Assignment for Module #4: Nested Resources, Security, and Pagination

The overall goal of this assignment is to assess your ability to implement:

- Nested resources
- Authenication
- Authorization
- Pagination

The functional goal of this assignment to implement a web application to manage Todo Items.

Try following the **Getting Started** and **Technical Requirements** step by step. For this assignment, it is important that you follow the order of the tests suggested in this document. Many tests will fail if executed after additional technical requirements have been completed. There will be no need to run only the command rspec to check for all the requirements. Instead, you will run end2end.rb to check if your application has implemented all the requirements correctly (refer to **Technical Requirement #5 and #14**).

Functional Requirements

- 1. Start with the application completed in module
- 2. This will have defined all the models and relationships required for this assignment:
 - o User
 - TodoList
 - o Todoltem

An Entity Relationship (ER) diagram is provided below to help depict each Model's relationship:

```
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| User | ------| TodoList |------| TodoItem |

+----+ +------+
```

We will NOT be using the optional Profile model class in this assignment.

- 1. Implement access to TodoItem as a nested resource of TodoList
- 2. Lock down the application to only authenticated users.
- 3. Limit access to resources associated with the logged in user.
- 4. Access unbounded collections of resources using pagination.

Getting Started

- 1. Start with a copy of your todolists solution from the MODULE 2 assignment.
- 2. From your todolists application root directory, remove the unit test file from module 2, inside spec directory:

```
|-- spec
| `-- assignment_spec.rb
```

From your terminal, you can remove the file with

```
$ rm spec/assignment_spec.rb
```

3. Dow nload and extract the starter set of boostrap files for this assignment.

```
|-- Gemfile
|-- db
| `-- seeds.rb
```

```
`-- spec
-- start.rb
-- nested_resources.rb
-- security.rb
-- authorization.rb
-- authentication.rb
-- pagination.rb
-- end2end.rb
```

Overwrite your existing Gemfile with the Gemfile from the bootstrap fileset. They should be nearly identical, but this is done to make sure the gems and versions you use in your solution can be processed by the automated Grader when you submit. Any submission should be tested with this version of the file.

NOTE that the new Gemfile includes the following section:

```
group :test do
gem 'rspec-rails', '~> 3.0'
gem 'capybara'
end
```

as well as the following items:

- bcrypt gem uncommented for use with has_secure_password
- tzinfo-date gem conditionally included on Window's plataforms
- will_paginate added for implementing pagination

```
# User ActiveModel has_secure_password
gem 'bcrypt', '~> 3.1.7'

# Windows does not include zoneinfo files, so bundle the tzinfo-data gem
gem 'tzinfo-data', platforms: [:mingw, :mswin, :x64_mingw, :jruby]
gem 'will_paginate', '~> 3.0.6'
```

- o Overwrite your existing db/seeds.rb file with the bootstrap fileset. This file contains some test data that will be useful during development and unit tests.
- o Add the spec/*.rb files provided with the bootstrap fileset to the corresponding spec/ directory within your **todolists** application. These files contain tests that will help determine whether you have completed the assignment.
- 4. Run the bundle command to make sure all gems are available.

```
$ bundle
```

5. Run the rspec test(s) to receive feedback. rspec must be run from the root directory of your application. There are several test files provided for this assignment. Many of those files are designed to test your code at specific points as you proceed through the technical requirements of this assignment. As such, many tests will fail if executed after additional technical requirements have been completed. Initially, majority of tests will (obviously) fail until you complete the requirements necessary for them to pass.

```
$ rspec
...
(N) examples, 1 failure, (N) pending
```

To focus test feedback on a specific step of the requirements, add the specific file (path included) with the tests along with _-e rq## to the rspec command (example below). This way, the test will only evaluate a specific requirement. Pad all step numbers to two digits.

```
$ rspec spec/start_spec.rb -e rq1.0
...
(N) example, 0 failures
```

