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Tapestry and J2EE

The Primix Virtual Library is an improved Tapestry demonstration, demonstrating, in a realistic concepts, how Tapestry integrates into a J2EE environment.

The Primix Virtual Library is a full-fledged demonstration of Tapestry and of Tapestry interacting with Enterprise JavaBeans. It is based on an actual application developed internally at Primix; the idea being to have an application that allows everyone at the company to share their books. A database stores information about the users of the application and the books they own and are borrowing from other users.

Users should be able to connect to the application and begin using it immediately to search for books. If they want to borrow books they must first log in (possibly, registering themselves on the fly).

The goal was to have a useful, streamlined system that could be used internally at Primix *and* to serve as a demonstration of the full power of Tapestry.

The application consists of two modules: VlibBeans which contains the entity and session beans for the application, and Vlib, which contains the Tapestry user interface for the application.

The Virtual Library requires an application server to host the EJBs. This demonstration works around the open-source jBoss application server, available from <http://www.jboss.org/>.

The Tapestry portion of the application requires a servlet container. The Tapestry distribution ships with a copy of the Jetty HTTP Servlet server, which is also open source. More information on Jetty is available at <http://www.mortbay.com/>. The Virtual Library is pre-configured to work with Jetty.

Finally, all development has been under Windows NT and Windows 2000. We have not yet had a chance to setup under Linux or Solaris.

Setting up the Application

The Tapestry distribution includes pre-compiled copies of the Virtual Library components, as well as the source code and the tools to recompile the source.

Configure jBoss and Database

Configuring jBoss and the Hypersonic SQL database is easy, as long as you've set up the JBE first.

Important: You should have JDK 1.3 installed, and have the JBE configure to use it.

Change to the VlibBeans directory (which should be C:\Tapestry-x.x.x\Examples\VlibBeans).

Execute the command `make configure-jboss`:

```
C:\Tapestry-0.2.6\Examples\VlibBeans>make configure-jboss

*** Installing Hypersonic SQL database data ... ***

*** Setting up JNDI properties ... ***

*** Copying runtime libraries ... ***

*** jBoss is ready to run ***

C:\Tapestry-0.2.6\VlibBeans>
```

This overwrites the default Hypersonic SQL database with the database for the Virtual Library, sets up the JNDI configuration that will allow Jetty to locate jBoss, and copies the Tapestry.jar framework.

Start jBoss

Next, start up jBoss with the command `make run-jboss`. This will build the `VlibBeans.jar` file, deploy it, and start up jBoss.

```
C:\Work\Examples\VlibBeans>make run-jboss

*** Cataloging package com.primix.vlib.ejb ... ***

*** Compiling ... ***

cd . ; \
C:/jdk1.3/bin/javac.exe -d C:/Work/Examples/VlibBeans/.build/classes -
classpath
"C:/Work/Examples/VlibBeans;C:/Work/Examples/VlibBeans/.build/classes;C:/jb
oss/lib/ext/ejb.jar;C:/jboss/lib/ext/jndi.jar;C:/jboss/lib/jdbc2_0-
stdext.jar;C:/Work
/lib/Tapestry.jar" com.primix.vlib.ejb/AbstractEntityBean.java
com.primix.vlib/e
jb/Book.java com.primix.vlib.ejb/BookBean.java
com.primix.vlib/ejb/BookQueryBean
.java com.primix.vlib/ejb/IBook.java com.primix.vlib/ejb/IBookHome.java
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com/primix/v
lib/ejb/IEntityBean.java com.primix.vlib/ejb/IKeyAllocator.java
com.primix/vlib/
ejb/IKeyAllocatorHome.java com.primix.vlib/ejb/IOperations.java
com.primix/vlib/
ejb/IOperationsHome.java com.primix.vlib/ejb/IPerson.java
com.primix/vlib/ejb/IP
ersonHome.java com.primix.vlib/ejb/IPublisher.java
com.primix/vlib/ejb/IPublishe
rHome.java com.primix.vlib/ejb/KeyAllocatorBean.java
com.primix/vlib/ejb/Operati
onsBean.java com.primix.vlib/ejb/Person.java
com.primix/vlib/ejb/PersonBean.java
com.primix/vlib/ejb/Publisher.java com.primix.vlib/ejb/PublisherBean.java
com/p
rimix/vlib/ejb/RegistrationException.java

*** Copying META-INF resources ... ***

Copying:  ejb-jar.xml  jaws.xml  jboss.xml

*** Building VlibBeans.jar ... ***

C:/jdk1.3/bin/jar.exe cf VlibBeans.jar -C .build/classes .

*** Deploying VlibBeans.jar ... ***

*** Running jBoss ... ***
```

```

cd C:/jboss/bin ; C:/jdk1.3/bin/java.exe -jar run.jar
Using configuration "default"
[Console logging] Initialized
[Classpath extension] Initializing
[Classpath extension] Initialized
[File logging] Initializing
[File logging] Initialized
[Classpath extension] Initializing
[Classpath extension] Initialized
[Classpath extension] Initializing
[Classpath extension] Initialized
[Info] Java version: 1.3.0,Sun Microsystems Inc.
[Info] Java VM: Java HotSpot(TM) Client VM 1.3.0-C,Sun Microsystems Inc.
[Info] System: Windows 2000 5.0,x86
[Classpath extension] Initializing
[Classpath extension] Initialized
[JDBC] Loaded JDBC-driver:org.hsql.jdbcDriver
[JDBC] Loaded JDBC-driver:org.enhydra.instantdb.jdbc.idbDriver
[Webserver] Initializing
[Webserver] Initialized
[Hypersonic] Initializing
[Hypersonic] Initialized
.
.
.

```

The EJB portion of the application, including the database, is not ready to go. The database has about twenty books owned by three different users:

Name	E-Mail	Password
Dilber CubeDweller	dilbert@bigco.com	secret
Howard Ship	hship@primix.com	secret
Suzy Queue	squeue@bug.org	secret

Start Jetty

The presentation layer of the application is the Vlib module, in C:\Tapestry-x.x.x\Examples\Vlib.

