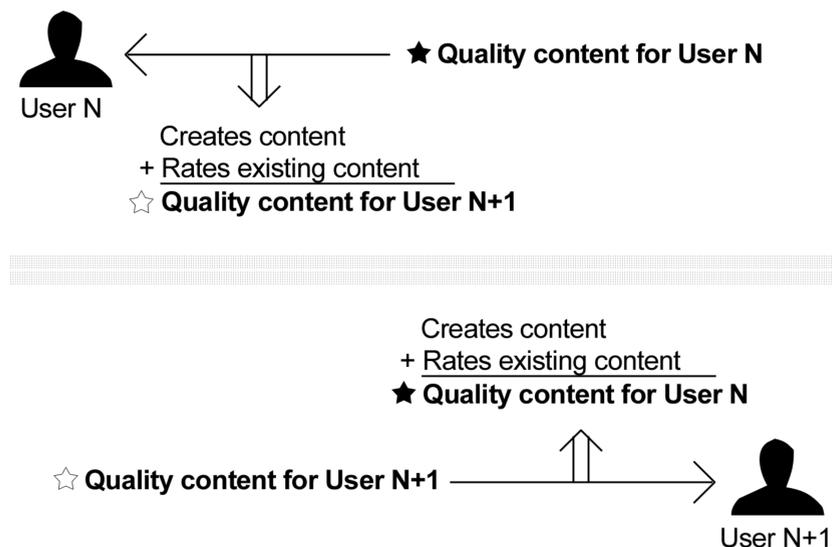


Abstract

Quality control and content generation are two key components for community-based websites. The traditional method of manual content curation using moderators does not scale in a way that is suitable for large-scale web apps. Certain online communities, such as Reddit or Digg, delegate part of this responsibility to users by allowing them to rate content up or down. This project explores a different way of letting users curate the content presented to each other while maintaining the anonymity of all users.

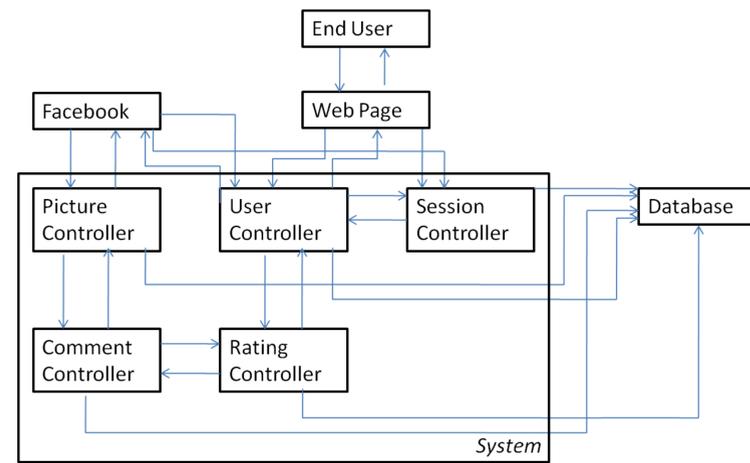
Theory

This study explores a different approach to the traditional process of content consumption on the internet. Instead of simply consuming quality content, a user is required to do two things as a prerequisite: create their own content and rate other's existing content. These two actions in tandem will help create additional peer-reviewed content for the next user, whose consumption will result in the production of even more content. By having production be a byproduct of consumption, a self-sustaining cycle will be created. Although the figure below demonstrates the consumption/production process as generalized between two users, this relationship can be extrapolated to a whole network. This novel approach could alter the way user-based communities and internet media consumption are handled.

