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Library Management System

Abstract

The system differs greatly from the traditional library management system, it covers all functions of the traditional system, and it appeals to students and teachers because of its new concept, living library, also known as human library, also, it is very useful due to its multiple features such as micro-message reminder, used book trade, recommendation, etc.  
You can get a detailed critical review of the project from this document.

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# Objectives

The Library Management System aims to provide an online library management for the students and teachers of Jiangsu Second Normal University to search, borrow, return, comment and rate books, also, it aims to build an online community for them to share knowledge, recommend books, as well as trade used books.

The system introduces a new concept called Living Library, also known as Human Library, which started in Denmark that takes human as an education tool or knowledge carrier for people to borrow, you may talk with these borrowed people about their specific areas, skills or experience so that you can get firsthand materials of the theme you want to explore, or fresh impression about the things you’ve learned before, or brand new understanding about a certain kind of people, etc.

The system is designed to make the living library easier to apply, it accepts reservation and allows 2 types of talking with the borrowed people, face-to-face talk and online talk using Skype. It also supports searching, commenting and rating just as the books.

In addition, the system will make it more efficient and convenient for administrators to monitor books, by looking up the rate, comments and borrowed count of the book, they can track users’ needs and take some action to meet the needs. For example, they may collect more demanded books if a book is highly recommended but there are few to lend, or they will consider to buy more books that are the same kind as the hot books.

What’s more, the system will focus on user experience and will promote the usage of the library, for instance, the system will develop a module of notification that combines e-mail, micro-blog, and micro-message (like twitter and MSN) for better user experience and higher usage of the library. It will bring a revolution to the library of Jiangsu Second Normal University.

# Scope and Constraints

The Library Management System provides services of borrowing, renewing, returning, commenting and rating books. It allows students and teachers to borrow living library via its online reservation system. It also builds a platform for trading used books.

The system is not redesigning the old library management system, it will select a few of books that are valuable and useful to suggest a high-quality reading for users. The survey shows that…

For better user experience and higher usage of the library, the system will have its own notification module, it will combine e-mail, micro-blog and micro-message together to make a good reminder for user to manage books.

Due to budget constraint as well as the space constraint of the system, it will not provide user’s personal space in this version, but just a simple page for sample, and this could be a future enhancement of the system.

# 3 Project Details



## Background

Project Background:

Located in Nanjing, Jiangsu province, Jiangsu Second Normal University is a full-time undergraduate school. At present, it has 16 institutes and nearly 7,000 full-time students. In recent years, the university is developing rapidly with enlarging dimensions. However, the traditional library management system is out of date, it’s running slowly, and it’s offline that only provides service inside the library which is a great limit for students who expect to inquire books in and out of the library at any time, as a matter of fact, the old library management system leads to very low usage of the library. Compared with many online systems, the old system lacks interaction with users, and the functions seem to be too simple to meet the various needs of users.

After talking with our sponsor about our observation and ideas, we finally get a support to develop a new library management system for the university.

The system is a not redeveloped library management system, but a new system to attract more students to participate and learn from each other by sharing reading experience and giving guides to green hands. It also brings convenience to students to store personal data (as a future enhancement) and trade their used books. Moreover, they can book human books and get precious inspiration or tutorials because of online living library reservation. On the other hand, compared with the old fashion way, librarians, now play the role of system administrators, are able to interact with users, and manage books more positively and efficiently according to books’ comments and rates. With increasingly participation of students on the new system, more and more students will find their interests in reading and studying. We have the faith that one day, the new system will totally replace the traditional library management system.

Our ideas brain-storming figure:

Sponsor Background:

Located in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province, Jiangsu Second Normal University is a full-time undergraduate school. Covering an area of about 35 hectare, it currently has three campuses of CaoChangMen, PuKou and XiaoYing. Besides normal education, it also opens some majors for Jiangsu economic and social development. At present, it has 16 institutes and nearly 7,000 full-time students. The school has three libraries, collecting about half million books covering almost all subjects. The libraries grow from two locations within 20 staffs to its current three locations within 32 staffs. Each library provides private learning rooms and public learning areas.

Living Library Background:

Living Library, also known as Human Library, is started in Denmark. The core idea is taking human as an education tool or knowledge carrier to enhance people’s participation. These borrowed people may be male and female, old and young, and many of them have controversial social statuses like transgendered people, radicals, AIDS patients, homosexuals, Mohammedans, strippers and alcoholics. People may borrow these living books and talk with them, thus they can learn each other better and reduce the prejudice and discrimination in the society.

## Problem Statement

Although the library management system is still available in Jiangsu Second Normal University, it is out of date. A lot of books are in low rate of usage because of the isolation of system and lack of updated statistics. Users can only browse books inside the library, that is, the old system is offline. There are a lot latest books’ information also need to be updated into the system. The database of the system doesn’t have backup service and the processing speed is low when a lot inquires executed simultaneously.

