# Come in, we're open!

Managing opening hours, especially in uncertain times

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## Our motivation for automation

Providing up-to-date information on opening hours and reading room occupancy on all channels (website, on-site information displays, social media)

• Challenges:

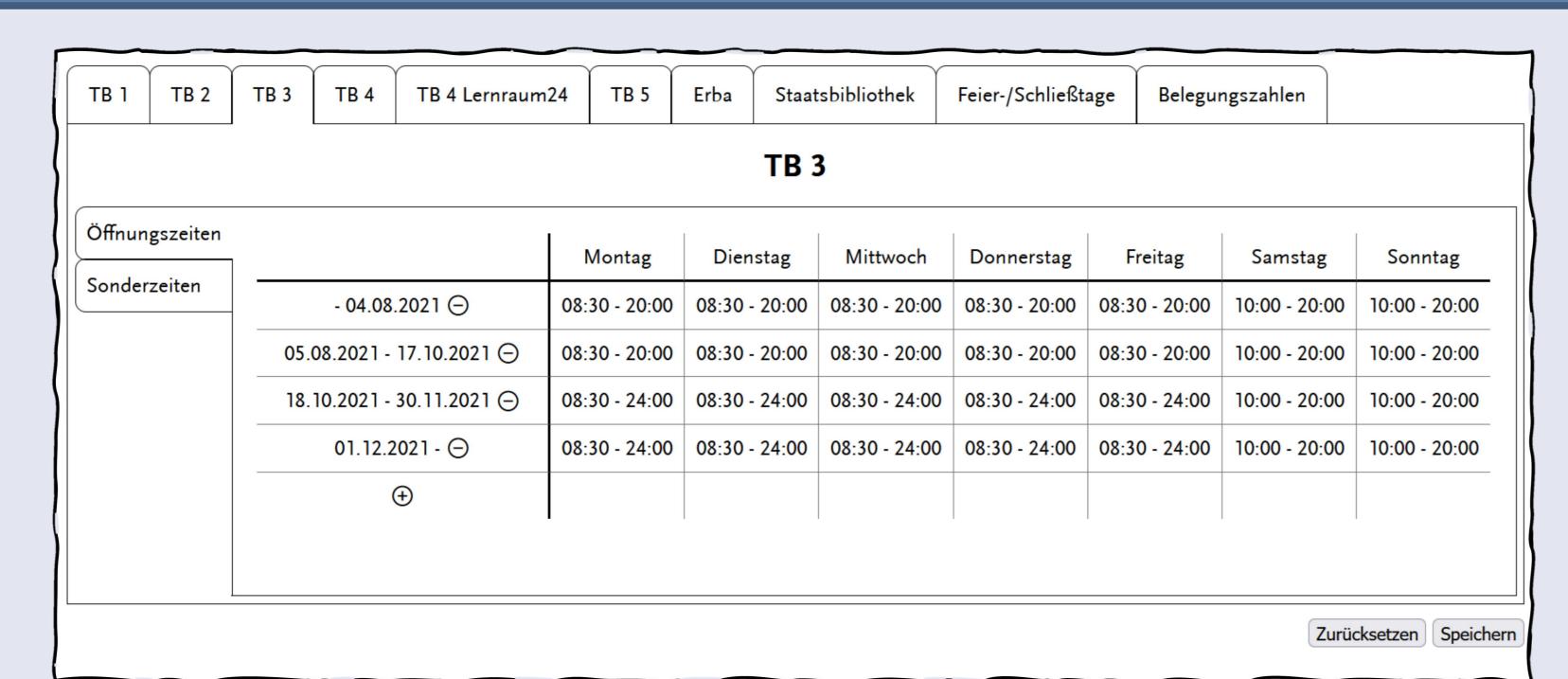
 Six branch libraries with varying opening hours

 Frequent changes in lecture/ non-lecture periods and due to public holidays

 Additional challenge during the pandemic: Restricted opening hours and seat capacities at short notice



