController2.php. This dialog uses the example from an example at https://www.hashbangcode.com/article/drupal-9-creating-ajax-dialogs which displays a teaser view of a node:

```
protected $entityTypeManager;
public function __construct(FormBuilder $formBuilder, EntityTypeManagerInterface $entity_type_manager) {
$this->formBuilder = $formBuilder;
 $this->entityTypeManager = $entity_type_manager;
public static function create(ContainerInterface $container) {
 $container->get('form_builder'),
  $container->get('entity_type.manager'),
 $node = $this->entityTypeManager->getStorage('node')->load(34);
 $viewBuilder = $this->entityTypeManager->getViewBuilder('node');
 $content = $viewBuilder->view($node, 'teaser');
 $title = $node->getTitle();
 $response = new AjaxResponse();
 $attachments['library'][] = 'core/drupal.dialog.ajax';
 $response->setAttachments($attachments);
 $response->addCommand(new OpenDialogCommand('#my-dialog-selector', $title, $content, [width' => '70%]));
```



Passing entities as parameters

Sometimes it is useful to pass a node as a parameter so you can quickly grab fields from it. To do this, specify type: entity: node (or other type of entity) in the *.routing.yml file. See the example below where parameters: program and correlation are identified as nodes. In your code, you pass the node id (not the entire node) and Drupal will automatically load the node for you and pass it to the controller:

```
taa.view_votes:
path: '/srp/program/{program}/vote-view/correlation/{correlation}/{type}'
defaults:
_controller: '\Drupal\taa\Controller\View\VotesController::content'
_title: \Votes for Citation'
requirements:
_permission: 'view any saa item+view own saa item'
options:
parameters:
program:
type: entity:node
correlation:
type: entity:node
no_cache: 'TRUE'
```

The controller will look like this. Notice how we can call entity functions on the \$program and \$correlation entities.

```
public function content(EntityInterface $program, EntityInterface $correlation, string $type = 'all'): array {
    $program_nid = $program->id();
    $correlation_nid = $correlation->id();
    $vote_number = $program->get('field_srp_vote_number')->value;
```

Modal form example

This example displays a form with a button. When a user presses the button, a dialog containing another form appears.

This code is a little convoluted as the link you click to open the modal form calls a controller function, ModalExamplesController2::openModalForm(), which loads the form and opens it with an ajax command, OpenModalDialogCommand. You can directly point a link to a form route (as you can find in other examples below.)

Also notice that controller uses dependency injection to load the form builder (which is the recommended way to do things.).

In web/modules/custom/modal_examples/modal_examples.routing.yml we first set up a route for the form which will be initially displayed. This is identified as modal_examples.form1.

Secondly, we set up a route for the popup form, <code>modal_examples.modal_form</code>.

```
modal_examples.form1:
    path: '/modal-examples/form1'
    defaults:
    _form: 'Drupal\modal_examples\Form\ExampleForm'
    _title: 'Form with a button to popup a modal form'
    requirements:
    _permission: 'administer site configuration'

modal_examples.modal_form:
    path: '/modal-examples/modal_form'
    defaults:
    _title: 'The Modal Form'
    _controller: 'Drupal\modal_examples\Controller\ModalExamplesController2::openModalForm'
    requirements:
    _permission: 'administer site configuration'
    options:
    _admin_route: TRUE
```

When we navigate to /modal-example/form, we see the following form. If we click the button labelled, "Click to see the Modal Form", a modal dialog will appear with a form in it.

Here is the initial form:

Form with a button to popup a modal form &

Please fill out the form below and click the button for more info.

