

Chapter 2

Rhodes on BlackBerry® Smartphones

BlackBerry® has more than 30% (ranked 2nd) of the smartphone market share. In this chapter we shall, first, introduce using Rhodes on Blackberry JDE, and subsequently develop a Rhodes application to get RSS feed for a magazine on Blackberry JDE. Rhodes uses XRuby to generate the Java code from Ruby code. XRuby compiles Ruby classes to Java class files. Though the Rhodes application is a Ruby application, actually the BlackBerry JDE runs Java, which has been compiled from Ruby. The Ruby and Rhodes installation and configuration procedure is the same as in [Chap. 1](#), but is discussed in this chapter for completeness. The Rhodes application is also the same as in [Chap. 1](#), but is discussed in the context of BlackBerry.

2.1 The ReXML Parser

The ReXML parser provides various classes to parse and process an XML document. Some of those classes are discussed in [Table 2.1](#).

We shall be using only the `Document` and `XPath` classes in this article. Some of the methods in the `Document` class are discussed in [Table 2.2](#).

The `XPath` class provides the methods discussed in [Table 2.3](#).

2.2 Installing the BlackBerry JDE

As a pre-requisite to installing BlackBerry on Windows, install the DirectX SDK from <http://www.microsoft.com/download/en/details.aspx?displaylang=en&id=6812>. Download the BlackBerry Java Development Environment (JDE) v6.0 from <http://us.blackberry.com/developers/javaappdev/javadevenv.jsp>. Double-click on the `BlackBerry_JDE_6.0.0.exe` to install the JDE. Install BlackBerry JDE

Table 2.1 ReXML parser

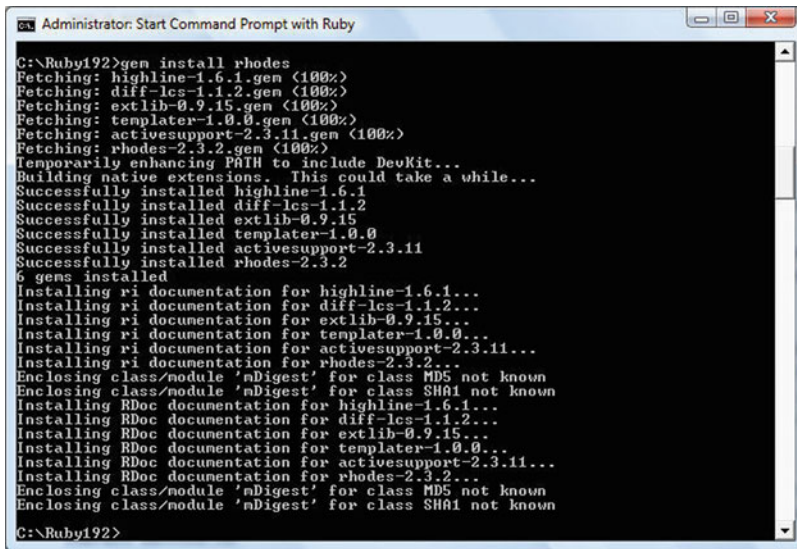
Class	Description
REXML::Attribute	Represents an Element Attribute
REXML::DocType	Represents an XML DOCTYPE declaration
REXML::Document	Represents a full XML document
REXML::Element	Represents an XML Element
REXML::Node	Represents a node
REXML::Parsers::PullParser	Represents a pull parser
REXML::Parsers::SAX2Parser	Represents a SAX2 parser
REXML::Text	Represents a text node
REXML::XPath	Wrapper class for XPath functions

Table 2.2 Document class methods

Method	Description
Add	Adds a node
Add_element	Adds an element
DocType	Returns the DocType of the document if present, or nil
Encoding	Returns the encoding if set, or returns the default encoding
New	Constructor for a new document
Root	Returns the root element
Version	Returns the version if set, or the default version
Write	Outputs the XML document tree
Xml_decl	Returns the XML declaration if set, or the default declaration

Table 2.3 XPath class methods

Method	Description
Each(element, path = nil, namespaces = nil, variables = {})	Takes a context element, the xpath to search for, and a Hash for namespace mapping as parameters, and iterates over nodes that match the specified path. If the xpath is not specified the default xpath is “*”
First(element, path = nil, namespaces = nil, variables = {})	Returns the first nodes that matches the specified xpath. The parameters are the same as the each method
Match(element, path = nil, namespaces = nil, variables = {})	Returns an array of nodes that match the specified xpath



```

Administrator: Start Command Prompt with Ruby
C:\Ruby192>gem install rhodes
Fetching: highline-1.6.1.gem (100%)
Fetching: diff-lcs-1.1.2.gem (100%)
Fetching: extlib-0.9.15.gem (100%)
Fetching: templater-1.0.0.gem (100%)
Fetching: activesupport-2.3.11.gem (100%)
Fetching: rhodes-2.3.2.gem (100%)
Temporarily enhancing PATH to include DevKit...
Building native extensions. This could take a while...
Successfully installed highline-1.6.1
Successfully installed diff-lcs-1.1.2
Successfully installed extlib-0.9.15
Successfully installed templater-1.0.0
Successfully installed activesupport-2.3.11
Successfully installed rhodes-2.3.2
6 gems installed
Installing ri documentation for highline-1.6.1...
Installing ri documentation for diff-lcs-1.1.2...
Installing ri documentation for extlib-0.9.15...
Installing ri documentation for templater-1.0.0...
Installing ri documentation for activesupport-2.3.11...
Installing ri documentation for rhodes-2.3.2...
Enclosing class/module 'mDigest' for class MD5 not known
Enclosing class/module 'mDigest' for class SHA1 not known
Installing RDoc documentation for highline-1.6.1...
Installing RDoc documentation for diff-lcs-1.1.2...
Installing RDoc documentation for extlib-0.9.15...
Installing RDoc documentation for templater-1.0.0...
Installing RDoc documentation for activesupport-2.3.11...
Installing RDoc documentation for rhodes-2.3.2...
Enclosing class/module 'mDigest' for class MD5 not known
Enclosing class/module 'mDigest' for class SHA1 not known
C:\Ruby192>

