David Alexander Web apps unit 3

chapter 2

1. The name of the controller is Say

The name of the file that contains the controller is say\_controller.rb Its path is demo/app/controllers/

It has method stubs hello() and goodbye()

It also created hello.html.erb and goodbye.html.erb in demo/app/views/say/

2. <%= %> and <% %> for structures such as for loops

3. There is a pause because the rails dispatcher is reloading the source files.

4. You can make a change in the controller and have it apply to all the views that use the variable instead of making changes in every view that uses the variable.

5. Rails matches the route to a pattern. First it identifies a controller. Then it identifies and action and calls a method with the same name in the controller. It then looks through the views to find a template to show the result. Then the file is processed by the ERB template system. Finally the result is returned to your browser

6. link\_to is a function that takes in text that will be the link and a path to link to. The path is a precomputed value by Rails. This system is better than embedding the href because the value of the path will change automatically if the file's location in the file path changes. You would have to directly change all the hrefs if you embedded them.

7. Ruby does not require parenthesis for method parameters, but still allows them.

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1. Incoming requests are first sent to a router, which then sends it to the proper controller.

2. Post methods are associated with the create() method

3. Object-Relational Mapping is a way of mapping database tables to classes in your application. The table itself corresponds to a class. Each row in that table then maps to a particular instance of that class, and each column maps to attributes of that instance of the class. Class level methods perform table level operations, while instance methods are performed by specific objects in the table. An example would be if we had a table called courses. Our program would also have a class called Course. Each row in the table would correspond to a particular course and the columns would contain information such as the students in the course.

4. The controller manages sessions

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1. I would describe it as the frame of an object. Using scaffold creates everything needed to for the frame to stand on its own, but there is nothing else added. In the case of rails it creates all the files needed for your application to run as well as files you are likely to use such as css sheets, but leaves them in a simple state that you will need to add to later. Scaffolding is traditionally used to mean a temporary structure used to support the process of building a structure, which is very similar to its role with rails.

2. In Rails, changes to a table definition are made through a migration file. Once we have made changes to this table in the migration file, we use the 'rake' command to apply the changes to the actual database. These changes can affect the schema of the database as well as the data in it.

3. test data is added by editing the seeds file. Once the seeds file is populated you can populate the corresponding database with the data by running the rake command on the seed.

4. You find your stylesheets under app/assets/stlyesheets. You do not need to run a separate command to generate them, the generate scaffold already created them.

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