A Book Reading and Review Web Application — "OpenBooks"

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1 Part I — Project Requirements

1.1 Project Description

1.1.1 Application Overview

Our team will be developing a database application where users can find free books and are able to download them via multiple formats and leave reviews on those books for other customers to see. The books that the user can see will be ranging from textbooks to novels. A user will be given the option to create an account, or if they already registered, login to their account. After this, the user will be able to search for a specific book, whether that is by the title of the book or its ISBN number. If the user does not know the specific book they want to find, they can search for a specific author, or genre. Searches will include various filtering options such as date published, publisher, book length, user favorites, etc. Users can sort search results by the title alphabetically, the author alphabetically, or by book rating.

In our application, users will be able to leave reviews on books that they have read, which will be seen by other users and possibly influence their decision on their book. These reviews will contain both a comment subsection and a star rating system. Users will be able to comment how they either liked or disliked the book and give a star rating from one to five. The average star rating and total number of reviews will be displayed next to the book. Users will also be able to share the book they like with others with a shareable link that they can distribute how they please.

1.1.2 Project Motivation

The motivation behind this project is that as college students, we find ourselves paying several hundreds of dollars on college textbooks alone every semester, only to have them sitting on a shelf afterwards not being opened. Those hundreds of dollars spent on semester long textbooks could have been better utilized for students on other needs such as groceries or rent. We want to make a website to give students that option, giving them a website where they can download their desired textbooks for free.

1.1.3 Project Goal

The Goal of this project is to provide a free and open source infrastructure where users can read books from the public domain. We wish to provide an easy-to-use ecosystem, which allows the user to read or review books with ease.

1.1.4 Benefits to Users

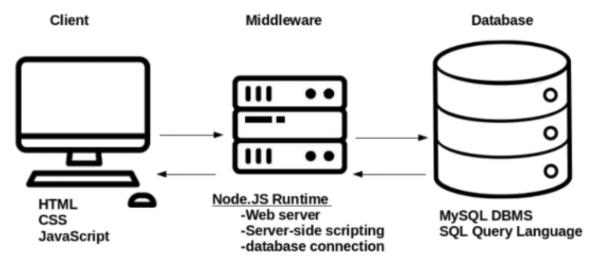
Users will have a community where they can **read and review books for free**. Right now, websites such as this exists, but they only serve one of the two desired functionalities. Websites like gutenberg.org give the users access to free book repositories, but do not allow for users to read and write reviews on books. Conversely, websites like bookpage.com provide reviews for books, but they do not provide free access to such books. Our web application

will take the best aspects of both these websites to provide the user an efficient solution for picking and reading online books for free.

1.1.5 Stakeholders and Importance

The stakeholders of our applications will be students who want to find free textbook alternative to the paid bookstore alternative, as well as casual and dedicated book readers who can find free books online and download them for instant reading. This application is important because it provides a streamlined way for book-readers to gain easy access to the books they want and get them in a timely manner.

1.2 System Environment



1.2.1 Presentation Layer

- HTML
 - Purpose: HTML is the markup language supported by all major web-browsers. It allows content to be presented to a readable manner to the end-user. We will take advantage of HTML formatting tools such as hyperlinks, tables, and lists. Further, we will be using HTML forms for user input of email, username, password, search boxes, and comments.
 - Version: HTML 5
- Cascading Style Sheets (CSS)
 - Purpose: CSS will be used to improve the user experience of our web application.
 CSS gives us the ability to make animations, colored content, as well as more control of the appearance of our content.
 - Version: CSS 3
 - Framework: Bootstrap

- JavaScript (Client Side):
 - Purpose: Provide interactivity such as collection of user input, improve visual responsiveness, and sending alerts to users.

- Version: ECMA2016

1.2.2 Application Layer

• Web Server: Node.js HTTP Module

-Version: 10.6.3 LTS

• Server Side Application Language: JavaScript

-Purpose: Provide commination between the presentation layer and the database layer

-Version: EMCAScript 2016

• NPM Package Manger:

-Purpose: Provide easy managment of external Node.js libraries such as express js, sql

module, connect module, and http module.

