## Physicist in IT: Physics in Advent

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# Jobsta

## **Outline**

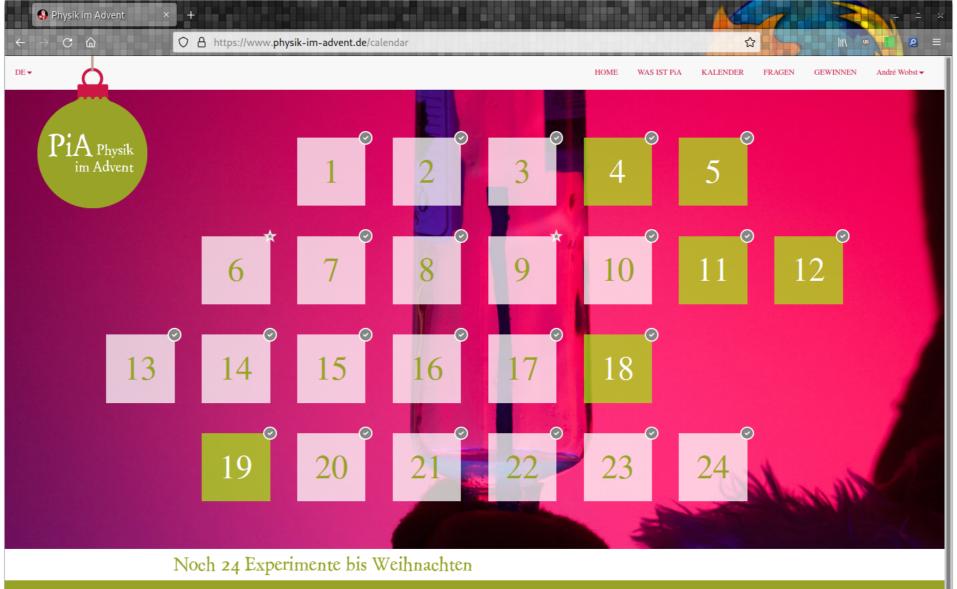
- About the project, infrastructure etc.
- Look behind the scene
- Lessons learned

## **About Physics in Advent**

- Online advent calendar for pupils, teachers, others
- Individual prizes as well as class and school prizes
- Questions at 5am, closing at 11pm, answers at 8am next day
- Initiator and coordinator: Prof. Dr. Arnulf Quadt (Göttingen)
- Started in 2013 (using some adopted PHP software)
- got involved in fall 2014 (ssl cert, archive, monitoring ...)
- Redesign + rebuilt from ground up in 2016
- Being project DevOp ever since







Wir nehmen am "Fast Forward Science" Wettbewerb teil



#### Physik im Advent

24 kleine einfache Experimente und physikalische Rätsel: ein Adventskalender der besonderen Art. Vom 1. bis zum 24. Dezember wird jeden Tag ein Experiment zum Nachmachen vorgestellt.



#### Tipp des Tages

Wenn es Fragen oder Unklarheiten zur aktuellen Aufgabe gibt, veröffentlichen wir hier Tipps und Hinweise. Es lohnt sich also, jeden Tag vor Abgabe Deiner Antwort nochmal den "Tipp des Tages" zu lesen.



#### Registrieren

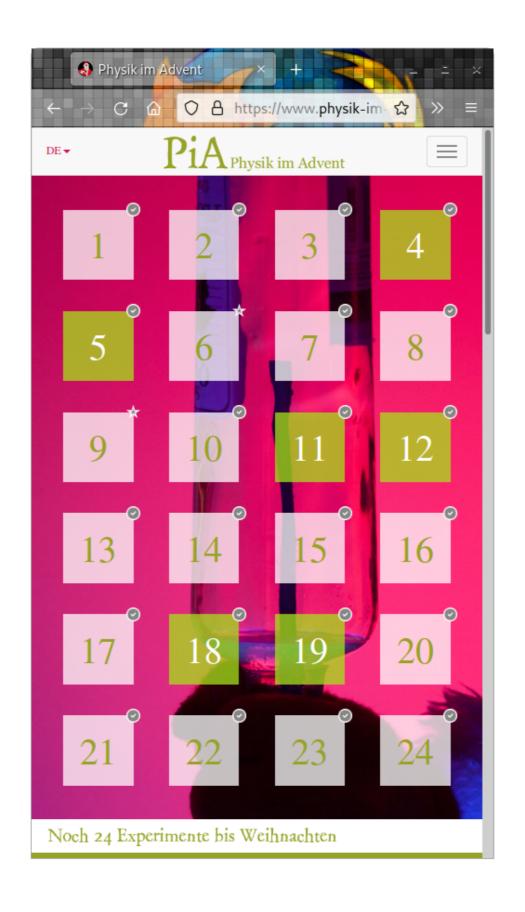
Für die Teilnahme an Physik im Advent musst Du dich jedes Jahr neu registrieren: Die Anmeldung für 2021 ist ab dem 1. November möglich.



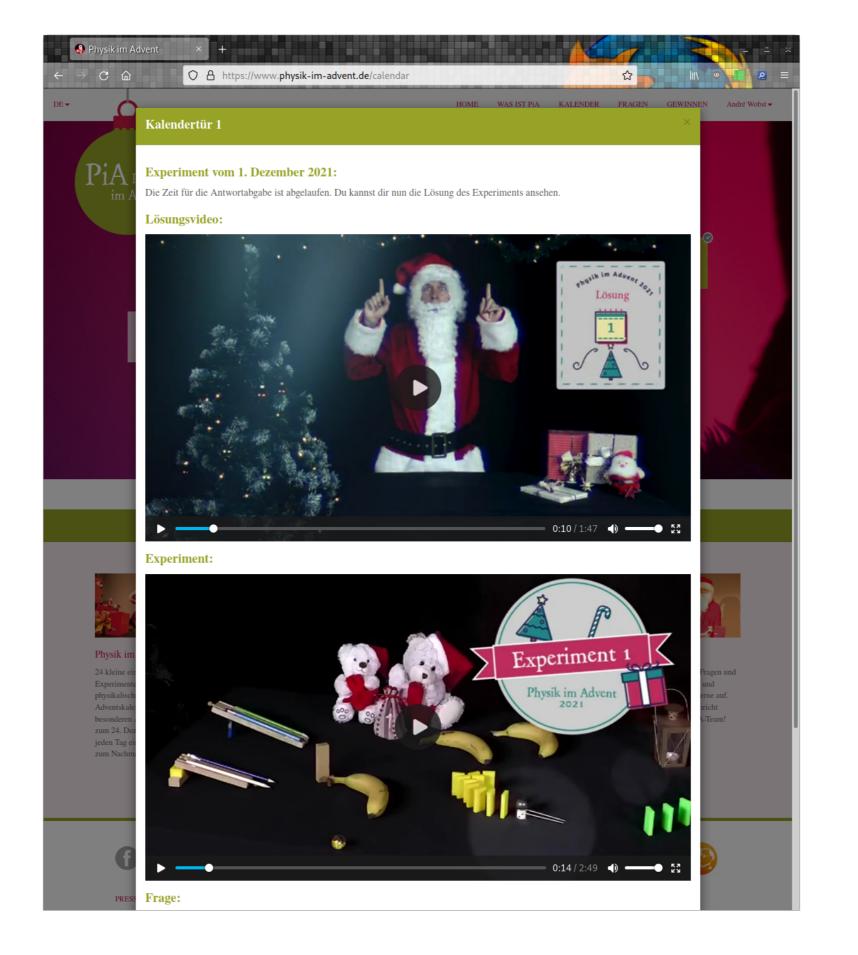
#### Kontakt

Wir beantworten Fragen und nehmen Wünsche und Verbesserungen gerne auf. Sende Deine Nachricht einfach an das PiA-Team!











