

CPSC 476 Graduate Programming Project

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Introduction:

Shared Event Calendar is an Jruby on rails web application where an user can view all the events listed on the public home page. A logged in user can create or like the events according to the user's interest. And also, an user can view all his/her events liked and created in a separate page.

Software Details and Versions:

Jruby version 1.7.16

Rails version 4.2.6

OS: Ubuntu 14

Java: Java 1.8

Tomcat: 8.0.33

Version Control: Git

Challenges:

Creating an application was one of the biggest challenge for me. Initially my working environment was Windows and I got tons of problems installing jruby on rails on windows machine. Later I moved to Ubuntu for the development of the project. But even after moving on linux, there were again some of the problems I ran into using the latest jruby versions. After inspecting the code, I realize that latest version had some problems so I downgraded the version from 1.7.22 to 1.7.16.

Later I followed digitalocean article and was able to create a simple jruby on rails application. Later when I tried to deploy the application on jetty and tomcat, then again I ran into syntax error. After inspecting all the code inside war file and making changes I ran into several other problems. Later I realize the main cause of the problem was mime-types version 3 which rails automatically takes when we create application. Then I downgraded the mime-types version, ran bundle install and then packaged the code into war file and deployed it to tomcat. Finally, it ran successfully.

Later, I deployed the war file in windows tomcat and I found an anomaly in tomcat 8 version in windows. When I run localhost:8080/eventcalendar application, it was not appending slash to the URL but in linux tomcat, it was automatically appending slash. I even followed [this](#) article but then again I was getting different issues. So this is the only limitation, it does not adds trailing slash on windows tomcat.

Why Jruby on Rails?

I should rather say why not jruby on rails. The reason I selected jruby on rails as my graduate project was to see the power of the combination of JAVA and Ruby. Rails follows the same MVC pattern like Spring in JAVA. But creating a small scale application like this, I believe it is better to use Rails because of its very easy configuration settings and it yields the development very fast. With the scaffold feature and the built in gems I was able to create the application in few hours. The same project requires lot of coding in spring which increases the development time and as per my knowledge there are lot of configuration a developer had to do in order to run the application using Spring MVC.

Using simply ruby on rails, we can build the application faster but then suppose we need to deploy that application in 1000 machines it would be difficult and not easy and scalable. That is where JAVA comes into picture. The JAVA ECOSYSTEM is so good that it packages an application into a Web Archive file with which we can deploy the rails application to those 1000 machines in web container.

Moreover, we do not need to teach rails technology to deployment team who are well versed in java, we just need to give them WAR file and our work will be done. So, by merging Ruby and Java we can be more productive.

Build Instructions:

For the application to run on a machine, it should have jruby, java, rvm and rails installed. The following instructions applies for Ubuntu. Version for jruby should be 1.7.16 for this assignment.

Database Instructions:

The database used is hsqldb for this assignment. The process is similar like we did in java project.

1. Make sure that Ant is installed
2. Download [build.xml](#) and place it in a new, empty directory
3. ant clean
4. ant init
5. Ant manage

Following is setup instructions for

1. Open terminal and go to project directory.

2. `rvm use jruby-1.7.16`
3. `export JRUBY_OPTS=--2.0` #for setting jruby to use ruby 2.0, if required
4. `bundle install`
5. `rake db:migrate`
6. `gem install warbler` #to install warbler for packaging the code
7. `warble war`
8. Copy the war file in apache tomcat webapps directory
9. Start tomcat
10. Open browser and run <http://localhost:8080/eventcalendar/>
or
`xdg-open http://localhost:8080/eventcalendar/` #from command line.

Note: You might need to update [java policy](#) in order to run jruby on your machine

Project Description:

This application uses a Standard [Rails MVC Framework](#) using [Jruby](#). I am having three tables likes, users and events.

Following are the important gems used in the project:

1. `activerecord-jdbchsqldb-adapter` #for hsql
2. `devise` #for authentication
3. `Mime-types` lower version to support jruby
4. `Warbler` #to create war file

Following are the files I have created in order to create the application

Model:

1. Like: This model is created to store like in likes table. It has two main attributes `event_id` and `user_id`. This model is mapped to likes table using ActiveRecord ORM
2. Event: This model is created to store events. The main attributes are name of event, location of event, creator of event and datetime of event. This imodel is mapped with events table
3. User: This is basically used for authentication process.

The actual schema you can find below.

Controller:

1. Home: This is responsible to display public events on homepage.
2. Events: This contains all the crud operations code.

Views:

The following views are responsible to display data on browser.

1. Devise
2. Events
3. Home

Database Schema:

Following is the database schema:

```
create_table "events", force: :cascade do |t|
  t.string "event_name", limit: 255
  t.string "event_location", limit: 255
  t.datetime "event_date", limit: 26
  t.integer "user_id", limit: 32
  t.datetime "created_at", limit: 26, null: false
  t.datetime "updated_at", limit: 26, null: false
end
```

```
create_table "likes", force: :cascade do |t|
  t.integer "event_id", limit: 32
  t.integer "user_id", limit: 32
  t.datetime "created_at", limit: 26, null: false
  t.datetime "updated_at", limit: 26, null: false
end
```

```
create_table "users", force: :cascade do |t|
  t.string "email", limit: 255, default: "", null: false
  t.string "encrypted_password", limit: 255, default: "", null: false
  t.string "reset_password_token", limit: 255
  t.datetime "reset_password_sent_at", limit: 26
  t.datetime "remember_created_at", limit: 26
  t.integer "sign_in_count", limit: 32, default: 0, null: false
  t.datetime "current_sign_in_at", limit: 26
  t.datetime "last_sign_in_at", limit: 26
  t.string "current_sign_in_ip", limit: 255
end
```

```

      t.string "last_sign_in_ip", limit: 255
      t.datetime "created_at", limit: 26, null: false
      t.datetime "updated_at", limit: 26, null: false
      t.string "name", limit: 255
    end

    add_index "users", ["email"], name: "index_users_on_email", unique: true
    add_index "users", ["reset_password_token"], name: "index_users_on_reset_password_token",
unique: true