-Version: 6.9.0

1.2.3 Data Layer

• This web application will require the use of a relational database management system (RDBMS), the specific RDBMS we will use is MySQL.

- We will take advantage of the SQL programming language for tasks such as data definition, manipulation, query, control, and transaction control.
- MySQL RDBMS will take care of concurrency control, and will maintain the ACID principle for our database.

• MySQL Version: 5.7.27

• Query Language: SQL

1.2.4 Hardware/ Software Used

- Client Software Requirements
 - A web browser supporting the following is required to run the web application:
 - * ECMAScript2016
 - * HTML5
 - * CSS3
 - Since the 3-tier architecture will only be virtual, (no remote web server or DMBS),
 the client will be required to install the proper versions of Node.js as well as MySQL as specified.

 MySQL and Node.js are available on many operating systems such as Linux, MacOS, Microsoft Windows, FreeBSD, and OpenBSD

• Client Hardware Requirements:

 Any hardware with support by the above software will be sufficient to run the web application.

1.3 Functional Requirements

Because this application is to be accessed from a web browser, the **input** is a keyboard or mouse, while the **output** is stylized HTML to be displayed on a web browser.

1.3.1 Comprehensive List of Features

- Search Book:
 - Users can search for books that on the system database
 - Input: ISBN, author, or title
 - Output: list of books that match with the input information
- Order Search Results:
 - User can order the book search results. Default search behavior is based on the number of favorites a book has received
 - Input: relese date or number of favorites
 - Output: ordered list of book that has characteristic from input
- Filter Search Results:
 - User can filter the search resits
 - Input: release date or genre
 - Output: filtered list of book that matched with characteristic from input
- Select Book:
 - Once user finds the desired book, they can select the book and view its profile.
 - Input: selecting single book
 - Output: book profile that includes book information and comments
- View Book Profile:

A book's profile will consist of the following:

- The title of the book,
- The author,

- the relase date,
- the publisher,
- the ISBN,
- the reviews/comments left for the book,
- the number of "favorites" the book has received

• Read/Download Book:

- User can download the book and view it in their web browser.
- Input: selecting single book
- Ouput: reading page or download to local

• Add/delete book to/from favorites:

- Use can add the list to their "favorites", indicating that they enjoyed the book
- Input: selecting single book
- Output: add/delete book to/from the favorited book list that can be viewed on user's profile

• View Favorites requires login:

- User can browse their list of favorited books, with the same sorting/filtering mechanisms as noted above
- Input: Click view favorite book list in user profile
- Ouput: list of books that users marked as favorite

• Leave Book Review -requires login:

- Users can leave comments on the profiles of certain books
- Input: comments that relating to the selected book
- Output: comments added to the book's repository

• Register as User:

- User can register for an account if they want to have the ability to comment and favorite books
- Input: user information includes username, password, email
- Output: user' account created

• Login as User:

- Once registered, users will have the ability to login using the credentials they have provided during registration
- Input: email and password

- Ouput: login successfully give the access to login user's profile

• Go to home page:

- The homepage will have information about the website and recent news regarding the website
- Input: clicked website logo on navigator bar
- Output: redirect user to homepage

• View profile **-requires login**:

- All profiles are anonymous because this is **not a social network**. Users are not allowed to change their username.
- Input: successfully login
- Output: Profile page includes username and email information, favorites book list

• Log out:

- login user exits login condition, become vistor to the website
- Input: login user clicks "Log Out" button
- Output: becomes vistor and no longer has access to profile page, return to homepage if logout successfully

1.4 Non-Functional Issues

1.4.1 Graphical User Interface

The Graphical interface of the system will have the following qualities: attractiveness, usability, and responsiveness

Attractiveness The GUI will have a color palate which makes the system attractive to users. We will use high quality fonts and images where applicable. The GUI as a whole will have a coherent and consistent theme.