Technical Requirements

- 1. Starting with a copy of your **module 2** solution, this solution **should already have** User, TodoList, and TodoItem models defined with the following properties and relationships: (Notice that this assignment does not use the Profile model, but it will not hurt to include it.)
 - O User
 - username a string to hold account identity
 - password_digest a string to hold passw ord information
 - a 1:many relationship with TodoList (i.e., User has_many todo lists)
 - as per assignment #2, deleting a User record causes that the Todo Lists associated with it to be deleted as well
 - TodoList
 - list_name a string name assigned to the list
 - list_due_date the date when Todo Items in the list are to be complete. This is a date. We are not concerned with the time of day.
 - user_id a many:1 relationship with User (i.e., TodoList belongs_to User)
 - a 1:many relationship with TodoItem (i.e., TodoList has_many todo_items).
 - as per assignment #2, deleting a TodoList record causes that all Todo Items associated with it to be deleted as well
 - o Todoltem
 - due_date date w hen the specific task is to be complete
 - title a string with short name for specific task
 - description a string with narrative text for specific task
 - completed a boolean value (default=false), indicating whether item is complete
 - a many:1 relationship with TodoList (i.e., Todoltem belongs to TodoList)

```
$ rake db:migrate
```

\$ rspec spec/start_spec.rb

2. Add has_secure_password to the User model class. This will define a password attribute that processes the passed password into an encrypted hash and stores it in the password_digest database column. We won't use this capability immediately, but it is necessary to define it early in the assignment so that the data model works with the db/seeds.rb file in the next step.

```
$ rspec spec/security_spec.rb -e rq02
```

3. Seed the database with the db/seeds.rb file. This will load sample Users, Todo Lists and Todo Items.

```
$ rake db:seed
```

If the seeds.rb loads correctly, it means that your models and database are setup correctly and you are ready to start accessing the data through web pages produced by the controller and views. You can check if everything works correctly using Rails console

```
$ rails c
> User.first.todo_lists.count
=> (N>0)
```

4. Use the rails g scaffold_controller command to create controller and view files for TodoLists and TodoItems.

```
$ rails g scaffold_controller TodoList list_name list_due_date:date
$ rails g scaffold_controller TodoItem title due_date:date description:text completed:boolean
```

Update config/routes.rb to

- o Make the todo lists#index action the root of the application
- Access :todo_list resources at URI /todo_lists
- Access :todo_item resources at URI /todo_lists/:todo_list_id/todo_items

(Hint: refer to *module 4, lesson 1, lecture:Nested Resources: Part1* for details on how this is done. One thing to consider is that the order in which the routes are defined does matter. Rails tries to match routes from top to bottom; that's why it is important that the route to root is the first thing defined, or you will have problems when testing pagination.)

At this point, TodoList is defined as a global resource (with a root-level URI) and TodoItem is defined as a nested resource, always scoped inside the TodoList it belongs to. Our application is not written to work that way, so expect some errors as we begin the modifications.

If you have not yet done so, please start a new instance of the console (you will have two 'tabs' of the console open), start the server and

also take a look at your defined URI routes.

For Windows 64 bit users: If you start Rails server, navigate to root (http://localhost:3000) and see the error TypeError: Object doesn't support this property or method, you will need to install NodeJS. Please visit https://nodejs.org/en/dow nload/ and find the installer that best fit your computer system. This happens because of an incompatibility between recent CoffeeScript gem and Windows.

```
#in separate console
   $ rails s
   #in original console
   $ rake routes
   $ rspec spec/nested_resources_spec.rb -e rq04
5. Update the TodoList show page to display TodoItems as a nested resource ( todo_lists/show.html.erb ).
  a. Copy the table from the TodoItem index page (todo_items/index.html.erb) and paste the table into the TodoList show page
  ( todo_lists/show.html.erb )
  b. Change global @todo_items references to scoped @todo_list.todo_items references:
  from: <% @todo_items.each do |todo_item| %>
  to: <% @todo_list.todo_items.each do |todo_item| %>
  c. Remove the Edit link for Todo Items
  d. Change the link_to parameters from global todo_item references to provide fully qualified [@todo_list, todo_item] references as an
  array .
  from: <%= link_to 'Show', todo_item %>
  to: <%= link_to 'Show', [@todo_list, todo_item] %>
  from: <%= link_to 'Destroy', todo_item, method: :delete, data: ...</pre>
  to: <%= link_to 'Destroy', [@todo_list, todo_item], method: :delete, data: ...
   $ rspec spec/nested resources spec.rb -e rq05b
  NOTE: This test case is for incremental testing only and WILL FAIL after authentication infrastructure is in place later in this assignment.
   $ rspec spec/nested_resources_spec.rb -e rq05d
  NOTE: This test case is for incremental testing only and WILL FAIL after authentication infrastructure is in place later in this assignment.
  e. Add a link to create a New Todo Item. (hint: Use the link_to and new_todo_list_todo_item_path(@todo_list) helpers to produce a
  link tag)
   $ rspec spec/nested_resources_spec.rb -e rq05e
  Take a look at the information that rake routes gives to you. Notice how the new_todo_list_todo_item_path(@todo_list) is formed.
   $ rake routes
   Prefix
                            verb URI Pattern
                                                                                      Controller#Action
   new_todo_list_todo_item GET /todo_lists/:todo_list_id/todo_items/new(.:format) todo_items#new
     o we want to invoke todo_items#new when we click the link New Todo Item
     o that action is mapped to /todo_lists/:todo_list_id/todo_items/new(.:format) URI and GET method. We are required to supply a
```

