

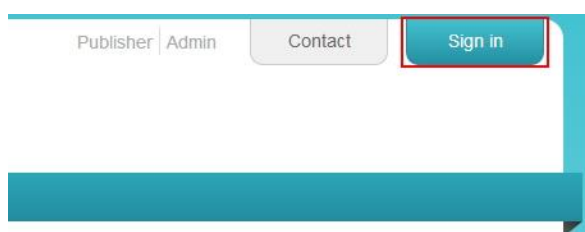
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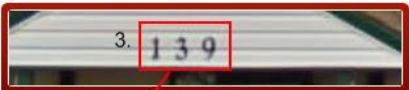
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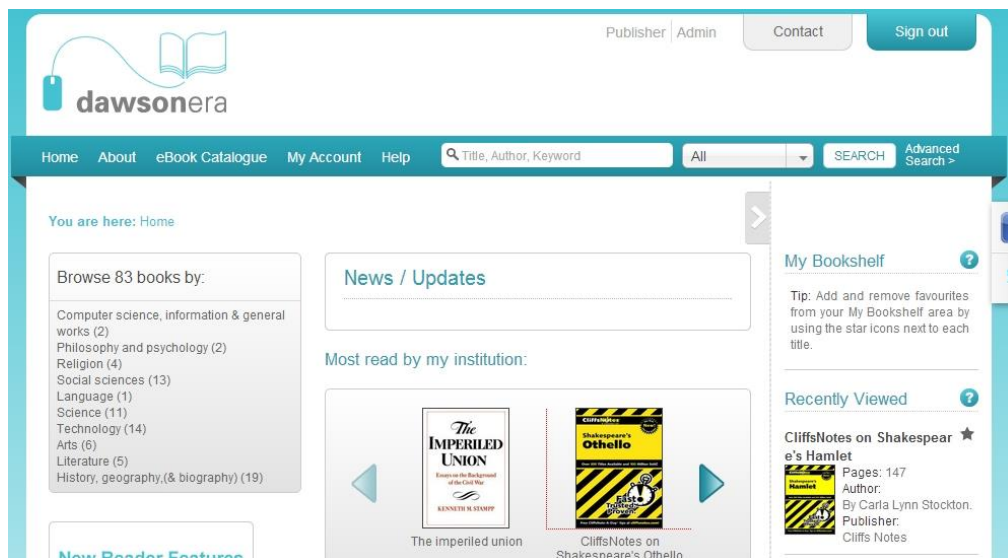
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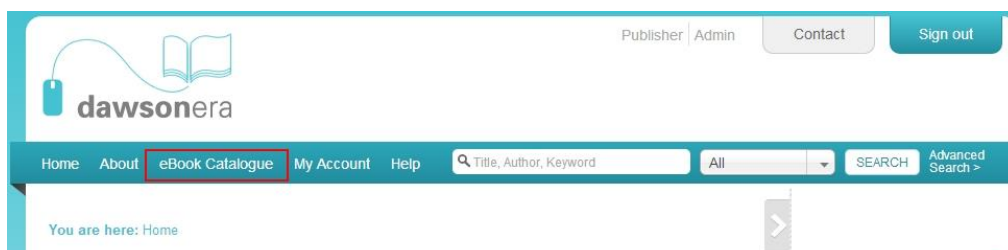
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Character Map

King Hamlet's Ghost
(has returned to Castle Elsinore to tell Hamlet that Claudius is his murderer)

Claudius
(King of Denmark, marries his sister-in-law and ascends to throne after death of King Hamlet)

Gertrude
(Queen; widow of the late King and wife of Claudius)

Polonius
(Claudius' Counselor)

Laertes
(returns from France to avenge Polonius' death and conspires with Claudius to kill Hamlet)

Hamlet
(Prince of Denmark, seeks to avenge his father's death)

Ophelia

Relationships shown in the diagram:
- King Hamlet's Ghost: former husband of Gertrude, brother and murderer of Claudius.
- Gertrude: wife of Claudius, mother of Hamlet.
- Claudius: brother of King Hamlet's Ghost, husband of Gertrude, advisor to Polonius.
- Polonius: father of Laertes, advisor to Claudius.
- Laertes: son of Polonius, conspires with Claudius to kill Hamlet.
- Hamlet: son of Gertrude, seeks to avenge his father's death.
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