## Infrastructure/Implementation

- Design by Aron Jungermann (also doing Flyers etc.)
- Responsive HTML using Twitter bootstrap
- Linux VM (Debian) at GWDG Göttingen
- Python (Flask) behind nginx and uwsgi
- Two instances (green/blue deployment with zero downtime)
- Postgres (with SQLAlchemy and Alembic)
- Video hosting at youtube (local hosting by mp4 videos for China)
- LaTeX (attendee certificates, class codes, prize letters)
- exim4 (without smarthost)
- git+gitlab (DPG), zabbix (wobsta), matomo (PiA), otrs+mailman (GWDG)





## Cycle throughout the year

- (Summer: Video production)
- October: Archive of the existing instance (httrack)
- October: System and software updates
- October: New instance (new database, updated content and config)
- November: Registration
- December: Calendar
- Januar: Dice winners and send prizes
- February: Remove personal data, dump to excel



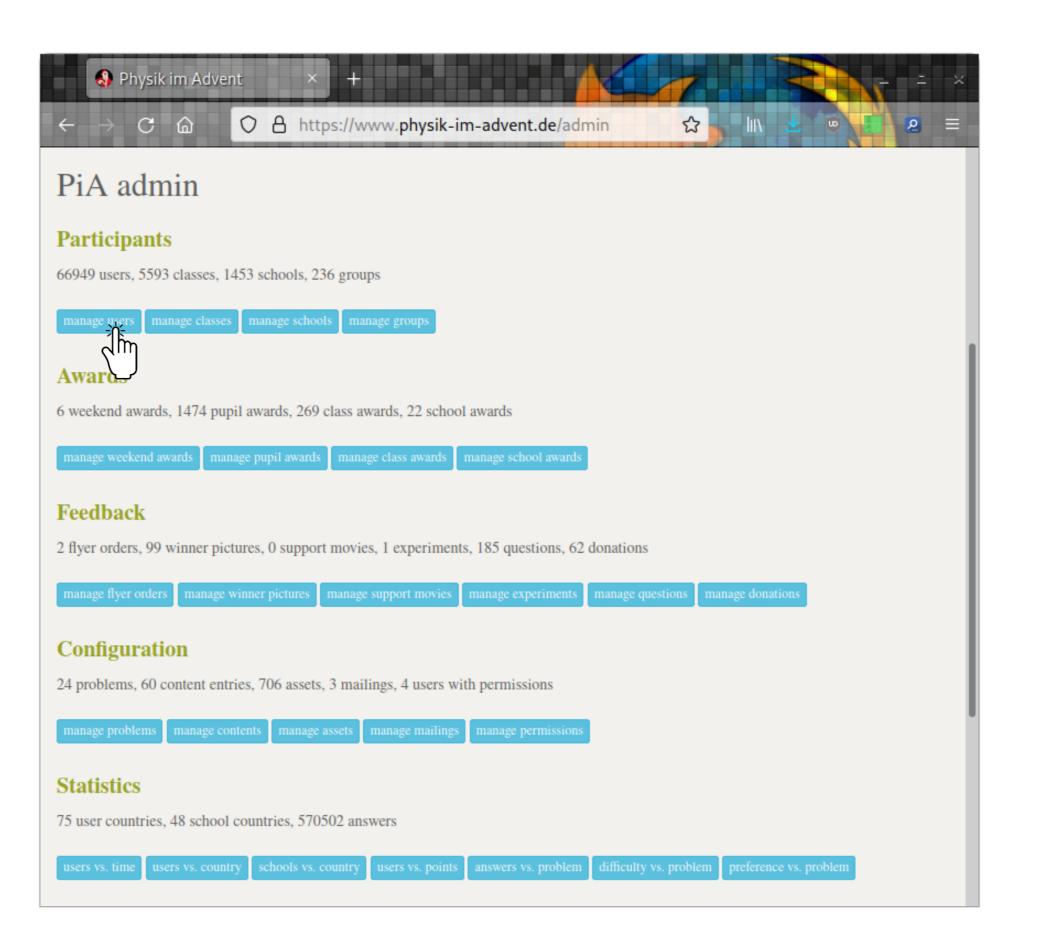


## Behind the scene

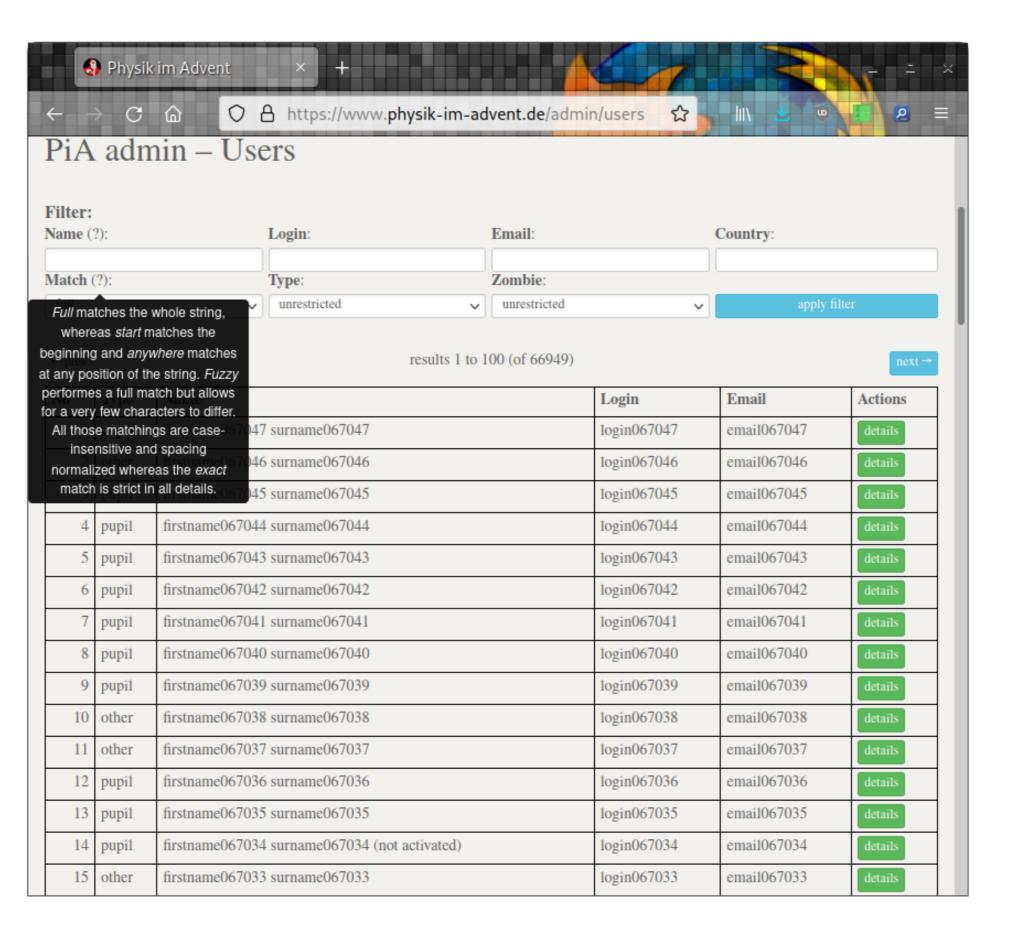
- Public website just the tip of the iceberg
- Everything is english (incl. country names etc.)
- Every time/date is UTC
- No limit on user input (bad idea and revoked already, see conclusions)
- Let's have a look ...