- that action is mapped to /todo_lists/:todo_list_id/todo_items/new(.:format) URI and GET method. We are required to supply a :todo_list_id
- o the :todo_list_id is filled in by passing in a @todo_list , that holds information about the Todo List that the Todo Item belongs to
- o new_todo_list_todo_item_path is formed by adding _path to new_todo_list_todo_item
- GET is the method used on the request for new_todo_list_todo_item_path

Notice that the Todo Items now display on the Todo List **show** page. A user can see Todo Items by navigating to a specific Todo List. How ever, the Todo Item URIs are not yet implemented in the TodoItem controller (next step).

```
$ rspec spec/nested_resources_spec.rb -e rq05
```

6. Modify the TodoItems controller so the actions reflect the new organization of the application, that has TodoItems as a nested resource of TodoList. You can do so by implementing the following:

(Note that your views with TodoItem URI references will not work until these changes are made and the links and forms are updated to include the scoping TodoList for each referenced TodoItem. The unit tests, how ever, will be able to make calls into your back-end to determine all URIs are implemented properly – prior to moving on to the views.

a. Remove the old URI comments or replace them with the right comments, since all calls to a TodoItem will now be scoped below a TodoList. Use the Todo_item output of rake routes to give you a head start.

```
$ rake routes
```

```
#METHOD /todo_list/:todo_list_id/todo_items
#METHOD /todo_list/:todo_list_id/todo_items/:id
```

- b. Remove the todo_items#index method and views/todo_items/index pages. These pages will no longer be called since all todoItem displays will be scoped to a particular todoList. We will get the todoList and call todo_list.todo_items instead.
- c. Add a private helper method called set_todo_list that sets the @todo_list. This instance variable will be the list to each a TodoItem belongs to, and can be found by using the stodo_list_id property passed in via params. (Hint: try the following in the Rails console if you need practice locating a TodoList by id)

```
$ rails c
> item = TodoItem.first
> @todo_list = TodoList.find(item.todo_list_id)
```

d. Update the private helper method called set_todo_item so that the find method retrieves the todo_item of a specific @todo_list list. (Hint: try the follow ing in the Rails console if you need practice locating a TodoItem by id scoped to a TodoList)

```
$ rails c
> list_id = TodoList.first.id
> @todo_list = TodoList.find(list_id)
> item_id = @todo_list.todo_items.first.id
> @todo_item = @todo_list.todo_items.find(item_id)
```

- e. Invoke the set_todo_list method before each method in the controller is executed using before_action
- f. Update the todo_items#new action to return a new TodoItem instance that is initialized with the reference to its parent @todo_list, which is provided by set_todo_list. (Hint: try the following the Rails console if you need practice creating a new instance of TodoItem associated with a TodoList. Notice the new TodoItem is never saved to the database during this call. How ever, what is passed back to the form is a TodoItem prototype that has its foreign key reference set to the TodoList, so that TodoList can be referenced when the TodoItem is finally created in a follow-on POST)

```
$ rails c
> @todo_list = TodoList.first
> @todo_item = @todo_list.todo_items.new
```

