

aula: political participation in schools

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Schule

Klasse 6a

Klasse 6b

directdemokratische
Forderungen im 19.
Jahrhundert

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Figure 1: idea lists



Wilde Ideen der Schule Themen auf dem Tisch der Schule

WILDE IDEEN

Was soll sich verändern?

Du kannst hier jede lose Idee, die du im Kopf hast, einwerfen und kannst für die Idee abstimmen und diese somit "auf den Tisch bringen".

+ NEUE IDEE

Filtere nach Kategorie

Alle Kategorien Regeln Ausstattung Aktivitäten Unterricht Zeit Umgebung

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30 Verbesserungsvorschläge
5 VON 47 QUORUM-STIMMEN

 hour again pleasure repudiated von cokhlnih

35 Verbesserungsvorschläge
5 VON 47 QUORUM-STIMMEN

Figure 2: idea lists

[← Zum Ideenraum](#)

OPTIONEN

WILDE-IDEEN-PHASE

pains explicabo high tempore from

von SGKBLNJB / 5 QUORUM-STIMMEN / 30 VERBESSERUNGSVORSCHLÄGE

5 VON 47 QUORUM-STIMMEN

AUF DEN TISCH!

✓ DURCHFÜHRBAR

✗ NICHT DURCHFÜHRBAR

✓ STATEMENT ABGEBEN

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Diese Idee gehört zu keiner Kategorie

30 Verbesserungsvorschläge

NEUER VERBESSERUNGSVORSCHLAG

Figure 3: details of an idea

30 Verbesserungsvorschläge

NEUER VERBESSERUNGSVORSCHLAG



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clabla

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inventore

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conduit

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Figure 4: discussion of one idea

The image shows a digital platform for idea submission and voting. At the top, there's a green button labeled "STIMME BEAUFTRAGEN". Below it, a navigation bar includes "Alle Ideen" (underlined), "Ideen in der Abstimmung", "Angenommene Ideen", and "Beauftragte Stimmen". To the right is a graphic of many hands raised.

Below the navigation is a section titled "Filtere nach Kategorie" with seven categories: "Alle Kategorien" (green icon of a globe), "Regeln" (green icon of a hand pointing up), "Ausstattung" (green icon of a microscope), "Aktivitäten" (green icon of a basketball hoop), "Unterricht" (green icon of a paper plane), "Zeit" (green icon of a clock), and "Umgebung" (green icon of a storefront).

The main content area displays two proposals:

- pleasure with laboriosam blame** (by admin)
Status: ✓ (green checkmark) | 🏆 (green trophy icon)
0 Verbesserungsvorschläge
Progress bar: 4 / 4 / 28
- little pains officia**
Status: ✓ (green checkmark) | 🏆 (green trophy icon)
0 Verbesserungsvorschläge
Progress bar: 5 / 6 / 28

Figure 5: voting



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Schuler (12b)

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FÜR SCHULE BEAUFTRAGEN

MELDEN

+ PROFIL BEARBEITEN

Erstellte Ideen

Wer stimmt für mich ab?

Für wen stimme ich ab?

Filtere nach Kategorie



Figure 6: user profile

Schüler (12b)

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MELDEN

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Erstellte Ideen

Wer stimmt für mich ab?

Für wen stimme ich ab?