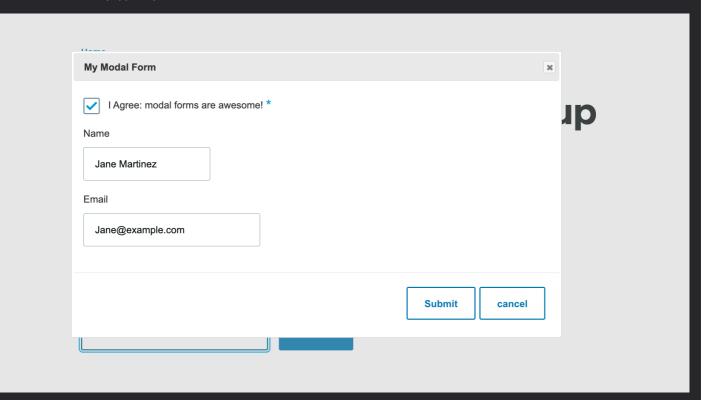
Name

Mary Vasquez

Click to see the Modal Form

Submit

And here is the modal popped up over it:



Here is the code for the first form in web/modules/custom/modal_examples/src/Form/ExampleForm.php. Notice the link at \$form['actions']['open_modal'] which is used to invoke the modal form. Note. It is essential that you specify the use-ajax class for this link.



```
class ExampleForm extends FormBase {
 public function buildForm(array $form, FormStateInterface $form_state, $options = NULL) {
  $form['#prefix'] = '<div id="example_form">';
  $form['#suffix'] = '</div>';
  $form['info']['instructions'] = [
   '#type' => 'markup',
   '#markup' => $this->t('Please fill out the form below and click the button for more info.'),
  $form['info']['name'] = [
   '#type' => 'textfield',
   '#title' => $this->t('Name'),
   '#size' => 20,
    '#default_value' => 'Mary Vasquez',
  $form['actions']['open_modal'] = [
   '#type' => 'link',
   '#title' => $this->t('Click to see the Modal Form'),
    '#url' => Url::fromRoute('modal_examples.modal_form'),
    'class' => [
     'use-ajax',
  $form['actions']['submit'] = [
   '#type' => 'submit',
   '#attributes' => [
 public function submitForm(array &$form, FormStateInterface $form_state) {
  return 'modal_examples_example_form';
```

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Here is the controller that is used to load the modal form at web/modules/custom/modal_examples/src/Controller/ModalExamplesController2.php

```
namespace Drupal\modal_examples\Controller;
use Symfony\Component\DependencyInjection\ContainerInterface;
use Drupal\Core\Ajax\AjaxResponse;
use Drupal\Core\Ajax\OpenModalDialogCommand;
use Drupal\Core\Controller\ControllerBase;
use Drupal\Core\Form\FormBuilder;
class ModalExamplesController2 extends ControllerBase {
 protected $formBuilder;
 public function __construct(FormBuilder $formBuilder) {
  $this->formBuilder = $formBuilder;
 public static function create(ContainerInterface $container) {
   $container->get('form_builder')
```

```
public function openModalForm() {
    $response = new AjaxResponse();

// Get the modal form using the form builder.

$modal_form = $this->formBuilder->getForm('Drupal\modal_examples\Form\ExampleModalForm');

// Add an AJAX command to open a modal dialog with the form as the content.

$response->addCommand(new OpenModalDialogCommand('My Modal Form', $modal_form, ['width' => '800']));

return $response;
}
```

