Openbook

User Manual

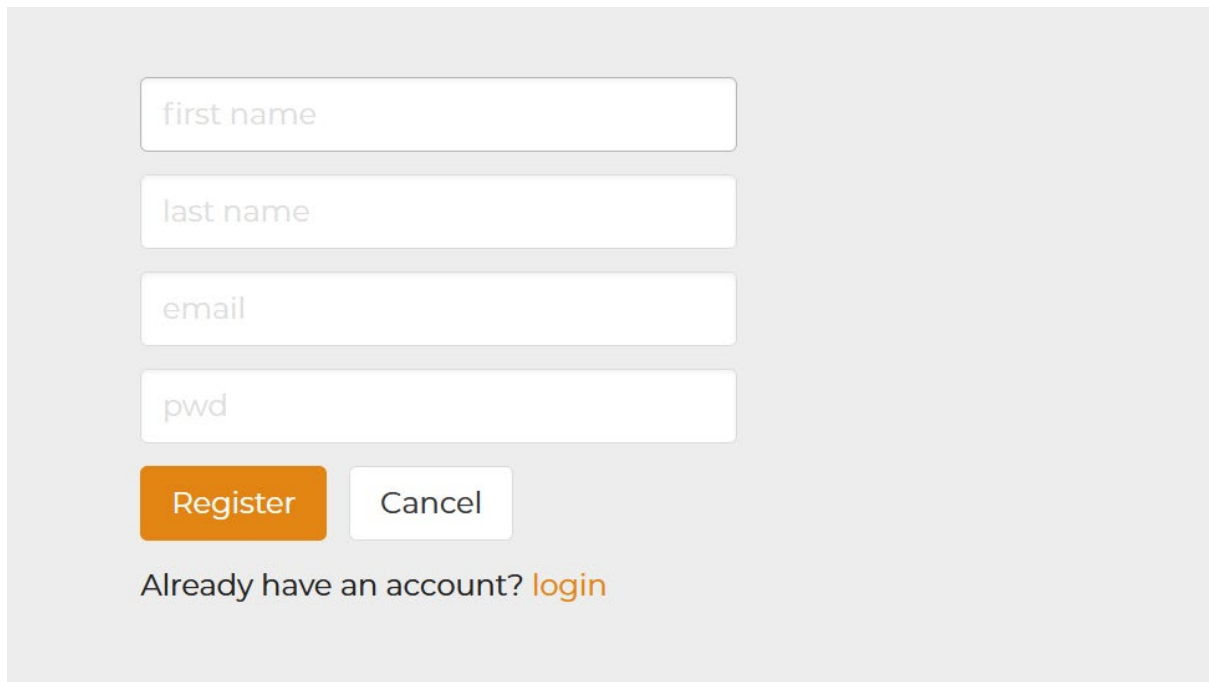Zach Browning

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Getting started

To get started with Openbook, you will need to create an account. This can be done easily enough using the registration form on the landing page.
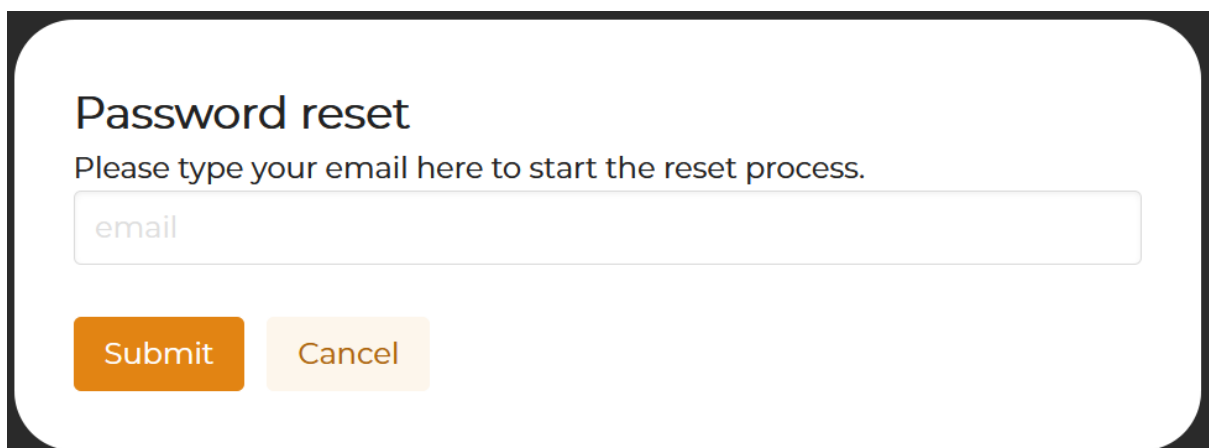
Once you have done this, you will be taken to the main collection management page. Read on from that section to learn more.

Account management

Currently, account management is a little bit sparse. More to come in this regard soon. Importantly however, if you forget your password, this can easily be reset using the password reset form found from the login page. Filling this form will send you an email with instructions to reset your password.

Managing collections

Once you have logged in, you will be taken to the main collection management page, as seen below.

Welcome, Zach!!

Your collections

COMP3511	delete
Spanish 1A	delete
Discrete maths	delete

+ Add

From this page, you can see all the note collections you have created. When you first login, you will not have any!! Try adding one. Once you have done that, you will have the capacity to view the collection and interact with its notes. Read on below.

Managing notes

Upon selecting a collection from the collection management page, you will then view that collection in more depth, from the page seen below.

