Ebay Product Search

1. Objectives

- Get familiar with the AJAX and JSON technologies.
- Use a combination of HTML5, Bootstrap, Angular and jQuery on client side.
- Use Node.js on server side.
- Get familiar with Bootstrap to enhance the user experience using responsive design.
- Get hands-on experience of Amazon Web Services/Google Cloud Platform App Engine/Microsoft Azure.
- Learn to use popular APIs such as eBay API, Google Customized Search API and Facebook API.

2. Description

Go to the link http://webdev-env.yy6wtizp3e.us-east-2.elasticbeanstalk.com/homework8. It opens a webpage that allows users to search for products using the eBay API and display the results on the same page below the form. Once the user clicks on a product name to search for product details, your webpage should display 5 tabs which contain a Product info tab, Product photos tab, Shipping info tab, Seller info tab and a Similar products tab related to the product, respectively. Your webpage should also support adding products to and removing products from the wish list and sharing products info to Facebook. All the implementation details and requirements will be explained in the following sections.

When a user initially opens your webpage, your page should look like in Figure 1.

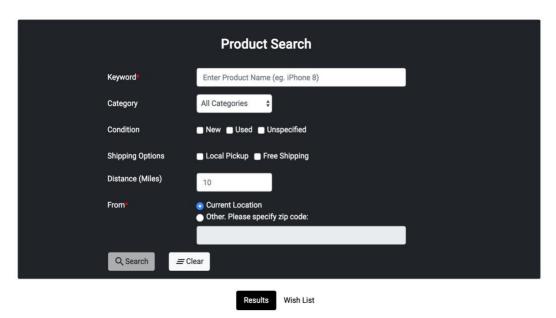


Figure 1 Initial Search Form

3.1 Search Form

3.1.1 Design

There are six input fields in the search form:

- 1. **Keyword**: This field is required. Validation is performed on this field. Please refer to section 3.1.3 for details of validation.
- 2. **Category**: The default value of "Category" is "All Categories", which covers most of the "types" provided by the *eBay API*. The other options are shown in Figure 2.
- 3. **Condition**: There are 3 options for the user to select from: New, Used and Unspecified. Multiple options could be selected to get results for all of them.
- 4. **Shipping Options**: There are 2 options provided: Local Pickup and Free Shipping. The user again has the option to select 1 or both of them.
- 5. **Distance (Miles)**: This is the radius of the area within which the search is performed. The center of the area is specified in the "Current Location" field. The default value is 10 miles.
- 6. **From**: The center of the area within which the search is performed. The user can choose between their current location or other location based on the zip code. This field is required (the user must either choose the first radio button or choose the second one and provide a location) and must be validated. Please refer to section 3.1.3 for details of validation. The input box below the second radio button is disable by default. If the user chooses to provide a different location, this input field should be enabled.

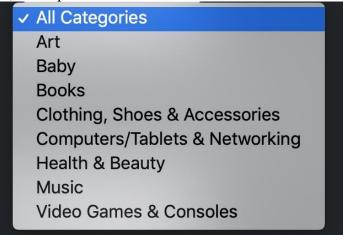


Figure 2 Category Options

The search form has two buttons:

- 1. **Search**: The "Search" button should be disabled whenever either of the required fields is empty or validation fails, or the user location is not obtained yet. Please refer to section 3.1.3 for details of validation.
- 2. Clear: This button must reset the form fields, clear all validation errors if present, switch the view to the results tab and clear the results area.

3.1.2 AutoComplete

Autocomplete for zip code is implemented by using the suggestion service provided by *Geonames*. Please go to this page to learn more about this service: https://www.geonames.org/export/web-services.html

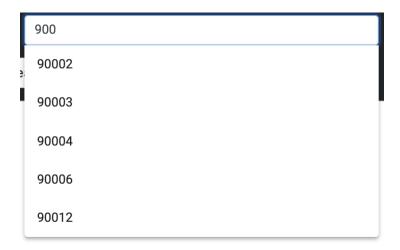


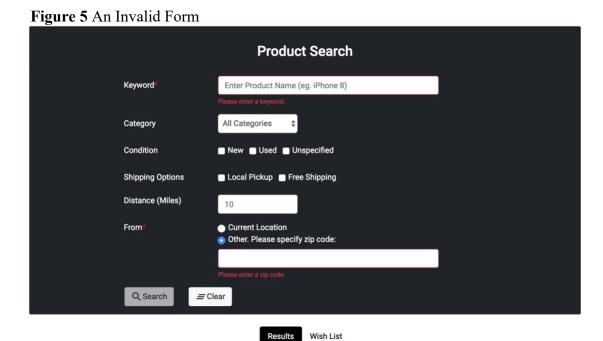
Figure 4 Autocomplete example

3.1.3 Validation

Your application should check if the "Keyword" contains something other than spaces. If not, then it's invalid and an error message should be shown, and the border of the input field should turn red as in Figure 5.

