Assignment for Module #4: Nested Resources, Security, and Pagination

The overall goal of this assignment is to assess your ability to implement:

- Nested resources
- Authenication
- Authorization
- Pagination

The functional goal of this assignment to implement a web application to manage TodoItems.

Functional Requirements

- 1. Start with the application completed in module 2. This will have defined all the models and relationships required for this assignment:
 - User
 - TodoList
 - TodoItem

An Entity Relationship (ER) diagram is provided below to help depict each Model's relationship:

```
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| User |-----| TodoList |-----| TodoItem |
+----+
```

We will not be using the optional Profile model class in this assignment.

- 2. Implement access to TodoItem as a nested resource of TodoList
- 3. Lock down the application to only authenticated users.
- 4. Limit access to resources associated with the logged in user.
- 5. Access unbounded collections of resources using pagination.

Getting Started

- 1. Start with a copy of your todolists solution from the module 2 assignment
- 2. From your todolists application root directory, remove the unit test from module 2.

```
`-- spec
    `-- assignment_spec.rb
$ rm spec/assignment_spec.rb
```

3. Download and extract the starter set of boostrap files for this assignment.

```
|-- Gemfile
|-- db
| `-- seeds.rb
`-- spec
| -- start.rb
| -- nested_resources.rb
| -- security.rb
| -- authorization.rb
| -- authentication.rb
| -- pagination.rb
| -- end2end.rb
```

• Overwrite your existing Gemfile with the Gemfile from the bootstrap fileset. They should be nearly identical, but this is done to make sure the gems and versions you use in your solution can be processed by the automated Grader when you submit. Any submission should be tested with this version of the file.

NOTE the Gemfile includes a section added for the last assignment:

```
group :test do
    gem 'rspec-rails', '~> 3.0'
    gem 'capybara'
end
```

as well as a new definition for the following items:

- bcrypt gem uncommented for use with has_secure_password
- tzinfo-data gem conditionally included on Windows platforms
- will_paginate added for implementing paging

```
# Use ActiveModel has_secure_password
gem 'bcrypt', '~> 3.1.7'

# Windows does not include zoneinfo files, so bundle the tzinfo-data gem
gem 'tzinfo-data', platforms: [:mingw, :mswin, :x64_mingw, :jruby]
gem 'will_paginate', '~> 3.0.6'
```

- Overwrite your existing db/seeds.rb file from the bootstrap fileset. This file contains some test data that will be useful during development and unit tests.
- Add the spec/*.rb files provided with the bootstrap fileset to the corresponding spec/ directory within your todolists application. These files contain tests that will help determine whether you have completed the assignment.
- 4. Run the bundle command to make sure all gems are available.
 - \$ bundle
- 5. Run the rspec test(s) to receive feedback. rspec must be run from the root directory of your application. There are several test files provided for this assignment. Many of those files are designed to test your code at specific points as you proceed through the technical requirements of this assignment. As such, many tests will fail if executed after additional technical requirements have been completed. Initially, majority of tests will (obviously) fail until you complete the requirements necessary for them to pass.

```
$ rspec
...
(N) examples, 1 failure, (N) pending
```

To focus test feedback on a specific step of the requirements, add the specific file (path included) with the tests along with "-e rq##" to the rspec command line to only evaluate a specific requirement. Pad all step numbers to two digits.

```
$ rspec spec/start_spec.rb -e rq1.0
...
(N) example, 0 failures
```

- 6. Implement your solution to the technical requirements and use the rspec tests to help verify your completed solution.
- 7. Submit your Rails app solution for grading.

Technical Requirements

- 1. Starting with a copy of your module 2 solution, this solution should already have User, TodoList, and TodoItem models defined with the following properties and relationships. This assignment does not use the Profile model class but it will not hurt to include it.
 - User
 - username a string to hold account identity
 - password_digest a string to hold password information
 - todo lists a 1:many relationship with TodoList (i.e., User has_many todo lists).