And finally, here is the "modal" form itself at web/modules/custom/modal_examples/src/Form/ExampleModalForm.php

```
namespace Drupal\modal_examples\Form;
use Drupal\Core\Ajax\CloseModalDialogCommand;
use Drupal\Core\Form\FormBase;
use Drupal\Core\Form\FormStateInterface;
use Drupal\Core\Ajax\AjaxResponse;
use Drupal\Core\Ajax\OpenModalDialogCommand;
use Drupal\Core\Ajax\ReplaceCommand;
class ExampleModalForm extends FormBase {
 public function getFormId() {
  return 'modal_form_example_modal_form';
 public function buildForm(array $form, FormStateInterface $form_state, $options = NULL) {
  $form['#prefix'] = '<div id="modal_example_form">';
  $form['#suffix'] = '</div>';
  $form['status_messages'] = [
   '#type' => 'status_messages',
  $form['our_checkbox'] = [
   '#type' => 'checkbox',
   '#title' => $this->t('I Agree: modal forms are awesome!'),
   '#default_value' => TRUE,
```

```
$form['name'] = [
  '#type' => 'textfield',
  '#title' => $this->t('Name'),
  '#size' => 20,
  '#default_value' => 'Jane Martinez',
 $form['email'] = [
  '#type' => 'email',
  '#title' => $this->t('Email'),
  '#default_value' => 'Jane@example.com',
  '#required' => FALSE,
 $form['actions'] = array('#type' => 'actions');
 $form['actions']['send'] = [
  '#type' => 'submit',
  '#value' => $this->t('Submit'),
    'use-ajax',
   'callback' => [$this, 'submitModalFormAjax'],
 $form['actions']['cancel'] = [
  '#type' => 'submit',
  '#value' => $this->t('cancel'),
  '#attributes' => [
    'use-ajax',
   'callback' => [$this, 'closeModalForm'],
 form['#attached']['library'][] = 'core/drupal.dialog.ajax';
 return $form;
public function submitModalFormAjax(array $form, FormStateInterface $form_state) {
 $response = new AjaxResponse();
 if ($form_state->hasAnyErrors()) {
  $response->addCommand(new ReplaceCommand('#modal_example_form', $form))
```

```
$command = new CloseModalDialogCommand();
  $response->addCommand($command);
  $response->addCommand(new OpenModalDialogCommand("Success!", 'The modal form has been submitted.', ['width' => 800]));
 return $response;
 $command = new CloseModalDialogCommand();
 $response = new AjaxResponse();
 $response->addCommand($command);
 return $response;
public function validateForm(array &$form, FormStateInterface $form_state) {
public\ function\ submitForm(array\ \&\$ form,\ FormStateInterface\ \$ form\_state)\ \{
```

Slide-in dialog/Off-canvas dialog

Slide in dialogs are modals that appear to slide-in from the right side or top of the screen. Like any modal dialogs they can contain forms

Slide-in Dialog Example

This example shows 4 different types of links which fire off variations of slide-in dialogs. Check out the links below:

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Modal Examples (example2)

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Route: modal_examples.example2

Link to off canvas/slide-in custom modal dialog (modal1)
Link to off canvas/slide-in custom modal dialog (modal1) from top
Link to off canvas/slide-in form (form2)

Link to off canvas/slide-in login form (login form)

In web/modules/custom/modal_examples/modal_examples.routing.yml we specify the routes for our controller, example2 as well as modal1, form2 and login_form:

```
modal_examples.example2:
    path: '/modal-examples/example2'
        _title: 'Modal Examples (example2)'
        _controller: '\Drupal\modal_examples\Controller\ModalExamplesController2::buildExample2'
    requirements:
        _permission: 'access content'
modal_examples.modal1:
    path: '/modal-examples/modal1/{program_id}/{type}'
        _title: 'Modal 1 with parameters'
        \underline{\hspace{0.5cm}} \textbf{controller: $$\Drupal\modal\_examples$$$Controller:$$\dashed{Lexamples}$$ Controller:$$\dashed{Lexamples}$$
    requirements:
        parameters:
          program id:
modal_examples.form2:
    path: '/modal-examples/form2'
      _form: 'Drupal\modal_examples\Form\ExampleForm2'
        _title: 'Simple example form (form2)'
    requirements:
modal_examples.login_form:
    path: '/modal-examples/login-form'
    defaults:
       _title: 'Simple example form (form2)'
        \_controller: `Drupal\modal\_examples\Controller'\ModalExamples\Controller2::build\LoginForm' and the controller is a controller in the controller in the controller is a controller in the cont
    requirements:
        _permission: 'access content'
```

