



Picture Box Design Document



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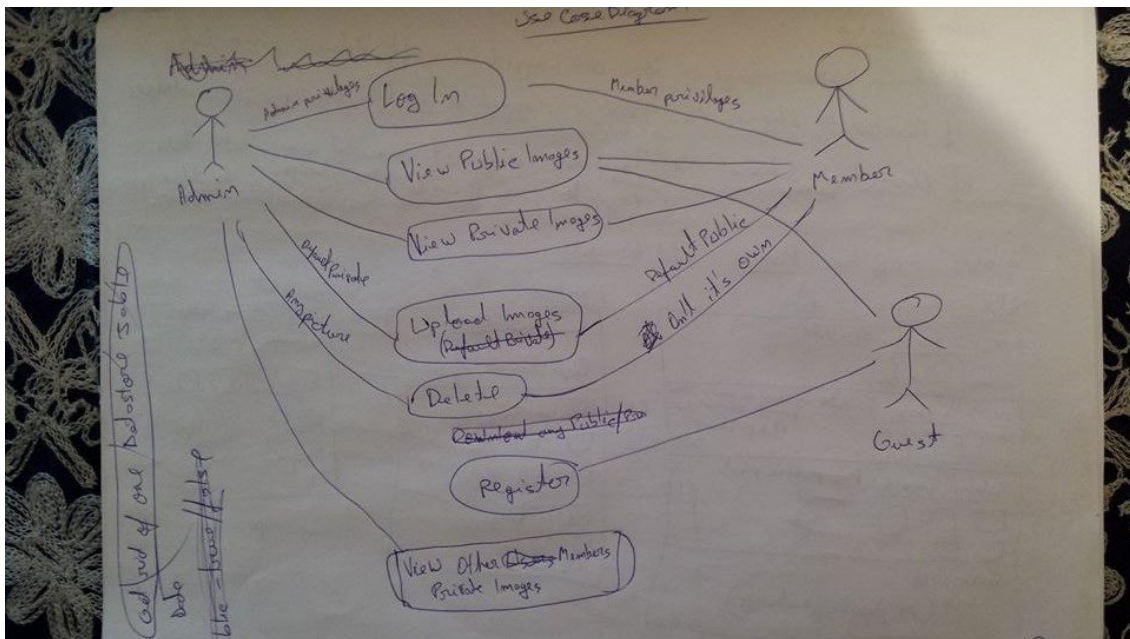
About Picture Box

Picture box is a web application for uploading and sharing pictures with other members. This application is available on google app engine and can be run from the following link:

<http://ieditmihocmaximilianpicturebox.appspot.com/>

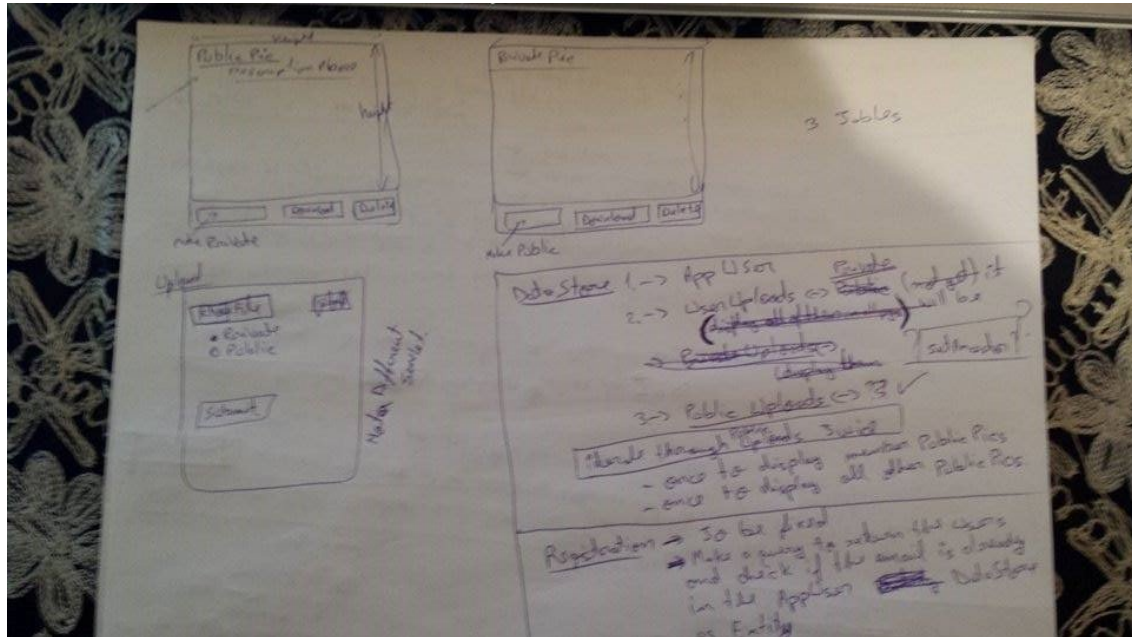
Design

When I first started this application, I defined the most important requirements that I was going to implement on paper using a use case diagram and this is how the first it looks like:



This diagram contains the possible users for my application (Admin, Member or Guest) and the features that the application. Later I created that use case diagram using RSA (Rational Software Architect) and I implemented a more complex use case diagram to represent my requirements.

On each page I had to display private and public images and I decided that each should be represented like in the following diagram:



Features of the application

The above use case diagram is representing all the features that are achieved in the application.

- There are three classes of users
 1. Administrator
 - Can Log in with Administrator privileges
 - Can Log out
 - Can View all Public and Private pictures
 - Can upload Pictures (Default Private)
 - Can Delete any Picture
 2. Member
 - Can Log in with Member Privileges
 - Can Log out
 - Can view all Public Pictures and only his Private Pictures
 - Can upload pictures (Default Public)
 - Can delete only his pictures (Private or Public)
 3. Guest
 - Does not have to log in
 - Can view Public Pictures
 - Can choose to Register

Code Explanation

What I think it was the hardest part in my application was realising how to store pictures as private and public and how to map this pictures with different users. To do this I created 3 Kinds in google app engine Datastore: AppUser, UserUpload (for private pictures) and Public Uploads (for public pictures).

AppUser kind is containing the members of my application, which will have email address and username. I was thinking to create a separate kind for administrators, but because I only have 2 administrators, I decided not to do that. For administrators, I created a list of strings where I am storing their email address. Based on the email address, the administrators will be identified when they log in into the application.

UserUpload Kind is containing the private pictures. Each picture will have a description, a blob key, and a user, which is the owner. When a user is uploading a picture, he can choose to upload that picture as private and in this case, the picture will be stored in this table.

Public uploads kind is the same as user upload but this is containing the public pictures. If a user wants to upload public pictures, this is where they will be stored.

The code that is deciding where to upload a picture, UserUpload or Public Upload, is in Upload class. When the user is choosing one or more files to upload and in clicking the button, upload file, the code from upload class will be executed. The files keys will be saved in a list of blob keys and for each key, new Entities will be created with 3 properties: user (owner), description and blob key. The new entity will be either a UserUpload or PublicUploads, depending if the user choose to be private or public.

In order to make difference between users, I creates 3 separate classes for 3 separate classes of users. So my application is containing an Admin class, a Member class and a guest Class. The difference between these 3 types of users is in the start of the application. If someone wants to use the application without logging in, he is considered to be a guest and Guest class will be executed. If a user will log in into the application, his email will be checked to see if it is an admin or a member. Based on that, Admin or Member classes will be executed. The reason I decided to use 3 separate classes for that is because for each user should be implemented a piece of functionality and they can be well represented in this way.

In each class, I am building some queries which will return information from the GAE datastore. For example, In Admin class, the content of both kinds, UserUpload and PublicUploads have to be returned, because Admin should be able to see all the pictures. The content of UserUpload will be stored in a list of maps called uploads and the content of PublicUploads will be stored in a list of maps called publicUploads. These 2 lists are placed into session, and they will be used in the jsp

page to be displayed to the user, using JSTL. In the Member class, from the UserUpload Kind, only the pictures associated with the user will be returned, using a filter when the query is created, and placed in a list. The content of PublicUploads will be returned in the same way as in Admin class.

Delete Class it is used to delete pictures from the application. When a user press the delete button for a picture, a string with the blob key will be send to the delete class for deletion.