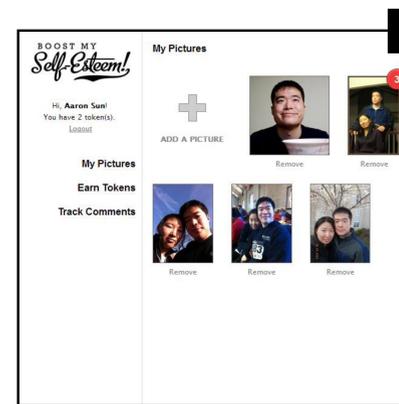
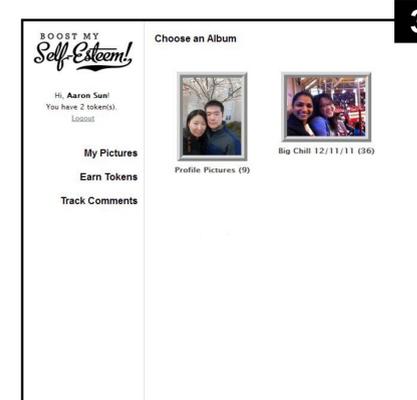
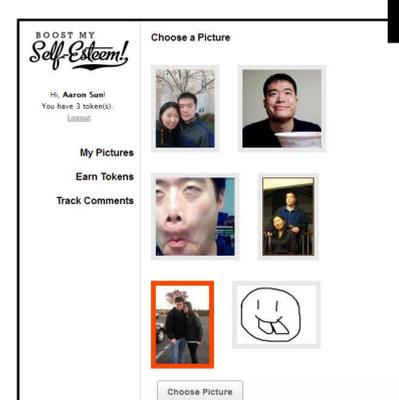
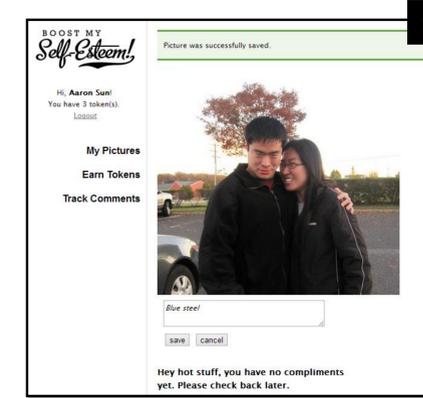
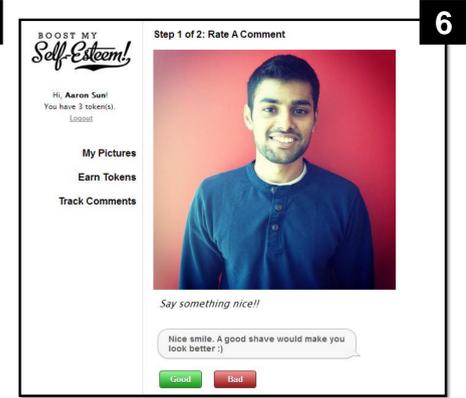
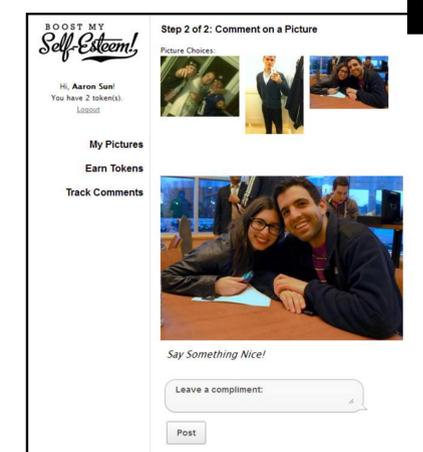


Implementation

Boost My Self-Esteem is a Ruby on Rails application running on a Heroku web server. The application makes use of several patterns, including factory pattern, active record, and model-view-controller.



User Stories


Encouraging Quality through Feedback

Boost My Self Esteem! provides a track comments feature that allows users to see how well their comments are doing so that they can learn from their past comments.

My Comments

Comment	Upvotes	Total Votes
You have amazing hair. I wonder what you'd look like as a brunette.	4	5
Lookin' fresh	3	5
Future world changers	2	4
Who am I supposed to compliment? Please leave a caption so I know.	1	4
Cute girl	0	5

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