Go to that directory and execute make run. The JBE will build the Vlib.war file, and start Jetty up to service it.

```

C:\Tapestry-0.2.6\Examples\Vlib>make run

*** Cataloging package com.primix.servlet ... ***

```

```

*** Cataloging package com.primix.vlib ... ***

*** Cataloging package com.primix.vlib.pages ... ***

*** Cataloging package com.primix.vlib.components ... ***

*** Cataloging package com.primix.vlib.jsp ... ***

*** Compiling ... ***

cd . ; \
C:/jdk1.3/bin/javac.exe -d C:/Work/Examples/Vlib/.build/wapp/WEB-
INF/classes -cl
asspath "C:/Work/Examples/Vlib;C:/Work/Examples/Vlib/.build/wapp/WEB-
INF/classes
;C:/jboss/lib/ext/ejb.jar;C:/jboss/lib/ext/jndi.jar;C:/Work/lib/javax.servl
et.ja
r;C:/Work/lib/Tapestry.jar;C:/Work/lib/VlibBeans.jar"
com/primix/servlet/Gateway
Servlet.java com/primix/servlet/HTMLUtils.java
com/primix/servlet/HTMLWriter.jav
a com/primix/servlet/IService.java com/primix/servlet/RequestContext.java
com/pr
imix/vlib/EntitySelectionModel.java com/primix/vlib/IExternalPage.java
com/primi
x/vlib/Protected.java com/primix/vlib/VirtualLibraryApplication.java
com/primix/
vlib/VirtualLibraryServlet.java
com/primix/vlib/pages/ConfirmBookDelete.java com
/primix/vlib/pages/EditBook.java com/primix/vlib/pages/EditProfile.java
com/prim
ix/vlib/pages/Home.java com/primix/vlib/pages/Login.java
com/primix/vlib/pages/L
ogout.java com/primix/vlib/pages/Matches.java
com/primix/vlib/pages/MyBooks.java
com/primix/vlib/pages/NewBook.java com/primix/vlib/pages/PersonPage.java
com/pr
imix/vlib/pages/Register.java com/primix/vlib/pages/ViewBook.java
com/primix/vli
b/components/BookLink.java com/primix/vlib/components/Border.java
com/primix/vli
b/components/PersonLink.java com/primix/vlib/jsp/BookDelegate.java
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com/primix/vlib/js
p/ILoginCallback.java com/primix/vlib/jsp/LoginDelegate.java
com/primix/vlib/jsp
/LoginServlet.java com/primix/vlib/jsp/MyBooksDelegate.java
com/primix/vlib/jsp/
MyBooksServlet.java com/primix/vlib/jsp/PersonDelegate.java
com/primix/vlib/jsp/

```

```
PersonServlet.java com/primix/vlib/jsp/VirtualLibraryApplication.java
com/primix
/vlib/jsp/VlibDelegate.java com/primix/vlib/jsp/VlibServlet.java
Note: com/primix/servlet/RequestContext.java uses or overrides a deprecated
API.
```

Note: Recompile with -deprecation for details.

```
*** Copying WEB-INF resources ... ***
```

```
Copying: web.xml
```

```
*** Copying package resources ...***
```

```
Copying: Vlib.application ConfirmBookDelete.html EditBook.html
EditProfile.html
Home.html Login.html Logout.html Matches.html MyBooks.html NewBook.html
PersonPa
ge.html Register.html ViewBook.html ConfirmBookDelete.jwc EditBook.jwc
EditProfi
le.jwc Home.jwc Login.jwc Logout.jwc Matches.jwc MyBooks.jwc NewBook.jwc
PersonP
age.jwc Register.jwc ViewBook.jwc BookLink.html Border.html PersonLink.html
Book
Link.jwc Border.jwc PersonLink.jwc
```

```
*** Copying context resources ... ***
```

```
Copying: index.html Book.jsp Border-trailer.jsp Border.jsp Error.jsp
Home.jsp Lo
gin.jsp Matches.jsp MyBooks.jsp Person.jsp
```

```
*** Building Vlib.war ... ***
```

