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Support Policy

For LTS releases, such as Laravel 5.1, bug fixes are provided for 2 years and security fixes are provided for 3 years. These releases provide the longest window of support and maintenance.

For general releases, bug fixes are provided for 6 months and security fixes are provided for 1 year.

Laravel 5.2

Laravel 5.2 continues the improvements made in Laravel 5.1 by adding multiple authentication driver support, implicit model binding, simplified Eloquent global scopes, opt-in authentication scaffolding, middleware groups, rate limiting middleware, array validation improvements, and more.

Authentication Drivers / "Multi-Auth"

In previous versions of Laravel, only the default, session-based authentication driver was supported out of the box, and you could not have more than one authenticatable model instance per application.

However, in Laravel 5.2, you may define additional authentication drivers as well define multiple authenticatable models or user tables, and control their authentication process separately from each other. For example, if your application has one database table for "admin" users and one database table for "student" users, you may now use the Auth methods to authenticate against each of these tables separately.

Authentication Scaffolding

Laravel already makes it easy to handle authentication on the back-end; however, Laravel 5.2 provides a convenient, lightning-fast way to scaffold the authentication views for your front-end. Simply execute the make: auth command on your terminal:

```
php artisan make:auth
```

This command will generate plain, Bootstrap compatible views for user login, registration, and password reset. The command will also update your routes file with the appropriate routes.

Note: This feature is only meant to be used on new applications, not during application upgrades.

Implicit Model Binding

Implicit model binding makes it painless to inject relevant models directly into your routes and controllers. For example, assume you have a route defined like the following:

```
use App\User;
Route::get('/user/{user}', function (User $user) {
    return $user;
}):
```

In Laravel 5.1, you would typically need to use the Route::model method to instruct Laravel to inject the App\user instance that matches the {user} parameter in your route definition. However, in Laravel 5.2, the framework will **automatically** inject this model based on the URI segment, allowing you to quickly gain access to the model instances you need.

Laravel will automatically inject the model when the route parameter segment ({user}) matches the route Closure or controller method's corresponding variable name (\$user) and the variable is type-hinting an Eloquent model class.

Middleware Groups

Middleware groups allow you to group several route middleware under a single, convenient key, allowing you to assign several

middleware to a route at once. For example, this can be useful when building a web UI and an API within the same application. You may group the session and CSRF routes into a web group, and perhaps the rate limiter in the api group.

In fact, the default Laravel 5.2 application structure takes exactly this approach. For example, in the default App\Http\Kernel.php file you will find the following:

```
Route::group(['middleware' => ['web']], function () {
    //
});
```

However, keep in mind the web middleware group is *already* applied to your routes by default since the RouteServiceProvider includes it in the default middleware group.

Rate Limiting

A new rate limiter middleware is now included with the framework, allowing you to easily limit the number of requests that a given IP address can make to a route over a specified number of minutes. For example, to limit a route to 60 requests every minute from a single IP address, you may do the following:

Array Validation

Validating array form input fields is much easier in Laravel 5.2. For example, to validate that each e-mail in a given array input field is unique, you may do the following:

```
$validator = Validator::make($request->all(), [
    'person.*.email' => 'email|unique:users'
]);
```

Likewise, you may use the * character when specifying your validation messages in your language files, making it a breeze to use a single validation message for array based fields:

```
'custom' => [
   'person.*.email' => [
        'unique' => 'Each person must have a unique e-mail address',
   ]
],
```

Bail Validation Rule

A new bail validation rule has been added, which instructs the validator to stop validating after the first validation failure for a given rule. For example, you may now prevent the validator from running a unique check if an attribute fails an integer check:

```
$this->validate($request, [
    'user_id' => 'bail|integer|unique:users'
]);
```

Eloquent Global Scope Improvements

In previous versions of Laravel, global Eloquent scopes were complicated and error-prone to implement; however, in Laravel 5.2, global query scopes only require you to implement a single, simple method: apply.

For more information on writing global scopes, check out the full **Eloquent documentation**.

Laravel 5.1.11

Laravel 5.1.11 introduces <u>authorization</u> support out of the box! Conveniently organize your application's authorization logic using simple callbacks or policy classes, and authorize actions using simple, expressive methods.

For more information, please refer to the <u>authorization documentation</u>.

Laravel 5.1.4

Laravel 5.1.4 introduces simple login throttling to the framework. Consult the authentication documentation for more information.

Laravel 5.1

Laravel 5.1 continues the improvements made in Laravel 5.0 by adopting PSR-2 and adding event broadcasting, middleware parameters, Artisan improvements, and more.

PHP 5.5.9+

Since PHP 5.4 will enter "end of life" in September and will no longer receive security updates from the PHP development team, Laravel 5.1 requires PHP 5.5.9 or greater. PHP 5.5.9 allows compatibility with the latest versions of popular PHP libraries such as Guzzle and the AWS SDK.

LTS

Laravel 5.1 is the first release of Laravel to receive **long term support**. Laravel 5.1 will receive bug fixes for 2 years and security fixes for 3 years. This support window is the largest ever provided for Laravel and provides stability and peace of mind for larger, enterprise clients and customers.

PSR-2

The PSR-2 coding style guide has been adopted as the default style guide for the Laravel framework. Additionally, all generators have been updated to generate PSR-2 compatible syntax.

Documentation

Every page of the Laravel documentation has been meticulously reviewed and dramatically improved. All code examples have also been reviewed and expanded to provide more relevance and context.

Event Broadcasting

In many modern web applications, web sockets are used to implement real-time, live-updating user interfaces. When some data is updated on the server, a message is typically sent over a websocket connection to be handled by the client.

To assist you in building these types of applications, Laravel makes it easy to "broadcast" your events over a websocket connection. Broadcasting your Laravel events allows you to share the same event names between your server-side code and your client-side JavaScript framework.

To learn more about event broadcasting, check out the event documentation.

Middleware Parameters

Middleware can now receive additional custom parameters. For example, if your application needs to verify that the authenticated user has a given "role" before performing a given action, you could create a RoleMiddleware that receives a role name as an additional argument:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Middleware;
use Closure;
class RoleMiddleware
{
    /**
    * Run the request filter.
    *
    * @param \Illuminate\Http\Request $request
    * @param \Closure $next
    * @param string $role
    * @return mixed
    */</pre>
```

```
public function handle($request, Closure $next, $role)
{
    if (! $request->user()->hasRole($role)) {
        // Redirect...
    }
    return $next($request);
}
```

Middleware parameters may be specified when defining the route by separating the middleware name and parameters with a :. Multiple parameters should be delimited by commas:

```
Route::put('post/{id}', ['middleware' => 'role:editor', function ($id) {
    //
}]);
```

For more information on middleware, check out the middleware documentation.

Testing Overhaul

}

The built-in testing capabilities of Laravel have been dramatically improved. A variety of new methods provide a fluent, expressive interface for interacting with your application and examining its responses. For example, check out the following test:

For more information on testing, check out the testing documentation.

Model Factories

Laravel now ships with an easy way to create stub Eloquent models using <u>model factories</u>. Model factories allow you to easily define a set of "default" attributes for your Eloquent model, and then generate test model instances for your tests or database seeds. Model factories also take advantage of the powerful <u>Faker PHP</u> library for generating random attribute data:

For more information on model factories, check out the documentation.

Artisan Improvements

Artisan commands may now be defined using a simple, route-like "signature", which provides an extremely simple interface for defining command line arguments and options. For example, you may define a simple command and its options like so:

```
/**
    * The name and signature of the console command.
    *
    * @var string
    */
protected $signature = 'email:send {user} {--force}';
```

For more information on defining Artisan commands, consult the Artisan documentation.

Folder Structure

To better express intent, the app/Commands directory has been renamed to app/Jobs. Additionally, the app/Handlers directory has been consolidated into a single app/Listeners directory which simply contains event listeners. However, this is not a breaking change and you are not required to update to the new folder structure to use Laravel 5.1.

Encryption

In previous versions of Laravel, encryption was handled by the mcrypt PHP extension. However, beginning in Laravel 5.1, encryption is handled by the openss1 extension, which is more actively maintained.

Laravel 5.0

Laravel 5.0 introduces a fresh application structure to the default Laravel project. This new structure serves as a better foundation for building a robust application in Laravel, as well as embraces new auto-loading standards (PSR-4) throughout the application. First, let's examine some of the major changes:

New Folder Structure

The old app/models directory has been entirely removed. Instead, all of your code lives directly within the app folder, and, by default, is organized to the App namespace. This default namespace can be quickly changed using the new app:name Artisan command.

Controllers, middleware, and requests (a new type of class in Laravel 5.0) are now grouped under the app/Http directory, as they are all classes related to the HTTP transport layer of your application. Instead of a single, flat file of route filters, all middleware are now broken into their own class files.

A new app/Providers directory replaces the app/start files from previous versions of Laravel 4.x. These service providers provide various bootstrapping functions to your application, such as error handling, logging, route loading, and more. Of course, you are free to create additional service providers for your application.

Application language files and views have been moved to the resources directory.

Contracts

All major Laravel components implement interfaces which are located in the illuminate/contracts repository. This repository has no external dependencies. Having a convenient, centrally located set of interfaces you may use for decoupling and dependency injection will serve as an easy alternative option to Laravel Facades.

For more information on contracts, consult the **full documentation**.

Route Cache

If your application is made up entirely of controller routes, you may utilize the new route: cache Artisan command to drastically speed up the registration of your routes. This is primarily useful on applications with 100+ routes and will **drastically** speed up this portion of your application.

Route Middleware

In addition to Laravel 4 style route "filters", Laravel 5 now supports HTTP middleware, and the included authentication and CSRF "filters" have been converted to middleware. Middleware provides a single, consistent interface to replace all types of filters, allowing you to easily inspect, and even reject, requests before they enter your application.

For more information on middleware, check out the documentation.

Controller Method Injection

In addition to the existing constructor injection, you may now type-hint dependencies on controller methods. The <u>service container</u> will automatically inject the dependencies, even if the route contains other parameters:

Authentication Scaffolding

User registration, authentication, and password reset controllers are now included out of the box, as well as simple corresponding views, which are located at resources/views/auth. In addition, a "users" table migration has been included with the framework. Including these simple resources allows rapid development of application ideas without bogging down on authentication boilerplate. The authentication views may be accessed on the auth/login and auth/register routes. The App\Services\Auth\Registrar service is responsible for user validation and creation.

Event Objects

You may now define events as objects instead of simply using strings. For example, check out the following event:

```
<?php

class PodcastWasPurchased
{
    public $podcast;</pre>
```

The event may be dispatched like normal:

Event::fire(new PodcastWasPurchased(\$podcast));

Of course, your event handler will receive the event object instead of a list of data:

For more information on working with events, check out the <u>full documentation</u>.

Commands / Queueing

In addition to the queue job format supported in Laravel 4, Laravel 5 allows you to represent your queued jobs as simple command objects. These commands live in the app/commands directory. Here's a sample command:

```
class PurchasePodcast extends Command implements SelfHandling, ShouldBeQueued
    use SerializesModels;
    protected $user, $podcast;
     * Create a new command instance.
       @return void
    public function __construct(User $user, Podcast $podcast)
        $this->user = $user;
        $this->podcast = $podcast;
    }
     * Execute the command.
       @return void
    public function handle()
        // Handle the logic to purchase the podcast...
        event(new PodcastWasPurchased($this->user, $this->podcast));
    }
}
```

The base Laravel controller utilizes the new DispatchesCommands trait, allowing you to easily dispatch your commands for execution:

```
$this->dispatch(new PurchasePodcastCommand($user, $podcast));
```

Of course, you may also use commands for tasks that are executed synchronously (are not queued). In fact, using commands is a great way to encapsulate complex tasks your application needs to perform. For more information, check out the command bus documentation.

Database Queue

A database queue driver is now included in Laravel, providing a simple, local queue driver that requires no extra package installation beyond your database software.

Laravel Scheduler

In the past, developers have generated a Cron entry for each console command they wished to schedule. However, this is a headache. Your console schedule is no longer in source control, and you must SSH into your server to add the Cron entries. Let's

make our lives easier. The Laravel command scheduler allows you to fluently and expressively define your command schedule within Laravel itself, and only a single Cron entry is needed on your server.

It looks like this:

```
$schedule->command('artisan:command')->dailyAt('15:00');
```

Of course, check out the **full documentation** to learn all about the scheduler!

Tinker / Psysh

The php artisan tinker command now utilizes <u>Psysh</u> by Justin Hileman, a more robust REPL for PHP. If you liked Boris in Laravel 4, you're going to love Psysh. Even better, it works on Windows! To get started, just try:

php artisan tinker

DotEnv

Instead of a variety of confusing, nested environment configuration directories, Laravel 5 now utilizes <u>DotEnv</u> by Vance Lucas. This library provides a super simple way to manage your environment configuration, and makes environment detection in Laravel 5 a breeze. For more details, check out the full <u>configuration documentation</u>.

Laravel Elixir

Laravel Elixir, by Jeffrey Way, provides a fluent, expressive interface to compiling and concatenating your assets. If you've ever been intimidated by learning Grunt or Gulp, fear no more. Elixir makes it a cinch to get started using Gulp to compile your Less, Sass, and CoffeeScript. It can even run your tests for you!

For more information on Elixir, check out the full documentation.

Laravel Socialite

Laravel Socialite is an optional, Laravel 5.0+ compatible package that provides totally painless authentication with OAuth providers. Currently, Socialite supports Facebook, Twitter, Google, and GitHub. Here's what it looks like:

```
public function redirectForAuth()
{
    return Socialize::with('twitter')->redirect();
}
public function getUserFromProvider()
{
    $user = Socialize::with('twitter')->user();
}
```

No more spending hours writing OAuth authentication flows. Get started in minutes! The full documentation has all the details.

Flysystem Integration

Laravel now includes the powerful <u>Flysystem</u> filesystem abstraction library, providing pain free integration with local, Amazon S3, and Rackspace cloud storage - all with one, unified and elegant API! Storing a file in Amazon S3 is now as simple as:

```
Storage::put('file.txt', 'contents');
```

For more information on the Laravel Flysystem integration, consult the **full documentation**.

Form Requests

Laravel 5.0 introduces **form requests**, which extend the <code>illuminate\Foundation\Http\FormRequest</code> class. These request objects can be combined with controller method injection to provide a boiler-plate free method of validating user input. Let's dig in and look at a sample <code>FormRequest</code>:

```
public function authorize()
{
    return true;
}
```

Once the class has been defined, we can type-hint it on our controller action:

```
public function register(RegisterRequest $request)
{
    var_dump($request->input());
}
```

When the Laravel service container identifies that the class it is injecting is a FormRequest instance, the request will **automatically be validated**. This means that if your controller action is called, you can safely assume the HTTP request input has been validated according to the rules you specified in your form request class. Even more, if the request is invalid, an HTTP redirect, which you may customize, will automatically be issued, and the error messages will be either flashed to the session or converted to JSON. **Form validation has never been more simple.** For more information on FormRequest validation, check out the <u>documentation</u>.

Simple Controller Request Validation

The Laravel 5 base controller now includes a validatesRequests trait. This trait provides a simple validate method to validate incoming requests. If FormRequests are a little too much for your application, check this out:

```
public function createPost(Request $request)
{
    $this->validate($request, [
        'title' => 'required|max:255',
        'body' => 'required',
    ]);
}
```

If the validation fails, an exception will be thrown and the proper HTTP response will automatically be sent back to the browser. The validation errors will even be flashed to the session! If the request was an AJAX request, Laravel even takes care of sending a JSON representation of the validation errors back to you.

For more information on this new method, check out the documentation.

New Generators

To complement the new default application structure, new Artisan generator commands have been added to the framework. See php artisan list for more details.

Configuration Cache

You may now cache all of your configuration in a single file using the config:cache command.

Symfony VarDumper

The popular dd helper function, which dumps variable debug information, has been upgraded to use the amazing Symfony VarDumper. This provides color-coded output and even collapsing of arrays. Just try the following in your project:

```
dd([1, 2, 3]);
```

Laravel 4.2

The full change list for this release by running the php artisan changes command from a 4.2 installation, or by viewing the change file on Github. These notes only cover the major enhancements and changes for the release.

Note: During the 4.2 release cycle, many small bug fixes and enhancements were incorporated into the various Laravel 4.1 point releases. So, be sure to check the change list for Laravel 4.1 as well!

PHP 5.4 Requirement

Laravel 4.2 requires PHP 5.4 or greater. This upgraded PHP requirement allows us to use new PHP features such as traits to provide more expressive interfaces for tools like <u>Laravel Cashier</u>. PHP 5.4 also brings significant speed and performance improvements over PHP 5.3.

Laravel Forge

Laravel Forge, a new web based application, provides a simple way to create and manage PHP servers on the cloud of your choice, including Linode, DigitalOcean, Rackspace, and Amazon EC2. Supporting automated Nginx configuration, SSH key

access, Cron job automation, server monitoring via NewRelic & Papertrail, "Push To Deploy", Laravel queue worker configuration, and more, Forge provides the simplest and most affordable way to launch all of your Laravel applications.

The default Laravel 4.2 installation's app/config/database.php configuration file is now configured for Forge usage by default, allowing for more convenient deployment of fresh applications onto the platform.

More information about Laravel Forge can be found on the official Forge website.

Laravel Homestead

Laravel Homestead is an official Vagrant environment for developing robust Laravel and PHP applications. The vast majority of the boxes' provisioning needs are handled before the box is packaged for distribution, allowing the box to boot extremely quickly. Homestead includes Nginx 1.6, PHP 5.6, MySQL, Postgres, Redis, Memcached, Beanstalk, Node, Gulp, Grunt, & Bower. Homestead includes a simple Homestead.yam1 configuration file for managing multiple Laravel applications on a single box.

The default Laravel 4.2 installation now includes an app/config/local/database.php configuration file that is configured to use the Homestead database out of the box, making Laravel initial installation and configuration more convenient.

The official documentation has also been updated to include **Homestead documentation**.

Laravel Cashier

Laravel Cashier is a simple, expressive library for managing subscription billing with Stripe. With the introduction of Laravel 4.2, we are including Cashier documentation along with the main Laravel documentation, though installation of the component itself is still optional. This release of Cashier brings numerous bug fixes, multi-currency support, and compatibility with the latest Stripe API.

Daemon Queue Workers

The Artisan queue:work command now supports a --daemon option to start a worker in "daemon mode", meaning the worker will continue to process jobs without ever re-booting the framework. This results in a significant reduction in CPU usage at the cost of a slightly more complex application deployment process.

More information about daemon queue workers can be found in the <u>queue documentation</u>.

Mail API Drivers

Laravel 4.2 introduces new Mailgun and Mandrill API drivers for the Mail functions. For many applications, this provides a faster and more reliable method of sending e-mails than the SMTP options. The new drivers utilize the Guzzle 4 HTTP library.

Soft Deleting Traits

A much cleaner architecture for "soft deletes" and other "global scopes" has been introduced via PHP 5.4 traits. This new architecture allows for the easier construction of similar global traits, and a cleaner separation of concerns within the framework itself.

More information on the new SoftDeletingTrait may be found in the **Eloquent documentation**.

Convenient Auth & Remindable Traits

The default Laravel 4.2 installation now uses simple traits for including the needed properties for the authentication and password reminder user interfaces. This provides a much cleaner default user model file out of the box.

"Simple Paginate"

A new simplePaginate method was added to the query and Eloquent builder which allows for more efficient queries when using simple "Next" and "Previous" links in your pagination view.

Migration Confirmation

In production, destructive migration operations will now ask for confirmation. Commands may be forced to run without any prompts using the --force command.

Laravel 4.1

Full Change List

The full change list for this release by running the php artisan changes command from a 4.1 installation, or by viewing the change file on Github. These notes only cover the major enhancements and changes for the release.

New SSH Component

An entirely new SSH component has been introduced with this release. This feature allows you to easily SSH into remote servers and run commands. To learn more, consult the SSH component documentation.

The new php artisan tail command utilizes the new SSH component. For more information, consult the tail command documentation.

Boris In Tinker

The php artisan tinker command now utilizes the <u>Boris REPL</u> if your system supports it. The readline and pcntl PHP extensions must be installed to use this feature. If you do not have these extensions, the shell from 4.0 will be used.

Eloquent Improvements

A new hasManyThrough relationship has been added to Eloquent. To learn how to use it, consult the Eloquent documentation.

A new where Has method has also been introduced to allow retrieving models based on relationship constraints.

Database Read / Write Connections

Automatic handling of separate read / write connections is now available throughout the database layer, including the query builder and Eloquent. For more information, consult the documentation.

Queue Priority

Queue priorities are now supported by passing a comma-delimited list to the queue:listen command.

Failed Queue Job Handling

The queue facilities now include automatic handling of failed jobs when using the new --tries switch on queue:listen. More information on handling failed jobs can be found in the queue documentation.

Cache Tags

Cache "sections" have been superseded by "tags". Cache tags allow you to assign multiple "tags" to a cache item, and flush all items assigned to a single tag. More information on using cache tags may be found in the <u>cache documentation</u>.

Flexible Password Reminders

The password reminder engine has been changed to provide greater developer flexibility when validating passwords, flashing status messages to the session, etc. For more information on using the enhanced password reminder engine, consult the documentation.

Improved Routing Engine

Laravel 4.1 features a totally re-written routing layer. The API is the same; however, registering routes is a full 100% faster compared to 4.0. The entire engine has been greatly simplified, and the dependency on Symfony Routing has been minimized to the compiling of route expressions.

Improved Session Engine

With this release, we're also introducing an entirely new session engine. Similar to the routing improvements, the new session layer is leaner and faster. We are no longer using Symfony's (and therefore PHP's) session handling facilities, and are using a custom solution that is simpler and easier to maintain.

Doctrine DBAL

If you are using the renameColumn function in your migrations, you will need to add the doctrine/dbal dependency to your composer.json file. This package is no longer included in Laravel by default.

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Upgrade Guide

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Estimated Upgrade Time: Less Than 1 Hour

Note: We attempt to provide a very comprehensive listing of every possible breaking change made to the framework. However, many of these changes may not apply to your own application.

Updating Dependencies

Update your composer.json file to point to laravel/framework 5.2.*.

Add "symfony/dom-crawler": " \sim 3.0" and "symfony/css-selector": " \sim 3.0" to the require-dev section of your composer.json file.

Authentication

Configuration File

You should update your config/auth.php configuration file with the following: https://github.com/laravel/laravel/blob/638b261a68913bae9a64f6d540612b862fa3c4dd/config/auth.php

Once you have updated the file with a fresh copy, set your authentication configuration options to their desired value based on your old configuration file. If you were using the typical, Eloquent based authentication services available in Laravel 5.1, most values should remain the same.

Take special note of the passwords.users.email configuration option in the new auth.php configuration file and verify that the view path matches the actual view path for your application, as the default path to this view was changed in Laravel 5.2. If the default value in the new configuration file does not match your existing view, update the configuration option.

Contracts

If you are implementing the Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\Authenticatable contract but are **not** using the Authenticatable trait, you should add a new getAuthIdentifierName method to your contract implementation. Typically, this method will return the column name of the "primary key" of your authenticatable entity. For example: id.

This is unlikely to affect your application unless you were manually implementing this interface.

Custom Drivers

If you are using the Auth::extend method to define a custom method of retrieving users, you should now use Auth::provider to define your custom user provider. Once you have defined the custom provider, you may configure it in the providers array of your new auth.php configuration file.

For more information on custom authentication providers, consult the <u>full authentication documentation</u>.

Redirection

The loginPath() method has been removed from Illuminate\Foundation\Auth\AuthenticatesUsers, so placing a \$loginPath variable in your AuthController is no longer required. By default, the trait will always redirect users back to their previous location on authentication errors.

Authorization

The Illuminate\Auth\Access\UnauthorizedException has been renamed to Illuminate\Auth\Access\AuthorizationException. This is unlikely to affect your application if you are not manually catching this exception.

Collections

Eloquent Base Collections

The Eloquent collection instance now returns a base Collection (Illuminate\Support\Collection) for the following methods: pluck, keys, zip, collapse, flatten, flip.

Key Preservation

The slice, chunk, and reverse methods now preserve keys on the collection. If you do not want these methods to preserve keys, use the values method on the Collection instance.

Composer Class

The Illuminate\Foundation\Composer class has been moved to Illuminate\Support\Composer. This is unlikely to affect your application if you were not manually using this class.

Commands And Handlers

Self-Handling Commands

You no longer need to implement the SelfHandling contract on your jobs / commands. All jobs are now self-handling by default, so you can remove this interface from your classes.

Separate Commands & Handlers

The Laravel 5.2 command bus now only supports self-handling commands and no longer supports separate commands and handlers.

If you would like to continue using separate commands and handlers, you may install a Laravel Collective package which provides backwards-compatible support for this: https://github.com/LaravelCollective/bus

Configuration

Environment Value

Add an env configuration option to your app.php configuration file that looks like the following:

```
'env' => env('APP_ENV', 'production'),
```

Caching And Env

If you are using the config:cache command during deployment, you **must** make sure that you are only calling the env function from within your configuration files, and not from anywhere else in your application.

If you are calling env from within your application, it is strongly recommended you add proper configuration values to your configuration files and call env from that location instead, allowing you to convert your env calls to config calls.

Compiled Classes

If present, remove the following lines from config/compile.php in the files array:

```
realpath(__DIR__.'/../app/Providers/BusServiceProvider.php'),
realpath(__DIR__.'/.../app/Providers/ConfigServiceProvider.php'),
```

Not doing so can trigger an error when running php artisan optimize if the service providers listed here do not exist.

CSRF Verification

CSRF verification is no longer automatically performed when running unit tests. This is unlikely to affect your application.

Database

MySQL Dates

Starting with MySQL 5.7, 0000-00-00 00:00:00 is no longer considered a valid date, since strict mode is enabled by default. All timestamp columns should receive a valid default value when you insert records into your database. You may use the usecurrent method in your migrations to default the timestamp columns to the current timestamps, or you may make the timestamps nullable to allow null values:

```
$table->timestamp('foo')->nullable();
$table->timestamp('foo')->useCurrent();
$table->nullableTimestamps();
```

MySQL JSON Column Type

The json column type now creates actual JSON columns when used by the MySQL driver. If you are not running MySQL 5.7 or above, this column type will not be available to you. Instead, use the text column type in your migration.

Seeding

When running database seeds, all Eloquent models are now unguarded by default. Previously a call to Model::unguard() was required. You can call Model::reguard() at the top of your DatabaseSeeder class if you would like models to be guarded during seeding.

Eloquent

Date Casts

Any attributes that have been added to your \$casts property as date or datetime will now be converted to a string when toArray is called on the model or collection of models. This makes the date casting conversion consistent with dates specified in your \$dates array.

Global Scopes

The global scopes implementation has been re-written to be much easier to use. Your global scopes no longer need a remove method, so it may be removed from any global scopes you have written.

If you were calling getQuery on an Eloquent query builder to access the underlying query builder instance, you should now call toBase.

If you were calling the remove method directly for any reason, you should change this call to \$eloquentBuilder->withoutGlobalScope(\$scope).

New methods withoutGlobalScope and withoutGlobalScopes have been added to the Eloquent query builder. Any calls to \$model>removeGlobalScopes(\$builder) may be changed to simply \$builder->withoutGlobalScopes().

Primary keys

By default, Eloquent assumes your primary keys are integers and will automatically cast them to integers. For any primary key that is not an integer you should override the <code>\$incrementing</code> property on your Eloquent model to false:

```
/**
 * Indicates if the IDs are auto-incrementing.
 *
 * @var bool
 */
public $incrementing = true;
```

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Events

Core Event Objects

Some of the core events fired by Laravel now use event objects instead of string event names and dynamic parameters. Below is a list of the old event names and their new object based counterparts:

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artisan.start	${\tt Illuminate \ Console \ Events \ Artisan Starting}$
auth.attempting	Illuminate\Auth\Events\Attempting
auth.login	Illuminate\Auth\Events\Login
auth.logout	Illuminate\Auth\Events\Logout
cache.missed	Illuminate\Cache\Events\CacheMissed

```
cache.hit
                                  Illuminate\Cache\Events\CacheHit
cache.write
                                  Illuminate\Cache\Events\KevWritten
cache.delete
                                  Illuminate\Cache\Events\KevForgotten
connection.{name}.beginTransaction Illuminate\Database\Events\TransactionBeginning
connection.{name}.committed
                                  Illuminate\Database\Events\TransactionCommitted
connection.{name}.rollingBack
                                  Illuminate\Database\Events\TransactionRolledBack
illuminate.query
                                  Illuminate\Database\Events\QueryExecuted
                                 Illuminate\Queue\Events\JobProcessing
illuminate.gueue.before
                                 Illuminate\Queue\Events\JobProcessed
illuminate.gueue.after
illuminate.gueue.failed
                                  Illuminate\Oueue\Events\JobFailed
illuminate.gueue.stopping
                                  Illuminate\Oueue\Events\WorkerStopping
mailer.sending
                                  Illuminate\Mail\Events\MessageSending
router.matched
                                  Illuminate\Routing\Events\RouteMatched
```

Each of these event objects contains **exactly** the same parameters that were passed to the event handler in Laravel 5.1. For example, if you were using DB::listen in 5.1., you may update your code like so for 5.2.:

```
DB::listen(function ($event) {
    dump($event->sql);
    dump($event->bindings);
});
```

You may check out each of the new event object classes to see their public properties.

Exception Handling

Your App\Exceptions\Handler class' \$dontReport property should be updated to include at least the following exception types:

```
use Illuminate\Validation\ValidationException;
use Illuminate\Auth\Access\AuthorizationException;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\ModelNotFoundException;
use Symfony\Component\HttpKernel\Exception\HttpException;

/**
    * A list of the exception types that should not be reported.
    *
    * @var array
    */
protected $dontReport = [
    AuthorizationException::class,
    HttpException::class,
    ModelNotFoundException::class,
    ValidationException::class,
}
```

Helper Functions

The url() helper function now returns a Illuminate\Routing\UrlGenerator instance when no path is provided.

Implicit Model Binding

Laravel 5.2 includes "implicit model binding", a convenient new feature to automatically inject model instances into routes and controllers based on the identifier present in the URI. However, this does change the behavior of routes and controllers that type-hint model instances.

If you were type-hinting a model instance in your route or controller and were expecting an **empty** model instance to be injected, you should remove this type-hint and create an empty model instance directly within your route or controller; otherwise, Laravel will attempt to retrieve an existing model instance from the database based on the identifier present in the route's URI.

IronMQ

The IronMQ queue driver has been moved into its own package and is no longer shipped with the core framework.

http://github.com/LaravelCollective/iron-queue

Jobs / Queue

The php artisan make:job command now creates a "queued" job class definition by default. If you would like to create a "sync" job, use the --sync option when issuing the command.

Mail

The pretend mail configuration option has been removed. Instead, use the log mail driver, which performs the same function as

pretend and logs even more information about the mail message.

Pagination

To be consistent with other URLs generated by the framework, the paginator URLs no longer contain a trailing slash. This is unlikely to affect your application.

Service Providers

The Illuminate\Foundation\Providers\ArtisanServiceProvider should be removed from your service provider list in your app.php configuration file.

The Illuminate\Routing\ControllerServiceProvider should be removed from your service provider list in your app.php configuration file.

Sessions

Because of changes to the authentication system, any existing sessions will be invalidated when you upgrade to Laravel 5.2.

Database Session Driver

A new database session driver has been written for the framework which includes more information about the user such as their user ID, IP address, and user-agent. If you would like to continue using the old driver you may specify the legacy-database driver in your session.php configuration file.

If you would like to use the new driver, you should add the user_id (nullable integer), ip_address (nullable string), and user_agent (text) columns to your session database table.

Stringy

The "Stringy" library is no longer included with the framework. You may install it manually via Composer if you wish to use it in your application.

Validation

Exception Types

The ValidatesRequests trait now throws an instance of Illuminate\Foundation\Validation\ValidationException instead of throwing an instance of Illuminate\Http\Exception\HttpResponseException. This is unlikely to affect your application unless you were manually catching this exception.

Deprecations

The following features are deprecated in 5.2 and will be removed in the 5.3 release in June 2016:

- Illuminate\Contracts\Bus\SelfHandling contract. Can be removed from jobs.
- The lists method on the Collection, query builder and Eloquent query builder objects has been renamed to pluck. The
 method signature remains the same.
- Implicit controller routes using Route::controller have been deprecated. Please use explicit route registration in your routes file. This will likely be extracted into a package.
- The get, post, and other route helper functions have been removed. You may use the Route facade instead.
- The database session driver from 5.1 has been renamed to legacy-database and will be removed. Consult notes on the "database session driver" above for more information.
- The Str::randomBytes function has been deprecated in favor of the random_bytes native PHP function.
- The Str::equals function has been deprecated in favor of the hash_equals native PHP function.
- $\bullet \quad \hbox{\tt Illuminate\View\Expression has been deprecated in favor of \tt Illuminate\Support\HtmlString.}$
- The WincacheStore cache driver has been removed.

Upgrading To 5.1.11

Laravel 5.1.11 includes support for <u>authorization</u> and <u>policies</u>. Incorporating these new features into your existing Laravel 5.1 applications is simple.

Note: These upgrades are **optional**, and ignoring them will not affect your application.

Create The Policies Directory

First, create an empty app/Policies directory within your application.

Create / Register The AuthServiceProvider & Gate Facade

Create a AuthServiceProvider within your app/Providers directory. You may copy the contents of the default provider from GitHub. Remember to change the provider's namespace if your application is using a custom namespace. After creating the provider, be sure to register it in your app.php configuration file's providers array.

Also, you should register the Gate facade in your app.php configuration file's aliases array:

```
'Gate' => Illuminate\Support\Facades\Gate::class,
```

Update The User Model

Secondly, use the Illuminate\Foundation\Auth\Access\Authorizable trait and Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\Access\Authorizable contract on your App\User model:

Update The Base Controller

Next, update your base $App\Http\Controllers\Controller$ to use the Illuminate\Foundation\Auth\Access\AuthorizesRequests trait:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use Illuminate\Foundation\Bus\DispatchesJobs;
use Illuminate\Routing\Controller as BaseController;
use Illuminate\Foundation\Validation\ValidatesRequests;
use Illuminate\Foundation\Auth\Access\AuthorizesRequests;
abstract class Controller extends BaseController
{
    use AuthorizesRequests, DispatchesJobs, ValidatesRequests;
}</pre>
```

Upgrading To 5.1.0

Estimated Upgrade Time: Less Than 1 Hour

Update bootstrap/autoload.php

Update the \$compiledPath variable in bootstrap/autoload.php to the following:

```
$compiledPath = __DIR__.'/cache/compiled.php';
```

Create bootstrap/cache Directory

Within your bootstrap directory, create a cache directory (bootstrap/cache). Place a .gitignore file in this directory with the following contents:

```
*
!.gitignore
```

This directory should be writable, and will be used by the framework to store temporary optimization files like compiled.php, routes.php, config.php, and services.json.

Add BroadcastServiceProvider Provider

Within your config/app.php configuration file, add Illuminate\Broadcasting\BroadcastServiceProvider to the providers array.

Authentication

If you are using the provided Authcontroller which uses the AuthenticatesAndRegistersUsers trait, you will need to make a few changes to how new users are validated and created.

First, you no longer need to pass the Guard and Registrar instances to the base constructor. You can remove these dependencies entirely from your controller's constructor.

Secondly, the App\Services\Registrar class used in Laravel 5.0 is no longer needed. You can simply copy and paste your validator and create method from this class directly into your AuthController. No other changes should need to be made to these methods; however, you should be sure to import the Validator facade and your User model at the top of your AuthController.

Password Controller

The included PasswordController no longer requires any dependencies in its constructor. You may remove both of the dependencies that were required under 5.0.

Validation

If you are overriding the formatValidationErrors method on your base controller class, you should now type-hint the Illuminate\Contracts\Validation\Validator contract instead of the concrete Illuminate\Validation\Validator instance.

Likewise, if you are overriding the formatErrors method on the base form request class, you should now type-hint Illuminate\Contracts\Validation\Validator contract instead of the concrete Illuminate\Validation\Validator instance.

Migrations

If you have any migrations that rename a column or any migrations that drop columns from a SQLite database, you will need to add the doctrine/dbal dependency to your composer.json file and run the composer update command in your terminal to install the library.

Eloquent

The create Method

Eloquent's create method can now be called without any parameters. If you are overriding the create method in your own models, set the default value of the \$attributes parameter to an array:

```
public static function create(array $attributes = [])
{
    // Your custom implementation
}
```

The find Method

If you are overriding the find method in your own models and calling parent::find() within your custom method, you should now change it to call the find method on the Eloquent query builder:

```
public static function find($id, $columns = ['*'])
{
     $model = static::query()->find($id, $columns);
     // ...
    return $model;
}
```

The lists Method

The lists method now returns a collection instance instead of a plain array for Eloquent queries. If you would like to convert the collection into a plain array, use the all method:

```
User::lists('id')->all();
```

Be aware that the Query Builder lists method still returns an array.

Date Formatting

Previously, the storage format for Eloquent date fields could be modified by overriding the getDateFormat method on your model.

This is still possible; however, for convenience you may simply specify a \$dateFormat property on the model instead of overriding the method.

The date format is also now applied when serializing a model to an array or JSON. This may change the format of your JSON serialized date fields when migrating from Laravel 5.0 to 5.1. To set a specific date format for serialized models, you may override the serializeDate(DateTime \$date) method on your model. This method allows you to have granular control over the formatting of serialized Eloquent date fields without changing their storage format.

The Collection Class

The sort Method

The sort method now returns a fresh collection instance instead of modifying the existing collection:

```
$collection = $collection->sort($callback);
```

The sortBy Method

The sortBy method now returns a fresh collection instance instead of modifying the existing collection:

```
$collection = $collection->sortBy('name');
```

The groupBy Method

The groupBy method now returns Collection instances for each item in the parent Collection. If you would like to convert all of the items back to plain arrays, you may map over them:

```
$collection->groupBy('type')->map(function($item)
{
    return $item->all();
});
```

The lists Method

The lists method now returns a collection instance instead of a plain array. If you would like to convert the collection into a plain array, use the all method:

```
$collection->lists('id')->all();
```

Commands & Handlers

The app/commands directory has been renamed to app/Jobs. However, you are not required to move all of your commands to the new location, and you may continue using the make:command and handler:command Artisan commands to generate your classes.

Likewise, the app/Handlers directory has been renamed to app/Listeners and now only contains event listeners. However, you are not required to move or rename your existing command and event handlers, and you may continue to use the handler:event command to generate event handlers.

By providing backwards compatibility for the Laravel 5.0 folder structure, you may upgrade your applications to Laravel 5.1 and slowly upgrade your events and commands to their new locations when it is convenient for you or your team.

Blade

The createMatcher, createOpenMatcher, and createPlainMatcher methods have been removed from the Blade compiler. Use the new directive method to create custom directives for Blade in Laravel 5.1. Consult the extending-blade documentation for more information.

Tests

Add the protected \$baseUrl property to the tests/TestCase.php file:

```
protected $baseUrl = 'http://localhost';
```

Translation Files

The default directory for published language files for vendor packages has been moved. Move any vendor package language files from resources/lang/packages/{locale}/{namespace} to resources/lang/vendor/{namespace}/{locale} directory. For example, Acme/Anvil package's acme/anvil::foo namespaced English language file would be moved from resources/lang/packages/en/acme/anvil/foo.php to resources/lang/vendor/acme/anvil/en/foo.php.

Amazon Web Services SDK

If you are using the AWS SQS queue driver or the AWS SES e-mail driver, you should update your installed AWS PHP SDK to version 3.0.

If you are using the Amazon S3 filesystem driver, you will need to update the corresponding Flysystem package via Composer:

• Amazon S3: league/flysystem-aws-s3-v3 ~1.0

Deprecations

The following Laravel features have been deprecated and will be removed entirely with the release of Laravel 5.2 in December 2015:

- Route filters have been deprecated in preference of <u>middleware</u>.
- The Illuminate\Contracts\Routing\Middleware contract has been deprecated. No contract is required on your middleware. In addition, the TerminableMiddleware contract has also been deprecated. Instead of implementing the interface, simply define a terminate method on your middleware.
- The Illuminate\Contracts\Queue\ShouldBeQueued contract has been deprecated in favor of Illuminate\Contracts\Queue\ShouldQueue.
- Iron.io "push queues" have been deprecated in favor of typical Iron.io queues and queue listeners.
- The Illuminate\Foundation\Bus\DispatchesCommands trait has been deprecated and renamed to Illuminate\Foundation\Bus\DispatchesJobs.
- Illuminate\Container\BindingResolutionException has been moved to Illuminate\Contracts\Container\BindingResolutionException.
- The service container's bindShared method has been deprecated in favor of the singleton method.
- The Eloquent and query builder pluck method has been deprecated and renamed to value.
- The collection fetch method has been deprecated in favor of the pluck method.
- The array_fetch helper has been deprecated in favor of the array_pluck method.

Upgrading To 5.0.16

In your bootstrap/autoload.php file, update the \$compiledPath variable to:

```
$compiledPath = __DIR__.'/../vendor/compiled.php';
```

Service Providers

The App\Providers\BusServiceProvider may be removed from your service provider list in your app.php configuration file.

The App\Providers\ConfigServiceProvider may be removed from your service provider list in your app.php configuration file.

Upgrading To 5.0 From 4.2

Fresh Install, Then Migrate

The recommended method of upgrading is to create a new Laravel 5.0 install and then to copy your 4.2 site's unique application files into the new application. This would include controllers, routes, Eloquent models, Artisan commands, assets, and other code specific files to your application.

To start, <u>install a new Laravel 5.0 application</u> into a fresh directory in your local environment. Do not install any versions newer than 5.0 yet, since we need to complete the migration steps for 5.0 first. We'll discuss each piece of the migration process in further detail below.

Composer Dependencies & Packages

Don't forget to copy any additional Composer dependencies into your 5.0 application. This includes third-party code such as SDKs.

Some Laravel-specific packages may not be compatible with Laravel 5 on initial release. Check with your package's maintainer to determine the proper version of the package for Laravel 5. Once you have added any additional Composer dependencies your application needs, run composer update.

Namespacing

By default, Laravel 4 applications did not utilize namespacing within your application code. So, for example, all Eloquent models and controllers simply lived in the "global" namespace. For a quicker migration, you can simply leave these classes in the global namespace in Laravel 5 as well.

Configuration

Migrating Environment Variables

Copy the new .env.example file to .env, which is the 5.0 equivalent of the old .env.php file. Set any appropriate values there, like your APP_ENV and APP_KEY (your encryption key), your database credentials, and your cache and session drivers.

Additionally, copy any custom values you had in your old .env.php file and place them in both .env (the real value for your local environment) and .env.example (a sample instructional value for other team members).

For more information on environment configuration, view the <u>full documentation</u>.

Note: You will need to place the appropriate .env file and values on your production server before deploying your Laravel 5 application.

Configuration Files

Laravel 5.0 no longer uses app/config/{environmentName}/ directories to provide specific configuration files for a given environment. Instead, move any configuration values that vary by environment into .env, and then access them in your configuration files using env('key', 'default value'). You will see examples of this in the config/database.php configuration file.

Set the config files in the config/ directory to represent either the values that are consistent across all of your environments, or set them to use env() to load values that vary by environment.

Remember, if you add more keys to .env file, add sample values to the .env.example file as well. This will help your other team members create their own .env files.

Routes

Copy and paste your old routes.php file into your new app/Http/routes.php.

Controllers

Next, move all of your controllers into the app/Http/Controllers directory. Since we are not going to migrate to full namespacing in this guide, add the app/Http/Controllers directory to the classmap directive of your composer.json file. Next, you can remove the namespace from the abstract app/Http/Controllers/Controller.php base class. Verify that your migrated controllers are extending this base class.

In your app/Providers/RouteServiceProvider.php file, set the namespace property to null.