```

Fig. 2.1 Installing Rhodes

in a directory without spaces in the directory path; for example not in a C:/Program Files/sub-directory. The same applies for the JDK 6, which is required for the BlackBerry JDE; install the JDK in a directory without spaces in the directory path. Add JDK_HOME and JDK_HOME/bin to the PATH environment variable. In a later section we shall configure a Rhodes application to use the BlackBerry simulator.

2.3 Installing Rhodes

As Rhodes is a Ruby gem, we need to install Ruby first. As in [Chap. 1](#), download the rubyinstaller-1.9.2-p180.exe application. Double-click on the .exe file to install Ruby. Install Ruby in a directory without spaces in the directory path as shown in [Fig. 2.1](#). Select the checkbox Add Ruby executables to your PATH.

Next, install the Ruby Installer Development Kit (DevKit), which makes it easy to build native Ruby extensions. Download the DevKit-tdm-32-4.5.1-20101214-1400-sfx.exe application. Double-click on the .exe file and install the self-extracting executables in a directory without spaces, such as C:/Ruby192/DevKit. Cd (change directory) to the DevKit directory and run the following commands:

```

rubydk.rbinit
rubydk.rb install

```

The `init` command creates a `config.xml` file, which lists the RubyInstaller installed Rubies. Install RubyGems, a Ruby packaging system. Download the RubyGems zip file and extract the zip file to a directory, Cd to the directory and run the following command:

```
C:\Ruby192\rubygems-1.6.2>ruby setup.rb
```

We also need to install `gnuwin32`, which provides win32 ports of GNU tools, GNU being a UNIX-like operating system. Download the `GetGnuWin32-0.6.3.exe` application from <http://sourceforge.net/projects/getgnuwin32/files/getgnuwin32/> and double-click on the exe file. Install in a folder (C:/Ruby192 for example). Cd to the installed folder (C:/Ruby192/GetGnuWin32) and run the download command.

```
C:\Ruby192\GetGnuWin32>download
```

Subsequently, run the `install` command:

```
C:\Ruby192\GetGnuWin32>install C:/gnuwin32
```

Add C:/gnuwin32/bin to the PATH environment variable. Next, install Rake, a Ruby build program, with the following command:

```
C:\Ruby192>gem install rake
```

To install Rhodes run the following command:

```
C:\Ruby192>gem install Rhodes
```

Rhodes 2.3.2 and related gems get installed as shown in Fig. 2.1.

2.4 Creating a Rhodes Application

Rhodes provides an application generator to generate an application. The Rhodes application generator is called `rhodes` and is run with the following command format:

```
rhodes app <application_name>
```

Before we may run the `rhodes` command we need to setup Rhodes using the `rhodes-setup` command as shown in Fig. 2.2. Select Enter for each of the questions. The JDK path should not include any spaces in the directory path. By default BlackBerry JDE version 4.6 or less configuration is checked.

As we are running JDE 6, modify the C:\Ruby192\lib\ruby\gems\1.9.1\gems\rhodes-2.3.2\rhobuild.yml configuration file, listed below, to include the v6.0. The BlackBerry related settings are shown in bold.

```

env:
  app: C:/rhodes-app
  paths:
    java: C:/JDK/Java/jdk1.6.0_24/bin
    android:
    android-ndk:
    cabwiz:

```

```

6.0:
  jde: C:/BlackBerry
  mds: C:/BlackBerry/MDS
  sim: 9800

```

```

4.6:
  jde:
  mds:
  sim: 9000

```

```

4.2:
  jde:
  mds:
  sim: 8100

```

```

build:
  bbpath: platform/bb

```

```

  wmpath: platform/wm
  androidpath: platform/android
  iphonepath: platform/iphone
  symbianpath: platform/symbian
  bb:
  bbsignpwd: somepasswordhere
  android:
  excludedirs:

```

```

  all:
    - "**/*.swo"
    - "**/*.swn"
    - "**/.DS_Store"
  bb:
    - public/js/iui
    - public/js/jquery*
    - public/jqtouch*
    - public/js/prototype*
    - public/css/iphone*
    - public/iwebkit
    - public/themes
    - "**/jquery*.js"
    - "**/*.db"