g. Update the todo_items#create to create a new TodoItem instance based on the todo_item_params as before. Except now create this instance associated with the @todo_list provided by set_todo_list. (Hint: try the following in the Rails console if you need practice creating a new instance of a TodoItem associated with a TodoList. Notice that, in this case, the method save is being called on todo_list, causing the new TodoItem to be inserted into the database; in todo_items#create, on the TodoItemsController, the save method is called during the if statement.)

```
$ rails c
> @todo_list = TodoList.first
> @todo_item = @todo_list.todo_items.new(title:"my item")
> @todo_list.save
```

h. Update the redirect action of the todo_items#create, todo_items#update, and todo_items#destroy methods to redirect to the **show** page of the TodoList that TodoItem is a member of. (Hint: use the @todo_list variable within redirect_to to express the

```
todo lists#show page URI)
7. Update | TodoList | and | TodoItem | view s to adjust the links and forms in these view s to work with the updated URIs and | TodoItem | controller.
  a. Update the links on the TodoItem show page ( todo_items/show.html.erb ) to include the TodoList that the TodoItem is a member of.
      o Change the Edit link_to path parameter from the global edit_todo_item_path (that no longer exists) to the new
         edit todo list todo item path . This new method requires both @todo list and todo item passed in as separate arguments (not
        as an array - as in previous requirement).
        from: <%= link_to 'Edit', edit_todo_item_path(@todo_item) %>
        to: <%= link_to 'Edit', edit_todo_list_todo_item_path(@todo_list, @todo_item) %>
      o Change the Back | link_to | path parameter from to global | edit_items_path | (that no longer exists) to the | todo_listi#show | page it is a
        member of. This requires using the @todo_list .
        from: <%= link_to 'Back', todo_items_path %>
        to: <%= link to 'Back', @todo list %>
          $ rspec spec/nested resources spec.rb -e rq07a
  b. Update the links on the TodoItems edit page ( todo_items/edit.html.erb ) to include the TodoList that the TodoItem is a member of.
      o Change the Show link_to path parameter from a global @todo_item reference to include its @todo_list . This requires using both
         <code>@todo_list</code> and <code>@todo_item</code> passed in as separate arguments as an <code>array</code> .
        from: <%= link_to 'Show', @todo_item %>
        to: <%= link_to 'Show', [@todo_list, @todo_item] %>
      o Change the Back link to path parameter from a global todo items path (that no longer exists) to reference the TodoList it is a
        member of. This new method requires the <code>@todo_list</code> passed in as a single argument.
        from: <%= link_to 'Back', todo_items_path %>
        to: <%= link to 'Back', @todo list %>
  c. Update the form parameters on the TodoItems form partial page ( todo_items/_form.html.erb ) to include the TodoList that the TodoItem
  is a member of.
      o Change the link_to parameters from global todo_item references to provide fully qualified [@todo_list, @todo_item] references
        as an array.
        from: <%= form_for(@todo_item) do |f| %>
        to: <%= form_for([@todo_list, @todo_item]) do |f| %>
          $ rspec spec/nested_resources_spec.rb -e rq07c
  d. Update the links on the todo_items#new page (todo_items/new.html.erb) to include the TodoList.
      o Change the Back | link_to | path parameter from a global | todo_items_path | (that no longer exists) to reference the | TodoList | it is a
        member of. This new method requires the <code>@todo_list</code> passed in as a single argument.
        from: <%= link_to 'Back', todo_items_path %>
        to: <%= link_to 'Back', @todo_list %>
          $ rspec spec/nested resources spec.rb -e rg07d
  e. Make the display of completed conditional on the TodoItem being edited, not when it is being created. Users should not be allowed to
  see/change the completed property for a new TodoItem. (Hint: edited objects are persisted and can be tested using .persisted? . Objects
  can also be tested with .new record? )
```

8. Verify that you have implemented a login that requires password for the User model. You implemented this in an earlier step to allow the

\$ rspec spec/nested_resources_spec.rb -e rq07e

\$ rspec spec/nested_resources_spec.rb -e rq07

provided db/seeds.rb to immediately work with passwords. This should just be a sanity check and review of how has_secure_password works.