Add appropriate options to have the User model class delete a TodoList in a cascading fashion

- TodoList
 - list name a string name assigned to the list
 - list_due_date a date when todo items in the list are to be complete. This is a date. We are not concerned with the time of day.
 - user a many:1 relationship with User (i.e., TodoList belongs_to User)
 - todo_items a 1:many relationship with TodoItem (i.e., TodoList has_many todo_items).

Add appropriate options to have the TodoList model class delete a TodoItem in a cascading fashion

- TodoItem
 - due date date when the specific task is to be complete
 - title a string with short name for specific task
 - description a string with narrative text for specific task
 - completed a boolean value (default=false), indicating whether item is complete
 - todo list a many:1 relationship with TodoList TodoItem belongs to TodoList
 - \$ rake db:migrate
 - \$ rspec spec/start_spec.rb
- 2. Add has_secure_password to the User model class. This will define a password property that will get processed into an encrypted hash stored in the password_digest database column. We won't use this capability immediately but it is necessary to define it early in the assignment so that the data model works with the db/seeds.rb file in the next step.
 - \$ rspec spec/security_spec.rb -e rq02
- 3. Seed the database with the db/seeds.rb file. This will load sample Users, TodoLists, and TodoItems. If this loads correctly your models and database are setup correctly and you are ready to start accessing the data through web pages produced by the controller and views.

```
$ rake db:seed
$ rails c
> User.first.todo_lists.count
=> (N>0)
```

4. Use the rails g scaffold_controller command to create controller and view artifacts for TodoLists and TodoItems.

```
$ rails g scaffold_controller TodoList list_name list_due_date:date
$ rails g scaffold controller TodoItem title due date:date description:text completed:boolean
```

Update config/routes.rb to

- Access :todo_list resources at URI /todo_lists
- Access :todo_item resources at URI /todo_lists/:todo_list_id/todo_items
- Make the todo_list#index action the root of the application

(Hint: refer to module 4, lesson 1, lecture: Nested Resources: Part1 for details on how this is done)

At this point, TodoList is defined as a global resource (with a root-level URI) and TodoItem is defined as a nested resource, always scoped below the TodoList it belongs to. Our application is not written to work that way, so expect some errors as we begin the modifications.

If you have not yet done so – please start the server and also take a look at your defined URI routes.

- \$ rails s #in separate console
- \$ rake routes #in original console
 \$ rspec spec/nested_resources_spec.rb -e rq04
- 5. Update the TodoList to display TodoItems as a nested resource in the todo_list#show page (todo_lists/show.html.erb).
 - a. Copy the table from the todo_items#index page (index.html.erb) and paste the table into the todo_lists#show page (todo_lists/show.html.erb)
 - b. Change global @todo_items references to scoped @todo_list.todo_items references below:

```
from: <% @todo_items.each do |todo_item| %>
to: <% @todo_list.todo_items.each do |todo_item| %>
```

- c. Remove the Edit link for TodoItems
- d. Change the link_to parameters from global todo_item references to provide fully qualified [@todo_list, todo_item] references as an array.

```
from: <%= link_to 'Show', todo_item %>
to: <%= link_to 'Show', [@todo_list, todo_item] %>

from: <%= link_to 'Destroy', todo_item, method: :delete, data: ...
to: <td><%= link_to 'Destroy', [@todo_list, todo_item], method: :delete, data: ...</pre>
```

\$ rspec spec/nested_resources_spec.rb -e rq05b

NOTE: This test case is for incremental testing only and WILL FAIL after authentication infrastructure is in place later in this assignment.

