

ShopOnline User Guide

Introduction

ShopOnline is a web-based selling and buying system that utilizes Ajax technologies to provide an interactive auction experience. This guide will walk you through how to use the system, including registration, listing items, bidding, and managing auctions.

Accessing the System

1. **Start XAMPP Server:** Ensure that the XAMPP server is running.
2. **Open Your Browser:** Navigate to <http://localhost/Project2/login.html> to access the login page.

Registration

1. **Access Registration Page:** On the login page, if you do not have an account, click on the "Register" link below the login button.
2. **Fill Out Registration Form:** Enter your details to create a new account.
3. **Submit Registration:** Click "Register" to complete the process. You will be redirected to the bidding page upon successful registration.

Login

1. **Enter Credentials:** On the login page, input your email and password.
2. **Submit Login:** Click "Login" to access the system. If your credentials are correct, you will be redirected to the bidding page.

Bidding

1. **View Auction Items:** On the bidding page, all available auction items will be listed.

2. **Place a Bid:** For any item you wish to bid on, click the "Place Bid" button at the end of the item detail. A popup will appear for you to enter your bid.
3. **Buy It Now:** Alternatively, click the "Buy It Now" button if you prefer to purchase the item immediately.
4. **View Auction History:** To view your previous purchases and current highest bids, select "History" from the top right corner dropdown menu.

Listing Items

1. **Access Listing Page:** From the top right corner dropdown menu, select "Listing" to go to the item registration page.
2. **Enter Item Details:** Fill out the form with the item details. Ensure the auction duration is at least 1 day.
 - **Category Selection:** Choose from the dropdown menu or select "Other" to enter a new category.
 - **Starting Price:** If not set, it will default to 0.
3. **Submit Listing:** Click "List" to list the item. A message with the auction start date, time, and unique item number will be displayed.

Admin Features

1. **Manage Auctions:**
 - **Access Manage Auction Page:** Select "Manage Auction" from the top right corner dropdown menu.
 - **Search and Delete Items:** Enter the item ID to view its details or delete the item if necessary.
2. **Maintenance:**
 - **Access Maintenance Page:** Select "Maintenance" from the top right corner dropdown menu.
 - **Process Items:** Handle items that are sold or expired. This feature is restricted to system administrators only.

Access Control

- **Admin Login:** Use the following credentials to access admin features:
 - **Email:** admin@shoponline.com
 - **Password:** admin
- **Access Denied:** Non-admin users attempting to access admin features will see an "Access Denied" message and be logged out.