Route Filters

Copy your filter bindings from app/filters.php and place them into the boot() method of app/Providers/RouteServiceProvider.php. Add use Illuminate\Support\Facades\Route; in the app/Providers/RouteServiceProvider.php in order to continue using the Route Facade.

You do not need to move over any of the default Laravel 4.0 filters such as auth and csrf; they're all here, but as middleware. Edit any routes or controllers that reference the old default filters (e.g. ['before' => 'auth']) and change them to reference the new middleware (e.g. ['middleware' => 'auth'].)

Filters are not removed in Laravel 5. You can still bind and use your own custom filters using before and after.

Global CSRF

By default, <u>CSRF protection</u> is enabled on all routes. If you'd like to disable this, or only manually enable it on certain routes, remove this line from App\http\Kernel's middleware array:

 $\verb|'App\Http\Middleware\VerifyCsrfToken'|,$

If you want to use it elsewhere, add this line to \$routeMiddleware:

'csrf' => 'App\Http\Middleware\VerifyCsrfToken',

Now you can add the middleware to individual routes / controllers using ['middleware' => 'csrf'] on the route. For more information on middleware, consult the <u>full documentation</u>.

Eloquent Models

Feel free to create a new app/Models directory to house your Eloquent models. Again, add this directory to the classmap directive

of your composer.json file.

Update any models using SoftDeletingTrait to use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\SoftDeletes.

Eloquent Caching

Eloquent no longer provides the remember method for caching queries. You now are responsible for caching your queries manually using the cache::remember function. For more information on caching, consult the <u>full documentation</u>.

User Authentication Model

To upgrade your user model for Laravel 5's authentication system, follow these instructions:

Delete the following from your use block:

```
use Illuminate\Auth\UserInterface;
use Illuminate\Auth\Reminders\RemindableInterface;
```

Add the following to your use block:

```
use Illuminate\Auth\Authenticatable;
use Illuminate\Auth\Passwords\CanResetPassword;
use Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\Authenticatable as AuthenticatableContract;
use Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\CanResetPassword as CanResetPasswordContract;
```

Remove the UserInterface and RemindableInterface interfaces.

Mark the class as implementing the following interfaces:

implements AuthenticatableContract, CanResetPasswordContract

Include the following traits within the class declaration:

use Authenticatable, CanResetPassword;

If you used them, remove Illuminate\Auth\Reminders\RemindableTrait and Illuminate\Auth\UserTrait from your use block and your class declaration.

Cashier User Changes

The name of the trait and interface used by <u>Laravel Cashier</u> has changed. Instead of using BillableTrait, use the Laravel\Cashier\Billable trait. And, instead of Laravel\Cashier\BillableInterface implement the Laravel\Cashier\Contracts\Billable interface instead. No other method changes are required.

Artisan Commands

Move all of your command classes from your old app/commands directory to the new app/console/Commands directory. Next, add the app/console/Commands directory to the classmap directive of your composer.json file.

Then, copy your list of Artisan commands from start/artisan.php into the commands array of the app/Console/Kernel.php file.

Database Migrations & Seeds

Delete the two migrations included with Laravel 5.0, since you should already have the users table in your database.

Move all of your migration classes from the old app/database/migrations directory to the new database/migrations. All of your seeds should be moved from app/database/seeds to database/seeds.

Global IoC Bindings

If you have any <u>service container</u> bindings in start/global.php, move them all to the register method of the app/Providers/AppServiceProvider.php file. You may need to import the App facade.

Optionally, you may break these bindings up into separate service providers by category.

Views

Move your views from app/views to the new resources/views directory.

Blade Tag Changes

For better security by default, Laravel 5.0 escapes all output from both the {{ }} Blade directives. A new {!!!!!}

directive has been introduced to display raw, unescaped output. The most secure option when upgrading your application is to only use the new {!! !!} directive when you are **certain** that it is safe to display raw output.

However, if you **must** use the old Blade syntax, add the following lines at the bottom of AppServiceProvider@register:

```
\Blade::setRawTags('{{', '}}');
\Blade::setContentTags('{{{', '}}}');
\Blade::setEscapedContentTags('{{{', '}}}');
```

This should not be done lightly, and may make your application more vulnerable to XSS exploits. Also, comments with {{-- will no longer work.

Translation Files

Move your language files from app/lang to the new resources/lang directory.

Public Directory

Copy your application's public assets from your 4.2 application's public directory to your new application's public directory. Be sure to keep the 5.0 version of index.php.

Tests

Move your tests from app/tests to the new tests directory.

Misc. Files

Copy in any other files in your project. For example, .scrutinizer.yml, bower.json and other similar tooling configuration files.

You may move your Sass, Less, or CoffeeScript to any location you wish. The resources/assets directory could be a good default location.

Form & HTML Helpers

If you're using Form or HTML helpers, you will see an error stating class 'Form' not found or class 'Html' not found. The Form and HTML helpers have been deprecated in Laravel 5.0; however, there are community-driven replacements such as those maintained by the <u>Laravel Collective</u>.

For example, you may add "laravelcollective/html": " \sim 5.0" to your composer.json file's require section.

You'll also need to add the Form and HTML facades and service provider. Edit config/app.php and add this line to the 'providers' array:

```
\verb|'Collective\Html\HtmlServiceProvider'|,
```

Next, add these lines to the 'aliases' array:

```
'Form' => 'Collective\Html\FormFacade',
'Html' => 'Collective\Html\HtmlFacade',
```

CacheManager

If your application code was injecting Illuminate\Cache\CacheManager to get a non-Facade version of Laravel's cache, inject Illuminate\Contracts\Cache\Repository instead.

Pagination

Replace any calls to \$paginator->links() with \$paginator->render().

Replace any calls to \$paginator->getFrom() and \$paginator->getTo() with \$paginator->firstItem() and \$paginator->lastItem() respectively.

Remove the "get" prefix from calls to \$paginator->getPerPage(), \$paginator->getCurrentPage(), \$paginator->getLastPage() and \$paginator->getTotal() (e.g. \$paginator->perPage()).

Beanstalk Queuing

Laravel 5.0 now requires "pda/pheanstalk": "~3.0" instead of "pda/pheanstalk": "~2.1".

Remote

The Remote component has been deprecated.

Workbench

The Workbench component has been deprecated.

Upgrading To 4.2 From 4.1

PHP 5.4+

Laravel 4.2 requires PHP 5.4.0 or greater.

Encryption Defaults

Add a new cipher option in your app/config/app.php configuration file. The value of this option should be MCRYPT_RIJNDAEL_256.

```
'cipher' => MCRYPT_RIJNDAEL_256
```

This setting may be used to control the default cipher used by the Laravel encryption facilities.

Note: In Laravel 4.2, the default cipher is MCRYPT_RIJNDAEL_128 (AES), which is considered to be the most secure cipher. Changing the cipher back to MCRYPT_RIJNDAEL_256 is required to decrypt cookies/values that were encrypted in Laravel <= 4.1

Soft Deleting Models Now Use Traits

If you are using soft deleting models, the softDeletes property has been removed. You must now use the SoftDeletingTrait like so:

```
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\SoftDeletingTrait;
class User extends Eloquent
{
    use SoftDeletingTrait;
}

You must also manually add the deleted_at column to your dates property:
class User extends Eloquent
{
    use SoftDeletingTrait;
    protected $dates = ['deleted_at'];
}
```

The API for all soft delete operations remains the same.

Note: The SoftDeletingTrait can not be applied on a base model. It must be used on an actual model class.

View / Pagination Environment Renamed

If you are directly referencing the Illuminate\View\Environment class or Illuminate\Pagination\Environment class, update your code to reference Illuminate\View\Factory and Illuminate\Pagination\Factory instead. These two classes have been renamed to better reflect their function.

Additional Parameter On Pagination Presenter

If you are extending the Illuminate\Pagination\Presenter class, the abstract method getPageLinkWrapper signature has changed to add the rel argument:

```
abstract public function getPageLinkWrapper($url, $page, $rel = null);
```

Iron.Io Queue Encryption

If you are using the Iron.io queue driver, you will need to add a new encrypt option to your queue configuration file:

```
'encrypt' => true
```

Upgrading To 4.1.29 From <= 4.1.x

Laravel 4.1.29 improves the column quoting for all database drivers. This protects your application from some mass assignment vulnerabilities when **not** using the fillable property on models. If you are using the fillable property on your models to protect

against mass assignment, your application is not vulnerable. However, if you are using guarded and are passing a user controlled array into an "update" or "save" type function, you should upgrade to 4.1.29 immediately as your application may be at risk of mass assignment.

To upgrade to Laravel 4.1.29, simply composer update. No breaking changes are introduced in this release.

Upgrading To 4.1.26 From <= 4.1.25

Laravel 4.1.26 introduces security improvements for "remember me" cookies. Before this update, if a remember cookie was hijacked by another malicious user, the cookie would remain valid for a long period of time, even after the true owner of the account reset their password, logged out, etc.

This change requires the addition of a new remember_token column to your users (or equivalent) database table. After this change, a fresh token will be assigned to the user each time they login to your application. The token will also be refreshed when the user logs out of the application. The implications of this change are: if a "remember me" cookie is hijacked, simply logging out of the application will invalidate the cookie.

Upgrade Path

First, add a new, nullable remember_token of VARCHAR(100), TEXT, or equivalent to your users table.

Next, if you are using the Eloquent authentication driver, update your user class with the following three methods:

```
public function getRememberToken()
{
    return $this->remember_token;
}
public function setRememberToken($value)
{
    $this->remember_token = $value;
}
public function getRememberTokenName()
{
    return 'remember_token';
}
```

Note: All existing "remember me" sessions will be invalidated by this change, so all users will be forced to re-authenticate with your application.

Package Maintainers

Two new methods were added to the Illuminate\Auth\UserProviderInterface interface. Sample implementations may be found in the default drivers:

```
public function retrieveByToken($identifier, $token);
public function updateRememberToken(UserInterface $user, $token);
```

The Illuminate\Auth\UserInterface also received the three new methods described in the "Upgrade Path".

Upgrading To 4.1 From 4.0

Upgrading Your Composer Dependency

To upgrade your application to Laravel 4.1, change your laravel/framework version to 4.1.* in your composer.json file.

Replacing Files

Replace your public/index.php file with this fresh copy from the repository.

Replace your artisan file with this fresh copy from the repository.

Adding Configuration Files & Options

Update your aliases and providers arrays in your app/config/app.php configuration file. The updated values for these arrays can be found in this file. Be sure to add your custom and package service providers / aliases back to the arrays.

Add the new app/config/remote.php file from the repository.

Add the new expire_on_close configuration option to your app/config/session.php file. The default value should be false.

Add the new failed configuration section to your app/config/queue.php file. Here are the default values for the section:

```
'failed' => [
    'database' => 'mysql', 'table' => 'failed_jobs',
],
```

(Optional) Update the pagination configuration option in your app/config/view.php file to pagination::slider-3.

Controller Updates

If app/controllers/BaseController.php has a use statement at the top, change use Illuminate\Routing\Controllers\Controller; to use Illuminate\Routing\Controller;.

Password Reminders Updates

Password reminders have been overhauled for greater flexibility. You may examine the new stub controller by running the php artisan auth:reminders-controller Artisan command. You may also browse the <u>updated documentation</u> and update your application accordingly.

Update your app/lang/en/reminders.php language file to match this updated file.

Environment Detection Updates

For security reasons, URL domains may no longer be used to detect your application environment. These values are easily spoofable and allow attackers to modify the environment for a request. You should convert your environment detection to use machine host names (hostname command on Mac, Linux, and Windows).

Simpler Log Files

Laravel now generates a single log file: app/storage/logs/laravel.log. However, you may still configure this behavior in your app/start/global.php file.

Removing Redirect Trailing Slash

In your bootstrap/start.php file, remove the call to app--redirectIfTrailingSlash(). This method is no longer needed as this functionality is now handled by the .htaccess file included with the framework.

Next, replace your Apache .htaccess file with this new one that handles trailing slashes.

Current Route Access

The current route is now accessed via Route::current() instead of Route::getCurrentRoute().

Composer Update

Once you have completed the changes above, you can run the composer update function to update your core application files! If you receive class load errors, try running the update command with the --no-scripts option enabled like so: composer update --no-scripts.

Wildcard Event Listeners

The wildcard event listeners no longer append the event to your handler functions parameters. If you require finding the event that was fired you should use Event::firing().

Prologue

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Bug Reports

To encourage active collaboration, Laravel strongly encourages pull requests, not just bug reports. "Bug reports" may also be sent in the form of a pull request containing a failing test.

However, if you file a bug report, your issue should contain a title and a clear description of the issue. You should also include as much relevant information as possible and a code sample that demonstrates the issue. The goal of a bug report is to make it easy for yourself - and others - to replicate the bug and develop a fix.

Remember, bug reports are created in the hope that others with the same problem will be able to collaborate with you on solving it. Do not expect that the bug report will automatically see any activity or that others will jump to fix it. Creating a bug report serves to help yourself and others start on the path of fixing the problem.

The Laravel source code is managed on Github, and there are repositories for each of the Laravel projects:

- <u>Laravel Framework</u>
- Laravel Application
- Laravel Documentation
- Laravel Cashier
- Laravel Cashier for Braintree
- Laravel Envoy
- Laravel Homestead
- Laravel Homestead Build Scripts
- <u>Laravel Website</u>
- Laravel Art

Core Development Discussion

You may propose new features or improvements of existing Laravel behavior in the Laravel Internals <u>issue board</u>. If you propose a new feature, please be willing to implement at least some of the code that would be needed to complete the feature.

Informal discussion regarding bugs, new features, and implementation of existing features takes place in the #internals channel of the LaraChat Slack team. Taylor Otwell, the maintainer of Laravel, is typically present in the channel on weekdays from 8am-5pm (UTC-06:00 or America/Chicago), and sporadically present in the channel at other times.

Which Branch?

All bug fixes should be sent to the latest stable branch or to the current LTS branch (5.1). Bug fixes should **never** be sent to the master branch unless they fix features that exist only in the upcoming release.

Minor features that are fully backwards compatible with the current Laravel release may be sent to the latest stable branch.

Major new features should always be sent to the master branch, which contains the upcoming Laravel release.

If you are unsure if your feature qualifies as a major or minor, please ask Taylor Otwell in the #internals channel of the <u>LaraChat</u> Slack team.

Security Vulnerabilities

If you discover a security vulnerability within Laravel, please send an e-mail to Taylor Otwell at taylor@laravel.com. All security vulnerabilities will be promptly addressed.

Coding Style

Laravel follows the PSR-2 coding standard and the PSR-4 autoloading standard.

PHPDoc

Below is an example of a valid Laravel documentation block. Note that the <code>@param</code> attribute is followed by two spaces, the argument type, two more spaces, and finally the variable name:

```
/**
  * Register a binding with the container.
  * @param string|array $abstract
  * @param \Closure|string|null $concrete
  * @param bool $shared
  * @return void
  */
public function bind($abstract, $concrete = null, $shared = false)
{
    ///
}
```

StyleCI

If your code style isn't perfect, don't worry! <u>StyleCI</u> will automatically merge any style fixes into the Laravel repository after any pull requests are merged. This allows us to focus on the content of the contribution and not the code style.

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Installation

Server Requirements

The Laravel framework has a few system requirements. Of course, all of these requirements are satisfied by the <u>Laravel</u> Homestead virtual machine, so it's highly recommended that you use Homestead as your local Laravel development environment.

However, if you are not using Homestead, you will need to make sure your server meets the following requirements:

- PHP version between 5.5.9 7.1.*
- OpenSSL PHP Extension
- PDO PHP Extension
- Mbstring PHP Extension
- Tokenizer PHP Extension

Installing Laravel

Laravel utilizes <u>Composer</u> to manage its dependencies. So, before using Laravel, make sure you have Composer installed on your machine.

Via Laravel Installer

First, download the Laravel installer using Composer:

```
composer global require "laravel/installer"
```

Make sure to place the ~/.composer/vendor/bin directory (or the equivalent directory for your OS) in your PATH so the laravel executable can be located by your system.

Once installed, the laravel new command will create a fresh Laravel installation in the directory you specify. For instance, laravel new blog will create a directory named blog containing a fresh Laravel installation with all of Laravel's dependencies already installed. This method of installation is much faster than installing via Composer:

laravel new blog

Via Composer Create-Project

Alternatively, you may also install Laravel by issuing the Composer create-project command in your terminal:

```
composer create-project --prefer-dist laravel/laravel blog "5.2.*"
```

Configuration

After installation, you should configure your application's document / web root to the public directory.

All of the configuration files for the Laravel framework are stored in the config directory. Each option is documented, so feel free to look through the files and get familiar with the options available to you.

Directory Permissions

After installing Laravel, you may need to configure some permissions. Directories within the storage and the bootstrap/cache directories should be writable by your web server or Laravel will not run. If you are using the Homestead virtual machine, these permissions should already be set.

Application Key

The next thing you should do after installing Laravel is set your application key to a random string. If you installed Laravel via Composer or the Laravel installer, this key has already been set for you by the php artisan key:generate command. Typically, this string should be 32 characters long. The key can be set in the .env environment file. If you have not renamed the

.env.example file to .env, you should do that now. If the application key is not set, your user sessions and other encrypted data will not be secure!

Additional Configuration

Laravel needs almost no other configuration out of the box. You are free to get started developing! However, you may wish to review the config/app.php file and its documentation. It contains several options such as timezone and locale that you may wish to change according to your application.

You may also want to configure a few additional components of Laravel, such as:

- Cache
- Database
- <u>Session</u>

Once Laravel is installed, you should also configure your local environment.

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Introduction

All of the configuration files for the Laravel framework are stored in the config directory. Each option is documented, so feel free to look through the files and get familiar with the options available to you.

Accessing Configuration Values

You may easily access your configuration values using the global <code>config</code> helper function from anywhere in your application. The configuration values may be accessed using "dot" syntax, which includes the name of the file and option you wish to access. A default value may also be specified and will be returned if the configuration option does not exist:

```
$value = config('app.timezone');
```

To set configuration values at runtime, pass an array to the config helper:

```
config(['app.timezone' => 'America/Chicago']);
```

Environment Configuration

It is often helpful to have different configuration values based on the environment the application is running in. For example, you may wish to use a different cache driver locally than you do on your production server. It's easy using environment based configuration.

To make this a cinch, Laravel utilizes the <u>DotEnv</u> PHP library by Vance Lucas. In a fresh Laravel installation, the root directory of your application will contain a .env.example file. If you install Laravel via Composer, this file will automatically be renamed to .env. Otherwise, you should rename the file manually.

All of the variables listed in this file will be loaded into the \$_ENV PHP super-global when your application receives a request. However, you may use the env helper to retrieve values from these variables in your configuration files. In fact, if you review the Laravel configuration files, you will notice several of the options already using this helper:

```
'debug' => env('APP_DEBUG', false),
```

The second value passed to the env function is the "default value". This value will be used if no environment variable exists for the given key.

Your .env file should not be committed to your application's source control, since each developer / server using your application could require a different environment configuration.

If you are developing with a team, you may wish to continue including a .env.example file with your application. By putting place-holder values in the example configuration file, other developers on your team can clearly see which environment variables are needed to run your application.

Determining The Current Environment

The current application environment is determined via the APP_ENV variable from your .env file. You may access this value via the environment method on the App $\underline{\text{facade}}$:

```
$environment = App::environment();
```

You may also pass arguments to the environment method to check if the environment matches a given value. If necessary, you may even pass multiple values to the environment method. If the environment matches any of the given values, the method will return true:

```
if (App::environment('local')) {
    // The environment is local
}
if (App::environment('local', 'staging')) {
```

```
\ensuremath{//} The environment is either local OR staging...
```

An application instance may also be accessed via the app helper method:

```
$environment = app()->environment();
```

Configuration Caching

To give your application a speed boost, you should cache all of your configuration files into a single file using the config:cache Artisan command. This will combine all of the configuration options for your application into a single file which will be loaded quickly by the framework.

You should typically run the php artisan config:cache command as part of your production deployment routine. The command should not be run during local development as configuration options will frequently need to be changed during the course of your application's development.

Maintenance Mode

When your application is in maintenance mode, a custom view will be displayed for all requests into your application. This makes it easy to "disable" your application while it is updating or when you are performing maintenance. A maintenance mode check is included in the default middleware stack for your application. If the application is in maintenance mode, an HttpException will be thrown with a status code of 503.

To enable maintenance mode, simply execute the down Artisan command:

```
php artisan down
```

To disable maintenance mode, use the up command:

```
php artisan up
```

Maintenance Mode Response Template

The default template for maintenance mode responses is located in resources/views/errors/503.blade.php. You are free to modify this view as needed for your application.

Maintenance Mode & Queues

While your application is in maintenance mode, no <u>queued jobs</u> will be handled. The jobs will continue to be handled as normal once the application is out of maintenance mode.

Alternatives To Maintenance Mode

Since maintenance mode requires your application to have several seconds of downtime, you may consider alternatives like **Envoyer** to accomplish zero-downtime deployment with Laravel.

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Introduction

Laravel strives to make the entire PHP development experience delightful, including your local development environment. <u>Vagrant</u> provides a simple, elegant way to manage and provision Virtual Machines.

Laravel Homestead is an official, pre-packaged Vagrant box that provides you a wonderful development environment without requiring you to install PHP, HHVM, a web server, and any other server software on your local machine. No more worrying about messing up your operating system! Vagrant boxes are completely disposable. If something goes wrong, you can destroy and recreate the box in minutes!

Homestead runs on any Windows, Mac, or Linux system, and includes the Nginx web server, PHP 7.0, MySQL, Postgres, Redis, Memcached, Node, and all of the other goodies you need to develop amazing Laravel applications.

Note: If you are using Windows, you may need to enable hardware virtualization (VT-x). It can usually be enabled via your BIOS. If you are using Hyper-V on a UEFI system you may additionally need to disable Hyper-V in order to access VT-x.

Included Software

- Ubuntu 16.04
- Git
- PHP 7.0
- HHVM
- Nginx
- MySQLMariaDB
- Sqlite3
- Postgres
- Composer
- Node (With PM2, Bower, Grunt, and Gulp)
- Redis
- Memcached
- Beanstalkd

Installation & Setup

First Steps

Before launching your Homestead environment, you must install <u>VirtualBox 5.x</u> or <u>VMWare</u> as well as <u>Vagrant</u>. All of these software packages provide easy-to-use visual installers for all popular operating systems.

To use the VMware provider, you will need to purchase both VMware Fusion / Workstation and the <u>VMware Vagrant plug-in</u>. Though it is not free, VMware can provide faster shared folder performance out of the box.

Installing The Homestead Vagrant Box

Once VirtualBox / VMware and Vagrant have been installed, you should add the laravel/homestead box to your Vagrant installation using the following command in your terminal. It will take a few minutes to download the box, depending on your

Internet connection speed:

vagrant box add laravel/homestead

If this command fails, make sure your Vagrant installation is up to date.

Installing Homestead

You may install Homestead by simply cloning the repository. Consider cloning the repository into a Homestead folder within your "home" directory, as the Homestead box will serve as the host to all of your Laravel projects:

cd ~

git clone https://github.com/laravel/homestead.git Homestead

Once you have cloned the Homestead repository, run the bash init.sh command from the Homestead directory to create the Homestead.yaml configuration file. The Homestead.yaml file will be placed in the ~/.homestead hidden directory:

bash init.sh

Configuring Homestead

Setting Your Provider

The provider key in your -/.homestead/Homestead.yaml file indicates which Vagrant provider should be used: virtualbox, vmware_fusion, or vmware_workstation. You may set this to the provider you prefer:

provider: virtualbox

Configuring Shared Folders

The folders property of the Homestead.yaml file lists all of the folders you wish to share with your Homestead environment. As files within these folders are changed, they will be kept in sync between your local machine and the Homestead environment. You may configure as many shared folders as necessary:

folders:

map: ~/Code to: /home/vagrant/Code

To enable NFS, just add a simple flag to your synced folder configuration:

folders:

map: ~/Code
to: /home/vagrant/Code
type: "nfs"

Configuring Nginx Sites

Not familiar with Nginx? No problem. The sites property allows you to easily map a "domain" to a folder on your Homestead environment. A sample site configuration is included in the Homestead.yaml file. Again, you may add as many sites to your Homestead environment as necessary. Homestead can serve as a convenient, virtualized environment for every Laravel project you are working on:

sites:

- map: homestead.app
 to: /home/vagrant/Code/Laravel/public

You can make any Homestead site use **HHVM** by setting the hhvm option to true:

sites:

map: homestead.app
to: /home/vagrant/Code/Laravel/public
hhvm: true

If you change the sites property after provisioning the Homestead box, you should re-run vagrant reload --provision to update the Nginx configuration on the virtual machine.

The Hosts File

You must add the "domains" for your Nginx sites to the hosts file on your machine. The hosts file will redirect requests for your Homestead sites into your Homestead machine. On Mac and Linux, this file is located at /etc/hosts. On Windows, it is located at C:\windows\System32\drivers\etc\hosts. The lines you add to this file will look like the following:

```
192.168.10.10 homestead.app
```

Make sure the IP address listed is the one set in your ~/.homestead.yaml file. Once you have added the domain to your hosts file and launched the Vagrant box you will be able to access the site via your web browser:

http://homestead.app

Launching The Vagrant Box

Once you have edited the Homestead.yaml to your liking, run the vagrant up command from your Homestead directory. Vagrant will boot the virtual machine and automatically configure your shared folders and Nginx sites.

To destroy the machine, you may use the vagrant destroy --force command.

Per Project Installation

Instead of installing Homestead globally and sharing the same Homestead box across all of your projects, you may instead configure a Homestead instance for each project you manage. Installing Homestead per project may be beneficial if you wish to ship a Vagrantfile with your project, allowing others working on the project to simply vagrant up.

To install Homestead directly into your project, require it using Composer:

```
composer require laravel/homestead --dev
```

Once Homestead has been installed, use the make command to generate the Vagrantfile and Homestead.yaml file in your project root. The make command will automatically configure the sites and folders directives in the Homestead.yaml file.

Mac / Linux:

php vendor/bin/homestead make

Windows:

vendor\\bin\\homestead make

Next, run the vagrant up command in your terminal and access your project at http://homestead.app in your browser. Remember, you will still need to add an /etc/hosts file entry for homestead.app or the domain of your choice.

Installing MariaDB

If you prefer to use MariaDB instead of MySQL, you may add the mariadb option to your Homestead.yaml file. This option will remove MySQL and install MariaDB. MariaDB serves as a drop-in replacement for MySQL so you should still use the mysql database driver in your application's database configuration:

```
box: laravel/homestead
ip: "192.168.20.20"
memory: 2048
cpus: 4
provider: virtualbox
mariadb: true
```

Daily Usage

Accessing Homestead Globally

Sometimes you may want to vagrant up your Homestead machine from anywhere on your filesystem. You can do this by adding a simple Bash function to your Bash profile. This function will allow you to run any Vagrant command from anywhere on your system and will automatically point that command to your Homestead installation:

```
function homestead() {
     ( cd ~/Homestead && vagrant $* )
}
```

Make sure to tweak the ~/Homestead path in the function to the location of your actual Homestead installation. Once the function is installed, you may run commands like homestead up or homestead ssh from anywhere on your system.

Connecting Via SSH

You can SSH into your virtual machine by issuing the vagrant ssh terminal command from your Homestead directory.

But, since you will probably need to SSH into your Homestead machine frequently, consider adding the "function" described above to your host machine to quickly SSH into the Homestead box.

Connecting To Databases

A homestead database is configured for both MySQL and Postgres out of the box. For even more convenience, Laravel's .env file configures the framework to use this database out of the box.

To connect to your MySQL or Postgres database from your host machine via Navicat or Sequel Pro, you should connect to 127.0.0.1 and port 33060 (MySQL) or 54320 (Postgres). The username and password for both databases is homestead / secret.

Note: You should only use these non-standard ports when connecting to the databases from your host machine. You will use the default 3306 and 5432 ports in your Laravel database configuration file since Laravel is running *within* the virtual machine.

Adding Additional Sites

Once your Homestead environment is provisioned and running, you may want to add additional Nginx sites for your Laravel applications. You can run as many Laravel installations as you wish on a single Homestead environment. To add an additional site, simply add the site to your ~/.homestead/Homestead.yaml file and then run the vagrant provision terminal command from your Homestead directory.

Configuring Cron Schedules

Laravel provides a convenient way to schedule:run Artisan command to be run every minute. The schedule:run command will examine the job scheduled defined in your App\Console\Kernel class to determine which jobs should be run.

If you would like the schedule:run command to be run for a Homestead site, you may set the schedule option to true when defining the site:

```
sites:
    - map: homestead.app
    to: /home/vagrant/Code/Laravel/public
    schedule: true
```

The Cron job for the site will be defined in the /etc/cron.d folder of the virtual machine.

Ports

By default, the following ports are forwarded to your Homestead environment:

```
    SSH: 2222 → Forwards To 22
    HTTP: 8000 → Forwards To 80
    HTTPS: 44300 → Forwards To 443
    MySQL: 33060 → Forwards To 3306
    Postgres: 54320 → Forwards To 5432
```

Forwarding Additional Ports

If you wish, you may forward additional ports to the Vagrant box, as well as specify their protocol:

```
ports:
- send: 93000
to: 9300
- send: 7777
to: 777
protocol: udp
```

Network Interfaces

The networks property of the Homestead.yaml configures network interfaces for your Homestead environment. You may configure as many interfaces as necessary:

To enable a <u>bridged</u> interface, configure a bridge setting and change the network type to public_network:

```
networks:
    type: "public_network"
    ip: "192.168.10.20"
    bridge: "en1: Wi-Fi (AirPort)"
```

To enable **DHCP**, just remove the ip option from your configuration:

bridge: "en1: Wi-Fi (AirPort)"

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Introduction

Valet is a Laravel development environment for Mac minimalists. No Vagrant, No Apache, No Nginx, No /etc/hosts file. You can even share your sites publicly using local tunnels. *Yeah*, we like it too.

Laravel Valet configures your Mac to always run <u>Caddy</u> in the background when your machine starts. Then, using <u>DnsMasq</u>, Valet proxies all requests on the *.dev domain to point to sites installed on your local machine.

In other words, a blazing fast Laravel development environment that uses roughly 7 MB of RAM. Valet isn't a complete replacement for Vagrant or Homestead, but provides a great alternative if you want flexible basics, prefer extreme speed, or are working on a machine with a limited amount of RAM.

Out of the box, Valet support includes, but is not limited to:

- Laravel
- <u>Lumen</u>
- Symfony
- Zend
- CakePHP 3
- WordPress
- Bedrock
- Craft
 Statamic
- StatamicJigsaw
- Static HTML

However, you may extend Valet with your own custom drivers.

Valet Or Homestead

As you may know, Laravel offers <u>Homestead</u>, another local Laravel development environment. Homestead and Valet differ in regards to their intended audience and their approach to local development. Homestead offers an entire Ubuntu virtual machine with automated Nginx configuration. Homestead is a wonderful choice if you want a fully virtualized Linux development environment or are on Windows / Linux.

Valet only supports Mac, and requires you to install PHP and a database server directly onto your local machine. This is easily achieved by using Homebrew with commands like brew install php70 and brew install mariadb. Valet provides a blazing fast local development environment with minimal resource consumption, so it's great for developers who only require PHP / MySQL and do not need a fully virtualized development environment.

Both Valet and Homestead are great choices for configuring your Laravel development environment. Which one you choose will depend on your personal taste and your team's needs.

Installation

Valet requires the Mac operating system and <u>Homebrew</u>. Before installation, you should make sure that no other programs such as Apache or Nginx are binding to your local machine's port 80.

- Install or update Homebrew to the latest version using brew update.
- Install PHP 7.0 using Homebrew via brew install homebrew/php/php70.
- Install Valet with Composer via composer global require laravel/valet. Make sure the -/.composer/vendor/bin

- directory is in your system's "PATH".
- Run the valet install command. This will configure and install Valet and DnsMasq, and register Valet's daemon to launch when your system starts.

Once Valet is installed, try pinging any *.dev domain on your terminal using a command such as ping foobar.dev. If Valet is installed correctly you should see this domain responding on 127.0.0.1.

Valet will automatically start its daemon each time your machine boots. There is no need to run valet start or valet install ever again once the initial Valet installation is complete.

Using Another Domain

By default, Valet serves your projects using the .dev TLD. If you'd like to use another domain, you can do so using the valet domain tld-name command.

For example, if you'd like to use .app instead of .dev, run valet domain app and Valet will start serving your projects at \star .app automatically.

Database

If you need a database, try MariaDB by running brew install mariadb on your command line. You can connect to the database at 127.0.0.1 using the root username and an empty string for the password.

Release Notes

Version 1.1.5

The 1.1.5 release of Valet brings a variety of internal improvements.

Upgrade Instructions

After updating your Valet installation using composer global update, you should run the valet install command in your terminal.

Version 1.1.0

The 1.1.0 release of Valet brings a variety of great improvements. The built-in PHP server has been replaced with <u>Caddy</u> for serving incoming HTTP requests. Introducing Caddy allows for a variety of future improvements and allows Valet sites to make HTTP requests to other Valet sites without blocking the built-in PHP server.

Upgrade Instructions

After updating your Valet installation using composer global update, you should run the valet install command in your terminal to create the new Caddy daemon file on your system.

Serving Sites

Once Valet is installed, you're ready to start serving sites. Valet provides two commands to help you serve your Laravel sites: park and link.

The park Command

- Create a new directory on your Mac by running something like mkdir ~/Sites. Next, cd ~/Sites and run valet park. This command will register your current working directory as a path that Valet should search for sites.
- Next, create a new Laravel site within this directory: laravel new blog.
- Open http://blog.dev in your browser.

That's all there is to it. Now, any Laravel project you create within your "parked" directory will automatically be served using the http://folder-name.dev convention.

The link Command

The link command may also be used to serve your Laravel sites. This command is useful if you want to serve a single site in a directory and not the entire directory.

- To use the command, navigate to one of your projects and run valet link app-name in your terminal. Valet will create a symbolic link in ~/.valet/Sites which points to your current working directory.
- After running the link command, you can access the site in your browser at http://app-name.dev.

To see a listing of all of your linked directories, run the valet links command. You may use valet unlink app-name to destroy the symbolic link.

Securing Sites With TLS

By default, Valet serves sites over plain HTTP. However, if you would like to serve a site over encrypted TLS using HTTP/2, use the secure command. For example, if your site is being served by Valet on the laravel.dev domain, you should run the following command to secure it:

```
valet secure laravel
```

To "unsecure" a site and revert back to serving its traffic over plain HTTP, use the unsecure command. Like the secure command, this command accepts the host name that you wish to unsecure:

valet unsecure laravel

Sharing Sites

Valet even includes a command to share your local sites with the world. No additional software installation is required once Valet is installed.

To share a site, navigate to the site's directory in your terminal and run the valet share command. A publicly accessible URL will be inserted into your clipboard and is ready to paste directly into your browser. That's it.

To stop sharing your site, hit Control + C to cancel the process.

Viewing Logs

If you would like to stream all of the logs for all of your sites to your terminal, run the valet logs command. New log entries will display in your terminal as they occur. This is a great way to stay on top of all of your log files without ever having to leave your terminal.

Custom Valet Drivers

You can write your own Valet "driver" to serve PHP applications running on another framework or CMS that is not natively supported by Valet. When you install Valet, a ~/.valet/Drivers directory is created which contains a SampleValetDriver.php file. This file contains a sample driver implementation to demonstrate how to write a custom driver. Writing a driver only requires you to implement three methods: serves, isStaticFile, and frontControllerPath.

All three methods receive the \$sitePath, \$siteName, and \$uri values as their arguments. The \$sitePath is the fully qualified path to the site being served on your machine, such as /Users/Lisa/Sites/my-project. The \$siteName is the "host" / "site name" portion of the domain (my-project). The \$uri is the incoming request URI (/foo/bar).

Once you have completed your custom Valet driver, place it in the ~/.valet/Drivers directory using the FrameworkValetDriver.php naming convention. For example, if you are writing a custom valet driver for WordPress, your file name should be wordPressValetDriver.php.

Let's take at a sample implementation of each method your custom Valet driver should implement.

The serves Method

The serves method should return true if your driver should handle the incoming request. Otherwise, the method should return false. So, within this method you should attempt to determine if the given \$sitePath contains a project of the type you are trying to serve.

For example, let's pretend we are writing a WordPressValetDriver. Our serve method might look something like this:

```
/**
  * Determine if the driver serves the request.
  *
  * @param string $sitePath
  * @param string $siteName
  * @param string $uri
  * @return void
  */
public function serves($sitePath, $siteName, $uri)
{
    return is_dir($sitePath.'/wp-admin');
}
```

The isStaticFile Method

The isstaticFile should determine if the incoming request is for a file that is "static", such as an image or a stylesheet. If the file is static, the method should return the fully qualified path to the static file on disk. If the incoming request is not for a static file, the method should return false:

```
/**
  * Determine if the incoming request is for a static file.
  *
  * @param string $sitePath
  * @param string $siteName
  * @param string $uri
  * @return string|false
  */
public function isStaticFile($sitePath, $siteName, $uri)
{
    if (file_exists($staticFilePath = $sitePath.'/public/'.$uri)) {
        return $staticFilePath;
    }
    return false;
}
```

Note: The isStaticFile method will only be called if the serves method returns true for the incoming request and the request URI is not /.

The frontControllerPath Method

The frontControllerPath method should return the fully qualified path to your application's "front controller", which is typically your "index.php" file or equivalent:

```
/**
  * Get the fully resolved path to the application's front controller.
  * @param string $sitePath
  * @param string $siteName
  * @param string $uri
  * @return string
  */
public function frontControllerPath($sitePath, $siteName, $uri)
{
    return $sitePath.'/public/index.php';
}
```

Other Valet Commands

Command	Description
valet forget	Run this command from a "parked" directory to remove it from the parked directory list.
valet paths	View all of your "parked" paths.
valet restart	Restart the Valet daemon.
valet start	Start the Valet daemon.
valet stop	Stop the Valet daemon.
valet uninstall	Uninstall the Valet daemon entirely.

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Introduction

This quickstart guide provides a basic introduction to the Laravel framework and includes content on database migrations, the Eloquent ORM, routing, validation, views, and Blade templates. This is a great starting point if you are brand new to the Laravel framework or PHP frameworks in general. If you have already used Laravel or other PHP frameworks, you may wish to consult one of our more advanced quickstarts.

To sample a basic selection of Laravel features, we will build a simple task list we can use to track all of the tasks we want to accomplish. In other words, the typical "to-do" list example. The complete, finished source code for this project is available on GitHub.

Installation

Installing Laravel

Of course, first you will need a fresh installation of the Laravel framework. You may use the <u>Homestead virtual machine</u> or the local PHP environment of your choice to run the framework. Once your local environment is ready, you may install the Laravel framework using Composer:

composer create-project laravel/laravel quickstart --prefer-dist

Installing The Quickstart (Optional)

You're free to just read along for the remainder of this quickstart; however, if you would like to download the source code for this quickstart and run it on your local machine, you may clone its Git repository and install its dependencies:

git clone https://github.com/laravel/quickstart-basic quickstart
cd quickstart
composer install
php artisan migrate

For more complete documentation on building a local Laravel development environment, check out the full Homestead and installation documentation.

Prepping The Database

Database Migrations

First, let's use a migration to define a database table to hold all of our tasks. Laravel's database migrations provide an easy way to define your database table structure and modifications using fluent, expressive PHP code. Instead of telling your team members to manually add columns to their local copy of the database, your teammates can simply run the migrations you push into source control.

So, let's build a database table that will hold all of our tasks. The Artisan CLI can be used to generate a variety of classes and will

save you a lot of typing as you build your Laravel projects. In this case, let's use the make:migration command to generate a new database migration for our tasks table:

```
php artisan make:migration create_tasks_table --create=tasks
```

The migration will be placed in the database/migrations directory of your project. As you may have noticed, the make:migration command already added an auto-incrementing ID and timestamps to the migration file. Let's edit this file and add an additional string column for the name of our tasks:

```
<?php
use Illuminate\Database\Schema\Blueprint:
use Illuminate\Database\Migrations\Migration;
class CreateTasksTable extends Migration
     * Run the migrations.
       @return void
    public function up()
        Schema::create('tasks', function (Blueprint $table) {
    $table->increments('id');
             $table->string('name');
             $table->timestamps();
        });
    }
       Reverse the migrations.
       @return void
    public function down()
        Schema::drop('tasks');
    }
}
```

To run our migration, we will use the migrate Artisan command. If you are using Homestead, you should run this command from within your virtual machine, since your host machine will not have direct access to the database:

```
php artisan migrate
```

This command will create all of our database tables. If you inspect the database tables using the database client of your choice, you should see a new tasks table which contains the columns defined in our migration. Next, we're ready to define an Eloquent ORM model for our tasks!

Eloquent Models

<u>Eloquent</u> is Laravel's default ORM (object-relational mapper). Eloquent makes it painless to retrieve and store data in your database using clearly defined "models". Usually, each Eloquent model corresponds directly with a single database table.

So, let's define a Task model that corresponds to our tasks database table we just created. Again, we can use an Artisan command to generate this model. In this case, we'll use the make: model command:

```
php artisan make:model Task
```

The model will be placed in the app directory of your application. By default, the model class is empty. We do not have to explicitly tell the Eloquent model which table it corresponds to because it will assume the database table is the plural form of the model name. So, in this case, the Task model is assumed to correspond with the tasks database table. Here is what our empty model should look like:

We'll learn more about how to use Eloquent models as we add routes to our application. Of course, feel free to consult the <u>complete Eloquent documentation</u> for more information.

Routing

Stubbing The Routes

Next, we're ready to add a few routes to our application. Routes are used to point URLs to controllers or anonymous functions that should be executed when a user accesses a given page. By default, all Laravel routes are defined in the app/Http/routes.php file that is included in every new project.

For this application, we know we will need at least three routes: a route to display a list of all of our tasks, a route to add new tasks, and a route to delete existing tasks. So, let's stub all of these routes in the app/Http/routes.php file:

Note: If your copy of Laravel has a RouteServiceProvider that already includes the default routes file within the web middleware group, you do not need to manually add the group to your routes.php file.

Displaying A View

Next, let's fill out our / route. From this route, we want to render an HTML template that contains a form to add new tasks, as well as a list of all current tasks.

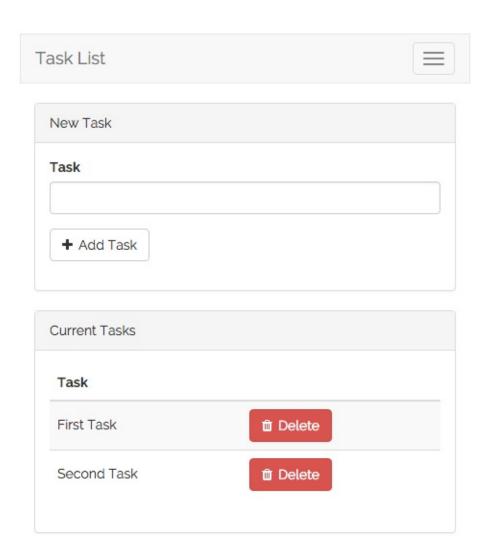
In Laravel, all HTML templates are stored in the resources/views directory, and we can use the view helper to return one of these templates from our route:

```
Route::get('/', function () {
         return view('tasks');
});
```

Passing tasks to the view function will create a View object instance that corresponds to the template in resources/views/tasks.blade.php. Of course, we need to actually define this view, so let's do that now!

Building Layouts & Views

This application only has a single view which contains a form for adding new tasks as well as a listing of all current tasks. To help you visualize the view, here is a screenshot of the finished application with basic Bootstrap CSS styling applied:



Defining The Layout

Almost all web applications share the same layout across pages. For example, this application has a top navigation bar that would be typically present on every page (if we had more than one). Laravel makes it easy to share these common features across every page using Blade **layouts**.