\$ rspec spec/nested_resources_spec.rb -e rq05d

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- e. Add a link to create a 'New Todo Item'. (hint: Use the link_to and new_todo_list_todo_item_path(@todo_list) helpers to produce a link tag)
- \$ rspec spec/nested_resources_spec.rb -e rq05e

Note how the new_todo_list_todo_item_path(@todo_list) is formed from what is produced in rake routes.

```
$ rake routes
```

new_todo_list_todo_item GET /todo_lists/:todo_list_id/todo_items/new(.:format) todo_items#new

- we want to invoke todo_items#new when we create a new TodoItem
- that action is mapped to using the /todo_lists/:todo_list_id/todo_items/new(.:format) URI and GET method. We are required to supply a :todo_list_id
- new_todo_list_todo_item_path is formed by adding _path to new_todo_list_todo_item
- the :todo_list_id is filled in by passing in a Qtodo_list when calling it
- GET is provided by new_todo_list_todo_item_path

Notice that the TodoItems now display on the todo_list#show page by navigating to a specific TodoList. However, the TodoItem URIs are not yet implemented in the TodoItem controller (next step).

```
$ rspec spec/nested_resources_spec.rb -e rq05
```

- 6. Modify the TodoItem controller to work as a nested resource by implementing the following. Note that your views with TodoItem URI references will not work until these changes are made and the links and forms are updated to include the scoping TodoList for each referenced TodoItem. The unit tests, however, will be able to make calls into your back-end to determine all URIs are implemented properly prior to moving on to the views.
 - a. Remove the old URI comments or replace them to have the following form since all calls to a TodoItem will now be scoped below a TodoList. Use the todo item output of rake routes to give you a head start.

\$ rake routes

```
#METHOD /todo_list/:todo_list_id/todo_items
#METHOD /todo_list/:todo_list_id/todo_items/:id
```

- b. Remove the todo_item#index method and views/todo_items/index pages. This will no longer be called since all TodoItem displays will be scoped to a particular TodoList. We will get the TodoList and call todo_list.todo_items() instead.
- c. Add a private helper method called set_todo_list that sets the <code>@todo_list</code> instance variable from the <code>:todo_list_id</code> property passed in via the params. (Hint: try the following in the rails console if you need practice locating a TodoList by id)

```
$ rails c
> list_id=TodoList.first.id
> @todo_list=TodoList.find(list_id)
```

d. Update the private helper method called set_todo_item to scope its find command to the todo_items of a specific @todo_list list. (Hint: try the following in the rails console if you need practice locating a TodoItem by id scoped to a TodoList)

```
$ rails c
> list_id=TodoList.first.id
> @todo_list=TodoList.find(list_id)
> item_id=@todo_list.todo_items.first.id
> @todo_item=@todo_list.todo_items.find(item_id)
```

- $e. \ \, Invoke the \verb|set_todo_list| method before each method in the controller is executed using a \verb|before_action| \\$
- f. Update the todo_item#new action to return a new TodoItem instance that is initialized to reference its parent @todo_list, which is provided by set_todo_list.

(Hint: try the following the rails console if you need practice creating a new instance of a TodoItem associated with a TodoList. Notice the new TodoItem is never saved to the database during this call. However, what is passed back to the form is a TodoItem prototype that has its foreign key reference set to the TodoList so that TodoList can be referenced when the TodoItem is finally created in a follow-on POST)

```
$ rails c
> @todo_list=TodoList.first
> @todo_item=@todo_list.todo_items.new
```

g. Update the todo_item#create to create a new TodoItem instance based on the todo_item_params as before. Except now create this instance associated with the @todo_list provided by set_todo_list. (Hint: try the following in the rails console if you need practice creating a new instance of a TodoItem associated with a TodoList. Notice that in this case — save() is being called on the todo_list, causing the new TodoItem to be inserted into the database.)

```
$ rails c
> @todo_list=TodoList.first
> @todo_item=@todo_list.todo_items.new(title:"my item")
> @todo_list.save()
```

- h. Update the HTML redirect of the todo_item#create, todo_item#update, and todo_item#destroy methods to do to the todo_list#index page. (Hint: use the @todo_list variable within redirect_to to express the todo_list#index page URI)
- 7. Update TodoList and TodoItem views to adjust the links and forms in these views to work with the updated URIs and TodoItem controller.
 - a. Update the links on the todo_items#show page (todo_items/show.html.erb) to include the TodoList the TodoItem is a member of.
 - Change the Edit link_to path parameter from the global edit_todo_item_path (that no longer exists) to the new edit_todo_list_todo_item_path. This new method requires both @todo_list and 'todo_item' passed in as separate arguments (not as an array as in previous requirement).

