

# I Used Drupal Core to Build a Mind Reading Machine

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# Learning Objectives

- Drupal as an application platform
- Maybe there isn't a module for that
- De-magicize some parts of D8 core API



# The Algorithm

- Who really wins March Madness?
- What's the best way to boost jam sales?
- How much do you love me?
- What don't I know?

## **pairLab demo:**

Which issue is more important to you  
in the 2020 Presidential Election?

<http://bit.ly/njdrupalcamp>

// OMG this is crappy

– Me



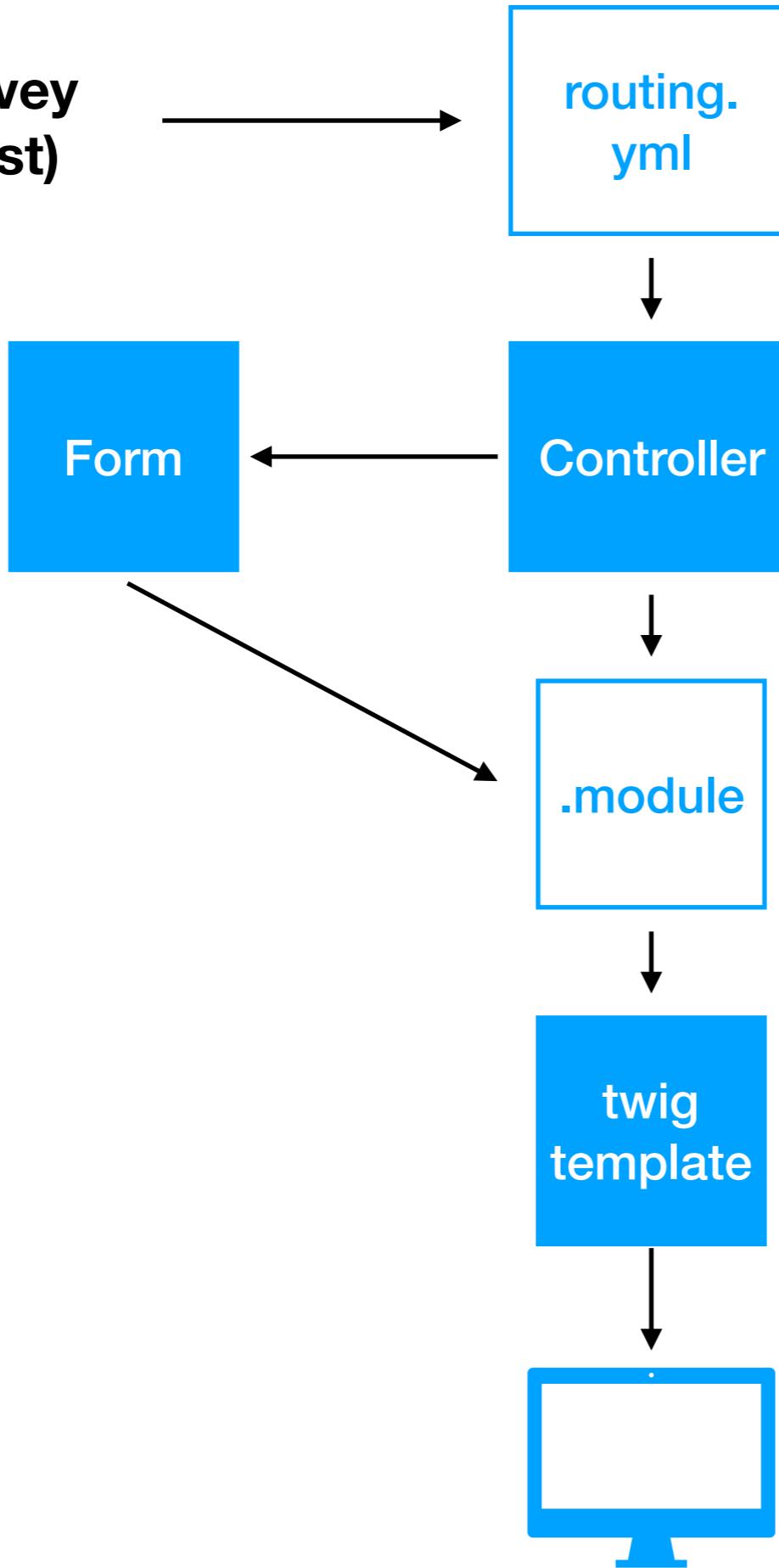
StackExchange

# What is an API?

- Authentication API
- Block API
- Cache API
- CKEditor API
- Configuration API
- Database API
- Entity API
- Entity Validation API
- Filter API
- Form API
- JavaScript API
- Layout API
- Logging API
- Menu API
- Middleware API
- Migrate API
- Plugin API
- Quick Edit API
- RESTful Web Services API
- Render API
- Responses in Drupal 8
- Routing system
- Runtime Assertions
- Serialization API
- Services
- State API
- Text Editor API
- Tour API
- Translation API
- Typed Data API
- Update API

- **Entity API**
- **Render API**
- **Form API**
- **Services**

**Start the survey  
(page request)**



# Controller Code Pattern

- Get what we need to build the page → *Entity API & Services*
- Prep for output → *Render API*
- Send it off

# Survey Start page delivers content

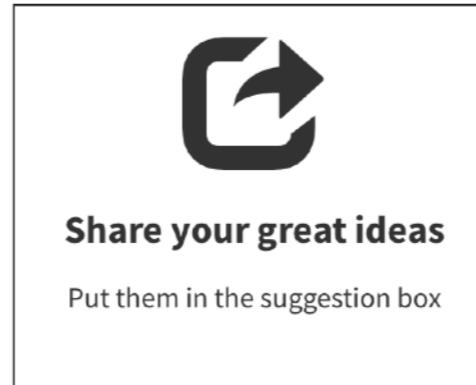
Let's Start!

Which issue is more important to you in the 2020 Presidential Election?

Survey node:  
field\_survey\_question

Hello and thank you for participating in this survey about finding the most important political issues in the upcoming Presidential election.

Survey node:  
field\_survey\_hello\_message



Begin the Survey

URL from the route name  
and query string parameters



Template: survey-start.html.twig

```
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  public function content() {
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    // Get the query string values
    $request = \Drupal::request()->query->get('suid');