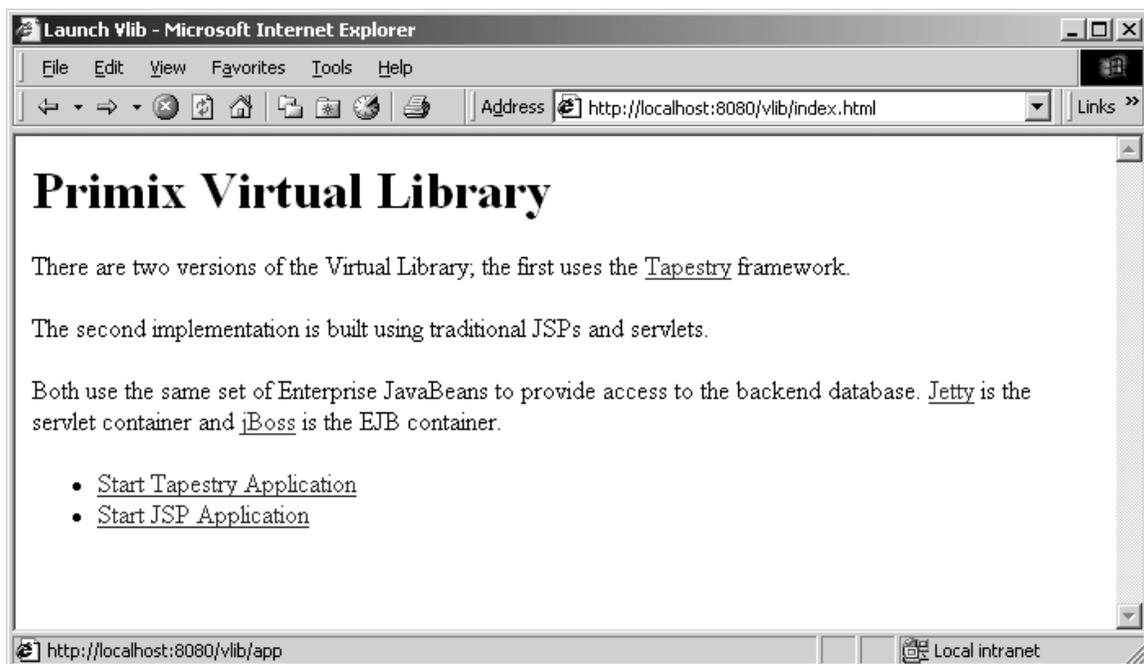
```
C:/jdk1.3/bin/jar.exe cf Vlib.war -C .build/wapp .
C:/jdk1.3/bin/java.exe -classpath
"C:/jboss/lib/ext/ejb.jar;C:/jboss/lib/ext/jnd
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regex.jar;C:/Work/lib/com.mortbay
.jetty.jar;C:/jboss/conf/default;C:/jboss/client/jboss-client.jar" \
-Dcom.primix.tapestry.enable-reset-service=true \
-Dorg.xml.sax.parser=org.apache.xerces.parsers.SAXParser \
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20001120150650884GMT EVENT
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```

A Tour of the Virtual Library Application

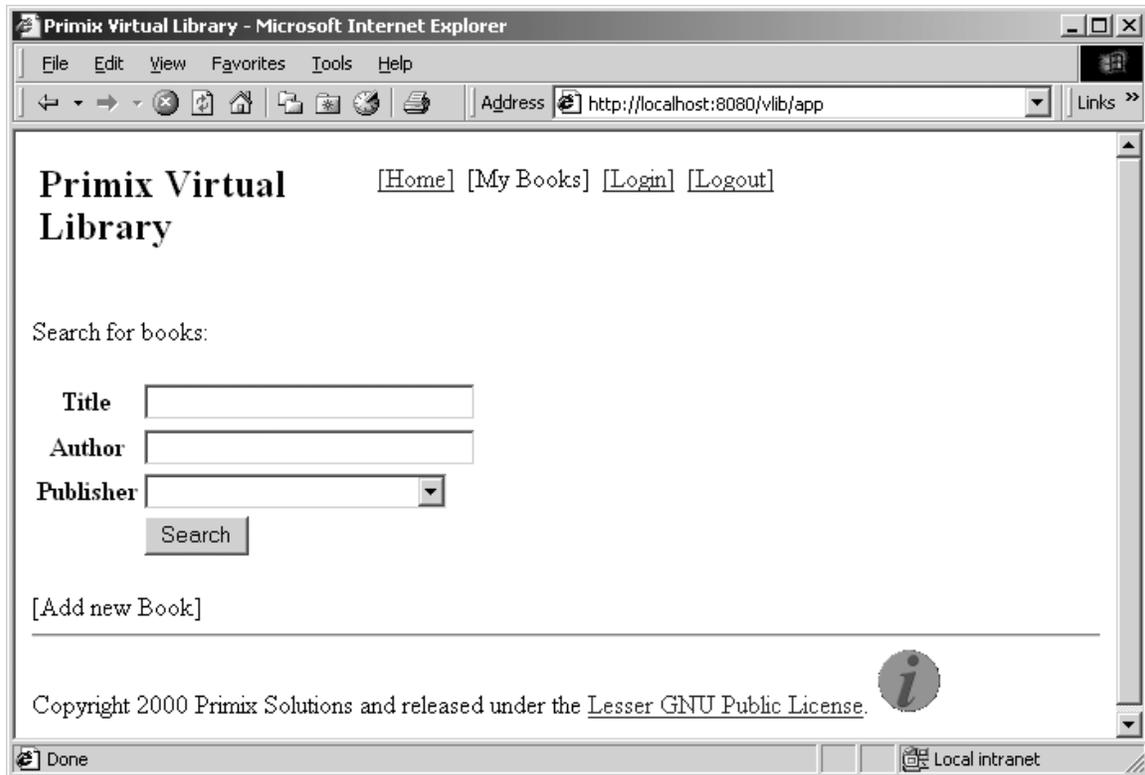
You can start the Vlib application with the URL:

<http://localhost:8080/vlib>

The initial page for the application allows you to select either the JSP or Tapestry implementations:



Select the first option, "Start Tapestry Application". You'll then see the home page for the application, from which you may search for books.



Page Home

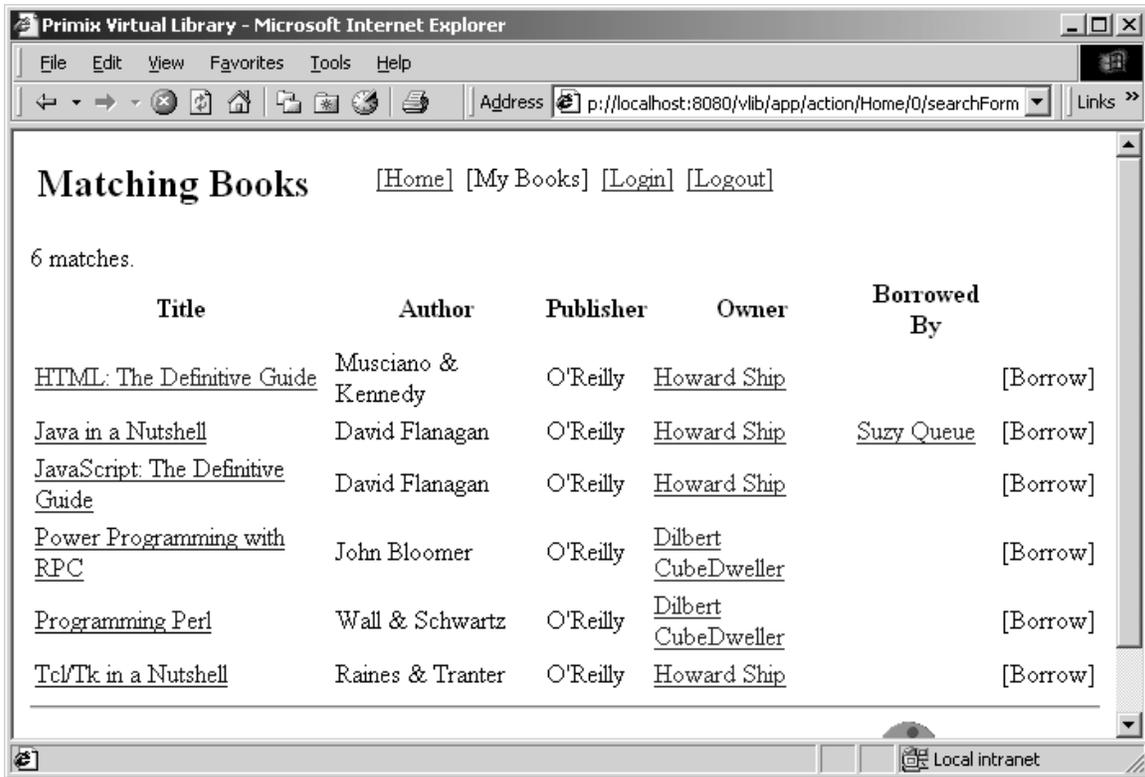
The current version of the Primix Virtual Library is simple, presentation wise. We will shortly be sprucing it up with graphics and colors.

Across the top are several navigation options. The Home link returns the user to this search page. The My Books links is activated once a user logs in; it shows the list of books owned by the user. The Login link allows a user to log into the system, or register on the fly. The logout allows the user to exit the system.