Register class is used if a user wants to use my application and he is not registered. If he choose to register, he can click on the registration link available in guest page, he will have to write a username and his email address and click on register button. His details will be returned to the Register class, a check is going to be made to see if his email already exists in the database and if not, he will successfully register and redirected to member page. If his email already exist in database, user won't be registered again and he will still be redirected to member page. In order to check if the email already exists, I create a query to return all emails from the AppUser kind on GAE, put all emails in a list of strings and check if the new email is in there.

In order to get information in the JSP pages, the lists were placed into session and retrieved from there using JSTL tags. Using these tags I was able to display the lists contents.

Implementation

Build

The application is available on GitHub here:

<https://github.com/MaximilianMihoc/dt2283cloud-CA2>

In order to build this application, a git clone command should be used like the following: `git clone https://github.com/MaximilianMihoc/dt2283cloud-CA2.git`

After the repository was cloned, make sure the current branch is develop branch, this is the branch that will contain all the code. If for some reason the current branch is another one, the checkout and pull commands should be used.

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git checkout develop
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git pull
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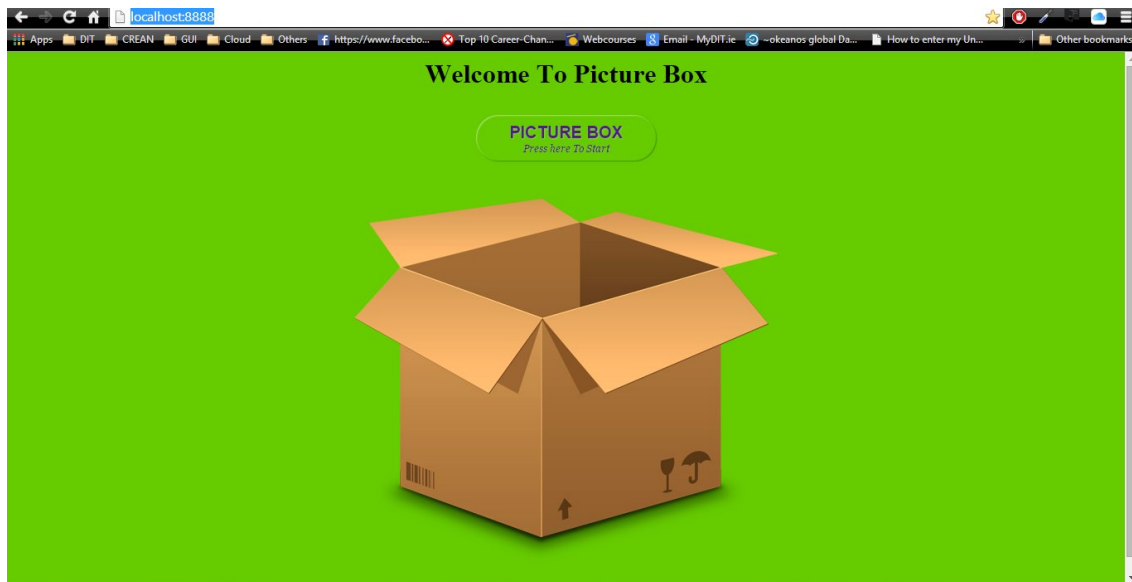
After this is done, the complete code should be in a new folder called dt2283cloud-CA2 and inside that can be found a Documentation folder and the Picture box Folder.

Deploy

After the above steps are completed, the Application can be imported into eclipse. Eclipse will need google plugin installed and a java JDK version 7 in order to run. Import project by clicking File > Import, from there choose to import a General Project, Existing Projects Into Workspace and import the project that was just downloaded from GitHub. After this step, all code should be available in eclipse.

