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# Ruby on Rails 101 –

## Chapter 6

In this chapter, we will add user model to the photo gallery.

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## Managing asset files

The entry point of the assets:

1. The application.js
2. The application.css

It is an entry point because in each file it includes the other files into the assets.

```
require name      <-- means include that file.
require_tree .    <-- means include all the files in
the current directory.
```

There is a list of folders the asset pipeline will search.

```
/app/assets/
/lib/assets/
/vendor/assets/
```

Actually we can use the file others than the “application” name. Just clone the `application.css` and `.js` into a new file and update the asset include name in the `views/layout/application.html.erb` file.

How about we want to include specific controller assets only?

1. Remove the `require_tree .` in the application js and css file.
  2. Use `<%= javascript_include_tag params[:controller] %>` when needed
  3. or `<%= stylesheet_link_tag params[:controller] %>` when needed
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## Creating gallery home page

Let's start styling the home page.

First we need a generic pages controller for the index page.

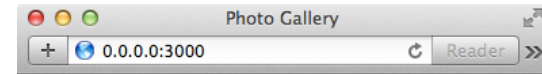
1. Remove the `public/index.html` file.
2. `$ rails generate controller pages index`

And the routes

```
PhotoGallery::Application.routes.draw do
  resources :albums do
    resources :photos
  end

  root :to => 'pages#index'
end
```

So we got a temporary index page.



## Pages#index

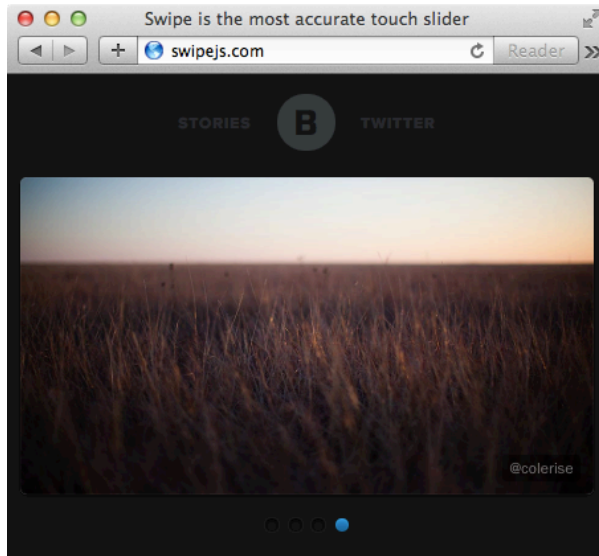
Find me in `app/views/pages/index.html.erb`



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## Adding swipejs library

How about creating a slideshow in the home page? For slideshow, we will use the SwipeJS library.



**Swipe is the most accurate touch slider.**

Responsive Resistant Bounds Scroll Prevention  
Library Agnostic IE7+ Compatible

Let's find it at: <https://github.com/bradbirdsall/Swipe>

Then put the swipe.js in the vendor/assets/javascripts/ folder.

And we need to include it in the application.js file.

```
//= require jquery
//= require jquery_ujs
//= require swipe
//= require_tree .
```

From the SwipeJS doc, we copy and paste the styling to app/assets/stylesheets/pages.css.scss file.

```
.swipe {
  overflow: hidden;
  visibility: hidden;
  position: relative;
}
.swipe-wrap {
  overflow: hidden;
  position: relative;
}
.swipe-wrap > div {
  float: left;
  width: 100%;
  position: relative;
}
```

And then the logic to get it started. pages.js.coffee file:

```
$ ->
  window.mySwipe =
    Swipe(document.getElementById('slider'), {
      auto: 3000
    })
```

**Create the cover cropping style**

It would be best to create a dedicate cropping ratio for our slideshow, so we will add it to our paperclip gem.

```
has_attached_file :file, styles: {
  cover: "1000x600#",
  medium: "300x300>",
  thumb: "100x100>" },
  default_url: "/images/:style/missing.png"
```

