Access Instructions

To install all node modules, simply run the command "npm install" in the root folder. This will install all the modules the server is dependant on.

After this is complete, run the command "*node server.js*". This should display "*running...*" in the terminal. This means the server is running and you can now connect to the site. To do this, go to:

http://ljw26.host.cs.st-andrews.ac.uk/CS3101

From here you should be able to navigate the site.

Overview

To build a web based front end system for the database we built in the first practical. The site is able to display a list of all books stored within the database, along with their age ratings and their prices. You can also see a list of all the authors on the site, and all the books they authored or co-authored. A table of reviews and ratings for books is also visible, as well as a table that displays how many times a book has been purchased.

There is also functionality to purchase a book, allowing a user to enter their email to log in and select the book they wish to purchase. If the email isn't contained within the database, the user won't be allowed further. The system also checks if the user is old enough to purchase the selected book before allowing the purchase to go through to the database.

As an extension, I implemented the ability for a user who doesn't currently exist in the database to register themselves. This asks the user for their first name, last name, email and date of birth. It will then check to see if the user entered email doesn't already exist within the database, and if not, adds the customer into the system. They will then be able to make purchases.

Code Summary

Essentially all code was written by me. The server javascript file is completely bespoke. The ejs files within the views directory are also wirtten by me, however the linkings to the bootstrap dependencies were copied from the website.

I used node.js to host my server, using express to define routings. Each route would be linked to a function. Within that function, any necessary tasks would be carried out before the next page would be rendered and returned as the HTTP response.

To make queries to the database, I used the mysql node.js module. This allows you to make connections to the database and carry out queries on it.

To display the results of the SQL queries, I used ejs, which is a way to display variables within HTML defined documents. This allowed me to psuedo-dynamically update pages. Every time a HTTP request was submitted, the response would render the new page with the query results in a suitable format dictated by bootstrap.

HTTP requests were mainly of the GET method, requesting new pages to display data from the database. However, two instances involved POST methods; when registering a new user, and when processing a purchase.

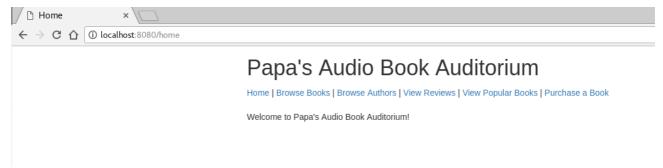
The mysql module automatically escapes all variables passed into queries to prevent SQL injection.

Database Modifications

The only modification I made was to my original database was to make the customer primary key a composite of their ID AND their email. This enforced that a users site account was dictated by their email. If their email already existed in the system when attempting to register, the registration would be forbidden. Reviews was also altered to make sure comments have been entered.

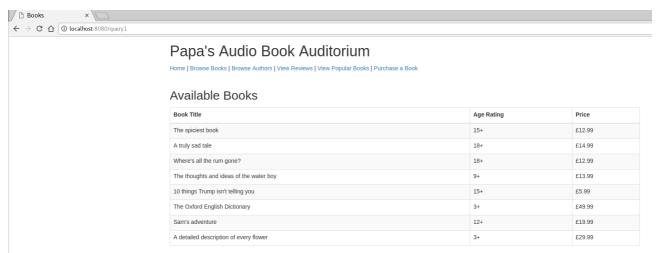
Interface Design

Home page



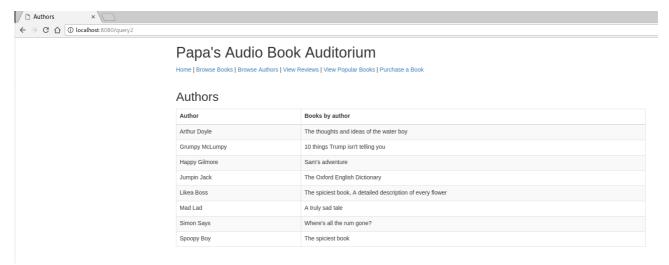
This is the home page. Each link in the navigation bar will take you to a new page.