As we discussed earlier, all Laravel views are stored in resources/views. So, let's define a new layout view in resources/views/layouts/app.blade.php. The .blade.php extension instructs the framework to use the Blade templating engine to render the view. Of course, you may use plain PHP templates with Laravel. However, Blade provides convenient short-cuts for writing clean, terse templates.

Our app.blade.php view should look like the following:

Note the <code>@yield('content')</code> portion of the layout. This is a special Blade directive that specifies where all child pages that extend the layout can inject their own content. Next, let's define the child view that will use this layout and provide its primary content.

Defining The Child View

Next, we need to define a view that contains a form to create a new task as well as a table that lists all existing tasks. Let's define this view in resources/views/tasks.blade.php.

We'll skip over some of the Bootstrap CSS boilerplate and only focus on the things that matter. Remember, you can download the full source for this application on <u>GitHub</u>:

```
<!-- resources/views/tasks.blade.php -->
@extends('layouts.app')
@section('content')
    <!-- Bootstrap Boilerplate... -->
        <div class="panel-body">
        <!-- Display Validation Errors -->
                @include('common.errors')
                <!-- New Task Form -->
                <form action="{{ url('task') }}" method="POST" class="form-horizontal">
                        {{ csrf_field() }}
            <!-- Task Name -->
                        <div class="form-group">
                                 <label for="task" class="col-sm-3 control-label">Task</label>
                                 <div class="col-sm-6">
                                        <input type="text" name="name" id="task-name" class="form-control">
                                </div>
                        </div>
            <!-- Add Task Button -->
                        <div class="form-group">
                                 <div class="col-sm-offset-3 col-sm-6">
                                        <button type="submit" class="btn btn-default">
                                                 <i class="fa fa-plus"></i> Add Task
                                        </button>
                                </div>
                        </div>
                </form>
        </div>
        <!-- TODO: Current Tasks -->
@endsection
```

A Few Notes Of Explanation

Before moving on, let's talk about this template a bit. First, the <code>@extends</code> directive informs Blade that we are using the layout we defined in resources/views/layouts/app.blade.php. All of the content between <code>@section('content')</code> and <code>@endsection</code> will be injected into the location of the <code>@yield('content')</code> directive within the app.blade.php layout.

The @include('common.errors') directive will load the template located at resources/views/common/errors.blade.php. We haven't defined this template, but we will soon!

Now we have defined a basic layout and view for our application. Remember, we are returning this view from our \prime route like so:

```
Route::get('/', function () {
         return view('tasks');
});
```

Next, we're ready to add code to our POST /task route to handle the incoming form input and add a new task to the database.

Adding Tasks

Validation

Now that we have a form in our view, we need to add code to our POST /task route in app/Http/routes.php to validate the incoming form input and create a new task. First, let's validate the input.

For this form, we will make the name field required and state that it must contain less than 255 characters. If the validation fails, we will redirect the user back to the / URL, as well as flash the old input and errors into the <u>session</u>. Flashing the input into the session will allow us to maintain the user's input even when there are validation errors:

The \$errors Variable

Let's take a break for a moment to talk about the ->withErrors(\$validator) portion of this example. The ->withErrors(\$validator) call will flash the errors from the given validator instance into the session so that they can be accessed via the \$errors variable in our view.

Remember that we used the @include('common.errors') directive within our view to render the form's validation errors. The common.errors will allow us to easily show validation errors in the same format across all of our pages. Let's define the contents of this view now:

Note: The \$errors variable is available in **every** Laravel view. It will simply be an empty instance of ViewErrorBag if no validation errors are present.

Creating The Task

Now that input validation is handled, let's actually create a new task by continuing to fill out our route. Once the new task has been created, we will redirect the user back to the / URL. To create the task, we may use the save method after creating and setting properties on a new Eloquent model:

Great! We can now successfully create tasks. Next, let's continue adding to our view by building a list of all existing tasks.

Displaying Existing Tasks

First, we need to edit our / route to pass all of the existing tasks to the view. The view function accepts a second argument which is an array of data that will be made available to the view, where each key in the array will become a variable within the view:

```
    ]);
});
```

Once the data is passed, we can spin through the tasks in our tasks.blade.php view and display them in a table. The @foreach Blade construct allows us to write concise loops that compile down into blazing fast plain PHP code:

```
@extends('layouts.app')
@section('content')
  <!-- Create Task Form... -->
  <!-- Current Tasks -->
  <div class="panel-heading">
           Current Tasks
        </div>
        <div class="panel-body">
           <!-- Table Headings -->
              <thead>
                 Task
                  
              </thead>
              <!-- Table Body -->
              @foreach ($tasks as $task)
                    <!-- Task Name -->
                      <div>{{ $task->name }}</div>
                      <!-- TODO: Delete Button -->
                 @endforeach
              </div>
     </div>
  @endif
@endsection
```

Our task application is almost complete. But, we have no way to delete our existing tasks when they're done. Let's add that next!

Deleting Tasks

Adding The Delete Button

We left a "TODO" note in our code where our delete button is supposed to be. So, let's add a delete button to each row of our task listing within the tasks.blade.php view. We'll create a small single-button form for each task in the list. When the button is clicked, a DELETE /task request will be sent to the application:

A Note On Method Spoofing

Note that the delete button's form method is listed as POST, even though we are responding to the request using a Route::delete route. HTML forms only allow the GET and POST HTTP verbs, so we need a way to spoof a DELETE request from the form.

We can spoof a DELETE request by outputting the results of the method_field('DELETE') function within our form. This function generates a hidden form input that Laravel recognizes and will use to override the actual HTTP request method. The generated field will look like the following:

```
<input type="hidden" name="_method" value="DELETE">
```

Deleting The Task

Finally, let's add logic to our route to actually delete the given task. We can use <u>implicit model binding</u> to automatically retrieve the Task model that corresponds to the {task} route parameter.

In our route callback, we will use the delete method to delete the record. Once the record is deleted, we will redirect the user back to the / URL:

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Introduction

This quickstart guide provides an intermediate introduction to the Laravel framework and includes content on database migrations, the Eloquent ORM, routing, authentication, authorization, dependency injection, validation, views, and Blade templates. This is a great starting point if you are familiar with the basics of the Laravel framework or PHP frameworks in general.

To sample a basic selection of Laravel features, we will build a task list we can use to track all of the tasks we want to accomplish. In other words, the typical "to-do" list example. In contrast to the "basic" quickstart, this tutorial will allow users to create accounts and authenticate with the application. The complete, finished source code for this project is available on GitHub.

Installation

Installing Laravel

Of course, first you will need a fresh installation of the Laravel framework. You may use the Homestead virtual machine or the local PHP environment of your choice to run the framework. Once your local environment is ready, you may install the Laravel framework using Composer:

composer create-project laravel/laravel quickstart --prefer-dist

Installing The Quickstart (Optional)

You're free to just read along for the remainder of this quickstart; however, if you would like to download the source code for this quickstart and run it on your local machine, you may clone its Git repository and install its dependencies:

git clone https://github.com/laravel/quickstart-intermediate quickstart cd quickstart composer install php artisan migrate

For more complete documentation on building a local Laravel development environment, check out the full Homestead and installation documentation.

Prepping The Database

Database Migrations

First, let's use a migration to define a database table to hold all of our tasks. Laravel's database migrations provide an easy way to define your database table structure and modifications using fluent, expressive PHP code. Instead of telling your team members to manually add columns to their local copy of the database, your teammates can simply run the migrations you push into source control.

The users Table

Since we are going to allow users to create their accounts within the application, we will need a table to store all of our users. Thankfully, Laravel already ships with a migration to create a basic users table, so we do not need to manually generate one. The default migration for the users table is located in the database/migrations directory.

The tasks Table

Next, let's build a database table that will hold all of our tasks. The <u>Artisan CLI</u> can be used to generate a variety of classes and will save you a lot of typing as you build your Laravel projects. In this case, let's use the make:migration command to generate a new database migration for our tasks table:

```
php artisan make:migration create_tasks_table --create=tasks
```

The migration will be placed in the database/migrations directory of your project. As you may have noticed, the make:migration command already added an auto-incrementing ID and timestamps to the migration file. Let's edit this file and add an additional string column for the name of our tasks, as well as a user_id column which will link our tasks and users tables:

```
use Illuminate\Database\Schema\Blueprint;
use Illuminate\Database\Migrations\Migration;
class CreateTasksTable extends Migration
     * Run the migrations.
       @return void
    public function up()
        Schema::create('tasks', function (Blueprint $table) {
    $table->increments('id');
             $table->integer('user_id')->unsigned()->index();
             $table->string('name');
             $table->timestamps();
    }
       Reverse the migrations.
       @return void
    public function down()
         Schema::drop('tasks');
    }
}
```

To run our migrations, we will use the migrate Artisan command. If you are using Homestead, you should run this command from within your virtual machine, since your host machine will not have direct access to the database:

```
php artisan migrate
```

This command will create all of our database tables. If you inspect the database tables using the database client of your choice, you should see new tasks and users tables which contains the columns defined in our migration. Next, we're ready to define our Eloquent ORM models!

Eloquent Models

<u>Eloquent</u> is Laravel's default ORM (object-relational mapper). Eloquent makes it painless to retrieve and store data in your database using clearly defined "models". Usually, each Eloquent model corresponds directly with a single database table.

The User Model

First, we need a model that corresponds to our users database table. However, if you look in the app directory of your project, you will see that Laravel already ships with a user model, so we do not need to generate one manually.

The Task Model

So, let's define a Task model that corresponds to our tasks database table we just created. Again, we can use an Artisan command to generate this model. In this case, we'll use the make:model command:

```
php artisan make:model Task
```

The model will be placed in the app directory of your application. By default, the model class is empty. We do not have to explicitly tell the Eloquent model which table it corresponds to because it will assume the database table is the plural form of the model name. So, in this case, the Task model is assumed to correspond with the tasks database table.

Let's add a few things to this model. First, we will state that the name attribute on the model should be "mass-assignable". This will allow us to fill the name attribute when using Eloquent's create method:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class Task extends Model
{
    /**
    * The attributes that are mass assignable.
    *
    * @var array
    */
    protected $fillable = ['name'];
}</pre>
```

We'll learn more about how to use Eloquent models as we add routes to our application. Of course, feel free to consult the <u>complete Eloquent documentation</u> for more information.

Eloquent Relationships

Now that our models are defined, we need to link them. For example, our user can have many Task instances, while a Task is assigned to a single user. Defining a relationship will allow us to fluently walk through our relations like so:

```
$user = App\User::find(1);
foreach ($user->tasks as $task) {
    echo $task->name;
}
```

The tasks Relationship

First, let's define the tasks relationship on our user model. Eloquent relationships are defined as methods on models. Eloquent supports several different types of relationships, so be sure to consult the <u>full Eloquent documentation</u> for more information. In this case, we will define a tasks function on the user model which calls the hasMany method provided by Eloquent:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Foundation\Auth\User as Authenticatable;
class User extends Authenticatable
{
    // Other Eloquent Properties...
    /**
    * Get all of the tasks for the user.
    */
    public function tasks()
    {
        return $this->hasMany(Task::class);
    }
}
```

The user Relationship

Next, let's define the user relationship on the Task model. Again, we will define the relationship as a method on the model. In this case, we will use the belongs to method provided by Eloquent to define the relationship:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use App\User;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;</pre>
```

```
class Task extends Model
{
    /**
    * The attributes that are mass assignable.
    * @var array
    */
    protected $fillable = ['name'];

    /**
    * Get the user that owns the task.
    */
    public function user()
    {
        return $this->belongsTo(User::class);
    }
}
```

Wonderful! Now that our relationships are defined, we can start building our controllers!

Routing

In the <u>basic version</u> of our task list application, we defined all of our logic using Closures within our routes. php file. For the majority of this application, we will use <u>controllers</u> to organize our routes. Controllers will allow us to break out HTTP request handling logic across multiple files for better organization.

Displaying A View

We will have a single route that uses a Closure: our / route, which will simply be a landing page for application guests. So, let's fill out our / route. From this route, we want to render an HTML template that contains the "welcome" page:

In Laravel, all HTML templates are stored in the resources/views directory, and we can use the view helper to return one of these templates from our route:

```
Route::get('/', function () {
    return view('welcome');
}):
```

Of course, we need to actually define this view. We'll do that in a bit!

Authentication

Remember, we also need to let users create accounts and login to our application. Typically, it can be a tedious task to build an entire authentication layer into a web application. However, since it is such a common need, Laravel attempts to make this procedure totally painless.

First, notice that there is already a app/Http/Controllers/Auth/AuthController included in your Laravel application. This controller uses a special AuthenticatesAndRegistersUsers trait which contains all of the necessary logic to create and authenticate users.

Authentication Routes & Views

So, what's left for us to do? Well, we still need to create the registration and login templates as well as define the routes to point to the authentication controller. We can do all of this using the make: auth Artisan command:

```
php artisan make:auth
```

Note: If you would like to view complete examples for these views, remember that the entire application's source code is <u>available on GitHub</u>.

Now, all we have to do is add the authentication routes to our routes file. We can do this using the auth method on the Route facade, which will register all of the routes we need for registration, login, and password reset:

```
// Authentication Routes...
Route::auth();
```

Once the auth routes are registered, verify that the \$redirectTo property on the app/Http/Controllers/Auth/AuthController controller is set to '/tasks':

```
protected $redirectTo = '/tasks';
```

It is also necessary to update the app/Http/Middleware/RedirectIfAuthenticated.php file with the proper redirect path:

```
return redirect('/tasks');
```

The Task Controller

Since we know we're going to need to retrieve and store tasks, let's create a TaskController using the Artisan CLI, which will place the new controller in the app/Http/Controllers directory:

```
php artisan make:controller TaskController
```

Now that the controller has been generated, let's go ahead and stub out some routes in our app/Http/routes.php file to point to the controller:

```
Route::get('/tasks', 'TaskController@index');
Route::post('/task', 'TaskController@store');
Route::delete('/task/{task}', 'TaskController@destroy');
```

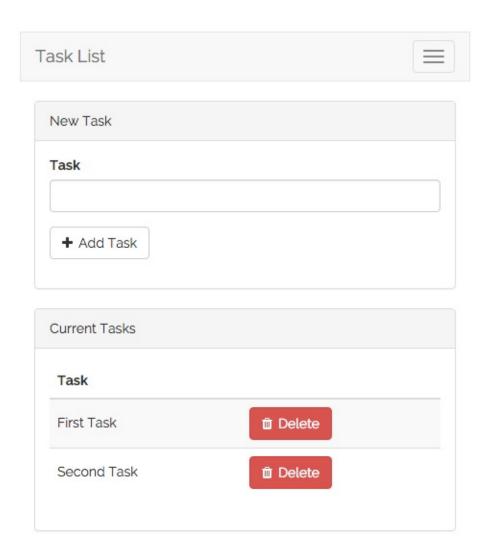
Authenticating All Task Routes

For this application, we want all of our task routes to require an authenticated user. In other words, the user must be "logged into" the application in order to create a task. So, we need to restrict access to our task routes to only authenticated users. Laravel makes this a cinch using middleware.

To require an authenticated users for all actions on the controller, we can add a call to the middleware method from the controller's constructor. All available route middleware are defined in the app/Http/Kernel.php file. In this case, we want to assign the auth middleware to all actions on the controller:

Building Layouts & Views

The primary part of this application only has a single view which contains a form for adding new tasks as well as a listing of all current tasks. To help you visualize the view, here is a screenshot of the finished application with basic Bootstrap CSS styling applied:



Defining The Layout

Almost all web applications share the same layout across pages. For example, this application has a top navigation bar that would be typically present on every page (if we had more than one). Laravel makes it easy to share these common features across every page using Blade **layouts**.

As we discussed earlier, all Laravel views are stored in resources/views. So, let's define a new layout view in resources/views/layouts/app.blade.php. The .blade.php extension instructs the framework to use the Blade templating engine to render the view. Of course, you may use plain PHP templates with Laravel. However, Blade provides convenient short-cuts for writing cleaner, terse templates.

Our app.blade.php view should look like the following:

Note the @yield('content') portion of the layout. This is a special Blade directive that specifies where all child pages that extend the layout can inject their own content. Next, let's define the child view that will use this layout and provide its primary content.

Defining The Child View

Great, our application layout is finished. Next, we need to define a view that contains a form to create a new task as well as a table that lists all existing tasks. Let's define this view in resources/views/tasks/index.blade.php, which will correspond to the index method in our TaskController.

We'll skip over some of the Bootstrap CSS boilerplate and only focus on the things that matter. Remember, you can download the full source for this application on <u>GitHub</u>:

```
<!-- resources/views/tasks/index.blade.php -->
@extends('layouts.app')
@section('content')
    <!-- Bootstrap Boilerplate... -->
    <div class="panel-body">
        <!-- Display Validation Errors --> @include('common.errors')
        <!-- New Task Form -->
        <form action="{{ url('task') }}" method="POST" class="form-horizontal">
            {{ csrf_field() }}
            <!-- Task Name -->
            <div class="form-group">
                <label for="task-name" class="col-sm-3 control-label">Task</label>
                <div class="col-sm-6">
                     <input type="text" name="name" id="task-name" class="form-control">
                 </div>
            </div>
            <!-- Add Task Button -->
            <div class="form-group">
                 <div class="col-sm-offset-3 col-sm-6">
                     <button type="submit" class="btn btn-default">
                         <i class="fa fa-plus"></i> Add Task
                     </button>
                </div>
            </div>
        </form>
    </div>
    <!-- TODO: Current Tasks -->
@endsection
```

A Few Notes Of Explanation

Before moving on, let's talk about this template a bit. First, the <code>@extends</code> directive informs Blade that we are using the layout we defined at resources/views/layouts/app.blade.php. All of the content between <code>@section('content')</code> and <code>@endsection</code> will be injected into the location of the <code>@yield('content')</code> directive within the app.blade.php layout.

The @include('common.errors') directive will load the template located at resources/views/common/errors.blade.php. We haven't defined this template, but we will soon!

Now we have defined a basic layout and view for our application. Let's go ahead and return this view from the index method of our TaskController:

```
/**
 * Display a list of all of the user's task.
 * @param Request $request
 * @return Response
 */
public function index(Request $request)
{
    return view('tasks.index');
}
```

Next, we're ready to add code to our POST /task route's controller method to handle the incoming form input and add a new task to the database.

Adding Tasks

Validation

Now that we have a form in our view, we need to add code to our TaskController@store method to validate the incoming form input and create a new task. First, let's validate the input.

For this form, we will make the name field required and state that it must contain less than 255 characters. If the validation fails, we want to redirect the user back to the /tasks URL, as well as flash the old input and errors into the session:

If you followed along with the <u>basic quickstart</u>, you'll notice this validation code looks quite a bit different! Since we are in a controller, we can leverage the convenience of the ValidatesRequests trait that is included in the base Laravel controller. This trait exposes a simple validate method which accepts a request and an array of validation rules.

We don't even have to manually determine if the validation failed or do manual redirection. If the validation fails for the given rules, the user will automatically be redirected back to where they came from and the errors will automatically be flashed to the session. Nice!

The \$errors Variable

Remember that we used the @include('common.errors') directive within our view to render the form's validation errors. The common.errors view will allow us to easily show validation errors in the same format across all of our pages. Let's define the contents of this view now:

Note: The serrors variable is available in **every** Laravel view. It will simply be an empty instance of ViewErrorBag if no validation errors are present.

Creating The Task

Now that input validation is handled, let's actually create a new task by continuing to fill out our route. Once the new task has been created, we will redirect the user back to the /tasks URL. To create the task, we are going to leverage the power of Eloquent's relationships.

Most of Laravel's relationships expose a create method, which accepts an array of attributes and will automatically set the foreign key value on the related model before storing it in the database. In this case, the create method will automatically set the user_id property of the given task to the ID of the currently authenticated user, which we are accessing using \$request->user():

Great! We can now successfully create tasks. Next, let's continue adding to our view by building a list of all existing tasks.

Displaying Existing Tasks

First, we need to edit our TaskController@index method to pass all of the existing tasks to the view. The view function accepts a second argument which is an array of data that will be made available to the view, where each key in the array will become a variable within the view. For example, we could do this:

However, let's explore some of the dependency injection capabilities of Laravel to inject a TaskRepository into our TaskController, which we will use for all of our data access.

Dependency Injection

Laravel's <u>service container</u> is one of the most powerful features of the entire framework. After reading this quickstart, be sure to read over all of the container's documentation.

Creating The Repository

As we mentioned earlier, we want to define a TaskRepository that holds all of our data access logic for the Task model. This will be especially useful if the application grows and you need to share some Eloquent queries across the application.

So, let's create an app/Repositories directory and add a TaskRepository class. Remember, all Laravel app folders are auto-loaded using the PSR-4 auto-loading standard, so you are free to create as many extra directories as needed:

Injecting The Repository

Once our repository is defined, we can simply "type-hint" it in the constructor of our TaskController and utilize it within our index route. Since Laravel uses the container to resolve all controllers, our dependencies will automatically be injected into the controller instance:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;</pre>
```

```
use App\Task;
use App\Http\Requests;
use Illuminate\Http\Request;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
use App\Repositories\TaskRepository;
class TaskController extends Controller
     * The task repository instance.
     * @var TaskRepository
    protected $tasks;
    * Create a new controller instance.
       @param TaskRepository $tasks
       @return void
    public function __construct(TaskRepository $tasks)
        $this->middleware('auth');
        $this->tasks = $tasks;
    }
     ^{\star} Display a list of all of the user's task.
       @param Request $request
      @return Response
    public function index(Request $request)
        return view('tasks.index', [
            'tasks' => $this->tasks->forUser($request->user()),
    }
}
```

Displaying The Tasks

Once the data is passed, we can spin through the tasks in our tasks/index.blade.php view and display them in a table. The @foreach Blade construct allows us to write concise loops that compile down into blazing fast plain PHP code:

```
@extends('layouts.app')
@section('content')
  <!-- Create Task Form... -->
  <!-- Current Tasks -->
  <div class="panel-heading">
    Current Tasks
        </div>
        <div class="panel-body">
           <!-- Table Headings -->
              <thead>
                 Task
                  
              </thead>
              <!-- Table Body -->
                 @foreach ($tasks as $task)
                   <!-- Task Name -->
                      <div>{{ $task->name }}</div>
                      <!-- TODO: Delete Button -->
                      @endforeach
              </div>
     </div>
```

```
@endif
@endsection
```

Our task application is almost complete. But, we have no way to delete our existing tasks when they're done. Let's add that next!

Deleting Tasks

Adding The Delete Button

We left a "TODO" note in our code where our delete button is supposed to be. So, let's add a delete button to each row of our task listing within the tasks/index.blade.php view. We'll create a small single-button form for each task in the list. When the button is clicked, a DELETE /task request will be sent to the application which will trigger our TaskController@destroy method:

A Note On Method Spoofing

Note that the delete button's form method is listed as POST, even though we are responding to the request using a Route::delete route. HTML forms only allow the GET and POST HTTP verbs, so we need a way to spoof a DELETE request from the form.

We can spoof a DELETE request by outputting the results of the method_field('DELETE') function within our form. This function generates a hidden form input that Laravel recognizes and will use to override the actual HTTP request method. The generated field will look like the following:

```
<input type="hidden" name="_method" value="DELETE">
```

Route Model Binding

Now, we're almost ready to define the destroy method on our TaskController. But, first, let's revisit our route declaration and controller method for this route:

Since the {task} variable in our route matches the \$task variable defined in our controller method, Laravel's implicit model binding will automatically inject the corresponding Task model instance.

Authorization

Now, we have a Task instance injected into our destroy method; however, we have no guarantee that the authenticated user actually "owns" the given task. For example, a malicious request could have been concocted in an attempt to delete another user's tasks by passing a random task ID to the /tasks/{task} URL. So, we need to use Laravel's authorization capabilities to make sure the authenticated user actually owns the Task instance that was injected into the route.

Creating A Policy

Laravel uses "policies" to organize authorization logic into simple, small classes. Typically, each policy corresponds to a model. So, let's create a TaskPolicy using the Artisan CLI, which will place the generated file in app/Policies/TaskPolicy.php:

```
php artisan make:policy TaskPolicy
```

Next, let's add a destroy method to the policy. This method will receive a user instance and a Task instance. The method should simply check if the user's ID matches the user_id on the task. In fact, all policy methods should either return true or false:

```
namespace App\Policies;
use App\User;
use App\Task;
use Illuminate\Auth\Access\HandlesAuthorization;

class TaskPolicy
{
    use HandlesAuthorization;

    /**
    * Determine if the given user can delete the given task.
    *
        * @param User $user
        * @param Task $task
        * @return bool
        */
    public function destroy(User $user, Task $task)
        {
            return $user->id === $task->user_id;
        }
}
```

Finally, we need to associate our Task model with our TaskPolicy. We can do this by adding a line in the app/Providers/AuthServiceProvider.php file's \$policies property. This will inform Laravel which policy should be used whenever we try to authorize an action on a Task instance:

```
/**
  * The policy mappings for the application.
  *
  * @var array
  */
protected $policies = [
   'App\Task' => 'App\Policies\TaskPolicy',
1:
```

Authorizing The Action

Now that our policy is written, let's use it in our destroy method. All Laravel controllers may call an authorize method, which is exposed by the AuthorizesRequest trait:

```
/**
  * Destroy the given task.
  * @param Request $request
  * @param Task $task
  * @return Response
  */
public function destroy(Request $request, Task $task)
{
    $this->authorize('destroy', $task);
    // Delete The Task...
}
```

Let's examine this method call for a moment. The first argument passed to the authorize method is the name of the policy method we wish to call. The second argument is the model instance that is our current concern. Remember, we recently told Laravel that our Task model corresponds to our TaskPolicy, so the framework knows on which policy to fire the destroy method. The current user will automatically be sent to the policy method, so we do not need to manually pass it here.

If the action is authorized, our code will continue executing normally. However, if the action is not authorized (meaning the policy's destroy method returned false), a 403 exception will be thrown and an error page will be displayed to the user.

Note: There are several other ways to interact with the authorization services Laravel provides. Be sure to browse the complete <u>authorization documentation</u>.

Deleting The Task

Finally, let's finish adding the logic to our destroy method to actually delete the given task. We can use Eloquent's delete method to delete the given model instance in the database. Once the record is deleted, we will redirect the user back to the /tasks URL:

```
/**
 * Destroy the given task.
```

```
*
 * @param Request $request
 * @param Task $task
 * @return Response
 */
public function destroy(Request $request, Task $task)
{
    $this->authorize('destroy', $task);
    $task->delete();
    return redirect('/tasks');
}
```

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Basic Routing

All Laravel routes are defined in the app/Http/routes.php file, which is automatically loaded by the framework. The most basic Laravel routes simply accept a URI and a closure, providing a very simple and expressive method of defining routes:

```
Route::get('foo', function () {
    return 'Hello World';
});
```

The Default Routes File

The default routes .php file is loaded by the RouteServiceProvider and is automatically included in the web middleware group, which provides access to session state and CSRF protection. Most of the routes for your application will be defined within this file.

Available Router Methods

The router allows you to register routes that respond to any HTTP verb:

```
Route::get($uri, $callback);
Route::post($uri, $callback);
Route::put($uri, $callback);
Route::patch($uri, $callback);
Route::delete($uri, $callback);
Route::options($uri, $callback);
```

Sometimes you may need to register a route that responds to multiple HTTP verbs. You may do so using the match method. Or, you may even register a route that responds to all HTTP verbs using the any method:

Route Parameters

Required Parameters

Of course, sometimes you will need to capture segments of the URI within your route. For example, you may need to capture a user's ID from the URL. You may do so by defining route parameters:

```
Route::get('user/{id}', function ($id) {
    return 'User '.$id;
}):
```

You may define as many route parameters as required by your route:

Route parameters are always encased within "curly" braces. The parameters will be passed into your route's closure when the route is executed.

Note: Route parameters cannot contain the - character. Use an underscore (_) instead.

Optional Parameters

Occasionally you may need to specify a route parameter, but make the presence of that route parameter optional. You may do so by placing a ? mark after the parameter name. Make sure to give the route's corresponding variable a default value:

```
Route::get('user/{name?}', function ($name = null) {
    return $name;
});
Route::get('user/{name?}', function ($name = 'John') {
    return $name;
});
```

Regular Expression Constraints

You may constrain the format of your route parameters using the where method on a route instance. The where method accepts the name of the parameter and a regular expression defining how the parameter should be constrained:

Global Constraints

If you would like a route parameter to always be constrained by a given regular expression, you may use the pattern method. You should define these patterns in the boot method of your RouteServiceProvider:

```
/**
  * Define your route model bindings, pattern filters, etc.
  * @param \Illuminate\Routing\Router $router
  * @return void
  */
public function boot(Router $router)
{
    $router->pattern('id', '[0-9]+');
    parent::boot($router);
}
```

Once the pattern has been defined, it is automatically applied to all routes using that parameter name:

```
Route::get('user/{id}', function ($id) {
    // Only called if {id} is numeric.
}):
```

Named Routes

Named routes allow the convenient generation of URLs or redirects for specific routes. You may specify a name for a route using the as array key when defining the route:

```
Route::get('user/profile', ['as' => 'profile', function () {
    //
}]);
```

You may also specify route names for controller actions:

```
Route::get('user/profile', [
    'as' => 'profile', 'uses' => 'UserController@showProfile'
]);
```

Alternatively, instead of specifying the route name in the route array definition, you may chain the name method onto the end of the route definition:

```
Route::get('user/profile', 'UserController@showProfile')->name('profile');
```

Route Groups & Named Routes

If you are using <u>route groups</u>, you may specify an as keyword in the route group attribute array, allowing you to set a common route name prefix for all routes within the group:

Generating URLs To Named Routes

Once you have assigned a name to a given route, you may use the route's name when generating URLs or redirects via the global route function:

```
// Generating URLs...
$url = route('profile');
// Generating Redirects...
return redirect()->route('profile');
```

If the named route defines parameters, you may pass the parameters as the second argument to the route function. The given parameters will automatically be inserted into the URL in their correct positions:

Route Groups

Route groups allow you to share route attributes, such as middleware or namespaces, across a large number of routes without needing to define those attributes on each individual route. Shared attributes are specified in an array format as the first parameter to the Route::group method.

To learn more about route groups, we'll walk through several common use-cases for the feature.

Middleware

To assign middleware to all routes within a group, you may use the middleware key in the group attribute array. Middleware will be executed in the order you define this array:

Namespaces

Another common use-case for route groups is assigning the same PHP namespace to a group of controllers. You may use the namespace parameter in your group attribute array to specify the namespace for all controllers within the group:

Remember, by default, the RouteServiceProvider includes your routes.php file within a namespace group, allowing you to register controller routes without specifying the full App\Http\Controllers namespace prefix. So, we only need to specify the portion of the namespace that comes after the base App\Http\Controllers namespace.

Sub-Domain Routing

Route groups may also be used to route wildcard sub-domains. Sub-domains may be assigned route parameters just like route URIs, allowing you to capture a portion of the sub-domain for usage in your route or controller. The sub-domain may be specified using the domain key on the group attribute array:

Route Prefixes

The prefix group attribute may be used to prefix each route in the group with a given URI. For example, you may want to prefix all route URIs within the group with admin:

You may also use the prefix parameter to specify common parameters for your grouped routes:

```
Route::group(['prefix' => 'accounts/{account_id}'], function () {
    Route::get('detail', function ($accountId) {
        // Matches The "/accounts/{account_id}/detail" URL
    });
});
```

CSRF Protection

Introduction

Laravel makes it easy to protect your application from <u>cross-site request forgery</u> (CSRF) attacks. Cross-site request forgeries are a type of malicious exploit whereby unauthorized commands are performed on behalf of an authenticated user.

Laravel automatically generates a CSRF "token" for each active user session managed by the application. This token is used to verify that the authenticated user is the one actually making the requests to the application.

Anytime you define a HTML form in your application, you should include a hidden CSRF token field in the form so that the CSRF protection middleware will be able to validate the request. To generate a hidden input field _token containing the CSRF token, you may use the csrf_field helper function:

```
// Vanilla PHP
<?php echo csrf_field(); ?>
// Blade Template Syntax
{{ csrf_field() }}
```

The csrf_field helper function generates the following HTML:

```
<input type="hidden" name="_token" value="<?php echo csrf_token(); ?>">
```

You do not need to manually verify the CSRF token on POST, PUT, or DELETE requests. The <code>verifycsrfToken middleware</code>, which is included in the <code>web middleware</code> group, will automatically verify that the token in the request input matches the token stored in the session.

Excluding URIs From CSRF Protection

Sometimes you may wish to exclude a set of URIs from CSRF protection. For example, if you are using <u>Stripe</u> to process payments and are utilizing their webhook system, you will need to exclude your webhook handler route from Laravel's CSRF protection.

You may exclude URIs by defining their routes outside of the web middleware group that is included in the default routes.php file, or by adding the URIs to the \$except property of the VerifyCsrfToken middleware:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Middleware;</pre>
```

 $use \ Illuminate \\ \ Foundation \\ \ Http\\ \ Middleware\\ \ VerifyCsrfToken \ as \ BaseVerifier;$

X-CSRF-TOKEN

In addition to checking for the CSRF token as a POST parameter, the Laravel VerifyCsrfToken middleware will also check for the X-CSRF-TOKEN request header. You could, for example, store the token in a "meta" tag:

```
<meta name="csrf-token" content="{{ csrf_token() }}">
```

Once you have created the meta tag, you can instruct a library like jQuery to add the token to all request headers. This provides simple, convenient CSRF protection for your AJAX based applications:

```
$.ajaxSetup({
          headers: {
                'X-CSRF-TOKEN': $('meta[name="csrf-token"]').attr('content')
          }
});
```

X-XSRF-TOKEN

Laravel also stores the CSRF token in a XSRF-TOKEN cookie. You can use the cookie value to set the X-XSRF-TOKEN request header. Some JavaScript frameworks, like Angular, do this automatically for you. It is unlikely that you will need to use this value manually.

Route Model Binding

Laravel route model binding provides a convenient way to inject model instances into your routes. For example, instead of injecting a user's ID, you can inject the entire user model instance that matches the given ID.

Implicit Binding

Laravel will automatically resolve type-hinted Eloquent models defined in routes or controller actions whose variable names match a route segment name. For example:

```
Route::get('api/users/{user}', function (App\User $user) {
    return $user->email;
}):
```

In this example, since the Eloquent type-hinted <code>\$user</code> variable defined on the route matches the <code>{user}</code> segment in the route's URI, Laravel will automatically inject the model instance that has an ID matching the corresponding value from the request URI.

If a matching model instance is not found in the database, a 404 HTTP response will be automatically generated.

Customizing The Key Name

If you would like the implicit model binding to use a database column other than id when retrieving models, you may override the getRouteKeyName method on your Eloquent model:

```
/**
  * Get the route key for the model.
  *
  * @return string
  */
public function getRouteKeyName()
{
    return 'slug';
}
```

Explicit Binding

To register an explicit binding, use the router's model method to specify the class for a given parameter. You should define your model bindings in the RouteServiceProvider::boot method:

Binding A Parameter To A Model

Since we have bound the {user} parameter to the App\user model, a user instance will be injected into the route. So, for example, a request to profile/1 will inject the user instance which has an ID of 1.

If a matching model instance is not found in the database, a 404 HTTP response will be automatically generated.

Customizing The Resolution Logic

If you wish to use your own resolution logic, you should use the Route::bind method. The Closure you pass to the bind method will receive the value of the URI segment, and should return an instance of the class you want to be injected into the route:

```
$router->bind('user', function ($value) {
    return App\User::where('name', $value)->first();
});
```

Customizing The "Not Found" Behavior

If you wish to specify your own "not found" behavior, pass a Closure as the third argument to the model method:

```
$router->model('user', 'App\User', function () {
    throw new NotFoundHttpException;
});
```

Form Method Spoofing

HTML forms do not support PUT, PATCH Or DELETE actions. So, when defining PUT, PATCH Or DELETE routes that are called from an HTML form, you will need to add a hidden _method field to the form. The value sent with the _method field will be used as the HTTP request method:

```
<form action="/foo/bar" method="POST">
        <input type="hidden" name="_method" value="PUT">
        <input type="hidden" name="_token" value="{{ csrf_token() }}">
</form>
```

To generate the hidden input field _method, you may also use the method_field helper function:

```
<?php echo method_field('PUT'); ?>
```

Of course, using the Blade templating engine:

```
{{ method_field('PUT') }}
```

Accessing The Current Route

The Route::current() method will return the route handling the current HTTP request, allowing you to inspect the full Illuminate\Routing\Route instance:

```
$route = Route::current();
$name = $route->getName();
$actionName = $route->getActionName();
```

You may also use the currentRouteName and currentRouteAction helper methods on the Route facade to access the current route's name or action:

```
$name = Route::currentRouteName();
$action = Route::currentRouteAction();
```

Please refer to the API documentation for both the <u>underlying class of the Route facade</u> and <u>Route instance</u> to review all accessible methods.

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Introduction

HTTP middleware provide a convenient mechanism for filtering HTTP requests entering your application. For example, Laravel includes a middleware that verifies the user of your application is authenticated. If the user is not authenticated, the middleware will redirect the user to the login screen. However, if the user is authenticated, the middleware will allow the request to proceed further into the application.

Of course, additional middleware can be written to perform a variety of tasks besides authentication. A CORS middleware might be responsible for adding the proper headers to all responses leaving your application. A logging middleware might log all incoming requests to your application.

There are several middleware included in the Laravel framework, including middleware for maintenance, authentication, CSRF protection, and more. All of these middleware are located in the app/Http/Middleware directory.

Defining Middleware

To create a new middleware, use the make:middleware Artisan command:

```
php artisan make:middleware AgeMiddleware
```

This command will place a new AgeMiddleware class within your app/Http/Middleware directory. In this middleware, we will only allow access to the route if the supplied age is greater than 200. Otherwise, we will redirect the users back to the "home" URI.

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Middleware;
use Closure;
class AgeMiddleware
{
    /**
    * Run the request filter.
    * @param \Illuminate\Http\Request $request
    * @param \Closure $next
    * @return mixed
    */
    public function handle($request, Closure $next)
{
        if ($request->input('age') <= 200) {
            return redirect('home');
        }
        return $next($request);
    }
}</pre>
```

As you can see, if the given age is less than or equal to 200, the middleware will return an HTTP redirect to the client; otherwise, the request will be passed further into the application. To pass the request deeper into the application (allowing the middleware to "pass"), simply call the \$next callback with the \$request.

It's best to envision middleware as a series of "layers" HTTP requests must pass through before they hit your application. Each layer can examine the request and even reject it entirely.

Before / After Middleware

Whether a middleware runs before or after a request depends on the middleware itself. For example, the following middleware would perform some task **before** the request is handled by the application:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Middleware;
use Closure;
class BeforeMiddleware
    public function handle($request, Closure $next)
        // Perform action
        return $next($request);
    }
}
However, this middleware would perform its task after the request is handled by the application:
namespace App\Http\Middleware;
use Closure;
class AfterMiddleware
    public function handle($request, Closure $next)
        $response = $next($request);
        // Perform action
        return $response;
```

Registering Middleware

Global Middleware

If you want a middleware to be run during every HTTP request to your application, simply list the middleware class in the <code>\$middleware</code> property of your app/Http/Kernel.php class.

Assigning Middleware To Routes

If you would like to assign middleware to specific routes, you should first assign the middleware a short-hand key in your app/Http/Kernel.php file. By default, the \$routeMiddleware property of this class contains entries for the middleware included with Laravel. To add your own, simply append it to this list and assign it a key of your choosing. For example:

```
// Within App\Http\Kernel Class...
protected $routeMiddleware = [
     'auth' => \App\Http\Middleware\Authenticate::class,
                 => \Illuminate\Auth\Middleware\AuthenticateWithBasicAuth::class,
    'auth.basic'
    'guest' => \App\Http\Middleware\RedirectIfAuthenticated::class,
    'throttle' => \Illuminate\Routing\Middleware\ThrottleRequests::class,
Once the middleware has been defined in the HTTP kernel, you may use the middleware key in the route options array:
Route::get('admin/profile', ['middleware' => 'auth', function () {
}]);
Use an array to assign multiple middleware to the route:
Route::get('/', ['middleware' => ['first', 'second'], function () {
Instead of using an array, you may also chain the middleware method onto the route definition:
Route::get('/', function () {
})->middleware(['first', 'second']);
When assigning middleware, you may also pass the fully qualified class name:
use App\Http\Middleware\FooMiddleware;
Route::get('admin/profile', ['middleware' => FooMiddleware::class, function () {
```

```
//
}]);
```

Middleware Groups

Sometimes you may want to group several middleware under a single key to make them easier to assign to routes. You may do this using the <code>middlewareGroups</code> property of your HTTP kernel.

Out of the box, Laravel comes with web and api middleware groups that contains common middleware you may want to apply to web UI and your API routes:

Middleware groups may be assigned to routes and controller actions using the same syntax as individual middleware. Again, middleware groups simply make it more convenient to assign many middleware to a route at once:

Keep in mind, the web middleware group is automatically applied to your default routes.php file by the RouteServiceProvider.

Middleware Parameters

Middleware can also receive additional custom parameters. For example, if your application needs to verify that the authenticated user has a given "role" before performing a given action, you could create a RoleMiddleware that receives a role name as an additional argument.

Additional middleware parameters will be passed to the middleware after the \$next argument:

```
namespace App\Http\Middleware;
use Closure;
class RoleMiddleware
{
    /**
    * Run the request filter.
    * @param \Illuminate\Http\Request $request
    * @param \Closure $next
    * @param string $role
    * @return mixed
    */
    public function handle($request, Closure $next, $role)
    {
        if (! $request->user()->hasRole($role)) {
            // Redirect...
        }
        return $next($request);
    }
}
```

Middleware parameters may be specified when defining the route by separating the middleware name and parameters with a :. Multiple parameters should be delimited by commas:

```
Route::put('post/{id}', ['middleware' => 'role:editor', function ($id) {
    //
}]);
```

Terminable Middleware

Sometimes a middleware may need to do some work after the HTTP response has already been sent to the browser. For example, the "session" middleware included with Laravel writes the session data to storage *after* the response has been sent to the browser. To accomplish this, define the middleware as "terminable" by adding a terminate method to the middleware:

```
<?php
namespace Illuminate\Session\Middleware;
use Closure;

class StartSession
{
    public function handle($request, Closure $next)
    {
        return $next($request);
    }

    public function terminate($request, $response)
    {
        // Store the session data...
    }
}</pre>
```

The terminate method should receive both the request and the response. Once you have defined a terminable middleware, you should add it to the list of global middlewares in your HTTP kernel.

When calling the terminate method on your middleware, Laravel will resolve a fresh instance of the middleware from the <u>service</u> <u>container</u>. If you would like to use the same middleware instance when the handle and terminate methods are called, register the middleware with the container using the container's <u>singleton</u> method.

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Introduction

Instead of defining all of your request handling logic in a single routes.php file, you may wish to organize this behavior using Controller classes. Controllers can group related HTTP request handling logic into a class. Controllers are stored in the app/Http/Controllers directory.

Basic Controllers

Here is an example of a basic controller class. All Laravel controllers should extend the base controller class included with the default Laravel installation:

We can route to the controller action like so:

```
Route::get('user/{id}', 'UserController@showProfile');
```

Now, when a request matches the specified route URI, the showProfile method on the UserController class will be executed. Of course, the route parameters will also be passed to the method.

Controllers & Namespaces

It is very important to note that we did not need to specify the full controller namespace when defining the controller route. We only defined the portion of the class name that comes after the App\Http\Controllers namespace "root". By default, the RouteServiceProvider will load the routes.php file within a route group containing the root controller namespace.

If you choose to nest or organize your controllers using PHP namespaces deeper into the App\http\Controllers directory, simply use the specific class name relative to the App\http\Controllers root namespace. So, if your full controller class is App\http\Controllers\Photos\AdminController, you would register a route like so:

```
Route::get('foo', 'Photos\AdminController@method');
```

Naming Controller Routes

Like Closure routes, you may specify names on controller routes:

```
Route::get('foo', ['uses' => 'FooController@method', 'as' => 'name']);
```

You may also use the route helper to generate a URL to a named controller route:

```
$url = route('name');
```

Controller Middleware

Middleware may be assigned to the controller's routes like so:

```
Route::get('profile', [
   'middleware' => 'auth',
   'uses' => 'UserController@showProfile'
]);
```

However, it is more convenient to specify middleware within your controller's constructor. Using the middleware method from your controller's constructor, you may easily assign middleware to the controller. You may even restrict the middleware to only certain methods on the controller class:

RESTful Resource Controllers

Resource controllers make it painless to build RESTful controllers around resources. For example, you may wish to create a controller that handles HTTP requests regarding "photos" stored by your application. Using the make:controller Artisan command, we can quickly create such a controller:

```
php artisan make:controller PhotoController --resource
```

The Artisan command will generate a controller file at app/Http/Controllers/PhotoController.php. The controller will contain a method for each of the available resource operations.

Next, you may register a resourceful route to the controller:

```
Route::resource('photo', 'PhotoController');
```

This single route declaration creates multiple routes to handle a variety of RESTful actions on the photo resource. Likewise, the generated controller will already have methods stubbed for each of these actions, including notes informing you which URIs and verbs they handle.

Actions Handled By Resource Controller

Verb	Path	Action	Route Name
GET	/photo	index	photo.index
GET	/photo/create	create	photo.create
POST	/photo	store	photo.store
GET	/photo/{photo}	show	photo.show
GET	/photo/{photo}/edit	edit	photo.edit
PUT/PATCH	/photo/{photo}	update	photo.update
DELETE	/photo/{photo}	destroy	photo.destroy

Remember, since HTML forms can't make PUT, PATCH, or DELETE requests, you will need to add a hidden _method field to spoof these HTTP verbs:

```
<input type="hidden" name="_method" value="PUT">
```

Partial Resource Routes

When declaring a resource route, you may specify a subset of actions to handle on the route:

Naming Resource Routes

By default, all resource controller actions have a route name; however, you can override these names by passing a names array with your options:

```
Route::resource('photo', 'PhotoController', ['names' => [
    'create' => 'photo.build'
]]);
```

Naming Resource Route Parameters

By default, Route::resource will create the route parameters for your resource routes based on the resource name. You can easily override this on a per resource basis by passing parameters in the options array. The parameters array should be an associative array of resource names and parameter names:

```
Route::resource('user', 'AdminUserController', ['parameters' => [
    'user' => 'admin_user'
]]);
```

The example above generates the following URIs for the resource's show route:

```
/user/{admin_user}
```

Instead of passing an array of parameter names, you may also simply pass the word singular to instruct Laravel to use the default parameter names, but "singularize" them:

```
Route::resource('users.photos', 'PhotoController', [
    'parameters' => 'singular'
]);
// /users/{user}/photos/{photo}
```

Alternatively, you may set your resource route parameters to be globally singular or set a global mapping for your resource parameter names:

When customizing resource parameters, it's important to keep the naming priority in mind:

- 1. The parameters explicitly passed to Route::resource.
- 2. The global parameter mappings set via Route::resourceParameters.
- 3. The singular setting passed via the parameters array to Route::resource or set via Route::singularResourceParameters.
- 4. The default behavior.

Supplementing Resource Controllers

If it becomes necessary to add additional routes to a resource controller beyond the default resource routes, you should define those routes before your call to Route::resource; otherwise, the routes defined by the resource method may unintentionally take precedence over your supplemental routes:

```
Route::get('photos/popular', 'PhotoController@method');
Route::resource('photos', 'PhotoController');
```

Dependency Injection & Controllers

Constructor Injection

The Laravel <u>service container</u> is used to resolve all Laravel controllers. As a result, you are able to type-hint any dependencies your controller may need in its constructor. The dependencies will automatically be resolved and injected into the controller instance:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use App\Repositories\UserRepository;
class UserController extends Controller
{
    /**
    * The user repository instance.
    */
    protected $users;

    /**
    * Create a new controller instance.
    *
    * @param UserRepository $users
    * @return void
    */
    public function __construct(UserRepository $users)
    {
        $this->users = $users;
    }
}
```

Of course, you may also type-hint any Laravel contract. If the container can resolve it, you can type-hint it.