Then we would refresh the cropping thumbnail generation with the paperclip command.

```
$ rake paperclip:refresh CLASS=Photo
```

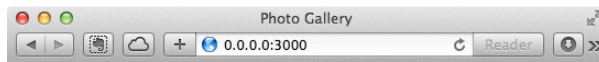
Now we need some photos for the home page. In the pages controller:

```
class PagesController < ApplicationController
  def index
    @slide_photos = Photo.limit(5)
    @photos = Photo.limit(10)
  end
end
```

And we can use the following code in view for the related `@slide_photos` collection.

```
<div id='slider' class='swipe'>
  <div class='swipe-wrap'>
    <%= @slide_photos.each do |p| %>
      <div><%= image_tag p.file.url(:cover) %></div>
    <%= end %>
  </div>
</div>
```

Until now, we got a slideshow in the home page.



## Pages#index

Find me in `app/views/pages/index.html.erb`



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# Building gallery website layout

A full layout usually contains a bunch of codes. For the ease of demonstration, we will just create a basic grid layout with 1 or 2 columns.

Here is the style for a generic layout that we can place in the pages.css.scss.

```
/* Layout */
* {
  box-sizing: border-box;
}

.row {
  width: 960px;
  max-width: 100%;
  margin: auto;
  overflow: auto;

  .row {
    width: auto;
    max-width: none;
    margin: 0 -5px;
  }
}

.col {
  float: left;
  padding: 0 5px;

  &.full {
    width: 100%;
  }

  &.half {
    width: 50%;
  }
}

img {
  max-width: 100%;
}
```

Note: For a more completed CSS grid layout, please check my jsFiddle: <http://jsfiddle.net/makzan/jktAT/>

And some CSS rules for specific elements.

```
/* page element */
nav {
  ul {
    list-style: none;
    padding: 0;
    margin: 0;

    li {
      float: left;
      padding-right: 10px;
    }
  }
}

.copyright {
  text-align: right;
}
```

Now we have the layout rule, we can apply them to the application.html.erb file.

```
<body>
  <header class='row'>
    <div class='full col'>
      <nav>
        <ul>
          <li><%= link_to 'Home', root_path %></li>
          <li>Link</li>
          <li>Link</li>
        </ul>
      </nav>
    </div>
  </header>

  <div class='row'>
    <div class='full col'>
      <%= yield %>
    </div>
  </div>

  <footer class='row'>
    <div class='half col'>
      <nav>
        <ul>
          <li>Link</li>
```

```

        <li>Link</li>
        <li>Link</li>
    </ul>
</nav>
</div>
<div class="half col">
    <span class='copyright'>&copy; 2013</span>
</div>
</footer>
</body>

```

Back to the pages/index.html.erb file, we update the view with some layout elements.

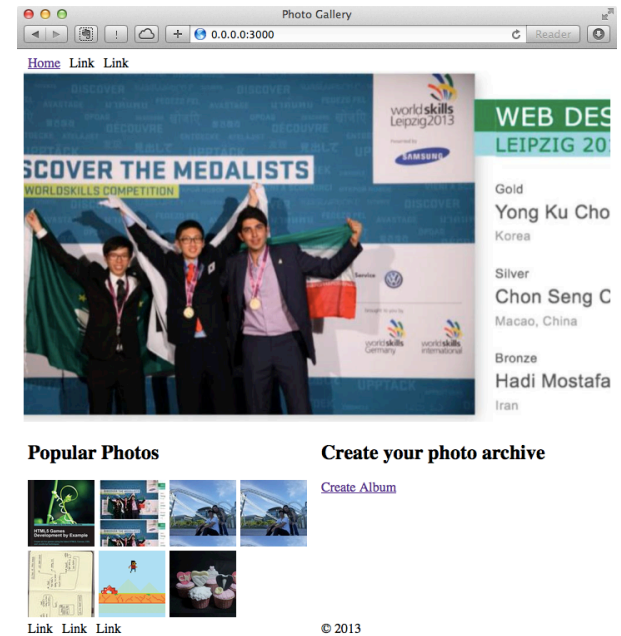
```

<div class='row'>
  <div id='slider' class='swipe'>
    <div class='swipe-wrap'>
      <%= @slide_photos.each do |p| %>
        <div><%= image_tag p.file.url(:cover) %></div>
      <%= end %>
    </div>
  </div>
</div>

<div class="row">
  <div class="half col">
    <h2>Popular Photos</h2>
    <%= @photos.each do |p| %>
      <%= link_to album_photo_path(p.album, p) do %>
        <div class='popular-photo'
style='background:url(<%= image_path
p.file.url(:thumb) %>)'></div>
      <%= end %>
    <%= end %>
    </div>
    <div class="half col">
      <h2>Create your photo archive</h2>
      <p><%= link_to 'Create Album', new_album_path %>
</p>
    </div>
  </div>
</div>