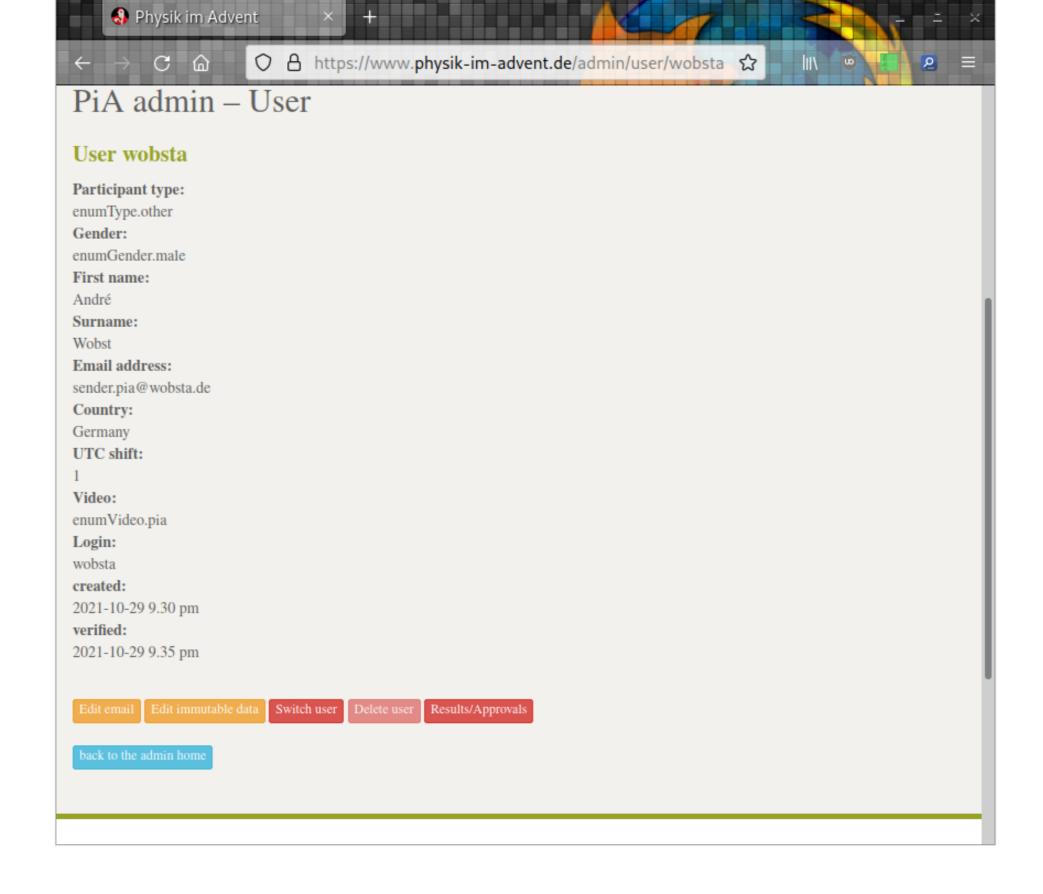








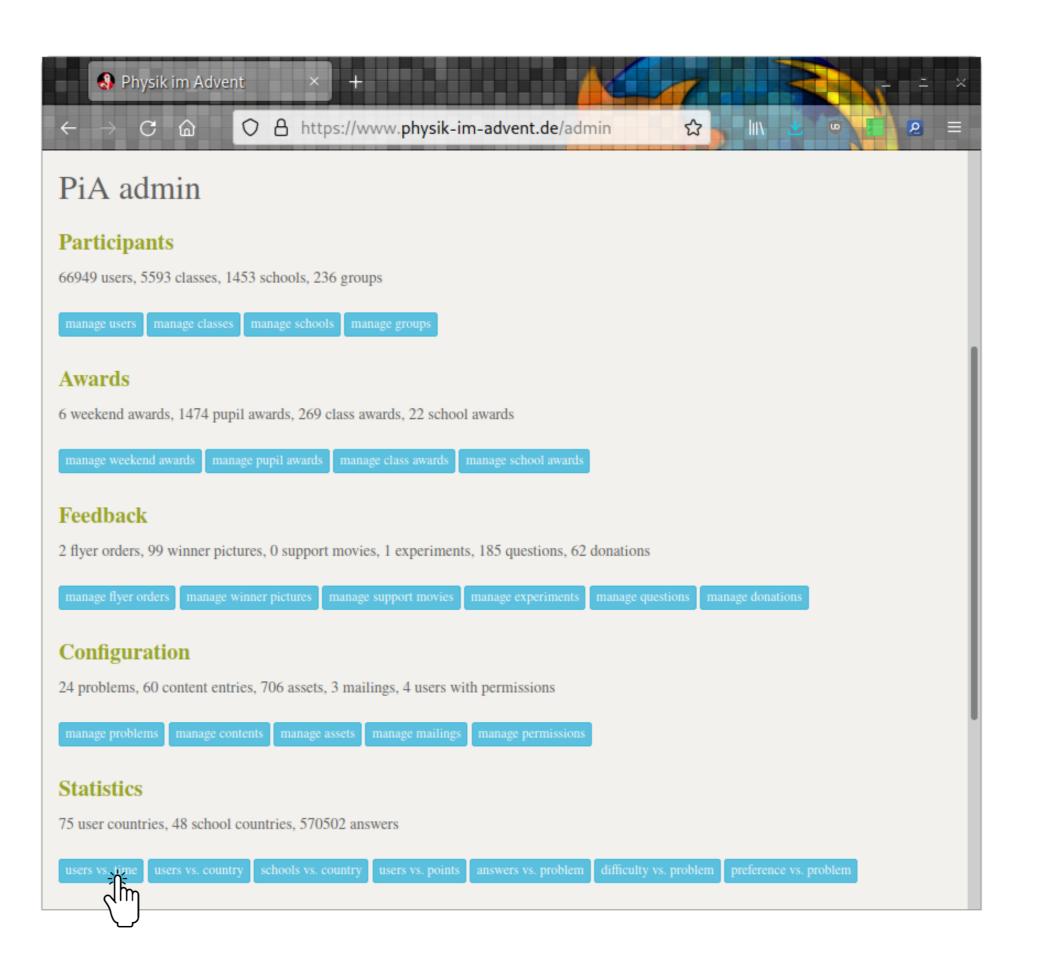


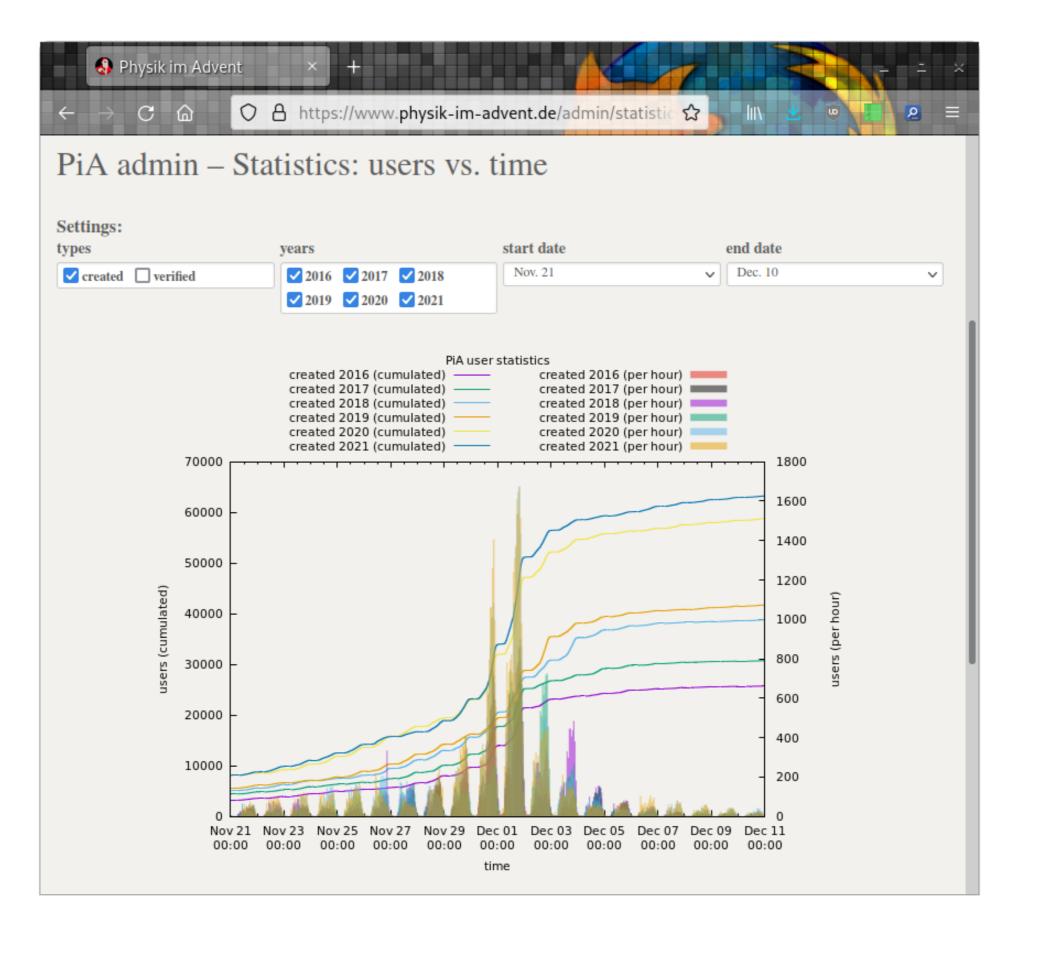














- in real time (using solely the automatic filled column created)
- total users:

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SELECT to_char(created, 'DD.MM. HH24:MI:SS'), count(*) OVER (ORDER BY created)
FROM "user" ORDER BY created;
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users per hour:

