Toys on Tracks

A Ruby on Rails eCommerce Website

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Introduction

The Job Test

- Demonstrate the ability to make a website in Ruby on Rails
 - A toy store for selling and buying toys
- Demonstrate the ability to design websites as well as build them
 - What do the users want?
 - Can the problem be broken down to design a solution.
- Can the code for thee website be stored at Github?
- Can the website be implemented live?

Deliverables

- Github project (and README) at:
 - https://github.com/peterkmurphy/toytracks
- Design documentation at:
 - https://github.com/peterkmurphy/toytracks/blob/master/ design.md
 - Includes Project Summary
 - Includes User Stories
 - Includes Entity Relationship Modelling
 - Includes some wireframes
- Implemented website at:
 - https://limitless-escarpment-96871.herokuapp.com/
 - Runs on Heroku

Project Summary

- Toys on Tracks
- Website for buying and selling toys
- Different registration unnecessary for both roles.
- Assumptions:
 - Each sale involves an individual item rather than multiple items
 - Each product is unique (users don't sell from a line of toys)
- Two types of transactions
 - One off fixed sales
 - Auctions sales at start price, users start bidding, until fixed period expires.
- Transactions simple: sellers have bank accounts, buyers have credit cards, money works or not.
- Doesnt handle delivery, fraud, bitcoin, etc.

The Home Page (Wireframe)



Figure 1: This is a wireframe of the home page.

The Profile Page (Wireframe)



Figure 2: This is a wireframe of the profile page.

Implementation

Rolling out the website

- Tried to use a website generator to generate an example of a "working" website
- That is, with Devise and other goodies installed.
- Then make the final copy somewhere else.
- Ended up using it as base for today's submissions.
- Rails Composer broken
- Any website involving Devise had errors
- Used prelang abandonware from a year ago that got a Rails 4.x website

Let's see the website at https://limitless-escarpment-96871.

herokuapp.com/.

What was implemented

- A Ruby on Rails
- Uses Devise for Authentication
- Can be deployed to the cloud with minimum effort

What was NOT implemented

- Code quality tools like Rspec
- APIs like Omniauth or Geocoding
- Allowing photos to be uploaded
 - · Could have been implemented easily in Development
 - Need S3 to be implemented for Heroku
- Way of hidings the secret stuff in the YAML files.
- A website that came close to implementing the user stories.

Conclusion

Comparisons with Django

- Different terminology same idea
 - What is a "view" in Rails is a "template" in Django
 - What is a "controller" in Rails is a "view" in Django
 - Both share same concept of "models" and "URL routers"
- Easy to get started in Ruby on Rails than in Django
- Easy to find routes in Ruby on Rails than in Django
- Django has authentication built in (RoR needs Devise)
- Django's model migrations are far easier in 2018.



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