If the second radio button of "From" field is chosen, the same validation should be performed for the input field below the second radio button.

The zip code is restricted to only 5 digits. The search button should be disabled until and unless a 5-digit zip code is provided. If any other characters are included, the search button should not be enabled.



Search Execution

Once the validation is successful and the user clicks on the "Search" button, your application should make an AJAX call to the Node.js script hosted on AWS. The Node.js script on AWS will then make a request to eBay API to get the product's information. This will be explained in the next section.

3.2 Results Tab

3.2.1 Results Table

The Node.js script should pass the JSON object returned by the *Product Search* to the client side or parse the returned JSON and extract useful fields and pass these fields to the client side in **JSON format**. You should use JavaScript to parse the JSON object and display the results in a tabular format. A sample output is shown in Figure 6. The displayed table includes eight columns: # (Index number), Image, Title, Price, Shipping, Zip, Seller and Wish list.

Below the table there is a pagination feature which is used to navigate to the next set of products. There is a maximum of 10 products on a page. The user can navigate to a different page directly by clicking on the page number, or by using previous and next buttons.

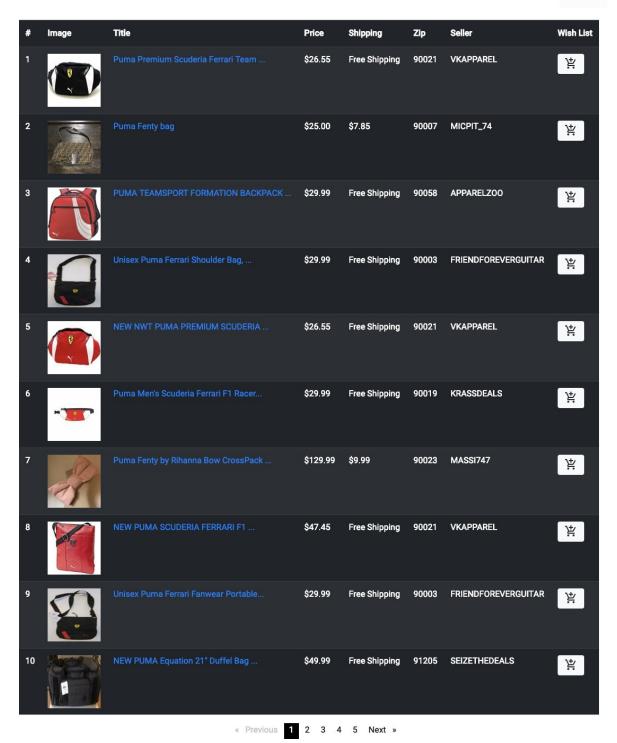


Figure 6 An Example of a Valid Search result

The "Title" column might not be long enough to show the entire name of the product and should show "…" to avoid starting a new row. The "Title" column is clickable to trigger the detail search for the corresponding product. If a product is on the Wish List, the cart icon is full (Figure 7 item 1). Otherwise, the cart icon is empty (Figure 7, item 2).

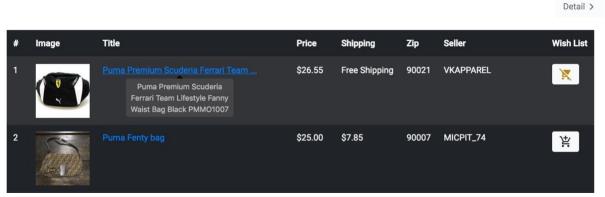


Figure 7 An Example of the tooltip for product name

3.2.2 Details Button and Highlighting

The "Details >" button, right above the results table, is initially disabled. It will be enabled once a product details search is triggered. If this button is enabled and clicked, the page will be taken to the Product detail tabs. After a product details search is performed, the corresponding product row in the results table should be highlighted to indicate the product whose details are displayed in the Details tabs (Figure 8).

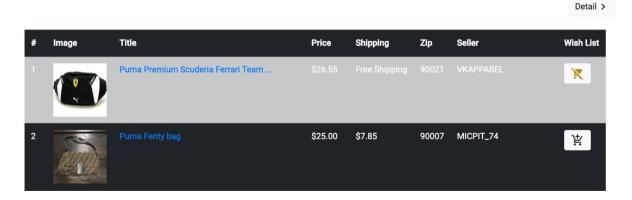


Figure 8 Highlight Selected Product

3.3 Details

Once a product name in the "Title" column is clicked, your webpage should search for the details of that product. Above the tabs in the details view, you should display the whole name of the Product, a button that allows you to go back to the previous list, a Facebook button and a Wish List button.