From the survey (see appendix) which we aim to find out needs for future library management system and drawbacks for the current one, we know that the majority of students think they should be able to search books outside the library and keep up with the information of latest books. They want to share reading experience and rate the books they’ve read just like what they can do at Amazon book market. They also want to have their own space to store personal electric documents. Here is one figure drawn from the survey,

On the other hand, they complain that the current system is boring, too simple to meet the needs, and the UI design is bad, and there is no way to find out the latest or most popular books, that the library doesn’t provide activities or any kind of communication between readers. They expect to get some tutorial or some kind of guide as well. Here is another figure according to the survey,

Based on all the facts of current system and the result of the survey, we decide to develop an online library management system for the JSNU (Jiangsu Second Normal University) which is more suitable for current situation.

Before we start, we ask ourselves some critical questions as the table shows below:

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| --- | --- |
| 1 | How to design a reasonable system architecture to make all subsystems work? |
| 2 | How to apply the concept “living library” to a real online platform? |
| 3 | How to design an attractive and user-friendly UI? |
| 4 | How to protect users’ privacy (e.g. Skype ID is only visible when a reservation is completed)? |
| 5 | How to make use of some external APIs (e.g. Java Email service or even SMS service)? |
| 6 | How to build up a reminder to notify users when books are about to overdue, or a reservation has been made or cancelled? |
| 7 | How to design used books trading platform with some suitable restrictions or rules to prevent spamming? |
| 8 | How to sort the books based on rates, popularity, or the number of comments? |
| 9 | How to use some web security strategies to protect the safety of the system? |

Figure Problem Statement

## Solution

Living library is a total new concept for students and teachers in Jiangsu Second Normal University, my sponsors show great interest in this idea and is willing to provide me any useful resources for designing the library (e.g. Study rooms for communication, some candidate teachers may become living books).

As far as I am concerned, there are only two organizations providing service of living library, one is Douglas College, the other is Coquitlam Library. The form of these living libraries is simple. They offer some activities, inviting some typical and critical people (e.g. ex-offenders, HIV carriers and gays) and sort them into different titles of books for people to borrow. After a talk with the living book, readers can learn from their stories or experience, reduce prejudice and remove stereotype.

However, the current living library has some limits (see figure).

Limits

Figure Limits of Living Library

Firstly, there are very few of book categories, most of them are centralized in very critical and typical area. On the other hand, living books related to academic research areas are almost zero. Thus the mode of the traditional living library is not suitable for JSNU. It can hardly make contribution to the students’ academic study.

Secondly, the reservation of traditional living library only stays on massive paper work, it’s isolated and has limited communication form among library administrators, users and living books. It can hardly attract students to participate.

Thirdly, the traditional living library lacks availability. Users can only borrow living books during library’s activities. If there is no activity, there is no chance to borrow any living books. It is inconvenient for students to study constantly.

Fourthly, it is hard for librarians (system administrators) to track performance of each living book due to lack of users’ feedbacks.

Last but not least, the form of using living library is single, it only allows for talking face to face, there are no supports for people chatting via online chatting tools such as Skype or MSN. When the users or the living books encounter time or place problems, chatting online will be a good way to solve the problem.

Above all, the limits show that the current living library is not enough for JSNU, so we think about a solution to apply the living library to our system. That is,

# 4 Architecture

The system makes use of the Java lightweight open source frameworks Struts2, Spring and Hibernate, MySql for database management, Tomcat for web server, and MyEclipse for developing. The architecture of the system is shown as the following figure:

Hibernate support

Struts2 support

Service Layer

Data Layer

Presentation Layer

Figure System Architecture

As shown in the figure, the service layer of the system uses Spring, the data layer uses Hibernate that can be integrated into Spring via supporting classes of Spring. The presentation layer uses Struts2 to pass data and control the web pages written in JSP, EL, and JSTL. The whole system uses the 3 layer architecture, which allows only the upper layer calls the lower layer, so as to achieve loose coupling among layers.

Struts2 framework:

Struts2 is a Web application framework based on MVC. The core meaning of MVC pattern is MVC pattern decoupling, dividing the entire application into three parts, model, view, and controller. It tightly controls the communication between the three parts, in order to obtain a clear-structured, function-distribution-reasonable, reusable, extensible, and maintainable applications. By using Struts2 to control the page jumping, you don’t have to write complex code written in Servlet, the robust value stack and OGNL expressions of Struts2 can be used for transmission and control of data.