Method Injection

In addition to constructor injection, you may also type-hint dependencies on your controller's action methods. For example, let's type-hint the Illuminate\Http\Request instance on one of our methods:

If your controller method is also expecting input from a route parameter, simply list your route arguments after your other dependencies. For example, if your route is defined like so:

```
Route::put('user/{id}', 'UserController@update');
```

You may still type-hint the Illuminate\Http\Request and access your route parameter id by defining your controller method like the following:

```
}
```

Route Caching

Note: Route caching does not work with Closure based routes. To use route caching, you must convert any Closure routes to use controller classes.

If your application is exclusively using controller based routes, you should take advantage of Laravel's route cache. Using the route cache will drastically decrease the amount of time it takes to register all of your application's routes. In some cases, your route registration may even be up to 100x faster! To generate a route cache, just execute the route:cache Artisan command:

php artisan route:cache

That's all there is to it! Your cached routes file will now be used instead of your app/Http/routes.php file. Remember, if you add any new routes you will need to generate a fresh route cache. Because of this, you should only run the route:cache command during your project's deployment.

To remove the cached routes file without generating a new cache, use the route:clear command:

php artisan route:clear

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HTTP Requests

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Accessing The Request

To obtain an instance of the current HTTP request via dependency injection, you should type-hint the <code>illuminate\Http\Request</code> class on your controller constructor or method. The current request instance will automatically be injected by the service container:

If your controller method is also expecting input from a route parameter, simply list your route arguments after your other dependencies. For example, if your route is defined like so:

```
Route::put('user/{id}', 'UserController@update');
```

You may still type-hint the Illuminate\Http\Request and access your route parameter id by defining your controller method like the following:

```
<?php

namespace App\Http\Controllers;

use Illuminate\Http\Request;

class UserController extends Controller
{
    /**
    * Update the specified user.
    *
    * @param Request $request
    * @param string $id
    * @return Response
    */
    public function update(Request $request, $id)
    {
        //
    }
}</pre>
```

Basic Request Information

The Illuminate\http\Request instance provides a variety of methods for examining the HTTP request for your application and extends the Symfony\Component\httpFoundation\Request class. Here are a few more of the useful methods available on this class:

Retrieving The Request URI

The path method returns the request's URI. So, if the incoming request is targeted at http://domain.com/foo/bar, the path method will return foo/bar:

```
$uri = $request->path();
```

The is method allows you to verify that the incoming request URI matches a given pattern. You may use the * character as a wildcard when utilizing this method:

```
if ($request->is('admin/*')) {
     //
}
```

To get the full URL, not just the path info, you may use the url or fullurl methods on the request instance:

```
// Without Query String...
$url = $request->url();
// With Query String...
$url = $request->fullurl();
```

You may also get the full URL and append query parameters. For example, if the request is targeted at http://domain.com/foo, the following method will return http://domain.com/foo?bar=baz:

```
$url = $request->fullUrlWithQuery(['bar' => 'baz']);
```

Retrieving The Request Method

The method method will return the HTTP verb for the request. You may also use the isMethod method to verify that the HTTP verb matches a given string:

```
$method = $request->method();
if ($request->isMethod('post')) {
    //
}
```

PSR-7 Requests

The PSR-7 standard specifies interfaces for HTTP messages, including requests and responses. If you would like to obtain an instance of a PSR-7 request, you will first need to install a few libraries. Laravel uses the Symfony HTTP Message Bridge component to convert typical Laravel requests and responses into PSR-7 compatible implementations:

```
composer require symfony/psr-http-message-bridge
composer require zendframework/zend-diactoros
```

Once you have installed these libraries, you may obtain a PSR-7 request by simply type-hinting the request type on your route or controller:

If you return a PSR-7 response instance from a route or controller, it will automatically be converted back to a Laravel response instance and be displayed by the framework.

Retrieving Input

Retrieving An Input Value

Using a few simple methods, you may access all user input from your Illuminate\http\Request instance. You do not need to worry about the HTTP verb used for the request, as input is accessed in the same way for all verbs:

```
$name = $request->input('name');
```

You may pass a default value as the second argument to the input method. This value will be returned if the requested input value is not present on the request:

```
$name = $request->input('name', 'Sally');
```

When working on forms with array inputs, you may use "dot" notation to access the arrays:

```
$name = $request->input('products.0.name');
```

```
$names = $request->input('products.*.name');
```

Retrieving JSON Input Values

When sending JSON requests to your application, you may access the JSON data via the input method as long as the content-Type header of the request is properly set to application/json. You may even use "dot" syntax to dig deeper into JSON arrays:

```
$name = $request->input('user.name');
```

Determining If An Input Value Is Present

To determine if a value is present on the request, you may use the has method. The has method returns true if the value is present **and** is not an empty string:

Retrieving All Input Data

You may also retrieve all of the input data as an array using the all method:

```
$input = $request->all();
```

Retrieving A Portion Of The Input Data

If you need to retrieve a sub-set of the input data, you may use the only and except methods. Both of these methods will accept a single array or a dynamic list of arguments:

```
$input = $request->only(['username', 'password']);
$input = $request->only('username', 'password');
$input = $request->except(['credit_card']);
$input = $request->except('credit_card');
```

Dynamic Properties

You may also access user input using dynamic properties on the Illuminate\Http\Request instance. For example, if one of your application's forms contains a name field, you may access the value of the posted field like so:

```
$name = $request->name;
```

When using dynamic properties, Laravel will first look for the parameter's value in the request payload and then in the route parameters.

Old Input

Laravel allows you to keep input from one request during the next request. This feature is particularly useful for re-populating forms after detecting validation errors. However, if you are using Laravel's included <u>validation services</u>, it is unlikely you will need to manually use these methods, as some of Laravel's built-in validation facilities will call them automatically.

Flashing Input To The Session

The flash method on the Illuminate\Http\Request instance will flash the current input to the <u>session</u> so that it is available during the user's next request to the application:

```
$request->flash();
```

You may also use the flashonly and flashExcept methods to flash a sub-set of the request data into the session:

```
$request->flashOnly(['username', 'email']);
$request->flashExcept('password');
```

Flash Input Into Session Then Redirect

Since you often will want to flash input in association with a redirect to the previous page, you may easily chain input flashing onto a redirect using the withInput method:

```
return redirect('form')->withInput();
```

```
return redirect('form')->withInput($request->except('password'));
```

Retrieving Old Data

To retrieve flashed input from the previous request, use the old method on the Request instance. The old method provides a convenient helper for pulling the flashed input data out of the <u>session</u>:

```
$username = $request->old('username');
```

Laravel also provides a global old helper function. If you are displaying old input within a <u>Blade template</u>, it is more convenient to use the old helper. If no old input exists for the given string, null will be returned:

```
<input type="text" name="username" value="{{ old('username') }}">
```

Cookies

Retrieving Cookies From The Request

All cookies created by the Laravel framework are encrypted and signed with an authentication code, meaning they will be considered invalid if they have been changed by the client. To retrieve a cookie value from the request, you may use the cookie method on the Illuminate\Http\Request instance:

```
$value = $request->cookie('name');
```

Attaching A New Cookie To A Response

Laravel provides a global cookie helper function which serves as a simple factory for generating new Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\Cookie instances. The cookies may be attached to a Illuminate\Http\Response instance using the withCookie method:

```
$response = new Illuminate\Http\Response('Hello World');
$response->withCookie('name', 'value', $minutes);
return $response:
```

To create a long-lived cookie, which lasts for five years, you may use the forever method on the cookie factory by first calling the cookie helper with no arguments, and then chaining the forever method onto the returned cookie factory:

```
$response->withCookie(cookie()->forever('name', 'value'));
```

Files

Retrieving Uploaded Files

You may access uploaded files that are included with the <code>illuminate\Http\Request</code> instance using the <code>file</code> method. The object returned by the <code>file</code> method is an instance of the <code>Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\File\UploadedFile</code> class, which extends the PHP <code>SplFileInfo</code> class and provides a variety of methods for interacting with the file:

```
$file = $request->file('photo');
```

You may determine if a file is present on the request using the ${\tt hasFile}$ method:

```
if ($request->hasFile('photo')) {
    //
}
```

Validating Successful Uploads

In addition to checking if the file is present, you may verify that there were no problems uploading the file via the isvalid method:

```
if ($request->file('photo')->isValid()) {
    //
}
```

Moving Uploaded Files

To move the uploaded file to a new location, you should use the move method. This method will move the file from its temporary upload location (as determined by your PHP configuration) to a more permanent destination of your choosing:

```
\ensuremath{\tt request->file('photo')->move(\$destinationPath);}
```

\$request->file('photo')->move(\$destinationPath, \$fileName);

Other File Methods

There are a variety of other methods available on uploadedFile instances. Check out the <u>API documentation for the class</u> for more information regarding these methods.

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Basic Responses

Of course, all routes and controllers should return some kind of response to be sent back to the user's browser. Laravel provides several different ways to return responses. The most basic response is simply returning a string from a route or controller:

```
Route::get('/', function () {
    return 'Hello World';
});
```

The given string will automatically be converted into an HTTP response by the framework.

Response Objects

However, for most routes and controller actions, you will be returning a full <code>illuminate\Http\Response</code> instance or a <code>view</code>. Returning a full <code>Response</code> instance allows you to customize the response's HTTP status code and headers. A <code>Response</code> instance inherits from the <code>Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\Response</code> class, providing a variety of methods for building HTTP responses:

Note: For a full list of available Response methods, check out its <u>API documentation</u> and the <u>Symfony API documentation</u>.

Attaching Headers To Responses

Keep in mind that most response methods are chainable, allowing for the fluent building of responses. For example, you may use the header method to add a series of headers to the response before sending it back to the user:

```
return response($content)
->header('Content-Type', $type)
->header('X-Header-One', 'Header Value')
->header('X-Header-Two', 'Header Value');
```

Or, you may use the withHeaders method to specify an array of headers to be added to the response:

Attaching Cookies To Responses

The cookie helper method on the response instance allows you to easily attach cookies to the response. For example, you may use the cookie method to generate a cookie and attach it to the response instance:

The cookie method accepts additional optional arguments which allow you to further customize your cookie's properties:

```
->cookie($name, $value, $minutes, $path, $domain, $secure, $httpOnly)
```

Alternatively, you may use the queue method on the cookie <u>facade</u> to create a cookie that will be automatically added to the outgoing response:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use Cookie;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
class DashboardController extends Controller
{
    /**
     * Show the application dashboard.
     *
     @return Response
     */
    public function index()
     {
        Cookie::queue('saw_dashboard', true, 15);
        return view('dashboard');
    }
}</pre>
```

In this example, the <code>saw_dashboard</code> cookie will automatically be added to the outgoing response without forcing you to manually attach the cookie to a specific response instance.

Cookies & Encryption

By default, all cookies generated by Laravel are encrypted and signed so that they can't be modified or read by the client. If you would like to disable encryption for a certain subset of cookies generated by your application, you may use the \$except property of the App\http\Middleware\EncryptCookies middleware:

```
/**
 * The names of the cookies that should not be encrypted.
 *
 * @var array
 */
protected $except = [
   'cookie_name',
].
```

Other Response Types

The response helper may be used to conveniently generate other types of response instances. When the response helper is called without arguments, an implementation of the <code>Illuminate\Contracts\Routing\ResponseFactory contract</code> is returned. This contract provides several helpful methods for generating responses.

View Responses

If you need control over the response status and headers, but also need to return a <u>view</u> as the response content, you may use the view method:

Of course, if you do not need to pass a custom HTTP status code or custom headers, you should simply use the global view helper function.

JSON Responses

The json method will automatically set the Content-Type header to application/json, as well as convert the given array into JSON using the json_encode PHP function:

```
return response()->json(['name' => 'Abigail', 'state' => 'CA']);
```

If you would like to create a JSONP response, you may use the json method in addition to setCallback:

File Downloads

The download method may be used to generate a response that forces the user's browser to download the file at the given path. The download method accepts a file name as the second argument to the method, which will determine the file name that is seen by the user downloading the file. Finally, you may pass an array of HTTP headers as the third argument to the method:

```
return response()->download($pathToFile);
return response()->download($pathToFile, $name, $headers);
```

Note: Symfony HttpFoundation, which manages file downloads, requires the file being downloaded to have an ASCII file name.

File Responses

The file method can be used to display a file, such as an image or PDF, directly in the user's browser instead of initiating a download. This method accepts the path to the file as its first argument and an array of headers as its second argument:

```
return response()->file($pathToFile);
return response()->file($pathToFile, $headers);
```

Redirects

Redirect responses are instances of the Illuminate\Http\RedirectResponse class, and contain the proper headers needed to redirect the user to another URL. There are several ways to generate a RedirectResponse instance. The simplest method is to use the global redirect helper method:

```
Route::get('dashboard', function () {
    return redirect('home/dashboard');
});
```

Sometimes you may wish to redirect the user to their previous location, for example, after a form submission that is invalid. You may do so by using the global back helper function. However, make sure the route using the back function is using the web middleware group or has all of the session middleware applied:

```
Route::post('user/profile', function () {
    // Validate the request...
    return back()->withInput();
});
```

Redirecting To Named Routes

When you call the redirect helper with no parameters, an instance of illuminate\Routing\Redirector is returned, allowing you to call any method on the Redirector instance. For example, to generate a RedirectResponse to a named route, you may use the route method:

```
return redirect()->route('login');
```

If your route has parameters, you may pass them as the second argument to the route method:

```
// For a route with the following URI: profile/{id}
return redirect()->route('profile', ['id' => 1]);
```

If you are redirecting to a route with an "ID" parameter that is being populated from an Eloquent model, you may simply pass the model itself. The ID will be extracted automatically:

```
return redirect()->route('profile', [$user]);
```

Redirecting To Controller Actions

You may also generate redirects to <u>controller actions</u>. To do so, simply pass the controller and action name to the action method. Remember, you do not need to specify the full namespace to the controller since Laravel's RouteServiceProvider will automatically set the default controller namespace:

```
return redirect()->action('HomeController@index');
```

Of course, if your controller route requires parameters, you may pass them as the second argument to the action method:

```
return redirect()->action('UserController@profile', ['id' => 1]);
```

Redirecting With Flashed Session Data

Redirecting to a new URL and <u>flashing data to the session</u> are typically done at the same time. So, for convenience, you may create a RedirectResponse instance **and** flash data to the session in a single method chain. This is particularly convenient for storing status messages after an action:

```
Route::post('user/profile', function () {
    // Update the user's profile...
    return redirect('dashboard')->with('status', 'Profile updated!');
});
```

Of course, after the user is redirected to a new page, you may retrieve and display the flashed message from the <u>session</u>. For example, using <u>Blade syntax</u>:

Response Macros

If you would like to define a custom response that you can re-use in a variety of your routes and controllers, you may use the macro method on the Response facade or the implementation of Illuminate\Contracts\Routing\ResponseFactory.

For example, from a <u>service provider's</u> boot method:

```
<?php

namespace App\Providers;

use Response;
use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;

class ResponseMacroServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
{
    /**
    * Perform post-registration booting of services.
    *
    @return void
    */
    public function boot()
    {
        Response::macro('caps', function ($value) {
            return Response::make(strtoupper($value));
        });
    }
}</pre>
```

The macro function accepts a name as its first argument, and a Closure as its second. The macro's Closure will be executed when calling the macro name from a ResponseFactory implementation or the response helper:

```
return response()->caps('foo');
```

The Basics

Views

- Basic Usage
 - o Passing Data To Views
 - Sharing Data With All Views
- View Composers

Basic Usage

Views contain the HTML served by your application and separate your controller / application logic from your presentation logic. Views are stored in the resources/views directory.

A simple view might look something like this:

Since this view is stored at resources/views/greeting.php, we may return it using the global view helper function like so:

```
Route::get('/', function () {
    return view('greeting', ['name' => 'James']);
});
```

As you can see, the first argument passed to the view helper corresponds to the name of the view file in the resources/views directory. The second argument passed to helper is an array of data that should be made available to the view. In this case, we are passing the name variable, which is displayed in the view by executing echo on the variable.

Of course, views may also be nested within sub-directories of the resources/views directory. "Dot" notation may be used to reference nested views. For example, if your view is stored at resources/views/admin/profile.php, you may reference it like so:

```
return view('admin.profile', $data);
```

Determining If A View Exists

If you need to determine if a view exists, you may use the exists method after calling the view helper with no arguments. This method will return true if the view exists on disk:

```
if (view()->exists('emails.customer')) {
    //
}
```

When the view helper is called without arguments, an instance of Illuminate\Contracts\View\Factory is returned, giving you access to any of the factory's methods.

View Data

Passing Data To Views

As you saw in the previous examples, you may easily pass an array of data to views:

```
return view('greetings', ['name' => 'Victoria']);
```

When passing information in this manner, \$data should be an array with key/value pairs. Inside your view, you can then access each value using its corresponding key, such as <?php echo \$key; ?>. As an alternative to passing a complete array of data to the view helper function, you may use the with method to add individual pieces of data to the view:

```
return view('greeting')->with('name', 'Victoria');
```

Sharing Data With All Views

Occasionally, you may need to share a piece of data with all views that are rendered by your application. You may do so using the view factory's share method. Typically, you should place calls to share within a service provider's boot method. You are free to add them to the AppServiceProvider or generate a separate service provider to house them:

```
<?php
```

```
namespace App\Providers;
class AppServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
{
    /**
    * Bootstrap any application services.
    *
    * @return void
    */
    public function boot()
    {
        view()->share('key', 'value');
    }
    /**
    * Register the service provider.
    *
    * @return void
    */
    public function register()
    {
        //
    }
}
```

View Composers

View composers are callbacks or class methods that are called when a view is rendered. If you have data that you want to be bound to a view each time that view is rendered, a view composer can help you organize that logic into a single location.

Let's register our view composers within a <u>service provider</u>. We'll use the view helper to access the underlying Illuminate\Contracts\View\Factory contract implementation. Remember, Laravel does not include a default directory for view composers. You are free to organize them however you wish. For example, you could create an App\Http\ViewComposers directory:

```
<?php
namespace App\Providers;
use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
class ComposerServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
     * Register bindings in the container.
       @return void
    public function boot()
        // Using class based composers...
        view()->composer(
   'profile', 'App\Http\ViewComposers\ProfileComposer'
        // Using Closure based composers..
        view()->composer('dashboard', function ($view) {
        });
    }
       Register the service provider.
       @return void
    public function register()
    }
}
```

Remember, if you create a new service provider to contain your view composer registrations, you will need to add the service provider to the providers array in the config/app.php configuration file.

Now that we have registered the composer, the ProfileComposer@compose method will be executed each time the profile view is being rendered. So, let's define the composer class:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\ViewComposers;</pre>
```

```
use Illuminate\View\View;
use App\Repositories\UserRepository;
class ProfileComposer
     ^{\star} The user repository implementation.
       @var UserRepository
    protected $users;
     ^{\star} Create a new profile composer.
     * @param UserRepository $users
       @return void
    public function __construct(UserRepository $users)
        // Dependencies automatically resolved by service container...
        $this->users = $users;
    }
     * Bind data to the view.
       @param View $view
       @return void
    public function compose(View $view)
        $view->with('count', $this->users->count());
    }
}
```

Just before the view is rendered, the composer's compose method is called with the Illuminate\View\View instance. You may use the with method to bind data to the view.

Note: All view composers are resolved via the <u>service container</u>, so you may type-hint any dependencies you need within a composer's constructor.

Attaching A Composer To Multiple Views

You may attach a view composer to multiple views at once by passing an array of views as the first argument to the composer method:

```
view()->composer(
   ['profile', 'dashboard'],
   'App\Http\ViewComposers\MyViewComposer'
);
```

The composer method accepts the * character as a wildcard, allowing you to attach a composer to all views:

```
view()->composer('*', function ($view) {
    //
});
```

View Creators

View **creators** are very similar to view composers; however, they are fired immediately when the view is instantiated instead of waiting until the view is about to render. To register a view creator, use the creator method:

```
view()->creator('profile', 'App\Http\ViewCreators\ProfileCreator');
```

The Basics

Blade Templates

- Introduction
- Template Inheritance
 - o Defining A Layout
 - Extending A Layout
- Displaying Data
- Control Structures
- Stacks
- Service Injection
- Extending Blade

Introduction

Blade is the simple, yet powerful templating engine provided with Laravel. Unlike other popular PHP templating engines, Blade does not restrict you from using plain PHP code in your views. All Blade views are compiled into plain PHP code and cached until they are modified, meaning Blade adds essentially zero overhead to your application. Blade view files use the .blade.php file extension and are typically stored in the resources/views directory.

Template Inheritance

Defining A Layout

Two of the primary benefits of using Blade are *template inheritance* and *sections*. To get started, let's take a look at a simple example. First, we will examine a "master" page layout. Since most web applications maintain the same general layout across various pages, it's convenient to define this layout as a single Blade view:

As you can see, this file contains typical HTML mark-up. However, take note of the @section and @yield directives. The @section directive, as the name implies, defines a section of content, while the @yield directive is used to display the contents of a given section.

Now that we have defined a layout for our application, let's define a child page that inherits the layout.

Extending A Layout

When defining a child page, you may use the Blade @extends directive to specify which layout the child page should "inherit". Views which @extends a Blade layout may inject content into the layout's sections using @section directives. Remember, as seen in the example above, the contents of these sections will be displayed in the layout using @yield:

```
<!-- Stored in resources/views/child.blade.php -->
@extends('layouts.master')
@section('title', 'Page Title')
@section('sidebar')
    @parent
    This is appended to the master sidebar.
@endsection
@section('content')
    This is my body content.
@endsection
```

In this example, the sidebar section is utilizing the <code>@parent</code> directive to append (rather than overwriting) content to the layout's sidebar. The <code>@parent</code> directive will be replaced by the content of the layout when the view is rendered.

Of course, just like plain PHP views, Blade views may be returned from routes using the global view helper function:

```
Route::get('blade', function () {
    return view('child');
});
```

Displaying Data

You may display data passed to your Blade views by wrapping the variable in "curly" braces. For example, given the following route:

```
Route::get('greeting', function () {
    return view('welcome', ['name' => 'Samantha']);
});
```

You may display the contents of the name variable like so:

```
Hello, {{ $name }}.
```

Of course, you are not limited to displaying the contents of the variables passed to the view. You may also echo the results of any PHP function. In fact, you can put any PHP code you wish inside of a Blade echo statement:

```
The current UNIX timestamp is {{ time() }}.
```

Note: Blade {{ }} statements are automatically sent through PHP's htmlentities function to prevent XSS attacks.

Blade & JavaScript Frameworks

Since many JavaScript frameworks also use "curly" braces to indicate a given expression should be displayed in the browser, you may use the @ symbol to inform the Blade rendering engine an expression should remain untouched. For example:

```
<h1>Laravel</h1>
Hello, @{{ name }}.
```

In this example, the @ symbol will be removed by Blade; however, {{ name }} expression will remain untouched by the Blade engine, allowing it to instead be rendered by your JavaScript framework.

Echoing Data If It Exists

Sometimes you may wish to echo a variable, but you aren't sure if the variable has been set. We can express this in verbose PHP code like so:

```
{{ isset($name) ? $name : 'Default' }}
```

However, instead of writing a ternary statement, Blade provides you with the following convenient short-cut:

```
{{ $name or 'Default' }}
```

In this example, if the \$name variable exists, its value will be displayed. However, if it does not exist, the word Default will be displayed.

Displaying Unescaped Data

By default, Blade {{ }} statements are automatically sent through PHP's htmlentities function to prevent XSS attacks. If you do not want your data to be escaped, you may use the following syntax:

```
Hello, {!! $name !!}.
```

Note: Be very careful when echoing content that is supplied by users of your application. Always use the double curly brace syntax to escape any HTML entities in the content.

Control Structures

In addition to template inheritance and displaying data, Blade also provides convenient short-cuts for common PHP control structures, such as conditional statements and loops. These short-cuts provide a very clean, terse way of working with PHP control structures, while also remaining familiar to their PHP counterparts.

If Statements

You may construct if statements using the @if, @elseif, @else, and @endif directives. These directives function identically to their PHP counterparts:

```
@if (count($records) === 1)
    I have one record!
@elseif (count($records) > 1)
    I have multiple records!
@else
    I don't have any records!
@endif
```

For convenience, Blade also provides an @unless directive:

```
@unless (Auth::check())
   You are not signed in.
@endunless
```

You may also determine if a given layout section has any content using the @hasSection directive:

```
<title>
@hasSection ('title')
@yield('title') - App Name
@else
App Name
@endif
</title>
```

Loops

In addition to conditional statements, Blade provides simple directives for working with PHP's supported loop structures. Again, each of these directives functions identically to their PHP counterparts:

When using loops you might need to end the loop or skip the current iteration:

```
@foreach ($users as $user)
   @if ($user->type == 1)
        @continue
   @endif

   {{ $user->name }}
   @if ($user->number == 5)
        @break
   @endif

@endforeach
```

You may also include the condition with the directive declaration in one line:

```
@foreach ($users as $user)
    @continue($user->type == 1)
    {{ $user->name }}
    @break($user->number == 5)
@endforeach
```

Including Sub-Views

Blade's @include directive, allows you to easily include a Blade view from within an existing view. All variables that are available to the parent view will be made available to the included view:

```
<div>
@include('shared.errors')
```

```
<form>
    <!-- Form Contents -->
    </form>
</div>
```

Even though the included view will inherit all data available in the parent view, you may also pass an array of extra data to the included view:

```
@include('view.name', ['some' => 'data'])
```

Note: You should avoid using the __DIR__ and __FILE__ constants in your Blade views, since they will refer to the location of the cached view.

Rendering Views For Collections

You may combine loops and includes into one line with Blade's @each directive:

```
@each('view.name', $jobs, 'job')
```

The first argument is the view partial to render for each element in the array or collection. The second argument is the array or collection you wish to iterate over, while the third argument is the variable name that will be assigned to the current iteration within the view. So, for example, if you are iterating over an array of jobs, typically you will want to access each job as a job variable within your view partial. The key for the current iteration will be available as the key variable within your view partial.

You may also pass a fourth argument to the @each directive. This argument determines the view that will be rendered if the given array is empty.

```
@each('view.name', $jobs, 'job', 'view.empty')
```

Comments

Blade also allows you to define comments in your views. However, unlike HTML comments, Blade comments are not included in the HTML returned by your application:

```
{{-- This comment will not be present in the rendered HTML --}}
```

Stacks

Blade also allows you to push to named stacks which can be rendered somewhere else in another view or layout:

You may push to the same stack as many times as needed. To render a stack, use the @stack syntax:

Service Injection

The @inject directive may be used to retrieve a service from the Laravel service container. The first argument passed to @inject is the name of the variable the service will be placed into, while the second argument is the class / interface name of the service you wish to resolve:

Extending Blade

Blade even allows you to define your own custom directives. You can use the directive method to register a directive. When the Blade compiler encounters the directive, it calls the provided callback with its parameter.

The following example creates a @datetime(\$var) directive which formats a given \$var:

```
<?php
namespace App\Providers;</pre>
```

```
use Blade;
use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;

class AppServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
{
    /**
    * Perform post-registration booting of services.
    *
    @return void
    */
    public function boot()
    {
        Blade::directive('datetime', function($expression) {
            return "<?php echo with{$expression}->format('m/d/Y H:i'); ?>";
        });
    }
    /**
    * Register bindings in the container.
    *
    @return void
    */
    public function register()
    {
            //
        }
}
```

As you can see, Laravel's with helper function was used in this directive. The with helper simply returns the object / value it is given, allowing for convenient method chaining. The final PHP generated by this directive will be:

```
<?php echo with($var)->format('m/d/Y H:i'); ?>
```

After updating the logic of a Blade directive, you will need to delete all of the cached Blade views. The cached Blade views may be removed using the view:clear Artisan command.

Architecture Foundations

Request Lifecycle

- Introduction
- Lifecycle Overview
- Focus On Service Providers

Introduction

When using any tool in the "real world", you feel more confident if you understand how that tool works. Application development is no different. When you understand how your development tools function, you feel more comfortable and confident using them.

The goal of this document is to give you a good, high-level overview of how the Laravel framework "works". By getting to know the overall framework better, everything feels less "magical" and you will be more confident building your applications.

If you don't understand all of the terms right away, don't lose heart! Just try to get a basic grasp of what is going on, and your knowledge will grow as you explore other sections of the documentation.

Lifecycle Overview

First Things

The entry point for all requests to a Laravel application is the public/index.php file. All requests are directed to this file by your web server (Apache / Nginx) configuration. The index.php file doesn't contain much code. Rather, it is simply a starting point for loading the rest of the framework.

The index.php file loads the Composer generated autoloader definition, and then retrieves an instance of the Laravel application from bootstrap/app.php script. The first action taken by Laravel itself is to create an instance of the application / service container.

HTTP / Console Kernels

Next, the incoming request is sent to either the HTTP kernel or the console kernel, depending on the type of request that is entering the application. These two kernels serve as the central location that all requests flow through. For now, let's just focus on the HTTP kernel, which is located in app/Http/Kernel.php.

The HTTP kernel extends the <code>illuminate\Foundation\Http\Kernel</code> class, which defines an array of bootstrappers that will be run before the request is executed. These bootstrappers configure error handling, configure logging, <code>detect</code> the application <code>environment</code>, and perform other tasks that need to be done before the request is actually handled.

The HTTP kernel also defines a list of HTTP <u>middleware</u> that all requests must pass through before being handled by the application. These middleware handle reading and writing the <u>HTTP session</u>, determine if the application is in maintenance mode, <u>verifying the CSRF token</u>, and more.

The method signature for the HTTP kernel's handle method is quite simple: receive a Request and return a Response. Think of the Kernel as being a big black box that represents your entire application. Feed it HTTP requests and it will return HTTP responses.

Service Providers

One of the most important Kernel bootstrapping actions is loading the <u>service providers</u> for your application. All of the service providers for the application are configured in the config/app.php configuration file's providers array. First, the register method will be called on all providers, then, once all providers have been registered, the boot method will be called.

Service providers are responsible for bootstrapping all of the framework's various components, such as the database, queue, validation, and routing components. Since they bootstrap and configure every feature offered by the framework, service providers are the most important aspect of the entire Laravel bootstrap process.

Dispatch Request

Once the application has been bootstrapped and all service providers have been registered, the Request will be handed off to the router for dispatching. The router will dispatch the request to a route or controller, as well as run any route specific middleware.

Focus On Service Providers

Service providers are truly the key to bootstrapping a Laravel application. The application instance is created, the service

providers are registered, and the request is handed to the bootstrapped application. It's really that simple!

Having a firm grasp of how a Laravel application is built and bootstrapped via service providers is very valuable. Of course, your application's default service providers are stored in the app/Providers directory.

By default, the AppServiceProvider is fairly empty. This provider is a great place to add your application's own bootstrapping and service container bindings. Of course, for large applications, you may wish to create several service providers, each with a more granular type of bootstrapping.

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Application Structure

- Introduction
- The Root Directory
- The App Directory

Introduction

The default Laravel application structure is intended to provide a great starting point for both large and small applications. Of course, you are free to organize your application however you like. Laravel imposes almost no restrictions on where any given class is located - as long as Composer can autoload the class.

The Root Directory

The root directory of a fresh Laravel installation contains a variety of directories:

The app directory, as you might expect, contains the core code of your application. We'll explore this directory in more detail soon.

The bootstrap directory contains a few files that bootstrap the framework and configure autoloading, as well as a cache directory that contains a few framework generated files for bootstrap performance optimization.

The config directory, as the name implies, contains all of your application's configuration files.

The database directory contains your database migration and seeds. If you wish, you may also use this directory to hold an SQLite database.

The public directory contains the front controller and your assets (images, JavaScript, CSS, etc.).

The resources directory contains your views, raw assets (LESS, SASS, CoffeeScript), and localization files.

The storage directory contains compiled Blade templates, file based sessions, file caches, and other files generated by the framework. This directory is segregated into app, framework, and logs directories. The app directory may be used to store any files utilized by your application. The framework directory is used to store framework generated files and caches. Finally, the logs directory contains your application's log files.

The tests directory contains your automated tests. An example PHPUnit is provided out of the box.

The vendor directory contains your **Composer** dependencies.

The App Directory

The "meat" of your application lives in the app directory. By default, this directory is namespaced under App and is autoloaded by Composer using the <u>PSR-4 autoloading standard</u>.

The app directory ships with a variety of additional directories such as console, Http, and Providers. Think of the console and Http directories as providing an API into the "core" of your application. The HTTP protocol and CLI are both mechanisms to interact with your application, but do not actually contain application logic. In other words, they are simply two ways of issuing commands to your application. The console directory contains all of your Artisan commands, while the Http directory contains your controllers, middleware, and requests.

The Events directory, as you might expect, houses event classes. Events may be used to alert other parts of your application that a given action has occurred, providing a great deal of flexibility and decoupling.

The Exceptions directory contains your application's exception handler and is also a good place to stick any exceptions thrown by your application.

The Jobs directory, of course, houses the <u>queueable jobs</u> for your application. Jobs may be queued by your application or run synchronously within the current request lifecycle.

The Listeners directory contains the handler classes for your events. Handlers receive an event and perform logic in response to the event being fired. For example, a UserRegistered event might be handled by a SendWelcomeEmail listener.

The Policies directory contains the authorization policy classes for your application. Policies are used to determine if a user can perform a given action against a resource. For more information, check out the <u>authorization documentation</u>.

Note: Many of the classes in the app directory can be generated by Artisan via commands. To review the available commands, run the php artisan list make command in your terminal.

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Service Providers

- Introduction
- Writing Service Providers
 - o The Register Method
 - The Boot Method
- Registering Providers
- Deferred Providers

Introduction

Service providers are the central place of all Laravel application bootstrapping. Your own application, as well as all of Laravel's core services are bootstrapped via service providers.

But, what do we mean by "bootstrapped"? In general, we mean **registering** things, including registering service container bindings, event listeners, middleware, and even routes. Service providers are the central place to configure your application.

If you open the <code>config/app.php</code> file included with Laravel, you will see a <code>providers</code> array. These are all of the service provider classes that will be loaded for your application. Of course, many of them are "deferred" providers, meaning they will not be loaded on every request, but only when the services they provide are actually needed.

In this overview you will learn how to write your own service providers and register them with your Laravel application.

Writing Service Providers

All service providers extend the <code>illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider</code> class. This abstract class requires that you define at least one method on your provider: register. Within the register method, you should **only bind things into the Service Container**. You should never attempt to register any event listeners, routes, or any other piece of functionality within the register method.

The Artisan CLI can easily generate a new provider via the make:provider command:

php artisan make:provider RiakServiceProvider

The Register Method

As mentioned previously, within the register method, you should only bind things into the <u>service container</u>. You should never attempt to register any event listeners, routes, or any other piece of functionality within the register method. Otherwise, you may accidently use a service that is provided by a service provider which has not loaded yet.

Now, let's take a look at a basic service provider:

This service provider only defines a register method, and uses that method to define an implementation of Riak\Connection in the service container. If you don't understand how the service container works, check out its documentation.

The Boot Method

So, what if we need to register a view composer within our service provider? This should be done within the boot method. **This method is called after all other service providers have been registered**, meaning you have access to all other services that have

been registered by the framework:

Boot Method Dependency Injection

You are able to type-hint dependencies for your service provider's boot method. The <u>service container</u> will automatically inject any dependencies you need:

Registering Providers

All service providers are registered in the <code>config/app.php</code> configuration file. This file contains a providers array where you can list the names of your service providers. By default, a set of Laravel core service providers are listed in this array. These providers bootstrap the core Laravel components, such as the mailer, queue, cache, and others.

To register your provider, simply add it to the array:

```
'providers' => [
    // Other Service Providers

App\Providers\AppServiceProvider::class,
],
```

Deferred Providers

If your provider is **only** registering bindings in the <u>service container</u>, you may choose to defer its registration until one of the registered bindings is actually needed. Deferring the loading of such a provider will improve the performance of your application, since it is not loaded from the filesystem on every request.

To defer the loading of a provider, set the defer property to true and define a provides method. The provides method returns the service container bindings that the provider registers:

```
<?php
namespace App\Providers;
use Riak\Connection;
use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
class RiakServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
{
    /**
    * Indicates if loading of the provider is deferred.
    *
    * @var bool
    */</pre>
```

```
protected $defer = true;

/**
    * Register the service provider.
    *
    * @return void
    */
public function register()
{
        $this->app->singleton(Connection::class, function ($app) {
            return new Connection($app['config']['riak']);
        });
}

/**
    * Get the services provided by the provider.
    *
    * @return array
    */
public function provides()
{
        return [Connection::class];
}
```

Laravel compiles and stores a list of all of the services supplied by deferred service providers, along with the name of its service provider class. Then, only when you attempt to resolve one of these services does Laravel load the service provider.

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Introduction

The Laravel service container is a powerful tool for managing class dependencies and performing dependency injection. Dependency injection is a fancy phrase that essentially means this: class dependencies are "injected" into the class via the constructor or, in some cases, "setter" methods.

Let's look at a simple example:

```
<?php
namespace App\Jobs;
use App\User;
use Illuminate\Contracts\Mail\Mailer;
use Illuminate\Contracts\Bus\SelfHandling;
class PurchasePodcast implements SelfHandling
     ^{\star} The mailer implementation.
    protected $mailer;
     * Create a new instance.
       @param Mailer $mailer
       @return void
    public function __construct(Mailer $mailer)
        $this->mailer = $mailer:
    }
     * Purchase a podcast.
       @return void
    public function handle()
    }
}
```

In this example, the PurchasePodcast job needs to send e-mails when a podcast is purchased. So, we will **inject** a service that is able to send e-mails. Since the service is injected, we are able to easily swap it out with another implementation. We are also able to easily "mock", or create a dummy implementation of the mailer when testing our application.

A deep understanding of the Laravel service container is essential to building a powerful, large application, as well as for contributing to the Laravel core itself.

Binding

Almost all of your service container bindings will be registered within <u>service providers</u>, so all of these examples will demonstrate using the container in that context. However, there is no need to bind classes into the container if they do not depend on any interfaces. The container does not need to be instructed on how to build these objects, since it can automatically resolve such "concrete" objects using PHP's reflection services.

Within a service provider, you always have access to the container via the \$this->app instance variable. We can register a binding using the bind method, passing the class or interface name that we wish to register along with a Closure that returns an instance of the class:

```
$this->app->bind('HelpSpot\API', function ($app) {
    return new HelpSpot\API($app['HttpClient']);
});
```

Notice that we receive the container itself as an argument to the resolver. We can then use the container to resolve sub-dependencies of the object we are building.

Binding A Singleton

The singleton method binds a class or interface into the container that should only be resolved one time, and then that same instance will be returned on subsequent calls into the container:

```
$this->app->singleton('FooBar', function ($app) {
    return new FooBar($app['SomethingElse']);
});
```

Binding Instances

You may also bind an existing object instance into the container using the instance method. The given instance will always be returned on subsequent calls into the container:

```
$fooBar = new FooBar(new SomethingElse);
$this->app->instance('FooBar', $fooBar);
```

Binding Interfaces To Implementations

A very powerful feature of the service container is its ability to bind an interface to a given implementation. For example, let's assume we have an EventPusher interface and a RedisEventPusher implementation. Once we have coded our RedisEventPusher implementation of this interface, we can register it with the service container like so:

```
$this->app->bind('App\Contracts\EventPusher', 'App\Services\RedisEventPusher');
```

This tells the container that it should inject the RedisEventPusher when a class needs an implementation of EventPusher. Now we can type-hint the EventPusher interface in a constructor, or any other location where dependencies are injected by the service container:

```
use App\Contracts\EventPusher;

/**
    * Create a new class instance.
    *
    * @param EventPusher $pusher
    * @return void
    */
public function __construct(EventPusher $pusher)
{
    $this->pusher = $pusher;
}
```

Contextual Binding

Sometimes you may have two classes that utilize the same interface, but you wish to inject different implementations into each class. For example, when our system receives a new Order, we may want to send an event via PubNub rather than Pusher. Laravel provides a simple, fluent interface for defining this behavior:

Binding Primitives

Sometimes you may have a class that receives some injected classes, but also needs an injected primitive value such as an integer. You may easily use contextual binding to inject any value your class may need:

Tagging

Occasionally, you may need to resolve all of a certain "category" of binding. For example, perhaps you are building a report aggregator that receives an array of many different Report interface implementations. After registering the Report implementations, you can assign them a tag using the tag method:

Resolving

There are several ways to resolve something out of the container. First, you may use the make method, which accepts the name of the class or interface you wish to resolve:

```
$fooBar = $this->app->make('FooBar');
```

Secondly, you may access the container like an array, since it implements PHP's ArrayAccess interface:

```
$fooBar = $this->app['FooBar'];
```

Lastly, but most importantly, you may simply "type-hint" the dependency in the constructor of a class that is resolved by the container, including <u>controllers</u>, <u>event listeners</u>, <u>queue jobs</u>, <u>middleware</u>, and more. In practice, this is how most of your objects are resolved by the container.