    $suid = (isset($request)) ? $request : '';
    $request = \Drupal::request()->query->get('embed');
    $embed = (isset($request) && $request == 'true') ? 'true' : 'false';

    // Create a unique participant token
    $participant_token = \Drupal::service('uuid')->generate();
```

```
// Get the Survey's node ID
$node_storage = $this->entityTypeManager()->getStorage('node');
$node_storage_ids = $node_storage->getQuery()
  ->condition('status', 1)
  ->condition('type', 'survey')
  ->condition('uuid', $suid)
  ->execute();

$survey_nid = reset($entity_ids);

// Load the Survey node
$node = $node_storage->load($survey_nid);

// Get the survey metadata we need to pass to the page
$survey_question = $node->get('field_survey_question')->value;
$node_hello_message = $node->get('field_survey_hello_message')->value;
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$node_hello_message = $node->get('field_survey_hello_message')->value;

// Build the URL for the button
$url = Url::fromRoute('pairlab.segmentqs', [
  'suid' => $suid,
  'ptoken' => $participant_token,
]);
```

```
// Build render array
$build['#theme'] = 'survey_start';

$build['survey_question'] = [
  '#type' => 'markup',
  '#markup' => $survey_question,
];

$build['hello_message'] = [
  '#type' => 'markup',
  '#markup' => $node_hello_message,
];

$build['begin_survey'] = [
  '#type' => 'link',
  '#title' => 'Begin the Survey',
  '#url' => $url,
  '#attributes' => [
    'class' => ['btn btn-primary']
  ]
];
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  ]
];

return $build;
```

```
<div id="survey-start-wrapper">
  <h2>{{ element.survey_question }}</h2>
  <div>{{ element.hello_message }}</div>
  <div class="flex-container">
    |  <!-- some other html tags -->
  </div>
  <div class="start-button">{{ element.begin_survey }}</div>
</div>
```

## Challenge Page collects data

Which issue is more important to you in the 2020 Presidential Election? 

Gun rights/Second Amendment

Foreign affairs

I Don't Know / They're the Same

Suggest an idea instead ...