```

Associations:

Following associations I have created:

```

class Event < ActiveRecord::Base
  belongs_to :user
  has_many :likes
  #.....other code
end

```

```

class Like < ActiveRecord::Base
  belongs_to :user
  belongs_to :event
  #.....other code
end

```

```

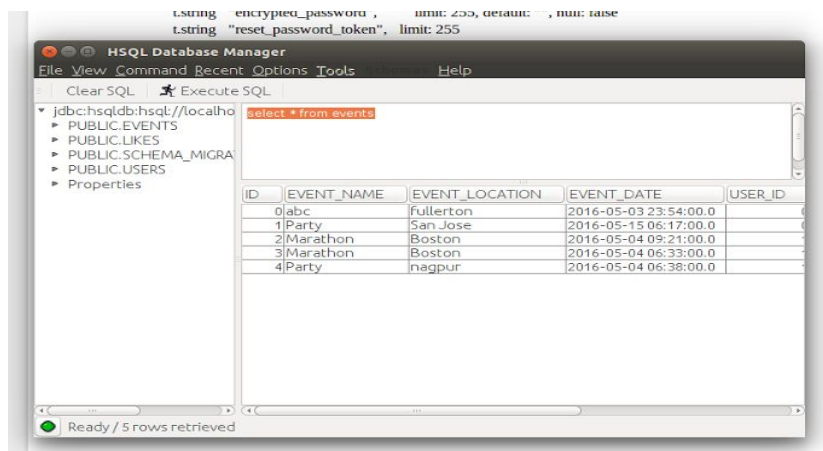
class User < ActiveRecord::Base
  has_many :events
  has_many :likes
  has_many :liked_events, :through => :likes, :source => :event
  #....other code
end

```

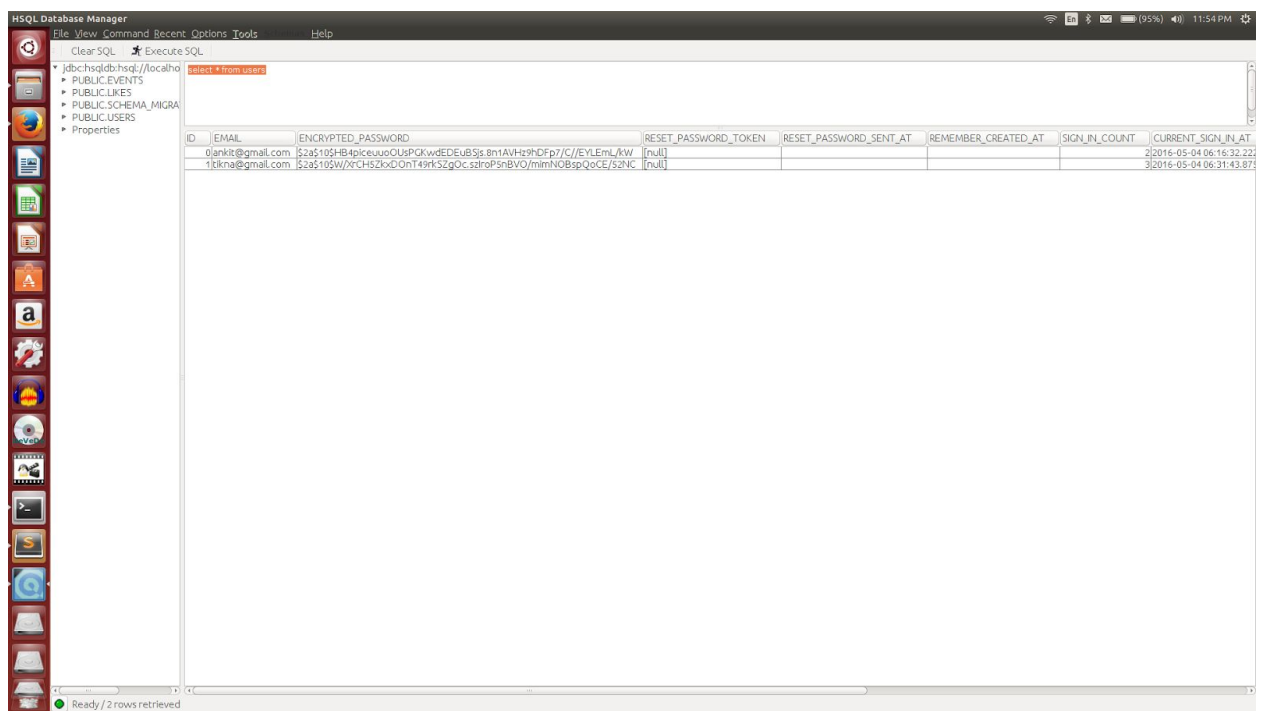
Screenshots:

Database Screenshots:

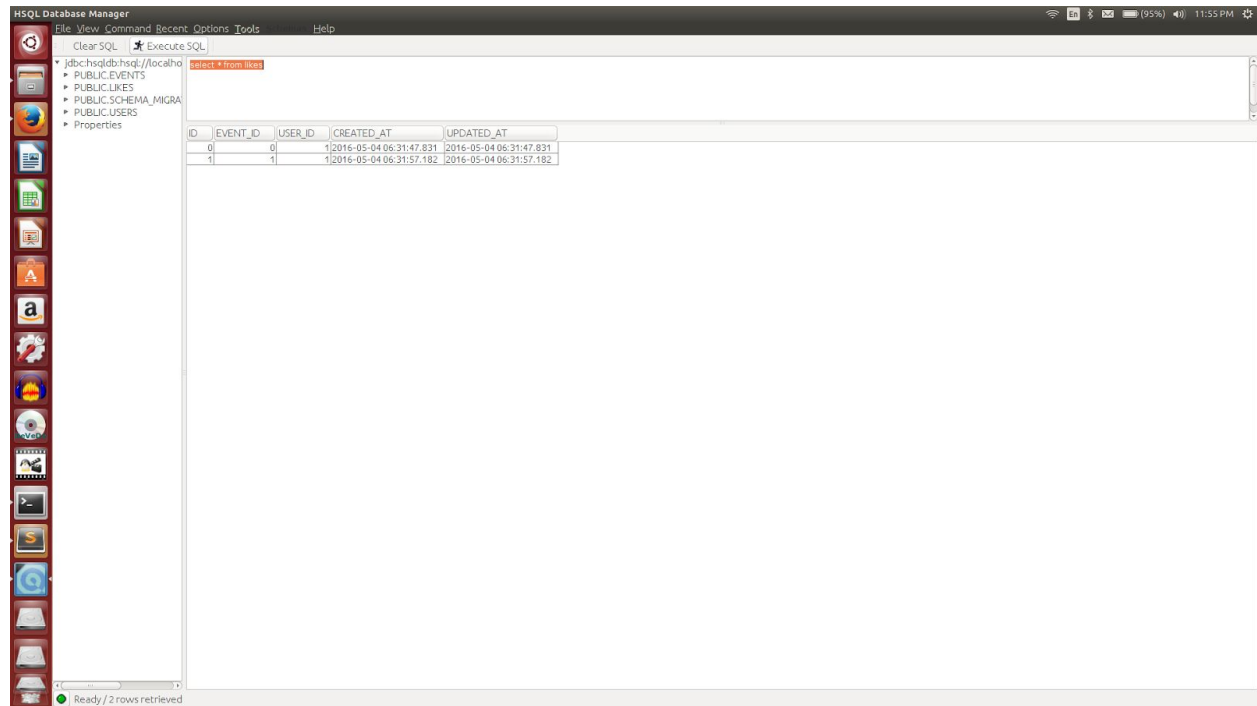
1. Events



2. Users

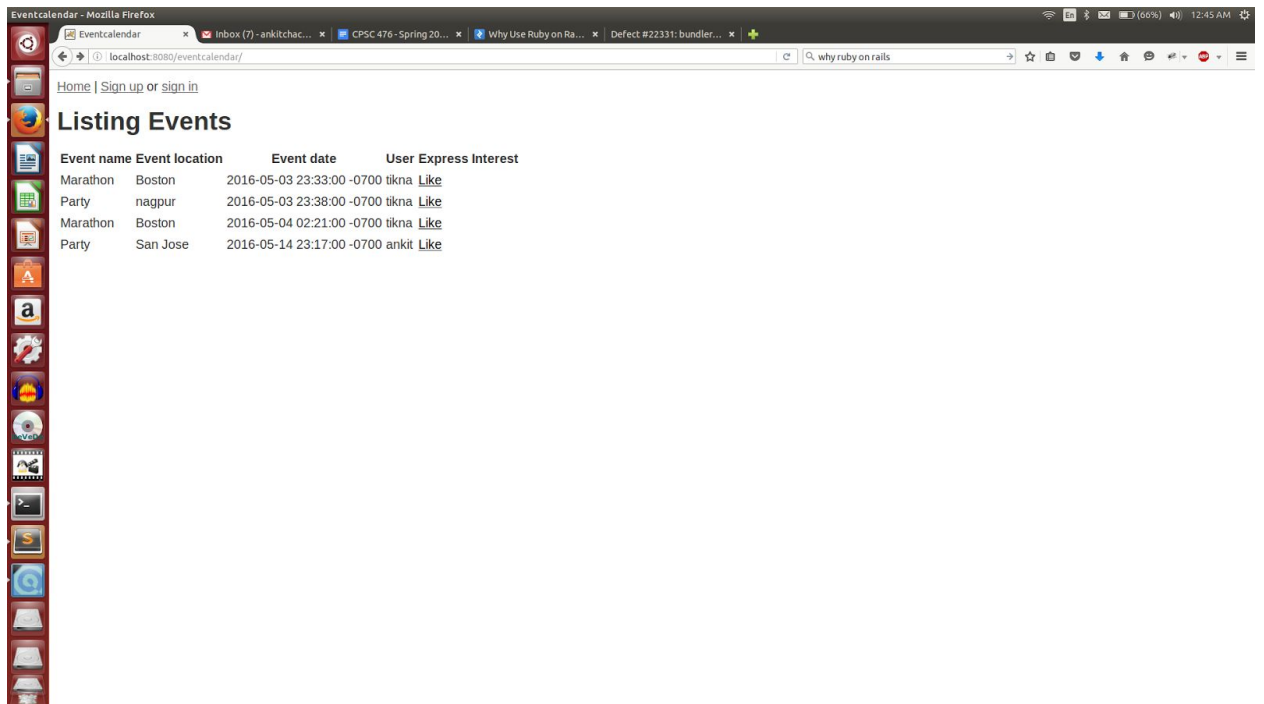


3. Likes