The container will automatically inject dependencies for the classes it resolves. For example, you may type-hint a repository defined by your application in a controller's constructor. The repository will automatically be resolved and injected into the class:

```
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use App\Users\Repositorv as UserRepositorv:
class UserController extends Controller
     * The user repository instance.
    protected $users;
     * Create a new controller instance.
       @param UserRepository $users
       @return void
    public function __construct(UserRepository $users)
       $this->users = $users;
    }
    ^{\star} Show the user with the given ID.
       @param int $id
       @return Response
    public function show($id)
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```

Container Events

The service container fires an event each time it resolves an object. You may listen to this event using the resolving method:

```
$this->app->resolving(function ($object, $app) {
    // Called when container resolves object of any type...
});

$this->app->resolving(FooBar::class, function (FooBar $fooBar, $app) {
    // Called when container resolves objects of type "FooBar"...
});
```

As you can see, the object being resolved will be passed to the callback, allowing you to set any additional properties on the object before it is given to its consumer.

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Introduction

Laravel's Contracts are a set of interfaces that define the core services provided by the framework. For example, a Illuminate\Contracts\Queue\Queue contract defines the methods needed for queueing jobs, while the Illuminate\Contracts\Mail\Mailer contract defines the methods needed for sending e-mail.

Each contract has a corresponding implementation provided by the framework. For example, Laravel provides a queue implementation with a variety of drivers, and a mailer implementation that is powered by SwiftMailer.

All of the Laravel contracts live in their own GitHub repository. This provides a quick reference point for all available contracts, as well as a single, decoupled package that may be utilized by package developers.

Contracts Vs. Facades

Laravel's <u>facades</u> provide a simple way of utilizing Laravel's services without needing to type-hint and resolve contracts out of the service container. However, using contracts allows you to define explicit dependencies for your classes. For most applications, using a facade is just fine. However, if you really need the extra loose coupling that contracts can provide, keep reading!

Why Contracts?

You may have several questions regarding contracts. Why use interfaces at all? Isn't using interfaces more complicated? Let's distil the reasons for using interfaces to the following headings: loose coupling and simplicity.

Loose Coupling

First, let's review some code that is tightly coupled to a cache implementation. Consider the following:

```
namespace App\Orders;
class Repository
{
    * The cache instance.
    protected $cache;
    * Create a new repository instance.
      @param \SomePackage\Cache\Memcached $cache
      @return void
    public function __construct(\SomePackage\Cache\Memcached $cache)
        $this->cache = $cache;
    }
    * Retrieve an Order by ID.
       @param int $id
       @return Order
    public function find($id)
        if ($this->cache->has($id))
            //
        }
    }
}
```

In this class, the code is tightly coupled to a given cache implementation. It is tightly coupled because we are depending on a concrete Cache class from a package vendor. If the API of that package changes our code must change as well.

Likewise, if we want to replace our underlying cache technology (Memcached) with another technology (Redis), we again will have to modify our repository. Our repository should not have so much knowledge regarding who is providing them data or how they are providing it.

Instead of this approach, we can improve our code by depending on a simple, vendor agnostic interface:

```
ramespace App\Orders;
use Illuminate\Contracts\Cache\Repository as Cache;
class Repository
{
    /**
    * The cache instance.
    */
    protected $cache;

    /**
    * Create a new repository instance.
    *
     * @param Cache $cache
     * @return void
     */
    public function __construct(Cache $cache)
     {
        $this->cache = $cache;
    }
}
```

Now the code is not coupled to any specific vendor, or even Laravel. Since the contracts package contains no implementation and no dependencies, you may easily write an alternative implementation of any given contract, allowing you to replace your cache implementation without modifying any of your cache consuming code.

Simplicity

When all of Laravel's services are neatly defined within simple interfaces, it is very easy to determine the functionality offered by a given service. The contracts serve as succinct documentation to the framework's features.

In addition, when you depend on simple interfaces, your code is easier to understand and maintain. Rather than tracking down which methods are available to you within a large, complicated class, you can refer to a simple, clean interface.

References Facade

Contract Reference

Contract

This is a reference to most Laravel Contracts, as well as their Laravel "facade" counterparts:

Contract	References Facaut
Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\Factory	Auth
Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\PasswordBroker	Password
Illuminate\Contracts\Bus\Dispatcher	Bus
$\underline{Illuminate \backslash Contracts \backslash Broadcasting \backslash Broadcaster}$	
Illuminate\Contracts\Cache\Repository	Cache
Illuminate\Contracts\Cache\Factory	Cache::driver()
Illuminate\Contracts\Config\Repository	Config
Illuminate\Contracts\Container\Container	App
Illuminate\Contracts\Cookie\Factory	Cookie
$\underline{Illuminate \backslash Contracts \backslash Cookie \backslash Queueing Factory}$	Cookie::queue()
$\underline{Illuminate \backslash Contracts \backslash Encryption \backslash Encrypter}$	Crypt
Illuminate\Contracts\Events\Dispatcher	Event
Illuminate\Contracts\Filesystem\Cloud	
<u>Illuminate\Contracts\Filesystem\Factory</u>	File
<u>Illuminate\Contracts\Filesystem\Filesystem</u>	File
$\underline{Illuminate \backslash Contracts \backslash Foundation \backslash Application}$	App
Illuminate\Contracts\Hashing\Hasher	Hash
Illuminate\Contracts\Logging\Log	Log
Illuminate\Contracts\Mail\MailQueue	Mail::queue()
Illuminate\Contracts\Mail\Mailer	Mail

Illuminate\Contracts\Queue\Factory Queue::driver()

 Illuminate\Contracts\Queue\Queue
 Queue

 Illuminate\Contracts\Redis\Database
 Redis

 Illuminate\Contracts\Routing\Registrar
 Route

 Illuminate\Contracts\Routing\ResponseFactory
 Response

 Illuminate\Contracts\Routing\UrlGenerator
 URL

Illuminate\Contracts\Routing\UrlGenerator
Illuminate\Contracts\Support\Arrayable

Illuminate\Contracts\Support\Jsonable

Illuminate\Contracts\Support\Renderable

Illuminate\Contracts\Validation\Factory Validator::make()

Illuminate\Contracts\Validation\Validator

Illuminate\Contracts\View\Factory View::make()

Illuminate\Contracts\View\View

How To Use Contracts

So, how do you get an implementation of a contract? It's actually quite simple.

Many types of classes in Laravel are resolved through the <u>service container</u>, including controllers, event listeners, middleware, queued jobs, and even route Closures. So, to get an implementation of a contract, you can just "type-hint" the interface in the constructor of the class being resolved.

For example, take a look at this event listener:

```
namespace App\Listeners;
use App\User:
use App\Events\NewUserRegistered;
use Illuminate\Contracts\Redis\Database;
class CacheUserInformation
     * The Redis database implementation.
    protected $redis;
     * Create a new event handler instance.
     * @param Database $redis
       @return void
    public function __construct(Database $redis)
        $this->redis = $redis;
    }
     * Handle the event.
       @param NewUserRegistered $event
       @return void
    public function handle(NewUserRegistered $event)
    }
}
```

When the event listener is resolved, the service container will read the type-hints on the constructor of the class, and inject the appropriate value. To learn more about registering things in the service container, check out <u>its documentation</u>.

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Introduction

Facades provide a "static" interface to classes that are available in the application's <u>service container</u>. Laravel ships with many facades, and you have probably been using them without even knowing it! Laravel "facades" serve as "static proxies" to underlying classes in the service container, providing the benefit of a terse, expressive syntax while maintaining more testability and flexibility than traditional static methods.

Using Facades

In the context of a Laravel application, a facade is a class that provides access to an object from the container. The machinery that makes this work is in the Facade class. Laravel's facades, and any custom facades you create, will extend the base Illuminate\Support\Facades\Facades\Facade class.

A facade class only needs to implement a single method: getFacadeAccessor. It's the getFacadeAccessor method's job to define what to resolve from the container. The Facade base class makes use of the __callStatic() magic-method to defer calls from your facade to the resolved object.

In the example below, a call is made to the Laravel cache system. By glancing at this code, one might assume that the static method get is being called on the cache class:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use Cache;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
class UserController extends Controller
{
    /**
    * Show the profile for the given user.
    *
    * @param int $id
    * @return Response
    */
    public function showProfile($id)
    {
        suser = Cache::get('user:'.$id);
        return view('profile', ['user' => $user]);
    }
}
```

Notice that near the top of the file we are "importing" the cache facade. This facade serves as a proxy to accessing the underlying implementation of the Illuminate\Contracts\Cache\Factory interface. Any calls we make using the facade will be passed to the underlying instance of Laravel's cache service.

If we look at that ${\tt Illuminate}\$ values \Cache class, you'll see that there is no static method get:

```
class Cache extends Facade
{
    /**
    * Get the registered name of the component.
    *
    * @return string
    */
    protected static function getFacadeAccessor() { return 'cache'; }
}
```

Instead, the Cache facade extends the base Facade class and defines the method getFacadeAccessor(). Remember, this method's job is to return the name of a service container binding. When a user references any static method on the cache facade, Laravel resolves the cache binding from the <u>service container</u> and runs the requested method (in this case, get) against that object.

Facade Class Reference

Below you will find every facade and its underlying class. This is a useful tool for quickly digging into the API documentation for

a given facade root. The $\underline{\text{service container binding}}$ key is also included where applicable.

Facade	Class	Service Container Binding
App	Illuminate\Foundation\Application	арр
Artisan	Illuminate\Contracts\Console\Kernel	artisan
Auth	<u>Illuminate\Auth\AuthManager</u>	auth
Blade	Illuminate\View\Compilers\BladeCompiler	blade.compiler
Bus	Illuminate\Contracts\Bus\Dispatcher	
Cache	Illuminate\Cache\Repository	cache
Config	<u>Illuminate\Config\Repository</u>	config
Cookie	Illuminate\Cookie\CookieJar	cookie
Crypt	Illuminate\Encryption\Encrypter	encrypter
DB	Illuminate\Database\DatabaseManager	db
DB (Instance)	Illuminate\Database\Connection	
Event	<u>Illuminate\Events\Dispatcher</u>	events
File	<u>Illuminate\Filesystem\Filesystem</u>	files
Gate	Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\Access\Gate	
Hash	Illuminate\Contracts\Hashing\Hasher	hash
Lang	<u>Illuminate\Translation\Translator</u>	translator
Log	<u>Illuminate\Log\Writer</u>	log
Mail	<u>Illuminate\Mail\Mailer</u>	mailer
Password	$\underline{Illuminate} \\ \underline{Auth} \\ \underline{Passwords} \\ \underline{PasswordBroker}$	auth.password
Queue	Illuminate\Queue\QueueManager	queue
Queue (Instance)	Illuminate\Contracts\Queue\Queue	queue
Queue (Base Class)	Illuminate\Queue\Queue	
Redirect	<u>Illuminate\Routing\Redirector</u>	redirect
Redis	Illuminate\Redis\Database	redis
Request	<u>Illuminate\Http\Request</u>	request
Response	$\underline{Illuminate \backslash Contracts \backslash Routing \backslash Response Factory}$	
Route	Illuminate\Routing\Router	router
Schema	Illuminate\Database\Schema\Blueprint	
Session	Illuminate\Session\SessionManager	session
Session (Instance)	<u>Illuminate\Session\Store</u>	
Storage	Illuminate\Contracts\Filesystem\Factory	filesystem
URL	Illuminate\Routing\UrlGenerator	url
Validator	Illuminate\Validation\Factory	validator
Validator (Instance)	Illuminate\Validation\Validator	
View	<u>Illuminate\View\Factory</u>	view
View (Instance)	Illuminate\View\View	

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Introduction

Laravel makes implementing authentication very simple. In fact, almost everything is configured for you out of the box. The authentication configuration file is located at config/auth.php, which contains several well documented options for tweaking the behavior of the authentication services.

At its core, Laravel's authentication facilities are made up of "guards" and "providers". Guards define how users are authenticated for each request. For example, Laravel ships with a session guard which maintains state using session storage and cookies and a token guard, which authenticates users using a "API token" that is passed with each request.

Providers define how users are retrieved from your persistent storage. Laravel ships with support for retrieving users using Eloquent and the database query builder. However, you are free to define additional providers as needed for your application.

Don't worry if this all sounds confusing now! Most applications will never need to modify the default authentication configuration.

Database Considerations

By default, Laravel includes an App\User Eloquent model in your app directory. This model may be used with the default Eloquent authentication driver. If your application is not using Eloquent, you may use the database authentication driver which uses the Laravel query builder.

When building the database schema for the App\User model, make sure the password column is at least 60 characters in length, the default of 255 would be a good choice.

Also, you should verify that your users (or equivalent) table contains a nullable, string remember_token column of 100 characters. This column will be used to store a token for "remember me" sessions being maintained by your application. This can be done by using \$table->rememberToken(); in a migration.

Authentication Quickstart

Laravel ships with two authentication controllers out of the box, which are located in the App\Http\Controllers\Auth namespace. The AuthController handles new user registration and authentication, while the PasswordController contains the logic to help existing users reset their forgotten passwords. Each of these controllers uses a trait to include their necessary methods. For many applications, you will not need to modify these controllers at all.

Routing

Laravel provides a quick way to scaffold all of the routes and views you need for authentication using one simple command:

```
php artisan make:auth
```

This command should be used on fresh applications and will install registration and login views, as well as routes for all authentication end-points. A HomeController will also be generated, which serves post-login requests to your application's dashboard. However, you are free to customize or even remove this controller based on the needs of your application.

Views

As mentioned in the previous section, the php artisan make:auth command will create all of the views you need for authentication and place them in the resources/views/auth directory.

The make: auth command will also create a resources/views/layouts directory containing a base layout for your application. All of these views use the Bootstrap CSS framework, but you are free to customize them however you wish.

Authenticating

Now that you have routes and views setup for the included authentication controllers, you are ready to register and authenticate new users for your application! You may simply access your application in a browser. The authentication controllers already contain the logic (via their traits) to authenticate existing users and store new users in the database.

Path Customization

When a user is successfully authenticated, they will be redirected to the / URI. You can customize the post-authentication redirect location by defining a redirectTo property on the AuthController:

```
protected $redirectTo = '/home';
```

When a user is not successfully authenticated, they will be redirected back to the login form location automatically.

To customize where a user is redirected after logging out of the application, you may define a redirectAfterLogout property on the AuthController:

```
protected $redirectAfterLogout = '/login';
```

If this property is not present, the user will be redirected to the / URI.

Guard Customization

You may also customize the "guard" that is used to authenticate users. To get started, define a guard property on your AuthController. The value of this property should correspond with one of the guards configured in your auth.php configuration file:

```
protected $guard = 'admin';
```

Validation / Storage Customization

To modify the form fields that are required when a new user registers with your application, or to customize how new user records are inserted into your database, you may modify the Authcontroller class. This class is responsible for validating and creating new users of your application.

The validator method of the AuthController contains the validation rules for new users of the application. You are free to modify this method as you wish.

The create method of the AuthController is responsible for creating new App\User records in your database using the <u>Eloquent ORM</u>. You are free to modify this method according to the needs of your database.

Retrieving The Authenticated User

You may access the authenticated user via the Auth facade:

```
$user = Auth::user();
```

Alternatively, once a user is authenticated, you may access the authenticated user via an Illuminate\Http\Request instance. Remember, type-hinted classes will automatically be injected into your controller methods:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use Illuminate\Http\Request;</pre>
```

Determining If The Current User Is Authenticated

To determine if the user is already logged into your application, you may use the check method on the Auth facade, which will return true if the user is authenticated:

```
if (Auth::check()) {
    // The user is logged in...
}
```

However, you may use middleware to verify that the user is authenticated before allowing the user access to certain routes / controllers. To learn more about this, check out the documentation on <u>protecting routes</u>.

Protecting Routes

Route middleware can be used to allow only authenticated users to access a given route. Laravel ships with the auth middleware, which is defined in app\http\Middleware\Authenticate.php. All you need to do is attach the middleware to a route definition:

```
// Using A Route Closure...
Route::get('profile', ['middleware' => 'auth', function() {
    // Only authenticated users may enter...
}]);
// Using A Controller...
Route::get('profile', [
    'middleware' => 'auth',
    'uses' => 'ProfileController@show'
]);
```

Of course, if you are using <u>controller classes</u>, you may call the <u>middleware</u> method from the controller's constructor instead of attaching it in the route definition directly:

Specifying A Guard

When attaching the auth middleware to a route, you may also specify which guard should be used to perform the authentication:

```
Route::get('profile', [
   'middleware' => 'auth:api',
   'uses' => 'ProfileController@show'
]);
```

The guard specified should correspond to one of the keys in the guards array of your auth.php configuration file.

Authentication Throttling

If you are using Laravel's built-in AuthController class, the Illuminate\Foundation\Auth\ThrottlesLogins trait may be used to throttle login attempts to your application. By default, the user will not be able to login for one minute if they fail to provide the correct credentials after several attempts. The throttling is unique to the user's username / e-mail address and their IP address:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers\Auth;
use App\User;
use Validator;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;</pre>
```

```
use Illuminate\Foundation\Auth\ThrottlesLogins;
use Illuminate\Foundation\Auth\AuthenticatesAndRegistersUsers;
class AuthController extends Controller
{
    use AuthenticatesAndRegistersUsers, ThrottlesLogins;
    // Rest of AuthController class...
}
```

Manually Authenticating Users

Of course, you are not required to use the authentication controllers included with Laravel. If you choose to remove these controllers, you will need to manage user authentication using the Laravel authentication classes directly. Don't worry, it's a cinch!

We will access Laravel's authentication services via the Auth <u>facade</u>, so we'll need to make sure to import the Auth facade at the top of the class. Next, let's check out the attempt method:

```
ramespace App\Http\Controllers;

use Auth;

class AuthController extends Controller
{
    /**
    * Handle an authentication attempt.
    *
    * @return Response
    */
    public function authenticate()
    {
        if (Auth::attempt(['email' => $email, 'password' => $password])) {
            // Authentication passed...
            return redirect()->intended('dashboard');
        }
    }
}
```

The attempt method accepts an array of key / value pairs as its first argument. The values in the array will be used to find the user in your database table. So, in the example above, the user will be retrieved by the value of the email column. If the user is found, the hashed password stored in the database will be compared with the hashed password value passed to the method via the array. If the two hashed passwords match an authenticated session will be started for the user.

The attempt method will return true if authentication was successful. Otherwise, false will be returned.

The intended method on the redirector will redirect the user to the URL they were attempting to access before being caught by the authentication filter. A fallback URI may be given to this method in case the intended destination is not available.

Specifying Additional Conditions

If you wish, you also may add extra conditions to the authentication query in addition to the user's e-mail and password. For example, we may verify that user is marked as "active":

```
if (Auth::attempt(['email' => $email, 'password' => $password, 'active' => 1])) {
    // The user is active, not suspended, and exists.
}
```

Note: In these examples, email is not a required option, it is merely used as an example. You should use whatever column name corresponds to a "username" in your database.

Accessing Specific Guard Instances

You may specify which guard instance you would like to utilize using the guard method on the Auth facade. This allows you to manage authentication for separate parts of your application using entirely separate authenticatable models or user tables.

The guard name passed to the guard method should correspond to one of the guards configured in your auth.php configuration file:

```
if (Auth::guard('admin')->attempt($credentials)) {
    //
}
```

Logging Out

To log users out of your application, you may use the logout method on the Auth facade. This will clear the authentication

information in the user's session:

```
Auth::logout();
```

Remembering Users

If you would like to provide "remember me" functionality in your application, you may pass a boolean value as the second argument to the attempt method, which will keep the user authenticated indefinitely, or until they manually logout. Of course, your users table must include the string remember_token column, which will be used to store the "remember me" token.

```
if (Auth::attempt(['email' => $email, 'password' => $password], $remember)) {
    // The user is being remembered...
}
```

If you are "remembering" users, you may use the viaRemember method to determine if the user was authenticated using the "remember me" cookie:

```
if (Auth::viaRemember()) {
    //
}
```

Other Authentication Methods

Authenticate A User Instance

If you need to log an existing user instance into your application, you may call the login method with the user instance. The given object must be an implementation of the Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\Authenticatable contract. Of course, the App\User model included with Laravel already implements this interface:

```
Auth::login($user);
// Login and "remember" the given user...
Auth::login($user, true);
```

Of course, you may specify the guard instance you would like to use:

```
Auth::guard('admin')->login($user);
```

Authenticate A User By ID

To log a user into the application by their ID, you may use the loginUsingId method. This method simply accepts the primary key of the user you wish to authenticate:

```
Auth::loginUsingId(1);
// Login and "remember" the given user...
Auth::loginUsingId(1, true);
```

Authenticate A User Once

You may use the once method to log a user into the application for a single request. No sessions or cookies will be utilized, which may be helpful when building a stateless API. The once method has the same signature as the attempt method:

```
if (Auth::once($credentials)) {
    //
}
```

HTTP Basic Authentication

HTTP Basic Authentication provides a quick way to authenticate users of your application without setting up a dedicated "login" page. To get started, attach the auth.basic middleware to your route. The auth.basic middleware is included with the Laravel framework, so you do not need to define it:

```
Route::get('profile', ['middleware' => 'auth.basic', function() {
    // Only authenticated users may enter...
}]);
```

Once the middleware has been attached to the route, you will automatically be prompted for credentials when accessing the route in your browser. By default, the auth.basic middleware will use the email column on the user record as the "username".

A Note On FastCGI

If you are using PHP FastCGI, HTTP Basic authentication may not work correctly out of the box. The following lines should be

```
added to your .htaccess file:
RewriteCond %{HTTP:Authorization} ^(.+)$
RewriteRule .* - [E=HTTP_AUTHORIZATION:%{HTTP:Authorization}]
```

Stateless HTTP Basic Authentication

You may also use HTTP Basic Authentication without setting a user identifier cookie in the session, which is particularly useful for API authentication. To do so, <u>define a middleware</u> that calls the onceBasic method. If no response is returned by the onceBasic method, the request may be passed further into the application:

```
namespace Illuminate\Auth\Middleware;
use Auth;
use Closure;
class AuthenticateOnceWithBasicAuth
{
    /**
     * Handle an incoming request.
     *
     * @param \Illuminate\Http\Request $request
     * @param \Closure $next
     * @return mixed
     */
    public function handle($request, Closure $next)
     {
        return Auth::onceBasic() ?: $next($request);
     }
}
Next, register the route middleware and attach it to a route:
Route::get('api/user', ['middleware' => 'auth.basic.once', function() {
        // Only authenticated users may enter...
```

Resetting Passwords

Database Considerations

Most web applications provide a way for users to reset their forgotten passwords. Rather than forcing you to re-implement this on each application, Laravel provides convenient methods for sending password reminders and performing password resets.

To get started, verify that your App\User model implements the Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\CanResetPassword contract. Of course, the App\User model included with the framework already implements this interface, and uses the Illuminate\Auth\Passwords\CanResetPassword trait to include the methods needed to implement the interface.

Generating The Reset Token Table Migration

Next, a table must be created to store the password reset tokens. The migration for this table is included with Laravel out of the box, and resides in the database/migrations directory. So, all you need to do is migrate:

```
php artisan migrate
```

Routing

Laravel includes an Auth\PasswordController that contains the logic necessary to reset user passwords. All of the routes needed to perform password resets may be generated using the make: auth Artisan command:

```
php artisan make:auth
```

Views

Again, Laravel will generate all of the necessary views for password reset when the make: auth command is executed. These views are placed in resources/views/auth/passwords. You are free to customize them as needed for your application.

After Resetting Passwords

Once you have defined the routes and views to reset your user's passwords, you may simply access the route in your browser at /password/reset. The PasswordController included with the framework already includes the logic to send the password reset link e-mails as well as update passwords in the database.

After the password is reset, the user will automatically be logged into the application and redirected to /home. You can customize the post password reset redirect location by defining a redirectTo property on the PasswordController:

```
protected $redirectTo = '/dashboard';
```

Note: By default, password reset tokens expire after one hour. You may change this via the password reset expire option in your config/auth.php file.

Customization

Authentication Guard Customization

In your auth.php configuration file, you may configure multiple "guards", which may be used to define authentication behavior for multiple user tables. You can customize the included PasswordController to use the guard of your choice by adding a \$guard property to the controller:

```
/**
 * The authentication guard that should be used.
 *
 * @var string
 */
protected $guard = 'admins';
```

Password Broker Customization

In your auth.php configuration file, you may configure multiple password "brokers", which may be used to reset passwords on multiple user tables. You can customize the included PasswordController to use the broker of your choice by adding a \$broker property to the controller:

```
/**
    * The password broker that should be used.
    *
    * @var string
    */
protected $broker = 'admins';
```

Adding Custom Guards

You may define your own authentication guards using the extend method on the Auth facade. You should place this call to provider within a <u>service provider</u>:

```
<?php
namespace App\Providers;
use App\Services\Auth\JwtGuard;
use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
class AuthServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
     ^{\star} Perform post-registration booting of services.
       @return void
    public function boot()
        Auth::extend('jwt', function($app, $name, array $config) {
            // Return an instance of Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\Guard...
            return new JwtGuard(Auth::createUserProvider($config['provider']));
    }
       Register bindings in the container.
       @return void
    public function register()
    }
}
```

As you can see in the example above, the callback passed to the extend method should return an implementation of Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\Guard. This interface contains a few methods you will need to implement to define a custom guard.

Once your custom guard has been defined, you may use the guard in your guards configuration:

```
'guards' => [
    'api' => [
        'driver' => 'jwt',
        'provider' => 'users',
],
],
```

Adding Custom User Providers

If you are not using a traditional relational database to store your users, you will need to extend Laravel with your own authentication user provider. We will use the provider method on the Auth facade to define a custom user provider. You should place this call to provider within a <u>service provider</u>:

```
<?php
namespace App\Providers;
use Auth;
use App\Extensions\RiakUserProvider;
use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
class AuthServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
      ^{\star} Perform post-registration booting of services.
        @return void
    public function boot()
         Auth::provider('riak', function($app, array $config) {
    // Return an instance of Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\UserProvider...
              return new RiakUserProvider($app['riak.connection']);
    }
       Register bindings in the container.
       @return void
    public function register()
    }
}
```

After you have registered the provider with the provider method, you may switch to the new user provider in your config/auth.php configuration file. First, define a provider that uses your new driver:

Then, you may use this provider in your guards configuration:

```
'guards' => [
    'web' => [
        'driver' => 'session',
        'provider' => 'users',
    ],
].
```

The User Provider Contract

The Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\UserProvider implementations are only responsible for fetching a Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\Authenticatable implementation out of a persistent storage system, such as MySQL, Riak, etc. These two interfaces allow the Laravel authentication mechanisms to continue functioning regardless of how the user data is stored or what type of class is used to represent it.

Let's take a look at the Illuminate \Contracts \Auth \UserProvider contract:

```
<?php
namespace Illuminate\Contracts\Auth;
interface UserProvider {</pre>
```

```
public function retrieveById($identifier);
public function retrieveByToken($identifier, $token);
public function updateRememberToken(Authenticatable $user, $token);
public function retrieveByCredentials(array $credentials);
public function validateCredentials(Authenticatable $user, array $credentials);
```

The retrieveById function typically receives a key representing the user, such as an auto-incrementing ID from a MySQL database. The Authenticatable implementation matching the ID should be retrieved and returned by the method.

The retrieveByToken function retrieves a user by their unique \$identifier and "remember me" \$token, stored in a field remember_token. As with the previous method, the Authenticatable implementation should be returned.

The updateRememberToken method updates the \$user field remember_token with the new \$token. The new token can be either a fresh token, assigned on a successful "remember me" login attempt, or a null when the user is logged out.

The retrieveByCredentials method receives the array of credentials passed to the Auth::attempt method when attempting to sign into an application. The method should then "query" the underlying persistent storage for the user matching those credentials. Typically, this method will run a query with a "where" condition on \$credentials['username']. The method should then return an implementation of UserInterface. This method should not attempt to do any password validation or authentication.

The validateCredentials method should compare the given <code>\$user</code> with the <code>\$credentials</code> to authenticate the user. For example, this method might compare the <code>\$user->getAuthPassword()</code> string to a <code>Hash::make</code> of <code>\$credentials['password']</code>. This method should only validate the user's credentials and return a boolean.

The Authenticatable Contract

Now that we have explored each of the methods on the UserProvider, let's take a look at the Authenticatable contract. Remember, the provider should return implementations of this interface from the retrieveById and retrieveByCredentials methods:

```
<?php
namespace Illuminate\Contracts\Auth;
interface Authenticatable {
   public function getAuthIdentifierName();
   public function getAuthIdentifier();
   public function getAuthPassword();
   public function getRememberToken();
   public function setRememberToken($value);
   public function getRememberTokenName();
}</pre>
```

This interface is simple. The <code>getAuthIdentifierName</code> method should return the name of the "primary key" field of the user and the <code>getAuthIdentifier</code> method should return the "primary key" of the user. In a MySQL back-end, again, this would be the auto-incrementing primary key. The <code>getAuthPassword</code> should return the user's hashed password. This interface allows the authentication system to work with any User class, regardless of what ORM or storage abstraction layer you are using. By default, Laravel includes a <code>User</code> class in the app directory which implements this interface, so you may consult this class for an implementation example.

Events

Laravel raises a variety of <u>events</u> during the authentication process. You may attach listeners to these events in your <u>EventServiceProvider</u>:

```
/**
 * The event listener mappings for the application.
 * @var array
 */
protected $listen = [
    'Illuminate\Auth\Events\Attempting' => [
        'App\Listeners\LogAuthenticationAttempt',
    ],
    'Illuminate\Auth\Events\Login' => [
        'App\Listeners\LogSuccessfulLogin',
    ],
    'Illuminate\Auth\Events\Logout' => [
        'App\Listeners\LogSuccessfulLogout',
    ],
```

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Introduction

In addition to providing <u>authentication</u> services out of the box, Laravel also provides a simple way to organize authorization logic and control access to resources. There are a variety of methods and helpers to assist you in organizing your authorization logic, and we'll cover each of them in this document.

Defining Abilities

The simplest way to determine if a user may perform a given action is to define an "ability" using the <code>Illuminate\Auth\Access\Gate</code> class. The AuthServiceProvider which ships with Laravel serves as a convenient location to define all of the abilities for your application. For example, let's define an update-post ability which receives the current <code>User</code> and a <code>Post</code> model. Within our ability, we will determine if the user's <code>id</code> matches the post's <code>user_id</code>:

Note that we did not check if the given \$user is not NULL. The Gate will automatically return false for **all abilities** when there is not an authenticated user or a specific user has not been specified using the foruser method.

Class Based Abilities

In addition to registering <code>closures</code> as authorization callbacks, you may register class methods by passing a string containing the class name and the method. When needed, the class will be resolved via the service container:

```
$gate->define('update-post', 'Class@method');
```

Intercepting Authorization Checks

Sometimes, you may wish to grant all abilities to a specific user. For this situation, use the before method to define a callback that is run before all other authorization checks:

```
$gate->before(function ($user, $ability) {
   if ($user->isSuperAdmin()) {
      return true;
```

```
});
```

If the before callback returns a non-null result that result will be considered the result of the check.

You may use the after method to define a callback to be executed after every authorization check. However, you may not modify the result of the authorization check from an after callback:

```
$gate->after(function ($user, $ability, $result, $arguments) {
    //
});
```

Checking Abilities

Via The Gate Facade

Once an ability has been defined, we may "check" it in a variety of ways. First, we may use the check, allows, or denies methods on the Gate facade. All of these methods receive the name of the ability and the arguments that should be passed to the ability's callback. You do **not** need to pass the current user to these methods, since the Gate will automatically prepend the current user to the arguments passed to the callback. So, when checking the update-post ability we defined earlier, we only need to pass a Post instance to the denies method:

```
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use Gate;
use App\User;
use App\Post;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
class PostController extends Controller
     * Update the given post.
       @param int $id
       @return Response
    public function update($id)
        $post = Post::findOrFail($id);
        if (Gate::denies('update-post', $post)) {
                abort(403);
        // Update Post...
    }
}
```

Of course, the allows method is simply the inverse of the denies method, and returns true if the action is authorized. The check method is an alias of the allows method.

Checking Abilities For Specific Users

If you would like to use the Gate facade to check if a user **other than the currently authenticated user** has a given ability, you may use the foruser method:

```
if (Gate::forUser($user)->allows('update-post', $post)) {
    //
}
```

Passing Multiple Arguments

Of course, ability callbacks may receive multiple arguments:

If your ability needs multiple arguments, simply pass an array of arguments to the $\mbox{\tt Gate}$ methods:

Via The User Model

Alternatively, you may check abilities via the user model instance. By default, Laravel's App\User model uses an Authorizable trait which provides two methods: can and cannot. These methods may be used similarly to the allows and denies methods present on the Gate facade. So, using our previous example, we may modify our code like so:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use App\Post;
use Illuminate\Http\Request;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
class PostController extends Controller
{
     * Update the given post.
       @param \Illuminate\Http\Request $request
       @param int $id
      @return Response
    public function update(Request $request, $id)
        $post = Post::findOrFail($id);
        if ($request->user()->cannot('update-post', $post)) {
                abort(403);
        }
        // Update Post...
    }
}
Of course, the can method is simply the inverse of the cannot method:
if ($request->user()->can('update-post', $post)) {
        // Update Post...
}
```

Within Blade Templates

For convenience, Laravel provides the <code>@can</code> Blade directive to quickly check if the currently authenticated user has a given ability. For example:

Within Form Requests

You may also choose to utilize your Gate defined abilities from a form request's authorize method. For example:

Policies

Creating Policies

Since defining all of your authorization logic in the AuthServiceProvider could become cumbersome in large applications, Laravel allows you to split your authorization logic into "Policy" classes. Policies are plain PHP classes that group authorization

logic based on the resource they authorize.

First, let's generate a policy to manage authorization for our Post model. You may generate a policy using the make:policy <u>artisan</u> <u>command</u>. The generated policy will be placed in the app/Policies directory:

```
php artisan make:policy PostPolicy
```

Registering Policies

Once the policy exists, we need to register it with the Gate class. The AuthServiceProvider contains a policies property which maps various entities to the policies that manage them. So, we will specify that the Post model's policy is the PostPolicy class:

```
<?php
namespace App\Providers;
use App\Post;
use App\Policies\PostPolicy;
use \ Illuminate \verb|Foundation| Support \verb|Providers| AuthService Provider as Service Provider;
class AuthServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
     * The policy mappings for the application.
       @var array
    protected $policies = [
        Post::class => PostPolicy::class,
    ];
     ^{\star} Register any application authentication / authorization services.
       @param $$ \liminate\Contracts\Auth\Access\Gate $$ $$
       @return void
    public function boot(GateContract $gate)
        $this->registerPolicies($gate);
    }
}
```

Writing Policies

Once the policy has been generated and registered, we can add methods for each ability it authorizes. For example, let's define an update method on our PostPolicy, which will determine if the given user can "update" a Post:

You may continue to define additional methods on the policy as needed for the various abilities it authorizes. For example, you might define show, destroy, or addComment methods to authorize various Post actions.

Note: All policies are resolved via the Laravel <u>service container</u>, meaning you may type-hint any needed dependencies in the policy's constructor and they will be automatically injected.

Intercepting All Checks

Sometimes, you may wish to grant all abilities to a specific user on a policy. For this situation, define a before method on the policy. This method will be run before all other authorization checks on the policy:

```
public function before($user, $ability)
{
    if ($user->isSuperAdmin()) {
        return true;
    }
}
```

If the before method returns a non-null result that result will be considered the result of the check.

Checking Policies

Policy methods are called in exactly the same way as closure based authorization callbacks. You may use the Gate facade, the User model, the @can Blade directive, or the policy helper.

Via The Gate Facade

The Gate will automatically determine which policy to use by examining the class of the arguments passed to its methods. So, if we pass a Post instance to the denies method, the Gate will utilize the corresponding PostPolicy to authorize actions:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use Gate;
use App\User;
use App\Post;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
class PostController extends Controller
     * Update the given post.
      @param int $id
     * @return Response
    public function update($id)
        $post = Post::findOrFail($id);
        if (Gate::denies('update', $post)) {
                abort(403);
        }
        // Update Post...
}
```

Via The User Model

The User model's can and cannot methods will also automatically utilize policies when they are available for the given arguments. These methods provide a convenient way to authorize actions for any User instance retrieved by your application:

Within Blade Templates

Likewise, the @can Blade directive will utilize policies when they are available for the given arguments:

```
@can('update', $post)
      <!-- The Current User Can Update The Post -->
@endcan
```

Via The Policy Helper

The global policy helper function may be used to retrieve the Policy class for a given class instance. For example, we may pass a Post instance to the policy helper to get an instance of our corresponding PostPolicy class:

```
if (policy($post)->update($user, $post)) {
    //
}
```

Controller Authorization

By default, the base App\Http\Controllers\Controller class included with Laravel uses the AuthorizesRequests trait. This trait provides the authorize method, which may be used to quickly authorize a given action and throw a AuthorizationException if the action is not authorized.

The authorize method shares the same signature as the various other authorization methods such as Gate::allows and \$user->can(). So, let's use the authorize method to quickly authorize a request to update a Post:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use App\Post;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
class PostController extends Controller
{
    /**
     * Update the given post.
     *
     * @param int $id
     * @return Response
     */
    public function update($id)
     {
          $post = Post::findOrFail($id);
          $this->authorize('update', $post);
          // Update Post...
     }
}
```

If the action is authorized, the controller will continue executing normally; however, if the authorize method determines that the action is not authorized, a AuthorizationException will automatically be thrown which generates a HTTP response with a 403 Not Authorized status code. As you can see, the authorize method is a convenient, fast way to authorize an action or throw an exception with a single line of code.

The AuthorizesRequests trait also provides the authorizeForUser method to authorize an action on a user that is not the currently authenticated user:

```
$this->authorizeForUser($user, 'update', $post);
```

Automatically Determining Policy Methods

Frequently, a policy's methods will correspond to the methods on a controller. For example, in the update method above, the controller method and the policy method share the same name: update.

For this reason, Laravel allows you to simply pass the instance arguments to the authorize method, and the ability being authorized will automatically be determined based on the name of the calling function. In this example, since authorize is called from the controller's update method, the update method will also be called on the PostPolicy:

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Introduction

Artisan is the name of the command-line interface included with Laravel. It provides a number of helpful commands for your use while developing your application. It is driven by the powerful Symfony Console component. To view a list of all available Artisan commands, you may use the list command:

```
php artisan list
```

Every command also includes a "help" screen which displays and describes the command's available arguments and options. To view a help screen, simply precede the name of the command with help:

php artisan help migrate

Writing Commands

In addition to the commands provided with Artisan, you may also build your own custom commands for working with your application. You may store your custom commands in the app/Console/Commands directory; however, you are free to choose your own storage location as long as your commands can be autoloaded based on your composer.json settings.

To create a new command, you may use the make:console Artisan command, which will generate a command stub to help you get started:

```
php artisan make:console SendEmails
```

The command above would generate a class at app/Console/Commands/SendEmails.php. When creating the command, the --command option may be used to assign the terminal command name:

```
php artisan make:console SendEmails --command=emails:send
```

Command Structure

Once your command is generated, you should fill out the signature and description properties of the class, which will be used when displaying your command on the list screen.

The handle method will be called when your command is executed. You may place any command logic in this method. Let's take a look at an example command.

Note that we are able to inject any dependencies we need into the command's constructor. The Laravel <u>service container</u> will automatically inject all dependencies type-hinted in the constructor. For greater code reusability, it is good practice to keep your console commands light and let them defer to application services to accomplish their tasks.

```
* The console command description.
       @var string
    protected $description = 'Send drip e-mails to a user';
     * The drip e-mail service.
     * @var DripEmailer
    protected $drip;
     * Create a new command instance.
      @param DripEmailer $drip
      @return void
    public function __construct(DripEmailer $drip)
        parent::__construct();
       $this->drip = $drip;
    }
      Execute the console command.
      @return mixed
    public function handle()
        $this->drip->send(User::find($this->argument('user')));
}
```

Command I/O

Defining Input Expectations

When writing console commands, it is common to gather input from the user through arguments or options. Laravel makes it very convenient to define the input you expect from the user using the signature property on your commands. The signature property allows you to define the name, arguments, and options for the command in a single, expressive, route-like syntax.

All user supplied arguments and options are wrapped in curly braces. In the following example, the command defines one **required** argument: user:

```
/**
 * The name and signature of the console command.
 *
 * @var string
 */
protected $signature = 'email:send {user}';
```

You may also make arguments optional and define default values for optional arguments:

```
// Optional argument...
email:send {user?}

// Optional argument with default value...
email:send {user=foo}
```

Options, like arguments, are also a form of user input. However, they are prefixed by two hyphens (--) when they are specified on the command line. We can define options in the signature like so:

```
/**
 * The name and signature of the console command.
 *
 * @var string
 */
protected $signature = 'email:send {user} {--queue}';
```

In this example, the --queue switch may be specified when calling the Artisan command. If the --queue switch is passed, the value of the option will be true. Otherwise, the value will be false:

```
php artisan email:send 1 --queue
```

You may also specify that the option should be assigned a value by the user by suffixing the option name with a = sign, indicating that a value should be provided:

```
^{\ast} The name and signature of the console command.
   @var string
protected $signature = 'email:send {user} {--queue=}';
```

In this example, the user may pass a value for the option like so:

```
php artisan email:send 1 --queue=default
```

You may also assign default values to options:

```
email:send {user} {--queue=default}
```

To assign a shortcut when defining an option, you may specify it before the option name and use a | delimiter to separate the shortcut from the full option name:

```
email:send {user} {--Q|queue}
```

If you would like to define arguments or options to expect array inputs, you may use the * character:

```
email:send {user*}
email:send {user} {--id=*}
```

Input Descriptions

You may assign descriptions to input arguments and options by separating the parameter from the description using a colon:

```
* The name and signature of the console command.
 * @var string
protected $signature = 'email:send
                         \{user : The \ ID \ of \ the \ user\}
                         {--queue= : Whether the job should be queued}';
```

Retrieving Input

While your command is executing, you will obviously need to access the values for the arguments and options accepted by your command. To do so, you may use the argument and option methods:

```
* Execute the console command.
  @return mixed
public function handle()
    $userId = $this->argument('user');
```

If you need to retrieve all of the arguments as an array, call argument with no parameters:

```
$arguments = $this->argument();
```

Options may be retrieved just as easily as arguments using the option method. Like the argument method, you may call option without any parameters in order to retrieve all of the options as an array:

```
// Retrieve a specific option...
$queueName = $this->option('queue');
// Retrieve all options.
$options = $this->option();
```

If the argument or option does not exist, null will be returned.

Prompting For Input

In addition to displaying output, you may also ask the user to provide input during the execution of your command. The ask method will prompt the user with the given question, accept their input, and then return the user's input back to your command:

```
* Execute the console command.
* @return mixed
```

The secret method is similar to ask, but the user's input will not be visible to them as they type in the console. This method is useful when asking for sensitive information such as a password:

```
$password = $this->secret('What is the password?');
```

Asking For Confirmation

If you need to ask the user for a simple confirmation, you may use the confirm method. By default, this method will return false. However, if the user enters y in response to the prompt, the method will return true.