Here is the controller for example2, web/modules/custom/modal_examples/src/Controller/ModalExamplesController2.php. You will find the functions buildExample2() which creates the 4 links and buildLoginForm() which uses Drupal's formbuilder to build the login form.

```
/**

* @file

*

* Contains \Drupal\modal_examples\Controller\ModalExamplesController2.

*/
namespace Drupal\modal_examples\Controller;

use Drupal\Core\Lambdajax\OpenDialogCommand;
use Drupal\Core\Lambdajax\OpenDialogCommand;
use Drupal\Core\Lambdajax\OpenDialogCommand;
use Drupal\Core\Lambdajax\OpenDialogCommand;
use Drupal\Core\Lambdajax\OpenDialogCommand;
use Drupal\Core\Lambdajax\OpenDialogCommand;
use Symfony\Component\DependencyInjection\ContainerInterface;
use Symfony\Component\DependencyInjection\ContainerInterface;
```

```
use Drupal\Core\Ajax\AjaxResponse;
use Drupal\Core\Ajax\OpenModalDialogCommand;
use Drupal\Core\Controller\ControllerBase;
use Drupal\Core\Form\FormBuilder;
class ModalExamplesController2 extends ControllerBase {
     protected $formBuilder;
     protected $entityTypeManager;
      public\ function\ \underline{\quad} construct (Form Builder\ \$ form Builder,\ Entity Type Manager Interface\ \$ entity\_type\_manager)\ \{ \ function\ \underline{\quad} construct(Form Builder\ \$ form Builder,\ Entity Type Manager Interface\ \$ entity\_type\_manager)\ \{ \ function\ \underline{\quad} construct(Form Builder\ \$ form Builder,\ Entity\ Type Manager Interface\ \$ entity\_type\_manager)\ \{ \ function\ \underline{\quad} construct(Form Builder\ \$ form Builder\ \$ 
          $this->formBuilder = $formBuilder;
          $this->entityTypeManager = $entity_type_manager;
     public static function create(ContainerInterface $container) {
        return new static(
             $container->get('form_builder'),
              $container->get('entity_type.manager'),
          $route_name = \Drupal::routeMatch()->getRouteName();
          $build['content'] = [
```

```
'#markup' => $this->t('Route: %route', ['%route' => $route_name]),
$build['link-to-modal1'] = [
 '#type' => 'link',
 '#prefix' => '<div class="pqrst">',
 '#suffix' => '</div>',
 '#title' => t('Link to off canvas/slide-in custom modal dialog (modal1)'),
 '#url' => Url::fromRoute('modal_examples.modal1', [
  'program_id' => 123,
 '#attributes' => [
  'id' => 'view-correlation-' . 12345,
  'class' => ['use-ajax'],
  'aria-label' => 'View useful information pertaining to item ' . '12345',
  '#prefix' => '<div class="abcdef">',
  '#suffix' => '</div>',
  'data-dialog-type' => 'dialog.off canvas',
  'data-dialog-options' => Json::encode(
     'width' => 'auto',
$build['link-to-modal1-top'] = [
 '#type' => 'link',
 '#prefix' => '<div class="pqrst">',
 '#suffix' => '</div>',
 '#title' => t('Link to off canvas/slide-in custom modal dialog (modal1) from top'),
 '#url' => Url::fromRoute('modal_examples.modal1', [
  'program_id' => 123,
 '#attributes' => [
  'id' => 'view-correlation-' . 12345,
  'class' => ['use-ajax'],
  'aria-label' => 'View useful information pertaining to item ' . '12345',
  '#prefix' => '<div class="abcdef">',
  '#suffix' => '</div>',
  'data-dialog-type' => 'dialog.off_canvas_top',
  'data-dialog-options' => Json::encode(
     'width' => 'auto',
$build['link-to-example2-form'] = [
 '#type' => 'link',
 '#prefix' => '<div class="pqrst">',
 '#suffix' => '</div>',
 '#url' => Url::fromRoute('modal_examples.form2', [
  'program_id' => 123,
```

```
'id' => 'important-id-' . 12345,
  'class' => ['use-ajax'],
  '#prefix' => '<div class="abcdef">',
  '#suffix' => '</div>',
  'data-dialog-type' => 'dialog.off_canvas',
  'data-dialog-options' => Json::encode(
$build['link-to-example-login-form'] = [
 '#type' => 'link',
 '#prefix' => '<div class="pqrst">',
 '#suffix' => '</div>',
 '#title'=> t('Link to off canvas/slide-in login form (login_form) '),
 '#url' => Url::fromRoute('modal_examples.login_form'),
 '#attributes' => [
  'id' => 'important-id-' . 12345,
  'class' => ['use-ajax'],
  '#prefix' => '<div class="abcdef">',
  '#suffix' => '</div>',
  'data-dialog-type' => 'dialog.off_canvas',
  'data-dialog-options' => Json::encode(
\boldsymbol{\beta}
$build['#attached']['library'][] = 'core/drupal.dialog.off_canvas';
return $build;
$form = $this->formBuilder()->getForm(\Drupal\user\Form\UserLoginForm::class);
return $form;
```