For enterprise applications, server-side validation is necessary, strict check should be taken on the user provided data before any business logic codes are called, in tradition, data validation needs programmers writing code to achieve, and often the codes are mixed with business logic codes. However, Struts2 provides a framework for data checking, and you can easily tell which codes are for data validation and which are for business logic because it separates the data validation and the business logic. Also, Struts2 has powerful tag library and filters, all of the factors improve the efficiency for the enterprise application development.

The operation process of Struts2 is very simple, when the user request arrives at FilterDispatcher controller, the controller will execute the corresponding Action according to the submitted URL and configuration in the struts.xml. Struts2 Action realizes the decoupling with Servlet API, Action does not require any class inheritance or interface implementation. After finishing processing the user request, Action will jump to the page that is pre-configured in Result according the processed result, and display the data caught in Action to user.

Hibernate framework:

Hibernate is a persistent software based on Java open source, it encapsulates a lightweight package to provide JDBC, ORM (Object Relational Mapping) service. ORM automatically maps the objects of the program to tables of a relational database according the metadata which describes the mapping between objects and tables of database. If we use JDBC to connect to the database and do some operation on database, we need to write a lot of code, while using Hibernate we only need to configure the mapping between Java entity class and the relational database tables, and the method for Hibernate to query and acquire data, thus reduce the amount of code, and improve the efficiency of development.

Hibernate provides one to many, many to one, many to many relationships of objects association, as well as immediate loading and delayed loading support, which facilitates the manipulation of data. The object-oriented HQL query will generate the corresponding SQL statement according to the mapping relationship between objects and database tables, which simplifies the complex SQL statements writing. Hibernate also provides a 1 level cache and 2 level cache, the rational use of 2 level cache can reduce the number of database access effectively which will enhance the overall performance of the system.

Spring framework:

Spring is a lightweight open-source framework of Java SE/EE application, with IoC (Inverse of Control) and AOP (Aspect Oriented Programming) as the core. Inverse of control is also called dependency injection, it makes the object class a passive receiving dependent class rather than class that need to find service on their own. Dependency injection gives the control of dependencies among objects to Spring, so you don’t need to worry about when to instantiate an object, and just focus on the business logic. Spring also provides a powerful support to the Aspect Oriented Programming, by separating out the business logic from application services, it achieves cohesion development.

To integrate Spring and Hibernate, we can put the SessionFactory interface of Hibernate that manage the data access to the IoC container of Spring, so that we only need configure the file rather than manually create an instance of SessionFactory when Hibernate accesses the database. We can also use the transaction mechanism of Spring, so as to switch different data sources without modifying the source code.

To integrate Spring and Struts2, the instantiating the Struts2 Action no longer needs to be managed by Struts2, but managed by the IoC container of Spring instead, thus we can reduce the coupling procedures, and separate the controller and the business logic, which brings great convenience to future maintenance and expansion.

ExtJs:

ExtJs是使用JavaScript编写的与后台技术无关的Ajax框架。ExtJs的强大之处就在于它的各种组件，使用它们可以构建丰富多彩的前端页面。ExtJs的表格控件功能非常完善，可以对数据进行排序、缓存、拖动、隐藏和编辑等功能，Form表单控件不仅外观绚丽还支持前端的数据校验，Layout布局可以对整个页面进行布局而不用书写大量的JavaScript代码。使用ExtJs可以尽可能的减少页面的跳转甚至不需要页面跳转便可以完成整个页面下的所有功能。

**开发工具**

MyEclipse是基于Eclipse一款十分优秀的J2EE集成开发工具，MyEclipse比Eclipse有强大的插件集合支持，能够较好的支持开源产品。它是企业级的开发平台，是对Eclipse的扩展。在MyEclipse中，可以整合数据库和J2EE的开发，以及程序编译、运行、测试、部署和发布，这些都可以在MyEclipse集成开发环境中完成。MyEclipse对Java开源框架Struts2、Spring和Hibernate有较好的支持。常用的集成开发工具还有Intellij IDEA，但其在插件方面比较欠缺，并且会占用较大的内存。所以，MyEclipse作为J2EE开发的首选工具，可以使开发变得快捷，加快应用软件的开发效率。

**系统性能优化**

**1. Tomcat集群和负载均衡**

图书管理系统因其特殊性有时用户的并发量很大，单一的服务器会无法满足需要处理的负荷量，或者当服务器出现故障无法继续正常运行时，这时就要使用Tomcat集群技术来解决这些问题。

集群系统由一台或多台服务器计算机上运行的两个或更多服务器软件实例组成，这些服务器计算机彼此协同合作以透明地服务客户端的请求，从而从客户端角度看，整个集群租是一个高可用性服务。网站的集群系统使用Apache的反向代理来实现负载均衡，Apache会将用户的请求分别转发给不同的Tomcat服务器，以此来实现Tomcat的集群。集群部署图如图所示。