```

And finally we get a page layout with header, content and footer.



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# Installing devise gem

In the Gemfile, we add the 'devise' gem.

```
gem 'devise'

$ bundle install
```

Execute the devise installation script.

```
$ rails generate devise:install
  create  config/initializers/devise.rb
  create  config/locales/devise.en.yml
=====
```

Some setup you must do manually if you haven't yet:

1. Ensure you have defined default url options in your environments files. Here is an example of default\_url\_options appropriate for a development environment in config/environments/development.rb:

```
config.action_mailer.default_url_options = {
:host => 'localhost:3000' }
```

In production, :host should be set to the actual host of your application.

2. Ensure you have defined root\_url to \*something\* in your config/routes.rb.  
For example:

```
root :to => "home#index"
```

3. Ensure you have flash messages in app/views/layouts/application.html.erb.  
For example:

```
<p class="notice"><%= notice %></p>
<p class="alert"><%= alert %></p>
```

4. If you are deploying on Heroku with Rails 3.2 only, you may want to set:

```
config.assets.initialize_on_precompile = false
```

On config/application.rb forcing your application to not access the DB

or load models when precompiling your assets.

5. You can copy Devise views (for customization) to your app by running:

```
rails g devise:views
```

The setup generates two files.

1. config/initializers/devise.rb that contains all the devise setting.
2. config/locales/devise.en.yml that describes the English wordings.

## Setting up Devise model

And now we can add devise to the User model. If the model isn't existed, it will create one.

```
$ rails generate devise User
  invoke  active_record
  create
db/migrate/20131011153539_devise_create_users.rb
  create  app/models/user.rb
  invoke  test_unit
  create  test/unit/user_test.rb
  create  test/fixtures/users.yml
  insert  app/models/user.rb
  route   devise_for :users
```

The key file is the app/models/user.rb file. There is a devise method that set the enabled modules.

```
class User < ActiveRecord::Base
  # Include default devise modules. Others available
  are:
  # :confirmable, :lockable, :timeoutable and
  :omniauthable
  devise :database_authenticatable, :registerable,
         :recoverable, :rememberable, :trackable,
         :validatable
```

```

    # Setup accessible (or protected) attributes for
    your model
    attr_accessible :email, :password,
    :password_confirmation, :remember_me
    # attr_accessible :title, :body
  end

```

**Devise routing** Devise add a route setting to the routes.rb file.

Let's take a look at the routes by running `rake routes`.

```

$ rake routes
      new_user_session GET
/users/sign_in(.:format)
devise/sessions#new
      user_session POST
/users/sign_in(.:format)
devise/sessions#create
      destroy_user_session DELETE
/users/sign_out(.:format)
devise/sessions#destroy
      user_password POST
/users/password(.:format)
devise/passwords#create
      new_user_password GET
/users/password/new(.:format)
devise/passwords#new
      edit_user_password GET
/users/password/edit(.:format)
devise/passwords#edit
                                PUT
/users/password(.:format)
devise/passwords#update
      cancel_user_registration GET
/users/cancel(.:format)
devise/registrations#cancel
      user_registration POST /users(.:format)
devise/registrations#create
      new_user_registration GET
/users/sign_up(.:format)
devise/registrations#new
      edit_user_registration GET
/users/edit(.:format)
devise/registrations#edit
                                PUT /users(.:format)
devise/registrations#update
                                DELETE /users(.:format)
devise/registrations#destroy
      album_photos GET

