

# Add E-Commerce to Your Website in Less Than One Week Using ActiveMerchant

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- E-commerce overview
- Service Considerations
- Implementation
- Security
- Examples: Gateway API, Google, Amazon, PayPal

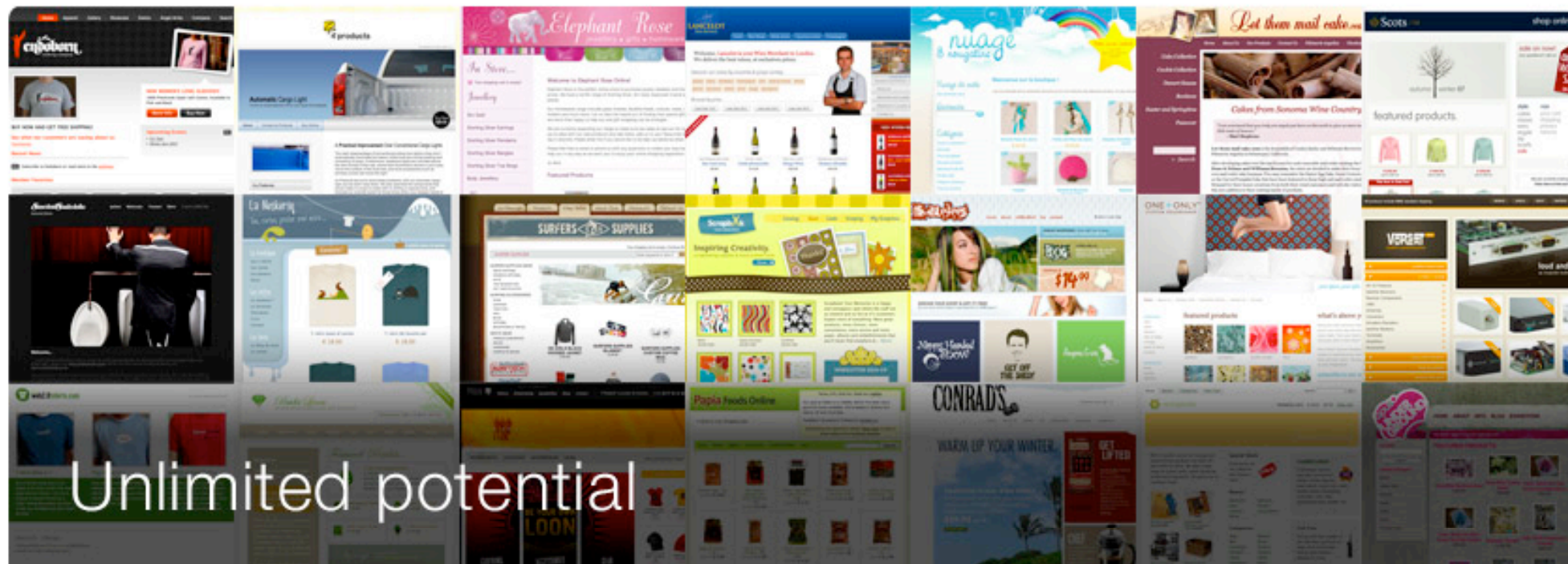
- Buyer pays online
- Goods are delivered
- Cash is received

- Products
- Services
- Subscription
- Third Party



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a shop in minutes, a business for life.