```

```

Administrator: Start Command Prompt with Ruby

C:\>cd Ruby192
C:\Ruby192>rhodes-setup
We will ask you a few questions below about your dev environment.

JDK path (required) (C:/JDK/Java/jdk1.6.0_24):
Android SDK path (blank to skip) (<):
Android NDK path (blank to skip) (<):
Windows Mobile 6 SDK CabWiz (blank to skip) (<):
BlackBerry JDE 4.6 (blank to skip) (<):
BlackBerry JDE 4.6 MDS (blank to skip) (<):
BlackBerry JDE 4.2 (blank to skip) (<):
BlackBerry JDE 4.2 MDS (blank to skip) (<):

If you want to build with other BlackBerry SDK versions edit: C:/Ruby192/lib/ruby/gems/1.9.1/gems/rhodes-2.3.2/rhobuild.yml

C:\Ruby192>_

```

Fig. 2.2 Setting up Rhodes

```

Administrator: Start Command Prompt with Ruby

If you want to build with other BlackBerry SDK versions edit: C:/Ruby192/lib/ruby/gems/1.9.1/gems/rhodes-2.3.2/rhobuild.yml

C:\Ruby192>rhodes app catalog
Generating with app generator:
* [32m [ADDED]* [0m catalog/rhoconfig.txt
* [32m [ADDED]* [0m catalog/build.yml
* [32m [ADDED]* [0m catalog/app/application.rb
* [32m [ADDED]* [0m catalog/app/index.erb
* [32m [ADDED]* [0m catalog/app/index.bb.erb
* [32m [ADDED]* [0m catalog/app/layout.erb
* [32m [ADDED]* [0m catalog/app/loading.html
* [32m [ADDED]* [0m catalog/Rakefile
* [32m [ADDED]* [0m catalog/app/loading.png
* [32m [ADDED]* [0m catalog/app/helpers
* [32m [ADDED]* [0m catalog/icon
* [32m [ADDED]* [0m catalog/app/Settings
* [32m [ADDED]* [0m catalog/public

C:\Ruby192>_

```

Fig. 2.3 Generating Rhodes application

The `jde` parameter specifies the directory in which the JDE is installed. The `mds` parameter specifies the directory in which the BlackBerry Mobile Data Service (MDS) is installed. The simulator port is specified with the `sim` parameter. Next, run the `rhodes` application generator to create an application called `catalog` with the command:

```
>rhodes app catalog
```

The application files get generated in the `catalog` (application name) directory as shown in Fig. 2.3.

Modify the `catalog/build.yml` file to specify the BlackBerry version as 6.0. The BlackBerry version is specified with the `bbver` property.



Fig. 2.4 Compiling and uploading the Rhodes application to BlackBerry JDE

```

sdk: "C:/Ruby192/lib/ruby/gems/1.9.1/gems/rhodes-
2.3.2"
sdkversion: 2.3.2
name: catalog
version: 1.0
vendor: rhomobile
build: debug
bbver: 6.0
wmsdk: "Windows Mobile 6 Professional SDK (ARMV4I)"
applog: rholog.txt

```

Before developing the application further test the BlackBerry emulator. Cd to the `catalog` directory and run the following command.



Fig. 2.5 Rhodes catalog application on BlackBerry

```
C:\Ruby192\catalog>rake run:bb
```

The Rhodes application gets built and uploaded to the BlackBerry simulator as shown in Fig. 2.4.



Fig. 2.6 Login page

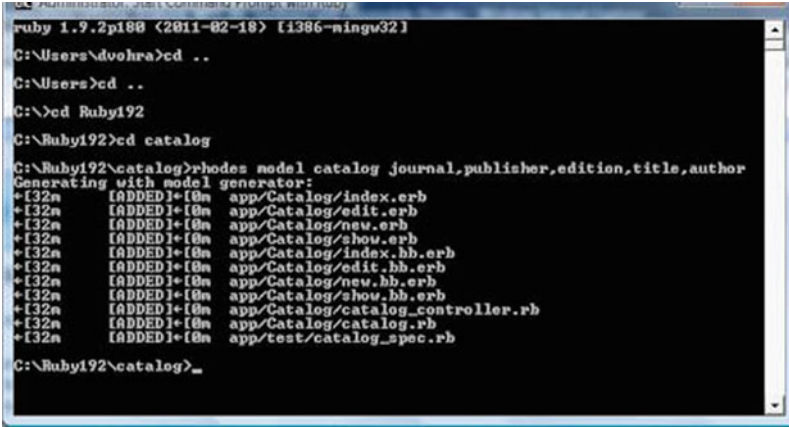
The BlackBerry simulator gets started. The Rhodes application catalog is shown installed on the simulator in Fig. 2.5.

Click on the default Login button as shown in Fig. 2.6.



