

Assignment: PHP/MySQL Project - Album Reviews

Application design: Evaluation

Design of Album Reviews is build with usability and simplicity in mind. I wanted to build a simple application that anyone can use driven by the logical usability.

Non registered users can just view/search/filter but not modify content where registered users can add/edit/delete album reviews/genres/users.

When i started to build this application i wanted to write code that is easy to understand and easy to maintain. I divided main models in separate files (albums, users, genres) and made separate files for validation and actions for each of them. I also kept other blocks of code separate (header, footer, sidebar) for easier maintenance.

Each input form has validation check for each filed that is populated. Notification system alerts if there is an error in input and also gives messages upon successful action.

Application could be improved with:

- advanced password protection (MD5 encryption),
- registration form for new users
- add cover art for each album
- add privilege levels to users (users that can only write reviews and not change genres or users)
- commenting system