Tomcat集群部署

**2. Hibernate缓存**

缓存是位于应用程序与物理数据源之间用于存放复制区域的内存区域，其目的是为了减少应用程序对物理数据源访问的次数，从而提高应用程序的运行性能。当程序需要到数据库中查询数据时，首先会去缓存中查找，如果命中便不会去访问数据库。

**3. 数据库表建索引以及表分区等**

Development technologies, tools and programming languages used in this project show as follows:

**Development technologies:**

Struts2 formwork

Hibernate formwork

Spring formwork

ExtJs

**Programming languages:**

Java

JavaServer Pages(JSP)

Servlet

MySql 5.5

**Development tools:**

MyEclipse

**Optimizations for system:**

Apache Tomcat web server and load balancer

Cache of Hibernate

Partition and creating index for database

**旧版图书管理系统结构图**



旧图书管理系统结构图

# 5 User Requirements

## 5.1 Use Cases

The project will contain the following functionalities:

1. Users can register member with valid student ID through the website. They are required to fill up some basic personal information(such as name, birthday, gender, student ID, cell phone number, e-mail address, skype ID, interests, password setting, password reminder ) to pass registration. When they successfully register, they will receive an email of confirmation letter .
2. Users can edit personal information.
3. Administrators can add a new user or delete an user.
4. Users can search a book according to its name, category, publisher, publish time, author, book ID and etc.
5. Users can sort books according to borrowing times, the number of comments or rates.
6. Users can borrow a book via the website; they will received a confirmation letter when they have successfully completed a booking, then, they can pick up a book with a valid student ID.
7. Users can renew the borrowed books, however, renewing is only allowed once and duration is a month.
8. Administrators can confirm a booking when users pick up with a valid student ID, however, a booking is only hold up 48 hours before its cancelation.
9. Administrators can confirm an returning of books when they receive them.
10. Overdue notification email will be sent before a week of booking deadline(a duration of booking is two month).
11. Users can rate (one star to five star(best))and comment books (restrict within 500 words) when they has successfully returned books.
12. Administrators can add, delete or edit books
13. Administrators can delete untrue or over-offensive comments of books .
14. Users can post used books sale information by simply clicking “I want to sell used books”.
15. Users can post used books demand information by simply clicking “I want to buy used books”.
16. Users can search used books.
17. Users require to enter certain books’ information(such as name of book, author, publisher, publish time, book id, price and condition of book) before posting.
18. Users can upload pictures of used books.
19. Users can edit or delete their posted information.
20. Users can contact a buyer or seller by clicking “contact” button and they chat by email. For purpose of protection of privacy, real email addresses of buyers and sellers are hidden by using anonymous email addresses.

For example:

1. Administrators can deleted postings irrelevant to the used books.
2. Users can search human books according to different subjects(for example, math, computer, history, physics and etc ).
3. Users can sort human books according to borrowing times, the number of comments or rates.
4. Users can borrow a human book vie the website and choose its available schedule; two reading forms of meeting is optional for users: online meeting(read via Skype) or offline meeting.(read in an arranged study room)
5. Users must submit reading form and meeting topic by filling up a form before booking.
6. Choosing online reading: an user will receive a confirmation letter containing a meeting time, meeting topic and a human book’s Skype ID. Similarly, a human book will receive a confirmation containing a meeting time, meeting topic and an user book’s Skype ID
7. Choosing offline reading: an user will receive a confirmation letter containing a meeting time, meeting topic and meeting place with a number of study room. Similarly, a human book will receive a confirmation containing a meeting time, meeting topic and meeting place with a number of study room.
8. Users can contact wanted human books by simply clicking “contact” button. They communicate by email. For purpose of protection of privacy, real email addresses of buyers and sellers are hidden by using anonymous email addresses.
9. Users can cancel a booking, yet, it must be ahead of six hours before meeting.

Users and administrators will both receive a confirmation letter of cancelation.

1. Users can rate (one star to five star(best))and comment human books (restrict within 500 words) when they has successfully returned books.
2. Users can apply to be human books. (They need to download application form and send finished to librarian committees to review, after they are approved, they will receive an email with an unique invitation code sent by librarian committees and they can use a code to complete human books’ online registration.)
3. Human books can edit personal information.(such as book title, subject belonging, special filed, interests, introduction, available schedule for booking, reading forms(must choose one at least), contact information and etc.)
4. Human books can cancel to be human books.
5. Administrators can add human books, delete human books or edit information of human books.
6. Administrators can delete untrue or over-offensive comments of human books
7. The most interesting part is that users allow to post questions and choose its subjects in “question and help” area. All the human books related this subjected can receive a “help” email with an answering link(for example the question topic is related to Computer subject, then, all the computer subject human books will receive the “help” email), so they can answer the question or give suggestions by simply clicking the link (lead to the place for posting). It will ultra smart and convenient for users’ study. However, users only are allowed to question once per day because of limit of resources.
8. Administrators can backlist users based on following situations:

* Users are often no-shows for picking up a book.
* Users do not return books or return books on time.
* Users often post junk information irrelevant to used books.
* Users are often no-shows for borrowing human books.
* Users often cancel the meeting with human books.
* Users often post malicious comments.
* Users often post malicious questions in “question and help” area.