Let's start by finding all the O'Reilly books in the database.

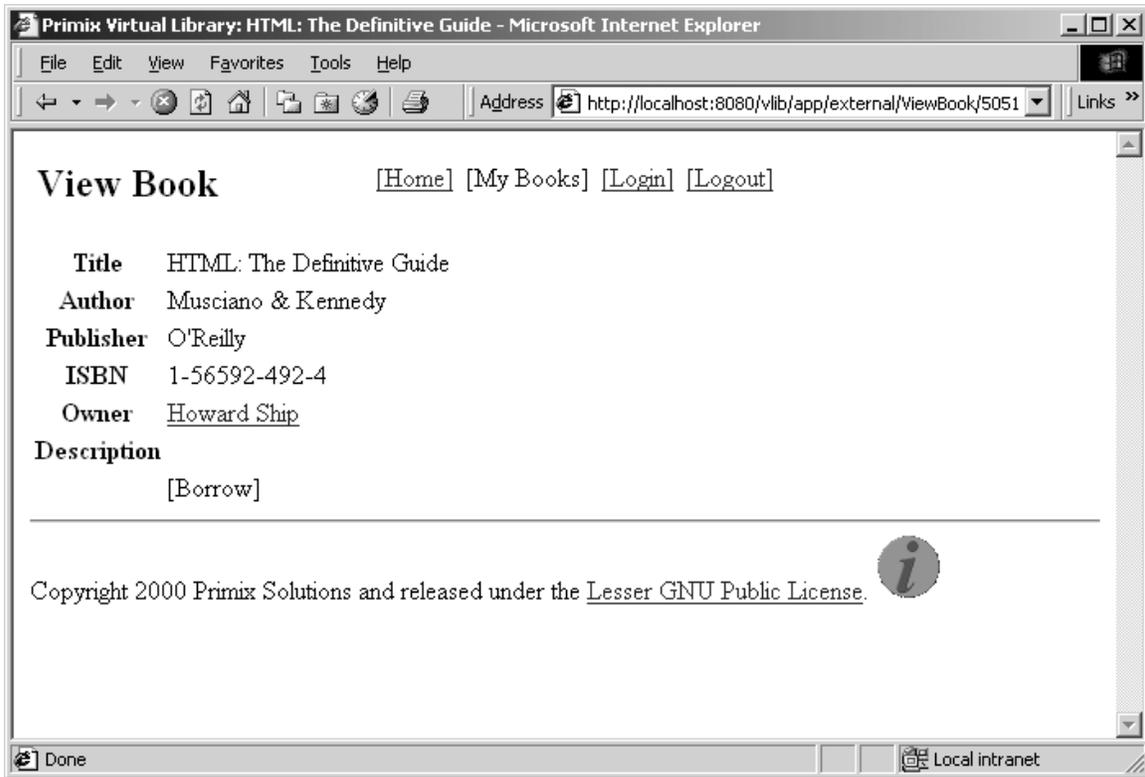
Select "O'Reilly" in the Publisher pulldown, then click the Search button.

You'll get a list of all the books, sorted by title.



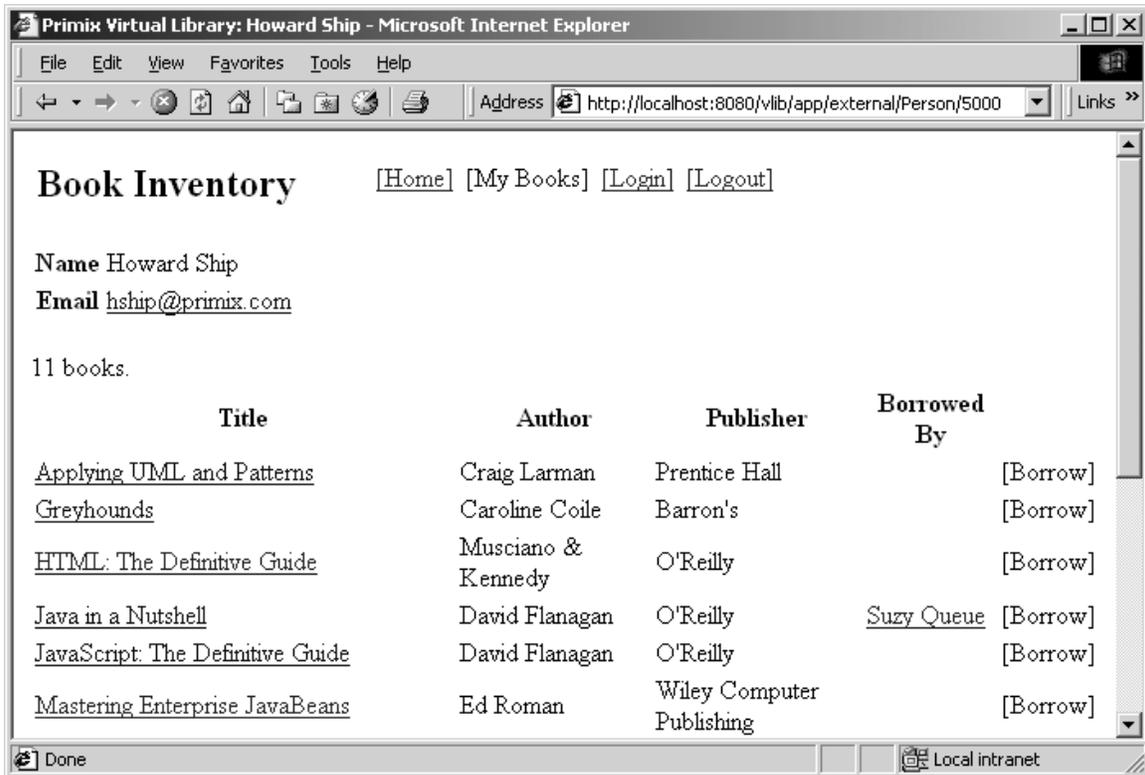
Page Matches

You can click on the title of a book to get more information about that book:



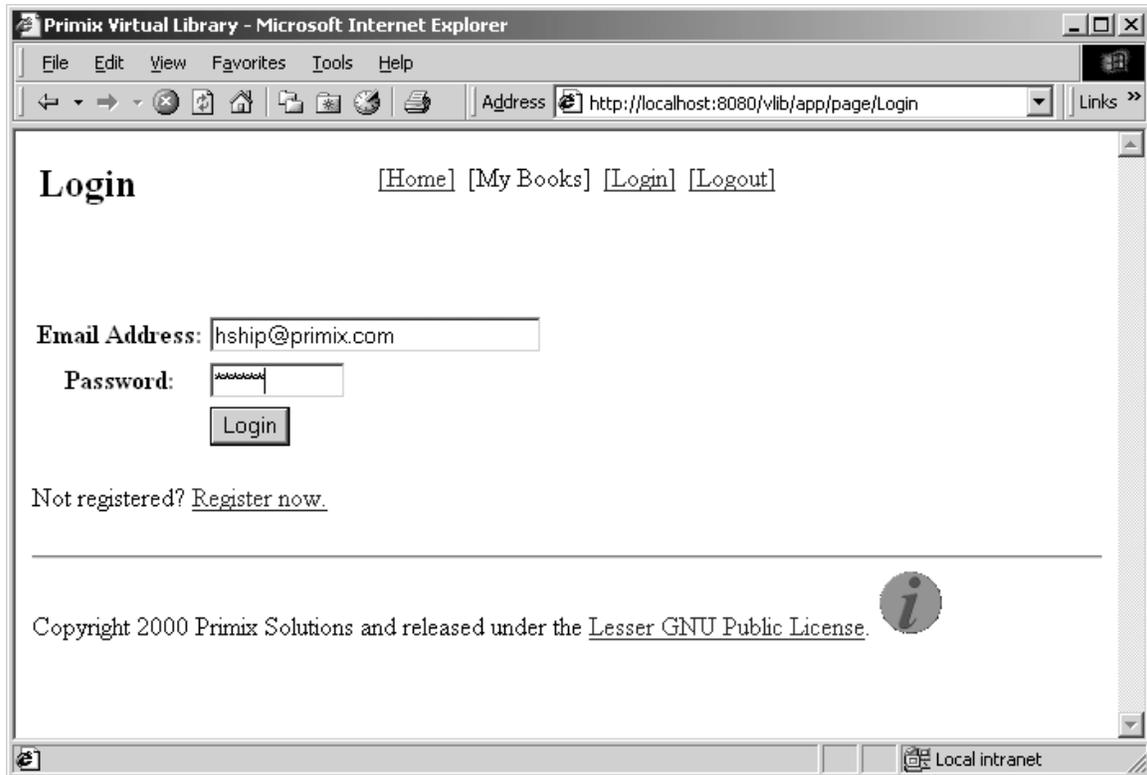
Page ViewBook

Or, you can click on the name of a person to see the books they own:



Page Person

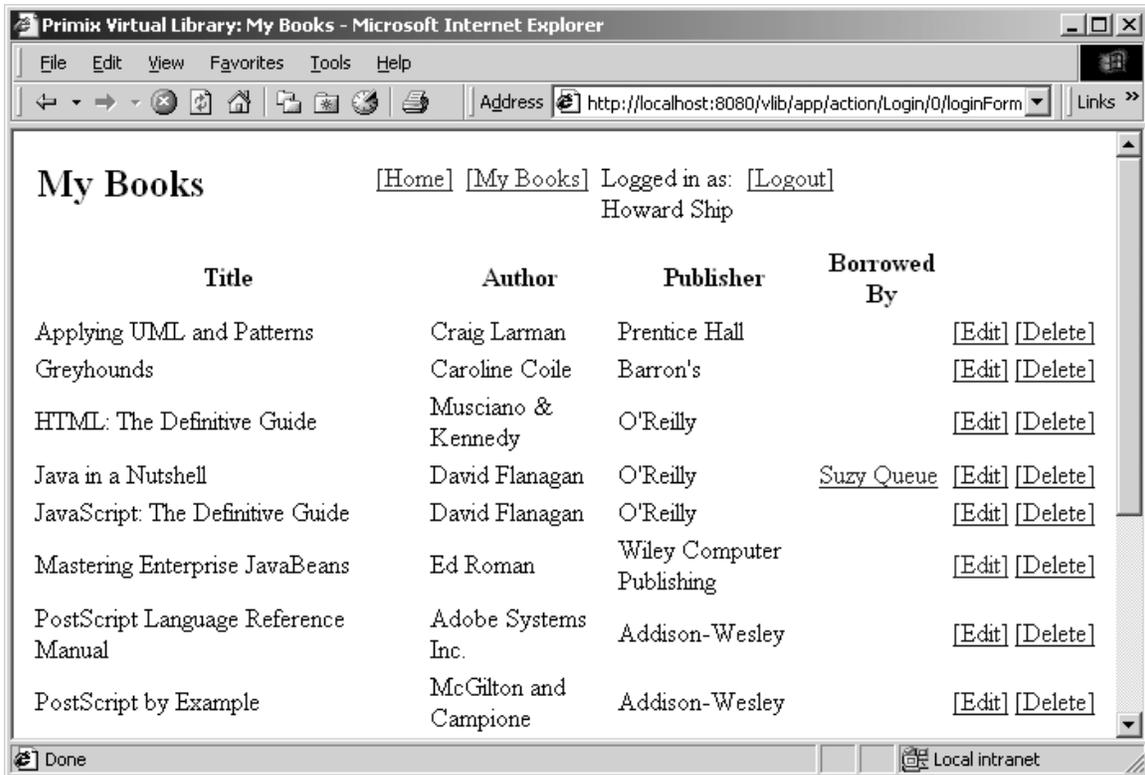