Fig. 2.7 Testing login

Specify Login and Password and click on Login. The Login page is just a test Login as shown in Fig. 2.7.



```

ruby 1.9.2p180 (2011-02-18) [1386-mingw32]
C:\Users\dvoehra>cd ..
C:\Users>cd ..
C:\>cd Ruby192
C:\Ruby192>cd catalog
C:\Ruby192\catalog>rhodes model catalog journal,publisher,edition,title,author
Generating with model generator:
* [32m [ADDED]+[0m app/Catalog/index.erb
* [32m [ADDED]+[0m app/Catalog/edit.erb
* [32m [ADDED]+[0m app/Catalog/new.erb
* [32m [ADDED]+[0m app/Catalog/show.erb
* [32m [ADDED]+[0m app/Catalog/index.bb.erb
* [32m [ADDED]+[0m app/Catalog/edit.bb.erb
* [32m [ADDED]+[0m app/Catalog/new.bb.erb
* [32m [ADDED]+[0m app/Catalog/show.bb.erb
* [32m [ADDED]+[0m app/Catalog/catalog_controller.rb
* [32m [ADDED]+[0m app/Catalog/catalog.rb
* [32m [ADDED]+[0m app/test/catalog_spec.rb
C:\Ruby192\catalog>_

```

Fig. 2.8 Generating Rhodes model and controller

2.5 Creating a Rhodes Model for a Catalog

Rhodes provides the `rhodes model` command to generate model and controller files, and view templates, and is run with the following command format.

```
rhodes model modelname options
```

The `rhodes model` command generates a scaffolding similar to the Ruby on Rails framework to perform CRUD operations on the model. Cd to the application folder and generate a scaffolding for a catalog, which includes the `journal`, `publisher`, `edition`, `title`, `author` attributes.

```
C:\Ruby192\catalog>rhodes model catalog journal,publisher,edition,title,author
```

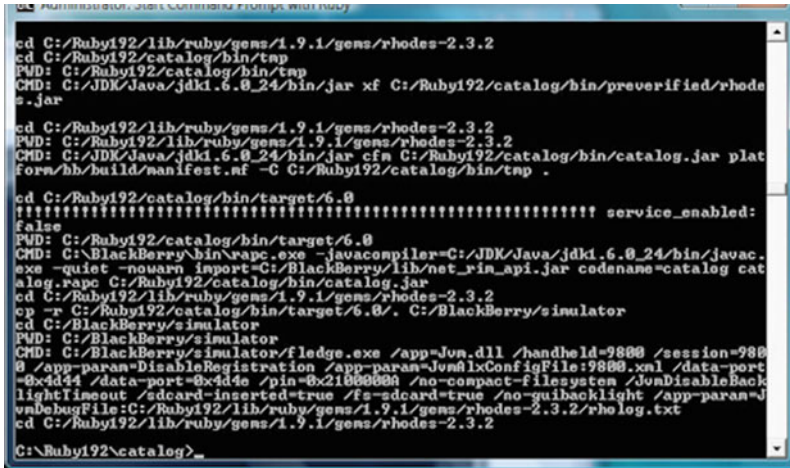
The view templates `index.erb`, `edit.erb`, `new.erb` and `show.erb` get generated as shown in Fig. 2.8. View templates customized for the BlackBerry get generated as `.bb.erb` extension files; `index.bb.erb`, `edit.bb.erb`, `new.bb.erb`, and `show.bb.erb`. Controller file `catalog_controller.rb` and model file `catalog.rb` also get generated.

The controller class extends the `Rho::RhoController` class and includes actions `index`, `edit`, `show`, `new`, `create`, `update` and `delete` for CRUD operations.

```
class CatalogController < Rho::RhoController

end
```

Next, we shall upload the application to the BlackBerry emulator and test the application in the emulator. Before we may run the emulator we need to specify the application to run in the `catalog/rhoconfig.txt` file.



```

cd C:/Ruby192/lib/ruby/gems/1.9.1/gems/rhodes-2.3.2
cd C:/Ruby192/catalog/bin/tmp
PMD: C:/Ruby192/catalog/bin/tmp
CMD: C:/JDK/Java/jdk1.6.0_24/bin/jar xf C:/Ruby192/catalog/bin/preverified/rhodes.jar

cd C:/Ruby192/lib/ruby/gems/1.9.1/gems/rhodes-2.3.2
PMD: C:/Ruby192/lib/ruby/gems/1.9.1/gems/rhodes-2.3.2
CMD: C:/JDK/Java/jdk1.6.0_24/bin/jar cfm C:/Ruby192/catalog/bin/catalog.jar platform/bb/build/manifest.nf -C C:/Ruby192/catalog/bin/tmp

cd C:/Ruby192/catalog/bin/target/6.0
##### service_enabled:
false
PMD: C:/Ruby192/catalog/bin/target/6.0
CMD: C:/BlackBerry/bin\rac.exe -javacompiler=C:/JDK/Java/jdk1.6.0_24/bin/javac.exe -quiet -nowarn import=C:/BlackBerry/lib/net_rim_api.jar codename=catalog catalog.nape C:/Ruby192/catalog/bin/catalog.jar
cd C:/Ruby192/lib/ruby/gems/1.9.1/gems/rhodes-2.3.2
cp -r C:/Ruby192/catalog/bin/target/6.0/ C:/BlackBerry/simulator
cd C:/BlackBerry/simulator
PMD: C:/BlackBerry/simulator
CMD: C:/BlackBerry/simulator/fledge.exe /app-Jvm.dll /handheld=9800 /session=9800 /app-param=DisableRegistration /app-param-JvmJmxConfigFile:9800.xml /data-port=0x4d4 /data-port=0x4d4 /pin=0x21000000 /no-compact-fs /no-disable-backlight /adcard-inserted=true /fs-adcard=true /no-maliciouslight /app-param-JvmDebugFile:C:/Ruby192/lib/ruby/gems/1.9.1/gems/rhodes-2.3.2/rholog.txt
cd C:/Ruby192/lib/ruby/gems/1.9.1/gems/rhodes-2.3.2
C:/Ruby192/catalog>