Usability The GUI will be intuitive. Users will not have to read documentation on how to use the system in order to use it. Options available to the user will be kept to a minimum as to encourage simplicity.

Responsiveness Users will be aware that their requests have been recorded. For example, a user clicks a button, there will be an indication that the button has been successfully clicked, such as a change in color. We will keep bloat to a minimum, such as animations and videos, as to encourage responsiveness for older hardware.

1.4.2 Security

User Security To protect user data and privacy, users entities will have the following attributes:

- A unique username
- A password, required to follow the minimum standards set by the system: which is a minimum of 8 characters, 1 uppercase character, 1 lowercase character, 1 numerical character, and 1 special character

SQL Injection Protection To protect form SQL injections, we will take precautions to inspect all user input and escape any characters which could breach security.

Encryption Any sensitive information collected from users will be encrypted fields in the relational database. All passwords will be hashed and we will take advantage of MySQL's build in password functionality.

Anonymity When a user makes a comment, only their username will show up, not their real name. Anonymity protects users from being identified against their will, and prevents personal attacks or blackmail. Users on this web application should be allowed to enjoy and review any books they like, and not have to be worried about ramifications.

1.4.3 Concurrency Control

The Relational Database Management System (RDBMS), MySQL, will take care of all needs relating to concurrency control. From the user's perspective, all transactions can be made concurrently.

1.4.4 Access Control

Types of Users

- User this type of accounts are registered by user themselves Users will only have read access to the following:
 - Their own account profile
 - Book repositories with open access

In addition, users will have write access to the following:

- Their own account profile information
- Their favorites list
- Reviews left for books under restrictions

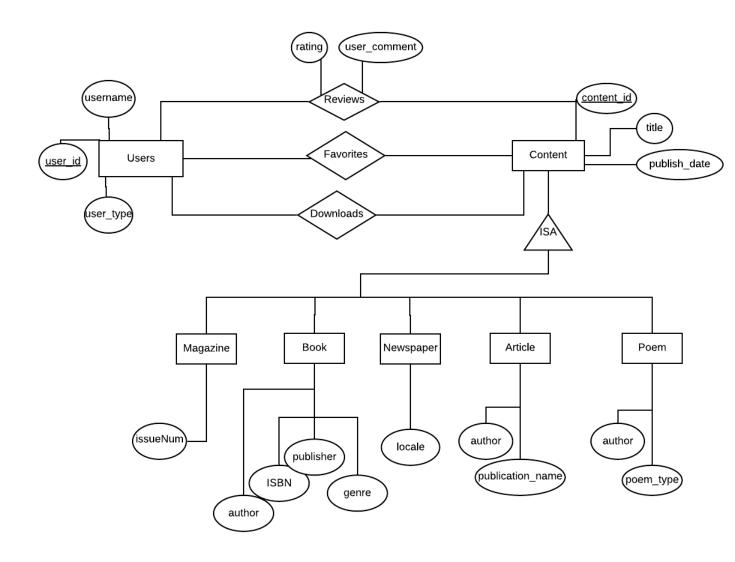
• Database Administrator this type of accounts are created assigned by the system owners

Database Administrators have access all user functionality plus extra permissions to data which is not available to the general public. DB admins have read/write access to the following:

- Read user profile
- Modify user profile including password with authentication from user
- Add and delete book repositories
- Delete comments by users that are not under restrictions

2 Part II — Database Project Deisgn

2.1 Updated Entity-Relationship Diagram



2.2 Database Schema

- Users(<u>user_id</u>, username, use_type)
- Reviews(<u>user_id</u>, <u>content_id</u>, rating, <u>user_comment</u>)
- Favorites(<u>user_id</u>, <u>content_id</u>)
- Downloads(user_id, content_id)
- Content(<u>content_id</u>, title, publish_date)
- Article(<u>content_id</u>, author, publication_name)
- Magazine(content_id, issueNum)
- Book(<u>content_id</u>, ISBN, author, genre, publisher)
- Newspaper(<u>content_id</u>, locale)
- Poem(<u>content_id</u>, poem_type, author)