o Using the Rails console, verify that you fail authentication when using the wrong password for a specific User. You can locate the username and assigned password in the db/seeds.rb file.

```
$ rails c
> user = User.where(username:"rich").first
> user.authenticate("wrongpassword")
=> false
```

o Using the Rails console, verify that you can authenticate using a valid password for a specific User.

```
> user = User.where(username:"rich").first
> user.authenticate("123abc")
=> #<User id: 277, username: "rich", password_digest: "$2a...</pre>
```

o Using the Rails console, verify that you can authenticate and get the Todo Lists for an authenticated User.

```
> user = User.where(username:"rich").first
> user.authenticate("123abc").todo_lists.count
=> 49 #seed data randomly generated

$ rspec spec/security_spec.rb -e rq08
```

- 9. Create a new controller to manage the user's session when interacting with the server.
 - a. Use the rails g controller command to create a Sessions controller with the following actions:
 - o new
 - o create
 - o destroy
 - b. Clean up the config/routes.rb file edited by the rails g controller command to be the following:

generated by the command:

```
get 'sessions/new'
get 'sessions/create'
get 'sessions/destroy'
```

change to:

```
resources :sessions, only: [:new, :create, :destroy]
```

c. Map the GET /login action to sessions#new in config/routes.rb. Have this be referred to as the login resource so rake routes generates a login_path helper.

```
get "/login" => "sessions#new", as: "login"
```

d. Map the DELETE /logout action to sessions#destroy in config/routes.rb. Have this be referred to as the logout resource so rake routes reports a logout_path helper.

```
delete "/logout" => "sessions#destroy", as: "logout"
```

```
$ rspec spec/security spec.rb -e rq09
```

- 10. Implement the Sessions controller class and view. This should permit a caller to willingly navigate to the /login page, login with a correct password, and proceed to the root URI. Nothing will stop an un-authenticated user from accessing the same list at this time. (Hint: the information to complete this step is contained in module 4, lesson 2, lecture: Sessions and Controller View)
 - a. Leave the _new _method in its default state. This will cause the route to continue straight to _views/sessions/new.html.erb .
 - **b**. Update the Sessions **new** page (views/sessions/new.html.erb) to declare a form:

- o for an <code>:user</code> , this will cause the properties of the form to be assigned to an instance of an <code>User</code>
- o with a sessions_path URI, this will cause a POST request to the URI bounded to the controller sessions#create to be invoked when a submit method is called
- o with a :username text_field , this will assign the user input to the user[username] property
- o with a password password_field, this will obfuscate the user's password while being typed and assign the user input to the user[password] property
- o with a submit action, this will submit the form to the server when pressed

```
$ rspec spec/security_spec.rb -e rq10b
```

- **c**. Implement the create method as follows:
 - o get the user's username and password from the submitted form. They will be stored in the params hash and you can check it on the console in which the Rails server is running. It will be something like Parameters: {"utf8"=>"\", authenticity_token"=>"...
 - o find the user based on username
 - o authenticate the user using the supplied password
 - o if authenticated:
 - store the user.id in the session
 - redirect the caller to the root path of the application and supply a flash.notice message: 'Logged in successfully'
 - o if not authenticated
 - redirect the caller to the login_path and supply a flash.alert message

```
$ rspec spec/security_spec.rb -e rq10c
```

- d. Implement the destroy method as follows:
 - o reset the session, wiping out the user's session and everything in it
 - o redirect the caller to the login_path with a flash.notice message announcing the successful logout
- e. Remove the destroy and create pages in the view, generated by rails g controller command, since they are not being used.

```
$ rspec spec/security_spec.rb -e rq10d
```

- 11. Require users to authenticate with your application prior to accessing anything except the login page. At the completion of these steps, no one should be able to access anything except the login page until they successfully authenticate. (Hint: the information to complete this step is contained within module 4, lesson 2, lecture: Authorization)
 - a. Define a logged_in? helper method in the ApplicationController class that evaluates to true if the there is an user associated with the session.
 - b. Define a current_user helper method in the ApplicationController class that finds and returns the User instance associated with the session
 - c. Expose logged_in? and current_user as helper methods outside of the controller using helper_method. Note these methods were already available to all controller sub-classes. This designation makes them available to the views as well.
 - d. Define a ensure_login helper method in the ApplicationController class that redirects the caller to the login_path if they are not logged in. Note this method is available to all controller sub-classes in the application.
 - e. Define that all methods perform ensure_login before they are called using before_action.
 - f. Create an exception to the above rule so that sessions#new and sessions#create can be accessed by an unauthenticated user -

otherwise no one will be able to access the login page.

```
class SessionsController < ApplicationController
skip_before_action :ensure_login, only: [:new, :create]</pre>
```

g. Update the views/layouts/application.html.erb page to include user/logout information based on the current session state. With this snippet in place, you should be able to login and see the current_user.username displayed in the right, top corner of the display.

```
$ rspec spec/authentication_spec.rb -e rq11
```