```
if (\frac{1}{y}) (sthis->confirm('Do you wish to continue? [y|N]')) { // }
```

Giving The User A Choice

The anticipate method can be used to provide autocompletion for possible choices. The user can still choose any answer, regardless of the auto-completion hints:

```
$name = $this->anticipate('What is your name?', ['Taylor', 'Dayle']);
```

If you need to give the user a predefined set of choices, you may use the choice method. The user chooses the index of the answer, but the value of the answer will be returned to you. You may set the default value to be returned if nothing is chosen:

```
$name = $this->choice('What is your name?', ['Taylor', 'Dayle'], $default);
```

Writing Output

To send output to the console, use the line, info, comment, question and error methods. Each of these methods will use the appropriate ANSI colors for their purpose.

To display an information message to the user, use the info method. Typically, this will display in the console as green text:

```
/**
  * Execute the console command.
  * @return mixed
  */
public function handle()
{
    $this->info('Display this on the screen');
}
```

To display an error message, use the error method. Error message text is typically displayed in red:

```
$this->error('Something went wrong!');
```

If you want to display plain console output, use the line method. The line method does not receive any unique coloration:

```
$this->line('Display this on the screen');
```

Table Layouts

The table method makes it easy to correctly format multiple rows / columns of data. Just pass in the headers and rows to the method. The width and height will be dynamically calculated based on the given data:

```
$headers = ['Name', 'Email'];

$users = App\User::all(['name', 'email'])->toArray();

$this->table($headers, $users);
```

Progress Bars

For long running tasks, it could be helpful to show a progress indicator. Using the output object, we can start, advance and stop the Progress Bar. You have to define the number of steps when you start the progress, then advance the Progress Bar after each step:

```
$users = App\User::all();
$bar = $this->output->createProgressBar(count($users));
```

```
foreach ($users as $user) {
    $this->performTask($user);
    $bar->advance();
}
$bar->finish();
```

For more advanced options, check out the Symfony Progress Bar component documentation.

Registering Commands

Once your command is finished, you need to register it with Artisan so it will be available for use. This is done within the app/Console/Kernel.php file.

Within this file, you will find a list of commands in the commands property. To register your command, simply add the class name to the list. When Artisan boots, all the commands listed in this property will be resolved by the <u>service container</u> and registered with Artisan:

```
protected $commands = [
    Commands\SendEmails::class
1:
```

Calling Commands Via Code

Sometimes you may wish to execute an Artisan command outside of the CLI. For example, you may wish to fire an Artisan command from a route or controller. You may use the call method on the Artisan facade to accomplish this. The call method accepts the name of the command as the first argument, and an array of command parameters as the second argument. The exit code will be returned:

Using the queue method on the Artisan facade, you may even queue Artisan commands so they are processed in the background by your <u>queue workers</u>:

```
Route::get('/foo', function () {
   Artisan::queue('email:send', [
          'user' => 1, '--queue' => 'default'
   ]);
   //
});
```

If you need to specify the value of an option that does not accept string values, such as the --force flag on the migrate:refresh command, you may pass a boolean true or false:

```
$exitCode = Artisan::call('migrate:refresh', [
    '--force' => true,
]):
```

Calling Commands From Other Commands

Sometimes you may wish to call other commands from an existing Artisan command. You may do so using the call method. This call method accepts the command name and an array of command parameters:

If you would like to call another console command and suppress all of its output, you may use the callsilent method. The callsilent method has the same signature as the call method:

```
$this->callSilent('email:send', [
    'user' => 1, '--queue' => 'default'
]);
```

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Introduction

Laravel Cashier provides an expressive, fluent interface to <u>Stripe's</u> and <u>Braintree's</u> subscription billing services. It handles almost all of the boilerplate subscription billing code you are dreading writing. In addition to basic subscription management, Cashier can handle coupons, swapping subscription, subscription "quantities", cancellation grace periods, and even generate invoice PDFs.

Stripe Configuration

Composer

First, add the Cashier package for Stripe to your composer.json file and run the composer update command:

```
"laravel/cashier": "~6.0"
```

Service Provider

Next, register the Laravel\Cashier\CashierServiceProvider service provider in your app configuration file.

Database Migrations

Before using Cashier, we'll also need to prepare the database. We need to add several columns to your users table and create a new subscriptions table to hold all of our customer's subscriptions:

```
Schema::table('users', function ($table) {
    $table->string('stripe_id')->nullable();
    $table->string('card_brand')->nullable();
    $table->string('card_last_four')->nullable();
    $table->timestamp('trial_ends_at')->nullable();
});

Schema::create('subscriptions', function ($table) {
    $table->increments('id');
    $table->integer('user_id');
    $table->string('name');
    $table->string('stripe_plan');
    $table->string('stripe_plan');
    $table->timestamp('trial_ends_at')->nullable();
    $table->timestamp('ends_at')->nullable();
    $table->timestamp('ends_at')->nullable();
    $table->timestamp();
});
```

Once the migrations have been created, simply run the migrate Artisan command.

Model Setup

Next, add the Billable trait to your model definition:

```
use Laravel\Cashier\Billable;
class User extends Authenticatable
{
    use Billable;
}
```

Provider Keys

Next, you should configure your Stripe key in your services.php configuration file:

```
'stripe' => [
   'model' => App\User::class,
   'secret' => env('STRIPE_SECRET'),
].
```

Braintree Configuration

Braintree Caveats

For many operations, the Stripe and Braintree implementations of Cashier function the same. Both services provide subscription billing with credit cards but Braintree also supports payments via PayPal. However, Braintree also lacks some features that are supported by Stripe. You should keep the following in mind when deciding to use Stripe or Braintree:

- Braintree supports PayPal while Stripe does not.
- Braintree does not support the increment and decrement methods on subscriptions. This is a Braintree limitation, not a
 Cashier limitation.
- Braintree does not support percentage based discounts. This is a Braintree limitation, not a Cashier limitation.

Composer

First, add the Cashier package for Braintree to your composer.json file and run the composer update command:

```
"laravel/cashier-braintree": "~1.0"
```

Service Provider

Next, register the Laravel\Cashier\CashierServiceProvider service provider in your app configuration file.

Plan Credit Coupon

Before using Cashier with Braintree, you will need to define a plan-credit discount in your Braintree control panel. This discount will be used to properly prorate subscriptions that change from yearly to monthly billing, or from monthly to yearly billing. The discount amount configured in the Braintree control panel can be any value you wish, as Cashier will simply override the defined amount with our own custom amount each time we apply the coupon.

Database Migrations

Before using Cashier, we'll also need to prepare the database. We need to add several columns to your users table and create a new subscriptions table to hold all of our customer's subscriptions:

```
Schema::table('users', function ($table) {
    $table->string('braintree_id')->nullable();
    $table->string('paypal_email')->nullable();
    $table->string('card_brand')->nullable();
    $table->string('card_last_four')->nullable();
    $table->timestamp('trial_ends_at')->nullable();
});

Schema::create('subscriptions', function ($table) {
    $table->increments('id');
    $table->integer('user_id');
    $table->string('name');
    $table->string('braintree_id');
    $table->string('braintree_plan');
    $table->integer('quantity');
    $table->timestamp('trial_ends_at')->nullable();
```

```
$table->timestamp('ends_at')->nullable();
$table->timestamps();
});
```

Once the migrations have been created, simply run the migrate Artisan command.

Model Setup

Next, add the Billable trait to your model definition:

```
use Laravel\Cashier\Billable;
class User extends Authenticatable
{
    use Billable;
}
```

Provider Keys

Next, You should configure the following options in your services.php file:

```
'braintree' => [
   'model' => App\User::class,
   'environment' => env('BRAINTREE_ENV'),
   'merchant_id' => env('BRAINTREE_MERCHANT_ID'),
   'public_key' => env('BRAINTREE_PUBLIC_KEY'),
   'private_key' => env('BRAINTREE_PRIVATE_KEY'),
],
```

Then you should add the following Braintree SDK calls to your AppServiceProvider service provider's boot method:

```
\Braintree_Configuration::environment(env('BRAINTREE_ENV'));
\Braintree_Configuration::merchantId(env('BRAINTREE_MERCHANT_ID'));
\Braintree_Configuration::publicKey(env('BRAINTREE_PUBLIC_KEY'));
\Braintree_Configuration::privateKey(env('BRAINTREE_PRIVATE_KEY'));
```

Subscriptions

Creating Subscriptions

To create a subscription, first retrieve an instance of your billable model, which typically will be an instance of App\User. Once you have retrieved the model instance, you may use the newSubscription method to create the model's subscription:

```
$user = User::find(1);
$user->newSubscription('main', 'monthly')->create($creditCardToken);
```

The first argument passed to the <code>newSubscription</code> method should be the name of the subscription. If your application only offers a single subscription, you might call this <code>main</code> or <code>primary</code>. The second argument is the specific Stripe / Braintree plan the user is subscribing to. This value should correspond to the plan's identifier in Stripe or Braintree.

The create method will automatically create the subscription, as well as update your database with the customer ID and other relevant billing information.

Additional User Details

If you would like to specify additional customer details, you may do so by passing them as the second argument to the create method:

```
$user->newSubscription('main', 'monthly')->create($creditCardToken, [
    'email' => $email,
]);
```

To learn more about the additional fields supported by Stripe or Braintree, check out Stripe's <u>documentation on customer creation</u> or the corresponding <u>Braintree documentation</u>.

Coupons

If you would like to apply a coupon when creating the subscription, you may use the $\mbox{\sc with}\mbox{\sc coupon}$ method:

```
$user->newSubscription('main', 'monthly')
    ->withCoupon('code')
    ->create($creditCardToken);
```

Checking Subscription Status

Once a user is subscribed to your application, you may easily check their subscription status using a variety of convenient methods. First, the subscribed method returns true if the user has an active subscription, even if the subscription is currently within its trial period:

```
if ($user->subscribed('main')) {
    //
}
```

The subscribed method also makes a great candidate for a <u>route middleware</u>, allowing you to filter access to routes and controllers based on the user's subscription status:

```
public function handle($request, Closure $next)
{
    if ($request->user() && ! $request->user()->subscribed('main')) {
        // This user is not a paying customer...
        return redirect('billing');
    }
    return $next($request);
}
```

If you would like to determine if a user is still within their trial period, you may use the onTrial method. This method can be useful for displaying a warning to the user that they are still on their trial period:

```
if ($user->subscription('main')->onTrial()) {
    //
}
```

The subscribedToPlan method may be used to determine if the user is subscribed to a given plan based on a given Stripe / Braintree plan ID. In this example, we will determine if the user's main subscription is actively subscribed to the monthly plan:

```
if ($user->subscribedToPlan('monthly', 'main')) {
    //
}
```

Cancelled Subscription Status

To determine if the user was once an active subscriber, but has cancelled their subscription, you may use the cancelled method:

```
if ($user->subscription('main')->cancelled()) {
    //
}
```

You may also determine if a user has cancelled their subscription, but are still on their "grace period" until the subscription fully expires. For example, if a user cancels a subscription on March 5th that was originally scheduled to expire on March 10th, the user is on their "grace period" until March 10th. Note that the subscribed method still returns true during this time.

```
if ($user->subscription('main')->onGracePeriod()) {
    //
}
```

Changing Plans

After a user is subscribed to your application, they may occasionally want to change to a new subscription plan. To swap a user to a new subscription, use the swap method. For example, we may easily switch a user to the premium subscription:

```
$user = App\User::find(1);
$user->subscription('main')->swap('provider-plan-id');
```

If the user is on trial, the trial period will be maintained. Also, if a "quantity" exists for the subscription, that quantity will also be maintained:

```
$user->subscription('main')->swap('provider-plan-id');
```

If you would like to swap plans but skip the trial period on the plan you are swapping to, you may use the skiptrial method:

```
$user->subscription('main')
    ->skipTrial()
    ->swap('provider-plan-id');
```

Subscription Quantity

Note: Subscription quantities are only supported by the Stripe edition of Cashier. Braintree does not have an equivalent to Stripe's "quantity".

Sometimes subscriptions are affected by "quantity". For example, your application might charge \$10 per month per user on an

account. To easily increment or decrement your subscription quantity, use the incrementQuantity and decrementQuantity methods:

```
$user = User::find(1);
$user->subscription('main')->incrementQuantity();

// Add five to the subscription's current quantity...
$user->subscription('main')->incrementQuantity(5);

$user->subscription('main')->decrementQuantity();

// Subtract five to the subscription's current quantity...
$user->subscription('main')->decrementQuantity(5);
```

Alternatively, you may set a specific quantity using the updateQuantity method:

```
$user->subscription('main')->updateQuantity(10);
```

For more information on subscription quantities, consult the **Stripe documentation**.

Subscription Taxes

With Cashier, it's easy to provide the tax_percent value sent to Stripe / Braintree. To specify the tax percentage a user pays on a subscription, implement the taxPercentage method on your billable model, and return a numeric value between 0 and 100, with no more than 2 decimal places.

```
public function taxPercentage() {
    return 20;
}
```

This enables you to apply a tax rate on a model-by-model basis, which may be helpful for a user base that spans multiple countries.

Cancelling Subscriptions

To cancel a subscription, simply call the cancel method on the user's subscription:

```
$user->subscription('main')->cancel();
```

When a subscription is cancelled, Cashier will automatically set the ends_at column in your database. This column is used to know when the subscribed method should begin returning false. For example, if a customer cancels a subscription on March 1st, but the subscription was not scheduled to end until March 5th, the subscribed method will continue to return true until March 5th.

You may determine if a user has cancelled their subscription but are still on their "grace period" using the onGracePeriod method:

```
if ($user->subscription('main')->onGracePeriod()) {
    //
}
```

Resuming Subscriptions

If a user has cancelled their subscription and you wish to resume it, use the resume method. The user **must** still be on their grace period in order to resume a subscription:

```
$user->subscription('main')->resume();
```

If the user cancels a subscription and then resumes that subscription before the subscription has fully expired, they will not be billed immediately. Instead, their subscription will simply be re-activated, and they will be billed on the original billing cycle.

Subscription Trials

With Credit Card Up Front

If you would like to offer trial periods to your customers while still collecting payment method information up front, You should use the trialDays method when creating your subscriptions:

This method will set the trial period ending date on the subscription record within the database, as well as instruct Stripe /

Braintree to not begin billing the customer until after this date.

Note: If the customer's subscription is not cancelled before the trial ending date they will be charged as soon as the trial expires, so you should notify your users of their trial ending date.

You may determine if the user is within their trial period using either the ontrial method of the user instance, or the ontrial method of the subscription instance. The two examples below are essentially identical in purpose:

```
if ($user->onTrial('main')) {
    //
}

if ($user->subscription('main')->onTrial()) {
    //
}
```

Without Credit Card Up Front

If you would like to offer trial periods without collecting the user's payment method information up front, you may simply set the trial_ends_at column on the user record to your desired trial ending date. For example, this is typically done during user registration:

```
$user = User::create([
    // Populate other user properties...
    'trial_ends_at' => Carbon::now()->addDays(10),
]);
```

Cashier refers to this type of trial as a "generic trial", since it is not attached to any existing subscription. The onTrial method on the User instance will return true if the current date is not past the value of trial_ends_at:

```
if ($user->onTrial()) {
    // User is within their trial period...
}
```

You may also use the ongenericTrial method if you wish to know specifically that the user is within their "generic" trial period and has not created an actual subscription yet:

```
if ($user->onGenericTrial()) {
    // User is within their "generic" trial period...
}
```

Once you are ready to create an actual subscription for the user, you may use the newsubscription method as usual:

```
$user = User::find(1);
$user->newSubscription('main', 'monthly')->create($creditCardToken);
```

Handling Stripe Webhooks

Failed Subscriptions

What if a customer's credit card expires? No worries - Cashier includes a Webhook controller that can easily cancel the customer's subscription for you. Just point a route to the controller:

```
Route::post(
   'stripe/webhook',
   '\Laravel\Cashier\Http\Controllers\WebhookController@handleWebhook');
```

That's it! Failed payments will be captured and handled by the controller. The controller will cancel the customer's subscription when Stripe determines the subscription has failed (normally after three failed payment attempts). Don't forget: you will need to configure the webhook URI in your Stripe control panel settings.

Since Stripe webhooks need to bypass Laravel's <u>CSRF verification</u>, be sure to list the URI as an exception in your VerifycsrfToken middleware or list the route outside of the web middleware group:

```
protected $except = [
    'stripe/*',
1.
```

Other Webhooks

If you have additional Stripe webhook events you would like to handle, simply extend the Webhook controller. Your method names should correspond to Cashier's expected convention, specifically, methods should be prefixed with handle and the "camel case" name of the Stripe webhook you wish to handle. For example, if you wish to handle the invoice.payment_succeeded webhook, you should add a handleInvoicePaymentSucceeded method to the controller.

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use Laravel\Cashier\Http\Controllers\WebhookController as BaseController;
class WebhookController extends BaseController
{
    /**
    * Handle a Stripe webhook.
    *
    * @param array $payload
    * @return Response
    */
    public function handleInvoicePaymentSucceeded($payload)
    {
        // Handle The Event
    }
}</pre>
```

Handling Braintree Webhooks

Failed Subscriptions

What if a customer's credit card expires? No worries - Cashier includes a Webhook controller that can easily cancel the customer's subscription for you. Just point a route to the controller:

```
Route::post(
   'braintree/webhook',
   '\Laravel\Cashier\Http\Controllers\WebhookController@handleWebhook');
```

That's it! Failed payments will be captured and handled by the controller. The controller will cancel the customer's subscription when Braintree determines the subscription has failed (normally after three failed payment attempts). Don't forget: you will need to configure the webhook URI in your Braintree control panel settings.

Since Braintree webhooks need to bypass Laravel's <u>CSRF verification</u>, be sure to list the URI as an exception in your VerifyCsrfToken middleware or list the route outside of the web middleware group:

```
protected $except = [
    'braintree/*',
];
```

Other Webhooks

If you have additional Braintree webhook events you would like to handle, simply extend the Webhook controller. Your method names should correspond to Braintree's expected convention, specifically, methods should be prefixed with handle and the "camel case" name of the Braintree webhook you wish to handle. For example, if you wish to handle the dispute_opened webhook, you should add a handleDisputeOpened method to the controller.

Single Charges

Simple Charge

Note: When using Stripe, the charge method accepts the amount you would like to charge in the **lowest denominator of the currency used by your application**. However, when using Braintree, you should pass the full dollar amount to the charge method:

If you would like to make a "one off" charge against a subscribed customer's credit card, you may use the charge method on a billable model instance.

```
// Stripe Accepts Charges In Cents...
$user->charge(100);

// Braintree Accepts Charges In Dollars...
$user->charge(1);
```

The charge method accepts an array as its second argument, allowing you to pass any options you wish to the underlying Stripe / Braintree charge creation:

```
$user->charge(100, [
    'custom_option' => $value,
]);
```

The charge method will throw an exception if the charge fails. If the charge is successful, the full Stripe / Braintree response will be returned from the method:

Charge With Invoice

Sometimes you may need to make a one-time charge but also generate an invoice for the charge so that you may offer a PDF receipt to your customer. The invoiceFor method lets you do just that. For example, let's invoice the customer \$5.00 for a "One Time Fee":

```
// Stripe Accepts Charges In Cents...
$user->invoiceFor('One Time Fee', 500);
// Braintree Accepts Charges In Dollars...
$user->invoiceFor('One Time Fee', 5);
```

The invoice will be charged immediately against the user's credit card. The invoiceFor method also accepts an array as its third argument, allowing you to pass any options you wish to the underlying Stripe / Braintree charge creation:

```
$user->invoiceFor('One Time Fee', 500, [
    'custom-option' => $value,
]);
```

Note: The invoiceFor method will create a Stripe invoice which will retry failed billing attempts. If you do not want invoices to retry failed charges, you will need to close them using the Stripe API after the first failed charge.

Invoices

You may easily retrieve an array of a billable model's invoices using the invoices method:

```
$invoices = $user->invoices();
```

When listing the invoices for the customer, you may use the invoice's helper methods to display the relevant invoice information. For example, you may wish to list every invoice in a table, allowing the user to easily download any of them:

Generating Invoice PDFs

Before generating invoice PDFs, you need to install the $dompdf\ PHP\ library$:

```
{\tt composer\ require\ dompdf/dompdf}
```

From within a route or controller, use the downloadInvoice method to generate a PDF download of the invoice. This method will automatically generate the proper HTTP response to send the download to the browser:

```
'product' => 'Your Product',
]);
});
```

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Configuration

Laravel provides a unified API for various caching systems. The cache configuration is located at <code>config/cache.php</code>. In this file you may specify which cache driver you would like used by default throughout your application. Laravel supports popular caching backends like Memcached and Redis out of the box.

The cache configuration file also contains various other options, which are documented within the file, so make sure to read over these options. By default, Laravel is configured to use the file cache driver, which stores the serialized, cached objects in the filesystem. For larger applications, it is recommended that you use an in-memory cache such as Memcached or APC. You may even configure multiple cache configurations for the same driver.

Cache Prerequisites

Database

When using the database cache driver, you will need to setup a table to contain the cache items. You'll find an example schema declaration for the table below:

```
Schema::create('cache', function($table) {
    $table->string('key')->unique();
    $table->text('value');
    $table->integer('expiration');
}):
```

You may also use the php artisan cache: table Artisan command to generate a migration with the proper schema.

Memcached

Using the Memcached cache requires the Memcached PECL package to be installed.

The default <u>configuration</u> uses TCP/IP based on <u>Memcached::addServer</u>:

You may also set the host option to a UNIX socket path. If you do this, the port option should be set to 0:

Redis

Before using a Redis cache with Laravel, you will need to install the predis/predis package (~1.0) via Composer.

For more information on configuring Redis, consult its Laravel documentation page.

Cache Usage

Obtaining A Cache Instance

The Illuminate\Contracts\Cache\Factory and Illuminate\Contracts\Cache\Repository contracts provide access to Laravel's cache services. The Factory contract provides access to all cache drivers defined for your application. The Repository contract is typically an implementation of the default cache driver for your application as specified by your cache configuration file.

However, you may also use the cache facade, which is what we will use throughout this documentation. The cache facade provides convenient, terse access to the underlying implementations of the Laravel cache contracts.

For example, let's import the cache facade into a controller:

Accessing Multiple Cache Stores

Using the cache facade, you may access various cache stores via the store method. The key passed to the store method should correspond to one of the stores listed in the stores configuration array in your cache configuration file:

```
$value = Cache::store('file')->get('foo');
Cache::store('redis')->put('bar', 'baz', 10);
```

Retrieving Items From The Cache

The get method on the Cache facade is used to retrieve items from the cache. If the item does not exist in the cache, null will be returned. If you wish, you may pass a second argument to the get method specifying the custom default value you wish to be returned if the item doesn't exist:

```
$value = Cache::get('key');
$value = Cache::get('key', 'default');
```

You may even pass a closure as the default value. The result of the closure will be returned if the specified item does not exist in the cache. Passing a Closure allows you to defer the retrieval of default values from a database or other external service:

```
$value = Cache::get('key', function() {
    return DB::table(...)->get();
}):
```

Checking For Item Existence

The has method may be used to determine if an item exists in the cache:

Incrementing / Decrementing Values

The increment and decrement methods may be used to adjust the value of integer items in the cache. Both of these methods optionally accept a second argument indicating the amount by which to increment or decrement the item's value:

```
Cache::increment('key');
Cache::increment('key', $amount);
```

```
Cache::decrement('key');
Cache::decrement('key', $amount);
```

Retrieve Or Update

Sometimes you may wish to retrieve an item from the cache, but also store a default value if the requested item doesn't exist. For example, you may wish to retrieve all users from the cache or, if they don't exist, retrieve them from the database and add them to the cache. You may do this using the cache::remember method:

```
$value = Cache::remember('users', $minutes, function() {
    return DB::table('users')->get();
});
```

If the item does not exist in the cache, the Closure passed to the remember method will be executed and its result will be placed in the cache.

You may also combine the remember and forever methods:

```
$value = Cache::rememberForever('users', function() {
    return DB::table('users')->get();
});
```

Retrieve And Delete

If you need to retrieve an item from the cache and then delete it, you may use the pull method. Like the get method, null will be returned if the item does not exist in the cache:

```
$value = Cache::pull('key');
```

Storing Items In The Cache

You may use the put method on the cache facade to store items in the cache. When you place an item in the cache, you will need to specify the number of minutes for which the value should be cached:

```
Cache::put('key', 'value', $minutes);
```

Instead of passing the number of minutes until the item expires, you may also pass a PHP DateTime instance representing the expiration time of the cached item:

```
$expiresAt = Carbon::now()->addMinutes(10);
Cache::put('key', 'value', $expiresAt);
```

The add method will only add the item to the cache if it does not already exist in the cache store. The method will return true if the item is actually added to the cache. Otherwise, the method will return false:

```
Cache::add('key', 'value', $minutes);
```

The forever method may be used to store an item in the cache permanently. These values must be manually removed from the cache using the forget method:

```
Cache::forever('key', 'value');
```

Removing Items From The Cache

You may remove items from the cache using the forget method on the cache facade:

```
Cache::forget('key');
```

You may clear the entire cache using the flush method:

```
Cache::flush();
```

Flushing the cache **does not** respect the cache prefix and will remove all entries from the cache. Consider this carefully when clearing a cache which is shared by other applications.

Cache Tags

Note: Cache tags are not supported when using the file or database cache drivers. Furthermore, when using multiple tags with caches that are stored "forever", performance will be best with a driver such as memcached, which automatically purges stale records.

Storing Tagged Cache Items

Cache tags allow you to tag related items in the cache and then flush all cached values that have been assigned a given tag. You may access a tagged cache by passing in an ordered array of tag names. For example, let's access a tagged cache and put value in the cache:

```
Cache::tags(['people', 'artists'])->put('John', $john, $minutes);
Cache::tags(['people', 'authors'])->put('Anne', $anne, $minutes);
```

However, you are not limited to the put method. You may use any cache storage method while working with tags.

Accessing Tagged Cache Items

To retrieve a tagged cache item, pass the same ordered list of tags to the tags method:

```
$john = Cache::tags(['people', 'artists'])->get('John');
$anne = Cache::tags(['people', 'authors'])->get('Anne');
```

You may flush all items that are assigned a tag or list of tags. For example, this statement would remove all caches tagged with either people, authors, or both. So, both Anne and John would be removed from the cache:

```
Cache::tags(['people', 'authors'])->flush();
```

In contrast, this statement would remove only caches tagged with authors, so Anne would be removed, but not John.

```
Cache::tags('authors')->flush();
```

Adding Custom Cache Drivers

To extend the Laravel cache with a custom driver, we will use the extend method on the cache facade, which is used to bind a custom driver resolver to the manager. Typically, this is done within a <u>service provider</u>.

For example, to register a new cache driver named "mongo":

```
<?php
namespace App\Providers;
use App\Extensions\MongoStore;
use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
class CacheServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
     * Perform post-registration booting of services.
       @return void
    public function boot()
        Cache::extend('mongo', function($app) {
            return Cache::repository(new MongoStore);
    }
     * Register bindings in the container.
       @return void
    public function register()
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    }
}
```

The first argument passed to the extend method is the name of the driver. This will correspond to your driver option in the config/cache.php configuration file. The second argument is a Closure that should return an Illuminate\Cache\Repository instance. The Closure will be passed an \$app instance, which is an instance of the service container.

The call to Cache::extend could be done in the boot method of the default App\Providers\AppServiceProvider that ships with fresh Laravel applications, or you may create your own service provider to house the extension - just don't forget to register the provider in the config/app.php provider array.

To create our custom cache driver, we first need to implement the <code>illuminate\Contracts\Cache\Store contract</code> contract. So, our MongoDB cache implementation would look something like this:

```
<?php
namespace App\Extensions;

class MongoStore implements \Illuminate\Contracts\Cache\Store
{
    public function get($key) {}
    public function put($key, $value, $minutes) {}
    public function increment($key, $value = 1) {}
    public function decrement($key, $value = 1) {}
    public function forever($key, $value) {}
    public function forget($key) {}
    public function flush() {}
    public function getPrefix() {}
}</pre>
```

We just need to implement each of these methods using a MongoDB connection. Once our implementation is complete, we can finish our custom driver registration:

```
Cache::extend('mongo', function($app) {
    return Cache::repository(new MongoStore);
});
```

Once your extension is complete, simply update your config/cache.php configuration file's driver option to the name of your extension.

If you're wondering where to put your custom cache driver code, consider making it available on Packagist! Or, you could create an Extensions namespace within your app directory. However, keep in mind that Laravel does not have a rigid application structure and you are free to organize your application according to your preferences.

Events

To execute code on every cache operation, you may listen for the <u>events</u> fired by the cache. Typically, you should place these event listeners within your EventServiceProvider:

```
/**
 * The event listener mappings for the application.
 * @var array
 */
protected $listen = [
    'Illuminate\Cache\Events\CacheHit' => [
        'App\Listeners\LogCacheHit',
    ],
    'Illuminate\Cache\Events\CacheMissed' => [
             'App\Listeners\LogCacheMissed',
    ],
    'Illuminate\Cache\Events\KeyForgotten' => [
             'App\Listeners\LogKeyForgotten',
    ],
    'Illuminate\Cache\Events\KeyWritten' => [
             'App\Listeners\LogKeyWritten',
    ],
    'Illuminate\Cache\Events\KeyWritten',
    ],
    ];
```

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Collections

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Introduction

The Illuminate\Support\Collection class provides a fluent, convenient wrapper for working with arrays of data. For example, check out the following code. We'll use the collect helper to create a new collection instance from the array, run the strtoupper function on each element, and then remove all empty elements:

```
$collection = collect(['taylor', 'abigail', null])->map(function ($name) {
    return strtoupper($name);
})
->reject(function ($name) {
    return empty($name);
});
```

As you can see, the collection class allows you to chain its methods to perform fluent mapping and reducing of the underlying array. In general, collections are immutable, meaning every collection method returns an entirely new collection instance.

Creating Collections

As mentioned above, the collect helper returns a new Illuminate\Support\Collection instance for the given array. So, creating a collection is as simple as:

```
$collection = collect([1, 2, 3]);
```

The results of **Eloquent** queries are always returned as Collection instances.

Available Methods

For the remainder of this documentation, we'll discuss each method available on the collection class. Remember, all of these methods may be chained to fluently manipulating the underlying array. Furthermore, almost every method returns a new Collection instance, allowing you to preserve the original copy of the collection when necessary:

all average avg chunk collapse combine contains count diff diffKeys each every except filter first flatMap flatten flip forget forPage get groupBy has implode intersect isEmpty keyBy keys last map max median merge min mode only pipe pluck pop prepend pull push put random reduce reject reverse search shift shuffle slice sort sortBy sortByDesc splice sum take toArray toJson transform union unique values where whereLoose whereIn whereInLoose zip

Method Listing

```
all()
```

The all method returns the underlying array represented by the collection:

```
collect([1, 2, 3])->all();
// [1, 2, 3]
```

average()

Alias for the avg method.

avg()

The avg method returns the average value of a given key:

```
$average = collect([['foo' => 10], ['foo' => 10], ['foo' => 20], ['foo' => 40]])->avg('foo');
// 20
```

```
$average = collect([1, 1, 2, 4])->avg();
// 2
```

chunk()

The chunk method breaks the collection into multiple, smaller collections of a given size:

```
$collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]);
$chunks = $collection->chunk(4);
$chunks->toArray();
// [[1, 2, 3, 4], [5, 6, 7]]
```

This method is especially useful in <u>views</u> when working with a grid system such as <u>Bootstrap</u>. Imagine you have a collection of <u>Eloquent</u> models you want to display in a grid:

collapse()

The collapse method collapses a collection of arrays into a single, flat collection:

```
$collection = collect([[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]);
$collapsed = $collection->collapse();
$collapsed->all();
// [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

combine()

The combine method combines the keys of the collection with the values of another array or collection:

```
$collection = collect(['name', 'age']);
$combined = $collection->combine(['George', 29]);
$combined->all();
// ['name' => 'George', 'age' => 29]
```

contains()

The contains method determines whether the collection contains a given item:

```
$collection = collect(['name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 100]);
$collection->contains('Desk');
// true
$collection->contains('New York');
```

You may also pass a key / value pair to the contains method, which will determine if the given pair exists in the collection:

```
$collection = collect([
    ['product' => 'Desk', 'price' => 200],
    ['product' => 'Chair', 'price' => 100],
```

```
]);
$collection->contains('product', 'Bookcase');
// false
Finally, you may also pass a callback to the contains method to perform your own truth test:
$collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
$collection->contains(function ($key, $value) {
    return $value > 5;
});
// false
```

The contains method uses "loose" comparisons when checking item values, meaning a string with an integer value will be considered equal to an integer of the same value.

count()

The count method returns the total number of items in the collection:

```
$collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4]);
$collection->count();
// 4
```

diff()

The diff method compares the collection against another collection or a plain PHP array based on its values. This method will return the values in the original collection that are not present in the given collection:

```
$collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
$diff = $collection->diff([2, 4, 6, 8]);
$diff->all();
// [1, 3, 5]
```

diffKeys()

The diffkeys method compares the collection against another collection or a plain PHP array based on its keys. This method will return the key / value pairs in the original collection that are not present in the given collection:

```
$collection = collect([
    'one' => 10,
    'two' => 20,
    'three' => 30,
    'four' => 40,
    'five' => 50,
]);

$diff = $collection->diffKeys([
    'two' => 2,
    'four' => 4,
    'six' => 6,
    'eight' => 8,
]);

$diff->all();
// ['one' => 10, 'three' => 30, 'five' => 50]
```

each()

The each method iterates over the items in the collection and passes each item to a callback:

```
$collection = $collection->each(function ($item, $key) {
});
If you would like to stop iterating through the items, you may return false from your callback:
$collection = $collection->each(function ($item, $key) {
    if (/* some condition */) {
    return false;
    }
});
every()
The every method creates a new collection consisting of every n-th element:
$collection = collect(['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f']);
$collection->every(4);
// ['a', 'e']
You may optionally pass an offset as the second argument:
$collection->every(4, 1);
// ['b', 'f']
except()
The except method returns all items in the collection except for those with the specified keys:
$collection = collect(['product_id' => 1, 'price' => 100, 'discount' => false]);
$filtered = $collection->except(['price', 'discount']);
$filtered->all();
// ['product_id' => 1]
For the inverse of except, see the only method.
filter()
The filter method filters the collection using the given callback, keeping only those items that pass a given truth test:
collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4]);
$filtered = $collection->filter(function ($value, $key) {
    return $value > 2;
$filtered->all();
// [3, 4]
If no callback is supplied, all entries of the collection that are equivalent to false will be removed:
collection = collect([1, 2, 3, null, false, '', 0, []]);
$collection->filter()->all();
// [1, 2, 3]
For the inverse of filter, see the reject method.
```

first()

The first method returns the first element in the collection that passes a given truth test:

```
collect([1, 2, 3, 4])->first(function ($key, $value) {
   return $value > 2;
});
// 3
```

You may also call the first method with no arguments to get the first element in the collection. If the collection is empty, null is returned:

```
collect([1, 2, 3, 4])->first();
// 1
```

flatMap()

The flatMap method iterates through the collection and passes each value to the given callback. The callback is free to modify the item and return it, thus forming a new collection of modified items. Then, the array is flattened by a level:

flatten()

The flatten method flattens a multi-dimensional collection into a single dimension:

```
$collection = collect(['name' => 'taylor', 'languages' => ['php', 'javascript']]);
$flattened = $collection->flatten();
$flattened->all();
// ['taylor', 'php', 'javascript'];
```

You may optionally pass the function a "depth" argument:

In this example, calling flatten without providing the depth would have also flattened the nested arrays, resulting in ['iPhone 6S', 'Apple', 'Galaxy S7', 'Samsung']. Providing a depth allows you to restrict the levels of nested arrays that will be flattened.

flip()

The ${ t flip}$ method swaps the collection's keys with their corresponding values:

```
$collection = collect(['name' => 'taylor', 'framework' => 'laravel']);
$flipped = $collection->flip();
$flipped->all();
// ['taylor' => 'name', 'laravel' => 'framework']

forget()
The forget method removes an item from the collection by its key:
$collection = collect(['name' => 'taylor', 'framework' => 'laravel']);
$collection->forget('name');
$collection->all();
// ['framework' => 'laravel']
```

Note: Unlike most other collection methods, forget does not return a new modified collection; it modifies the collection it is called on.

forPage()

The forPage method returns a new collection containing the items that would be present on a given page number. The method accepts the page number as its first argument and the number of items to show per page as its second argument:

```
$collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]);
$chunk = $collection->forPage(2, 3);
$chunk->all();
// [4, 5, 6]
```

get()

The get method returns the item at a given key. If the key does not exist, null is returned:

```
$collection = collect(['name' => 'taylor', 'framework' => 'laravel']);
$value = $collection->get('name');
// taylor
```

You may optionally pass a default value as the second argument:

```
$collection = collect(['name' => 'taylor', 'framework' => 'laravel']);
$value = $collection->get('foo', 'default-value');
// default-value
```

You may even pass a callback as the default value. The result of the callback will be returned if the specified key does not exist:

```
$collection->get('email', function () {
    return 'default-value';
});
// default-value
```

groupBy()

The groupBy method groups the collection's items by a given key:

```
$collection = collect([
    ['account_id' => 'account-x10', 'product' => 'Chair'],
    ['account_id' => 'account-x10', 'product' => 'Bookcase'],
```

In addition to passing a string key, you may also pass a callback. The callback should return the value you wish to key the group by:

has()

The has method determines if a given key exists in the collection:

```
$collection = collect(['account_id' => 1, 'product' => 'Desk']);
$collection->has('product');
// true
```

implode()

The implode method joins the items in a collection. Its arguments depend on the type of items in the collection. If the collection contains arrays or objects, you should pass the key of the attributes you wish to join, and the "glue" string you wish to place between the values:

```
$collection = collect([
        ['account_id' => 1, 'product' => 'Desk'],
        ['account_id' => 2, 'product' => 'Chair'],
]);
$collection->implode('product', ', ');
// Desk, Chair
```

If the collection contains simple strings or numeric values, simply pass the "glue" as the only argument to the method:

```
collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])->implode('-');
// '1-2-3-4-5'
```

intersect()

The intersect method removes any values from the original collection that are not present in the given array or collection. The

resulting collection will preserve the original collection's keys:

```
$collection = collect(['Desk', 'Sofa', 'Chair']);
$intersect = $collection->intersect(['Desk', 'Chair', 'Bookcase']);
$intersect->all();
// [0 => 'Desk', 2 => 'Chair']
```

isEmpty()

The isEmpty method returns true if the collection is empty; otherwise, false is returned:

```
collect([])->isEmpty();
// true
```

keyBy()

The keyBy method keys the collection by the given key. If multiple items have the same key, only the last one will appear in the new collection:

You may also pass a callback to the method. The callback should return the value to key the collection by:

keys()

The keys method returns all of the collection's keys:

```
$collection = collect([
    'prod-100' => ['product_id' => 'prod-100', 'name' => 'Desk'],
    'prod-200' => ['product_id' => 'prod-200', 'name' => 'Chair'],
]);
$keys = $collection->keys();
$keys->all();
// ['prod-100', 'prod-200']
```

The last method returns the last element in the collection that passes a given truth test:

```
collect([1, 2, 3, 4])->last(function ($key, $value) {
   return $value < 3;
});
// 2</pre>
```

You may also call the last method with no arguments to get the last element in the collection. If the collection is empty, null is returned:

```
collect([1, 2, 3, 4])->last();
// 4
```

map()

The map method iterates through the collection and passes each value to the given callback. The callback is free to modify the item and return it, thus forming a new collection of modified items:

```
$collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
$multiplied = $collection->map(function ($item, $key) {
    return $item * 2;
});
$multiplied->all();
// [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
```

Note: Like most other collection methods, map returns a new collection instance; it does not modify the collection it is called on. If you want to transform the original collection, use the transform method.

max()

The max method returns the maximum value of a given key:

```
$max = collect([['foo' => 10], ['foo' => 20]])->max('foo');
// 20
$max = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])->max();
// 5
```

median()

The median method returns the median value of a given key:

```
$median = collect([['foo' => 10], ['foo' => 10], ['foo' => 20], ['foo' => 40]])->median('foo');
// 15
$median = collect([1, 1, 2, 4])->median();
// 1.5
```

merge()

The merge method merges the given array or collection with the original collection. If a string key in the given items matches a string key in the original collection, the given items's value will overwrite the value in the original collection:

```
$collection = collect(['product_id' => 1, 'price' => 100]);
$merged = $collection->merge(['price' => 200, 'discount' => false]);
$merged->all();
// ['product_id' => 1, 'price' => 200, 'discount' => false]
```

```
If the given items's keys are numeric, the values will be appended to the end of the collection:
$collection = collect(['Desk', 'Chair']);
$merged = $collection->merge(['Bookcase', 'Door']);
$merged->all();
// ['Desk', 'Chair', 'Bookcase', 'Door']
min()
The min method returns the minimum value of a given key:
$min = collect([['foo' => 10], ['foo' => 20]])->min('foo');
// 10
min = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])-min();
// 1
mode()
The mode method returns the \underline{\text{mode value}} of a given key:
$mode = collect([['foo' => 10], ['foo' => 10], ['foo' => 20], ['foo' => 40]])->mode('foo');
// [10]
$mode = collect([1, 1, 2, 4])->mode();
// [1]
only()
The only method returns the items in the collection with the specified keys:
$collection = collect(['product_id' => 1, 'name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 100, 'discount' => false]);
$filtered = $collection->only(['product_id', 'name']);
$filtered->all();
// ['product_id' => 1, 'name' => 'Desk']
For the inverse of only, see the except method.
pipe()
The pipe method passes the collection to the given callback and returns the result:
collection = collect([1, 2, 3]);
$piped = $collection->pipe(function ($collection) {
    return $collection->sum();
// 6
pluck()
The pluck method retrieves all of the values for a given key:
$collection = collect([
    ['product_id' => 'prod-100', 'name' => 'Desk'],
```

```
['product_id' => 'prod-200', 'name' => 'Chair'],
]);
$plucked = $collection->pluck('name');
$plucked->all();
// ['Desk', 'Chair']
You may also specify how you wish the resulting collection to be keyed:
$plucked = $collection->pluck('name', 'product_id');
$plucked->all();
// ['prod-100' => 'Desk', 'prod-200' => 'Chair']
pop()
The pop method removes and returns the last item from the collection:
$collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
$collection->pop();
// 5
$collection->all();
// [1, 2, 3, 4]
prepend()
The prepend method adds an item to the beginning of the collection:
$collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
$collection->prepend(0);
$collection->all();
// [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
You may also pass a second argument to set the key of the prepended item:
$collection = collect(['one' => 1, 'two' => 2]);
$collection->prepend(0, 'zero');
$collection->all();
// ['zero' => 0, 'one' => 1, 'two' => 2]
pull()
The pull method removes and returns an item from the collection by its key:
$collection = collect(['product_id' => 'prod-100', 'name' => 'Desk']);
$collection->pull('name');
// 'Desk'
$collection->all();
// ['product_id' => 'prod-100']
push()
```

The $\operatorname{\textsf{push}}$ method appends an item to the end of the collection:

```
$collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4]);
$collection->push(5);
$collection->all();
// [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
put()
The put method sets the given key and value in the collection:
$collection = collect(['product_id' => 1, 'name' => 'Desk']);
$collection->put('price', 100);
$collection->all();
// ['product_id' => 1, 'name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 100]
random()
The random method returns a random item from the collection:
$collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
$collection->random();
// 4 - (retrieved randomly)
You may optionally pass an integer to random to specify how many items you would like to randomly retrieve. If that integer is
more than 1, a collection of items is returned:
$random = $collection->random(3);
$random->all();
// [2, 4, 5] - (retrieved randomly)
reduce()
The reduce method reduces the collection to a single value, passing the result of each iteration into the subsequent iteration:
$collection = collect([1, 2, 3]);
$total = $collection->reduce(function ($carry, $item) {
    return $carry + $item;
// 6
The value for $carry on the first iteration is null; however, you may specify its initial value by passing a second argument to
$collection->reduce(function ($carry, $item) {
    return $carry + $item;
}, 4);
// 10
reject()
The reject method filters the collection using the given callback. The callback should return true if the item should be removed
from the resulting collection:
$collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4]);
```

\$filtered = \$collection->reject(function (\$value, \$key) {

return \$value > 2;

```
});
$filtered->all();
// [1, 2]
For the inverse of the reject method, see the filter method.
reverse()
The reverse method reverses the order of the collection's items:
$collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
$reversed = $collection->reverse();
$reversed->all();
// [5, 4, 3, 2, 1]
search()
The search method searches the collection for the given value and returns its key if found. If the item is not found, false is
$collection = collect([2, 4, 6, 8]);
$collection->search(4);
The search is done using a "loose" comparison, meaning a string with an integer value will be considered equal to an integer of the
same value. To use "strict" comparison, pass true as the second argument to the method:
$collection->search('4', true);
// false
Alternatively, you may pass in your own callback to search for the first item that passes your truth test:
$collection->search(function ($item, $key) {
    return $item > 5;
// 2
shift()
The shift method removes and returns the first item from the collection:
$collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
$collection->shift();
// 1
$collection->all();
// [2, 3, 4, 5]
```

shuffle()

The shuffle method randomly shuffles the items in the collection:

```
$collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
$shuffled = $collection->shuffle();
$shuffled->all();
```

```
// [3, 2, 5, 1, 4] - (generated randomly)
```

slice()

The slice method returns a slice of the collection starting at the given index:

```
$collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]);
$slice = $collection->slice(4);
$slice->all();
// [5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
```

If you would like to limit the size of the returned slice, pass the desired size as the second argument to the method:

```
$slice = $collection->slice(4, 2);
$slice->all();
// [5, 6]
```

The returned slice will preserve keys by default. If you do not wish to preserve the original keys, you can use the <u>values</u> method to reindex them.

sort()

The sort method sorts the collection. The sorted collection keeps the original array keys, so in this example we'll use the <u>values</u> method to reset the keys to consecutively numbered indexes:

```
$collection = collect([5, 3, 1, 2, 4]);
$sorted = $collection->sort();
$sorted->values()->all();
// [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

If your sorting needs are more advanced, you may pass a callback to sort with your own algorithm. Refer to the PHP documentation on <u>usort</u>, which is what the collection's sort method calls under the hood.