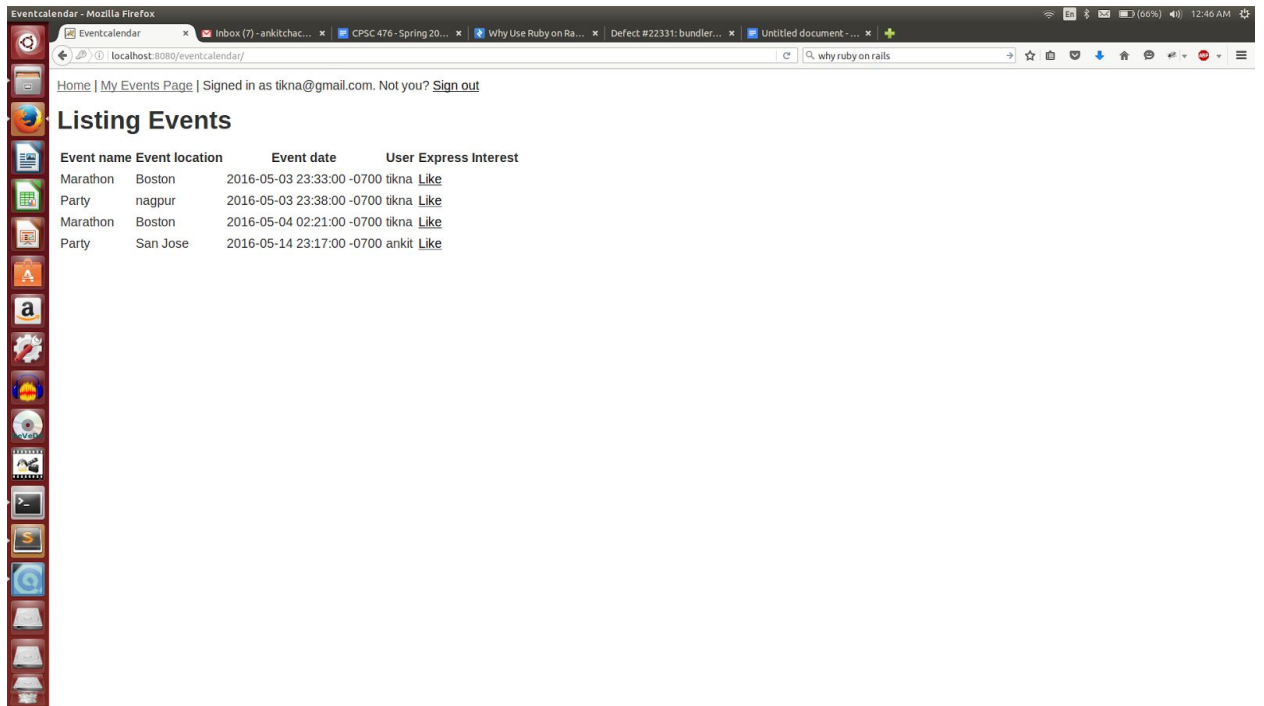


Home Page:

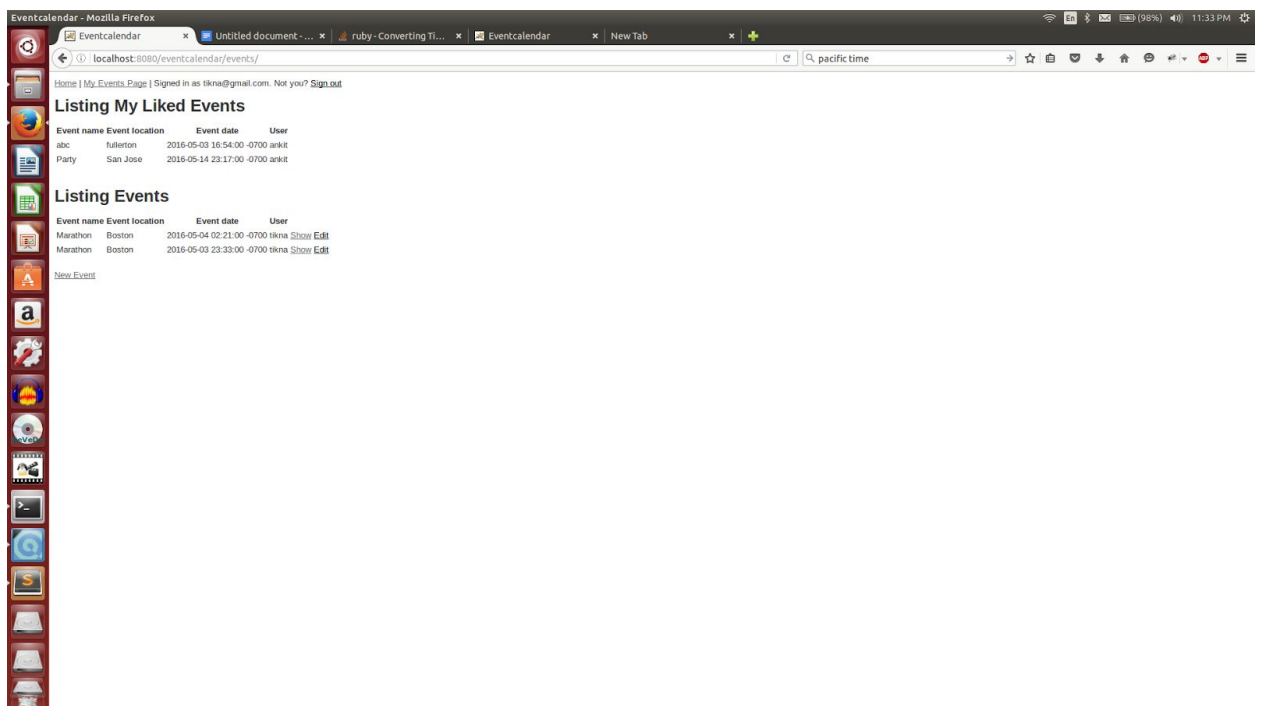
1. When user is not signed in.