## Our approach



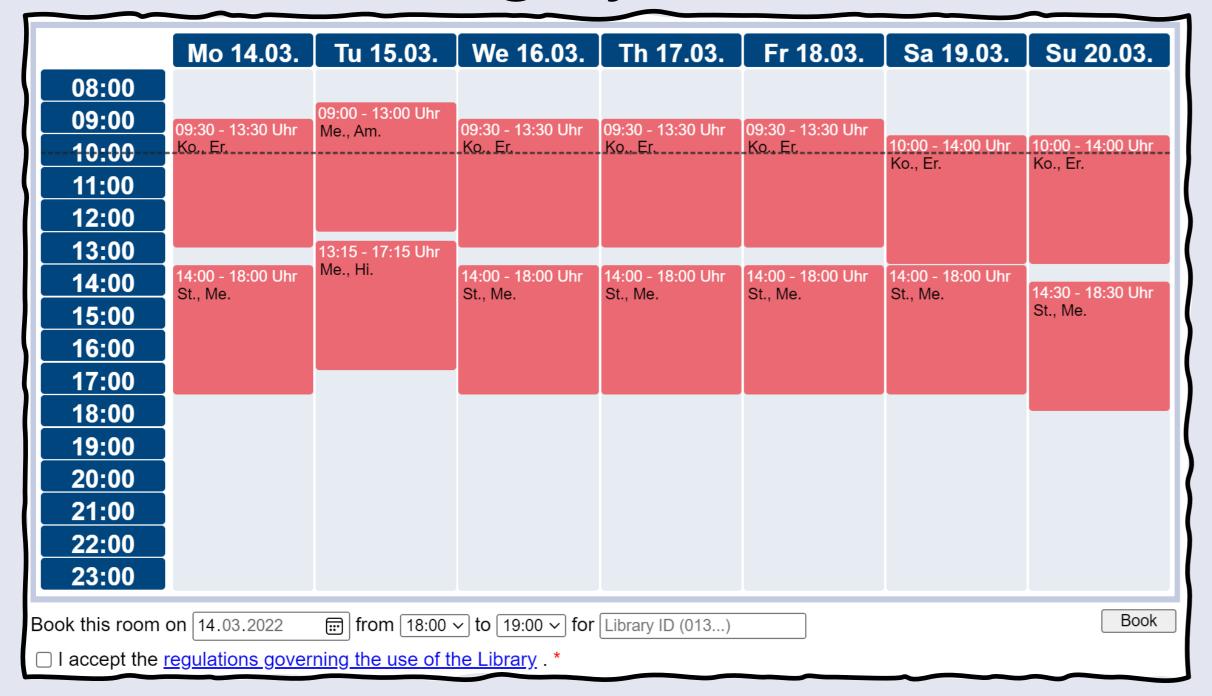
- A central, easy-to-use web application to manage and schedule both opening hours and available seats for all branch libraries
- Changes are possible at any time
- No help from IT staff necessary

## Current use cases

Information Displays and website:

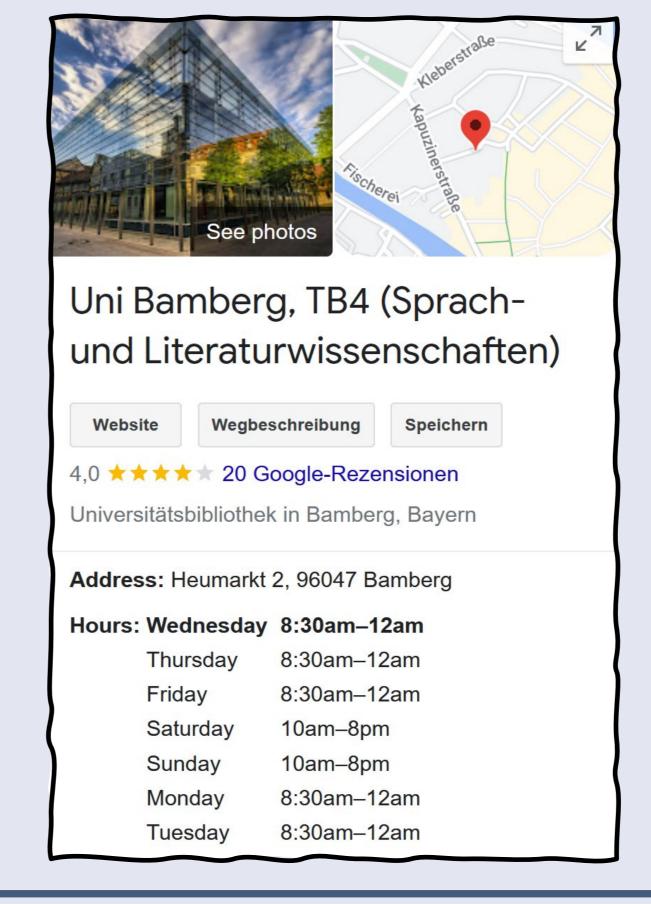
	Freie Plätze	Hinweis
Teilbibliothek 1	15	geöffnet bis 20:00 Uhr
Teilbibliothek 2	6	geöffnet bis 20:00 Uhr
Teilbibliothek 3	67	geöffnet bis 24:00 Uhr
Teilbibliothek 4	152	geöffnet bis 24:00 Uhr
Teilbibliothek 5	88	geöffnet bis 22:00 Uhr
ERBA-Bibliothek	1	24/7, Zugang nur mit Chipkarte
Staatsbibliothek	9	geöffnet bis 17:00 Uhr

Room Booking System:



## Future work

- Connection to external services like Google
- Logging of opening hours for the German Library Statistics (DBS)



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4	2022-02-20	10		
5	2022-02-21	15,5		
6	2022-02-22	15,5		
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10	2022-02-26	10		
11	2022-02-27	10		
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13	2022-03-01	15,5		
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