Books



Book title, age rating and price are displayed within a table.

Authors



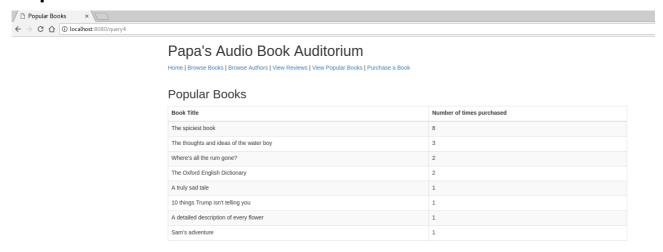
List of authors registered on the site, followed by all the books they've authored or co-authored.

Reviews



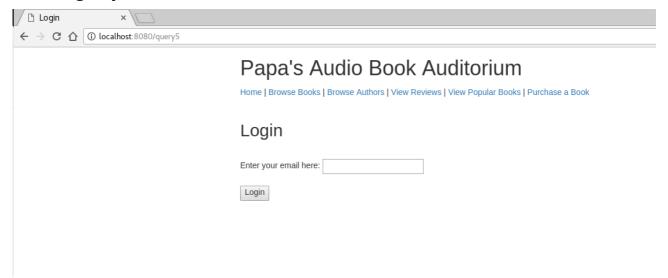
Lists all books with reviews, their average rating and the collection of their comments.

Popular books



Lists book title and the amount of times the book has been purchased, ordered by most popular.

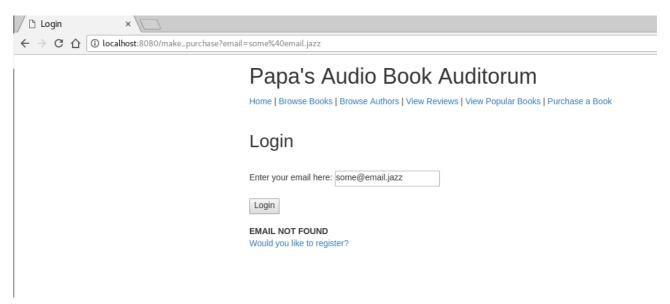
Making a purchase



Provides you with a login screen. Login screen requires you to enter an email address. Uses HTML5 input type *email* which ensures only a valid email address can be input.

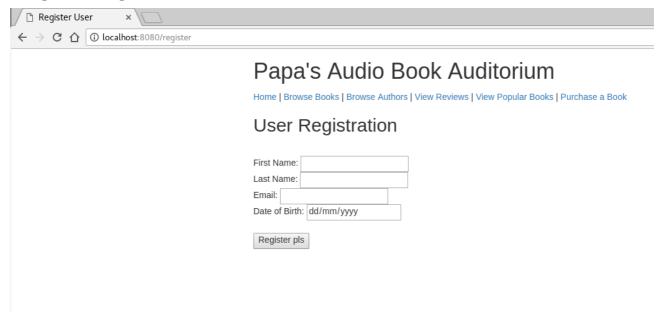


This is displayed when attempting to submit an erroneous email.



When an email is submitted that isn't registered, this page is displayed.

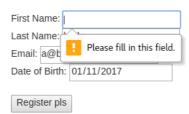
Registering new users

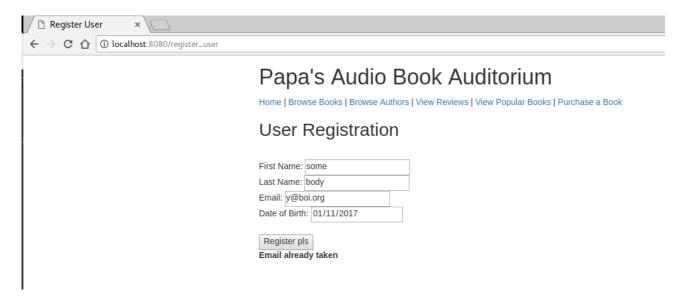


Clicking "Would you like to register?" takes you to this page. Email entry is, again, of input type "email". Date of birth entry is of input type "date", which will automatically submit the input of the date in the format YYYY-MM-DD. **THIS INPUT TYPE IS NOT SUPPORTED IN SAFARI.**