2.3 Entities

2.3.1 Users

Users are defined as those who have a valid account login for the website. The attributes for Users are as follows:

- user_type: A user can be of two types, admin or regular. Admins have special privileges
- username: The unique username by which a user logs into the web application
- user_id: the unique identifier by which a user's information is tracked

2.3.2 Content

Content comes in many forms. There are four subclasses of Content, but it possible that there exist an item that is only classifiable as Content and none of its subclasses. The attributes for Content are as follows:

- content_id: The unique content identifier
- title: The name/title of the content
- publish_date: The date the content was published, if available

2.3.3 Books

Books are a special case of Content. They have special attributes which sets them apart; however, books inherit the primary key from content. In addition, books have the following attributes:

• ISBN: the unique book ISBN number

• publisher: the publisher of the book

• author: The author of the book

• genre: the genre of the book

2.3.4 Magazines

Magazines are a special case of Content. They have special attributes which sets them apart; however, magazines inherit the primary key from content. In addition, magazines have the following attributes:

• issueNum: the issue number of the magazine.

2.3.5 Newspapers

Newspapers are a special case of Content. They have special attributes which sets them apart; however, Newspapers inherit the primary key from content. In addition, magazines have the following attributes:

• locale: the locality of a Newspaper, if available.

2.3.6 Articles

Articles are standalone pieces of writing which may, in some cases, be significant enough to publish on the web application as it's own piece of media. Articles inherit the primary key from Content but have additional relationships, as described in the relationships subsection. Articles also have the following additional attributes:

• author: the author of the article

• publication_name: the name of the publication where the article is from.

2.3.7 Poems

Poems are a specialized form of content, usually artistic in nature. Poems inherit the primary key from Content but have additional attributes, as described in the relationships subsection. Articles also have the following additional attributes:

• author: the author of the poem (if available)

• poem_type: the type of poem (ballad, epic, prose, haiku, etc.)

2.4 Relationships

2.4.1 User Reviews Content

A user (admin or regular) is the author of zero or many reviews on zero or many pieces of content.

The attributes for Reviews are as follows:

- rating: a star rating between 1 and 5
- user_comment: a comment about the piece of content (optional)

2.4.2 User Favorites Content

A user can favorite content, which allows them to keep track of their favorite items. Content can be favorited by zero or many users. Users can favorite zero or many pieces of content.

2.4.3 User Downloads Content

We would like to keep track of user's download history. A user can download zero or many pieces of content, and a piece of content may be downloaded by zero or many users.

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- 2.5.1 Users BCNF Proof
- 2.5.2 Reviews BCNF Proof
- 2.5.3 Favorites BCNF Proof
- 2.5.4 Downloads BCNF Proof
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- 2.5.8 Article BCNF Proof
- ${\bf 2.5.9 \quad Newspaper BCNF\ Proof}$
- 2.5.10 Book BCNF Proof

2.6 Database Table Instances

2.6.1 Users

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user_id	username	user_type
+		+
1	bobby12	regular
10	AI	regular
11	boot	regular
12	goolger	regular
13	password	regular
14	enterpirseUser	regular
15	dispo341	regular
2	tim12	admin
3	joe01	admin
4	tim	admin
5	joseph	regular
6	mikeWU	regular
7	timard	regular
8	WUmiek	regular
9	jame	regular
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2.6.2 Reviews

+	+		
user_id	content_id	rating	user_comment
1 1 1 1	23 28 46 49	3	fun
1	60 61 66	_	NULL
10 2 5 5	18 52 22 24	1 4 2 1	NULL bad book
5 7 8 8	73 61 55 62		NULL NULL I love this book so much it is so good best book ever! NULL