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SELECT to_char(date_trunc('hour', created) + INTERVAL '30 minutes', 'DD.MM. HH24:MI:SS'), count(*)
FROM "user" GROUP BY date_trunc('hour', created) ORDER BY date_trunc('hour', created);
```

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01.12. 12:30:00|728

01.12. 13:30:00|1239

01.12. 14:30:00|1312

01.12. 15:30:00|1375

01.12. 16:30:00|1609

01.12. 17:30:00|1537

01.12. 18:30:00|1670

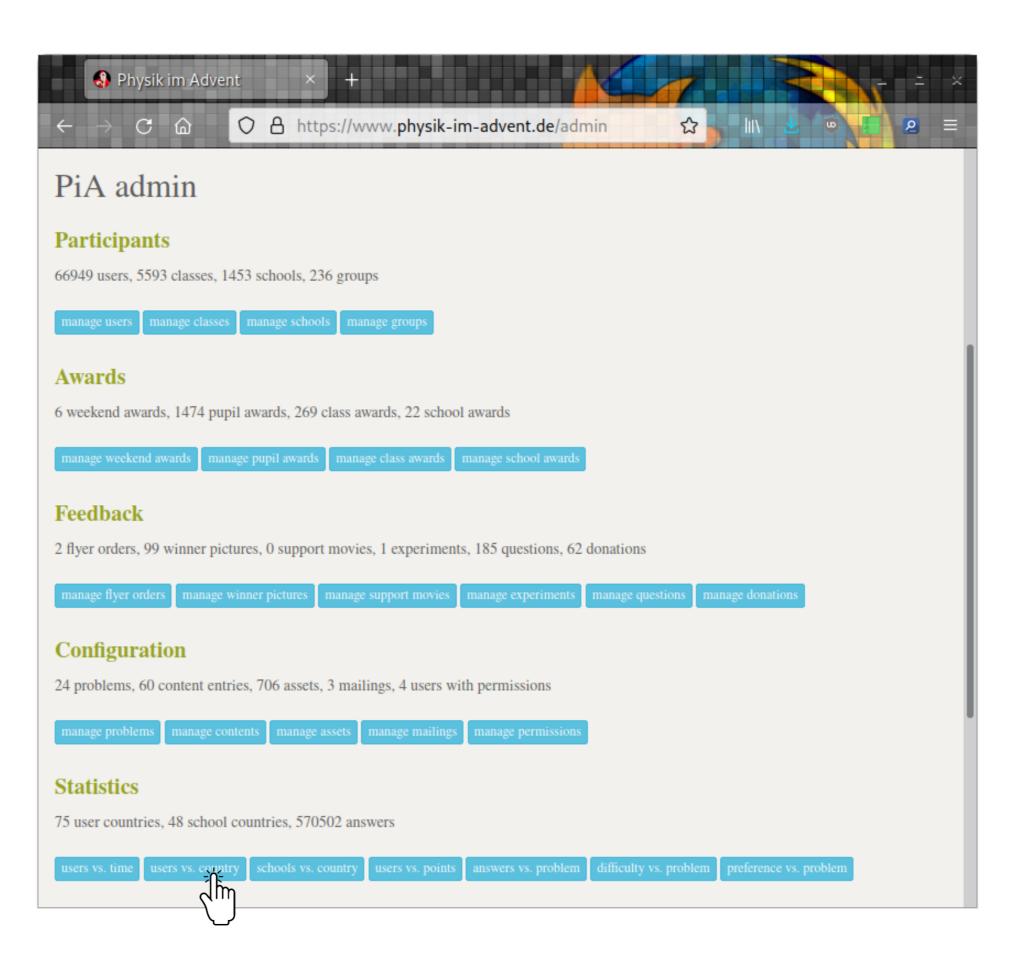
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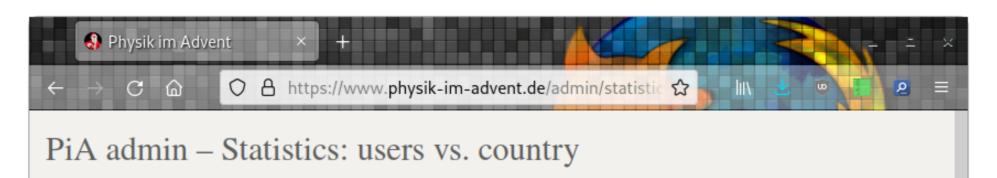
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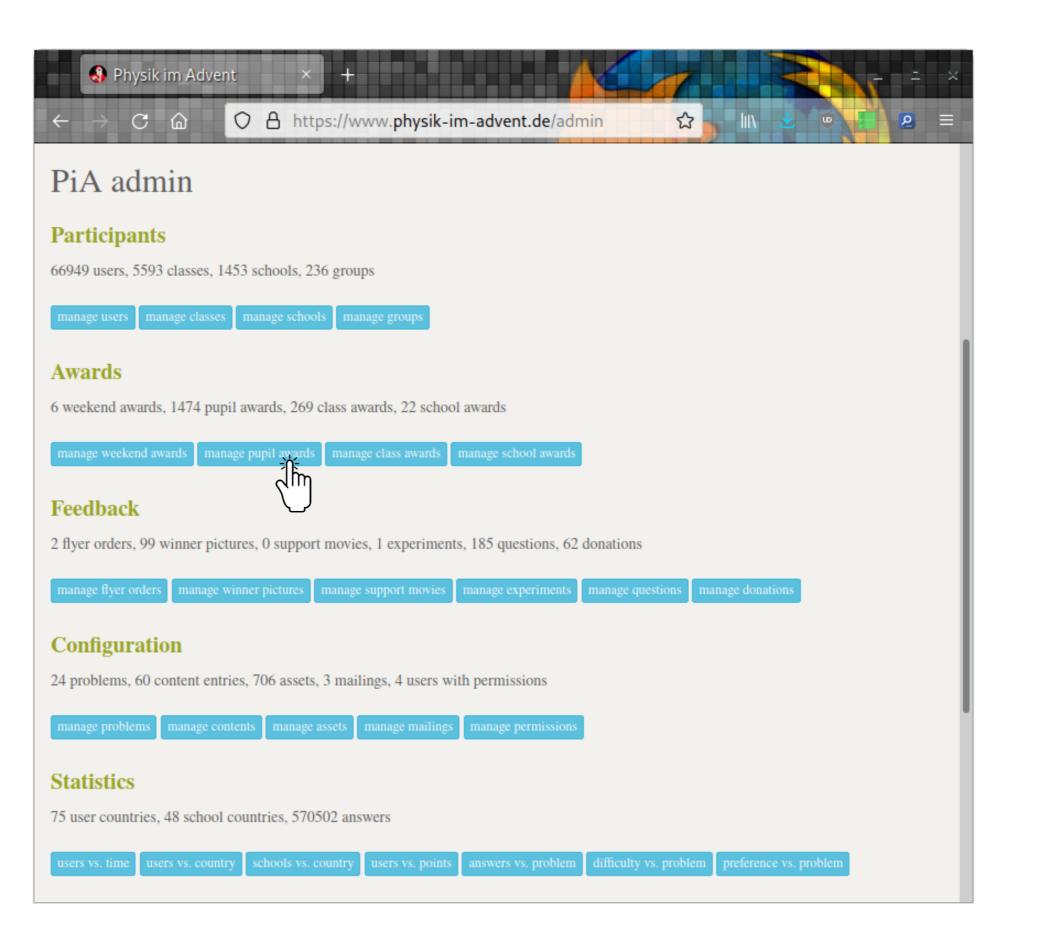




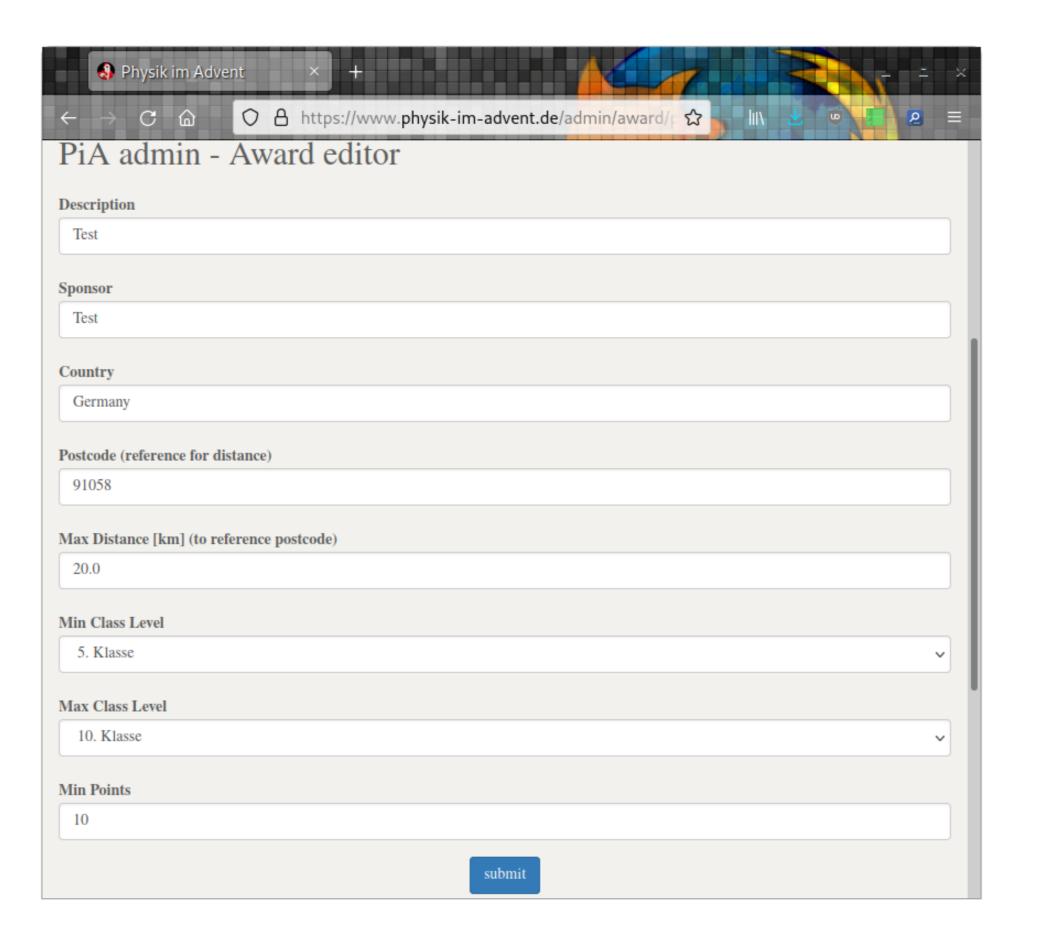


Country	Number of users	Action	
Germany	57941	view fix	
Austria	4317	view fix	
Switzerland	1223	view fix	
Czech Republic	588	view fix	
United Kingdom	423	view fix	
Montenegro	286	view fix	
Romania	231	view fix	
USA	186	view fix	
Slovakia	158	view fix	
Italy	146	view fix	
Turkey	143	view fix	
Spain	141	view fix	
France	122	view fix	
China	121	view fix	
Portugal	112	view fix	
Netherlands	86	view fix	