blahim

Geltungsbereich: Thema topic-title

1 Stimme von cancon



conlab

Geltungsbereich: Thema topic-title



cancon

Geltungsbereich: Thema minim veniam occasionally

Figure 7: user profile

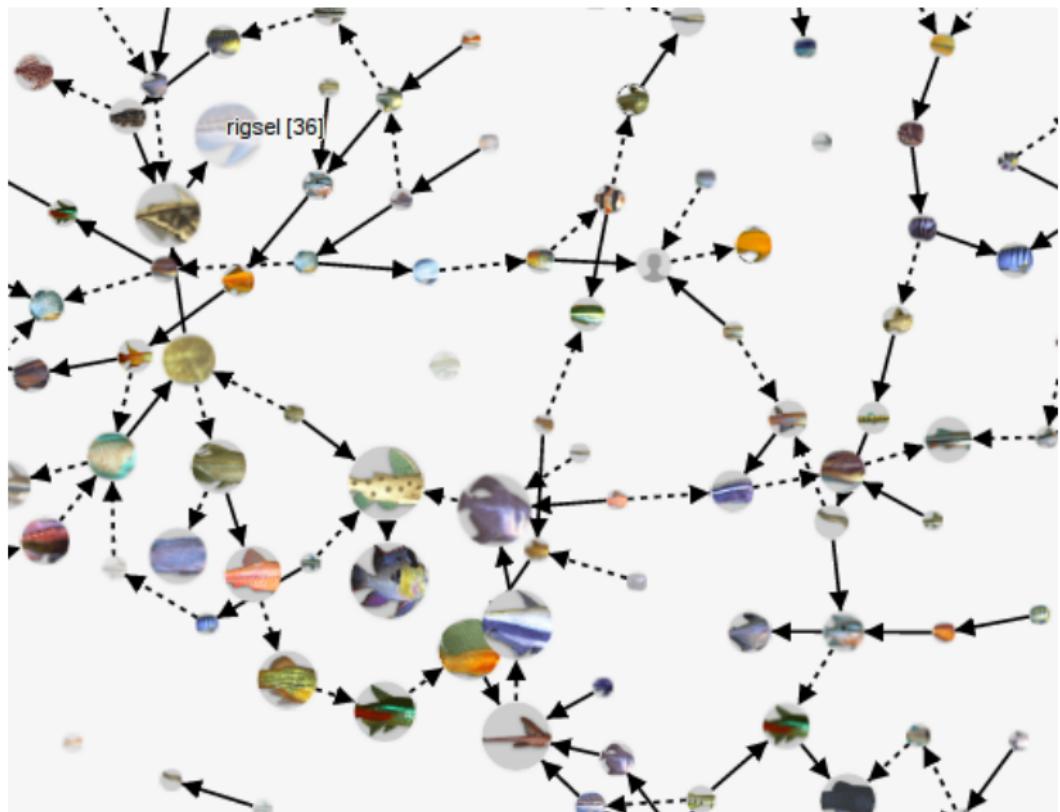


Figure 8: delegations

the aula story

concept	politik digital e.V.
implementation	liquid democracy e.V.
funding	Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung

- ▶ implementation start in Feb'16
- ▶ production in Aug'16 (school year 2016/17)
- ▶ license: AGPL <https://github.com/liqd/aula/>

software: choices

building:

- ▶ ghc (7.10.2)
- ▶ cabal, stack
- ▶ docker (sometimes)

testing:

- ▶ hspec
- ▶ sensei, seito

libraries:

- ▶ HTTP request processing with servant
- ▶ multi-page app with lucid
- ▶ web forms with digestive-functors
- ▶ persistence with acid-state

servant + lucid

- ▶ usually servant is used to deliver JSON, but HTML works fine!
- ▶ define one page type for every end-point
- ▶ (newtype if needed)

For every page, define data P with

- ▶ handler :: ... -> m P
- ▶ ... :> Get P (or Post, or FormHandler) (servant route)
- ▶ instance ToHtml P (html rendering)
- ▶ [more stuff for HTML forms]

```
data PageOverviewOfSpaces =
    PageOverviewOfSpaces [IdeaSpace]

instance ToHtml PageOverviewOfSpaces where
    toHtml (PageOverviewOfSpaces spaces) =
        div' [class_ "container-main grid-view"] $
            ideaSpaceBox `mapM_` spaces
    where
        ideaSpaceBox :: forall m. (Monad m)
                    => IdeaSpace -> HtmlT m ()
        ideaSpaceBox ispace = div_ [class_ "col-1-3"] $ do
            div_ $ do
                a_ [href_ ...] $ do
                    span_ [class_ "item-room-image"] $ mempty
                    h2_ [class_ "item-room-title"] $ uilabel ispace
```