```

Fig. 2.9 Compiling and uploading Rhodes application to BlackBerry

```
# startup page for your application
start_path = '/app/Catalog'
```

To run the emulator and upload the rhodes model catalog run the command:

```
C:\Ruby192\catalog>rake run:bb
```

The BlackBerry simulator gets started. The Rhodes application gets compiled to Java code. The Java code compiled from Ruby code gets packaged into catalog.jar and gets uploaded to the BlackBerry simulator (Fig. 2.9).

The catalog application gets started in the emulator. Click on **New** to create a catalog entry as shown in Fig. 2.10.

Specify **Journal**, **Publisher**, **Edition**, **Title** and **Author** and click on **Create** as shown in Fig. 2.11.

Similarly, new catalog entries may be added. Click on the icon for a catalog entry to display the entry as shown in Fig. 2.12.

The selected catalog entry gets listed as shown in Fig. 2.13.

2.6 Creating a Rhodes Model to get RSS Feed

In the previous sections we have only tested the default model generated by Rhodes. In this section we shall create a rhodes model to get a RSS feed, which is essentially an XML document, parse the XML document, and display the feed in the



Fig. 2.10 Creating a new catalog entry

BlackBerry. We shall use the Oracle Magazine RSS Feed (<http://www.oracle.com/ocom/groups/public/@otn/documents/webcontent/rss-oramag-recent.xml>) for the example. RSS Feed is essentially an XML document, which we shall parse using



Fig. 2.11 Specifying catalog entry attributes

the ReXML parser. The RSS feed is in XML format and contains entries as `<item></item>` elements, the root element being `<rss></rss>`. A section of the RSS Feed XML document for the Oracle Magazine is listed below.

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<rss version="2.0">
<channel>
<title>Oracle Magazine - Most Recent</title>
<link>http://www.oracle.com/technology/oramag/oracle</link>
<description>Here are the latest Oracle Magazine articles, columns, and issues.
</description>
<language>en-us</language>
<copyright>Copyright 2008 Oracle. All Rights Reserved.</copyright>

<managingEditor>opubedit_us@oracle.com</managingEditor>
<pubDate>Mon, 19 Dec 2005 22:04:11 GMT</pubDate>
<lastBuildDate>Fri, 9 Sep 2011 22:21:14 GMT</lastBuildDate>
<item>
<title>Architect: Getting Schooled</title>
<link>http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/issue-archive/2011/11-sep/o51
    architect-445768.html</link>
<description>Education, training, and experience are stepping stones to a career as
    a software architect.</description>

<guid isPermaLink="false">{89f1fb2-f946-6951-5b7a-5f5f54ee330}</guid>
<pubDate>Fri, 9 Sep 2011 22:21:14 GMT</pubDate>
</item>
<item>
<title>PL/SQL: Working with Strings</title>
<link>http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/issue-archive/2011/11-sep/o51plsql-453456.html</link>
<description>Part 3 in a series of articles on understanding and using PL/SQL
</description>

<guid isPermaLink="false">{89f1fb2-f946-6951-5b7a-5f5f54ee330}</guid>
<pubDate>Tue, 6 Sep 2011 20:34:27 GMT</pubDate>
</item>
...
...
</channel></rss>

```



Fig. 2.12 New catalog entry

Each item element has sub-elements `title`, `link`, `description`, `guid`, and `pubDate`. We shall be parsing these sub-elements and displaying their values using a Rhodes model. Create a Rhodes model `CatalogRSSFeed` with attributes `title`, `link`, `description`, and `date` with the following command:



Fig. 2.13 Displaying a catalog entry