```

```

/albums/:album_id/photos(.:format)
photos#index
                                POST
/albums/:album_id/photos(.:format)
photos#create
      new_album_photo GET
/albums/:album_id/photos/new(.:format)      photos#new
      edit_album_photo GET
/albums/:album_id/photos/:id/edit(.:format)
photos#edit
      album_photo GET
/albums/:album_id/photos/:id(.:format)
photos#show
                                PUT
/albums/:album_id/photos/:id(.:format)
photos#update
                                DELETE
/albums/:album_id/photos/:id(.:format)
photos#destroy
                                albums GET /albums(.:format)
albums#index
                                POST /albums(.:format)
albums#create
      new_album GET
/albums/new(.:format)      albums#new
      edit_album GET
/albums/:id/edit(.:format)
albums#edit
      album GET
/albums/:id(.:format)
albums#show
                                PUT
/albums/:id(.:format)
albums#update
                                DELETE
/albums/:id(.:format)
albums#destroy
                                root /
pages#index

```

Do you see the registration routes. If you try to remove the `:registerable` option in the User model class, you route becomes the following without the registrable path.

```

$ rake routes
      new_user_session GET /users/sign_in(.:format)
devise/sessions#new
      user_session POST /users/sign_in(.:format)
devise/sessions#create
      destroy_user_session DELETE

```



```

/users/sign_out(&:format)
devise/sessions#destroy
    album_photos GET
/albums/:album_id/photos(&:format)
photos#index
    POST
/albums/:album_id/photos(&:format)
photos#create
    new_album_photo GET
/albums/:album_id/photos/new(&:format)    photos#new
    edit_album_photo GET
/albums/:album_id/photos/:id/edit(&:format)
photos#edit
    album_photo GET
/albums/:album_id/photos/:id(&:format)
photos#show
    PUT
/albums/:album_id/photos/:id(&:format)
photos#update
    DELETE
/albums/:album_id/photos/:id(&:format)
photos#destroy
    albums GET    /albums(&:format)
albums#index
    POST    /albums(&:format)
albums#create
    new_album GET    /albums/new(&:format)
albums#new
    edit_album GET
/albums/:id/edit(&:format)
albums#edit
    album GET    /albums/:id(&:format)
albums#show
    PUT    /albums/:id(&:format)
albums#update
    DELETE /albums/:id(&:format)
albums#destroy
    root    /
pages#index

```

#### Migrating the database

Since this is a new model, the database should reflect the new table. Before we start running the server, we need migrate the database.

```

$ rake db:migrate
== DeviseCreateUsers: migrating
=====
-- create_table(:users)
-> 0.0331s
-- add_index(:users, :email, {unique=>true})
-> 0.0026s

```

```

-- add_index(:users, :reset_password_token,
{unique=>true})
-> 0.0015s
== DeviseCreateUsers: migrated (0.0377s)
=====

```

#### Contrrolling the views and forms

If we want to manage our own login view, we can generate the view from the gem and it will be used by rails.

```

$ rails generate devise:views
  invoke  Devise::Generators::SharedViewsGenerator
  create  app/views/devise/shared
  create  app/views/devise/shared/_links.erb
  invoke  form_for
  create  app/views/devise/confirmations
  create
app/views/devise/confirmations/new.html.erb
  create  app/views/devise/passwords
  create  app/views/devise/passwords/edit.html.erb
  create  app/views/devise/passwords/new.html.erb
  create  app/views/devise/registrations
  create
app/views/devise/registrations/edit.html.erb
  create
app/views/devise/registrations/new.html.erb
  create  app/views/devise/sessions
  create  app/views/devise/sessions/new.html.erb
  create  app/views/devise/unlocks
  create  app/views/devise/unlocks/new.html.erb
  invoke  erb
  create  app/views/devise/mailer
  create
app/views/devise/mailer/confirmation_instructions.html.erb

  create
app/views/devise/mailer/reset_password_instructions.html.erb

  create
app/views/devise/mailer/unlock_instructions.html.erb