I'm Done Voting



Render as a form

Survey node:  
field\_survey\_question

Count ideas to calculate  
progress bar fill-in

Choose two ideas  
randomly & score  
the winner

Form elements for  
submitting data

URL from the route name  
and query string parameters

Capture submit values  
in hidden fields

Submit/process data

```
// Get the query string values
$uid = // Same approach as before
$ptoken = //
$embed = //

// Load the survey node
$node_storage = // Same approach as before using Entity API

// Ready the question
$question = // Grab field_survey_question value via Entity API

// Get the challenging ideas pair
$challengers = // Use Entity API to pick two random Idea nodes.
| | | | | // Return node IDs.
```

```
// Build the progress bar
// Initialize the database connection
$connection = \Drupal::database();

// Get the participants for this segment
$participants = $connection->select('participant', 'p')
  ->fields('p', ['user_points'])
  ->condition('p.participant_token', $participant_token, '=')
  ->execute();

foreach ($participants as $participant) {
  $participant_response_count = $participant->user_points;
}

// Get the possible number of pairs
$node_storage = $this->entityTypeManager()->getStorage('node');
$entity_ids = $node_storage->getQuery()
  ->condition('type', 'idea')
  ->condition('field_idea_survey_nid', $survey_nid)
  ->condition('field_idea_status', 1)
  ->accessCheck(FALSE);
$entity_ids = $entity_ids->execute();
$idea_count = count($entity_ids);
```

```
$number_combinations = // PHP math to calculate the number of combination  
  
//Calculate progress  
$participant_progress =  
| round(($participant_response_count / $number_combinations) * 100);
```

```
if ($participant_progress < 101) {
    // Get the form
    $form = $this->formBuilder()->getForm(
        '\Drupal\pairlab\Form\SurveyChallengeForm',
        $challengers,
        $question,
        $survey_nid,
        $suid,
        $ptoken,
        $embed,
        $participant_progress
    );

    $form['#theme'] = 'survey_challenge';

    return $form;
} else {
    return $this->redirect('pairlab.end_survey', array(), ['query' => [
        'suid' => $suid,
        'ptoken' => $ptoken,
        'embed' => $embed,
    ]]);
}
```

```
public function buildForm(array $form, FormStateInterface $form_state,
$challengers = NULL, $question = NULL, $survey_nid = NULL, $suid = NULL,
$ptoken = NULL, $embed = NULL, $participant_progress = NULL) {

// Pass key/values to other callbacks
$form_state->setFormState(array(
    'survey_nid' => $survey_nid,
    'suid' => $suid,
    'participant_token' => $ptoken,
    'embed_flag' => $embed,
));

// Build the "I'm Done Voting" URL
$url = Url::fromRoute('pairlab.end_survey' , [
    'suid' => $suid,
    'ptoken' => $ptoken,
    'embed' => $embed
]);
```

```
// Prepare the challengers for use in the idea pair fields
$idea = array();

foreach($challengers as $nid => $label) {
    $idea[$nid] = $label;
}

$idea_first = reset($idea);
$idea_first_key = key($idea);
$idea_last = end($idea);
$idea_last_key = key($idea);
```

```
// Build the form
$form['question'] = [
  '#type' => 'item',
  '#markup' => $this->t($question),
  '#prefix' => '<h2>',
  '#suffix' => '</h2>',
];

// Why an inline template? I want to provide a style attribue, but Drupal
// strips it out of the attributes
// It won't strip style out of a twig template, even if it's inline
$form['progress_bar'] = [
  '#type' => 'inline_template',
  '#template' => '<div class="progress"><div class="progress-bar"
    role="progressbar" aria-valuenow="{{ progress_value }}" aria-valuemin="0"
    aria-valuemax="100" style="width: {{ progress_value }}%;">
    <span class="sr-only">{{ progress_value }}%</span></div></div>',
  '#context' => [
    'progress_value' => $participant_progress
  ],
];
```

```
$form['idea-pair-1'] = [
    '#type' => 'item',
    '#markup' => $this->t($idea_first),
    '#prefix' => '
        <div id="pair-score-wrapper" data-toggle="tooltip" data-placement="top"
            title="Choose the best of the two" value="1">
            <div id="pair-wrapper" class="btn-group pair-wrapper">
                <div id="idea-pair-1" class="btn btn-primary pair left" type="button"
                    value="' . $idea_first_key . '">',
    '#suffix' => '
        </div>',
];
;

$form['idea-pair-2'] = [
    '#type' => 'item',
    '#markup' => $this->t($idea_last),
    '#prefix' => '
        <div id="idea-pair-2" class="btn btn-primary pair right" type="button"
            value="' . $idea_last_key . '">',
    '#suffix' => '
        </div>
    </div>',
];
;
```

```
// Form is submitted by javascript when any of these are clicked
$form['idea-score-1'] = [
    '#type' => 'item',
    '#markup' => $this->t('A little'),
    '#prefix' => '
        <div id="idea-score-wrapper" class="btn-group idea-score-wrapper">
            <div id="idea-score-1" class="btn btn-info idea-score left"
                type="button" value="3">',
    '#suffix' => '
        </div>',
];
;

$form['idea-score-2'] = [
    '#type' => 'item',
    '#markup' => $this->t('Moderately'),
    '#prefix' => '
        <div id="idea-score-2" class="btn btn-info idea-score center"
            type="button" value="5">',
    '#suffix' => '
        </div>',
];
;
```

```
$form['idea-score-3'] = [
    '#type' => 'item',
    '#markup' => $this->t('Very'),
    '#prefix' => '
        <div id="idea-score-3" class="btn btn-info idea-score right"
            type="button" value="7">',
    '#suffix' => '
        </div>
    </div>',
];