If you need to sort a collection of nested arrays or objects, see the **sortBy** and **sortByDesc** methods.

sortBy()

The sortBy method sorts the collection by the given key. The sorted collection keeps the original array keys, so in this example we'll use the yalues method to reset the keys to consecutively numbered indexes:

You can also pass your own callback to determine how to sort the collection values:

```
$collection = collect([
    ['name' => 'Desk', 'colors' => ['Black', 'Mahogany']],
    ['name' => 'Chair', 'colors' => ['Black']],
```

```
['name' => 'Bookcase', 'colors' => ['Red', 'Beige', 'Brown']],
]);
$sorted = $collection->sortBy(function ($product, $key) {
    return count($product['colors']);
$sorted->values()->all();
         ['name' => 'Chair', 'colors' => ['Black']],
['name' => 'Desk', 'colors' => ['Black', 'Mahogany']],
['name' => 'Bookcase', 'colors' => ['Red', 'Beige', 'Brown']],
sortByDesc()
This method has the same signature as the sortBy method, but will sort the collection in the opposite order.
splice()
The splice method removes and returns a slice of items starting at the specified index:
$collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
$chunk = $collection->splice(2);
$chunk->all();
// [3, 4, 5]
$collection->all();
// [1, 2]
You may pass a second argument to limit the size of the resulting chunk:
$collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
$chunk = $collection->splice(2, 1);
$chunk->all();
// [3]
$collection->all();
// [1, 2, 4, 5]
In addition, you can pass a third argument containing the new items to replace the items removed from the collection:
$collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
$chunk = $collection->splice(2, 1, [10, 11]);
$chunk->all();
// [3]
$collection->all();
// [1, 2, 10, 11, 4, 5]
The sum method returns the sum of all items in the collection:
collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])->sum();
// 15
If the collection contains nested arrays or objects, you should pass a key to use for determining which values to sum:
```

```
$collection = collect([
    ['name' => 'JavaScript: The Good Parts', 'pages' => 176],
    ['name' => 'JavaScript: The Definitive Guide', 'pages' => 1096],
$collection->sum('pages');
// 1272
In addition, you may pass your own callback to determine which values of the collection to sum:
$collection = collect([
      ['name' => 'Chair', 'colors' => ['Black']],
['name' => 'Desk', 'colors' => ['Black', 'Mahogany']],
['name' => 'Bookcase', 'colors' => ['Red', 'Beige', 'Brown']],
]);
$collection->sum(function ($product) {
      return count($product['colors']);
// 6
take()
```

The take method returns a new collection with the specified number of items:

```
$collection = collect([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
$chunk = $collection->take(3);
$chunk->all();
// [0, 1, 2]
```

You may also pass a negative integer to take the specified amount of items from the end of the collection:

```
$collection = collect([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
$chunk = $collection->take(-2);
$chunk->all();
// [4, 5]
```

toArray()

The toArray method converts the collection into a plain PHP array. If the collection's values are Eloquent models, the models will also be converted to arrays:

```
$collection = collect(['name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 200]);
$collection->toArray();
    [
        ['name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 200],
```

Note: to Array also converts all of the collection's nested objects to an array. If you want to get the raw underlying array, use the all method instead.

toJson()

The toJson method converts the collection into a JSON serialized string:

```
$collection = collect(['name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 200]);
$collection->toJson();
// '{"name":"Desk", "price":200}'
```

transform()

The transform method iterates over the collection and calls the given callback with each item in the collection. The items in the collection will be replaced by the values returned by the callback:

```
$collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
$collection->transform(function ($item, $key) {
    return $item * 2;
});
$collection->all();
// [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
```

Note: Unlike most other collection methods, transform modifies the collection itself. If you wish to create a new collection instead, use the $\frac{map}{m}$ method.

union()

The union method adds the given array to the collection. If the given array contains keys that are already in the original collection, the original collection's values will be preferred:

```
$collection = collect([1 => ['a'], 2 => ['b']]);
$union = $collection->union([3 => ['c'], 1 => ['b']]);
$union->all();
// [1 => ['a'], 2 => ['b'], 3 => ['c']]
```

unique()

The unique method returns all of the unique items in the collection. The returned collection keeps the original array keys, so in this example we'll use the values method to reset the keys to consecutively numbered indexes:

```
$collection = collect([1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 4, 2]);
$unique = $collection->unique();
$unique->values()->all();
// [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

When dealing with nested arrays or objects, you may specify the key used to determine uniqueness:

You may also pass your own callback to determine item uniqueness:

```
['name' => 'Apple Watch', 'brand' => 'Apple', 'type' => 'watch'],
    ['name' => 'Galaxy S6', 'brand' => 'Samsung', 'type' => 'phone'],
    ['name' => 'Galaxy Gear', 'brand' => 'Samsung', 'type' => 'watch'],
]
*/
```

The unique method uses "loose" comparisons when checking item values, meaning a string with an integer value will be considered equal to an integer of the same value.

values()

The values method returns a new collection with the keys reset to consecutive integers:

where()

The where method filters the collection by a given key / value pair:

The where method uses "strict" comparisons when checking item values, meaning a string with an integer value will not be considered equal to an integer of the same value. Use the whereloose method to filter using "loose" comparisons.

whereLoose()

This method has the same signature as the where method; however, all values are compared using "loose" comparisons.

whereIn(

The whereIn method filters the collection by a given key / value contained within the given array:

The whereIn method uses "strict" comparisons when checking item values, meaning a string with an integer value will not be considered equal to an integer of the same value. Use the whereInloose method to filter using "loose" comparisons.

whereInLoose()

This method has the same signature as the $\underline{\texttt{whereIn}}$ method; however, all values are compared using "loose" comparisons.

zip()

The zip method merges together the values of the given array with the values of the original collection at the corresponding index:

```
$collection = collect(['Chair', 'Desk']);
$zipped = $collection->zip([100, 200]);
$zipped->all();
// [['Chair', 100], ['Desk', 200]]
```

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Laravel Elixir

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Introduction

Laravel Elixir provides a clean, fluent API for defining basic <u>Gulp</u> tasks for your Laravel application. Elixir supports several common CSS and JavaScript pre-processors, and even testing tools. Using method chaining, Elixir allows you to fluently define your asset pipeline. For example:

```
elixir(function(mix) {
    mix.sass('app.scss')
    .coffee('app.coffee');
});
```

If you've ever been confused about how to get started with Gulp and asset compilation, you will love Laravel Elixir. However, you are not required to use it while developing your application. You are free to use any asset pipeline tool you wish, or even none at all.

Installation & Setup

Installing Node

Before triggering Elixir, you must first ensure that Node.js is installed on your machine.

```
node -v
```

By default, Laravel Homestead includes everything you need; however, if you aren't using Vagrant, then you can easily install Node by visiting their download page.

Guln

Next, you'll want to pull in Gulp as a global NPM package:

```
npm install --global gulp-cli
```

If you use a version control system, you may wish to run the npm shrinkwrap to lock your NPM requirements:

```
npm shrinkwrap
```

Once you have run this command, feel free to commit the npm-shrinkwrap.json into source control.

Laravel Elixir

The only remaining step is to install Elixir! Within a fresh installation of Laravel, you'll find a package.json file in the root. Think of this like your composer.json file, except it defines Node dependencies instead of PHP. You may install the dependencies it references by running:

```
npm install
```

If you are developing on a Windows system or you are running your VM on a Windows host system, you may need to run the npm

install command with the --no-bin-links switch enabled:

```
npm install --no-bin-links
```

Running Elixir

Elixir is built on top of Gulp, so to run your Elixir tasks you only need to run the gulp command in your terminal. Adding the --production flag to the command will instruct Elixir to minify your CSS and JavaScript files:

```
// Run all tasks...
gulp
// Run all tasks and minify all CSS and JavaScript...
gulp --production
```

Watching Assets For Changes

Since it is inconvenient to run the gulp command on your terminal after every change to your assets, you may use the gulp watch command. This command will continue running in your terminal and watch your assets for any changes. When changes occur, new files will automatically be compiled:

gulp watch

Working With Stylesheets

The <code>gulpfile.js</code> file in your project's root directory contains all of your Elixir tasks. Elixir tasks can be chained together to define exactly how your assets should be compiled.

Less

To compile <u>Less</u> into CSS, you may use the less method. The less method assumes that your Less files are stored in resources/assets/less. By default, the task will place the compiled CSS for this example in public/css/app.css:

```
elixir(function(mix) {
    mix.less('app.less');
});
```

You may also combine multiple Less files into a single CSS file. Again, the resulting CSS will be placed in public/css/app.css:

```
elixir(function(mix) {
    mix.less([
         'app.less',
         'controllers.less'
    ]);
});
```

If you wish to customize the output location of the compiled CSS, you may pass a second argument to the less method:

```
elixir(function(mix) {
    mix.less('app.less', 'public/stylesheets');
});

// Specifying a specific output filename...
elixir(function(mix) {
    mix.less('app.less', 'public/stylesheets/style.css');
});
```

Sass

The sass method allows you to compile <u>Sass</u> into CSS. Assuming your Sass files are stored at resources/assets/sass, you may use the method like so:

```
elixir(function(mix) {
    mix.sass('app.scss');
}):
```

Again, like the 1ess method, you may compile multiple Sass files into a single CSS file, and even customize the output directory of the resulting CSS:

```
elixir(function(mix) {
    mix.sass([
         'app.scss',
         'controllers.scss'
], 'public/assets/css');
}
```

Plain CSS

If you would just like to combine some plain CSS stylesheets into a single file, you may use the styles method. Paths passed to this method are relative to the resources/assets/css directory and the resulting CSS will be placed in public/css/all.css:

```
elixir(function(mix) {
    mix.styles([
         'normalize.css',
         'main.css'
    ]);
});
```

Of course, you may also output the resulting file to a custom location by passing a second argument to the styles method:

```
elixir(function(mix) {
    mix.styles([
         'normalize.css',
         'main.css'
    ], 'public/assets/css');
});
```

Source Maps

Source maps are enabled out of the box. So, for each file that is compiled you will find a companion *.css.map file in the same directory. This mapping allows you to trace your compiled stylesheet selectors back to your original Sass or Less while debugging in your browser.

If you do not want source maps generated for your CSS, you may disable them using a simple configuration option:

```
elixir.config.sourcemaps = false;
elixir(function(mix) {
    mix.sass('app.scss');
});
```

Working With Scripts

Elixir also provides several functions to help you work with your JavaScript files, such as compiling ECMAScript 6, compiling CoffeeScript, Browserify, minification, and simply concatenating plain JavaScript files.

CoffeeScript

The coffee method may be used to compile <u>CoffeeScript</u> into plain JavaScript. The coffee function accepts a string or array of CoffeeScript files relative to the resources/assets/coffee directory and generates a single app.js file in the public/js directory:

```
elixir(function(mix) {
    mix.coffee(['app.coffee', 'controllers.coffee']);
});
```

Browserify

Elixir also ships with a browserify method, which gives you all the benefits of requiring modules in the browser and using ECMAScript 6 and JSX.

This task assumes that your scripts are stored in resources/assets/js and will place the resulting file in public/js/main.js. You may pass a custom output location as an optional second argument:

```
elixir(function(mix) {
    mix.browserify('main.js');
});

// Specifying a specific output filename...
elixir(function(mix) {
    mix.browserify('main.js', 'public/javascripts/main.js');
});
```

While Browserify ships with the Partialify and Babelify transformers, you're free to install and add more if you wish:

```
npm install aliasify --save-dev
elixir.config.js.browserify.transformers.push({
   name: 'aliasify',
   options: {}
});
elixir(function(mix) {
   mix.browserify('main.js');
});
```

Babel

The babel method may be used to compile <u>ECMAScript 6 and 7</u> and <u>JSX</u> into plain JavaScript. This function accepts an array of files relative to the resources/assets/js directory, and generates a single all.js file in the public/js directory:

```
elixir(function(mix) {
    mix.babel([
        'order.js',
        'product.js',
        'react-component.jsx'
    ]);
}
```

To choose a different output location, simply specify your desired path as the second argument. The signature and functionality of this method are identical to mix.scripts(), excluding the Babel compilation.

Scripts

If you have multiple JavaScript files that you would like to combine into a single file, you may use the scripts method.

The scripts method assumes all paths are relative to the resources/assets/js directory, and will place the resulting JavaScript in public/js/all.js by default:

```
elixir(function(mix) {
    mix.scripts([
         'jquery.js',
         'app.js'
    ]);
});
```

If you need to combine multiple sets of scripts into different files, you may make multiple calls to the scripts method. The second argument given to the method determines the resulting file name for each concatenation:

If you need to combine all of the scripts in a given directory, you may use the scriptsIn method. The resulting JavaScript will be placed in public/js/all.js:

```
elixir(function(mix) {
    mix.scriptsIn('public/js/some/directory');
});
```

Copying Files & Directories

The copy method may be used to copy files and directories to new locations. All operations are relative to the project's root directory:

Versioning / Cache Busting

Many developers suffix their compiled assets with a timestamp or unique token to force browsers to load the fresh assets instead of serving stale copies of the code. Elixir can handle this for you using the version method.

The version method accepts a file name relative to the public directory, and will append a unique hash to the filename, allowing for cache-busting. For example, the generated file name will look something like: all-16d570a7.css:

```
elixir(function(mix) {
    mix.version('css/all.css');
});
```

After generating the versioned file, you may use Laravel's global elixir PHP helper function within your views to load the appropriately hashed asset. The elixir function will automatically determine the name of the hashed file:

```
<link rel="stylesheet" href="{{ elixir('css/all.css') }}">
```

Versioning Multiple Files

You may pass an array to the version method to version multiple files:

```
elixir(function(mix) {
    mix.version(['css/all.css', 'js/app.js']);
});
```

Once the files have been versioned, you may use the elixir helper function to generate links to the proper hashed files. Remember, you only need to pass the name of the un-hashed file to the elixir helper function. The helper will use the un-hashed name to determine the current hashed version of the file:

```
<link rel="stylesheet" href="{{ elixir('css/all.css') }}">
<script src="{{ elixir('js/app.js') }}"></script>
```

BrowserSync

BrowserSync automatically refreshes your web browser after you make changes to your front-end resources. You can use the browserSync method to instruct Elixir to start a BrowserSync server when you run the gulp watch command:

```
elixir(function(mix) {
    mix.browserSync();
});
```

Once you run gulp watch, access your web application using port 3000 to enable browser syncing: http://homestead.app:3000. If you're using a domain other than homestead.app for local development, you may pass an array of options as the first argument to the browserSync method:

```
elixir(function(mix) {
    mix.browserSync({
        proxy: 'project.app'
    });
});
```

Calling Existing Gulp Tasks

If you need to call an existing Gulp task from Elixir, you may use the task method. As an example, imagine that you have a Gulp task that simply speaks a bit of text when called:

```
gulp.task('speak', function() {
   var message = 'Tea...Earl Grey...Hot';
   gulp.src('').pipe(shell('say ' + message));
});
```

If you wish to call this task from Elixir, use the mix.task method and pass the name of the task as the only argument to the method:

```
elixir(function(mix) {
    mix.task('speak');
}):
```

Custom Watchers

If you need to register a watcher to run your custom task each time some files are modified, pass a regular expression as the second argument to the task method:

```
elixir(function(mix) {
    mix.task('speak', 'app/**/*.php');
});
```

Writing Elixir Extensions

If you need more flexibility than Elixir's task method can provide, you may create custom Elixir extensions. Elixir extensions allow you to pass arguments to your custom tasks. For example, you could write an extension like so:

```
// File: elixir-extensions.js

var gulp = require('gulp');
var shell = require('gulp-shell');
var Elixir = require('laravel-elixir');

var Task = Elixir.Task;

Elixir.extend('speak', function(message) {
    new Task('speak', function() {
        return gulp.src('').pipe(shell('say ' + message));
    }
}
```

```
});
});
// mix.speak('Hello World');
```

That's it! Notice that your Gulp-specific logic should be placed within the function passed as the second argument to the Task constructor. You may either place this at the top of your Gulpfile, or instead extract it to a custom tasks file. For example, if you place your extensions in elixir-extensions.js, you may require the file from your main Gulpfile like so:

```
// File: Gulpfile.js
var elixir = require('laravel-elixir');
require('./elixir-extensions')
elixir(function(mix) {
    mix.speak('Tea, Earl Grey, Hot');
});
```

Custom Watchers

If you would like your custom task to be re-triggered while running gulp watch, you may register a watcher:

```
new Task('speak', function() {
    return gulp.src('').pipe(shell('say ' + message));
})
.watch('./app/**');
```

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Encryption

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Configuration

Before using Laravel's encrypter, you should set the key option of your configuration file to a 32 character, random string. If this value is not properly set, all values encrypted by Laravel will be insecure.

Basic Usage

Encrypting A Value

You may encrypt a value using the crypt facade. All encrypted values are encrypted using OpenSSL and the AES-256-CBC cipher. Furthermore, all encrypted values are signed with a message authentication code (MAC) to detect any modifications to the encrypted string.

For example, we may use the encrypt method to encrypt a secret and store it on an **Eloquent model**:

```
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use Crypt;
use App\User;
use Illuminate\Http\Request;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
class UserController extends Controller
     ^{\star} Store a secret message for the user.
      @param Request $request
       @param int $id
       @return Response
    public function storeSecret(Request $request, $id)
        $user = User::findOrFail($id);
        $user->fill([
                     => Crypt::encrypt($request->secret)
             'secret'
        ])->save();
    }
}
```

Note: Encrypted values are passed through serialize during encryption, which allows for "encryption" of objects and arrays. Thus, non-PHP clients receiving encrypted values will need to unserialize the data.

Decrypting A Value

Of course, you may decrypt values using the decrypt method on the Crypt facade. If the value can not be properly decrypted, such as when the MAC is invalid, an Illuminate\Contracts\Encryption\DecryptException will be thrown:

```
use Illuminate\Contracts\Encryption\DecryptException;
try {
      $decrypted = Crypt::decrypt($encryptedValue);
} catch (DecryptException $e) {
    //
```

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Introduction

When you start a new Laravel project, error and exception handling is already configured for you. In addition, Laravel is integrated with the Monolog logging library, which provides support for a variety of powerful log handlers.

Configuration

Error Detail

The amount of error detail your application displays through the browser is controlled by the <code>debug</code> configuration option in your <code>config/app.php</code> configuration file. By default, this configuration option is set to respect the <code>APP_DEBUG</code> environment variable, which is stored in your <code>.env</code> file.

For local development, you should set the APP_DEBUG environment variable to true. In your production environment, this value should always be false.

Log Modes

Out of the box, Laravel supports single, daily, syslog and errorlog logging modes. For example, if you wish to use daily log files instead of a single file, you should simply set the log value in your config/app.php configuration file:

```
'log' => 'daily'
```

When using the daily log mode, Laravel will only retain five days of log files by default. If you want to adjust the number of retained files, you may add an optional log_max_files configuration value to your app.php configuration file:

```
'log_max_files' => 30
```

Custom Monolog Configuration

If you would like to have complete control over how Monolog is configured for your application, you may use the application's configureMonologUsing method. You should place a call to this method in your bootstrap/app.php file right before the \$app variable is returned by the file:

```
$app->configureMonologUsing(function($monolog) {
    $monolog->pushHandler(...);
});
return $app;
```

By default, Laravel writes all log levels. In your production environment, you may wish to configure the default log level by adding the log_level option to your app.php configuration file. Laravel will then log all levels greater than or equal to the specified severity level. For example, a default log_level of error will log error, critical, alert, and emergency messages:

```
'log_level' => env('APP_LOG_LEVEL', 'debug'),
```

The Exception Handler

All exceptions are handled by the App\Exceptions\Handler class. This class contains two methods: report and render. We'll examine each of these methods in detail.

The Report Method

The report method is used to log exceptions or send them to an external service like <u>BugSnag</u> or <u>Sentry</u>. By default, the report method simply passes the exception to the base class where the exception is logged. However, you are free to log exceptions

however you wish.

For example, if you need to report different types of exceptions in different ways, you may use the PHP instanceof comparison operator:

```
/**
  * Report or log an exception.
  *
  * This is a great spot to send exceptions to Sentry, Bugsnag, etc.
  *
  * @param \Exception $e
  * @return void
  */
public function report(Exception $e)
{
    if ($e instanceof CustomException) {
        //
    }
    return parent::report($e);
}
```

Ignoring Exceptions By Type

The \$dontReport property of the exception handler contains an array of exception types that will not be logged. By default, exceptions resulting from 404 errors are not written to your log files. You may add other exception types to this array as needed.

The Render Method

The render method is responsible for converting a given exception into an HTTP response that should be sent back to the browser. By default, the exception is passed to the base class which generates a response for you. However, you are free to check the exception type or return your own custom response:

```
* Render an exception into an HTTP response.

* @param \Illuminate\Http\Request $request
* @param \Exception $e
* @return \Illuminate\Http\Response
*/
public function render($request, Exception $e)
{
    if ($e instanceof CustomException) {
        return response()->view('errors.custom', [], 500);
    }
    return parent::render($request, $e);
}
```

HTTP Exceptions

Some exceptions describe HTTP error codes from the server. For example, this may be a "page not found" error (404), an "unauthorized error" (401) or even a developer generated 500 error. In order to generate such a response from anywhere in your application, use the following:

```
abort(404);
```

The abort method will immediately raise an exception which will be rendered by the exception handler. Optionally, you may provide the response text:

```
abort(403, 'Unauthorized action.');
```

This method may be used at any time during the request's lifecycle.

Custom HTTP Error Pages

Laravel makes it easy to return custom error pages for various HTTP status codes. For example, if you wish to customize the error page for 404 HTTP status codes, create a resources/views/errors/404.blade.php. This file will be served on all 404 errors generated by your application.

The exception raised by the abort method will be passed to the view as \$exception, which allows you to present the user with the error message if needed. e.g.

```
$exception->getMessage()
```

The views within this directory should be named to match the HTTP status code they correspond to.

Logging

The Laravel logging facilities provide a simple layer on top of the powerful Monolog library. By default, Laravel is configured to create a log file for your application in the storage/logs directory. You may write information to the logs using the Log facade:

namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use Log;
use App\User;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
class UserController extends Controller
{
 /**
 * Show the profile for the given user.
 *
 * @param int \$id
 * @return Response
 */
 public function showProfile(\$id)
 {
 Log::info('Showing user profile for user: '.\$id);
 return view('user.profile', ['user' => User::findOrFail(\$id)]);
 }
}

The logger provides the eight logging levels defined in <u>RFC 5424</u>: **emergency**, **alert**, **critical**, **error**, **warning**, **notice**, **info** and **debug**.

```
Log::emergency($error);
Log::alert($error);
Log::critical($error);
Log::error($error);
Log::warning($error);
Log::notice($error);
Log::info($error);
Log::debug($error);
```

Contextual Information

An array of contextual data may also be passed to the log methods. This contextual data will be formatted and displayed with the log message:

```
Log::info('User failed to login.', ['id' => $user->id]);
```

Accessing The Underlying Monolog Instance

Monolog has a variety of additional handlers you may use for logging. If needed, you may access the underlying Monolog instance being used by Laravel:

```
$monolog = Log::getMonolog();
```

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Introduction

Laravel's events provides a simple observer implementation, allowing you to subscribe and listen for events in your application. Event classes are typically stored in the app/Events directory, while their listeners are stored in app/Listeners.

Registering Events / Listeners

The EventServiceProvider included with your Laravel application provides a convenient place to register all event listeners. The listen property contains an array of all events (keys) and their listeners (values). Of course, you may add as many events to this array as your application requires. For example, let's add our PodcastWasPurchased event:

```
/**
 * The event listener mappings for the application.
 *
 * @var array
 */
protected $listen = [
   'App\Events\PodcastWasPurchased' => [
        'App\Listeners\EmailPurchaseConfirmation',
    ],
];
```

Generating Event / Listener Classes

Of course, manually creating the files for each event and listener is cumbersome. Instead, simply add listeners and events to your EventServiceProvider and use the event:generate command. This command will generate any events or listeners that are listed in your EventServiceProvider. Of course, events and listeners that already exist will be left untouched:

php artisan event:generate

Registering Events Manually

Typically, events should be registered via the EventServiceProvider \$listen array; however, you may also register events manually with the event dispatcher using either the Event facade or the Illuminate\Contracts\Events\Dispatcher contract implementation:

Wildcard Event Listeners

You may even register listeners using the * as a wildcard, allowing you to catch multiple events on the same listener. Wildcard

listeners receive the entire event data array as a single argument:

```
$events->listen('event.*', function (array $data) {
    //
});
```

Defining Events

An event class is simply a data container which holds the information related to the event. For example, let's assume our generated PodcastWasPurchased event receives an <u>Eloquent ORM</u> object:

As you can see, this event class contains no logic. It is simply a container for the Podcast object that was purchased. The SerializesModels trait used by the event will gracefully serialize any Eloquent models if the event object is serialized using PHP's serialize function.

Defining Listeners

Next, let's take a look at the listener for our example event. Event listeners receive the event instance in their handle method. The event:generate command will automatically import the proper event class and type-hint the event on the handle method. Within the handle method, you may perform any logic necessary to respond to the event.

```
ramespace App\Listeners;
use App\Events\PodcastWasPurchased;
class EmailPurchaseConfirmation
{
    /**
    * Create the event listener.
    * @return void
    */
    public function __construct()
    {
        //
    }

    /**
    * Handle the event.
    * @param PodcastWasPurchased $event
    * @return void
    */
    public function handle(PodcastWasPurchased $event)
    {
        // Access the podcast using $event->podcast...
    }
}
```

Your event listeners may also type-hint any dependencies they need on their constructors. All event listeners are resolved via the Laravel <u>service container</u>, so dependencies will be injected automatically:

```
use Illuminate\Contracts\Mail\Mailer;
```

Stopping The Propagation Of An Event

Sometimes, you may wish to stop the propagation of an event to other listeners. You may do so by returning false from your listener's handle method.

Queued Event Listeners

Need to queue an event listener? It couldn't be any easier. Simply add the ShouldQueue interface to the listener class. Listeners generated by the event:generate Artisan command already have this interface imported into the current namespace, so you can use it immediately:

That's it! Now, when this listener is called for an event, it will be queued automatically by the event dispatcher using Laravel's queue system. If no exceptions are thrown when the listener is executed by the queue, the queued job will automatically be deleted after it has processed.

Manually Accessing The Queue

If you need to access the underlying queue job's delete and release methods manually, you may do so. The Illuminate\Queue\InteractsWithQueue trait, which is imported by default on generated listeners, gives you access to these methods:

Firing Events

To fire an event, you may use the Event <u>facade</u>, passing an instance of the event to the fire method. The fire method will dispatch the event to all of its registered listeners:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use Event;
use App\Podcast;
use App\Events\PodcastWasPurchased;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
class UserController extends Controller
{
    /**
    * Show the profile for the given user.
    * @param int $userId</pre>
```

Alternatively, you may use the global event helper function to fire events:

event(new PodcastWasPurchased(\$podcast));

Broadcasting Events

In many modern web applications, web sockets are used to implement real-time, live-updating user interfaces. When some data is updated on the server, a message is typically sent over a websocket connection to be handled by the client.

To assist you in building these types of applications, Laravel makes it easy to "broadcast" your events over a websocket connection. Broadcasting your Laravel events allows you to share the same event names between your server-side code and your client-side JavaScript framework.

Configuration

All of the event broadcasting configuration options are stored in the <code>config/broadcasting.php</code> configuration file. Laravel supports several broadcast drivers out of the box: Pusher, Redis, and a log driver for local development and debugging. A configuration example is included for each of these drivers.

Broadcast Prerequisites

The following dependencies are needed for event broadcasting:

- Pusher: pusher/pusher-php-server ~2.0
- Redis: predis/predis ~1.0

Queue Prerequisites

Before broadcasting events, you will also need to configure and run a <u>queue listener</u>. All event broadcasting is done via queued jobs so that the response time of your application is not seriously affected.

Marking Events For Broadcast

To inform Laravel that a given event should be broadcast, implement the <code>illuminate</code>\Contracts\Broadcasting\ShouldBroadcast interface on the event class. The <code>ShouldBroadcast</code> interface requires you to implement a single method: <code>broadcastOn</code>. The <code>broadcastOn</code> method should return an array of "channel" names that the event should be broadcast on:

```
*
    * @return array
    */
public function broadcastOn()
{
    return ['user.'.$this->user->id];
}
```

Then, you only need to <u>fire the event</u> as you normally would. Once the event has been fired, a <u>queued job</u> will automatically broadcast the event over your specified broadcast driver.

Broadcast Data

When an event is broadcast, all of its public properties are automatically serialized and broadcast as the event's payload, allowing you to access any of its public data from your JavaScript application. So, for example, if your event has a single public \$user property that contains an Eloquent model, the broadcast payload would be:

```
{
    "user": {
        "id": 1,
        "name": "Jonathan Banks"
        ...
}
```

However, if you wish to have even more fine-grained control over your broadcast payload, you may add a broadcastwith method to your event. This method should return the array of data that you wish to broadcast with the event:

```
/**
  * Get the data to broadcast.
  * @return array
  */
public function broadcastWith()
{
    return ['user' => $this->user->id];
}
```

Event Broadcasting Customizations

Customizing The Event Name

By default, the broadcast event name will be the fully qualified class name of the event. So, if the event's class name is App\Events\ServerCreated, the broadcast event would be App\Events\ServerCreated. You can customize this broadcast event name using by defining a broadcastAs method on your event class:

```
/**

* Get the broadcast event name.

* @return string

*/
public function broadcastAs()
{
    return 'app.server-created';
}
```

Customizing The Queue

By default, each event to be broadcast is placed on the default queue for the default queue connection in your queue.php configuration file. You may customize the queue used by the event broadcaster by adding an onqueue method to your event class. This method should return the name of the queue you wish to use:

```
/**

* Set the name of the queue the event should be placed on.

* @return string

*/
public function onQueue()
{
    return 'your-queue-name';
}
```

Consuming Event Broadcasts

Pusher

You may conveniently consume events broadcast using the Pusher driver using Pusher's JavaScript SDK. For example, let's

consume the App\Events\ServerCreated event from our previous examples:

```
this.pusher = new Pusher('pusher-key');
this.pusherChannel = this.pusher.subscribe('user.' + USER_ID);
this.pusherChannel.bind('App\\Events\\ServerCreated', function(message) {
    console.log(message.user);
});
```

Redis

If you are using the Redis broadcaster, you will need to write your own Redis pub/sub consumer to receive the messages and broadcast them using the websocket technology of your choice. For example, you may choose to use the popular <u>Socket.io</u> library which is written in Node.

Using the <code>socket.io</code> and <code>ioredis</code> Node libraries, you can quickly write an event broadcaster to publish all events that are broadcast by your Laravel application:

Event Subscribers

Event subscribers are classes that may subscribe to multiple events from within the class itself, allowing you to define several event handlers within a single class. Subscribers should define a subscribe method, which will be passed an event dispatcher instance:

Registering An Event Subscriber

Once the subscriber has been defined, it may be registered with the event dispatcher. You may register subscribers using the \$subscribe property on the EventServiceProvider. For example, let's add the UserEventListener.

Filesystem / Cloud Storage

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Introduction

Laravel provides a powerful filesystem abstraction thanks to the wonderful Flysystem PHP package by Frank de Jonge. The Laravel Flysystem integration provides simple to use drivers for working with local filesystems, Amazon S3, and Rackspace Cloud Storage. Even better, it's amazingly simple to switch between these storage options as the API remains the same for each system.

Configuration

The filesystem configuration file is located at <code>config/filesystems.php</code>. Within this file you may configure all of your "disks". Each disk represents a particular storage driver and storage location. Example configurations for each supported driver is included in the configuration file. So, simply modify the configuration to reflect your storage preferences and credentials.

Of course, you may configure as many disks as you like, and may even have multiple disks that use the same driver.

The Public Disk

The public disk is meant for files that are going to be publicly accessible. By default, the public disk uses the local driver and stores these files in storage/app/public. To make them accessible from the web, you should create a symbolic link from public/storage to storage/app/public. This convention will keep your publicly accessible files in one directory that can be easily shared across deployments when using zero down-time deployment systems like Envoyer.

Of course, once a file has been stored and the symbolic link has been created, you can create an URL to the files using the asset helper:

```
echo asset('storage/file.txt');
```

The Local Driver

When using the local driver, note that all file operations are relative to the root directory defined in your configuration file. By default, this value is set to the storage/app directory. Therefore, the following method would store a file in storage/app/file.txt:

```
Storage::disk('local')->put('file.txt', 'Contents');
```

Other Driver Prerequisites

Before using the S3 or Rackspace drivers, you will need to install the appropriate package via Composer:

- Amazon S3: league/flysystem-aws-s3-v3 ~1.0
- Rackspace: league/flysystem-rackspace ~1.0

FTP Driver Configuration

Laravel's Flysystem integrations works great with FTP; however, a sample configuration is not included with the framework's default filesystems.php configuration file. If you need to configure a FTP filesystem, you may use the example configuration below:

```
'ftp' => [
   'driver' => 'ftp',
   'host' => 'ftp.example.com',
   'username' => 'your-username',
   'password' => 'your-password',
```

```
// Optional FTP Settings...
// 'port' => 21,
// 'root' => '',
// 'passive' => true,
// 'ssl' => true,
// 'timeout' => 30,
],
```

Rackspace Driver Configuration

Laravel's Flysystem integrations works great with Rackspace; however, a sample configuration is not included with the framework's default filesystems.php configuration file. If you need to configure a Rackspace filesystem, you may use the example configuration below:

```
'rackspace' => [
  'driver' => 'rackspace',
  'username' => 'your-username',
  'key' => 'your-key',
  'container' => 'your-container',
  'endpoint' => 'https://identity.api.rackspacecloud.com/v2.0/',
  'region' => 'IAD',
  'url_type' => 'publicURL',
],
```

Basic Usage

Obtaining Disk Instances

The storage facade may be used to interact with any of your configured disks. For example, you may use the put method on the facade to store an avatar on the default disk. If you call methods on the storage facade without first calling the disk method, the method call will automatically be passed to the default disk:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use Storage;
use Illuminate\Http\Request;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
class UserController extends Controller
     ^{\star} Update the avatar for the given user.
     * @param Request $request
      @param int $id
     * @return Response
    public function updateAvatar(Request $request, $id)
        $user = User::findOrFail($id);
        Storage::put(
            'avatars/'.$user->id,
            file_get_contents($request->file('avatar')->getRealPath())
    }
```

When using multiple disks, you may access a particular disk using the disk method on the Storage facade. Of course, you may continue to chain methods to execute methods on the disk:

```
$disk = Storage::disk('s3');
$contents = Storage::disk('local')->get('file.jpg');
```

Retrieving Files

The get method may be used to retrieve the contents of a given file. The raw string contents of the file will be returned by the method:

```
$contents = Storage::get('file.jpg');
```

The exists method may be used to determine if a given file exists on the disk:

```
$exists = Storage::disk('s3')->exists('file.jpg');
```

File URLs

When using the local or s3 drivers, you may use the url method to get the URL for the given file. If you are using the local driver, this will typically just prepend /storage to the given path and return a relative URL to the file. If you are using the s3 driver, the fully qualified remote URL will be returned.