```
C:\Ruby192\catalog>Rhodes model CatalogRSSFeed
title,link,description,pubDate
```

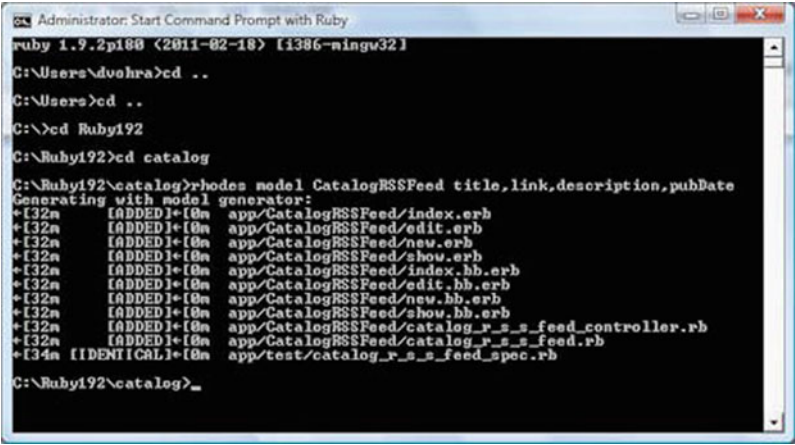


Fig. 2.14 Creating a RSS feed application with Rhodes

Table 2.4 GET method request parameters

Parameter	Description
:url	URL to send the requests to
:headers	Hash of headers to send with the request
:callback	Callback action to execute when the request is completed
:callback_params	Callback parameters (optional)
:authentication	Sends basic Auth header with the request (optional)
:ssl_verify_peer	Verifies SSL certificates (optional). True by default

The model, controller, and view template files get generated in the app/CatalogRSSFeed folder as shown in Fig. 2.14.

The model class CatalogRSSFeed extends the Rhom:RhomObject class. We won't be using the default view templates and controller actions for CRUD operations, but shall modify the controller class to get the RSS feed, parse the XML feed and display the results in the BlackBerry. For XML feed we shall require an XML parser. Rhodes includes the RhoXML parser, which is a light-weight parser and does not support some features. We shall used the ReXML parser, for which add support in the catalog/build.yml file

```
extensions: ["json", "rexml", "set"]
```

We shall use the AsyncHttp API to get the RSS feed. Use the get(:url, :headers, :callback, :callback_params) method for an HTTPGET request. The parameters for the get method are discussed in Table 2.4.

Specify the url to the Oracle Magazine RSS Feed. Send a HTTP request to the RSS feed using the Rho::AsyncHttp.get method.

Table 2.5 AsyncHttp
callback parameters

Parameter	Description
@params["body"]	The body of the Http response
@params["headers"]	The response headers hash
@params["cookies"]	The server cookies
@params["http_error"]	The HTTP error code, if response code is not 200

```
url =
'http://www.oracle.com/ocom/groups/public/@otn/document
s/webcontent/rss-oramag-recent.xml'
Rho::AsyncHttp.get(
  :url => url,
  :callback =>
(url_for :action => :httpget_callback),
  :callback_param => "" )
```

The AsyncHttp callback has the following parameters, listed in Table 2.5, available. In the callback method if status is 'ok' get the result of the request.

```
@@get_result = @params['body']

Create a REXML::Document object from the result using the new constructor.

doc = REXML::Document.new(@@get_result)
```

Using the REXML::XPath class iterate over the//rss//item elements in the RSS feed using the REXML::XPath:each method, which returns an array of nodes, and create a CatalogRSSFeed object corresponding to each node using the create method of the model.

```
REXML::XPath.each(doc,"//rss//item/") do |e|
  CatalogRSSFeed.create(:title =>
e.elements['title'].text,
  :link => e.elements['link'].text,
  :description => e.elements['description'].text,
  :pubDate => e.elements['pubDate'].text)
end
```

In the index action create an instance variable for all feed results using the find(:all) method.

```
@catalogrssfeeds = CatalogRSSFeed.find(:all)
```

In the index.bb.erb view template iterate over the @catalogrssfeeds instance variable, which contains the feed results and display the feed titles with a link to the RSS feed entry detail using the show.bb.erb view template.

```

<% @catalogrssfeeds.each do |obj| %>
  <td><%= link_to "#{obj.title}", :action => :show,
:id =>
  obj.object %></td>
<% end %>

```

The `show.bb.erb` view template shows the RSS feed for an entry and displays the title, link, description, and publication date. The `show.bb.erb` view template is listed below.

```

<div id="pageTitle">
  <h1><%= @catalogrssfeed.title%></h1>
</div>
<div id="toolbar">
  <%= link_to "Back", :action => :index %>
  <%= link_to "Edit", :action => :edit, :id =>
@catalogrssfeed.object %>
</div>
<div id="content">
  <table>
  <tr>
    <td class="itemLabel">Title</td>
    <td class="itemValue"><%=
@catalogrssfeed.title%></td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td class="itemLabel">Link</td>
    <td class="itemValue"><%= @catalogrssfeed.link%></td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td class="itemLabel">Description</td>
    <td class="itemValue"><%=
@catalogrssfeed.description%></td>
  </tr>
  <tr>
    <td class="itemLabel">PubDate</td>
    <td class="itemValue"><%=
@catalogrssfeed.pubDate%></td>
  </tr>
</table>
</div>

```

A request may be cancelled with the `Rho::AsyncHttp.cancel` method. The controller file `catalog_r_s_s_feed_controller.erb` is listed below.