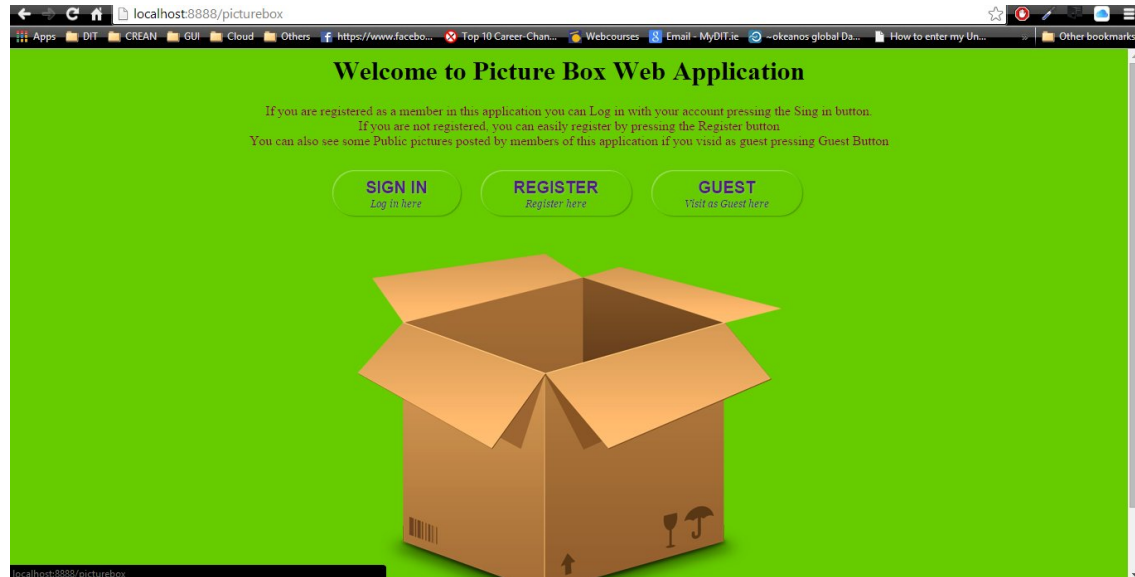
Test Plan

In order to test this application, it will be required to be run as local application by right click on the application in eclipse, Run as > Web application. After this step, the application should be available in <http://localhost:8888/> and the following page should be displayed:

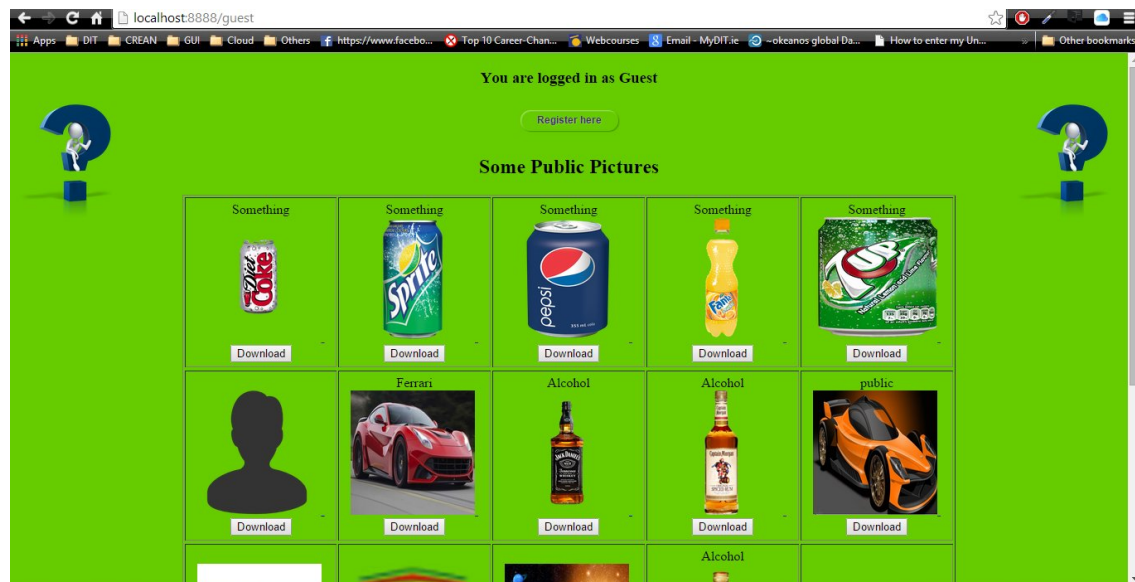


This represents the first page of my application, it is what a user will see first time when he will interact with the application. Pressing The Picture box button, the

application will start and the user will be redirected here:

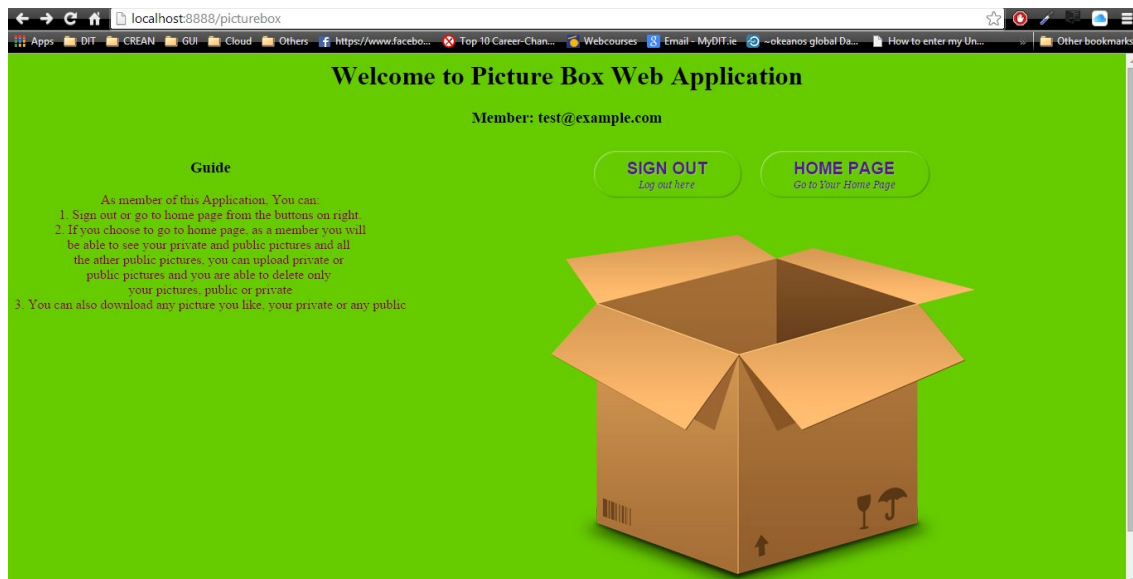


Here, the user can login as member or admin, he can visit the page as guest or he can register if he is not yet registered. There is no need for registration if the user wants to visit the page as guest. By clicking on the Guest button, he will be redirected to the guest page where he will be able to see public pictures posted by other users that can be also downloaded. To see a picture in normal size, the user can click on the picture.

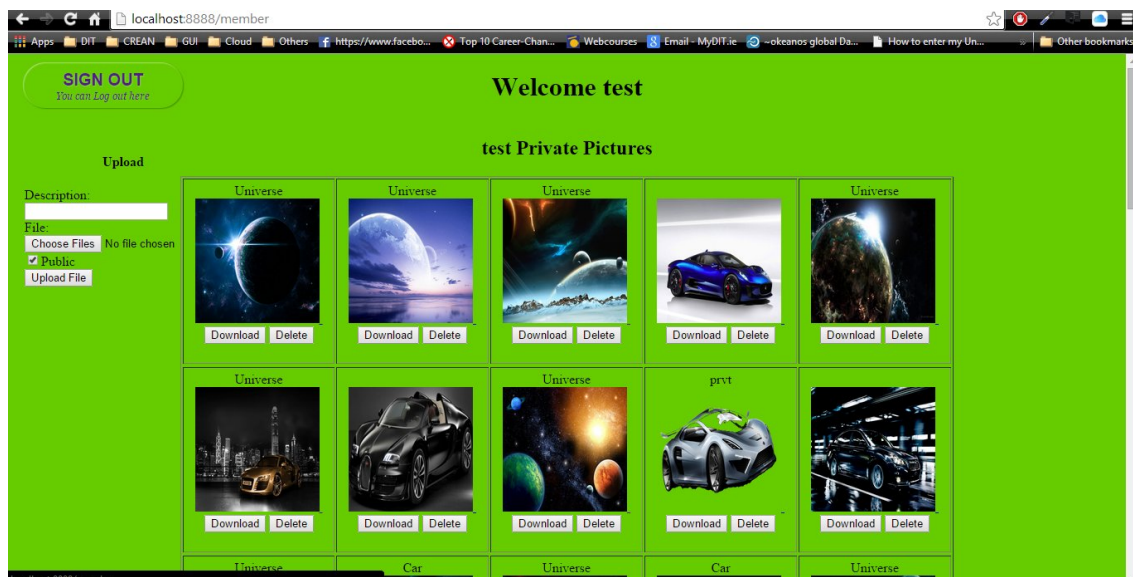


If a user is already registered for this application, he can log in with his credentials and he will be redirected to member page, if he is a member, or admin page, if he has an admin account.