3.3.1 Info Tab

A table containing the detailed info of the product is displayed in this tab.

When clicked on "Product Images", a modal should be popped up with all product images. If a particular image in the modal is clicked it should open in a new tab. See video for reference.

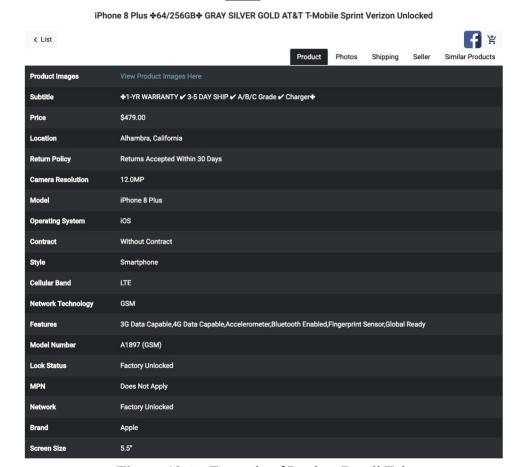


Figure 10 An Example of Product Detail Tab

3.3.2 Photos Tab

A table containing the images related to the product is displayed in this tab.

When a photo is clicked, a new tab is opened to display that photo in its original size.

Figure 12 Multiple Photos Tab

3.3.3 Shipping Tab

To get the Shipping info, with the help of first API call you get the shipping information for each product.

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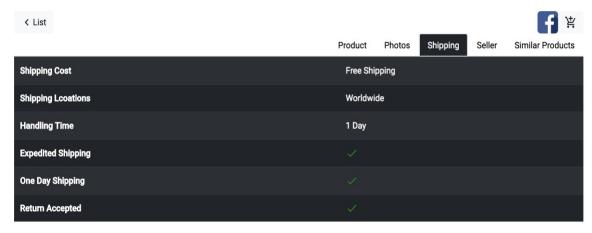


Figure 13 Shipping Tab

3.3.4 Seller Tab

To get the Seller info, the eBay Shopping API will give you the details for the seller and the store.

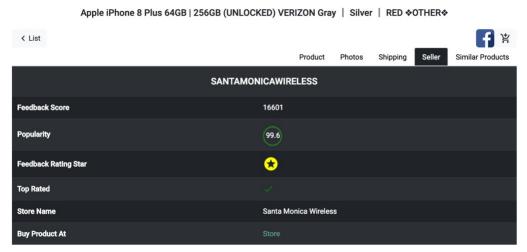


Figure 14 Seller Tab

3.3.5 Similar Products Tab

This tab displays the similar products of the product clicked from the first table.

By default, Similar Products are displayed in the default order (the order in which the items are returned by the API). There are two dropdowns in this tab. The first one allows the user to sort the products in several different categories: Default, Product Name, Days Left, Price, and Shopping Cost. The second one allows the user to sort in ascending or descending order. When the sort category is "Default", the sort order dropdown should be disabled (either Ascending or Descending).



Figure 16: Dropdown to Sort the Products.

By default, only 5 similar products are displayed, like shown in Figure 17(a). After clicking the "Show More" button, all upcoming products in the returned JSON should be displayed, and the button changes to "Show Less", like in Figure 17(b). After clicking "Show Less" only the top 5 similar products in given sorting order should remain. If the number of products is less than 5, then don't display "Show More" and "Shore Less" button.



Figure 17(a): Show more button with 5 Products.

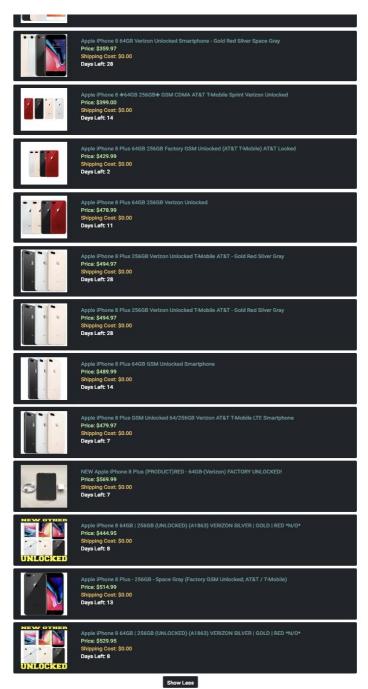


Figure 17(b): Show Less button with multiple Products.

If the API service returns an empty result set, the page should display "No Records Found".



Figure 18: When no Similar Items are found.

