

Bibliotips

Safari Books Online

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Safari Books Online is a collection of electronic books designed to address the need for reference content in the areas of information technology, desktop applications and business. It includes books from publishers such as O'Reilly, Sams, Que, and others. Users can search the entire Safari library to pinpoint precisely the piece of information or code fragment they need and retrieve a list of book chapters that contain the information.

STARTING SAFARI BOOKS ONLINE

From the library's World Wide Web Homepage (<http://www.uhcl.edu/library>), click on **Research a Topic**, then **Databases A-Z**. Select the tab **Databases by Name**, click on **S**, and then click on the **Safari Books Online** hyperlink.

HOW TO SEARCH

Up to three users can search in **Safari Books Online** at one time. If all sessions are in use, please try again later. Choices of search methods appear on the left side of the home screen:

- **Search:** allows the entry of a word or phrase in a single search field.
- **Advanced Search:** allows the greatest searching flexibility to find book sections; see sample search form below.
- **Browse by Category:** retrieves list of books in a particular category or subcategory.

Click the **Advanced Search** link under *Search* on the left navigation bar to see the Advanced Search screen.

The screenshot shows the Safari Books Online Advanced Search page. The interface includes a navigation bar with 'HOME', 'LIBRARY', and 'SAFARI LABS' links, and the University of Houston - Clear Lake logo. The main content area is titled 'Advanced Search' and features a search form with the following fields and options:

- Search For:** A text input field containing 'javaserver pages'.
- With:** Radio buttons for 'with all of these words' (selected), 'with exactly these words', and 'with at least one of these words'.
- In:** Radio buttons for 'the full text' (selected), 'code fragments only', 'section title words only', and 'tips and how-tos only'.
- Words in Titles:** A text input field.
- Categories:** A dropdown menu.
- Author:** A text input field.
- ISBN:** A text input field.
- Year Published:** Fields for 'from' and 'to'.
- Publisher:** A dropdown menu with options: All, Addison Wesley Professional, Adobe Press, Cisco Press, and Course Technology.

Annotations on the page include:

- A red box around the 'Advanced Search' link in the left navigation bar.
- A red arrow pointing from a text box to the 'Search For' field. The text box contains: 'Enter search term(s) here. Enclose an exact phrase in quotation marks. Click **Help** for more search tips.'
- A red bracket on the right side of the form, pointing to a text box: 'Narrow your search results by clicking a radio button, choosing a value from the drop-down lists, or typing a value in the field(s) for the kind of limit(s) you wish to set.'
- A red arrow pointing from a text box to the 'SEARCH' button. The text box contains: 'When ready, click **Search**.'
- A red circle around the 'Help' link in the footer.

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with links: 'About Safari', 'Terms of Service', 'Privacy Policy', 'Contact Us', 'Help', and 'Submit a Problem'. The 'Help' link is circled in red.

ADVANCED SEARCHING TIPS

mod_perl
mod_perl apache configuration

mod_perl "apache configuration"

"Net::LDAP"

Finds all sections, in all books, that mention *mod_perl*.
Finds all sections in which the terms *mod_perl*, *apache*, and *configuration* occur in close proximity.
Finds all sections where the term *mod_perl* occurs near the exact phrase *apache configuration*. When you know you're looking for an exact phrase, quotes make the search more precise.
When a term contains special characters, quote the entire term for most precise results.

VIEWING BOOKS AND SECTIONS

The default view for Advanced Search results is View by Book. This view lists all books matching your search string, ranked in order from most relevant to least relevant. It provides a link to the Table of Contents, summary, and a ranked list of most relevant sections for each book. Other search types show results in View by Section, which shows the one most relevant section, a short sample of text from that section, and a link to the Table of Contents.

The screenshot shows a search results page for "javaserver pages". The search bar at the top left contains "Entire Site" and "GO". Below it is a "Results by Category" sidebar with sections for Programming (9), Internet/Online (6), and Databases (3). The main content area is titled "Search Results" and shows "Found 59 sections in 16 books matching your search for 'javaserver pages'". A table lists books with columns for Title, Content Type, Chapter/Section Title, Publisher, Insert Date, and Pub. Date. Annotations include: a box pointing to the "Results by Category" sidebar with the text "You may further narrow your search results by clicking a category from the list."; a box pointing to the "More Results >" link with the text "Page through results by clicking on the More Results link."; a box pointing to a book cover with the text "Click on the book cover for links to book reviews."; and a box pointing to a "More..." link with the text "Click on the hyperlink to see the full text of the chapter/section or the Table of Contents.".

PRINTING OR E-MAILING

- To print or email, click the appropriate hyperlink and then follow the onscreen instructions.

The screenshot shows a book page for "JavaServer Faces". At the top, there are navigation links: "< Return to Search Results", "Print", "E-Mail This Page", and "Add Bookmark". Below this is a navigation bar with "Table of Contents", "Index", and "Errata". The page title is "JavaServer Faces". The main content area shows the title "Servlet and JavaServer Pages Basics > JavaServer Pages" and a section heading "4.4. JavaServer Pages". The text below the heading reads: "You can use JSF in a couple of fundamentally different ways: use the JSF API in pure Java code to generate the complete web **page** or use JSF together with some sort of template that holds static markup for the overall".

NOTE: Please click the logout link, close the browser window, or view another web site when you have finished using *Safari*. For more information, refer to onscreen help, or consult a reference librarian.