• Change the Back link_to path parameter from to global edit_items_path (that no longer exists) to the todo_listi#show page it is a member of. This requires using the @todo_list.

```
from: <%= link_to 'Back', todo_items_path %>
to: <%= link_to 'Back', @todo_list %>
$ rspec spec/nested resources spec.rb -e rq07a
```

- b. Update the links on the todo_items#edit page (todo_items/edit.html.erb) to include the TodoList the TodoItem is a member of.
- Change the Show link_to path parameter from a global Otodo_item reference to include its Otodo_list. This requires using both Otodo_list and 'Otodo item' passed in as separate arguments as an array.

```
from: <%= link_to 'Show', @todo_item %> |
to: <%= link_to 'Show', [@todo_list, @todo_item] %> |
```

• Change the Back link_to path parameter from a global todo_items_path (that no longer exists) to reference the TodoList it is a member of. This new method requires the @todo_list passed in as a single argument.

```
from: <%= link_to 'Back', todo_items_path %>
to: <%= link_to 'Back', @todo_list %>
```

- c. Update the form parameters on the TodoItems form partial page (todo_items/_form.html.erb) to include the TodoList the TodoItem is a member of.
- Change the link_to parameters from global todo_item references to provide fully qualified '[@todo_list, @todo_item]' references as an array.

```
from: <%= form_for(@todo_item) do |f| %>
to: <%= form_for([@todo_list, @todo_item]) do |f| %>
$ rspec spec/nested_resources_spec.rb -e rq07c
```

- d. Update the links on the todo_items#new page (todo_items/new.html.erb) to include the TodoList.
- change the Back link_to path parameter from a global todo_items_path (that no longer exists) to reference the TodoList it is a member of. This new method requires the @todo_list passed in as a single argument.

```
from: <%= link_to 'Back', todo_items_path %>
to: <%= link_to 'Back', @todo_list %>
$ rspec spec/nested_resources_spec.rb -e rq07d
```

- e. Make the display of completed conditional on the todo_item being edited versus new. Users should not be allowed to see/change the completed property for a new TodoItem. (Hint: edited objects are persisted and can be tested using persisted?). Objects can also be tested with .new_record?)
- \$ rspec spec/nested_resources_spec.rb -e rq07e
- \$ rspec spec/nested_resources_spec.rb -e rq07
- 8. Verify that you have implemented a password login capability for the User model. You implemented this in an earlier step to allow the provided db/seeds.rb to immediately work with passwords. This this should just be a sanity check and review of how has_secure_password works.
 - Using the rails console, verify that you fail authentication when using the wrong password for a specific User. You can locate the username and assigned password in the db/seeds.rb file.

```
$ rails c
> user=User.where(username:"rich").first
> user.authenticate("wrongpassword")
=> false
```

• Using the rails console, verify that you can authenticate using a valid password for a specific User.

```
> user=User.where(username:"rich").first
> user.authenticate("123abc")
=> #<User id: 277, username: "rich", password_digest: "$2a...</pre>
```

• Using the rails console, verify that you can authenticate and get the TodoLists for an authenticated User.

```
> user=User.where(username:"rich").first
> user.authenticate("123abc").todo_lists.count
=> 49 #seed data randomly generated
$ rspec spec/security_spec.rb -e rq08
```

- 9. Create a new controller to manage the user's session when interacting with the server.
 - a. Use the rails g controller command to create a Sessions controller with the following actions:
 - new
 - create
 - destroy
 - b. Clean up the config/routes.rb file edited by the rails g controller command to be the following:
 - generated:

```
get 'sessions/new'
get 'sessions/create'
get 'sessions/destroy'
```