When he logs in with a member account, he will see the following page. The user with email address test@example.com, is registered as a member of this application on localhost. This registration can be done in the register page.



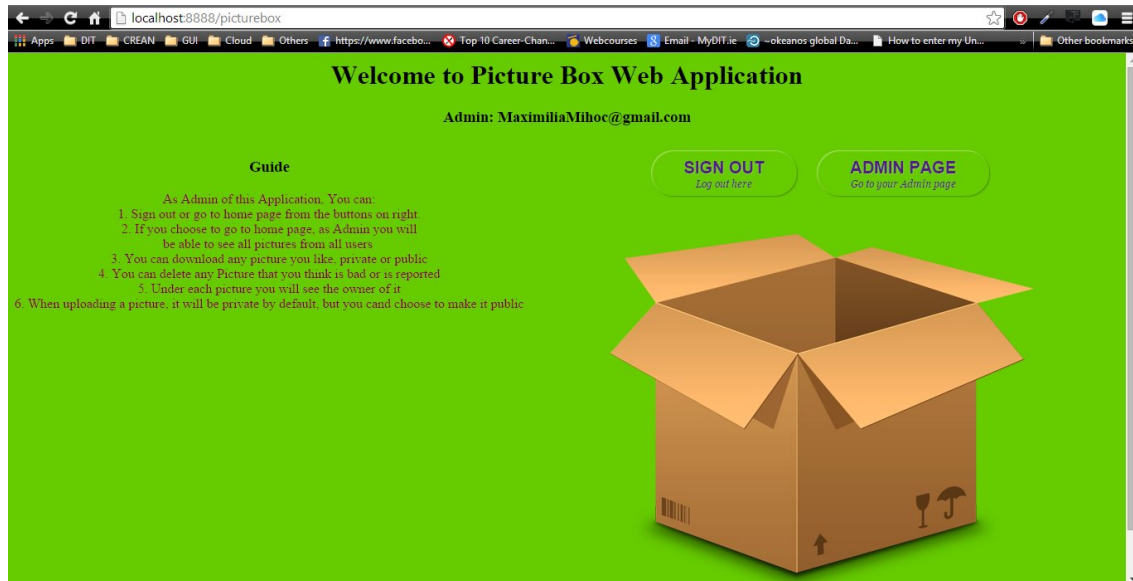
In the right, the user can see some guidelines that will give him some hints on what he can do in this application. By clicking the Home Page button, he will be redirected to his page, where he will be able to see his private and public pictures, if he has, and he can also see some other public pictures posted by other members. His member page will look like this:



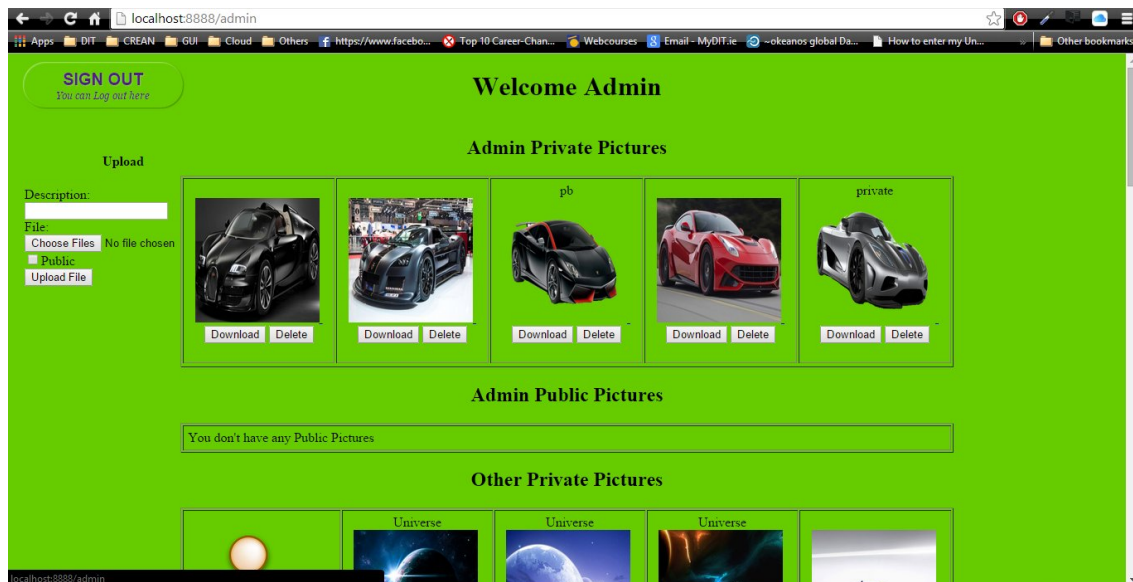
A member can upload one or many pictures, public or private, can delete only his public or private pictures and he can also download pictures.