参考内容，目前系统的所有功能点：

**有关注册：**

用户可以注册成会员，填写基本的信息（姓名，生日，性别，学号，兴趣，email地址，skypeID，进行密码设定，密码找回问题。）

成功注册后，会收到系统的注册成功的确认信。

用户可以修改个人信息

管理员可以添加，删除用户和修改用户信息。

**有关借书还书：**

用户可以根据索引搜索比如：书的种类，书名，书的出版时间，书的作者，书刊号来进行书的搜索。

用户可以对书进行排序比如：按书的借阅次数，按书的评分，按书的评价数。

用户可以网上借书，借书成功后会收到一封系统的确认信，然后凭借学生证可以去图书馆取书。

用户可以网上续约图书，续约只能一次，续约时间为一个月。

确认借书：管理员可以在确认学生身份后，在系统里点借书成功。否则不取，2天后系统会取消这次借阅。

确认还书：管理员可以在确认收到图书，在系统里点还书成功。

图书的借阅期限为2个月，在快过期一周时，系统会自动发送发快到期提醒邮件到用户邮箱。

用户在还书成功的时候，对图书进行评分（1星到5星）和文字评价（400字之内）。

管理员可以添加，删除图书和修改图书的信息（书的种类，书名，出版时间等等）。

管理员可以删除不符合实际对图书负面用户评价。

**有关2手书交易：**

用户可以发布交易帖子，上图。

用户可以修改，删除帖子。

用户可以发帖卖书（直接点击，“我要卖书”）

用户可以发帖求书（直接点击，“我要求书”）

【重点，难点，需要攻克的地方：

在帖子中，用户可以一键沟通，通过点击一个“联系对方”，就可以自动出来一个匿名的邮件地址（中间转发的邮箱地址？），双方可以进行匿名的邮件地址联系。不暴露隐私。

（用户在发布帖子的时候必须要求填写email地址，否则不能发布。）】

管理员可以删除和2手书发布无关的帖子。

想法：介于发布的特殊性，可以强制发帖的模式，必须填写必要的信息。

卖书的时候：

比如必须要填写书的名字，书刊号，作者，新旧程度。出售的价格等。

求书的时候：

只要填写书的名字，作者。

**有关借人的系统：**

用户可以搜素“人书”，根据学科种类。

用户可以对“人书”排序，按书的借阅次数，按书的评分，按书的评价数。

用户可以网上预约想要学科的“人书”。

用户可以根据“人书”的时间表，选择见面的时间。

用户可以选择线上见面（skype）和线下见面（在学习室见面）。

用户在选择线上见面的时候，当预约完成时候，会收到一封确认预约成功信。里面有见面时间， 将要讨论的主题，还有“人书”的SKYPE\_ID。

与此同时，被借阅的“人书”， 会收到一封确认被预约成功信。里面有见面时间， 将要讨论的主题，还有借阅者的SKYPE\_ID。

（注：选择线上见面，用户必须提交讨论的主题，和自己的SKYPE\_ID。）

用户在选择线下见面的时候，当预约完成时候，会收到一封确认预约成功信。里面有见面时间，将要讨论的主题，见面的地址（图书馆学习室的号码）。

与此同时，被借阅的“人书”， 会收到一封确认被预约成功信。里面有见面时间，将要讨论的主题，见面的地址（图书馆学习室的号码）。

（注：选择线下见面，用户必须提交讨论的主题。）

用户还可以选择一键交流功能（邮件地址被系统匿名之后之间的交流，之前2手书里的难点。）

用户可以取消预约（必须提前6小时，否则不能完成！）

用户在取消预约成功后，会收到一封确认预约取消成功信。与此同时，被借阅的“人书”也会收到一封被取消预约的信。

用户可以在成功借阅“人书”后，对“人书”进行评分（1星到5星）和文字评价（400字之内）。

用户可以申请成为“人书”。（需要下载后填写申请表和简历然后发邮件到评审委员会的邮箱，同意申请后，收到一份邮件里面有唯一的邀请码（用过作废）。难点！不是每个“人书”都可以注册的！必须筛选加面试!）