```

```
$form['skip'] = [
    '#type' => 'item',
    '#markup' => $this->t('I Don\'t Know / They\'re the Same'),
    '#prefix' => '
        <div id="skip-wrapper">
            <div id="skip" class="btn btn-default fade-in" type="button"
                data-toggle="tooltip" data-placement="left"
                title="Skip if you're not sure" value="1">',
    '#suffix' => '
        </div>
        </div>
    </div>',
];

```

```
$form['suggestion'] = [
    '#type' => 'textfield',
    '#title' => '',
    '#description' => $this->t(''),
    '#id' => 'suggestion',
    '#placeholder' => $this->t('Suggest an idea instead ...'),
    '#attributes' => array(
        'data-toggle' => array('tooltip'),
        'data-placement' => array('bottom'),
        'title' => array('Add your great idea here'),
        'class' => array('fade-in'),
    )
];

```

```
$form['submit'] = [
    '#type' => 'submit',
    '#value' => $this->t('Submit Your Suggestion'),
];

$form['done'] = [
    '#type' => 'link',
    '#title' => $this->t('I\'m Done Voting'),
    '#url' => $url,
    '#attributes' => [
        'class' => ['btn btn-default fade-in'],
        'role' => 'button',
        'data-toggle' => 'tooltip',
        'data-placement' => 'left',
        'title' => 'End the survey anytime'
    ]
];
```

```
// Hidden fields, used to store values for submit.  
// Why? The random idea generator regenerated two new ideas on form rebuild.  
// It rebuilds the form before we can grab the chosen values and screws up  
// the results. To compensate, we're using jQuery, which operates  
// independantly of form rebuild to grab and store the values.  
  
// Stores idea 1.  
$form['idea-1'] = [  
  '#type' => 'textfield',  
];  
  
// Stores idea 2.  
$form['idea-2'] = [  
  '#type' => 'textfield',  
];  
  
// Stores the choice winner.  
$form['winner'] = [  
  '#type' => 'textfield',  
];  
  
// Stores the idea score.  
$form['idea-score'] = [  
  '#type' => 'textfield',  
];
```

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```
// S // Idea Score buttons  
$for // If an idea score button is clicked:  
 '# // - set the hidden idea score field with the right value  
]; // - submit the form  
 $('.kd-crawford-survey-challenge-form .idea-score').click(function() {  
 var buttonValue = $(this).attr("value");  
 $('#edit-idea-score').val(buttonValue);  
 $('.kd-crawford-survey-challenge-form #idea-score-wrapper').  
 addClass('slide-out-to-left');  
 $(this).parents('form').submit();  
});
```

```
// Stores the choice winner.
```

```
$form['winner'] = [  
 '#type' => 'textfield',  
];
```

```
// Stores the idea score.
```

```
$form['idea-score'] = [  
 '#type' => 'textfield',  
];
```

```
// Honeypot.  
$form['pooh-bear'] = [  
  '#type' => 'checkbox',  
  '#title' => 'Contact me by carrier pigeon only',  
  '#default_value' => 0,  
];  
  