If the user will log in with an administrator account, he will be redirected to another page, where he will be able to do all things a member can do, plus some

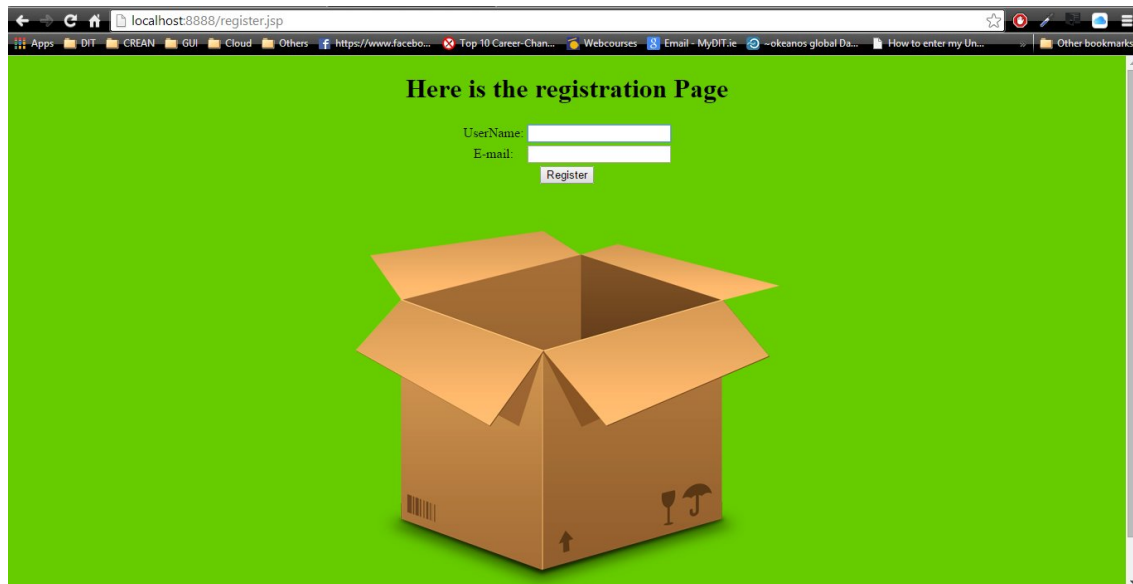
extra. Logging in with MaximiliaMihoc@gmail.com or mark.deegan@dit.ie the user will be logged in as administrator.



Some guidelines are presented in the left hand side explaining what and how the user can do things. By clicking the admin page button in the right, user will be redirected to admin page where he can do whatever he wants. As administrator, it will be possible to download any picture, delete any picture, own picture or a picture uploaded by another member, and upload public or private pictures. An admin can also see the other users private or public pictures in this page, as I mentioned before, and under each picture, he can also see the owner of it, in case is needed.

