

Web Programming Project

Webshop with Ruby on Rails

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Introduction

Technical Overview

- Ruby on Rails 4.0
 - devise
 - wkhtmltopdf
 - Paperclip
- jQuery
- foundation
- MySQL

Ruby on Rails

- object-oriented
- MVC based Web-Framework
- active Record pattern
- principals
 - don't repeat yourself
 - convention over configuration
- scaffolding
- use of ruby package manager „gem“

features

- T4.2: dynamic navigation based on categories (hiercharchical)
- T4.3: dynamic product list (selected category)
- T5.3: multi language support (de, en)
 - Items, Categories via DB
 - static content via l18n Internalization
 - language_id stored in user session

features

- T6.3: extended the User model to add some address information
 - Order process checks for complete address
- T6.4: confirmation emails sent after:
 - registration
 - Ordering items
- T7.1:????

features

- T8.2: shopping cart implemented via Javascript
 - data stored in a cookie (only id's)
 - add/remove/change items
 - after „order-now“ content is passed to an order object

features

- T8.3: User Accounts implemented with devise
 - authentication framework
 - no role based access control(rbac) implemented yet
- T10.4: Administrator Pages for dynamic content (Categories/Items)
 - CRUD Models

features

- T10.1/10.2/10.3: MySQL setup
 - DBSchema based on Rails Models
 - DB migrations scripts for changes (rake task)
 - module mysql2 for rails
 - active record as ORM

features

- T11.1: REST-Webservice for Place (City) Lookup by ZIPCode.
 - Google maps API (geocoder)
 - RESTful
 - Via AJAX Request
- T12.1: non dynamic content stored in yaml files
 - Translations
 - Database information

features

- T12.2: AJAX
 - shoppingcart
 - Place lookup (Webservice)
 - Store language_id in session
 - Dynamically add and remove form fields in admin site (editing items and categories)
- T12.3: Templates
 - ERB-Template engine

features

- T12.4: PDF creation
 - Dynamically renders a PDF with order information
 - Use of webkit html2pdf (like browsers do)
 - wickedPDF gem
 - sent by mail to customer

teamwork

- defined the responsible for each task
- supported each other
- ????

Lessons learnt

- using a framework != less work to do
 - kind of work changes
 - follow their rules
- realize step-by-step
 - Do not try to make a „jack of all trades device“
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