• change to:

```
resources :sessions, only: [:new, :create, :destroy]
```

c. Map the GET /login action to sessions#new in config/routes.rb. Have this be referred to as the login resource so rake routes generates a login path helper.

```
get "/login" => "sessions#new", as: "login"
```

d. Map the DELETE /login action to sessions#destroy in config/routes.rb. Have this referred to as the logout resource so rake routes reports a logout_path helper.

```
delete "/logout" => "sessions#destroy", as: "logout"
$ rspec spec/security_spec.rb -e rq09
```

- 10. Implement the Sessions controller class and view. This should permit a caller to willingly navigate to the /login page, login with a correct password, and proceed to the root URI. Nothing will stop an un-authenticated user from accessing the same list at this time. (Hint: the information to complete this step is contained in module 4, lesson 2, lecture:Sessions and Controller View)
 - a. Leave the new method in its default state. This will cause the route to continue straight to views/sessions/new.html.erb.
 - b. Update the sessions#new page (views/sessions/new.html.erb) to declare a form:
 - for a User model type :user; this will cause the properties of the form to be assigned to an instance of a User
 - with a sessions_path URI; this will cause a POST to the sessions#create URI to be invoked when a submit is called
 - with a :username text field; this will assign the user input to the user [username] property
 - with a :password password_field; this will obfuscate the user's password while being typed and assign the user input to the user[password] property
 - with a submit action; this will submit the form to the server when pressed

```
<h1>Login</h1>
<%= form_for(:user, url: sessions_path) do |f| %>
  <div class="field">
      <%= f.label :username %> <br/>
      <%= f.text_field :username %>
  </div>
  <div class="field">
      <%= f.label :password %> <br/>
      <%= f.password_field :password %>
  </div>
  <div class="actions">
      <%= f.submit "Login" %>
  </div>
<% end %>
$ rspec spec/security_spec.rb -e rq10b
```

- c. Implement the create method as follows:
- get the user's username and password from the submitted form
- find the user based on username
- authenticate the user using the supplied password
- if authenticated
- store the user.id in the session
- redirect the caller to the root_path of the application and supply a flash.notice message announcing successful login
- if not authenticated
- redirect the caller to the login_path and supply an flash.alert message
 - \$ rspec spec/security_spec.rb -e rq10c
- d. Implement the destroy method as follows:

- reset the session, wiping out the user's session and everything in it
- redirect the caller to the login_path with a flash.notice message announcing successful logout

```
$ rspec spec/security_spec.rb -e rq10d
```

e. Remove the destroy and create pages in the view, generated by rails g controller since they are not being used.

```
$ rspec spec/security_spec.rb -e rq10d
```

- 11. Require users to authenticate with your application prior to accessing anything except the login page. At the completion of these steps, no one should be able to access anything except the login page until they successfully authenticate. (Hint: the information to complete this step is contained within module 4, lesson 2, lecture: Authorization)
 - a. Define a logged_in? helper method in the Application Controller class that evaluates to true if the there is a user associated with the session.
 - b. Define a current_user helper method in the ApplicationController class that finds and returns the User instance associated with the session.
 - c. Expose logged_in? and current_user as helper methods outside of the controller using helper_method. Note these methods were already available to all controller sub-classes. This designation makes them available to the views as well.
 - d. Define a ensure_login helper method in the ApplicationController class that redirects the caller to the login_path if they are not logged in. Note this method is available to all controller sub-classes in the application.
 - e. Define that all methods perform ensure_login before they are called using before_action.
 - f. Create an exception to the above rule so that sessions#new and sessions#create can be accessed by an unauthenticated user otherwise no one will be able to access the login page.

```
class SessionsController < ApplicationController
   skip_before_action :ensure_login, only: [:new, :create]</pre>
```

g. Update the views/layouts/application.html.erb page to include user/logout information based on the current session state. With this snippet in place – you should be able to login and see the current_user.username displayed in the right, top corner of the display.

