Report Online Bookshop Application

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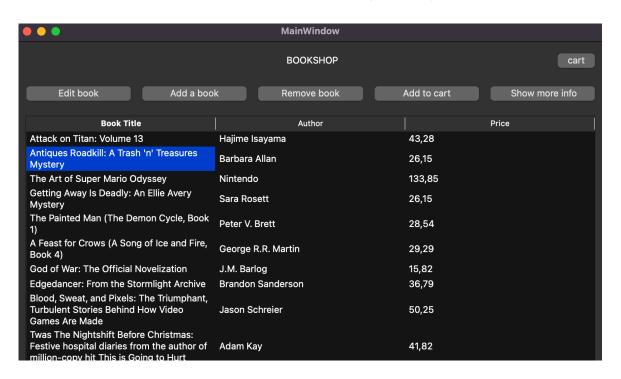
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Problem Statement

This project aims to solve the problem of purchasing books in a physical store by providing an online platform where users can easily browse, search for specific titles, add them to a cart, and make a purchase. It is essentially an online bookshop that harnesses the power of QT for its user interface and data management.

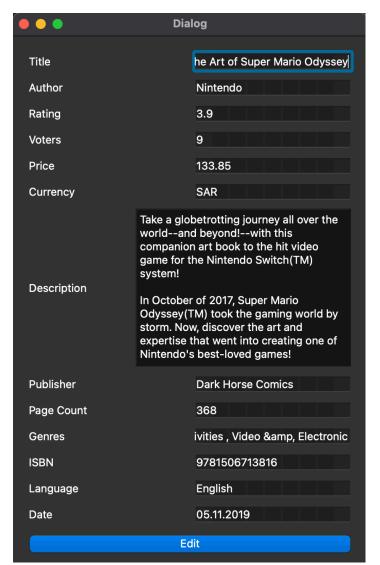
Implementation Details

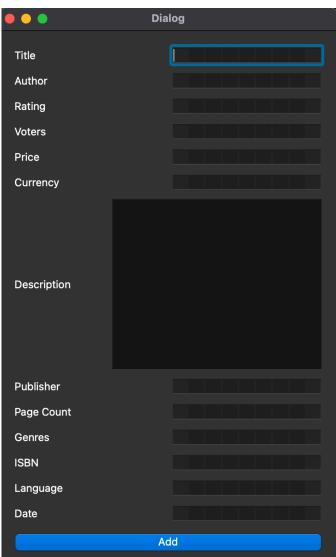
Dialog windows were used in the project to provide additional features and interaction points for users. The data for the application was initially sourced from a CSV file. However, due to complexity and readability issues with the original data, especially the 'Description' field which had inconsistent separators and double quotation marks, the data was modified. All separators were replaced with semicolons, and initial semicolons were changed to colons for better data readability and parsing.



A challenge arose with the use of QDateEdit, as it does not allow dates before the year 1752 to be entered. To circumvent this, dates in the edit and add dialog were entered through a QTextEdit instead.

The implementation process of the project be viewed on the GitHub repository at the following URL: https://github.com/ulcorn/dsba-itop2023-hw





Results and Discussion

All mandatory features for the application were successfully implemented, but there were difficulties in integrating additional features, particularly the Cart Model. Efforts to connect the Cart Model with the BookModel resulted in application crashes, which led to the decision to omit the Cart Model to maintain the stability of the application.

Conclusion

The developed project is a simple QT application that presents an online platform for book purchasing. While it has successfully implemented all the required functionalities, there are several areas that could benefit from improvements. These improvements include the implementation of a functional cart field and a data sorting feature. This will further enhance user interaction and the overall functionality of the application. The lessons learned from this project provide a foundation for better decision making and problem-solving in future QT application development projects