North Macedonia	76	view fix	
Slovenia	70	view fix	
Luxembourg	65	view fix	
Ireland	55	view fix	
Croatia	52	view fix	











Noch 24 Experimente bis Weihnachten

#### PiA admin - Award dice

#### Query:

SELECT "user".id FROM "user" WHERE "user".type = 'pupil' AND "user".street != " AND "user".postcode != " AND "user".city != " AND "user".class\_level >= 'y5' AND "user".class\_level <= 'y10' AND "user".points >= 10 AND "user".id NOT IN (SELECT award\_pupil.winner\_id AS award\_pupil\_winner\_id FROM award\_pupil WHERE award\_pupil.winner\_id IS NOT NULL) AND "user".country = 'Germany' AND "user".postcode IN ('90402', '90403', '90408', '90409', '90411', '90419', '90425', '90427', '90429', '90431', '90439', '90441', '90443', '90449', '90451', '90453', '90455', '90459', '90461', '90469', '90471', '90473', '90475', '90478', '90480', '90482', '90489', '90491', '90513', '90522', '90542', '90547', '90552', '90556', '90562', '90571', '90574', '90579', '90587', '90607', '90614', '90617', '90762', '90763', '90765', '90766', '90768', '91054', '91056', '91056', '91074', '91077', '91080', '91085', '91086', '91088