// Kill the cache for this form or else it will hang on to the first  
// pair it picks  
$form['#cache'] = ['max-age' => 0];  
  
return $form;
```

```
public function submitForm(array &$form, FormStateInterface $form_state) {  
  
    // Set variables based on $form_state  
    $idea_1 = $form_state->getValue('idea-1');  
    $idea_2 = $form_state->getValue('idea-2');  
    $winner = $form_state->getValue('winner');  
    $idea_score = $form_state->getValue('idea-score');  
    $suggestion = $form_state->getValue('suggestion');  
    $survey_nid = $form_state->get('survey_nid');  
    $ptoken = $form_state->get('participant_token');  
    $suid = $form_state->get('suid');  
    $embed = $form_state->get('embed_flag');
```

```
// Write results to the database
$connection = \Drupal::database();

if (empty($suggestion) && $winner) {
  // Save the vote response
  $vote = $connection->insert('responses')
->fields([
  'sid' => $survey_nid,
  'idea_1' => $idea_1,
  'idea_2' => $idea_2,
  'winner' => $winner,
  'idea_score' => $idea_score,
  'participant_token' => $ptoken,
  'created' => REQUEST_TIME,
])
->execute();
```

```
$node = Node::create([
    'type' => 'idea',
    'title' => $title . ' (' . $survey_nid . ')',
    'field_idea_suggestion' => 1,
    'field_idea_idea' => $suggestion,
    'field_idea_status' => 2,
    'field_idea_survey_nid' => $survey_nid,
    'uid' => $survey_uid,
    'status' => 1,
]);
$node->enforceIsNew();
$node->save();

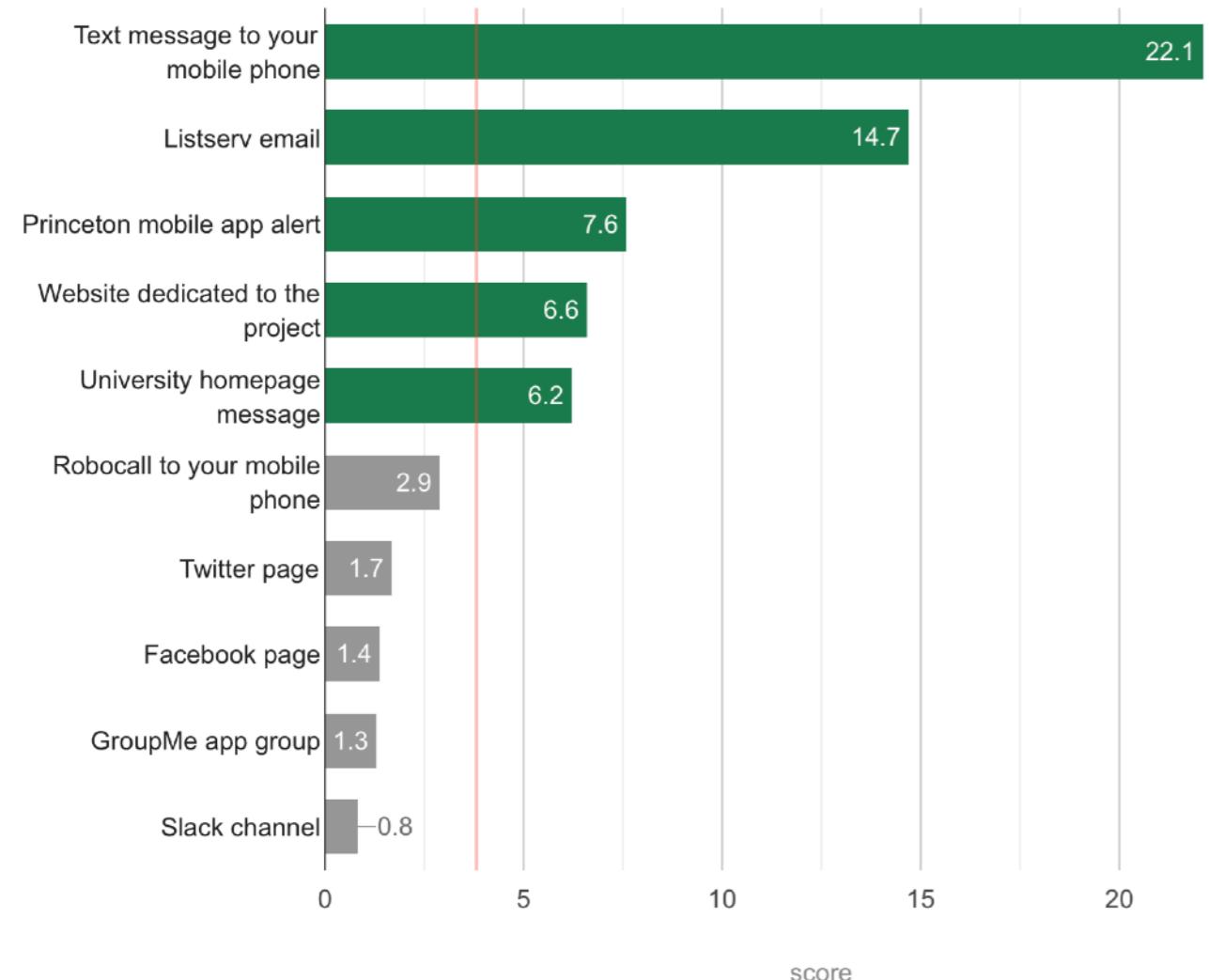
// Thank the user
Drupal::messenger()->addStatus(t(
    '<div class="suggestion-message">
        Thanks! We\'ll review your idea and it will appear soon.
        Keep the great ideas coming.</div>
'));
```