Overview

Tour

Design

Features

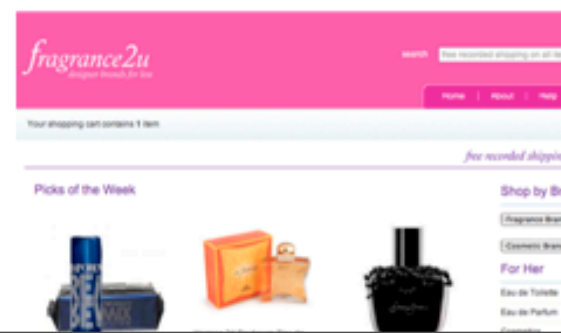
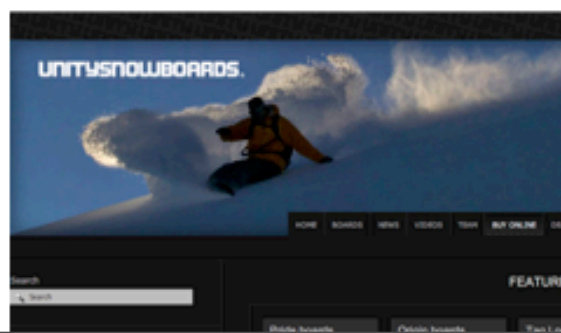
Screenshots

Contact

FAQ

Pricing & Sign-up

Recently launched stores



[Check out the administration interface](#)



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**Sauce Search:**

**Go!**

Shop By Price

Shop By Brand

US Dollar

**Shop Sauces:**

- New Arrivals
- By Sauce Category
- By Sauce Brands
- By Pepper Type
- By Country Origin
- By Heat Units (SHU)
- By The Case
- OverStock & Sales

**1 billing information**

First Name\*:

Last Name\*:

Company:

Address\*:

City\*:

Country\*: United States

State\*: Then, Select State

Zip/Postal Code\*:

Phone\*:

Email Address\*:

**2 shipping information**

First Name\*:

Last Name\*:

Company:

Address\*:

City\*:

Country\*: United States

State\*: Then, Select State

Zip/Postal Code\*:

Phone\*:

Fax:

YOUR CART

**1 PAGE CHECKOUT**

RECEIPT







First Name: 
Last Name:

Address: 
City:

State: 
Postal Code:

Country:

Payment Options:

Select Currency

\$
 €
 £
 \$
 \$
 ¥

Credit Card # 
CVV2 Number:  [Explanation](#)

Expires:

Name On Card: 
Email Address:

Username: 
Password:

I certify that I am 18 years of age or older and agree to CCBill's [Terms and Conditions](#) of this purchase and have read CCBill's [Privacy Policy](#).



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## Purchasing additional Email credits

✚ You currently have **14,305** remaining Email credits.

### Your Purchase

I would like to order ...\*

Email credits

The rate for the bundle is...

per Email

Total cost:

[Proceed to Checkout](#)

You'll have a chance to review your order before it's final.

### Email Rates

1 to 24,999	\$0.010 each
25,000 to 99,999	\$0.009 each
100,000 to 149,999	\$0.008 each
200,000 to 199,999	\$0.006 each
500,000 to infinity	\$0.005 each

#### Did you know?

After you upload your SMS contacts, you must send a welcome message, and then wait 24 hours before you can send your first SMS blast. [\[?\]](#)

- Price
- Regulations
- Branding
- Usability
- Banking
- Accounting

Service	Transaction	Monthly	Setup
Trust Commerce + BofA (ActiveMerchant)	2.54% + \$0.25	\$30	\$190
PayPal Website Standard	4.9% + \$0.30	\$0	\$0
Google Checkout (US & GB only)	2% + \$0.20	\$0	\$0
Amazon Checkout	2.9% + \$0.30	\$0	\$0

- High profile payment services have more rules
  - Limit products offered
  - Restrict content on page
- Regional banking laws



- Implementing a gateway API solution allows you to keep your branding
- HTML checkout button solutions require offsite navigation
- Adding your logo or colors to the payment site may be possible

PayPal

gateway A

amazonpayments™  
A-to-z Guarantee

you

- HTML (offsite)

solutions require

- Addir site r

payment

Google™  
Checkout

- Offsite navigation may confuse or decrease trust
- Allowing the use of existing financial accounts may ease payment

- Reputable payment solutions require bank accounts
  - Verification
  - Payment
- Gateway solutions require merchant accounts
- Setting up bank accounts takes time



- Merchant accounts provide a line of credit so credit card payments can be accepted
- **Many** banks provide merchant accounts

