

10.2C: Search a Database

Task

In this task, you are required to extend your web server code from **Task 10-1P** to allow a user to search the **dKin Membership** database for entries matching a particular input from one of the database fields.

You will need to extend the main feedback form page (from **Task 10.1P**) by adding a **new form**. This will have two input fields, one for the *Search Term* and the other with a **pulldown select** for the *database field* to search in. A sample of a very simple *form & submit button* (added to the end of the main page) is shown in the screenshot below:

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled 'dKin Membership' at 'localhost:3000'. The page contains a feedback form with the following fields: 'Mobile' (text input with '04xxxxxxxx'), 'Number of caps owned' (radio buttons for 'No caps yet', 'Between 1 and 10 caps', 'Between 11 and 29 caps', and 'More than 30 caps'), 'Favourite Cap(s)' (pulldown menu with 'Select a cap style...'), and 'Comments' (text area with placeholder text). Below these are 'Submit' and 'Reset' buttons. The 'List Feedback' section contains a green button 'Retrieve Membership Details From Database'. The 'Search Icecream Type' section contains a text input 'Search term: Enter a term to search', a pulldown menu 'Field: Table field...', and a green button 'Search Membership Database'. A footer at the bottom reads '© 2024 A webpage footer with important info!'.

Task10.2.1 Form page with search field

In the example used here, the database holds the records of 9 members.

Membership List

localhost:3000/membershipdetails

dKin Caps

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Membership List

The table below lists all the registered members of the dKin Caps community. Accessing this data, stored in a persistent database, is performed on the server.

ID	Firstname	Surname	Email	Mobile#	Cap Type	Number of Caps	Comment
1	Mick	Hobbs	mick@deakin.edu.au	0499000111	Between 1 and 10 caps	Snapback Cap	I wash my cap 3 times a week!
2	Sam	Smith	samsmith@deakin.edu.au	0411987987	More than 30 caps	Sun Cap	Never go outside in the sun with out my trusty cap.
3	Alexander	Nguyen	aln@deakin.edu.au	0424366221	Between 1 and 10 caps	Runners Cap	I wash my cap at least 7 times a week... I don't like dirty caps.
4	Sophia	Taylor	sophie@deakin.edu.au	0433775775	0 caps	Bucket Hat	Yet to get a cap... But when I do the first will be a Blue Bucket Hap
5	Noah	Rodriguez	noah@deakin.edu.au	0462421133	30+ caps	Trucker Cap	Sometimes, wearing a trucker's cap gives me a feeling of anonymity or privacy, helping me blend in or go unnoticed in a crowd...
6	Derick	Long	dericklong@deakin.edu.au	0499111000	1 - 10 caps	Trucker Cap	I love my trucker cap. I wear it in the morning when I go to work as a barista.
7	Petra	Smithton	pppsss@deakin.edu.au	0400000001	30+ caps	Beanie	My beanie is warm and fluffy! I love my beanie.
8	Astrid	Lawson	starz@deakin.edu.au	0455666999	Between 1 and 10 caps	Sun Cap	I spend lots of time outside, so my trusty sun cap is always on my head. Gotta be sun smart!
9	Brodie	Hammersmith	hammer@deakin.edu.au	04123545678	1 - 10 caps	Snapback Cap	One cap... I love it... but I never, ever wash it.

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Task10.2.2 Databse containing 9 members records

The example below shows a search on term `smith` within the *Surname* field:

dKin Membership

localhost:3000

Search Members Database

The following button will issue a POST request to the /search route to retrieve feedback on the ice cream type inputted.