< back to collections

COMP3511

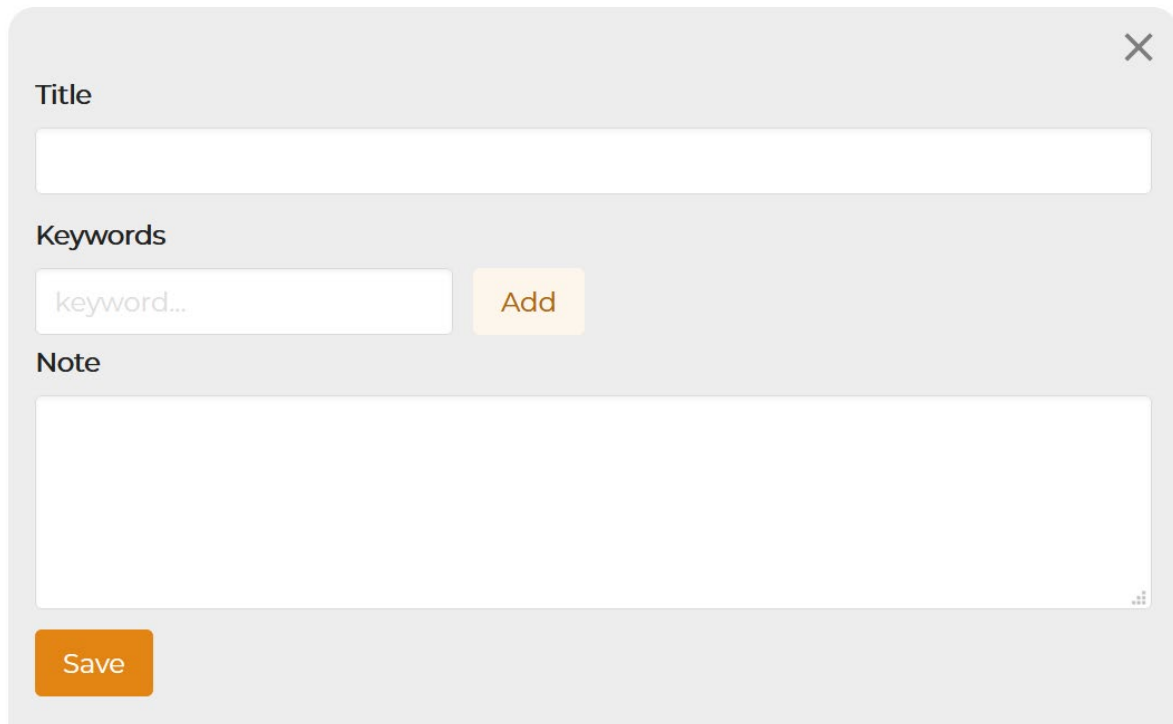Exam mode

Search notes...   Search

+ Add

usability goals	delete
user experience goals	delete
design principles	delete
mapping	delete
usability heuristics/principles	delete
affordance	delete

Initially, you will have no notes. Try adding one by clicking on the add button. Doing so will pull up the editing popup. From here you can create your note. A title and note itself is compulsory, and if you wish you can add some keywords. These keywords can be used to categorise your notes, and to help quickly search for them later.
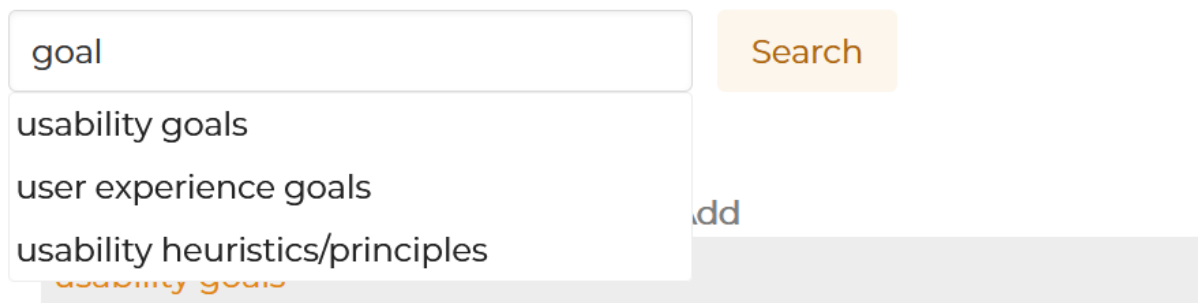

Once you have made some notes, you can easily view them by clicking on them. Notes can easily be amended by clicking the edit icon in the top right of the note.

Searching through notes

With a few notes in your collection, you can start searching through the collection. The search bar at the top of the page functions in two different ways. While you are entering your query, a dropdown of related results will show. These initial results come from a title or keyword match to the string you have entered. In the example below, 'goal' matches with the title of the first two results, and with a keyword from the third note.

If you press enter and submit the search query, the search will act in a different manner. In this case, a deep search will occur, looking through the notes themselves for any matches. These search results will be displayed and you can view any notes that show as a result.

8 matches found   ✕

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION STATEMENT
```
...ss describe what the product will do to meet user goals...
```

PERSONAS
```
...st name - age - photo (stock photo) - describe goals and aims -
their feeligns - online activity ...
```

INTERVIEWS
```
...of a population of interest - need a clear set of goals - not
useful for exploratory research techniques...
```

USE CASE
```
...nd a system - sequence of steps - start with user goal and ends
with goal being fulfilled...
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Exam mode

One of the key features of Openbook is the simplified Exam mode. You can enter exam mode by clicking the button found on the note management page of a certain collection. Exam mode takes minimalism to an extreme, simply providing a search bar in the top navbar. This navbar search can be used in the exact same manner as the search described here.

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data

data visualisation
research / data gathering

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data visualisation

`analysis`   `research`

Data sources :
- interaction logs (software)
- web scraping
- crowd sourcing
- surveillance (self and others)