2.6.3 Favorites

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user_id	content_id
+	
1	1
1	4
1	7
1	12
1	17
10	4
11	4
12	4
12	6
13	14
14	4
19	4
5	2
6	4
8	4
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2.6.4 Downloads

user_id	content_id
1	1 5 7 12 17 4 4
12 12 13 14 19 5 6	4 6 14 4 2 4 4

2.6.5 Poem

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content_id	author	poem_type
61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70	Georgre Bush James Jones James Reds John Renyolds Patrick Renyolds Harry Renyolds Daisy Renyolds Patrick James Patrick Bush Patrick Renyolds	Haiku Haiku Ballad Ballad Ballad Ballad Haiku Haiku Ode
71 72 73 74 75	James Bush Tomard Renyolds Gustavo Renyolds Frank Renyolds J. Renyolds	Haiku Love Love Ballad Ballad

2.6.6 Content

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content_id		publish_date
	Snowhaording Magazine	2018-08-01 I
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	Snowbaording Magazine	2018-10-01
	Snowbaording Magazine	2018-11-01
		2018-12-01 2019-01-01
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		2019-04-01
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		2019-07-14
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		2017-12-16
		2019-07-05 2018-12-18
		2017-11-09
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		2018-10-04 2018-08-30
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		2019-08-16
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		2019-01-18
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		2019-10-02
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		1994-12-09
49		1994-12-01
		1994-12-01
		1994-12-01
		1994-12-05 1994-12-05
		1994-12-05
	12 Reasons to Normalize Database	1994-12-05
56	Neural Nets for Preschoolers	1994-12-11
		1994-12-11
		1994-12-01
		1994-12-01 1994-12-12
		1666-01-11
		1266-01-11
		1631-12-10
		1435-10-10
		1123-10-10
		1823-01-09 1923-01-09
		1941-11-09
		1921-01-09
70	Consumerism	1941-01-09
71		1952-01-09
		2035-11-09
		1635-11-09 1835-04-12
		1935-11-12

2.6.7 Magazine

+	++
content_id	issueNum
1	291
2	292
j 3	293
4	294
5	295
6	296
7	297
8	298
9	299
10	300
11	301
12	302
13	303
14	304
15	305
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2.6.8 Article

content_id	author	++ publication_name
Content_to	Patrick Jones Tim Cook Steve Job Bill Gate Tom Gate Michael Gate John Lennon John Lennon Timard Jones Mike Wu Harry Potter	New York Times New York Times
59 60	Harry Potter James Potter	New York Times New York Times

2.6.9 Newspaper

+ content id	-++ locale
+	+
31	New York City, NY
32	New York City, NY
33	New York City, NY
34	New York City, NY
35	New York City, NY
36	New York City, NY
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40	New York City, NY
41	New York City, NY
42	New York City, NY
43	New York City, NY
44	New York City, NY
45	New York City, NY
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2.6.10 Book

content_id ISBN	author	publisher	genre
17 659196532-7 18 491743522-6 19 346181073-8 20 868282781-6 21 109670642-3 22 239189700-6 23 671528801-1 24 583092606-7 25 674056408-6 26 273454549-7 27 544491903-6 28 469558624-X 29 541188048-3	Jelene Fancet Paulie Ouldcott Taber Deguara Clareta O'Carran Osbourne Kingsly Stevena Gotling Debi Vala Merilee Blackall Wanda Morbey Clyde Marginson Magdaia Killelay	Leela Buterton Ali Gaitskell Linzy Shelf Adrianna Gresch Shanta Daouze Winifield Antonella Fancett Mabelle MacFaul Madelon Croux Oates Raspison Shawn Kosel Jocko Connors Prudence Rudsdell Noel Doerrling Roze Sterzaker	Comedy Comedy Comedy Adventure Horror Sci-Fi Crime Drama Drama Crime Crime Crime Crime Comedy Crime Action

3 Implementation

4 Project Conclusion

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