```

Now we get all the devise view files so we can change whatever we want.

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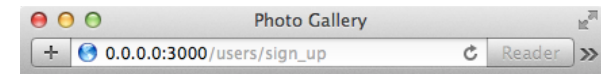
# Authenticating user

Now we can add the registration and login link to the view.

The header tag in `layout/application.rb` file becomes:

```
<header class='row'>
  <div class='full col'>
    <nav>
      <ul>
        <li><%= link_to 'Home', root_path %></li>
        <% if user_signed_in? %>
          <li><%= link_to "Logout (#
{current_user.email})", destroy_user_session_path,
:method => :delete %></li>
        <% else %>
          <li><%= link_to 'Login',
new_user_session_path %></li>
          <li><%= link_to 'Sign Up',
new_user_registration_path %></li>
        <% end %>
      </ul>
    </nav>
  </div>
</header>
```

Now we have the sign up page linked from the top nav.



[Home](#) [Login](#) [Sign Up](#)

## Sign up

Email

Password

Password confirmation

[Sign in](#)

[Link](#) [Link](#) [Link](#)

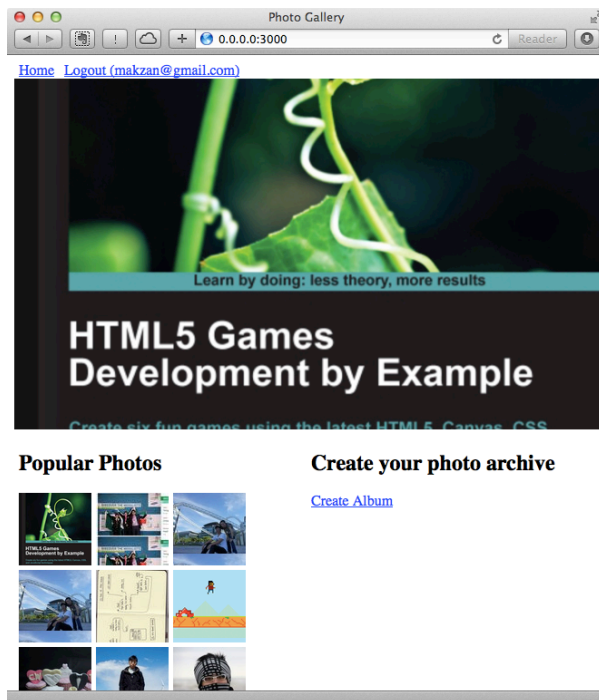
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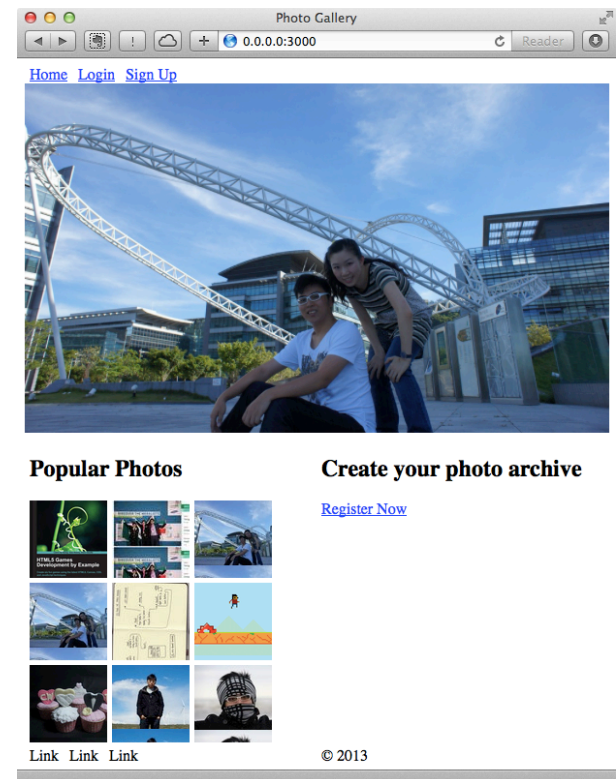
Also in the `views/pages/index.html.erb` file, we want to either link to the new album page or new registration page based on the current user session.

```
<% if user_signed_in? %>
  <p><%= link_to 'Create Album', new_album_path %></p>
<% else %>
  <p><%= link_to 'Register Now',
new_user_registration_path %></p>
<% end %>
```

