Lab 5 - SPU and SKU

Aim

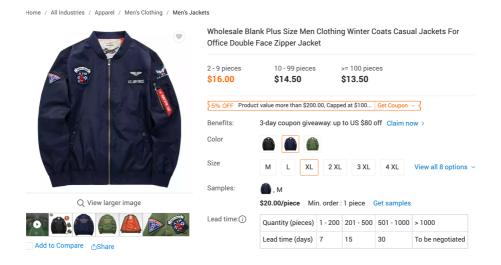
The aim of this lab is to learn the difference between SPU and SKU and show the product details on webpage.

Tips:

- 1. If you are not sure why you are doing something, ask a TA. This is what they are here for.
- 2. The M-Dev-Store online videos are good references while our labs have different focus. If you want to be an expert, you are recommended take both labs and on-line videos.
- 3. The forums @ LMO are available for questions and discussions.
- 4. These labs are expected take more than the 2 allocated hours. You should complete them in your own time before the next lab. Practice makes perfect!

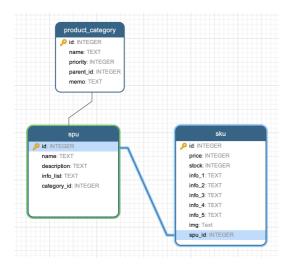
SPU and SKU:

1. Till last lab, customers can search products that stored in database. It can be regarded as Standard Product Unit or SPU. SPU is the smallest unit of product information aggregation. It is a collection of reusable and easily searchable standardized information. This collection describes the characteristics of a product. But for the same commodity (for example – a Mate50 phone by Huawei), it may have different colour, memory, storage, package and price. For an e-store owner, you cannot manage your inventory by SPU like a Mate50 phone. It must be a specific one like a Black, 128GB Mate50 phone or SKU (stock keeping unit).



In the above sample, a jacket was shown with options in color and size. We would improve our code to support this function in lab5.

There are many different ways to design the database. One example is as following:



The PHP code to generate the tables is as:

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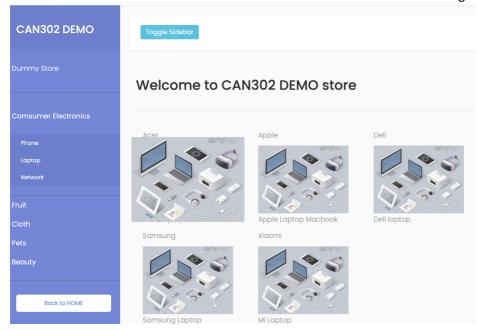
Since different products may have different SKU properties. For cloth, it would be colour and size and for phone, it would be colour and storage. So, the sku table would store such information without property. The property information would be stored in the info_list column of spu table. It may sound a little bit confusing. We will explore how it work during this lab.

Add the link to product details:

2. In last lab, we can search product by categories or a keyword. We need to adjust the PHP code according to the database adjustment. And add a link to each product then show the details, which is as:

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function outputproduct($query){
    foreach($query as $row){
        echo '<div class="col-lg-3 col-md-4 col-sm-6")>';
        echo '<ri>'</ri>
        foreach($query as $row){
            echo '<div class="col-lg-3 col-md-4 col-sm-6")>';
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            echo '<ri>'</ri>
        foreach($query){
            echo '</ri>
            echo '<ri>'simg src="img/demo.jpg" width="200" height="150" onclick="window.open(\'product.php?spu='.$row["id"].'\')"/>';
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Since search by category and keyword search have the same code, it can be written as a new method. The pic of each product is used for the hyperlink with JS function "onclick". We can let customers notice the link by increasing the image size as following:

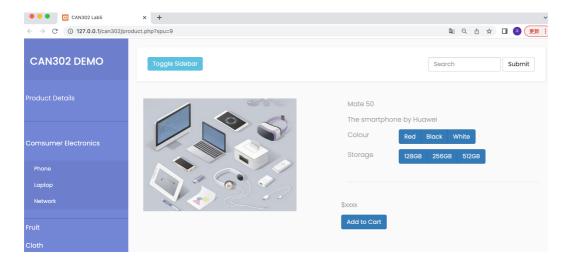


The css code is need as:

This is only a demo, you can have your own styles if you want.

Show the product:

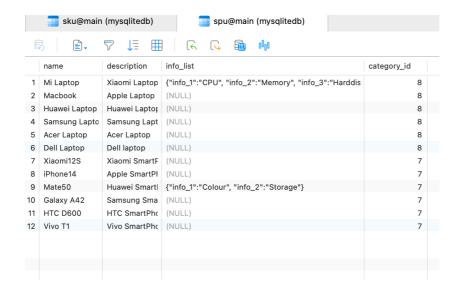
3. Then, we need to have a new page named "product.php" to show product. This page uses the GET parameter "spu" to show the details of corresponding product as following:



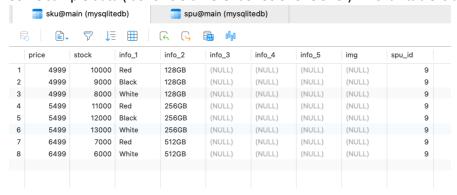
Please notice, user can choose the color and storage of the phone on this page. By the combination of color and storage, this SPU can maximum have 9 SKUs.

The HTML code to show this effect is as:

As mentioned earlier, different product may have different properties combinations. A laptop may have different CPU, memory and harddisk... and a phone may have different colour and storage. The information sorted in "spu" table is as:



Some sample data (It shows 8 different SKUs of one SPU.) in "sku" table is as:



To make it dynamic, we need to analysis the "info_list" to know how much properties for this product and get the corresponding option from "sku" table. A demo code is as:

Once all properties are selected, the "SKU" would be determined and customer can add it to the shopping-cart! It will be introduced in next lab.