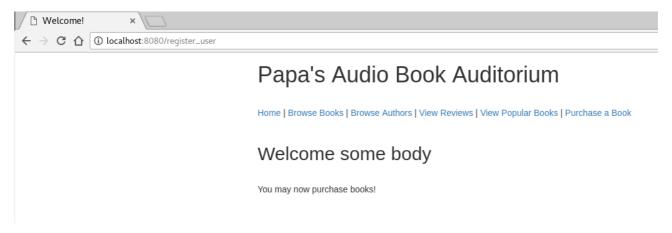
All inputs are set as "required" and will display a message if submission is attempted without a given input.

User Registration





This page is displayed if you attempt to register with an email that is already registered.

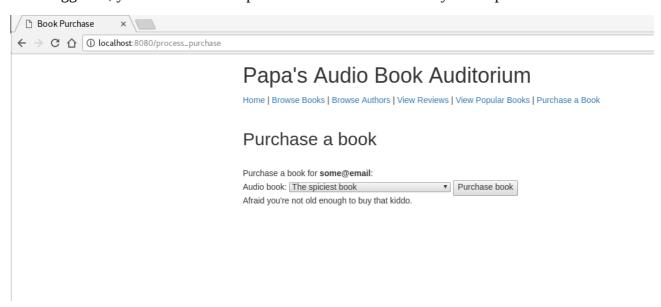


This page is displayed when a user has successfully been registered.

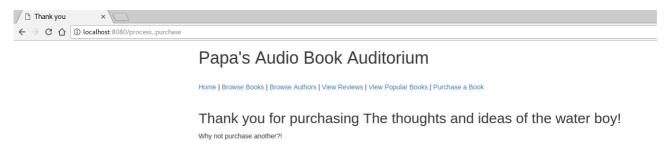
Purchasing books



Once logged in, you are shown a drop down menu of all the books you can purchase.



If a customer attempts to buy a book rated above their age, this message is displayed.



This is displayed when a purchase is successful.

Database Operations

Registering user

When registering this user:



First Name: New
Last Name: User2
Email: new@user2
Date of Birth: 01/12/2017

Register pls

Database before operation:

12	13	Someone	Eise	some@email	2017-11-12
13	14	sandy	witch	s@ndy.witch	2017-11-03
14	15	New	User	New@User.com	2017-11-15
15	18	some	body	a@b	2017-11-01
	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL

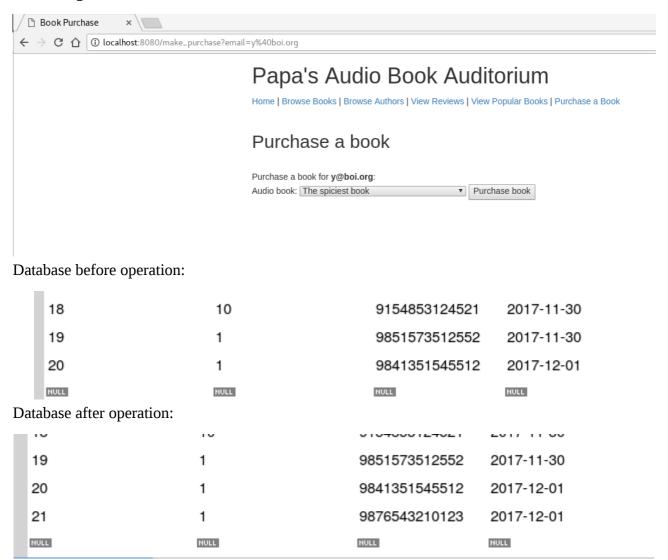
Database after operation:

4	15	New	User	New@User.com	2017-11-15
5	18	some	body	a@b	2017-11-01
6	19	New	User2	new@user2	2017-12-01
	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL	NULL

New user has been added to database.

Purchasing book

Purchasing a book with customer 1:



New purchase has been added to the purchase log.

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