## Gateways to use with merchant accounts

Authorize.net (US)	USA ePay (US)
LinkPoint (US)	Protix (GB)
TrustCommerce (US)	WorldPay (*World)

- Larger payment services offer accounting
  - Shipping
  - Taxes

- HTML solutions are easy to implement
  - PayPal Website Standard
  - Google Checkout
- Callbacks are difficult to test (ssh tunnel)
- ActiveMerchant gateway solutions are well tested
- Gateways may require additional libraries

- All gateways or other payment solutions should have a **sandbox** or other test environment



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**Mr. Hankey**





- SSL
- Escape log files
- API callbacks
- Don't store credit card numbers



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- Implemented by gateway
- Seller decides what information to verify
  - Address
  - Zip code
  - CVV
  - Expiration date
- Shoddy sites can have shoddy verification

<http://RailsVendor.com>

- ActiveMerchant Gateway
- PayPal Website Standard
- Google Checkout
- Amazon Checkout

## RailsVendor

A limited selection of medium quality photographs at bargain prices

First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Daytime phone	Email address
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Credit Card Type	Credit Card Number
<input type="text" value="Visa"/>	<input type="text"/>
Expires on	CVV
<input type="text" value="8"/> <input type="text" value="2008"/>	<input type="text"/>
Street	
<input type="text"/>	
City	State
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Postal Code (Zip)	Country
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="United States"/>
<input type="button" value="Submit"/>	

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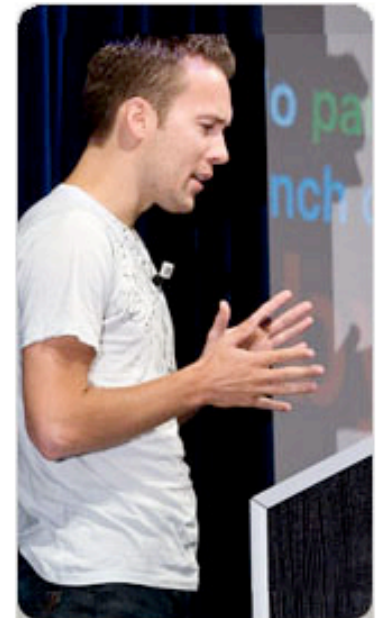
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RailsVendor is open source at [GitHub](#) • Your cart currently has 4 items. [View Cart](#)

## RailsVendor

Hand Rail

Total: \$4.14 USD

### Pay with Credit Card or Log In

  [Secure Payments](#)

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#### Enter your billing information

Country:

First Name:

Last Name:

Credit Card Number:

Payment Type:    

Expiration Date:  /  CSC:  [What's this?](#)

Billing Address Line 1:

Billing Address Line 2:

(optional)

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Home Telephone:

555-555-1234

Email:

[Review Order and Continue](#)

#### Already have a PayPal account?

##### Please log in

Email:

Password:

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Change Language English (US)

Order Details - Rails Vendor, 5 Lucerne Street, San Francisco, CA 94103 US

Qty	Item	Price
4	Hand Rail - Helps with balance while navigating stairs	\$2.28
2	Trolley Rail - Serves light trains and street cars	\$1.86

**Subtotal: \$4.14**

Shipping and Tax calculated on next page

## Create a Google Account to complete this purchase

### Shop faster with Google Checkout

Sign up now to buy quickly and easily from stores across the web, and track all your orders in one place.

Your current email address: 

Choose a password:   
Minimum of 8 characters in length. [\[?\]](#)

Re-enter password: 

Location: United States

Card number: 

Expiration date:  /  CVC:  [What's this?](#)

Cardholder name: 

Billing Address: 
    
City/Town State Zip [\[?\]](#)

Phone number: 

Required for account verification.

My shipping address is:   
☒ My billing address  
☐ A different address

I agree to the [Terms of Service](#).

**Agree and Continue**

You can still make changes to your order on the next page.

