

Login and Registration

Server-Side Web Languages

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Necessary components of Login/Registration

- ▶ Login form (username + password)
- ▶ New user registration form
(username, password (*2), email, address ...)
- ▶ Check whether username already exists;
username/password are correct
- ▶ Security checks are required for all user input!

Optional components of Login/Registration

- ▶ Confirmation email
(password generated by user or by server)
- ▶ Forgotten password form
- ▶ Security question/security answer
- ▶ Modify user profile form
- ▶ If cookies are used: check whether browser accepts cookies
- ▶ Some icon or message that tells user whether logged in or not
- ▶ ...

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→ is more suited for fixed group of users who do not choose their own username/password

Location of Login Form

- ▶ On the first page?
- ▶ On every page?
- ▶ On check out?

Challenges

- ▶ Where is the user directed to after login?
- ▶ Users should not have to login again immediately after registering
- ▶ ...

Resources

There are lots of resources, script examples for user registration and login on the web.

You are free to use anything for the Coursework, but you must declare your sources on your Credits Page!