Book Review Web Application

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DESCRIPTION

For this project we are required to develop a book review website. The prototype should allow users to access the website and check on books & their details, as well as review them.

Functional Requirements:

- 1. Users must login to the website using email and password. (standard user or admin)
- 2. After login, standard users can check their profile, edit their data and save.
- 3. After login, standard users can view details about books (book title, author, genre, reviews, description, publisher, released date)
- 4. Standard users can leave reviews (0-5) and comment as well.
- 5. After leaving a review, standard users can check their reviews on "My reviews" section.
- 6. On "My review" users can delete their reviews.
- 7. Users can search on books by their title, author, genre, rating or a combination of all.
- 8. After login, admin user can check on other users, update their data, delete users or create users.
- After login, admin user can check on books, update book details, delete books or add books.
- 10. All users can logout.

SOLUTION

In function of this assignment, we have used the following frameworks:

- Java Server Faces (JSF)
- Java Persistence API (JPA)

Also, we have used EclipseLink for the GlassFish server as an interface of the Java Persistence API. This implementation has helped us to organize and maintain the project effectively. The design pattern that we kept in mind while creating the website is the Model view Controller (MVC), thus the usage of JSF was much easier.

Making a good and convenient user interface was another aspect that we considered, therefore we have used HTML, CSS and JavaScript to accomplish this.

The project consists on packages, which are explained as below:

- The Beans Package: includes all classes that link the communication with the view pages.
- The API Package: includes classes than contain the public API requests.
- The DAO Package: includes all classes that link the communication with database storage.
- The Model Package: includes the business entity classes.
- The Utility Package: includes general utility classes, which are used by other packages on the system.
- The Source Package: includes all classes that are responsible for the control of the project.

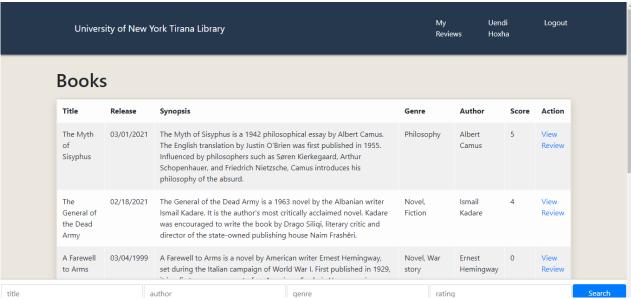


Figure 2 Index Page - standard user

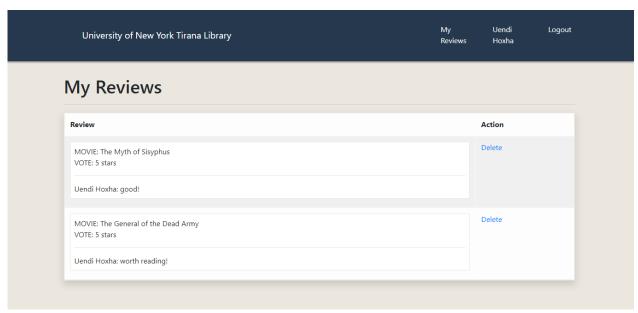


Figure 1 My Reviews

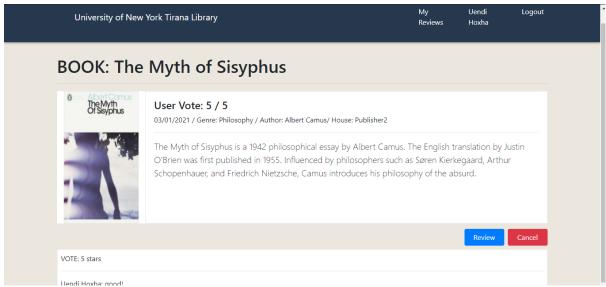


Figure 5 Review Book

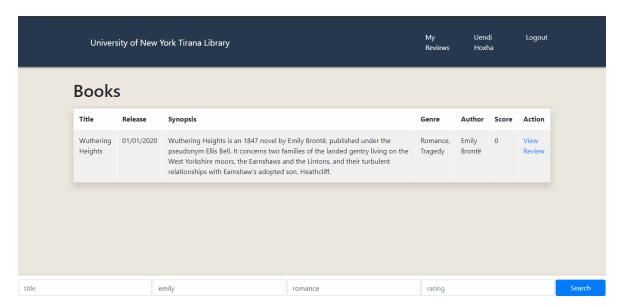
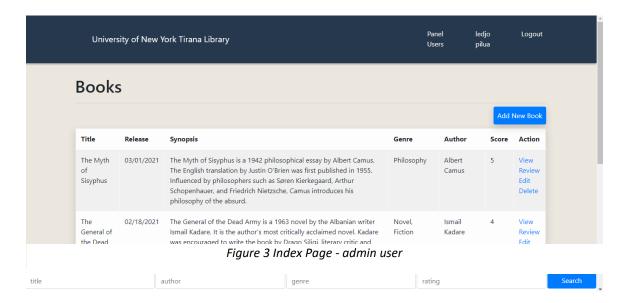


Figure 4 Searching combined



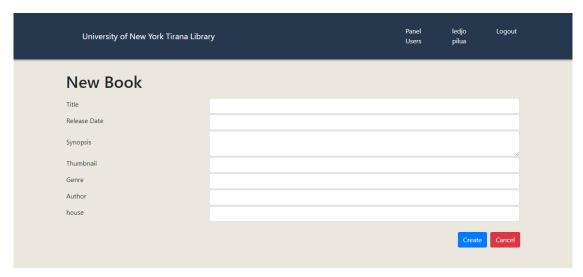


Figure 8 Add a new book

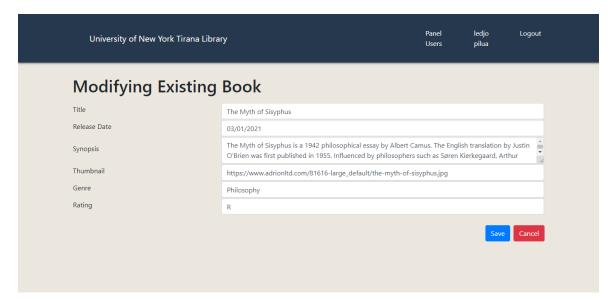


Figure 7 Edit book data

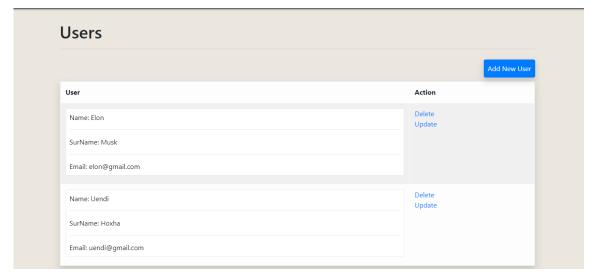


Figure 6 Admin controls on users