

Pay It Forward

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Project Definition

Problem Statement

- Need to limit waste production
 - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
 - 22 tons of items collected from rummage sale
- No central source for donations



Our Solution

- Connect Ames residents with donation centers
 - Find best outlet for desired items
- Web-based platform
- Easy and accessible for all skill levels
- Increase donations
 - Beneficial to non-profits
 - Reusing and Recycling



Unique Value

- Compilation of local area
- Specific to City of Ames
- Provides price estimates to aid in tax reports
- Only for non-profits and donation purposes



Functional Decomposition

Use Cases:

1. Add desired items to donate
2. Create new donation center
3. Login (for admin/donation center/person)
4. View donation center list
5. Search donation centers
6. View donation center page
7. Edit Donation center details
8. Donation History
9. Admin approve centers
10. Valuation report
11. Admins can approve and deny requests
12. Admins can add and update items
13. Admins can manage donation centers



Demo

DEMO

payitforward.ece.iastate.edu



System Design

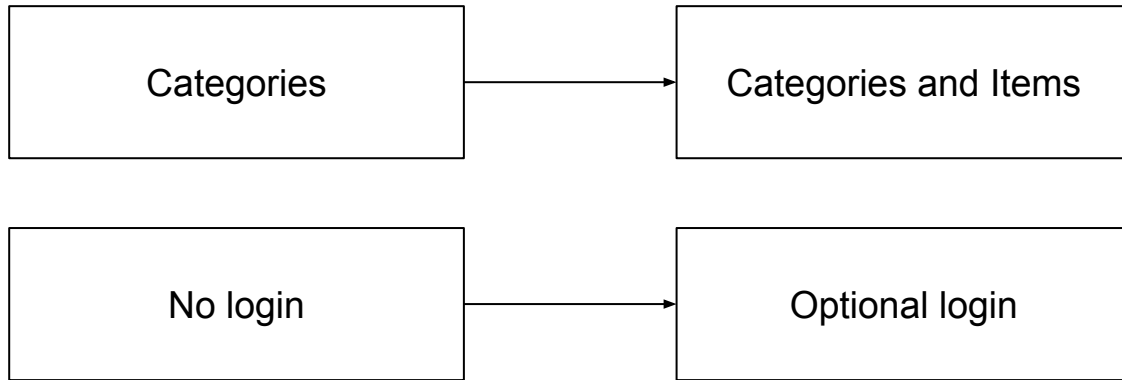
Technology Platform

- C# Website using ASP.net
- Windows Server
- Microsoft SQL Server
- Entity Framework
- Bootstrap

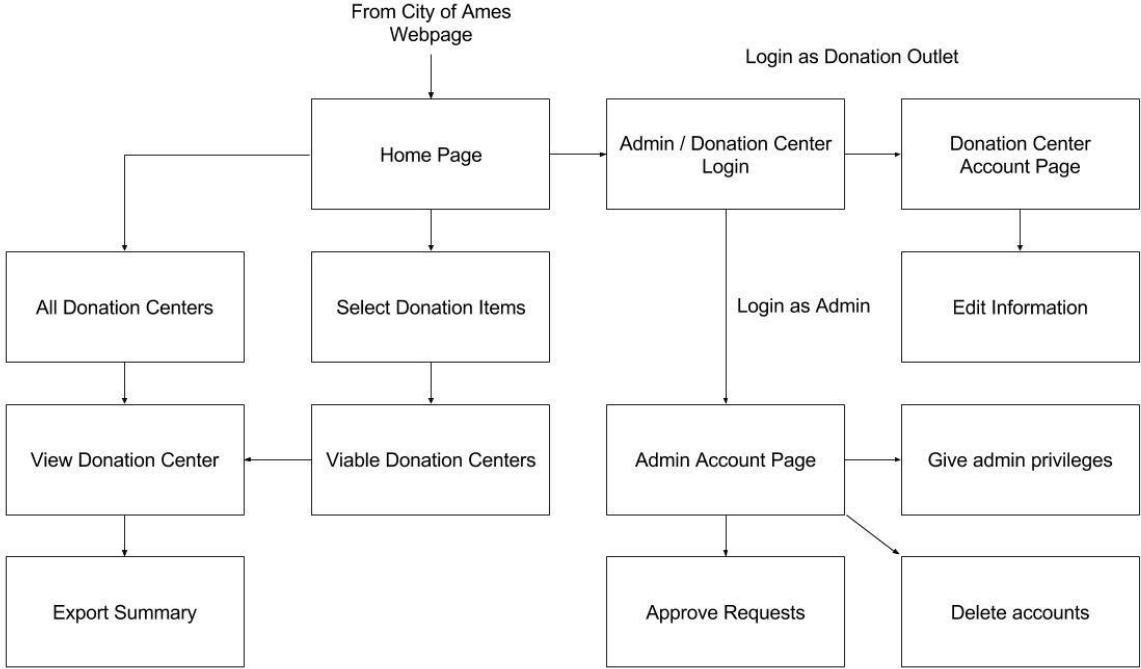


Design Evolution

- Haven't strayed much from original design concept



Detailed Design



Database Tables

Users					
UserID :	Username :	Password :	Privilege :	CentersAsString :	DonationString :
int	string	string	int	string	string

DonationCenters							
CenterId :	CenterName :	UserID :	Hours :	items :	Address :	Pickup :	LastUpdate :
int	string	int	string	string	string	int	DateTime
Phone :	Description :	Website :	ImageURL :	Contact Email :	Status :	ItemNamesAsString :	
string	string	string	string	string	int	string	

Database Tables

Items					
itemId :	Name :	Weight :	StringCategory :	LowPrice :	HighPrice :
int	string	int	string	decimal	decimal

Category		
ID :	Name :	itemString :
int	string	string



Database Tables

Requests					
RequestId : int	Type : string	CreatedTime : DateTime	LastUpdateTime : DateTime	MessageInfo : string	Status : int
CallingId : int	RequestRequired : int				

Donations		
Id : int	ItemsAsString : string	DonationDate : DateTime





Management and Implementation

Organization

- Adviser meetings
- Team meetings
- Client meetings
- Github and project board
- Frequent communication



Challenges

- Becoming capable in a new platform
- Entity Framework
 - Powerful tool
 - Unique errors
- Distinguishing Client-side and server-side
- Functional, interactive, and simplistic interface



Remaining Work

- Pass off to City of Ames
 - Code and documentation available on Github
 - Ames developers will look it over and deploy it



Looking Back

- Development
 - Started slow
 - Greatly picked up pace in March
- Features
 - Implemented all core features
 - Included a few optional features



Questions?

Thank you

Potential Risks and Mitigations

- Trouble with City of Ames handoff
 - Developing in a familiar format
- Donation Centers never sign up
 - Ames advertisement strategy
 - Office of Sustainability team
- Donation Centers not maintaining pages
 - Automatic reminders
 - Expiration



Testing

- Minor unit testing
- Behavioral testing