You might notice the text "[Borrow]" that appears on several pages ... this is the borrow button, and is only enabled once you login. Use the "[Login]" button to log into the application.



Page Login

The application uses a cookie to remember your email address (which is used as a unique identity when logging in). Enter the email address "hship@primix.com" and the password "secret".

This brings you to the "My Books" page, where you can manage the books you own:

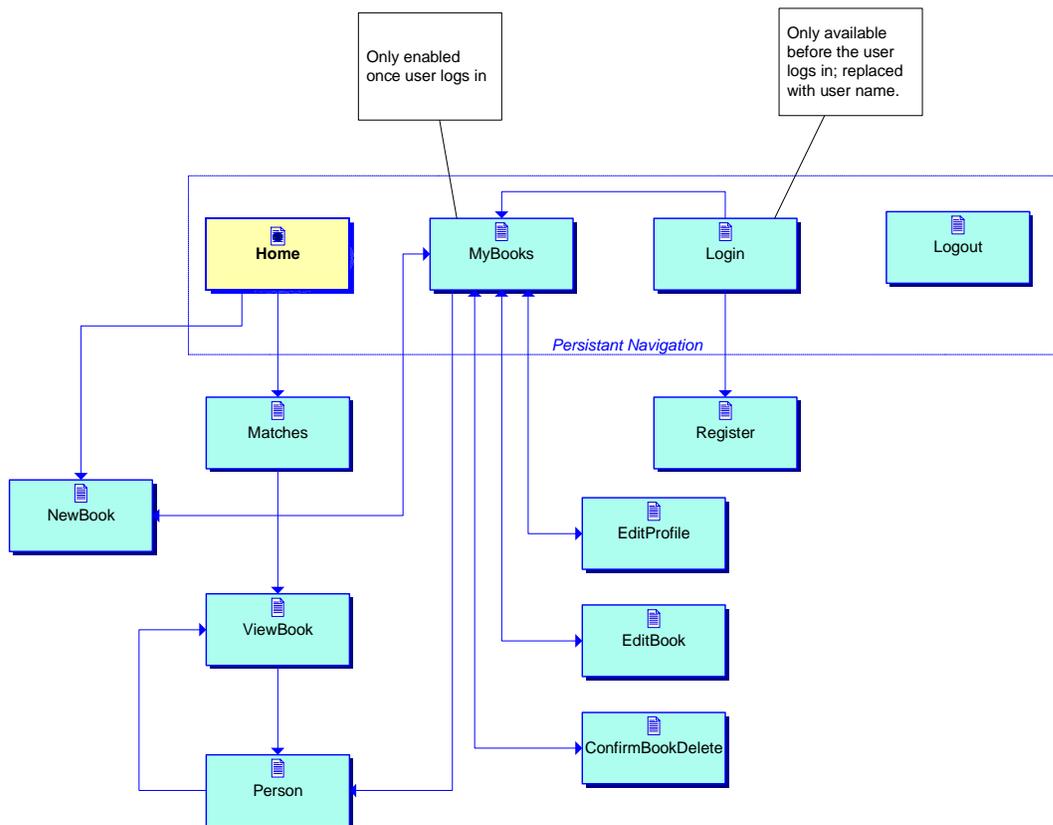


Page MyBooks

The remainder of the application, adding and editing books, is basically self-explanatory.

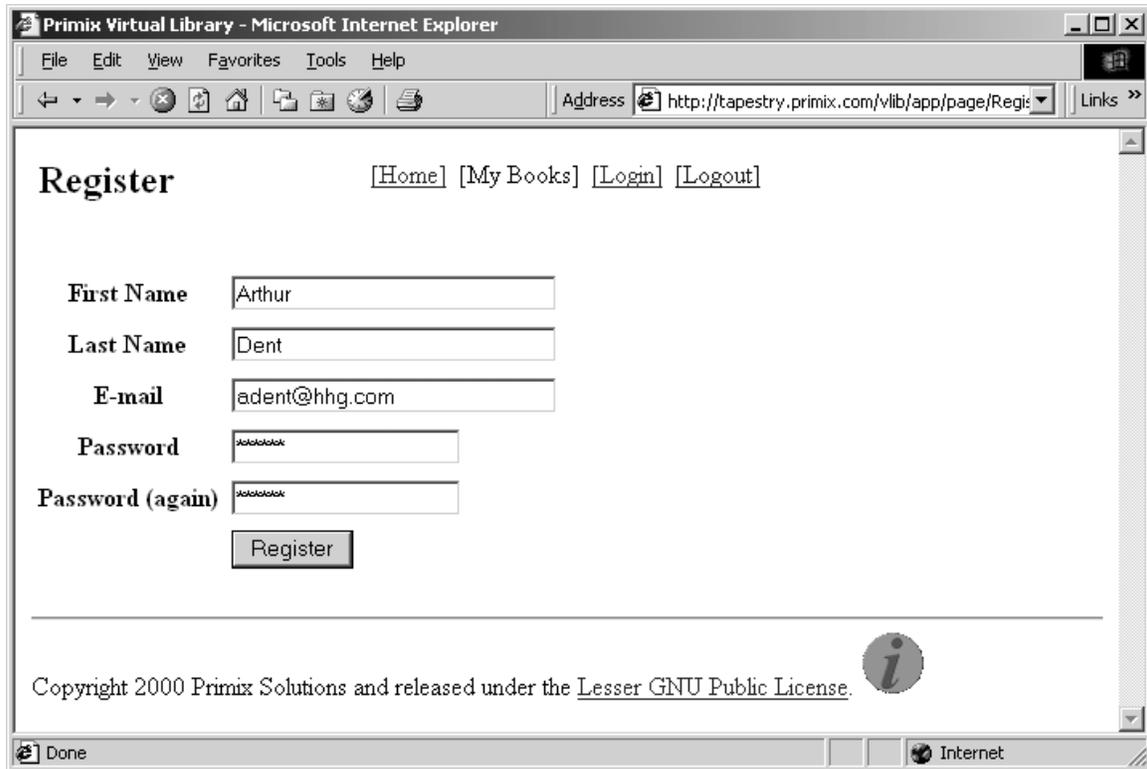
The Virtual Library in Detail

The Virtual Library consists of twelve pages, as shown in the web diagram:



