You have a large collection of royalty-free specialty music files (in MP3 format) and you decided to start an on-line business selling these music files. You have a modest server with 1GB of memory connected to the internet and running a web server. Since you know almost nothing about database software, you decided to team up with your computer science friends to develop a web-based music store application without any database software. The music store would support multiple concurrent users, and each user should be able to

- browse and search through the music collection,
- add music files to their shopping cart,
- checkout and pay for music files in their shopping carts using credit cards, and
- browse through their previous purchases (a music file will forever be accessible to the user after he/she pays for it).

Discuss the high-level steps you would need to implement such a music store application. No code is required and you may assume that you may use any programming language. The following questions may jumpstart your discussion.

- 1. What data needs to be managed by the application ?
- 2. What data structures are needed ?
- 3. How much data is expected ?
- 4. ...

Task. List all the challenges and difficulties in programming such an application.