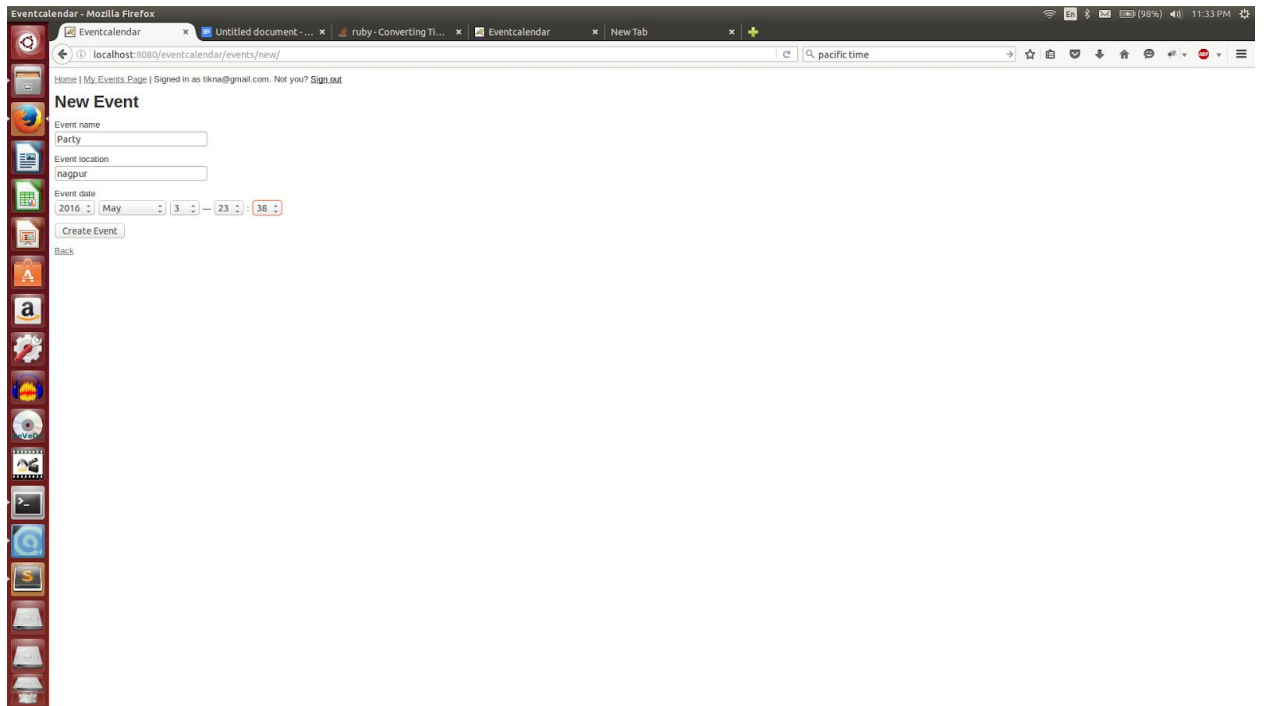
2. When user is signed in



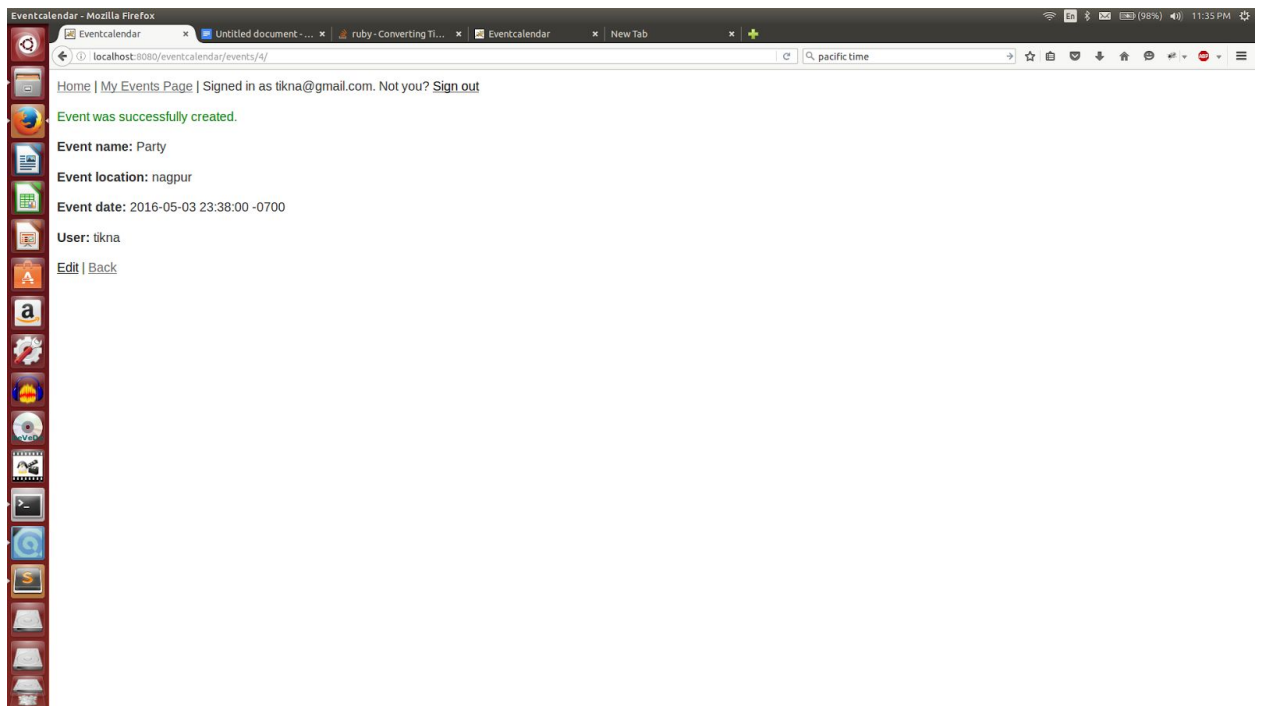
3. To create new event, click on My Events page, it will display liked events and created events with a link "New Event"