We've already seen several of these pages (Home, Login, MyBooks, Matches, ViewBook and Person).

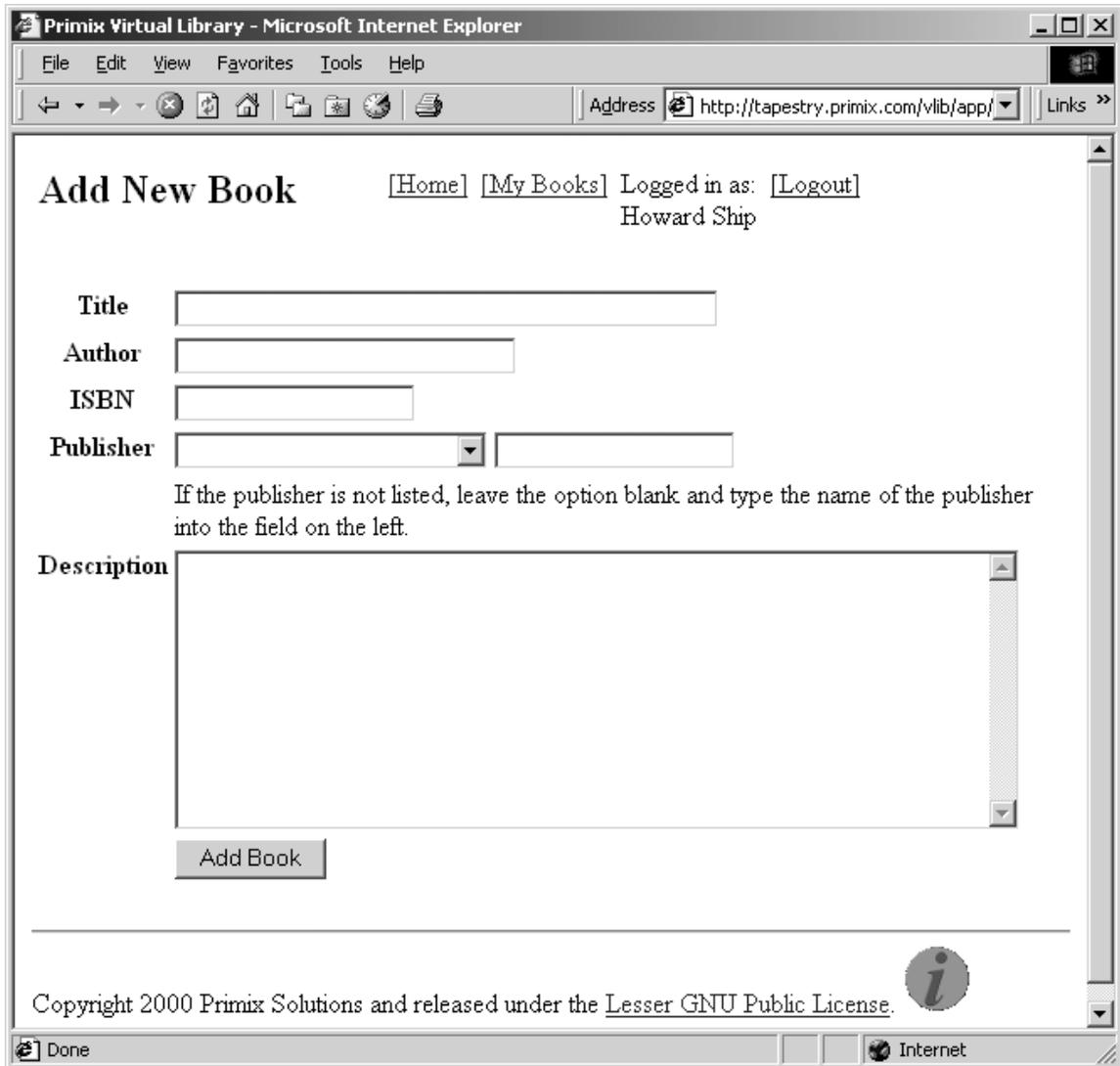
User's are allowed to register on the fly with the Vlib, by clicking the "register now" link on the Login page.



Page Register

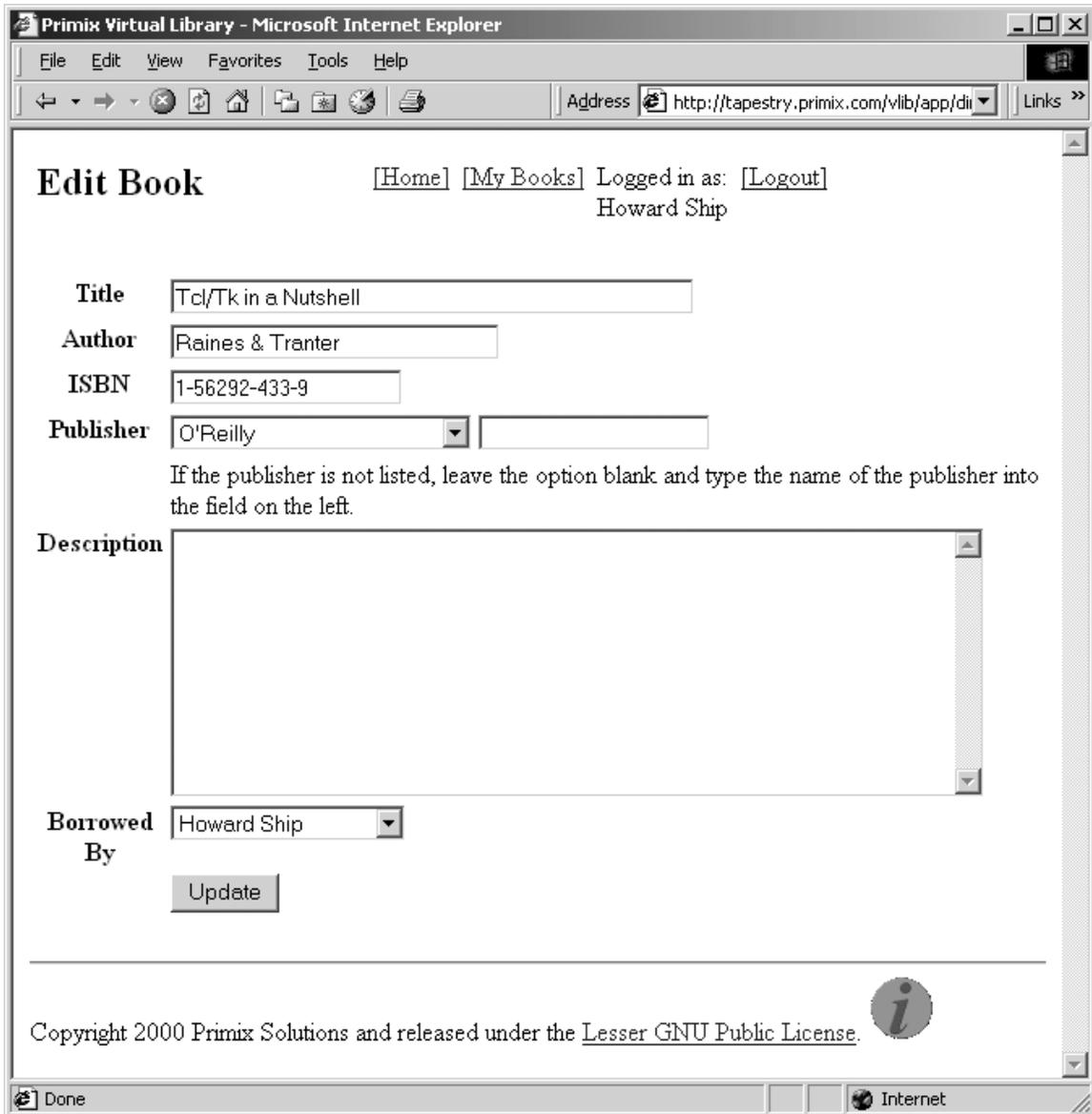
The names and e-mail are validated to not be duplicates. A future enhancement to the system will be a more involved system, where the user is sent e-mail with a registration code to unlock access to the Virtual Library.

Once logged in, a user may add a new book (using the button on the Home page, or on the MyBooks page):



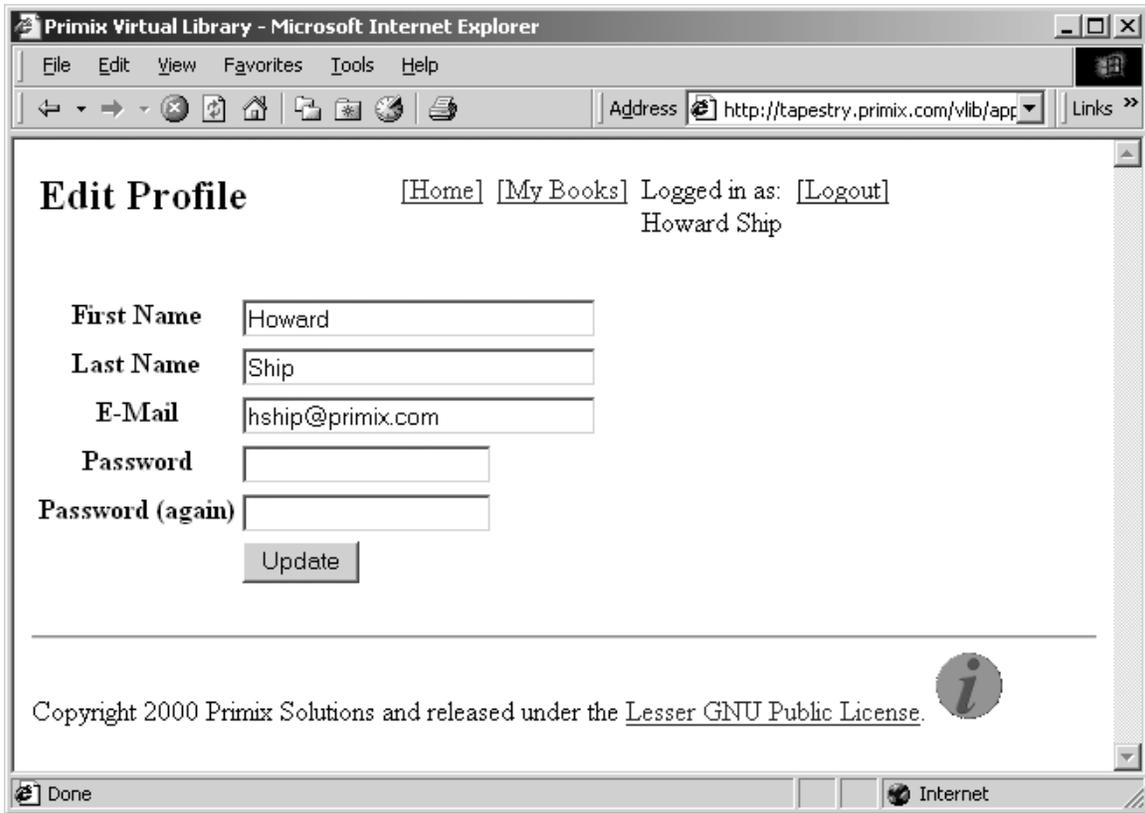
Page NewBook