(blaze)

- ▶ faster
- ▶ not a monad (bind is not defined for performance reasons)
- ▶ slightly less nice syntax

servant in one slide

```
type AulaMain =
    "space" :> Get PageOverviewOfSpaces
                -- /space
:<|> "space" :> Capture IdeaSpace
        :> "ideas" :> Query ...
        :> Get PageOverviewOfWildIdeas
                -- /space/7a/ideas?sort-by=age
...
aulaMain :: forall m. ActionM m => ServerT AulaMain m
aulaMain =
    (... :: m PageOverviewOfSpaces)
:<|> (\space query -> ... :: m PageOverviewOfWildIdeas)
...
...
```

URI paths (1)

```
data PageOverviewOfSpaces =
    PageOverviewOfSpaces [IdeaSpace]

instance ToHtml PageOverviewOfSpaces where
    toHtml (PageOverviewOfSpaces spaces) =
        ideaSpaceBox <$> spaces
    where
        ideaSpaceBox :: forall m. (Monad m)
                    => IdeaSpace -> HtmlT m ()
        ideaSpaceBox ispace = div_ $ do
            div_ . a_ [href_ ...] . span_ $ mempty
```

URI paths (2)

```
...
ideaSpaceBox :: forall m. (Monad m)
                  => IdeaSpace -> HtmlT m ()
ideaSpaceBox ispace = div_ $ do
    let uri = "/space/" <>> uriPart ispace <>> "/ideas"
    div_ . a_ [href_ uri] . span_ $ mempty
```

- ▶ hard to hunt for broken URLs
- ▶ hard to track changes

URI paths (3)

```
module Frontend.Path

data Main =
    ListSpaces
  | Space IdeaSpace (Space r)
  ...

data Space =
  ...
  | ListIdeasInSpace (Maybe IdeasQuery)
  ...

listIdeas :: IdeaLocation -> Main
listIdeas loc =
  Main . Space spc . ListIdeasInSpace $ Nothing
```

URI paths (4)

```
module Frontend.Page

main :: Main -> String -> String
main ListSpaces      root = root </> "space"
main (Space sid p)  root = ...
...
...
```

URI paths (5)

```
...
ideaSpaceBox :: forall m. (Monad m)
                  => IdeaSpace -> HtmlT m ()
ideaSpaceBox ispace = div_ $ do
  let uri = P.listIdeas (IdeaLocationSpace ispace)
  div_ . a_ [href_ uri] . span_ $ mempty
```

- ▶ Automatic testing: “every path has a handler”
- ▶ Changes in URI paths only have one location
- ▶ Harder in html template languages!

URI paths (sci-fi)

Is there a function that computes paths from page types?

```
uriPath :: <routing table>
          -> <page type>
          -> <variable path segments and URI query ...>
          -> String
```

(would require dependent types)

Forms (0)

- ▶ we have started off with digestive-functors and explored how this fits in with our approach.
- ▶ the code i am showing you now is from an upcoming general-purpose package (watch out for news in the aula README).
- ▶ if it doesn't compile, revert to aula!

Forms (1)

```
instance FormPage DiscussPage where
    ...
    formPage v form (DiscussPage _) =
        html_ . body_ . div_ $ do
            h1_ "please enter and categorise a note"
            form $ do
                label_ $ do
                    span_ "your note"
                    DF.inputText "note" v
                label_ $ do
                    span_ "category"
                    DF.inputSelect "category" v
                footer_ $ do
                    DF.inputSubmit "send!"
    ...
```

Forms (2)

```
makeForm (DiscussPage someCat) = DiscussPayload
    <$> ("note"     .: validateNote)
    <*> ("category" .: catChoice)
where
    validateNote :: Monad m
        => Form (Html ()) m ST.Text
    validateNote = DF.text Nothing

    catChoice :: Monad m
        => Form (Html ()) m Cat
    catChoice = DF.choice
        ((\c -> (c, toHtml c)) <$> [minBound..])
        (Just someCat)

    ...
```