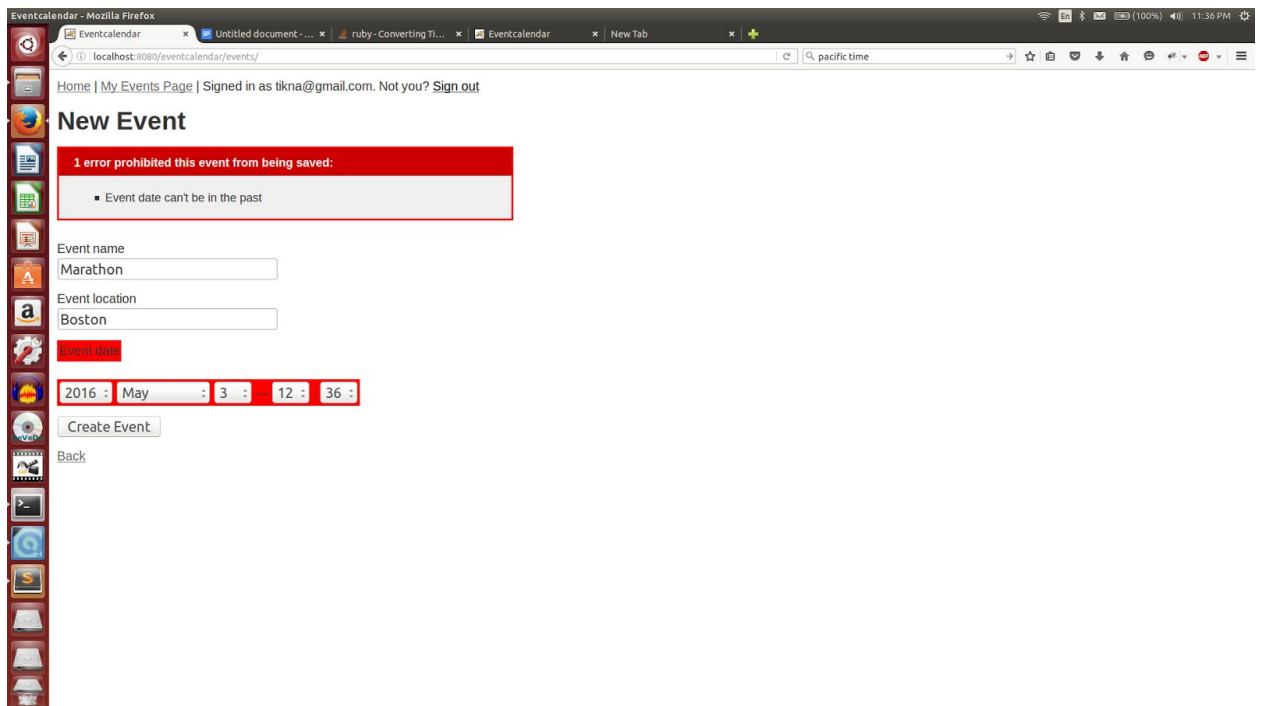
4. New Event Page:



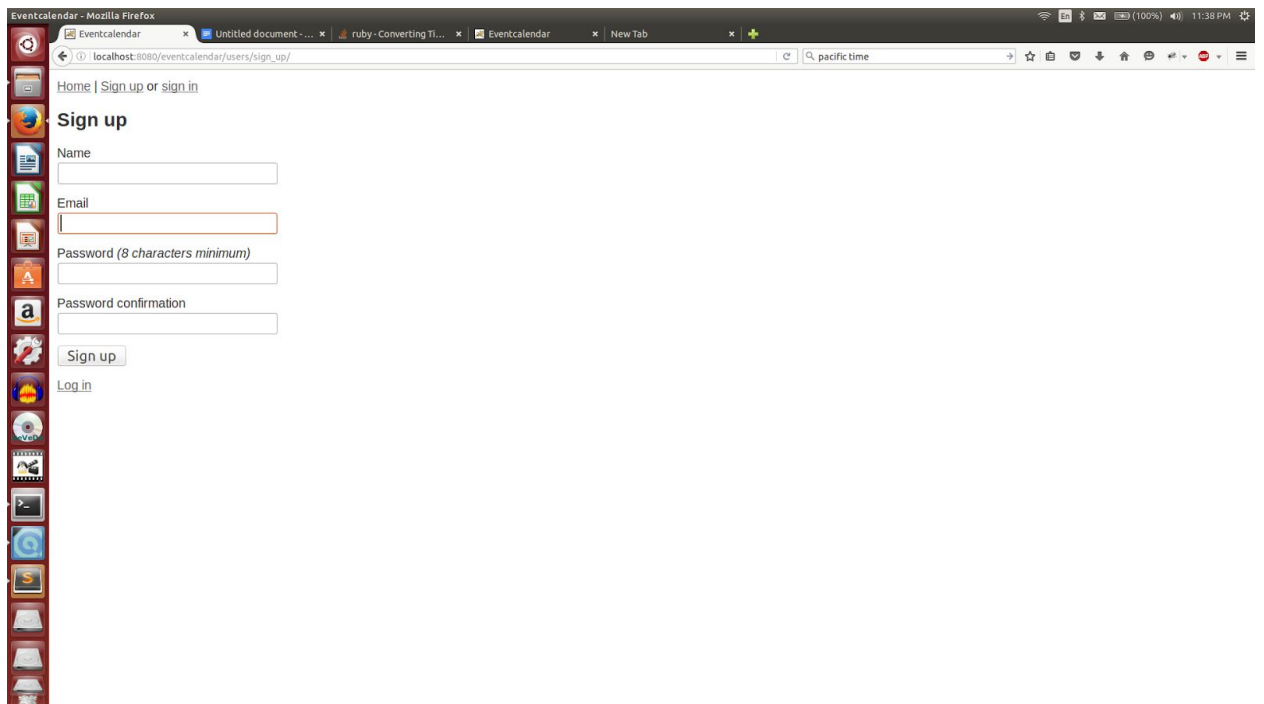
5. Show Event Page, which displays event information