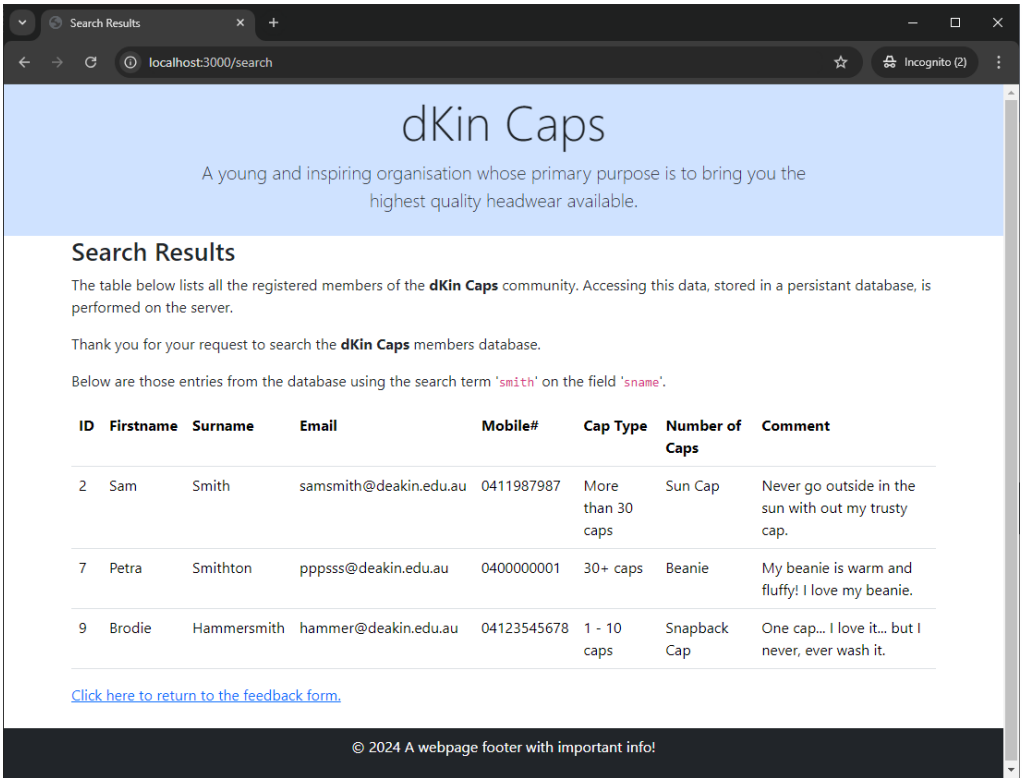
Search term: smith

Field: Surname

Search Membership Database

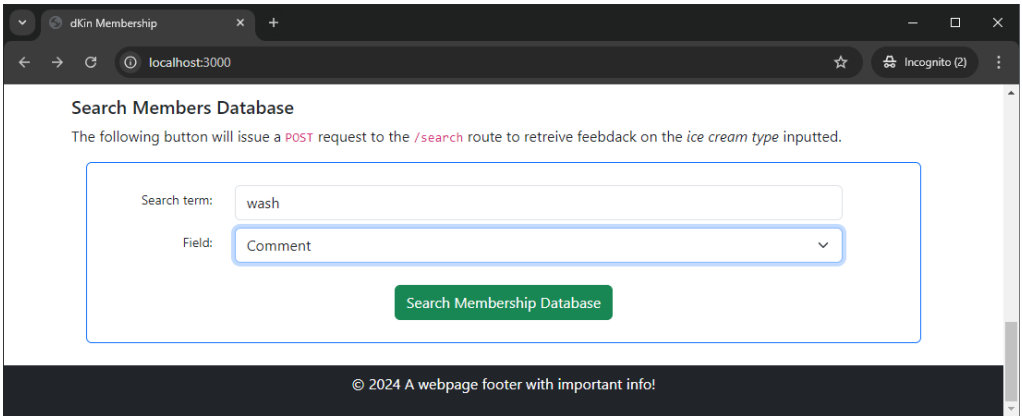
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Task10.2.3 Input search field "smith"



Task10.2.3a Results of field “smith”

While the next example shows a search on term wash within the *Comment* field:



Task10.2.4 Input searching for “wash”

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Search Results

The table below lists all the registered members of the **dKin Caps** community. Accessing this data, stored in a persistent database, is performed on the server.

Thank you for your request to search the **dKin Caps** members database.

Below are those entries from the database using the search term 'wash' on the field 'comment'.

ID	Firstname	Surname	Email	Mobile#	Cap Type	Number of Caps	Comment
1	Mick	Hobbs	mick@deakin.edu.au	0499000111	Between 1 and 10 caps	Snapback Cap	I wash my cap 3 times a week!
3	Alexander	Nguyen	aln@deakin.edu.au	0424366221	Between 1 and 10 caps	Runners Cap	I wash my cap at least 7 times a week... I don't like dirty caps.
9	Brodie	Hammersmith	hammer@deakin.edu.au	04123545678	1 - 10 caps	Snapback Cap	One cap... I love it... but I never, ever wash it.

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Task10.2.4a Results searching for "wash"

Note that in these examples the 'partial' word is used in the search. This is implemented using SQL commands, and as such it is possible to use wild cards. Here the search term is wrapped up in the % symbols, such as a search for smith in the *surname* would be %smith% and would return 3 members details.

Also, if a search term doesn't return any rows, a message like "Nothing found" or "List is empty" should be displayed.

Steps

To complete this task, you are required to:

1. Extend your `index.ejs` template to hold another form for the **Search Term** and **Field to Search**. The input fields should have a unique/relevant name such that the server can extract this from the request message. The form should `POST` the request to the route `/search`.
2. Extend your web server code (`index.js`) to handle a new `POST` request on the route `/search`. In this handler, the `search` data field should be extracted.
3. Issue multiple database request to find all rows that have a given *search term* (or substring) in various *fields* of the members database, like those examples provided above.
4. Create a new template file (`search.ejs`) that is called (`response.render()`) with the parameters: *title*, *search term* and *rows*. It should display the list of matching *rows* (as returned by the database request in step 3). **NOTE:** This template is very similar to the `members.ejs` template used in Task 10.1P.

Hints

The SQL code snippet for **Searching** the database on a field *like* a given term could be:

```
const query = `SELECT * FROM Comments WHERE ${searchfield} LIKE '${searchtype}'`;
```

Where the variables `searchfield` and `searchtype` is extracted from the *form* data passed into the handler.

What to submit

You should submit:

- Source code of the template web page of your extended main page *form* (i.e., the `index.ejs` file)
- Source code of the template file that renders the contents of the results of the database field search into a table (i.e., the `search.ejs` file)
- Source code of the *Node.js* server program file with the new `POST` handler for the `/search` route (i.e., the second `index.js` file).
- A document with **3 Screenshots** of the browser window showing at least 3 search terms:
 1. A specific *surname* that does exist
 2. A specific *comment term* that does NOT exist
 3. A search term that returns more than one row, from either the surname or comments fields