', '91090', '91091', '91093', '91094', '91096', '91097', '91099', '91301', '91325', '91334', '91336', '91338', '91341', '91353', '91358', '91361', '91469', '91489') ORDER BY random() LIMIT 1

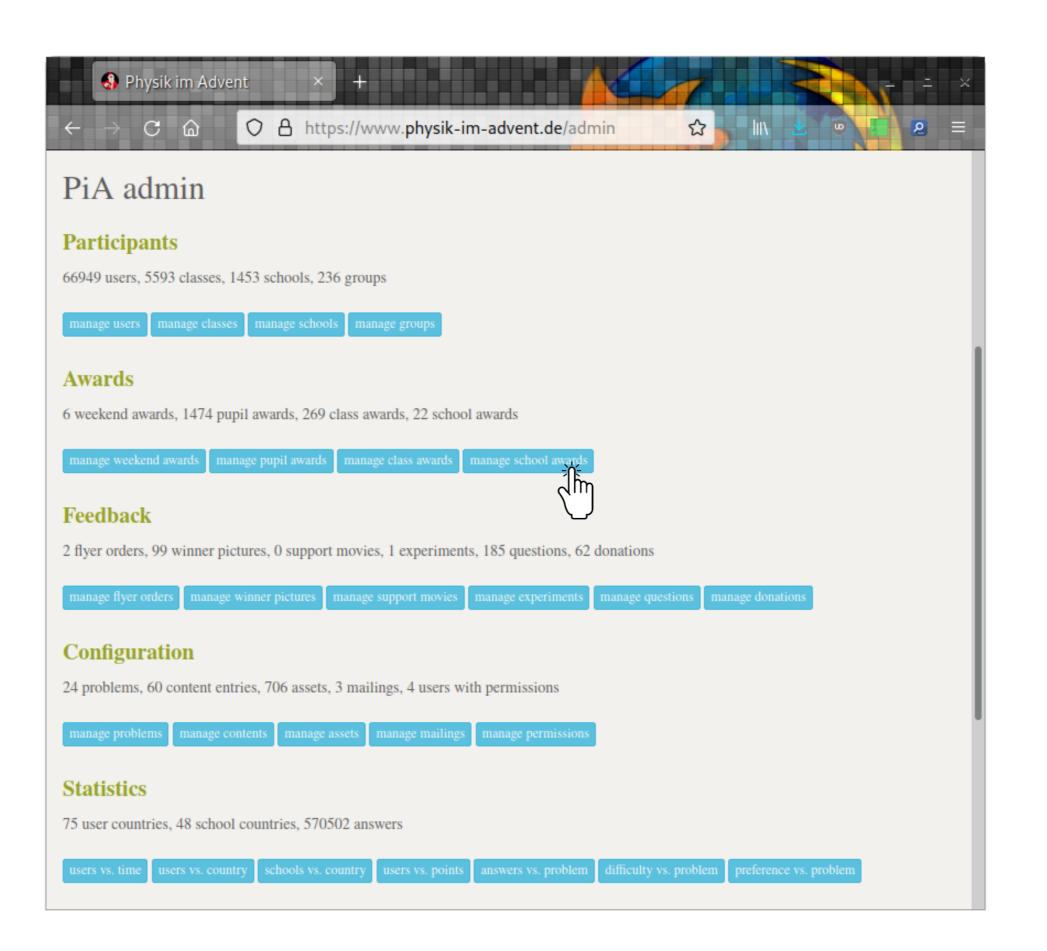
#### **Number of matching users:**

67

Dice?

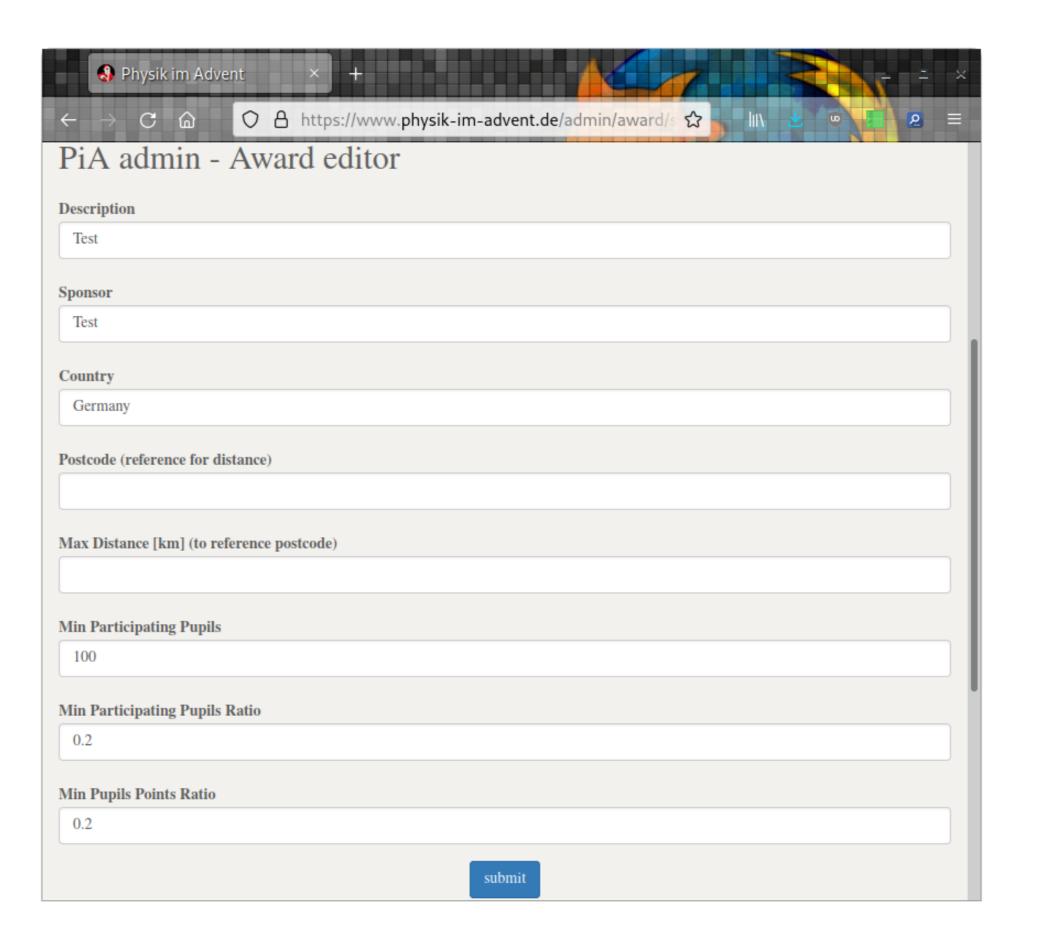














#### PiA admin - Award dice

#### Query:

SELECT school.id FROM "user", school JOIN class ON school.id = class.school\_id WHERE "user".class\_id = class.id AND "user".points > 2

AND school.id NOT IN (SELECT award\_school.winner\_id AS award\_school\_winner\_id FROM award\_school WHERE

award\_school.winner\_id IS NOT NULL) AND school.country = 'Germany' GROUP BY school.id HAVING count("user".id) >= 100 AND

(count("user".id) \* 1.0) / school.pupils >= 0.2 AND ((sum("user".points) \* 1.0) / count("user".id)) / 24 >= 0.2 ORDER BY random() LIMIT 1

#### **Number of matching schools:**

13

#### Best results (max. 100):

Name	Participating Pupils	Participating Pupils Ratio	Pupils Points Ratio	Sum Ratio	Action
Jagsttalgymnasium Möckmühl	103	0.343	0.830	1.173	view