## Or sign in

If you already have a Google Account

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This should not be anyone's site.

```
gateway = ActiveMerchant::Billing::TrustCommerceGateway.new :login, :password  
authorize_response = gateway.authorize(cents, active_merchant_credit_card)  
capture_response = gateway.capture(cents, authorize_response.authorization)
```

## Trust Commerce Specific Responses

- `response.params['offenders']`
  - “cc” means invalid credit card
- `response.params['declinetype']`
  - “cvv” means invalid CVV or expiration date
- `response.params['avs']`
  - “A” means invalid zip code, street match only
  - “Z” means zip code match only
  - etc.

## Trust Commerce Specific Functions

- `recurring(money, credit_card, :frequency)`
  - make a recurring payment e.g. monthly
- `store(credit_card)`
  - store a credit card for future transactions
  - can use `authorization` in `capture()`

## HAML for generating HTML Checkout Button

```
%form{:action => PaypalController::FORM_URL, :method => "post"}
  = hidden_field_tag :cmd, "_cart"
  = hidden_field_tag :upload, 1
  = hidden_field_tag :business, PaypalController::ACCOUNT
  = hidden_field_tag :currency_code, "USD"
  = hidden_field_tag :no_shipping, 1
  - #iterate across all items in the cart
  - i = 1
  - for purchasable in @cart.to_a
    = hidden_field_tag "item_name_#{i}", purchasable.human_name
    = hidden_field_tag "amount_#{i}", fmt_money(purchasable.unit_price)
    = hidden_field_tag "quantity_#{i}", purchasable.quantity
    - i += 1
  = hidden_field_tag :notify_url, notify_url
  = hidden_field_tag :cancel_return, url_for(:action=>"checkout", :only_path=>false)
  = hidden_field_tag :return, url_for(:action=>"purchase_success", :only_path=>false)
  = paypal_submit #the submit button generated from PaypalHelper
```