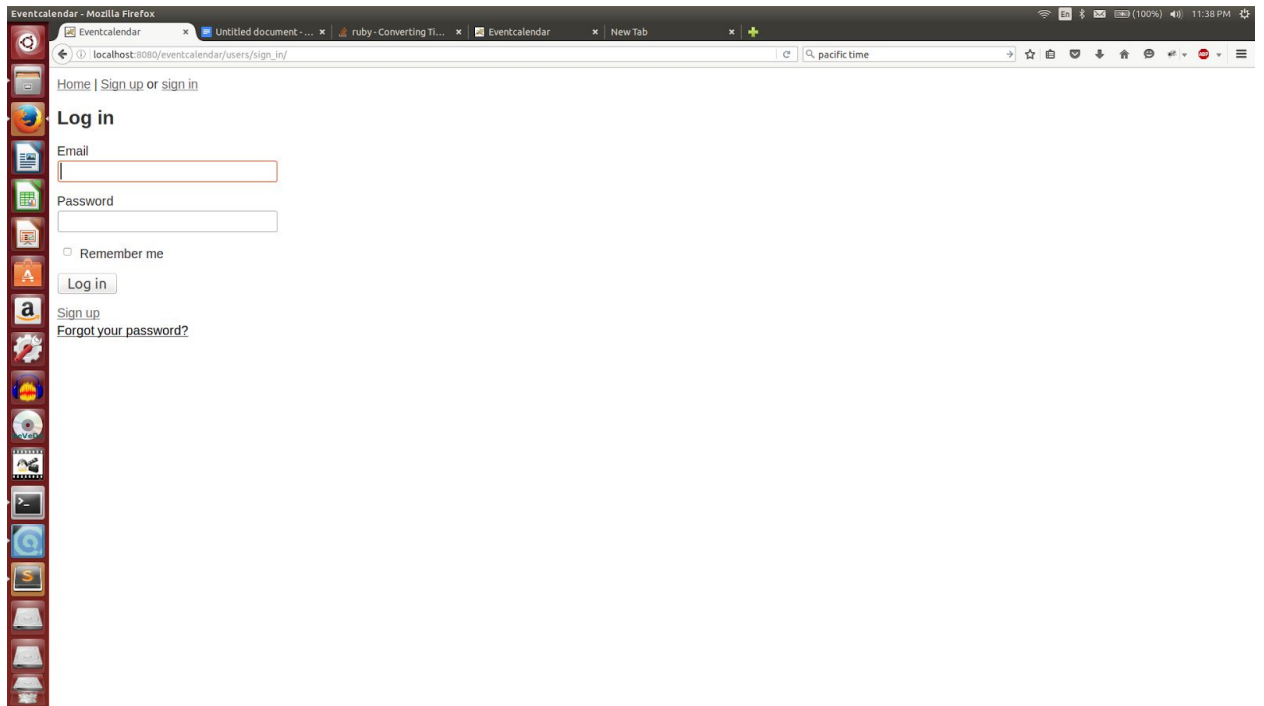
6. I display error if past time entered:



