



Figure 9.1: The Cart Is in the Sidebar

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else
  @cart = find_cart
  @cart.add_product(product)
  redirect_to_index
end
end

```

For this to work, we need to change the definition of `redirect_to_index` to make the message parameter optional.

Download `depot_k/app/controllers/store_controller.rb`

```

def redirect_to_index(msg = nil)
  flash[:notice] = msg if msg
  redirect_to :action => :index
end

```

We should now get rid of the `add_to_cart.rhtml` template—it's no longer needed. (What's more, leaving it lying around might confuse us later in this chapter.)

So, now we have a store with a cart in the sidebar. When you click to add an item to the cart, the page is redisplayed with an updated cart. However, if our catalog is large, that redisplay might take a while. It uses bandwidth, and it uses server resources. Fortunately, we can use AJAX to make this better.