

Overview:

The project required developing a website to offer an online marketplace to facilitate advertising, selling and buying of reptiles e.g. Pythons, boas, etc. The advertisers are essentially the reptile sellers who are required to provide certain essential details of the reptiles they want to put for sale. These advertisements are categorized under three heads – gold, silver and platinum. Payment is facilitated through PayPal. Every sale facilitated through the marketplace results in the client for this project, being the owner of the marketplace, earning a certain percentage of the financial transaction.

Client details:

Name: Confidential | Type: Retail | Location: USA

Technologies:

Ruby on Rails, PostgreSQL, jQuery, HTML, CSS, Active PayPal Adaptive Payment, Devise

Project Description:

The parent company has the distinction of working is a very unique and interesting area. It offers services in shipping of live non venomous reptiles and reptile supplies to and from business and residential addresses. Their intent is to help reptile breeders and hobbyists ship reptiles and supplies easily, securely and affordably. They are a certified partner of FedEx for shipping of live reptiles and the most distinguished player in this industry. Besides offering affordable and discounted shipping rates to its customers, the company also provides them with the required shipping kits incase they want to avail them.

With the intent of taking their interest forward, the client came up with the idea of building an online marketplace dedicated towards advertising, selling and buying of reptiles like Pythons, boas etc.

The advertisers are the essentially the reptile sellers who advertise their reptiles with information about category, price, gender, buy it now option, etc. to sell in a time period. They buys tokens from the site using PayPal to post advertisements. Advertisements are

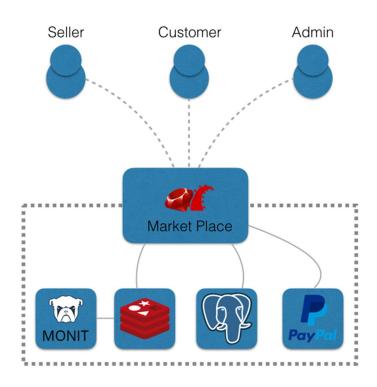


categorized as of 3 different types (Silver, Gold, and Platinum) and get listed under their respective categories for as long as the they are active. They are auto renewable and can be re-posted on the site after expiry.

Given their needs, buyers search for reptile advertisements mentioning the required category, price, gender, weight, buy it now, etc. options. A buyer can then choose the reptile he wants to buy and submit the contact information and make the payment through PayPal. The site gets a certain percentage of every financial transaction, corresponding to a sale, as fees. The rest gets deposited in the seller's account.

The administrator of the website manages all the sellers, advertisements, tokens at its end. Control is made available to activate, deactivate the advertisements and sellers in the backend.

Architecture:





Screenshots:



1: Home Screen

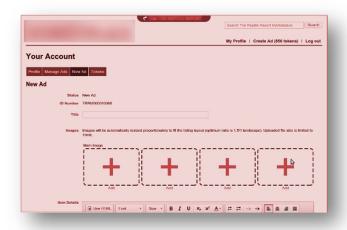


2: Registration Screen



3: Buying Token





4: Advertisement Account Screen

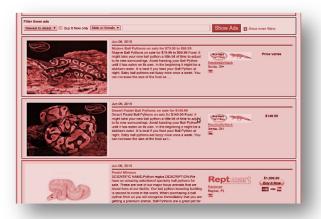


5: Advertisement Screen



6: Platinum Advertisement Screen





7: List Ad Screen



8: Sample Ad Screen



9: Managing Ad Screen