3.3.6 List Button, Wish List Button and Facebook Button

Once the **List** button is clicked, your webpage should go back to the previous list view, whether it's the result list or the Wish List.



Figure 19 List Button

The **Wish List** button works the same way as the ones in the result list. The **Facebook** button allows the user to share product link and post it to Facebook.

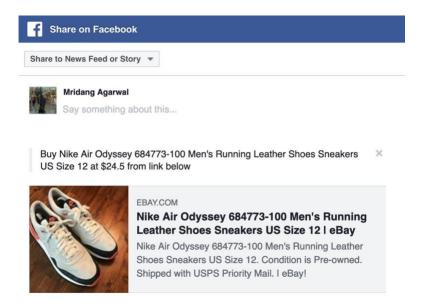


Figure 20 Facebook Share

The Wish List button should maintain the consistency if that product was already added in the Wish List previously or it should not be added.



Figure 21 Wish List and Facebook Buttons

3.4 Wish List Tab

The Wish List tab is very similar to the Results tab: the products on the list are displayed in a table; there is a button that allows the user to go to the details view and is disabled initially; the user can search for product details by clicking on the product name in the "product" column.

There is a **Total Shopping** which stores the total **Price** which is the sum of all products in Wish List.

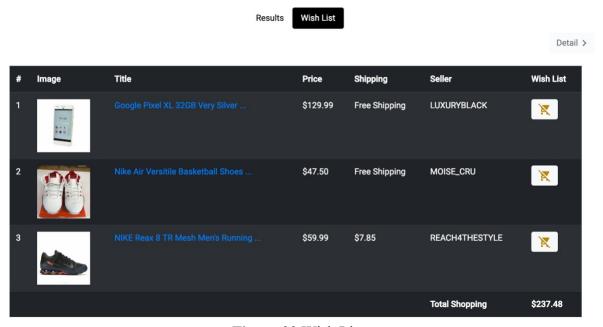


Figure 22 Wish List

3.5 Error Messages

If for any reason an error occurs whether its products search or details search, an appropriate error message should be displayed.

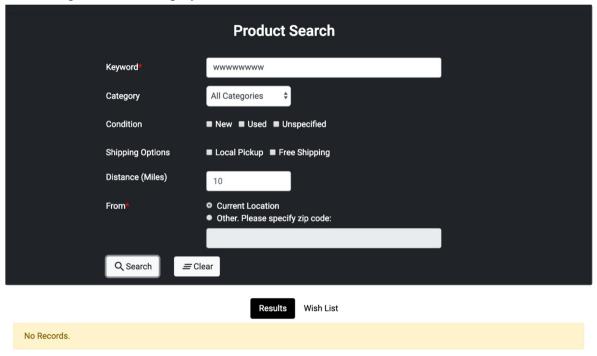


Figure 23 Error Message

3.6 No Records

Whenever the search receives no records, an appropriate message should be displayed.



Figure 24 No Records on Similar Products

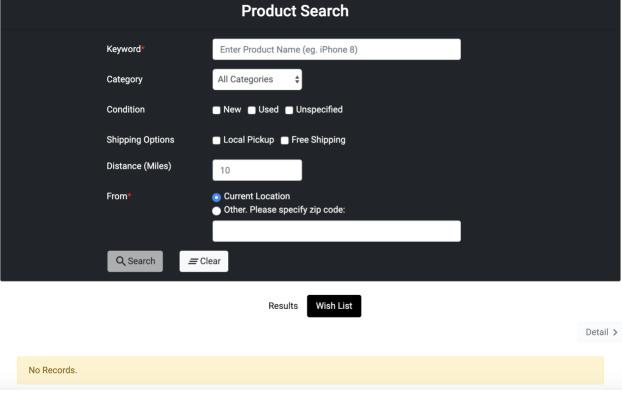


Figure 25 No Records on Wish List

3.7 Progress Bars

Whenever data is being fetched, a dynamic progress bar must be displayed as shown in Figure 26.

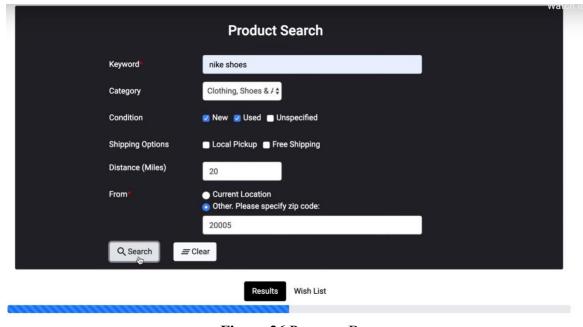


Figure 26 Progress Bar

3.8 Responsive Design

The following are snapshots of the webpage opened with Safari on iPhone 7 Plus. for more