The index page when logged out.



And the index page when logged in. Note the “login” and “logout” between these two images.



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# Protecting upload

Before protecting uploading, we need to add the association between the user and the albums/photos.

Execute the following migration generation commands and migrate the database.

```
$ rails generate migration AddUserIdToAlbum
user_id:integer
$ rails generate migration AddUserIdToPhoto
user_id:integer
$ rake db:migrate
== AddUserIdToAlbum: migrating
=====
-- add_column(:albums, :user_id, :integer)
-> 0.0016s
== AddUserIdToAlbum: migrated (0.0018s)
=====

== AddUserIdToPhoto: migrating
=====
-- add_column(:photos, :user_id, :integer)
-> 0.0009s
== AddUserIdToPhoto: migrated (0.0011s)
=====
```

Then add `belongs_to :user` to both `album.rb` class and `photo.rb` class.

And the following to `user.rb` class.

```
has_many :photos
has_many :albums
```

Next, we would like to protect user upload in the photos controller.

```
before_filter :authenticate_user, only: [:new, :edit]

def authenticate_user
  redirect_to new_user_session_url unless
    user_signed_in? and !@album.user.nil? and current_user
```

```
== @album.user
end
```

And we add the user association in the create method.

```
def create
  @photo = @album.photos.new params[:photo]
  @photo.user = current_user
  if @photo.save
    redirect_to @album
  else
    render :new
  end
end
```

Now when we go to any photo upload URL without logged in to the album owner, we will be redirected to the sign\_in page.

Then we apply the same to the albums controller.

In the `albums_controller` file.

```
before_filter :authenticate_user, only: [:new]

def authenticate_user
  redirect_to new_user_session_url unless
    user_signed_in?
end
```

And the user-albums association in the create method.

```
def create
  @album = Album.new params[:album]
  @album.user = current_user
  if @album.save
    redirect_to @album
  else
    render :new
  end
end
```

It's time to test the function in web browser.

We can create albums and upload photos as normal after we logged in. Now try to create another user account and access the album you just created, you should not be able to upload any new photos.

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## The view

One last thing, we don't want the `upload photo` or `edit` link appears on the photo that isn't belonged to the current user.

In the `views/photos/show.html.erb` file.

```
<%= if user_signed_in? and current_user == @photo.user
%>
  <%= link_to 'Edit', edit_album_photo_path(@album,
@photo) %>
<%= end %>
```

And the `views/albums/show.html.erb` file.

```
<%= if user_signed_in? and current_user == @album.user
%>
  <p><%= link_to 'Upload new photo',
new_album_photo_path(@album) %></p>
<%= end %>
```

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## Challenges

What's more in using devise gem? Check their [wiki](#).

Want admin? You can `rails generate devise AdminUser` to create an Admin user.

Want more access control? I would suggest to use `cancan` gem together with the devise gem.

Want private albums/photos? Add a attribute to albums and photos to indicate it is private. Then ignore public/private photos when list them in index.

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