## HAML for generating HTML Checkout Button

```
%form{:action => "https://checkout.google.com/api/checkout/v2/checkoutForm/Merchant/  
#{ENV['GOOGLE_CHECKOUT_MERCHANT_ID']}", :method => "post", :accept_charset => "utf-8"}  
  - i = 1  
  - for purchasable in @cart.to_a  
    = hidden_field_tag "item_name_#{i}", purchasable.human_name  
    = hidden_field_tag "item_description_#{i}", purchasable.short_description  
    = hidden_field_tag "item_price_#{i}", fmt_money(purchasable.unit_price)  
    = hidden_field_tag "item_quantity_#{i}", purchasable.quantity  
    - i += 1  
  = hidden_field_tag "_charset_"  
  - image_src = "http://checkout.google.com/buttons/checkout.gif?  
merchant_id=#{ENV['GOOGLE_CHECKOUT_MERCHANT_ID']}&w=180&h=46&style=white&variant=text&  
loc=en_US"  
  %input{:type=>"image", :name=>"Google Checkout", :alt=>"Fast checkout through  
Google", :src=>image_src, :height=>"46", :width=>"180" }
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Fast checkout through Google

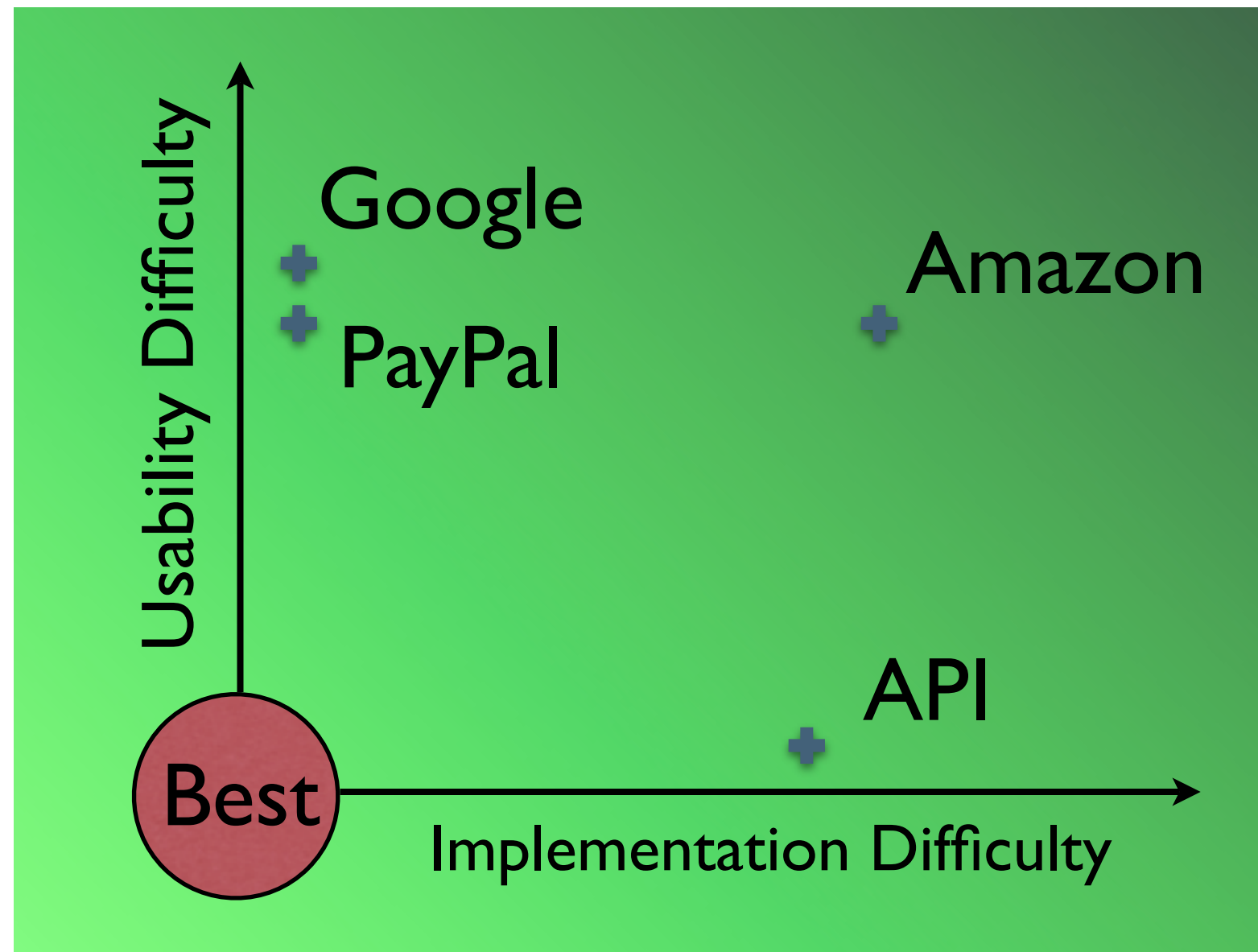


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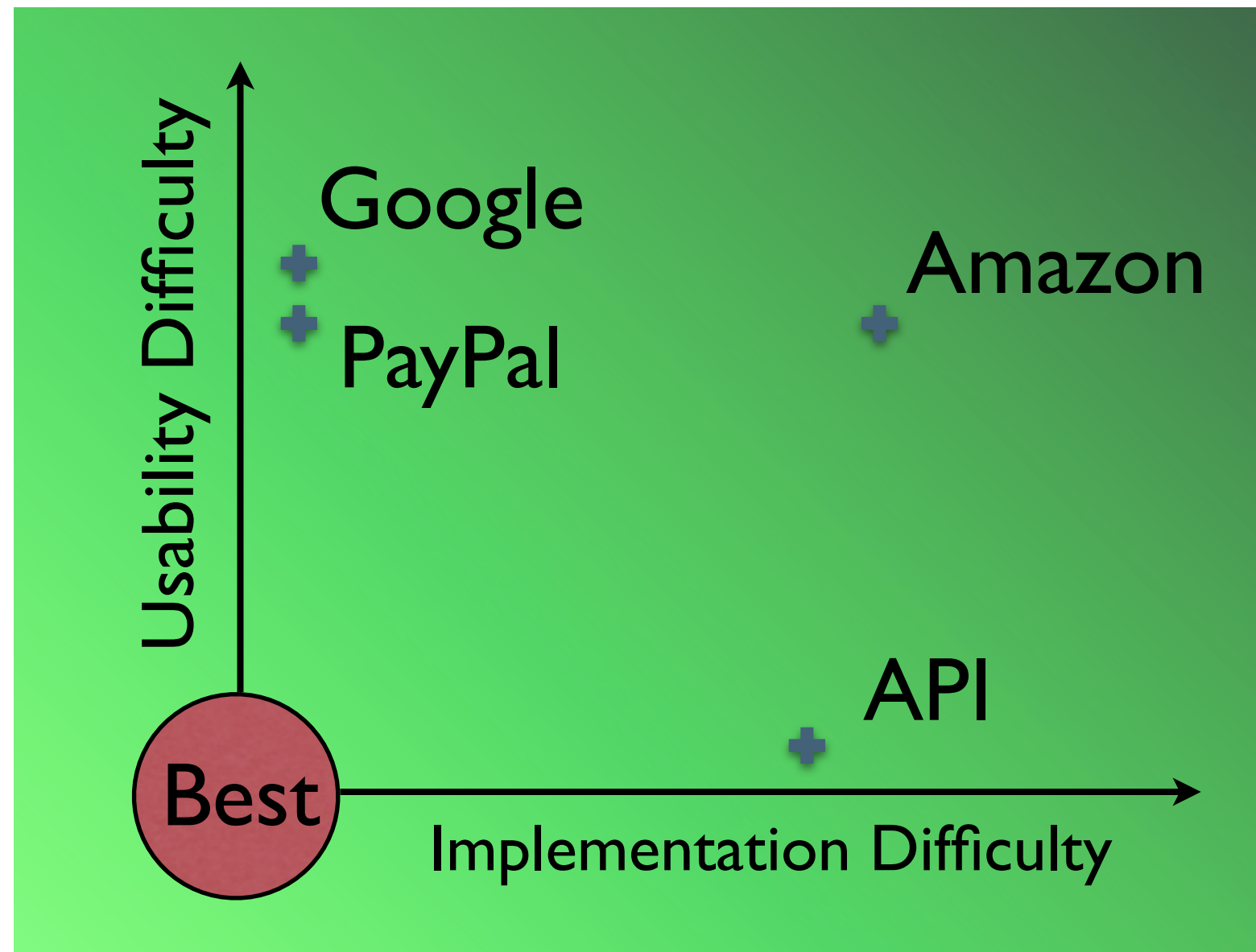
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%form{:action => "http://payments.amazon.com/checkout/", :method =>
