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Style grading notes

Folks,

For the final project, please go back and read comments on Canvas that I made for your previous submissions. Make sure all those have been addressed. Also, check the final project description *and* any relevant Canvas announcements your grader made regarding the project.

Finally, below I have listed a few things to consider when evaluating your final project:

Regarding buttons (and links)

- the cursor should change to a hand when you hover over a button or link
- all buttons and links should be *easily* readable
- do not use the traditional blue link color (#0000EE) or purple visited link color (#551A8B) in any of your buttons or links
- Your buttons should have a consistent styling. Don't put rounded corners on your buttons on one page and square corners on another. Likewise, you should only use a few different colors for your buttons across the site.
- button size should not change when you hover over them. for example, if the text turns from normal to bold when you hover, the button itself should be large enough so that the size of the button does not change, even though the size of the text may have increased slightly

General

- revisit the design principles from the non-designer's design book: alignment, proximity, contrast, and repetition.
- put space around *all* elements. nothing should be right up against anything else

Things I have taken off for in the past

Below is an incomplete list of things that I have taken off for in the final project in past classes. I did not go through this in detail, so it's possible that some may not apply. Also, it is by no means exhaustive. Therefore, please ask here if you have any questions about it. Note that some of these are functional issues and some are stylistic issues. I'm going to try to organize the grading so that the graders look at functionality and I (Dr. K) look at style. However, I included things in this list that are both functional and style problems.

Some things we will take off points for:

- you have less than 4 categories
- you have a category with less than 4 books in it
- you have book images that are not the correct images of books. For example, your book title is "The Hobbit" but your book image is not an image of the correct book
- your text and/or images are right next to each other (no spacing)
- - for example: if there is no spacing between book images and text
- - for example: if it is hard to distinguish between title/author/price due to similar font style or poor spacing
- if your read-now button does not correspond to isPublic in your DB
- if your read-now or add-to-cart button has no styling
- if you have category images on your homepage and I can't click on them and go to the correct category
- if an element (like your search box) has no styling
- if a button has no styling (don't use default button styling)
- if your button has bevels
- if your category drop-down does not work (very important!)
- if any category buttons don't work
- if you have a button for which the cursor stays a cursor (and does not turn into a hand)
- if clicking on the logo or logo text does not work
- confusing navigation
- book boxes are distributed in odd way (for example, there is one book on the first line and three books on the second)
- if I can't get back to the correct category page from the cart
- if something weird happens when I try to go from one page to another (for example, if I click the logo from your checkout page before hitting submit, it should not clear the cart)
- if your database is not updated appropriately when I submit an order
- if your buttons (or any other significant element) looks too much like "Another Bookstore"
- if the fields on your form are not aligned
- if there are any serious alignment issues

- if there is no spacing between the fields on your form
 - if your form is all the way over to the left (instead of centered)
 - if anything on your site strongly deviates from your overall design
 - if you have buttons or fields that are really, really long
 - if you have pages where it looks like you just kind of threw them together
 - if you put "Name" on confirmation page, and you do not also put "Address"
 - if you put a *day* on your expiration date on confirmation page (just put month and year)
 - if the month chosen for CC exp. date is not the month saved in DB (beware of 1-off error)
-and more....

Cheers,
Dr. K
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