12. Update the application so that authenticated users can only have access to Todo Lists associated with their specific user. This mostly involves updating the TodoListController to change all global TodoList refences to be scoped as current_user.todo_lists. (Hint: If you need some practice accessing TodoLists for an authenticated user, try the following commands in the Rails console.

```
$ rails c
> user_id = User.where(username:"rich").first.id
> current_user = User.find(user_id)
> current_user.todo_lists.count
=> 49 #random assignment -- some number greater than 0
```

This mostly involves changing the following:

```
from: TodoList.x

to: current_user.todo_lists.x
```

At this point, logged in users should only be able to see their Todo Lists

```
$ rspec spec/authentication_spec.rb -e rq12
```

- 13. Add pagination to your application to help scale and manage methods that can return unbounded collections of information.
 - a. Verify the will_paginate gem is added to your Gemfile.
 - b. Update the todolists#index action to return a page of Todo Lists associated with the current_user that are up to 8 objects per_page. (Hint: If you are not familiar with how will_paginate works, you can get some familiarity using the Rails console and Active Record commands. will_paginate adds an additional method to all model classes to be able to break find command results into pages and page results.)

```
$ rails c
> 3.times {|n| p TodoList.paginate(page:n+1, per_page:1)}
> p TodoList.paginate(page:1, per_page:1).total_pages
=> 101
```

The page number will be available in the params[:page] property of the call.

c. Add will_paginate to your todolists#index page and apply it to your @todo_lists result from the controller. At this point, logged in users should only be able to see their Todo Lists

```
$ rspec spec/pagination_spec.rb
```

14. Perform an end-to-end check of your work. Before you do, **you must remove the confirmation dialogs from your** *Destroy* **links**, since we are not using a webdriver that supports javascript for this assignment. Inside the TodoList show.html.erb file, you will need to change the **Destroy** link to eliminate the confirmation dialog:

```
from: <%= link_to 'Destroy', [@todo_list, todo_item], method: :delete, data: { confirm: 'Are you sure?' } %>
to: <%= link_to 'Destroy', [@todo_list, todo_item], method: :delete %>
```

```
Do the same for TodoList index.html.erb:

from: <%= link_to 'Destroy', todo_list, method: :delete, data: { confirm: 'Are you sure?' } %>

to: <%= link_to 'Destroy', todo_list, method: :delete %>
```

Follow the next steps to manually check if your application behaves as expected:

- a. Login to the application as the user rich
- b. Access the first Todo List on the second page
- c. Check the complete option the first Todo Item in that Todo List if not completed
- d. Create a new Todo Item for that Todo List
- e. Delete a Todo Item from that Todo List
- f. Create a new Todo List
- g. Delete a Todo List

```
rspec spec/end2end_spec.rb
```

This performs a full test of your application and there is no need to run the single rspec command. As stated on technical requirement #5, some tests will fail if other steps have been already completed.

Self Grading/Feedback

```
$ rspec spec/<file>
...

(N) examples, 0 failures

You can run as many specific tests you w ish be adding -e rq## -e rq##
```

```
$ rspec spec/<file> -e rq01 -e rq02
```

Note that some of the earlier specs cannot be run once security has been fully enabled. Use the end2end test when complete. Each of the individual requirements lists specific specs that can be used during the time of that development.

Submission

Submit a __zip archive (other archive forms not currently supported) with your solution root directory as the top-level (e.g., your __Gemfile and sibling files must be in the root of the archive and not in a sub-folder. The grader will replace the spec files with fresh copies and will perform a test with different query terms.

```
|-- app
| |-- assets
| |-- controllers
| |-- helpers
  |-- mailers
| |-- models
| |-- views
|-- bin
|-- config
|-- config.ru
|-- db
|-- Gemfile
|-- Gemfile.lock
|-- lib
|-- log
|-- public
|-- Rakefile
|-- README.rdoc
-- test
```

|-- vendor

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