7. Sign Up Page

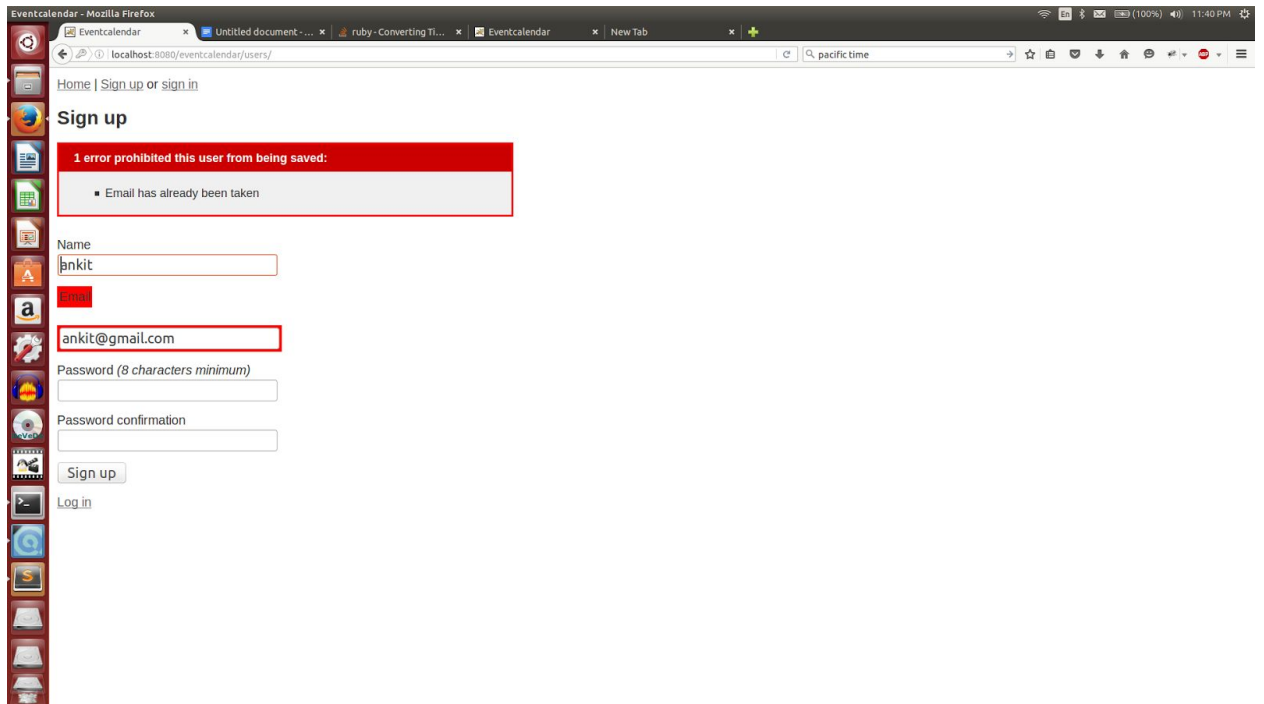


8. Sign In Page



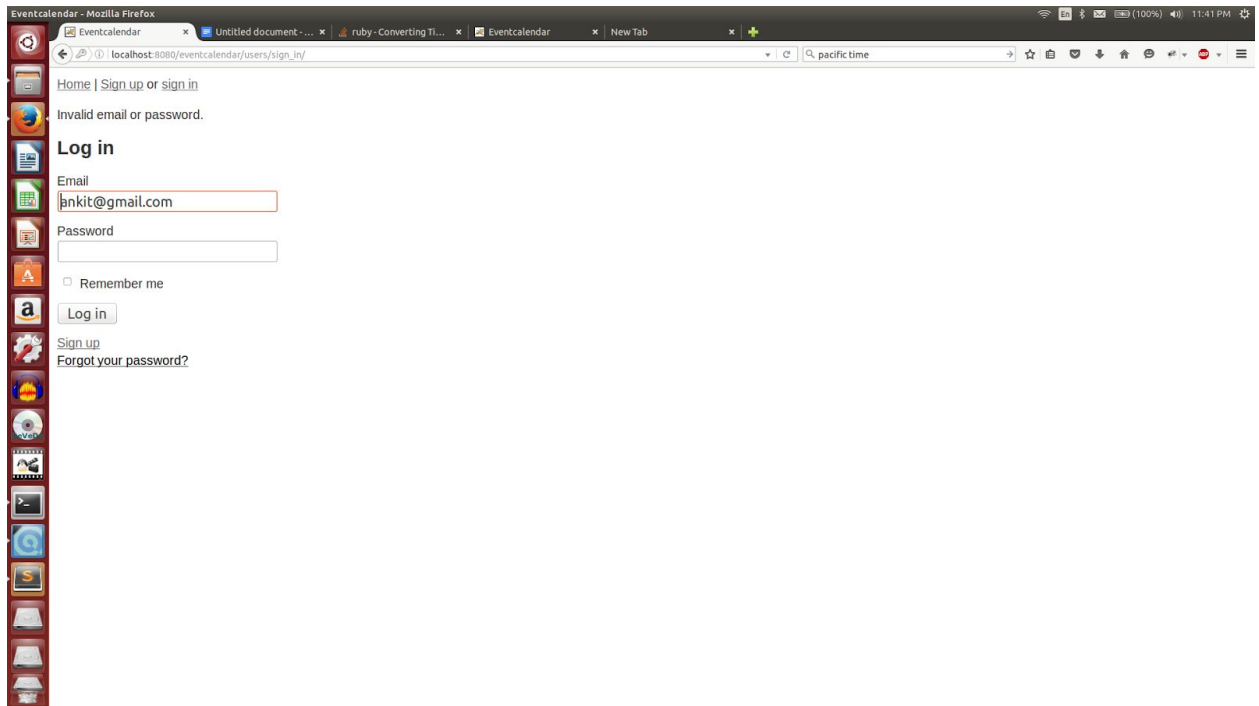
The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "Eventcalendar - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar displays "localhost:8080/eventcalendar/users/sign_in/". The page content includes a navigation bar with "Home | Sign up or sign in". Below this is a "Log in" section with an "Email" input field, a "Password" input field, a "Remember me" checkbox, and a "Log in" button. At the bottom of the login section are links for "Sign up" and "Forgot your password?". The browser's sidebar on the left contains various application icons.

9. If user already present in database, I prevent it to be created



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "Eventcalendar - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar displays "localhost:8080/eventcalendar/users/". The page content includes a navigation bar with "Home | Sign up or sign in". Below this is a "Sign up" section. A red error message box is displayed at the top of the form, stating "1 error prohibited this user from being saved:" followed by a list item "Email has already been taken". The form fields include "Name" (with the value "ankit"), "Email" (with the value "ankit@gmail.com"), "Password (8 characters minimum)", and "Password confirmation". There are "Sign up" and "Log in" buttons at the bottom of the form. The browser's sidebar on the left contains various application icons.

10. If user enters invalid information then, I display invalid username/password



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