Städtisches Gymnasium Riesa	135	0.241	0.872	1.113	view
Gymnasium der Benediktiner	159	0.289	0.805	1.094	view
Hocheifelschule	117	0.279	0.602	0.880	view
Schleusen-Gemeinschaftsschule	100	0.260	0.612	0.872	view
Bertolt-Brecht-Realschule	196	0.272	0.594	0.866	view
Staatliches Gymnasium "Johann Wolfgang von Goethe"	192	0.274	0.554	0.828	view
Wirsberg-Gymnasium	175	0.250	0.548	0.798	view
Johannes Kepler Gymnasium Chemnitz	110	0.220	0.555	0.775	view
Heinrich-Hertz-Gymnasium	131	0.247	0.519	0.766	view
Albrecht-Ernst-Gymnasium	176	0.202	0.539	0.741	view
Saarnfalz-Gymnasium	181	0.266	0.471	0.737	view



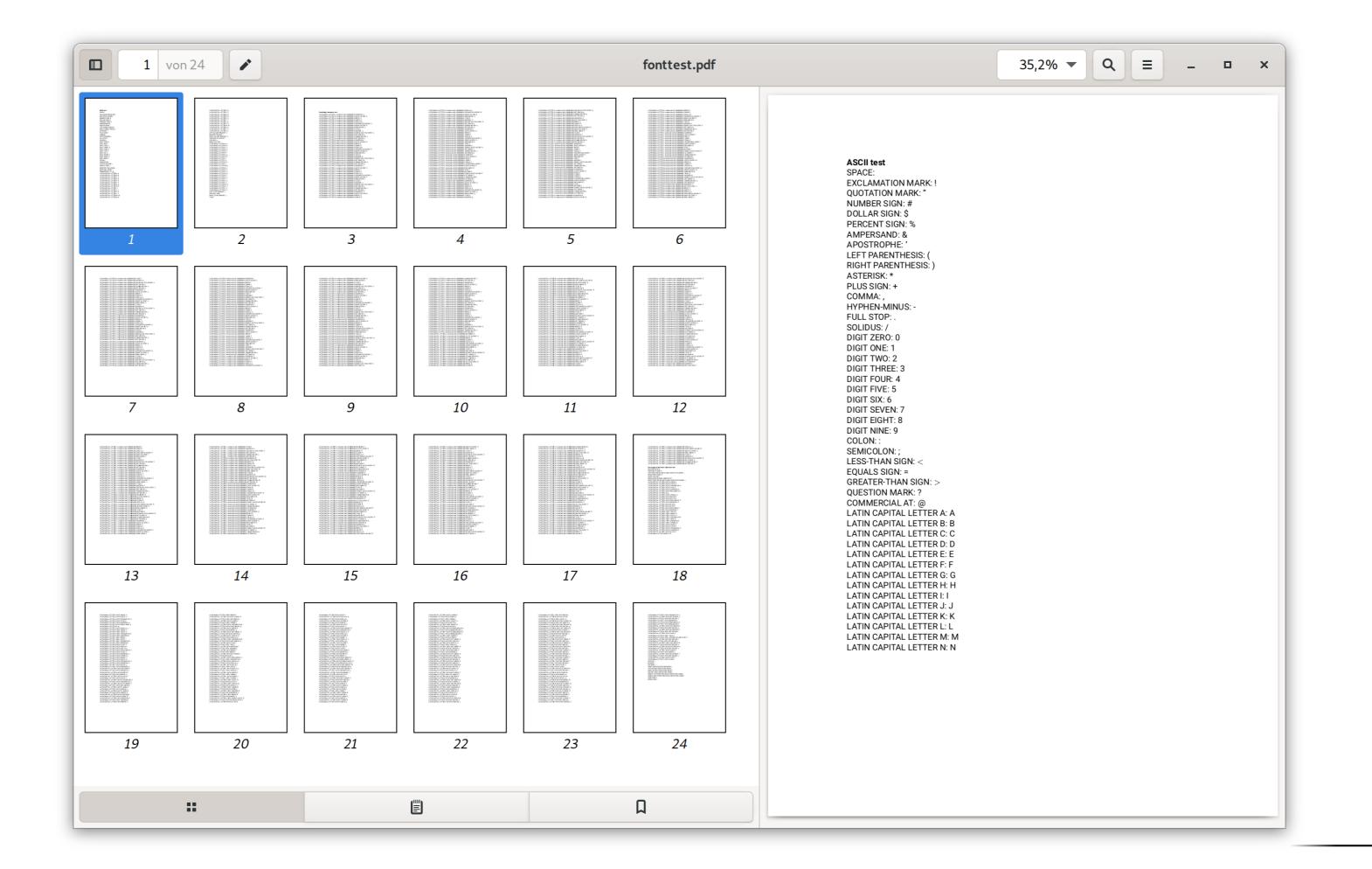
## Text output using LaTeX

- Attendee certificates, class codes, prize letters, font test
- Escape all LaTeX control characters
- Output all acceptable characters
- Output a question mark for everything else (and log and review it)
- Example LaTeX input:

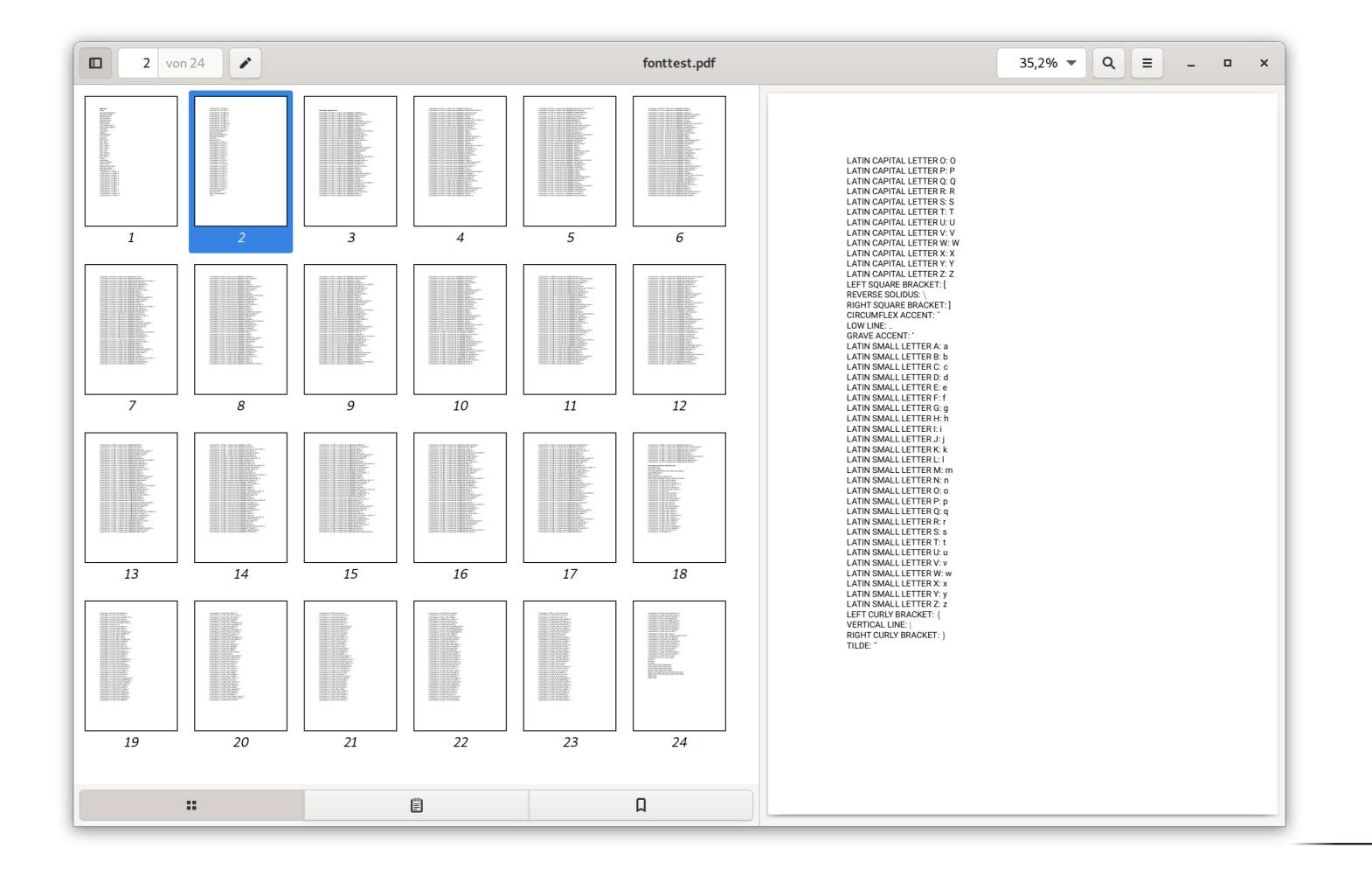
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\begin{document}
\begin{piaCertificate}
\piaYear{2021}
\piaType{enumType.person}
\piaGender{enumGender.male}
\piaFirstName{Andr\'{e}}
\piaSurname{Wobst}
