**Silk Road 5.0 Auction House User Manual**

**Home Screens**

* Login Page
  + Register as a new user by clicking the “Register” button.
  + After registering, enter your username and password to enter the auction house.
    - If you are an employee, you will be brought to the employee page
    - If you are a customer, you will be brought to the customer page
* Register Page
  + Here you will register as new user, either as an employee or a customer.
    - Employees and customers have different fields, so the fields required will be different based on which of the two user types you are.
    - Fill out the fields and hit the “Register” button at the bottom to complete your registration.

**Customer Screens**

* Search Bar
* The search bar is on the Search and Completed screen on the left side. Here you can filter the auctions that are displayed in the table. There are three search features: Search By Type, Search By Name, and Search By Seller.
* Search By Type
  + Select a type of item and the auctions that are selling an item of that type will appear.
* Search By Name
  + Use three keywords, each corresponding to the item name, and the auctions selling an item that match any of the three keywords will appear.
* Search By Seller
  + Select a seller and the auctions that were posted by that selected seller will appear.
* Search Page
  + Here you will see all auctions, either expired or not expired. You may place a bid by selecting “Bid Now”
* Post Page
  + Here you can post an auction by filling out the form. If the fields are valid, you will create an auction. Note that you can only post an auction for an item that is in the database and is still in stock.
* Completed Page
  + Here you will see only the auctions that you have posted or have bidded on.
* Menu
  + There are three menu items: Best Sellers, Item Suggestions, and Backup Database.
    - Best Sellers
      * Here you will see a list of customers that have posted an auction, as well as how many items they have sold (meaning that the auction that was selling that item was successfully purchased). The customer who has sold the most items will be the first customer in the list.
    - Item Suggestions
      * Here you can get a list of suggested items for you based on your bidding history. No items that you have already bought will appear in this suggestion list. But say you bid on a Nissan Sentra and have not won the auction, then this suggested list will display Nissan Sentra.
    - Backup Database
      * Here you can backup the contents of the database tables. Note that the directory these are backed up to must be an empty directory.
* Help
  + There are two Help items: Screens, Auctions.
    - Screens
      * Here you will get a short description of each of the screens.
    - Auctions
      * Here you will get a short description of how auctions work.