用户可以注册“人书”，必须要用邀请码注册。填写基本信息，如：学科，书名，擅长领域，简介，email地址（用户不可见），skypeid（用户不可以见）。可以借阅的时间段（时间必须大约30分钟）。可供借阅的方式(必须选1个)：线上或者线下？

提交后被自动入库。

“人书”可以修改信息。

“ 人书”可以取消馆藏。

管理员可以修改“人书”信息和取消“ 人书”的馆藏。

管理员可以删除对“人书”不符合的负面用户评价。

管理员可以增加，减少，修改“人书”的借阅表。

（分配学习室的号码给每本“人书”，借阅方式：线上或者线下？或者都行？）

**关于借人系统里的问答帮忙系统：**

用户可以一键提问，提出问题（必须选涉及的学科）（次数限制：一天只能提问2次）

提问后体统会自动把提问的信息发送到所对应学科的每一本“人书”电子邮箱。“人书”可以回复邮件进行解答。

**关于黑名单系统：**

管理员可以根据下面几种情况加用户进黑名单。

1. 借书成功后，经常不去取书的用户。
2. 不还书的用户。

3. 经常发和2手书无关信息的用户。

4． 经常借“人书”，失约不去的用户。

5． 经常借“人书”，平凡取消的用户。

6. 经常恶意评价的用户。

7． 经常恶意提问的用户。

# 6 Detailed Design

功能模块图



图书管理系统总结构图

模块细分

图书管理系统主要分为两部分：用户模块和管理员模块，此外还包括邮件通知/联系模块。

1.用户模块主要有：

(1) 用户功能

(2) 借书

(3) 二手书交易

(4) 借人

(5) 评论功能

a.用户功能

用户注册

用户信息修改

用户登录和注销

b.借书

查询图书信息

借阅图书

图书续约

还书

c.二手书交易

查询二手书信息

发布卖书信息

发布求书信息

邮件匿名联系

d.借人

搜索人书

预约

站内信/邮件通知

取消预约

加入/取消馆藏

e.评价功能

还书时对所借图书发表评分和评论

对所借人书进行评价

2.管理员模块主要有：

(1) 图书管理

(2) 二手书管理

(3) 评论管理

(4) 用户管理

a.图书管理

图书入库

图书信息修改

图书删除

人书管理

b.二手书管理

二手书卖书信息管理

二手书买书信息管理

c.评论管理

图书评价管理

人书评价管理

d.用户管理

添加用户

修改用户信息

修改密码

用户禁用

普通用户升级为管理员或将管理员降级为普通用户

3.邮件通知

图书过期自动邮件通知

二手书交易邮件联系

人书预约/取消预约邮件通知

The online library community system contains three main modules: user module, administrator module and Email notification & contact module.

1. User module is divided into five major parts as follows:

* User function
* Book-borrowing
* Used book
* Living library
* Comments & Rating

1. User function will have following functions:

* Registering
* Editing personal information(student ID, birthday, gender, email, Skype ID and etc )
* Login/Logout

1. Book-borrowing will have following functions:

* Searching book information
* Booking books
* Renewing books
* Returning books

1. Used book will have following functions:

* Searching used book information
* Posting used books sale information
* Posting used books demand information
* Editing postings
* Contacting by anonymous email

1. Living library will have following functions:

* Searching human books
* Booking a human book
* Canceling booking
* Registering to be a human book (with valid invitation code)
* Canceling to be a human book

1. Administrator module is divided into four major parts as follows:

* Users management
* Books management
* Used books posting management
* Comments management

1. User management will have following functions:

* Adding a new user
* Editing users information
* Deleting an user
* Blacklisting users
* Promoting a user (become an administrator)

1. Books management will have following functions:

* Adding a new book
* Editing books information
* Deleting books
* Managing human books

1. Used books posting management will have following functions:

* Deleting users’ posting

1. Comments management will have following functions:

* Editing books comments
* Deleting books comments
* Editing human books comments
* Deleting human books comments

1. Email notification system

* Sending a confirmation letter when the users have successfully complete registration.
* Sending the reset password link to the user’s email address if the user forget the password and request to retrieve it.
* Allowing administrators to deliver hold pick-up, overdue by email.
* Sending a confirmation letter to users and human books when the reservation has been made.
* Sending a confirmation letter to users and human books when the reservation has been cancelled.

# 7 Development Process

## 7.1 Version 1.0 – Basic Borrow

**Details of Development**

**Iteration 1: Groundwork**

**Goal**

The Goal for this iteration is creating a foundation for further development. It includes technology choosing, setting up framework and integrating with each other for whole system, and then basic functions of login service to make sure system work stable and well-connected.