Forms (3)

```
class FormPage p where
    formPage :: (Monad m, html ~ HtmlT m ())
        => View html
        -> (html -> html)
        -> p
        -> html

    makeForm :: Monad m
        => p
        -> Form (Html ()) m (FormPagePayload p)
```

Forms (4)

```
discussHooks = simpleFormPageHooks
-- generate page data
(QC.generate $ DiscussPage <$> QC.elements [minBound...])

-- process payload
(\payload -> putStrLn $ "result: " <> show payload)

-- optional arguments
& formRequireCsrf .~ False
& formLogMsg .~ (putStrLn . ("log entry: " <>) . show)
```

Forms (5)

```
formPageH :: forall m p uimsg err hooks handler.  
  ( FormPage p  
  , CsrfStore m  
  , CleanupTempFiles m  
  , MonadServantErr err m  
  , hooks ~ FormPageHooks m p {- get post -} uimsg  
  , handler ~ FormHandler p {- get post -}  
  )  
  => hooks -> ServerT handler m  
formPageH hooks = getH :<|> postH
```

Forms (6)

```
type FormHandler p =
    Get '[HTML] p
:<|> FormReqBody :> Post '[HTML] p
```

Forms (7)

```
type AulaMain =
    ...
    :<|> "note" :> Capture "noteid" ID :> "settings"
        :> FormHandler DiscussPage
    ...
    ...

aulaMain :: ActionM m => ServerT AulaMain m
aulaMain =
    ...
    :<|> (\i -> formPageH (userSettingsHooks i))
    ...
```

persistence (1)

Many options:

- ▶ postgresql-simple:
 - ▶ do it like everybody else
 - ▶ sql commands are strings
 - ▶ query results are relations with very simple types
- ▶ acid-state:
 - ▶ store all application data in an MVar
 - ▶ queries are calls to `readMVar`
 - ▶ update commands must be serializable (changelog + snapshots)
 - ▶ reputation for stability and scalability issues (but that's compared to postgresql!)
- ▶ ... (lots!)

persistence (2)

we picked acid-state.

persistence (3)

```
type AMap a = Map (IdOf a) a

type Ideas = AMap Idea
type Users = AMap User
...

data AulaData = AulaData
    { _dbSpaceSet           :: Set IdeaSpace
    , _dbIdeaMap            :: Ideas
    , _dbUserMap             :: Users
    , _dbTopicMap            :: Topics
    ...
}
```

persistence (4)

```
type Query a = forall m. MonadReader AulaData m => m a

findInById :: Getter AulaData (AMap a) -> IdOf a
          -> Query (Maybe a)
findInById l i = view (l . at i)

findUser :: AUID User
          -> Query (Maybe User)
findUser = findInById dbUserMap

handler = do
  ...
  user <- maybe404 =:<< query (findUser uid)
  ...
```

persistence (5)

handling hierarchies of data is different.

-- can't do this:

```
data Store      = Store ( Map ID User
                           , Map ID Doc
                           )
```

```
data User = User { myDocs :: [Document], ... }
data Doc  = Doc  { creator :: User,           ... }
```

persistence (6)

where do you break up your reference graph into a tree?

- ▶ make everything that is separately addressable?
 - ▶ makes construction of page types more work.
- ▶ keep discussion threads nested in the discussed ideas?
 - ▶ then addressing comments gets harder

questions? opinions?

further reading:

project blog	http://aula-blog.website/
code	https://github.com/liqd/aula/

(The production systems are only accessible from inside the participating schools.)

general-purpose libraries (will be released later this year):

https://github.com/zerobuzz/thentos-prelude
https://github.com/zerobuzz/thentos-cookie-session
https://github.com/zerobuzz/thentos-html-forms
