That's Bargain! Books User Guide

Thank you for choosing That's Bargain! Books. This guide will walk the you through the basics for using this software. Below is information on how to set up, manage, and properly use That's Bargain! Books. After reading this guide and the visual tutorials provided, you should have no problem managing a successful bookstore!

Login Information / Registration

Before trying to run this software, please make sure that the database is configured correctly by importing the DDL.sql, DML.sql, and triggers.sql files that are included. This will set up one admin account with email address "testadmin@test.com" and password "test". Of course, these should be changed right away after the database is set up. With this account, one can change normal users to admin, as normal users can just sign up via the link on the home page.

While anyone is more than welcome to search for and add items to their cart, we require that users be registered to actually purchase items. In order to register, users can either click on the "new user" link on the login page, or just navigate to www.cs.kent.edu/~esoros/db/newuser.html. Each user must have a unique email address, so an error message will be displayed if a user tries to register with an email address that is already in use. Otherwise, they will be redirected to the home screen, and allowed to check items out.

When a guest is about to purchase items, they will also be redirected to the registration screen, with a message reminding them about the store's registration policy. After successful registration, the guest is redirected to a screen that thanks them for their order, and displays a link to their itemized receipt.

My Orders

The My Orders tab allows users to view their past orders in chronological order. When the user clicks on an order ID, the corresponding itemized receipt will be shown. Each receipt contains when the transaction occurred, the items bought, the grand total, and personal information about the customer. This tab also allows the user to specify how many orders they see per page, and splits the results into different pages which allows for a more efficient user interface.

My Account

The My Account tab allows the user to view and edit all of the personal information that is on file, except their email address. This includes the user's first name, last name, address, phone number, city, state, and zip code. Updating personal information is as easy as changing the fields in the box that says "edit account information", and hitting the select button. This tab also allows the user to change their password. For security reasons, the user must type in their current password in order to change it. If the user forgot their password, they should visit www.cs.kent.edu/~esoros/db/forgotpass.html, and a new password will be randomly generted and sent to them via email. Visual tutorials explaining how to change user information and passwords have also been included with this software.

Admin Tools

Users with administrative rights will see a link on their navigation bar called "admin" in place of the link called "comments" for normal users. This link leads to the admin tools page, which allows an administrator to manage various parts of the store, including adding books to the store, updating stock, removing a book, searching for customers, viewing an order, and giving another user administrative privileges. Customers can be searched by either email address or name, and all of the personal information on file about that user will be displayed along with a link to view all of their past orders. Orders can be searched by either a specific order ID number or an email address. If an order is searched by the order number, a receipt will be displayed if it is on file. When searching orders by e mail address, all of that user's past orders will displayed if the email address is in the system.

A visual tutorial has been provided on how to navigate to the admin tools section, and how to add a book to the store in greater detail.

Shopping Cart

The shopping cart tab contains all of the items that the user plans on buying. In order to see the items that are currently in the shopping cart, the user must click on the shopping cart image on their navigation bar. This tab displays a table with all of the books that the user wishes to buy, and a corresponding check box and drop down menu. In order to change the quantity of a certain item in the cart, the user must check the corresponding check box and select from the drop down menu the new amount they would like to have in their cart. If the user chooses zero from the drop down menu, then that book will be removed from the cart. When the user wishes to purchase the items in their cart, all they do is click on the link that says "checkout". Upon successfully purchasing the items, the user will then be shown a link to their receipt, and can continue to shop for more items if they wish. A visual tutorial has also been provided for viewing the shopping cart, changing the amount of items in the shopping cart, and completing an order.

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