**Details**

**Chosen Development technology and tools**

SSH framework

SSH framework is short term for three open source frameworks (Struts+Hibernate+Spring). It is a very handy development method used by many programmers and helps them quickly setup clear, well-reusable and easy maintained web applications. It contains four layers- **P**resentation Layer, Business Logic Layer, Data Persistence layer, and the Data Base Layer. The Struts framework conducts process control and separates pages and code based on MVC (Model-View-Controller) mode in the Presentation Layer, then the Spring framework releases proper decoupling of objects in the Business Logic Layer. Lastly, in the Data Persistence Layer, the Hibernate framework perfectly setups connection to database and easily operates data such as add, delete and modify. The chat bellowed shows division of tasks of SSH framework.



Figure2 Division of tasks of SSH framework

**Integration of Spring framework and Hibernate framework**

It is easy to integrate Spring framework with Hibernate because of its extensibility and openness. Spring framework provides unified management of data source. Instead of configuring configuration file - hibernate.cfg.xml in the Hibernate, it only needs to configure data source and control attributes for the Hibernate in the applicationContext.xml file in the Spring. Meanwhile, in order to easy to use, Spring framework provides Hibernate Template which can easily control database without tedious work. In Spring, database connection and transaction management all begin with setting up SessionFactory. SessionFactory only requires one instance in the application, so the instance can be created by Spring and injected into related dependent objects. The Code for configuration file is as follows:

<!—configure Hibernate database source -->

<bean id="dataSource" class="org.apache.commons.dbcp.BasicDataSource" destroy-method="close"

<!-- get database connection information from configuration file -->

p:driverClassName="${jdbc.driverClassName}"

p:url="${jdbc.url}"

p:username="${jdbc.username}"

p:password="${jdbc.password}" />

<!-- instantiate SessionFactory-->

<bean id="sessionFactory" class="org.springframework.orm.hibernate3.LocalSessionFactoryBean"

<!-- reference data source -->

p:dataSource-ref="dataSource"

<!-- specify mapping files of Hibernate -->

p:mappingDirectoryLocations="classpath:/com/books/domain">

<property name="hibernateProperties"><props>

<!-- set the dialect of Hibernate -->

<prop key="hibernate.dialect">

org.hibernate.dialect.MysqlDialect

</prop>

<!-- background output SQL statements operated by Hibernate and format -->

prop key="hibernate.show\_sql">true</prop>

<prop key="hibernate.format\_sql">true</prop>

</props></property></bean>

<!-- configure HibernateTemplate -->

<bean id="hibernateTemplate"

class="org.springframework.orm.hibernate3.HibernateTemplate"

p:sessionFactory-ref="sessionFactory" />

**Integration of Spring framework and Strus2 framework**

Spring not only offers an outstanding open source MVC framework referred as SpringMVC, but also supports well of integration with other web frameworks. During the integration of Spring and Struts2, the main step is making Spring’s IOC container manage Struts2’s Action, then the Action classes of Struts2 are able to require their instances through Spring. Before the integration, in Struts2’s configuration file - struts.xml, we need to convert Struts2’s request processor to Spirng’s request processor, and upload ApplicationContext when starting Web. In addition, using comment@Controller can realize class injections for these Action classes need to be injected. Configuration code of web.xml is as follows:

<context-param>

<!—configure applicationContext.xml for files upload paths-->

<param-name>contextConfigLocation</param-name>

<param-value>/WEB-INF/applicationContext\*.xml</param-value>

</context-param>

<!—use ContextLoaderListener(from Spring) to create ApplicationContext-->

<listener>

<listener-class>

org.springframework.web.context.ContextLoaderListener

</listener-class></listener>

**Tomcat server**

Tomcat server is a lightweight application server, and it is widely used to handle the normal amount of concurrent accesses in small or medium system. It is also the first choose for debugging JSP program. Moreover, Tomcat server has good compatibility and supported by many well-known software companies. It runs stable and has a good development prospect. Deployment diagram of Tomcat server for this system is as follows:



Figure3 Deployment diagram of Tomcat server

The following steps show the installation of Tomcat server plug in Eclipse:

1. In Eclipse, open display window from window – show view – servers, as shown in figure 4:



Figure4 Display window of Tomcat server

1. In Eclipse, right click New – server in Servers window, it will let you to select version of Tomcat, as shown in figure 5:



Figure5 select version of Tomcat server

1. After done select version, click Next to access the place where to add directory for Tomcat server, then choose the proper directory and change JRE to JRE6, as shown in figure 6:



Figure6 add directory for Tomcat server

1. After adding directory, click Next to the place where to upload project to Tomcat, choose the proper project and click Fish, as shown in figure 7:



Figure7 upload the project to Tomcat server

**Eclipse**

Eclipse is an open source, free and integrated development environment (IDE). It is a development tool to develop applications by mostly programming in Java. It contains a very useful plug-in system, including Java Development Kit, JDK.