\piaPoints{24}
\end{piaCertificate}
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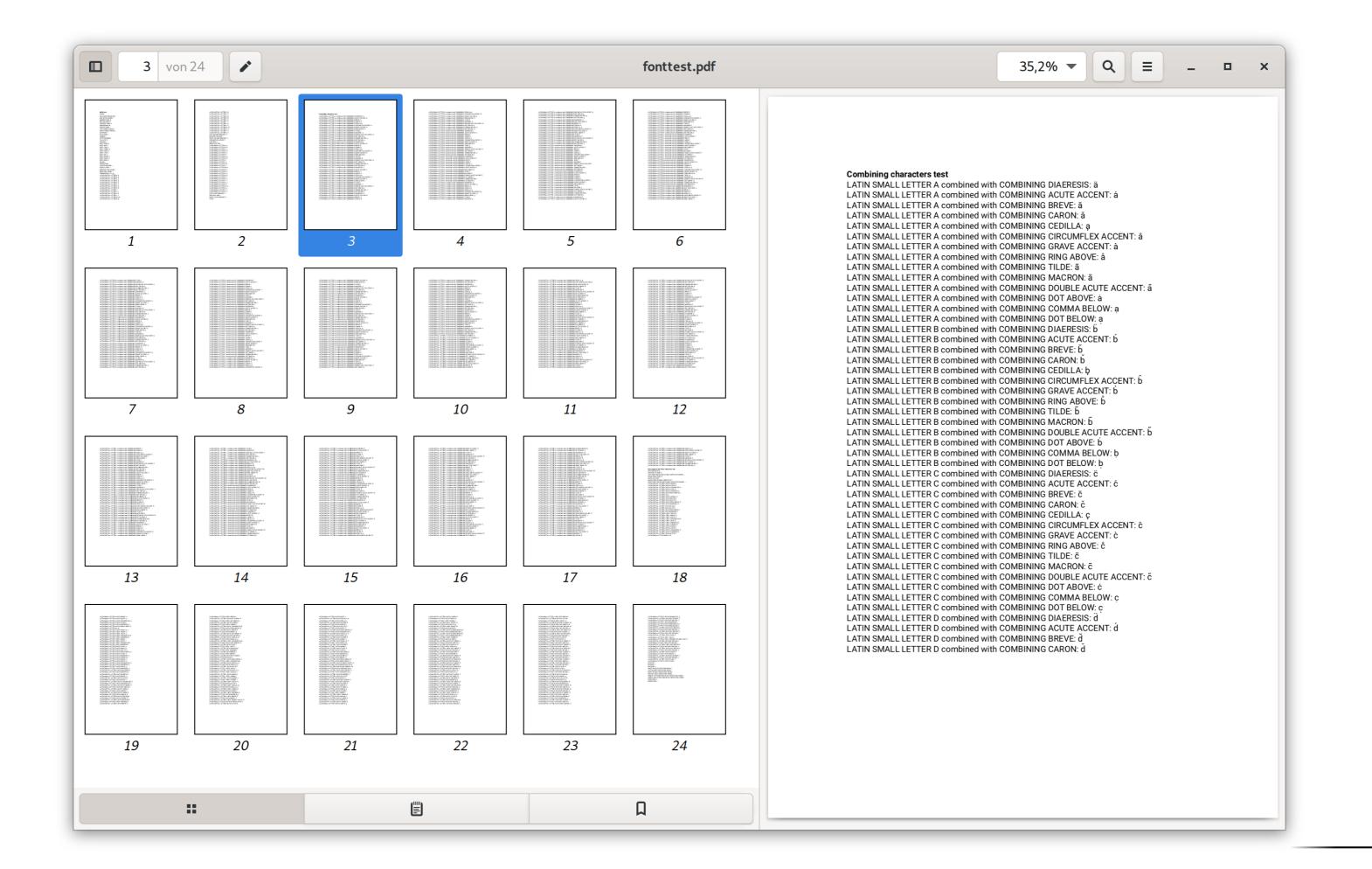




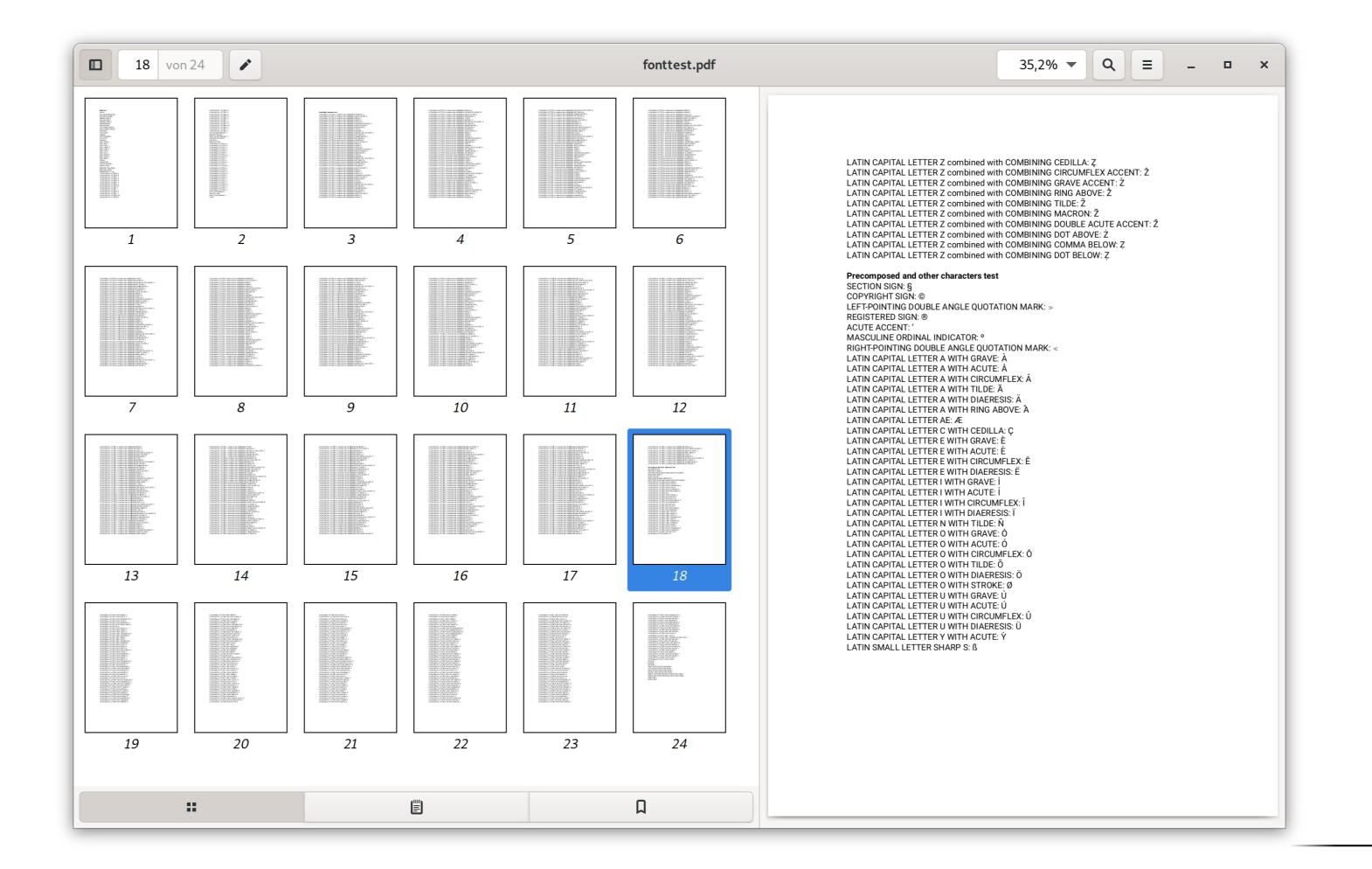












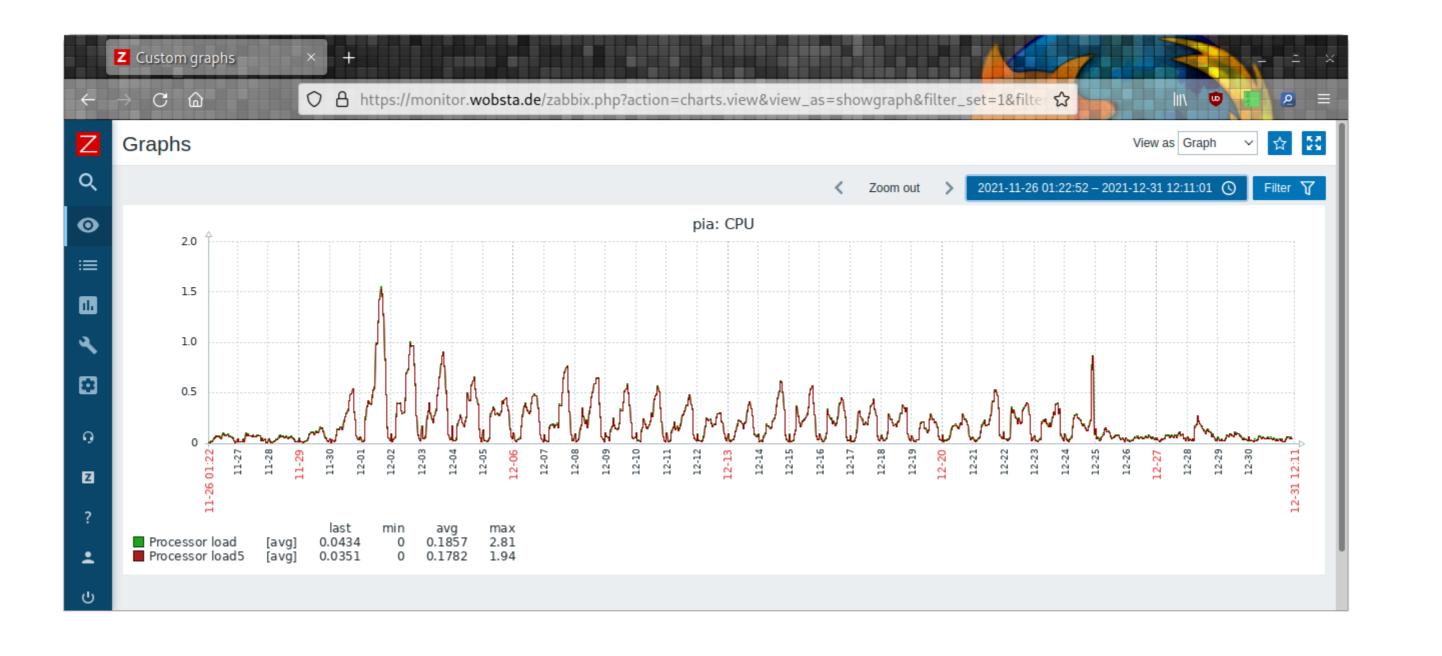


## Monitoring

- Measure
- Report issues by triggers (email)
- Special events like Christmas mailing and download of certificates
- Monitoring has nothing to do with web statistics



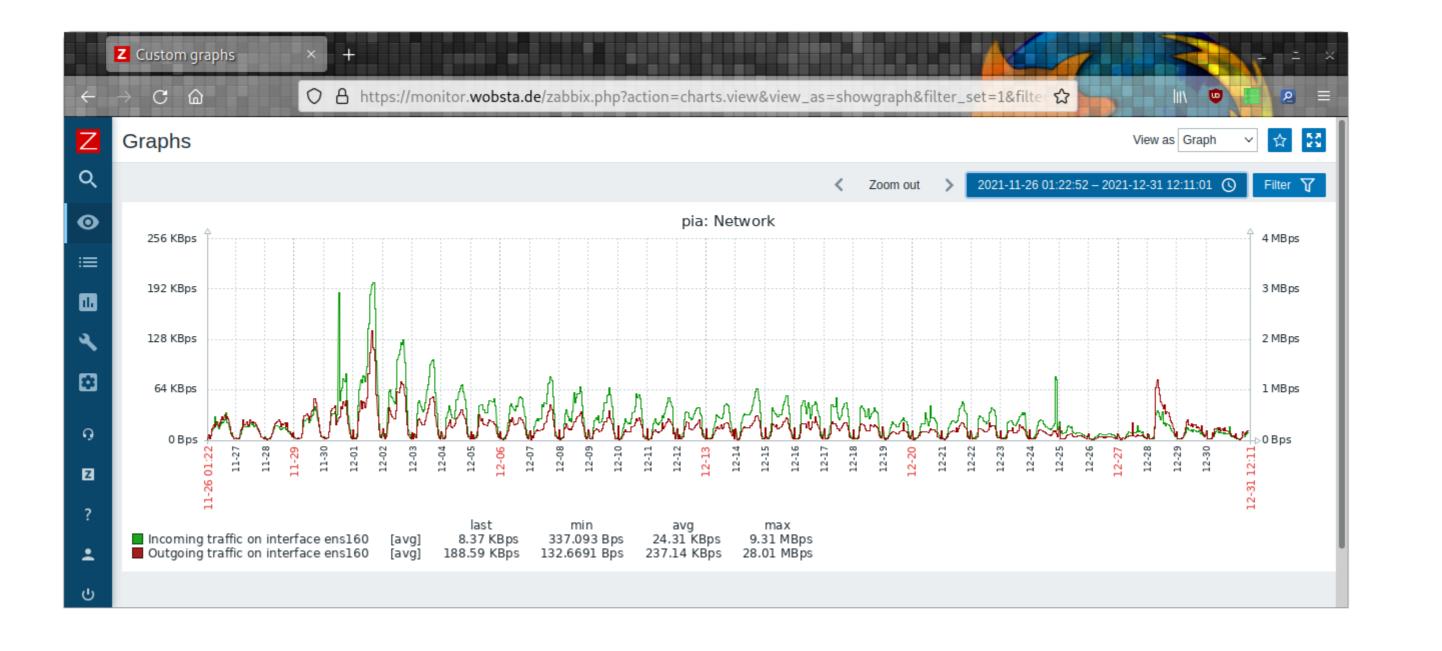












### Lessons learned

- Be fast, use real data or heavy test data
- High search engine rank without any SEO
- E-mail is troublesome
- There are always people having issues, complains etc.
- Form misuse by bots here and elsewhere (URLs as or in names etc.)
- Real people submit wired input, too (emoijs in names, mathematical double-struck digits in postcodes "12345", etc.)
- Maybe be more strict on accepting input?
- Asynchronous tasks may still harm (overload machine or block via the DB)
- Levenshtein (fuzzy match) fails on large strings (>100 characters)
- There are always new ideas





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