"post", :enctype => "multipart/form-data"}
  - i = 1
  - for purchasable in @cart.to_a
    = hidden_field_tag "item_merchant_id_#{i}", "A1TDXY6XJ7JAMX"
    = hidden_field_tag "item_title_#{i}", purchasable.human_name
    = hidden_field_tag "item_price_#{i}", fmt_money(purchasable.unit_price)
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  %input{:alt=>"Checkout with Amazon Payments", :src=>"https://
payments.amazon.com/gp/cba/button?
ie=UTF8&color=orange&background=white&size=medium", :type=>"image"}
```



# Magic Quadrant



- Usability is scored lower for offsite navigation
- Google requires account creation
- An API implementation requires more work



	Branding	No Merchant Account	Secure Callback	Third Party Billing	Recurring
ActiveMerchant Gateway	X		X		X
PayPal Website Standard		X	X		X
Google Checkout		X	X		
Amazon FPS		X	X	X	X
Amazon Checkout		X	X		

- ActiveMerchant support? No. Except for PayPal
- Protix supported in Great Britain
- Challenge: create WorldPay support in ActiveMerchant
- Demand more API support and less regulation!



# Thank you!

<http://activemerchant.org>

Examples: <http://railsvendor.com>

Rich Media Ads: <http://spongecell.com>