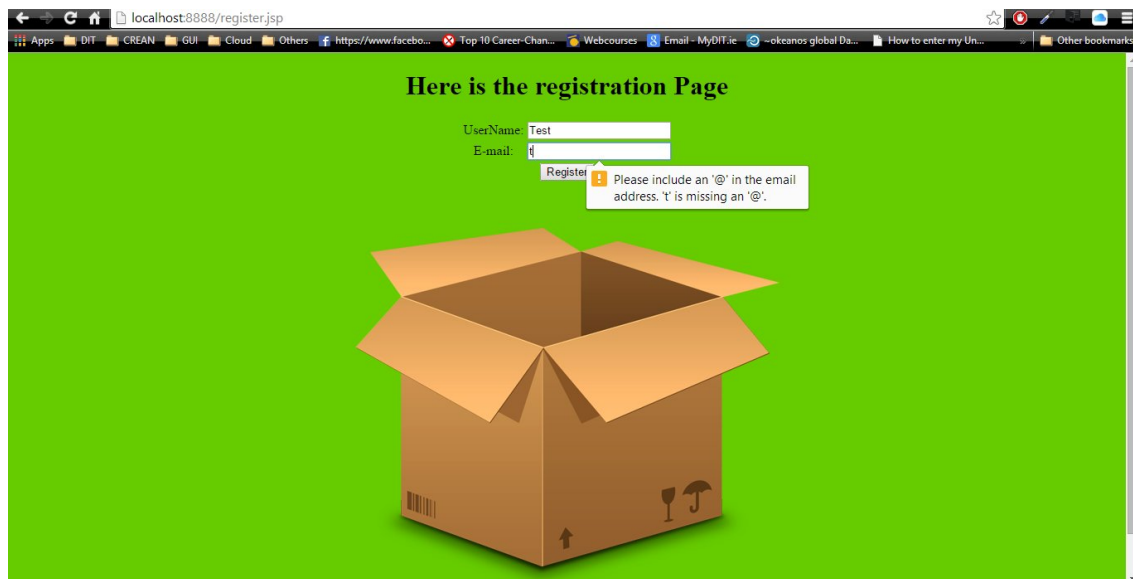


If a new user comes in and he wants to register, the registration page can be easily accessed by clicking the register button and the following page will be shown:

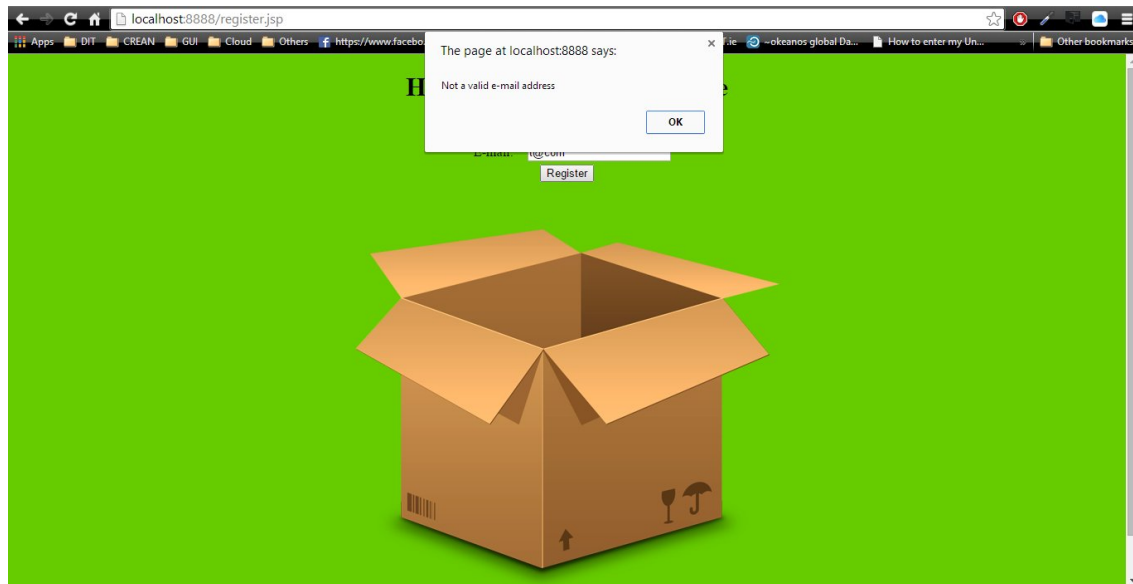


Username and email address will be required in order to register with this application. Some error checking are included here so that the user will have to enter a valid email address. If a user that enters his email address and username, is redirected to the main page, The Portal, after he clicks the register button, it means that the registration has completed successfully.

For example if a user will enter the user name Test, and the email address t, he will see the error:



For username Test and email t@com, he will get another error:



Git Hub

GitHub was used during the development of this application. In GitHub, in the repository dt2283cloud-CA2 can be found all code and some documentation of this application.

<https://github.com/MaximilianMihoc/dt2283cloud-CA2>

During development, the develop branch was used as a master branch of this application. Every time when a new piece of functionality was added to the application, another branch was created from the develop branch, and when the functionality was working, that branch was merged back into the develop branch and so on.

References

- The design of the buttons is from: <http://designmodo.com/create-css3-buttons/>
- The book “Programming Google App Engine, 2nd Edition” by Dan Sanderson, was used for documentation and implementation.