```
$form_state->setRedirect('pairlab.challenge', array(), ['query' => [
  'suid' => $suid,
  'ptoken' => $ptoken,
  'embed' => $embed,
]);
return;
```

# Results Ranking page shows results

Filter by

-- All segments --



Survey node:  
field\_survey\_segment\_x



Results array & mean score  
packaged into something  
Google Charts can read



Template: survey\_results\_ranking.html.twig

```
$results = // Function that returns an array of Idea nids and their score

// Get the mean of the results scores
$results_mean = // Function that returns the mean of the results scores

// Build the rows for Google Charts
$color_above_average = '#147D4C';
$color_below_average = '#999';
$chart_rows = '';

foreach ($results as $idea_nid => $score) {
  $idea_title = $this->entityTypeManager()->getStorage('node')->load($idea_nid)
    ->get('field_idea_idea')->value;
  $color = ($score >= $results_mean) ? $color_above_average :
    $color_below_average;

  $chart_rows = $chart_rows . '[' . $idea_title . '", ' . round($score,1) .
    ', "' . $color . '", "' . round($score,1) . '"], ';

  /* Example:
   * [
   *   ['My First Idea', 20, '#147D4C', '20'],
   *   ['My Second Idea', 16, '#147D4C', '16'],
   *   ['My Third Idea', 10, '#999', '10'],
   *   ['My Fourth Idea', 8, '#999', '8'],
   * ]
  */
}

} 
```

```
// Build render array
$build['#theme'] = 'survey_results_ranking';

$build['segment_filter'] = [
  '#type' => 'select',
  '#title' => 'Filter by',
  '#options' => $segments,
  '#id' => 'segment-filter',
];

$build['chart_mean'] = [
  '#type' => 'markup',
  '#markup' => $results_mean,
];

$build['chart_rows'] = [
  '#type' => 'markup',
  '#markup' => $chart_rows,
];

return $build;
```

```
<script>

google.charts.load('current', {packages: ['corechart', 'bar']});
google.charts.setOnLoadCallback(draw_chart);

function draw_chart() {

    // Initialize data
    var data = new google.visualization.DataTable();
    var chartwidth = document.getElementById('ranking-chart').offsetWidth;

    // Create columns
    data.addColumn('string', 'Idea');
    data.addColumn('number', 'Pair score');
    data.addColumn({type: 'string', role: 'style'});
    data.addColumn({type: 'string', role: 'annotation'});

    // Add data
    data.addRows([{{ element.chart_rows| raw }}]);

    var options = // set options for display
```

```
var chart = new google.visualization.BarChart(  
  document.getElementById('ranking-chart')  
);  
  
chart.draw(data, options);  
  
// Function that draws the mean line  
drawAxisLine(chart, {{ element.chart_mean|raw }}, 'vertical', '#ff0000');  
  
}  
  
</script>  
  
<div id="survey-results-wrapper">  
  <div id="ranking-segment-filter">{{ element.segment_filter }}</div>  
  <div id="ranking-chart"></div>  
</div>
```

# Results

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