# CMPSC 431W Final Project: Online Bookstore

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### **Objective**

The objective of this semester-long project was to use the skills we learned in class to plan and implement a conventional online bookstore from scratch. The store is meant to fulfill certain requirements set by the professor and be easy to deploy and use by an outsider.

## **Technologies Used**





- PHP Codelgniter
- XAMMP Web-Server Solution (Local)
  - All-in-one program for running a web server and MySQL server concurrently
- Microsoft Visual Studio Code
- Google Chrome
- Mac OS X Catalina









- Singular orders can have multiple products in multiple quantities with the cart system
  - Added controllers, models, and views, to implement a cart
- In the users list for admins, passwords are encrypted using hashing to make passwords less blatant and recognizable.
  - Done by finding the md5 hash of the password string
- 'Keep me signed in' feature
  - Users are able to check a box upon sign-in that lets them stay logged in until they physically choose to log out.





### Challenges



- First time ever using PHP as a primary language
- First time working very in-depth with HTML
- First time doing a project with SQL!
- Finding a vision for the project
- Choosing the right technologies
- General getting stuck



#### **Reflection: Comparison to Phase 1**

- COMPLETELY different technologies!
  - PHP instead of Python
  - CodeIgniter instead of MySQL Workbench
  - XAMPP instead of MySQLServer
- Changed relationships between tables, changed items inside of tables
- All extra functionalities were not mentioned in Phase 1

### What I have learned and gained from this project

- Gained plenty of knowledge and skills in PHP, HTML, SQL, and server maintenance that I didn't once have
- Gained a much larger sense of vision for large coding projects. I now know what I should be focusing on in the beginning stages as opposed to the ending stages.
- I now have a better understanding of how certain programming languages and integrate and interact with each other.