# **BOOKHUB**

## **Inventory Management System Documentation**

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## How to set up the system

The system is build using Node.js for the backend, eact for the front end and connects to a MySQL database .

#### **Prerequisite**

Make sure to have Nodejs, npm and MySQL installed

#### Instructions

1. Create the database "bookhub" in MySQL, then import the mysql file "bookhub.sql" to create the inventory table



2. Open the Backend Folder and locate the *index.js* file. Update the backend file with your MySQL credentials (Eg. username, password, database name, port)

```
// ----- Connection to mySQL Databbase -----
// * ----- UPDATE YOUR MYSQL CREDENTIALS HERE ----- *//

const db = mysql.createConnection({\( \)
    host: "localhost",
    user: "root",
    password: "root",
    database: "bookhub",
    port: "8889",
});
```

- 3. Open terminal and navigate to the backend folder *cd backend* to install the necessary dependencies *npm i*
- 4. Start backend server with *npm start*, the server should be running http://localhost:8800.
- 5. Open a new terminal window, mavigate to the frontend folder *cd frontend* and install the necessary dependencies *npm i*
- 6. Start react application with *npm start*, the react application should be running on http://localhost:3000

## **Figma Prototype**

#### Link to prototype



## **How to Use the System**

#### 1. Home Page

- a. The "Browse Books" button takes users to a list of all available books (/books).
- b. The "Add Book" button leads to a form where users can add a new book (/add).

#### 2. Books Page

- a. Users can view a table listing all books.
- b. Users can filter the results by Title, Author Name, and Genre, with results updating dynamically.
- c. Users can clear all search fields to reset the filters.
- d. Users can export the book list as a CSV file.

#### 3. Add Book Page

- a. Users enter information about the new book.
- b. The system validates that no fields are left empty.
- c. The publication date must not be set in the future.
- d. The ISBN number must be exactly 13 digits and contain only numbers.
- e. Upon successful submission, users are redirected to the Books page.

## **Challenges**

a. As I had never implemented the "export as CSV" functionality before, I had to research and learn how to use it during this challenge.

b. In my previous course projects, I primarily used React for building components like headers and footers, with less focus on hook functions. However, this challenge required me to spend more time familiarizing myself with React, particularly hook functions. Additionally, handling form validation in React differed from how I usually approached it with vanilla JavaScript, which made it a bit challenging.