\$ rspec spec/authentication_spec.rb -e rq11

12. Update the application so that authenticated users can only have access to TodoLists associated with their specific user. This mostly involves updating the TodoListController to change all global TodoList commands to be scoped current_user.todo_lists commands. (Hint: If you need some practice accessing TodoLists for an authenticated user, try the following commands in the rails console.

```
$ rails c
> user_id=User.where(username:"rich").first.id
> current_user=User.find(user_id)
> current_user.todo_lists.count
=> 49 #random assignment -- some number greater than 0
```

This mostly involves changing the following from/to.

```
from: TodoList.x
to: current_user.todo_lists.x
```

At this point, logged in users should only be able to see their TodoLists

- \$ rspec spec/authentication_spec.rb -e rq12
- 13. Add pagination to your application to help scale and manage methods that can return unbounded collections of information.
 - a. Verify the will_paginate gem is added to your Gemfile.
 - b. Update the todolist#index action to return a page of TodoLists associated with the current_user that are up to 8 objects per_page. (Hint: If you are not familiar with how will_paginate works, you can get some familiarity using the rails c and Active Record commands. will_paginate adds an additional method to all model classes to be able to break find command results into pages and page results.)

```
$ rails c
> 3.times {|n| p TodoList.paginate(page:n+1, per_page:1)}
> p TodoList.paginate(page:1, per_page:1).total_pages
=> 101
```

The page number will be available in the params[:page] property of the call.

c. Add will_paginate to your todolists#index page and apply it to your @todo_lists result from the controller.

At this point, logged in users should only be able to see their TodoLists and

```
$ rspec spec/pagination_spec.rb
```

14. Perform an end-to-end check of your work. Before you do, you must remove the confirmation dialogs from your Destroy links since we are not using a webdriver that supports javascript for this assignment. Inside the todo_list show.html.erb file you will need to change the destroy link to eliminate the confirmation dialog:

```
from: <%= link_to 'Destroy', [@todo_list, todo_item], method: :delete, data: { confirm: 'Are you sure's to: <%= link_to 'Destroy', [@todo_list, todo_item], method: :delete %>
```

Do the same for todo_list index.html.erb

```
from: <%= link_to 'Destroy', todo_list, method: :delete, data: { confirm: 'Are you sure?' } %>
to: <%= link_to 'Destroy', todo_list, method: :delete %>
```

- a. Login to the application as rich
- b. Access the first TodoList on the second page
- c. Complete the first TodoItem in that TodoList if not completed
- d. Create a new TodoItem for that TodoList
- e. Delete a TodoItem from that TodoList
- f. Create a new TodoList
- g. Delete a TodoList

rspec spec/end2end_spec.rb

Self Grading/Feedback

Some unit tests have been provided in the bootstrap files and provide examples of tests the grader will be evaluating for when you submit your solution. They must be run from the project root directory.

```
$ rspec (file)
...
(N) examples, 0 failures

You can run as many specific tests you wish be adding -e rq## -e rq##
```

```
$ rspec (file) -e rq01 -e rq02
```

Note that some of the earlier specs cannot be run once security has been fully enabled. Use the end2end test when complete. Each of the individual requirements list specific specs that can be used during the time of that development.

Submission

Submit an .zip archive (other archive forms not currently supported) with your solution root directory as the top-level (e.g., your Gemfile and sibling files must be in the root of the archive and *not* in a sub-folder. The grader will replace the spec files with fresh copies and will perform a test with different query terms.

```
|-- app
    |-- assets
    |-- controllers
    |-- helpers
    |-- mailers
    |-- models
    `-- views
|-- bin
|-- config
|-- config.ru
|-- db
|-- Gemfile
|-- Gemfile.lock
|-- lib
|-- log
|-- public
|-- Rakefile
|-- README.rdoc
|-- test
`-- vendor
```

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