BuildModal1() is in ModalExamplesController.php (above):

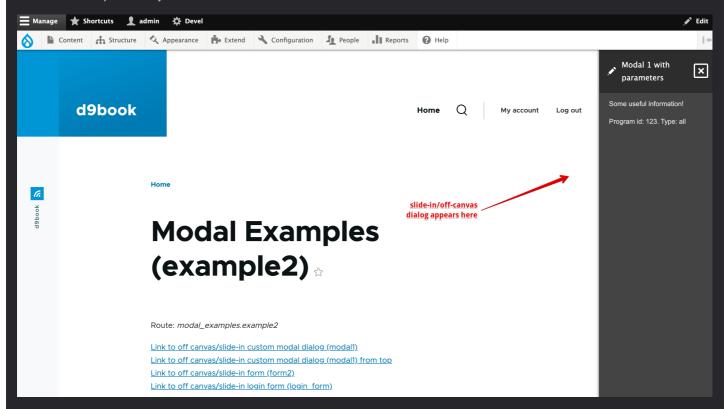
```
public function buildModal1(int $program_id, string $type) {

$build[content] = [
'#type' => 'item',
'#markup' => $this->t('Some useful information!'),
];

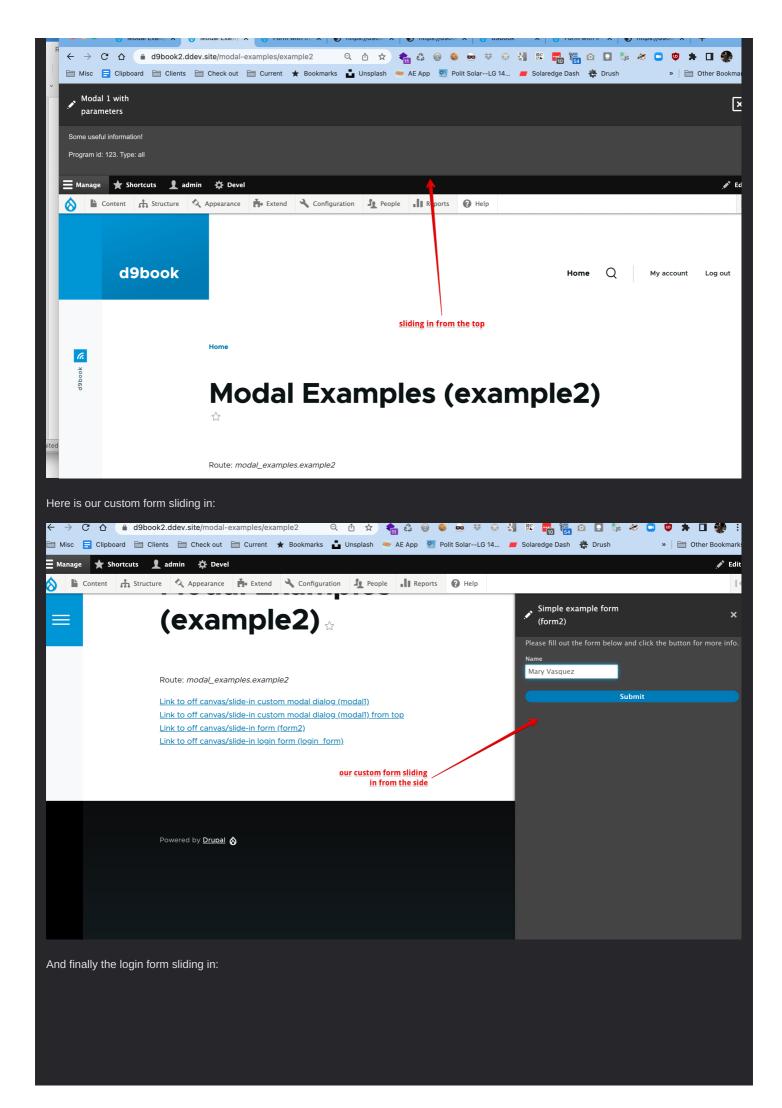
$build[other_content] = [
'#type' => 'item',
'#markup' => $this->t('Program id: @program_id. Type: @type', [
'@program_id' => $program_id,
'@type' => $type,
]),
];

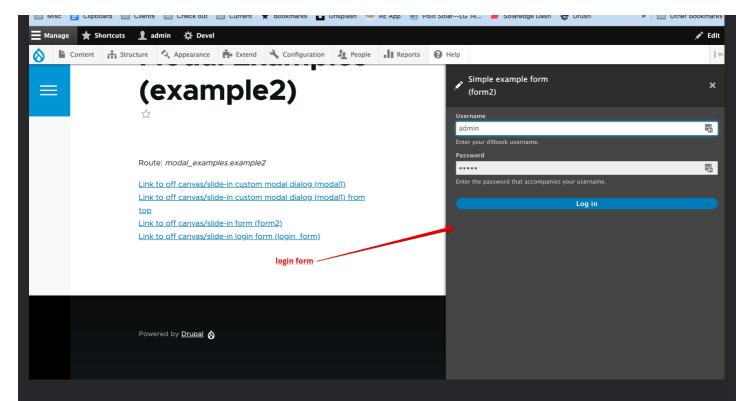
return $build;
}
```