```

require 'rho/rhocontroller'
require 'helpers/browser_helper'

class CatalogRSSFeedController < Rho::RhoController
  include BrowserHelper
  def index
    @cataloggrssfeeds = CatalogRSSFeed.find(:all)
    if @cataloggrssfeeds.empty? then
      self.update
    else
      render :action => :index, :back => :exit
    end
  end

  def refresh
    CatalogRSSFeed.delete_all
    redirect :action => :update
  end

  def update
    url =
'http://www.oracle.com/ocom/groups/public/@otn/document
s/webcontent/rss-oramag-recent.xml'
    Rho::AsyncHttp.get(
      :url => url,
      :callback => (url_for :action =>
:HttpGet_callback),
      :callback_param => "" )
    render :action => :wait, :back => :exit
  end

  def show
    @cataloggrssfeed = CatalogRSSFeed.find(@params['id'])
    if @cataloggrssfeed
      render :action => :show, :back => url_for(
:action => :index )
    else
      redirect :action => :index
    end
  end

  def HttpGet_callback
    if @params['status'] != 'ok'
      @error_params = @params
      WebView.navigate ( url_for :action =>
:show_error )
    else

```

```

        @@get_result = @params['body']
        begin
            require 'rexml/document'

            doc = REXML::Document.new(@@get_result)
            REXML::XPath.each(doc,"//rss//item/") do |e|
                CatalogRSSFeed.create(:title =>
e.elements['title'].text,
                :link => e.elements['link'].text,
                :description => e.elements['description'].text,
                :pubDate => e.elements['pubDate'].text)
            end
            @catalogrssfeeds = CatalogRSSFeed.find(:all)
            if @catalogrssfeeds.empty?
                WebView.navigate ( url_for :action =>
:show_error )
            else
                WebView.navigate ( url_for :action =>
:index )
            end
            rescue Exception => e
                puts "Error: #{e}"
                @@get_result = "Error: #{e}"
            end
        end

        def cancel_httpcall
            Rho::AsyncHttp.cancel( url_for( :action =>
:httpget_callback) )
            @@get_result = 'Request was cancelled.'
            render :action => :index, :back => :exit
        end

        def get_res
            @@get_result
        end

        def get_error
            @@error_params
        end

        def show_error
            render :action => :error, :back => url_for(
:action => :index )
        end
    end

```

```

    def exit
      Rho::RhoApplication.close
      System.exit
    end
  end
end

```

The `index.erb` view template is listed below.

```

<div class="pageTitle">
<h1>CatalogRSSFeeds</h1>
</div>

<div class="toolbar">

  <div class="regularButton">
    <a class="button" href="<%= url_for :action =>
:refresh %>">Refresh</a>
  </div>
</div>

<div class="content">
<ul>
  <% @catalogrssfeeds.each do |catalogrssfeed| %>

    <li>
      <a href="<%= url_for :action => :show, :id => cata-
logrssfeed.object %>">
        <span class="title"><%= catalogrssfeed.title
%></span><span class="disclosure_indicator"></span>
      </a>
    </li>

    <% end %>
  </ul>
</div>

```

Modify the start path in the `catalog/rhoconfig.txt` file for the RSS feed application.

```

# startup page for your application
start_path = '/app/CatalogRSSFeed'

```

Start the BlackBerry emulator as before, with the command:

```
C:\Ruby192\catalog>rake run:bb
```



Fig. 2.15 Loading RSS feed

The Oracle Magazine RSS Feed application gets started in the BlackBerry emulator as shown in Fig. 2.15.

The Oracle magazine RSS feed gets listed in BlackBerry as shown in Fig. 2.16. Select a feed entry to display the entry detail.

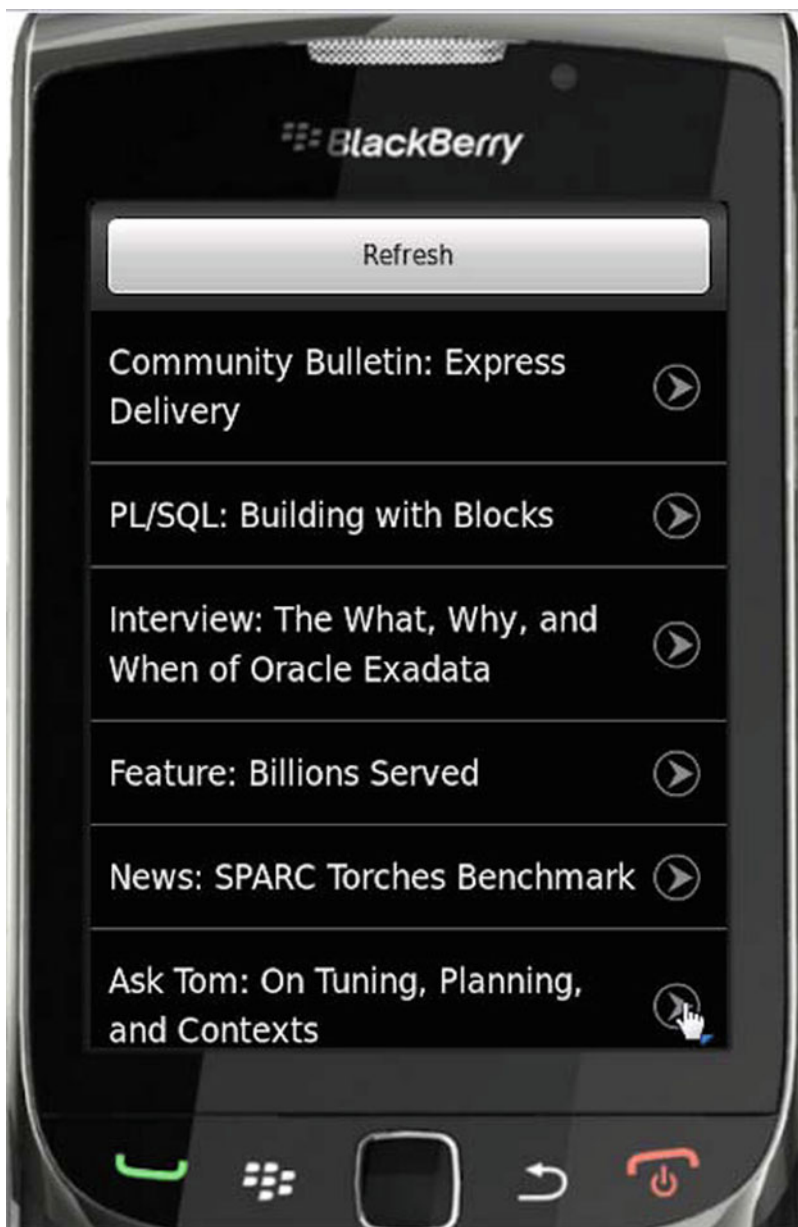


Fig. 2.16 Getting RSS feed with Rhodes on BlackBerry

The feed entry gets displayed as shown in Fig. 2.17.

The RSS feed may be scrolled to display all the entries as shown in Fig. 2.18.

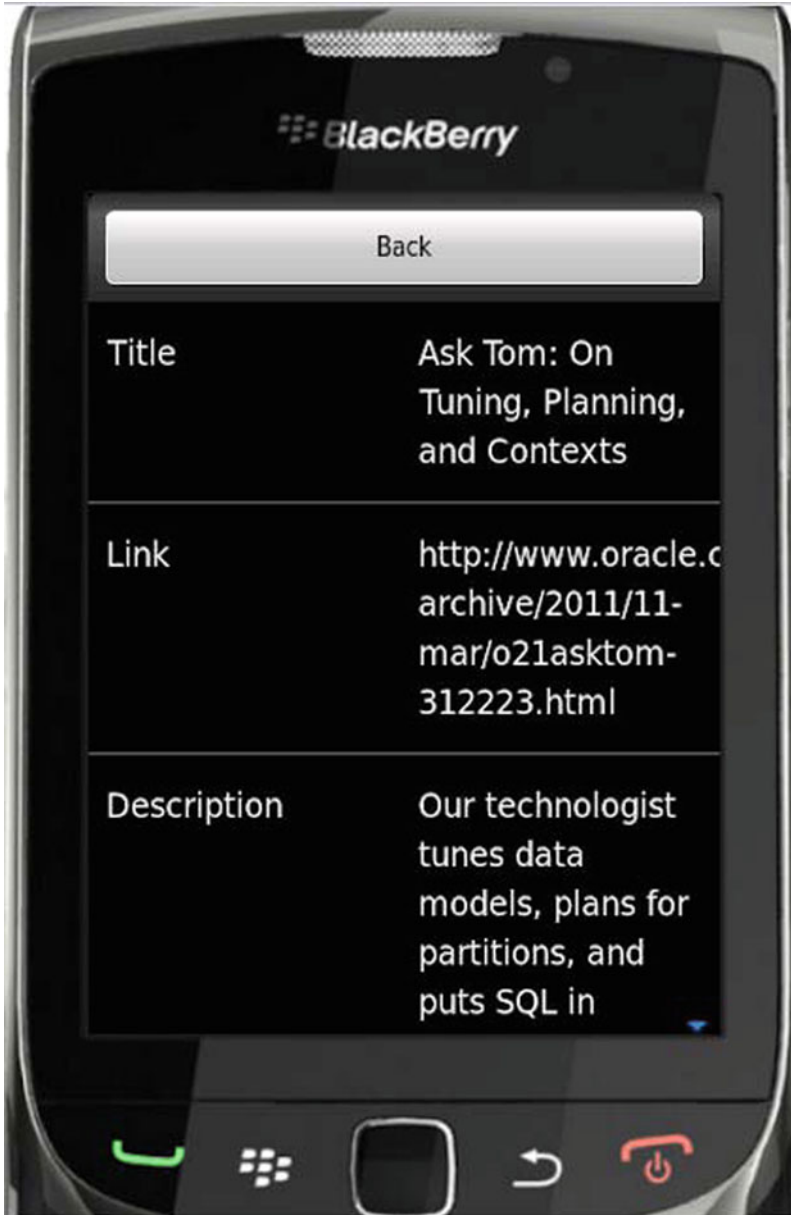


Fig. 2.17 Displaying a RSS feed entry

In this chapter we discussed using Rhodes with BlackBerry. In the previous chapter we discussed Rhodes with Android. Rhodes with BlackBerry has the following differences from Rhodes with Android.



Fig. 2.18 Scrolled view of RSS feed on BlackBerry

- The view templates used are different. The `*.bb.erbview` templates are used with BlackBerry instead of the `*.erb` view templates with Android.
- The BlackBerry emulator is different from the Android emulator, and the command to run the emulator is different.

- The configuration with BlackBerry is different.
- The required software is different with BlackBerry. The BlackBerry JDE and DirectX SDK are used with BlackBerry instead of Eclipse and ADT with Android.

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