The following steps show the installation of Eclipse:

1. Install Eclipse in the desire directory, for example, in E:\eclipse.
2. Unzip and install plugs of Eclipse and find folders named features and plugins, copy them to the same name folders in directory of E:\eclipse respectively.
3. Download JDK and configure system environment variables.

**MySQL database**

MySQL is an open source relational database management system that runs as a server providing multi-user access to a number of databases. The SQL phrase stands for Structured Query Language. The MySQL development project has made its source code available under the terms of the GNU General Public License, as well as under a variety of proprietary agreements. MySQL is a popular choice of database for use in web applications, and is a central component of the widely used LAMP open source web application software stack. Free-software-open source projects that require a full-featured database management system often use MySQL.

The following steps shows the installation of MySQL plugin in Eclipse:

1. In Eclipse, open the Data Source Explorer window from window – show view – data Source Explorer, as shown in figure 8:



Figure8 Date Source Explorer window

1. Right click in Data Source Explorer windows, and open New Connection Profile window, as shown in figure 9:



Figure9 New Connection Profile window

1. In New Connection Profile window, select desire type of database for adding, and access to New Driver Definition window by double clicking. Then, configure all the values according to chosen database, as shown in figure 10:



Figure10 New Driver Definition window

4．After done configuration，click finish to complete.

**Basic functions of login module**

After setting up system frameworks and platforms, login in module will be first priority to concern. Since realizing basic login module is very necessary for test former system frameworks configuration and integration, and also I will more clear and easier explain the concept of SSH by this practical instance. Login module services two actors – normal user and administrator. Normal users can login and perform all the functions provided by the system to meet their demands, conversely, administrators perform their duties to manage system, they login the backstage of system to manage administration module.

State chart diagram of Login Account illustrated by the following figure 11:



Figure11 Login Account state chart diagram

Stat chart description

Actors: Normal User and Administrator

Actors access to login page, and required to input valid user name and password. System will verify User name and password, if is correct, login successfully, otherwise, login failed.

**Database and code design**

The below figure 12 shows design of user table in database. All Users fell mainly into two classes: normal users and administrators, presented by user state 1 and user state 2 respectively. I also add certain attributes (Skype\_ID, email etc) related to further design of book-borrowing and living library system into the table.

User table (figure 12) of database shows as follow:



Figure12 user table of database

The system code structure belongs to three layers: Dao layer, Service layer and Action layer. Dao layer uses Hibernate to operate the underlying database; Service layer mainly process business logic; Action layer main job is controlling front web pages, passing parameters and calling Service layer to process business logic.

System code structure is showed as below:



Figure13 System Code Structure

Since Dao layer uses Hibernate, it is easy to retrorsely generate entity classes though the database table structure. It is unnessary to require mapping files from Hibernate becase of supportive commens of Java. Smilarly, Struts2 and Spring also use comments, in this way, programmer can simplify work of configurate files and easily manage configurations.

Login page for administrators is showed by the below figure 14:

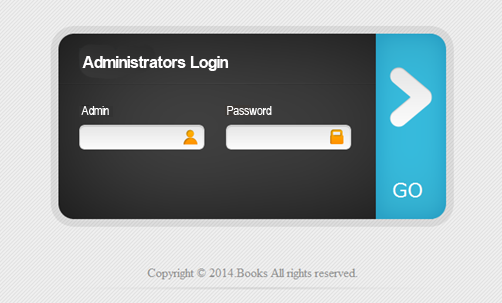


Figure14 Login page for administrators

The following code shows user name and password will be introduced to Action of Structs after their submisson.

@Action(value = "login", results = {@Result(name = "success",type = "redirect", location = "/admin/main.jsp"),

@Result(name = "failure", location = "/admin/login.jsp")})

**public** String doLogin() {

List<User> users = userService.login(user);

**int** ret = users.size();

**if**(ret > 0) {

**return** "success";

} **else** {

**return** "failure";

}

}

Action layer calls service layer to process user login logic, then Action decides actions for login successful or failed. This is how does Struts2 play the role here. Service layer processes user login logic and calls Dao layer to operate database. After verification of information passed, administrators will be able to access to management interface of system backstage.

After successful login, administrators management interface is showed as figure 15:



Figure15 Main management interface of system backstage

I designed simple frameworks for main management interface of system backstage. It combines left function menu and right main operating area, and function menu contains modules (only framework without content) of Book Management, Transaction Management, Feedbacks Management and User Management for managing further design system.

# 8 Testing

## 8.1 Functional Test

## 8.2 Usability Test

# 9 Conclusion

## 9.1 Technical Complexity

## 9.2 Innovation

## 9.3 Future Enhancements

# 10 Appendices

## 10.1 Reference Guide