This is what to expect when you click the first link:



And the second which shows the dialog sliding in from the top:





Block with a link to popup a custom modal dialog

This is an example from $\underline{\text{http://befused.com/drupal/modal-module}}$

In the module custom_modal, there is a custom_modal.routing.yml which specifies the route and controller.

```
custom_modal.modal:

path: 'modal-example/modal'

defaults:

_title: 'Modal'

_controller: '\Drupal\custom_modal\Controller\CustomModalController::modal'

requirements:

_permission: 'access content'
```

Here we define a block in ModalBlock.php that will present a button, which when clicked, will bring up a modal dialog. Note in the build() method that we get the route using Url::fromRoute('custom_modal.modal').

Then in the controller, CustomModalController.php the modal() function builds the dialog using a new AjaxResponse() object.

To see this work, place the "modal block" in a region via the u/i, then view a page. When you click the button, a modal dialog will pop up showing "the modal text."

No-code modal dialogs

Modal dialogs are incredibly useful on websites as they allow the user to do something without having to leave the web page they are on. Drupal has a Dialog API in core, which greatly reduces the amount of code you need to write to create a modal dialog. Dialogs in Drupal 8 leverage jQuery UI. This is from an article at http://befused.com/drupal/modal.

This capability puts some awesome power in the hands of site builders.

In a custom block with full HTML enabled use the following HTML.

Search

Or to make this dialog a little wider. E.g. 800 pixels.

 $Search$

And to show a node instead of the search dialog (any valid drupal path will do here)

See node 2

Resources

- Excellent tutorial on using modal forms in Drupal from March 2014
- Phil Norton's great article on Creating AJAX dialogs from October 2022 at
- Article about creating a modal dialog in a custom module from Jan 2018

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