A logged-in user may also edit their books. This may be to fill in additional data such as the ISBN, to add notes to the description, or to change the holder of the book (after taking the book back from a borrower).



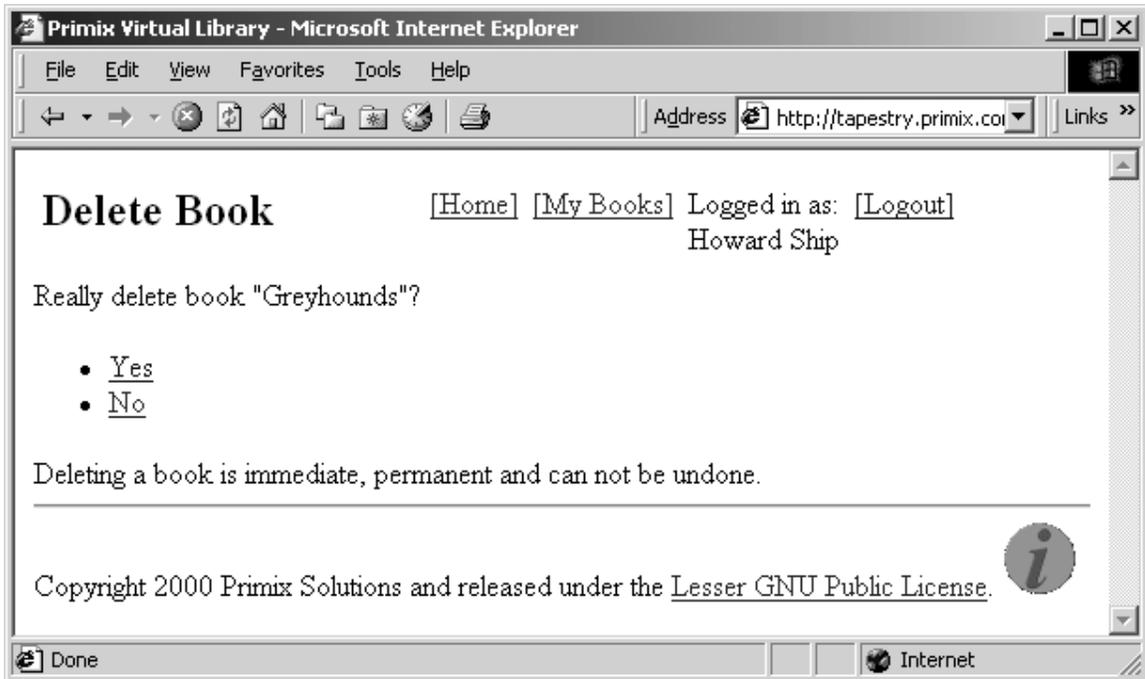
Page EditBook

As user may also edit their profile (including name, email and password) from the MyBooks page.



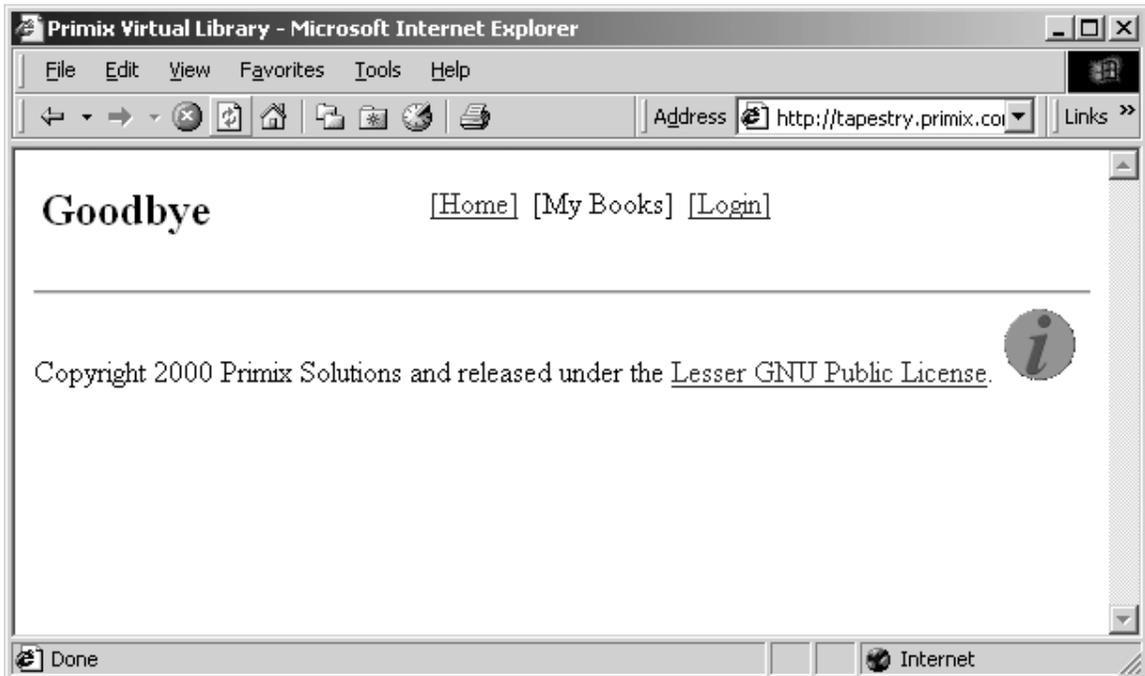
Page EditProfile

Users may also delete books they no longer have (or perhaps, no longer wish to share). This is accomplished by clicking the "[Delete]" button for a book (on the MyBooks page).



Page ConfirmBookDelete

Finally, a user who is no longer using the system (whether logged in or not), may log out.



Page Logout