```
$url = Storage::url('file1.jpg');
```

Note: When using the local driver, be sure to <u>create a symbolic link at public/storage</u> which points to the storage/app/public directory.

File Meta Information

The size method may be used to get the size of the file in bytes:

```
$size = Storage::size('file1.jpg');
```

The lastModified method returns the UNIX timestamp of the last time the file was modified:

```
$time = Storage::lastModified('file1.jpg');
```

Storing Files

The put method may be used to store a file on disk. You may also pass a PHP resource to the put method, which will use Flysystem's underlying stream support. Using streams is greatly recommended when dealing with large files:

```
Storage::put('file.jpg', $contents);
Storage::put('file.jpg', $resource);
```

The copy method may be used to copy an existing file to a new location on the disk:

```
Storage::copy('old/file1.jpg', 'new/file1.jpg');
```

The move method may be used to rename or move an existing file to a new location:

```
Storage::move('old/file1.jpg', 'new/file1.jpg');
```

Prepending / Appending To Files

The prepend and append methods allow you to easily insert content at the beginning or end of a file:

```
Storage::prepend('file.log', 'Prepended Text');
Storage::append('file.log', 'Appended Text');
```

File Visibility

File visibility can be retrieved and set via the getvisibility and setvisibility methods. Visibility is the abstraction of file permissions across multiple platforms:

```
Storage::getVisibility('file.jpg');
Storage::setVisibility('file.jpg', 'public');
```

Additionally, you can set the visibility when setting the file via the put method. The valid visibility values are public and private:

```
Storage::put('file.jpg', $contents, 'public');
```

Deleting Files

The delete method accepts a single filename or an array of files to remove from the disk:

```
Storage::delete('file.jpg');
Storage::delete(['file1.jpg', 'file2.jpg']);
```

Directories

Get All Files Within A Directory

The files method returns an array of all of the files in a given directory. If you would like to retrieve a list of all files within a given directory including all sub-directories, you may use the allfiles method:

```
$files = Storage::files($directory);
$files = Storage::allFiles($directory);
```

Get All Directories Within A Directory

The directories method returns an array of all the directories within a given directory. Additionally, you may use the allDirectories method to get a list of all directories within a given directory and all of its sub-directories:

```
$directories = Storage::directories($directory);
// Recursive...
$directories = Storage::allDirectories($directory);
```

Create A Directory

The makeDirectory method will create the given directory, including any needed sub-directories:

```
Storage::makeDirectory($directory);
```

Delete A Directory

Finally, the deleteDirectory may be used to remove a directory, including all of its files, from the disk:

```
Storage::deleteDirectory($directory);
```

Custom Filesystems

Laravel's Flysystem integration provides drivers for several "drivers" out of the box; however, Flysystem is not limited to these and has adapters for many other storage systems. You can create a custom driver if you want to use one of these additional adapters in your Laravel application.

In order to set up the custom filesystem you will need to create a <u>service provider</u> such as <u>DropboxServiceProvider</u>. In the provider's boot method, you may use the <u>Storage facade</u>'s extend method to define the custom driver:

```
<?php
namespace App\Providers;
use Storage;
use League\Flysystem\Filesystem;
use Dropbox\Client as DropboxClient;
use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
use League\Flysystem\Dropbox\DropboxAdapter;
class DropboxServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
     * Perform post-registration booting of services.
     * @return void
    public function boot()
        Storage::extend('dropbox', function($app, $config) {
            $client = new DropboxClient(
                $config['accessToken'], $config['clientIdentifier']
            return new Filesystem(new DropboxAdapter($client));
       });
   }
      Register bindings in the container.
      @return void
    public function register()
        11
    }
```

The first argument of the extend method is the name of the driver and the second is a Closure that receives the <code>\$app</code> and <code>\$config</code> variables. The resolver Closure must return an instance of <code>League\Flysystem\Filesystem</code>. The <code>\$config</code> variable contains the values defined in <code>config/filesystems.php</code> for the specified disk.

Once you have created the service provider to register the extension, you may use the dropbox driver in your

 $\verb|config/filesystem.php| configuration file.\\$

Hashing

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The Laravel Hash <u>facade</u> provides secure Bcrypt hashing for storing user passwords. If you are using the AuthController controller that is included with your Laravel application, it will automatically use Bcrypt for registration and authentication.

Bcrypt is a great choice for hashing passwords because its "work factor" is adjustable, which means that the time it takes to generate a hash can be increased as hardware power increases.

Basic Usage

You may hash a password by calling the make method on the Hash facade:

```
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use Hash;
use App\User;
use Illuminate\Http\Request;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
class UserController extends Controller
     ^{\star} Update the password for the user.
       @param Request $request
       @param int $id
      @return Response
    public function updatePassword(Request $request, $id)
        $user = User::findOrFail($id);
        // Validate the new password length...
        $user->fill([
            'password' => Hash::make($request->newPassword)
        ])->save();
    }
}
```

Alternatively, you may also use the global bcrypt helper function:

```
bcrypt('plain-text');
```

Verifying A Password Against A Hash

The check method allows you to verify that a given plain-text string corresponds to a given hash. However, if you are using the AuthController included with Laravel, you will probably not need to use this directly, as the included authentication controller automatically calls this method:

```
if (Hash::check('plain-text', $hashedPassword)) {
    // The passwords match...
}
```

Checking If A Password Needs To Be Rehashed

The needsRehash function allows you to determine if the work factor used by the hasher has changed since the password was hashed:

Helper Functions

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Introduction

Laravel includes a variety of "helper" PHP functions. Many of these functions are used by the framework itself; however, you are free to use them in your own applications if you find them convenient.

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Strings

camel case class basename e ends with snake case str limit starts with str contains str finish str is str plural str random str singular str slug studly case trans trans choice

URLs

action asset secure asset route url

Miscellaneous

auth back bcrypt collect config csrf field csrf token dd dispatch env event factory method field old redirect request response session value view with

Method Listing

Arrays

```
array_add()
```

The array_add function adds a given key / value pair to the array if the given key doesn't already exist in the array:

```
$array = array_add(['name' => 'Desk'], 'price', 100);
// ['name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 100]
```

array_collapse()

The array_collapse function collapses an array of arrays into a single array:

```
\alpha = \alpha_0 = 
// [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

array divide()

The array_divide function returns two arrays, one containing the keys, and the other containing the values of the original array:

```
list($keys, $values) = array_divide(['name' => 'Desk']);
```

```
// $keys: ['name']
// $values: ['Desk']
array_dot()
The array_dot function flattens a multi-dimensional array into a single level array that uses "dot" notation to indicate depth:
$array = array_dot(['foo' => ['bar' => 'baz']]);
// ['foo.bar' => 'baz'];
array_except()
The array\_except function removes the given key / value pairs from the array:
$array = ['name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 100];
$array = array_except($array, ['price']);
// ['name' => 'Desk']
array_first()
The array_first function returns the first element of an array passing a given truth test:
$array = [100, 200, 300];
$value = array_first($array, function ($key, $value) {
    return $value >= 150;
// 200
A default value may also be passed as the third parameter to the method. This value will be returned if no value passes the truth
$value = array_first($array, $callback, $default);
array_flatten()
The array_flatten function will flatten a multi-dimensional array into a single level.
$array = ['name' => 'Joe', 'languages' => ['PHP', 'Ruby']];
$array = array_flatten($array);
// ['Joe', 'PHP', 'Ruby'];
array_forget()
The array_forget function removes a given key / value pair from a deeply nested array using "dot" notation:
$array = ['products' => ['desk' => ['price' => 100]]];
array_forget($array, 'products.desk');
// ['products' => []]
array_get()
```

The $array_get$ function retrieves a value from a deeply nested array using "dot" notation:

```
$array = ['products' => ['desk' => ['price' => 100]]];
$value = array_get($array, 'products.desk');
// ['price' => 100]
The array_get function also accepts a default value, which will be returned if the specific key is not found:
$value = array_get($array, 'names.john', 'default');
array_has()
The array_has function checks that a given item exists in an array using "dot" notation:
$array = ['products' => ['desk' => ['price' => 100]]];
$hasDesk = array_has($array, 'products.desk');
// true
array_only()
The array_only function will return only the specified key / value pairs from the given array:
$array = ['name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 100, 'orders' => 10];
$array = array_only($array, ['name', 'price']);
// ['name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 100]
array_pluck()
The array_pluck function will pluck a list of the given key / value pairs from the array:
$array = Γ
    ay - [
| 'developer' => ['id' => 1, 'name' => 'Taylor']],
| 'developer' => ['id' => 2, 'name' => 'Abigail']],
$array = array_pluck($array, 'developer.name');
// ['Taylor', 'Abigail'];
You may also specify how you wish the resulting list to be keyed:
$array = array_pluck($array, 'developer.name', 'developer.id');
// [1 => 'Taylor', 2 => 'Abigail'];
array_prepend()
The array_prepend function will push an item onto the beginning of an array:
$array = ['one', 'two', 'three', 'four'];
$array = array_prepend($array, 'zero');
// $array: ['zero', 'one', 'two', 'three', 'four']
array_pull()
The array_pull function returns and removes a key / value pair from the array:
$array = ['name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 100];
$name = array_pull($array, 'name');
```

```
// $name: Desk
// $array: ['price' => 100]
array_set()
The array_set function sets a value within a deeply nested array using "dot" notation:
$array = ['products' => ['desk' => ['price' => 100]]];
array_set($array, 'products.desk.price', 200);
// ['products' => ['desk' => ['price' => 200]]]
array_sort()
The array_sort function sorts the array by the results of the given Closure:
];
$array = array_values(array_sort($array, function ($value) {
    return $value['name'];
        ['name' => 'Chair'],
        ['name' => 'Desk'],
array_sort_recursive()
The array_sort_recursive function recursively sorts the array using the sort function:
$array = [
        'Roman',
'Taylor',
         'Li',
    ],
[
        'PHP',
        'Ruby'
        'JavaScript',
    ],
];
$array = array_sort_recursive($array);
    [
        [
            'Li',
            'Roman',
'Taylor',
             'JavaScript',
            'PHP',
'Ruby',
   ];
```

```
The array_where function filters the array using the given Closure:
$array = [100, '200', 300, '400', 500];
$array = array_where($array, function ($key, $value) {
    return is_string($value);
// [1 => 200, 3 => 400]
head()
The head function simply returns the first element in the given array:
$array = [100, 200, 300];
$first = head($array);
// 100
last()
The last function returns the last element in the given array:
$array = [100, 200, 300];
$last = last($array);
// 300
Paths
app_path()
The app_path function returns the fully qualified path to the app directory:
$path = app_path();
You may also use the app_path function to generate a fully qualified path to a given file relative to the application directory:
$path = app_path('Http/Controllers/Controller.php');
base_path()
The base_path function returns the fully qualified path to the project root:
$path = base_path();
You may also use the base_path function to generate a fully qualified path to a given file relative to the application directory:
$path = base_path('vendor/bin');
config_path()
The config_path function returns the fully qualified path to the application configuration directory:
$path = config_path();
database_path()
```

```
The database_path function returns the fully qualified path to the application's database directory:
$path = database_path();
elixir()
The elixir function gets the path to the versioned Elixir file:
elixir($file);
public_path()
The public_path function returns the fully qualified path to the public directory:
$path = public_path();
resource_path()
The resource\_path function returns the fully qualified path to the resources directory:
$path = resource_path();
You may also use the resource_path function to generate a fully qualified path to a given file relative to the storage directory:
$path = resource_path('assets/sass/app.scss');
storage_path()
The storage\_path function returns the fully qualified path to the storage directory:
$path = storage_path();
You may also use the storage_path function to generate a fully qualified path to a given file relative to the storage directory:
$path = storage_path('app/file.txt');
Strings
camel case()
The camel\_case function converts the given string to camelCase:
$camel = camel_case('foo_bar');
// fooBar
class_basename()
The class_basename returns the class name of the given class with the class' namespace removed:
$class = class_basename('Foo\Bar\Baz');
// Baz
```

```
The e function runs htmlentities over the given string:
echo e('<html>foo</html>');
// <html&gt;foo&lt;/html&gt;
ends_with()
The ends_with function determines if the given string ends with the given value:
$value = ends_with('This is my name', 'name');
// true
snake_case()
The snake_case function converts the given string to snake_case:
$snake = snake_case('fooBar');
// foo_bar
str_limit()
The str_limit function limits the number of characters in a string. The function accepts a string as its first argument and the
maximum number of resulting characters as its second argument:
$value = str_limit('The PHP framework for web artisans.', 7);
// The PHP...
starts_with()
The starts_with function determines if the given string begins with the given value:
$value = starts_with('This is my name', 'This');
// true
str_contains()
The str_contains function determines if the given string contains the given value:
$value = str_contains('This is my name', 'my');
// true
The str_finish function adds a single instance of the given value to a string:
$string = str_finish('this/string', '/');
// this/string/
str_is()
```

The str_is function determines if a given string matches a given pattern. Asterisks may be used to indicate wildcards:

```
$value = str_is('foo*', 'foobar');
// true
$value = str_is('baz*', 'foobar');
// false
str_plural()
The str_plural function converts a string to its plural form. This function currently only supports the English language:
$plural = str_plural('car');
// cars
$plural = str_plural('child');
// children
You may provide an integer as a second argument to the function to retrieve the singular or plural form of the string:
$plural = str_plural('child', 2);
// children
$plural = str_plural('child', 1);
// child
str_random()
The str_random function generates a random string of the specified length:
$string = str_random(40);
str_singular()
The str_singular function converts a string to its singular form. This function currently only supports the English language:
$singular = str_singular('cars');
// car
str_slug()
The str_slug function generates a URL friendly "slug" from the given string:
$title = str_slug('Laravel 5 Framework', '-');
// laravel-5-framework
studly_case()
The studly\_case function converts the given string to studly\_case:
$value = studly_case('foo_bar');
// FooBar
trans()
```

The trans function translates the given language line using your <u>localization files</u>: echo trans('validation.required'): trans_choice() The trans_choice function translates the given language line with inflection: \$value = trans_choice('foo.bar', \$count); **URLs** action() The action function generates a URL for the given controller action. You do not need to pass the full namespace to the controller. Instead, pass the controller class name relative to the App\Http\Controllers namespace: \$url = action('HomeController@getIndex'); If the method accepts route parameters, you may pass them as the second argument to the method: \$url = action('UserController@profile', ['id' => 1]); asset() Generate a URL for an asset using the current scheme of the request (HTTP or HTTPS): \$url = asset('img/photo.jpg'); secure_asset() Generate a URL for an asset using HTTPS: echo secure_asset('foo/bar.zip', \$title, \$attributes = []); route() The route function generates a URL for the given named route: \$url = route('routeName'); If the route accepts parameters, you may pass them as the second argument to the method: \$url = route('routeName', ['id' => 1]); The url function generates a fully qualified URL to the given path: echo url('user/profile'); echo url('user/profile', [1]); If no path is provided, a Illuminate\Routing\UrlGenerator instance is returned: echo url()->current();
echo url()->full();
echo url()->previous();

Miscellaneous

```
auth()
The auth function returns an authenticator instance. You may use it instead of the Auth facade for convenience:
$user = auth()->user();
back()
The back() function generates a redirect response to the user's previous location:
return back();
bcrypt()
The bcrypt function hashes the given value using Bcrypt. You may use it as an alternative to the Hash facade:
$password = bcrypt('my-secret-password');
collect()
The collect function creates a collection instance from the supplied items:
$collection = collect(['taylor', 'abigail']);
config()
The config function gets the value of a configuration variable. The configuration values may be accessed using "dot" syntax,
which includes the name of the file and the option you wish to access. A default value may be specified and is returned if the
configuration option does not exist:
$value = config('app.timezone');
$value = config('app.timezone', $default);
The config helper may also be used to set configuration variables at runtime by passing an array of key / value pairs:
config(['app.debug' => true]);
csrf_field()
The csrf_field function generates an HTML hidden input field containing the value of the CSRF token. For example, using
Blade syntax:
{{ csrf_field() }}
csrf_token()
The csrf_token function retrieves the value of the current CSRF token:
$token = csrf_token();
```

```
dd()
The dd function dumps the given variable and ends execution of the script:
If you do not want to halt the execution of your script, use the dump function instead:
dump($value);
dispatch()
The dispatch function pushes a new job onto the Laravel job queue:
dispatch(new App\Jobs\SendEmails);
env()
The env function gets the value of an environment variable or returns a default value:
$env = env('APP_ENV');
// Return a default value if the variable doesn't exist...
$env = env('APP_ENV', 'production');
event()
The event function dispatches the given event to its listeners:
event(new UserRegistered($user));
factory()
The factory function creates a model factory builder for a given class, name, and amount. It can be used while testing or seeding:
$user = factory(App\User::class)->make();
method_field()
The method_field function generates an HTML hidden input field containing the spoofed value of the form's HTTP verb. For
example, using Blade syntax:
<form method="POST">
    {{ method_field('DELETE') }}
</form>
old()
The old function retrieves an old input value flashed into the session:
$value = old('value');
$value = old('value', 'default');
redirect()
```

The redirect function returns an instance of the redirector to do redirects:

```
return redirect('/home');
request()
The request function returns the current request instance or obtains an input item:
$request = request();
$value = request('key', $default = null)
response()
The response function creates a <u>response</u> instance or obtains an instance of the response factory:
return response('Hello World', 200, $headers);
return response()->json(['foo' => 'bar'], 200, $headers);
session()
The session function may be used to get / set a session value:
$value = session('key');
You may set values by passing an array of key / value pairs to the function:
session(['chairs' => 7, 'instruments' => 3]);
The session store will be returned if no value is passed to the function:
$value = session()->get('key');
session()->put('key', $value);
value()
The value function's behavior will simply return the value it is given. However, if you pass a closure to the function, the closure
will be executed then its result will be returned:
$value = value(function() { return 'bar'; });
view()
The view function retrieves a <u>view</u> instance:
return view('auth.login');
```

The with function returns the value it is given. This function is primarily useful for method chaining where it would otherwise be impossible:

```
$value = with(new Foo)->work();
```

with()

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Introduction

Laravel's localization features provide a convenient way to retrieve strings in various languages, allowing you to easily support multiple languages within your application.

Language strings are stored in files within the resources/lang directory. Within this directory there should be a subdirectory for each language supported by the application:

```
/resources
/lang
/en
messages.php
/es
messages.php
```

All language files simply return an array of keyed strings. For example:

```
<?php
return [
    'welcome' => 'Welcome to our application'
];
```

Configuring The Locale

The default language for your application is stored in the <code>config/app.php</code> configuration file. Of course, you may modify this value to suit the needs of your application. You may also change the active language at runtime using the <code>setLocale</code> method on the <code>App</code> facade:

```
Route::get('welcome/{locale}', function ($locale) {
   App::setLocale($locale);
   //
});
```

You may also configure a "fallback language", which will be used when the active language does not contain a given language line. Like the default language, the fallback language is also configured in the config/app.php configuration file:

```
'fallback_locale' => 'en',
```

You may check if a given locale is currently being used by calling the islocale method on the App facade:

To retrieve the current application locale, call the getLocale method on the App facade:

```
return App::getLocale();
```

Basic Usage

You may retrieve lines from language files using the trans helper function. The trans method accepts the file and key of the language line as its first argument. For example, let's retrieve the language line welcome in the resources/lang/messages.php language file:

```
echo trans('messages.welcome');
```

Of course if you are using the <u>Blade templating engine</u>, you may use the {{ }} syntax to echo the language line or use the @lang directive:

```
{{ trans('messages.welcome') }}
@lang('messages.welcome')
```

If the specified language line does not exist, the trans function will simply return the language line key. So, using the example above, the trans function would return messages.welcome if the language line does not exist.

Replacing Parameters In Language Lines

If you wish, you may define place-holders in your language lines. All place-holders are prefixed with a :. For example, you may define a welcome message with a place-holder name:

```
'welcome' => 'Welcome, :name',
```

To replace the place-holders when retrieving a language line, pass an array of replacements as the second argument to the trans function:

```
echo trans('messages.welcome', ['name' => 'dayle']);
```

If your place-holder contains all capital letters, or only has its first letter capitalized, the translated value will be capitalized accordingly:

```
'welcome' => 'Welcome, :NAME', // Welcome, DAYLE 'goodbye' => 'Goodbye, :Name', // Goodbye, Dayle
```

Pluralization

Pluralization is a complex problem, as different languages have a variety of complex rules for pluralization. By using a "pipe" character, you may distinguish a singular and plural form of a string:

```
'apples' => 'There is one apple|There are many apples',
```

Then, you may use the trans_choice function to retrieve the line for a given "count". In this example, since the count is greater than one, the plural form of the language line is returned:

```
echo trans_choice('messages.apples', 10);
```

Since the Laravel translator is powered by the Symfony Translation component, you may create even more complex pluralization rules:

```
'apples' \Rightarrow '\{0\} There are none|[1,19] There are some|[20,Inf] There are many',
```

Overriding Vendor Language Files

Some packages may ship with their own language files. Instead of hacking the package's core files to tweak these lines, you may override them by placing your own files in the resources/lang/vendor/{package}/{locale} directory.

So, for example, if you need to override the English language lines in messages.php for a package named skyrim/hearthfire, you would place a language file at: resources/lang/vendor/hearthfire/en/messages.php. In this file you should only define the language lines you wish to override. Any language lines you don't override will still be loaded from the package's original language files.

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Introduction

Laravel provides a clean, simple API over the popular <u>SwiftMailer</u> library. Laravel provides drivers for SMTP, Mailgun, Mandrill, SparkPost, Amazon SES, PHP's mail function, and sendmail, allowing you to quickly get started sending mail through a local or cloud based service of your choice.

Driver Prerequisites

The API based drivers such as Mailgun and Mandrill are often simpler and faster than SMTP servers. All of the API drivers require that the Guzzle HTTP library be installed for your application. You may install Guzzle to your project by adding the following line to your composer.json file:

```
"guzzlehttp/guzzle": "~5.3|~6.0"
```

Mailgun Driver

To use the Mailgun driver, first install Guzzle, then set the driver option in your config/mail.php configuration file to mailgun. Next, verify that your config/services.php configuration file contains the following options:

```
'mailgun' => [
   'domain' => 'your-mailgun-domain',
   'secret' => 'your-mailgun-key',
],
```

Mandrill Driver

To use the Mandrill driver, first install Guzzle, then set the driver option in your config/mail.php configuration file to mandrill. Next, verify that your config/services.php configuration file contains the following options:

```
'mandrill' => [
    'secret' => 'your-mandrill-key',
].
```

SparkPost Driver

To use the SparkPost driver, first install Guzzle, then set the driver option in your config/mail.php configuration file to sparkpost. Next, verify that your config/services.php configuration file contains the following options:

```
'sparkpost' => [
    'secret' => 'your-sparkpost-key',
],
```

SES Driver

To use the Amazon SES driver, install the Amazon AWS SDK for PHP. You may install this library by adding the following line to your composer.json file's require section:

```
"aws/aws-sdk-php": "~3.0"
```

Next, set the driver option in your config/mail.php configuration file to ses. Then, verify that your config/services.php configuration file contains the following options:

```
'ses' => [
  'key' => 'your-ses-key',
  'secret' => 'your-ses-secret',
  'region' => 'ses-region', // e.g. us-east-1
],
```

Sending Mail

Laravel allows you to store your e-mail messages in <u>views</u>. For example, to organize your e-mails, you could create an emails directory within your resources/views directory:

To send a message, use the send method on the Mail <u>facade</u>. The send method accepts three arguments. First, the name of a <u>view</u> that contains the e-mail message. Secondly, an array of data you wish to pass to the view. Lastly, a <u>closure</u> callback which receives a message instance, allowing you to customize the recipients, subject, and other aspects of the mail message:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use Mail;
use App\User;
use Illuminate\Http\Request:
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
class UserController extends Controller
     ^{\ast} Send an e-mail reminder to the user.
     * @param Request $request
       @param int $id
     * @return Response
    public function sendEmailReminder(Request $request, $id)
        $user = User::findOrFail($id);
        Mail::send('emails.reminder', ['user' => $user], function ($m) use ($user) {
            $m->from('hello@app.com', 'Your Application');
            $m->to($user->email, $user->name)->subject('Your Reminder!');
    }
}
```

Since we are passing an array containing the user key in the example above, we could display the user's name within our e-mail view using the following PHP code:

```
<?php echo $user->name; ?>
```

Note: A \$message variable is always passed to e-mail views, and allows the inline embedding of attachments. So, you should avoid passing a message variable in your view payload.

Building The Message

As previously discussed, the third argument given to the send method is a closure allowing you to specify various options on the e-mail message itself. Using this Closure you may specify other attributes of the message, such as carbon copies, blind carbon copies, etc:

```
Mail::send('emails.welcome', $data, function ($message) {
    $message->from('us@example.com', 'Laravel');

$message->to('foo@example.com')->cc('bar@example.com');
});
```

Here is a list of the available methods on the \$message message builder instance:

```
$message->from($address, $name = null);
$message->sender($address, $name = null);
$message->to($address, $name = null);
$message->cc($address, $name = null);
$message->bcc($address, $name = null);
$message->bcc($address, $name = null);
$message->replyTo($address, $name = null);
$message->replyTo($level);
$message->attach($pathToFile, array $options = []);

// Attach a file from a raw $data string...
$message->attachData($data, $name, array $options = []);

// Get the underlying SwiftMailer message instance...
$message->getSwiftMessage();
```

Note: The message instance passed to a Mail::send Closure extends the SwiftMailer message class, allowing you to call any method on that class to build your e-mail messages.

Mailing Plain Text

By default, the view given to the send method is assumed to contain HTML. However, by passing an array as the first argument to the send method, you may specify a plain text view to send in addition to the HTML view:

```
Mail::send(['html.view', 'text.view'], $data, $callback);
```

Or, if you only need to send a plain text e-mail, you may specify this using the text key in the array:

```
Mail::send(['text' => 'view'], $data, $callback);
```

Mailing Raw Strings

You may use the raw method if you wish to e-mail a raw string directly:

```
Mail::raw('Text to e-mail', function ($message) {
    //
});
```

Attachments

To add attachments to an e-mail, use the attach method on the \$message object passed to your Closure. The attach method accepts the full path to the file as its first argument:

When attaching files to a message, you may also specify the display name and / or MIME type by passing an array as the second argument to the attach method:

```
$message->attach($pathToFile, ['as' => $display, 'mime' => $mime]);
```

The attachdata method may be used to attach a raw string of bytes as an attachment. For example, you might use this method if you have generated a PDF in memory and want to attach it to the e-mail without writing it to disk:

```
$message->attachData($pdf, 'invoice.pdf');
$message->attachData($pdf, 'invoice.pdf', ['mime' => $mime]);
```

Inline Attachments

Embedding An Image In An E-Mail View

Embedding inline images into your e-mails is typically cumbersome; however, Laravel provides a convenient way to attach images to your e-mails and retrieving the appropriate CID. To embed an inline image, use the embed method on the \$message variable within your e-mail view. Remember, Laravel automatically makes the \$message variable available to all of your e-mail views:

```
<body>
    Here is an image:
        <img src="<?php echo $message->embed($pathToFile); ?>">
</body>
```

Embedding Raw Data In An E-Mail View

If you already have a raw data string you wish to embed into an e-mail message, you may use the embedData method on the \$message variable:

```
<body>
    Here is an image from raw data:
        <img src="<?php echo $message->embedData($data, $name); ?>">
</body>
```

Queueing Mail

Queueing A Mail Message

Since sending e-mail messages can drastically lengthen the response time of your application, many developers choose to queue e-mail messages for background sending. Laravel makes this easy using its built-in <u>unified queue API</u>. To queue a mail message,

use the gueue method on the Mail facade:

```
Mail::queue('emails.welcome', $data, function ($message) {
    //
}):
```

This method will automatically take care of pushing a job onto the queue to send the mail message in the background. Of course, you will need to <u>configure your queues</u> before using this feature.

Delayed Message Queueing

If you wish to delay the delivery of a queued e-mail message, you may use the later method. To get started, simply pass the number of seconds by which you wish to delay the sending of the message as the first argument to the method:

```
Mail::later(5, 'emails.welcome', $data, function ($message) {
    //
});
```

Pushing To Specific Queues

If you wish to specify a specific queue on which to push the message, you may do so using the queueon and lateron methods:

Mail & Local Development

When developing an application that sends e-mail, you probably don't want to actually send e-mails to live e-mail addresses. Laravel provides several ways to "disable" the actual sending of e-mail messages.

Log Driver

One solution is to use the log mail driver during local development. This driver will write all e-mail messages to your log files for inspection. For more information on configuring your application per environment, check out the <u>configuration documentation</u>.

Universal To

Another solution provided by Laravel is to set a universal recipient of all e-mails sent by the framework. This way, all the emails generated by your application will be sent to a specific address, instead of the address actually specified when sending the message. This can be done via the to option in your config/mail.php configuration file:

```
'to' => [
    'address' => 'dev@domain.com',
    'name' => 'Dev Example'
],
```

Mailtrap

Finally, you may use a service like Mailtrap and the smtp driver to send your e-mail messages to a "dummy" mailbox where you may view them in a true e-mail client. This approach has the benefit of allowing you to actually inspect the final e-mails in Mailtrap's message viewer.

Events

Laravel fires an event just before sending mail messages. Remember, this event is fired when the mail is *sent*, not when it is queued. You may register an event listener in your EventServiceProvider:

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Introduction

Packages are the primary way of adding functionality to Laravel. Packages might be anything from a great way to work with dates like <u>Carbon</u>, or an entire BDD testing framework like <u>Behat</u>.

Of course, there are different types of packages. Some packages are stand-alone, meaning they work with any framework, not just Laravel. Both Carbon and Behat are examples of stand-alone packages. Any of these packages may be used with Laravel by simply requesting them in your composer.json file.

On the other hand, other packages are specifically intended for use with Laravel. These packages may have routes, controllers, views, and configuration specifically intended to enhance a Laravel application. This guide primarily covers the development of those packages that are Laravel specific.

Service Providers

<u>Service providers</u> are the connection points between your package and Laravel. A service provider is responsible for binding things into Laravel's <u>service container</u> and informing Laravel where to load package resources such as views, configuration, and localization files.

A service provider extends the <code>illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider</code> class and contains two methods: register and boot. The base <code>ServiceProvider</code> class is located in the <code>illuminate/support</code> Composer package, which you should add to your own package's dependencies.

To learn more about the structure and purpose of service providers, check out their documentation.

Routing

To define routes for your package, simply require the routes file from within your package service provider's boot method. From within your routes file, you may use the Route facade to register routes just as you would within a typical Laravel application:

```
/**
  * Perform post-registration booting of services.
  *
  * @return void
  */
public function boot()
{
    if (! $this->app->routesAreCached()) {
        require __DIR__.'/../routes.php';
    }
}
```

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Views

To register your package's <u>views</u> with Laravel, you need to tell Laravel where the views are located. You may do this using the service provider's loadViewsFrom method. The loadViewsFrom method accepts two arguments: the path to your view templates and your package's name. For example, if your package name is "courier", add the following to your service provider's boot method:

```
/**
    * Perform post-registration booting of services.
    * @return void
    */
public function boot()
```

```
{
    $this->loadViewsFrom(__DIR__.'/path/to/views', 'courier');
}
```

Package views are referenced using a double-colon package::view syntax. So, you may load the admin view from the courier package like so:

```
Route::get('admin', function () {
    return view('courier::admin');
});
```

Overriding Package Views

When you use the <code>loadviewsFrom</code> method, Laravel actually registers <code>two</code> locations for your views: one in the application's resources/views/vendor directory and one in the directory you specify. So, using our courier example: when requesting a package view, Laravel will first check if a custom version of the view has been provided by the developer in resources/views/vendor/courier. Then, if the view has not been customized, Laravel will search the package view directory you specified in your call to <code>loadviewsFrom</code>. This makes it easy for end-users to customize / override your package's views.

Publishing Views

If you would like to make your views available for publishing to the application's resources/views/vendor directory, you may use the service provider's publishes method. The publishes method accepts an array of package view paths and their corresponding publish locations.

Now, when users of your package execute Laravel's vendor:publish Artisan command, your package's views will be copied to the specified location.

Translations

If your package contains translation files, you may use the loadTranslationsFrom method to inform Laravel how to load them. For example, if your package is named "courier", you should add the following to your service provider's boot method:

```
/**
    * Perform post-registration booting of services.
    * @return void
    */
public function boot()
{
    $this->loadTranslationsFrom(__DIR__.'/path/to/translations', 'courier');
}
```

Package translations are referenced using a double-colon package::file.line syntax. So, you may load the courier package's welcome line from the messages file like so:

```
echo trans('courier::messages.welcome');
```

Publishing Translations

If you would like to publish your package's translations to the application's resources/lang/vendor directory, you may use the service provider's publishes method. The publishes method accepts an array of package paths and their corresponding publish locations. For example, to publish the translation files for our example courier package:

```
/**
  * Perform post-registration booting of services.
  *
  * @return void
  */
public function boot()
{
  $this->loadTranslationsFrom(__DIR__.'/path/to/translations', 'courier');
```

Now, when users of your package execute Laravel's vendor:publish Artisan command, your package's translations will be published to the specified location.

Configuration

Typically, you will want to publish your package's configuration file to the application's own config directory. This will allow users of your package to easily override your default configuration options. To publish a configuration file, just use the publishes method from the boot method of your service provider:

Now, when users of your package execute Laravel's vendor:publish command, your file will be copied to the specified location. Of course, once your configuration has been published, it can be accessed like any other configuration file:

```
$value = config('courier.option');
```

Default Package Configuration

You may also choose to merge your own package configuration file with the application's copy. This allows your users to include only the options they actually want to override in the published copy of the configuration. To merge the configurations, use the mergeConfigFrom method within your service provider's register method:

Public Assets

Your packages may have assets such as JavaScript, CSS, and images. To publish these assets to the application's public directory, use the service provider's publishes method. In this example, we will also add a public asset group tag, which may be used to publish groups of related assets:

Now, when your package's users execute the vendor:publish command, your assets will be copied to the specified location. Since you typically will need to overwrite the assets every time the package is updated, you may use the --force flag:

```
php artisan vendor:publish --tag=public --force
```

If you would like to make sure your public assets are always up-to-date, you can add this command to the post-update-cmd list in your composer.json file.

Publishing File Groups

You may want to publish groups of package assets and resources separately. For instance, you might want your users to be able to publish your package's configuration files without being forced to publish your package's assets at the same time. You may do this by "tagging" them when calling the publishes method. For example, let's define two publish groups in the boot method of a package service provider:

Now your users may publish these groups separately by referencing their tag name when using the vendor:publish Artisan command:

```
php\ artisan\ vendor: publish\ --provider="Vendor\Providers\PackageServiceProvider"\ --tag="config"
```

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Introduction

In other frameworks, pagination can be very painful. Laravel makes it a breeze. Laravel can quickly generate an intelligent "range" of links based on the current page, and the generated HTML is compatible with the Bootstrap CSS framework.

Basic Usage

Paginating Query Builder Results

There are several ways to paginate items. The simplest is by using the paginate method on the query builder or an Eloquent query. The paginate method provided by Laravel automatically takes care of setting the proper limit and offset based on the current page being viewed by the user. By default, the current page is detected by the value of the ?page query string argument on the HTTP request. Of course, this value is automatically detected by Laravel, and is also automatically inserted into links generated by the paginator.

First, let's take a look at calling the paginate method on a query. In this example, the only argument passed to paginate is the number of items you would like displayed "per page". In this case, let's specify that we would like to display 15 items per page:

Note: Currently, pagination operations that use a groupBy statement cannot be executed efficiently by Laravel. If you need to use a groupBy with a paginated result set, it is recommended that you query the database and create a paginator manually.

"Simple Pagination"

If you only need to display simple "Next" and "Previous" links in your pagination view, you have the option of using the simplePaginate method to perform a more efficient query. This is very useful for large datasets if you do not need to display a link for each page number when rendering your view:

```
$users = DB::table('users')->simplePaginate(15);
```

Paginating Eloquent Results

You may also paginate <u>Eloquent</u> queries. In this example, we will paginate the User model with 15 items per page. As you can see, the syntax is nearly identical to paginating query builder results:

```
$users = App\User::paginate(15);
```

Of course, you may call paginate after setting other constraints on the query, such as where clauses:

```
$users = User::where('votes', '>', 100)->paginate(15);
```

You may also use the simplePaginate method when paginating Eloquent models:

```
$users = User::where('votes', '>', 100)->simplePaginate(15);
```

Manually Creating A Paginator

Sometimes you may wish to create a pagination instance manually, passing it an array of items. You may do so by creating either an Illuminate\Pagination\Paginator or Illuminate\Pagination\LengthAwarePaginator instance, depending on your needs.

The Paginator class does not need to know the total number of items in the result set; however, because of this, the class does not have methods for retrieving the index of the last page. The LengthAwarePaginator accepts almost the same arguments as the Paginator; however, it does require a count of the total number of items in the result set.

In other words, the Paginator corresponds to the simplePaginate method on the query builder and Eloquent, while the LengthAwarePaginator corresponds to the paginate method.

When manually creating a paginator instance, you should manually "slice" the array of results you pass to the paginator. If you're unsure how to do this, check out the <u>array slice</u> PHP function.

Displaying Results In A View

When you call the paginate or simplePaginate methods on a query builder or Eloquent query, you will receive a paginator instance. When calling the paginate method, you will receive an instance of Illuminate\Pagination\LengthAwarePaginator. When calling the simplePaginate method, you will receive an instance of Illuminate\Pagination\Paginator. These objects provide several methods that describe the result set. In addition to these helpers methods, the paginator instances are iterators and may be looped as an array.

So, once you have retrieved the results, you may display the results and render the page links using Blade:

```
<div class="container">
    @foreach ($users as $user)
         {{ $user->name }}
    @endforeach
</div>
{{ $users->links() }}
```

The links method will render the links to the rest of the pages in the result set. Each of these links will already contain the proper page query string variable. Remember, the HTML generated by the links method is compatible with the Bootstrap CSS framework.

Customizing The Paginator URI

The setPath method allows you to customize the URI used by the paginator when generating links. For example, if you want the paginator to generate links like http://example.com/custom/url?page=N, you should pass custom/url to the setPath method:

```
Route::get('users', function () {
    $users = App\User::paginate(15);
    $users->setPath('custom/url');
    //
});
```

Appending To Pagination Links

You may add to the query string of pagination links using the appends method. For example, to append &sort=votes to each pagination link, you should make the following call to appends:

```
{{ $users->appends(['sort' => 'votes'])->links() }}
```

If you wish to append a "hash fragment" to the paginator's URLs, you may use the fragment method. For example, to append #foo to the end of each pagination link, make the following call to the fragment method:

```
{{ $users->fragment('foo')->links() }}
```

Additional Helper Methods

You may also access additional pagination information via the following methods on paginator instances:

```
• $results->count()
```

```
$results->currentPage()
$results->firstItem()
$results->hasMorePages()
$results->lastItem()
$results->lastPage() (Not available when using simplePaginate)
$results->nextPageUrl()
$results->perPage()
$results->previousPageUrl()
$results->total() (Not available when using simplePaginate)
$results->url($page)
```

Converting Results To JSON

The Laravel paginator result classes implement the <code>illuminate\Contracts\Support\JsonableInterface</code> contract and expose the toJson method, so it's very easy to convert your pagination results to JSON.

You may also convert a paginator instance to JSON by simply returning it from a route or controller action:

```
Route::get('users', function () {
    return App\User::paginate();
});
```

The JSON from the paginator will include meta information such as total, current_page, last_page, and more. The actual result objects will be available via the data key in the JSON array. Here is an example of the JSON created by returning a paginator instance from a route:

Example Paginator JSON

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Introduction

The Laravel queue service provides a unified API across a variety of different queue back-ends. Queues allow you to defer the processing of a time consuming task, such as sending an e-mail, until a later time which drastically speeds up web requests to your application.

Configuration

The queue configuration file is stored in <code>config/queue.php</code>. In this file you will find connection configurations for each of the queue drivers that are included with the framework, which includes a database, <code>Beanstalkd</code>, <code>Amazon SOS</code>, <code>Redis</code>, and synchronous (for local use) driver.

A null queue driver is also included which simply discards queued jobs.

Driver Prerequisites

Database

In order to use the database queue driver, you will need a database table to hold the jobs. To generate a migration that creates this table, run the queue:table Artisan command. Once the migration is created, you may migrate your database using the migrate command:

```
php artisan queue:table
php artisan migrate
```

Other Queue Dependencies

The following dependencies are needed for the listed queue drivers:

- Amazon SQS: aws/aws-sdk-php ~3.0
- Beanstalkd: pda/pheanstalk ~3.0
- Redis: predis/predis ~1.0

Writing Job Classes

Generating Job Classes

By default, all of the queueable jobs for your application are stored in the app/Jobs directory. You may generate a new queued job using the Artisan CLI:

```
php artisan make:job SendReminderEmail
```

This command will generate a new class in the app/Jobs directory, and the class will implement the Illuminate\Contracts\Queue\ShouldQueue interface, indicating to Laravel that the job should be pushed onto the queue instead of run synchronously.

Job Class Structure

Job classes are very simple, normally containing only a handle method which is called when the job is processed by the queue. To get started, let's take a look at an example job class:

```
namespace App\Jobs;
use App\User;
use App\Jobs\Job;
use Illuminate\Contracts\Mail\Mailer;
use Illuminate\Queue\SerializesModels;
use Illuminate\Queue\InteractsWithQueue;
use Illuminate\Contracts\Queue\ShouldQueue;
class SendReminderEmail extends Job implements ShouldQueue
    use InteractsWithQueue, SerializesModels;
    protected $user;
     * Create a new job instance.
       @param User
                     $user
       @return void
    public function __construct(User $user)
        $this->user = $user;
    }
      Execute the job.
       @param Mailer $mailer
       @return void
    public function handle(Mailer $mailer)
        $mailer->send('emails.reminder', ['user' => $this->user], function ($m) {
        });
        $this->user->reminders()->create(...);
    }
}
```

In this example, note that we were able to pass an <u>Eloquent model</u> directly into the queued job's constructor. Because of the SerializesModels trait that the job is using, Eloquent models will be gracefully serialized and unserialized when the job is processing. If your queued job accepts an Eloquent model in its constructor, only the identifier for the model will be serialized onto the queue. When the job is actually handled, the queue system will automatically re-retrieve the full model instance from the database. It's all totally transparent to your application and prevents issues that can arise from serializing full Eloquent model instances.

The handle method is called when the job is processed by the queue. Note that we are able to type-hint dependencies on the handle method of the job. The Laravel <u>service container</u> automatically injects these dependencies.

When Things Go Wrong

If an exception is thrown while the job is being processed, it will automatically be released back onto the queue so it may be attempted again. The job will continue to be released until it has been attempted the maximum number of times allowed by your application. The number of maximum attempts is defined by the --tries switch used on the queue:listen or queue:work Artisan jobs. More information on running the queue listener can be found below.

Manually Releasing Jobs

If you would like to release the job manually, the InteractswithQueue trait, which is already included in your generated job class, provides access to the queue job release method. The release method accepts one argument: the number of seconds you wish to wait until the job is made available again:

```
public function handle(Mailer $mailer)
{
    if (condition) {
        $this->release(10);
    }
}
```

Checking The Number Of Run Attempts

As noted above, if an exception occurs while the job is being processed, it will automatically be released back onto the queue. You may check the number of attempts that have been made to run the job using the attempts method:

```
public function handle(Mailer $mailer)
{
    if ($this->attempts() > 3) {
        //
    }
}
```

Pushing Jobs Onto The Queue

The default Laravel controller located in app/Http/Controllers/Controller.php uses a DispatchesJobs trait. This trait provides several methods allowing you to conveniently push jobs onto the queue, such as the dispatch method:

The DispatchesJobs Trait

Of course, sometimes you may wish to dispatch a job from somewhere in your application besides a route or controller. For that reason, you can include the <code>DispatchesJobs</code> trait on any of the classes in your application to gain access to its various dispatch methods. For example, here is a sample class that uses the trait:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Foundation\Bus\DispatchesJobs;
class ExampleClass
{
    use DispatchesJobs;
}</pre>
```

The dispatch Function

Or, you may use the dispatch global function:

```
Route::get('/job', function () {
    dispatch(new App\Jobs\PerformTask);
    return 'Done!';
});
```

Specifying The Queue For A Job

You may also specify the queue a job should be sent to.

By pushing jobs to different queues, you may "categorize" your queued jobs, and even prioritize how many workers you assign to various queues. This does not push jobs to different queue "connections" as defined by your queue configuration file, but only to specific queues within a single connection. To specify the queue, use the onqueue method on the job instance. The onqueue method is provided by the Illuminate\Bus\Queueable trait, which is already included on the App\Jobs\Job base class:

```
<?php
```

```
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use App\User:
use Illuminate\Http\Request;
use App\Jobs\SendReminderEmail;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
class UserController extends Controller
{
     ^{\star} Send a reminder e-mail to a given user.
       @param Request $request
@param int $id
       @return Response
    public function sendReminderEmail(Request $request, $id)
        $user = User::findOrFail($id);
        $job = (new SendReminderEmail($user))->onQueue('emails');
        $this->dispatch($job);
    }
}
```

Note: The DispatchesJobs trait pushes jobs to queues within the default queue connection.

Specifying The Queue Connection For A Job

If you are working with multiple queue connections, you may specify which connection to push a job to. To specify the connection, use the onconnection method on the job instance. The onconnection method is provided by the Illuminate\Bus\Queueable trait, which is already included on the App\Jobs\Job base class:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use App\User;
use Illuminate\Http\Request;
use App\Jobs\SendReminderEmail;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
class UserController extends Controller
     * Send a reminder e-mail to a given user.
       @param Request $request
       @param
               int $id
       @return Response
    public function sendReminderEmail(Request $request, $id)
        $user = User::findOrFail($id);
        $job = (new SendReminderEmail($user))->onConnection('alternate');
        $this->dispatch($job);
    }
}
Of course, you can also chain the onconnection and onqueue methods to specify the connection and the queue for a job:
public function sendReminderEmail(Request $request, $id)
    $user = User::findOrFail($id);
    $job = (new SendReminderEmail($user))
                     ->onConnection('alternate')
->onQueue('emails');
    $this->dispatch($job);
}
```

Delayed Jobs

Sometimes you may wish to delay the execution of a queued job. For instance, you may wish to queue a job that sends a customer a reminder e-mail 5 minutes after sign-up. You may accomplish this using the delay method on your job class, which is provided by the Illuminate\Bus\Queueable trait:

```
<?php
```

```
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use App\User;
use Illuminate\Http\Request;
use App\Jobs\SendReminderEmail;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
class UserController extends Controller
     ^{\ast} Send a reminder e-mail to a given user.
       @param Request $request
       @param int $id
      @return Response
    public function sendReminderEmail(Request $request, $id)
        $user = User::findOrFail($id);
        $job = (new SendReminderEmail($user))->delay(60 * 5);
        $this->dispatch($job);
    }
}
```

In this example, we're specifying that the job should be delayed in the queue for 5 minutes before being made available to workers.

Note: The Amazon SQS service has a maximum delay time of 15 minutes.

Job Events

Job Lifecycle Events

The Queue::before and Queue::after methods allow you to register a callback to be executed before a queued job is started or when it executes successfully. The callbacks are great opportunity to perform additional logging, queue a subsequent job, or increment statistics for a dashboard. For example, we may attach a callback to this event from the AppServiceProvider that is included with Laravel:

Running The Queue Listener

Starting The Queue Listener

Laravel includes an Artisan command that will run new jobs as they are pushed onto the queue. You may run the listener using the

```
queue:listen command:
```

php artisan queue:listen

You may also specify which queue connection the listener should utilize:

```
php artisan queue:listen connection-name
```

Note that once this task has started, it will continue to run until it is manually stopped. You may use a process monitor such as <u>Supervisor</u> to ensure that the queue listener does not stop running.

Queue Priorities

You may pass a comma-delimited list of queue connections to the listen job to set queue priorities:

```
php artisan queue:listen --queue=high,low
```

In this example, jobs on the high queue will always be processed before moving onto jobs from the low queue.

Specifying The Job Timeout Parameter

You may also set the length of time (in seconds) each job should be allowed to run:

```
php artisan queue:listen --timeout=60
```

Specifying Queue Sleep Duration

In addition, you may specify the number of seconds to wait before polling for new jobs:

```
php artisan queue:listen --sleep=5
```

Note that the queue only "sleeps" if no jobs are on the queue. If more jobs are available, the queue will continue to work them without sleeping.

Processing The First Job On The Queue

To process only the first job on the queue, you may use the queue:work command:

```
php artisan queue:work
```

Supervisor Configuration

Supervisor is a process monitor for the Linux operating system, and will automatically restart your queue:listen or queue:work commands if they fail. To install Supervisor on Ubuntu, you may use the following command:

```
sudo apt-get install supervisor
```

Supervisor configuration files are typically stored in the /etc/supervisor/conf.d directory. Within this directory, you may create any number of configuration files that instruct supervisor how your processes should be monitored. For example, let's create a laravel-worker.conf file that starts and monitors a queue:work process:

```
[program:laravel-worker]
process_name=%(program_name)s_%(process_num)02d
command=php /home/forge/app.com/artisan queue:work sqs --sleep=3 --tries=3 --daemon
autostart=true
autorestart=true
user=forge
numprocs=8
redirect_stderr=true
stdout_logfile=/home/forge/app.com/worker.log
```

In this example, the numprocs directive will instruct Supervisor to run 8 queue:work processes and monitor all of them, automatically restarting them if they fail. Of course, you should change the queue:work sqs portion of the command directive to reflect your chosen queue driver.

Once the configuration file has been created, you may update the Supervisor configuration and start the processes using the following commands:

```
sudo supervisorctl reread
sudo supervisorctl update
sudo supervisorctl start laravel-worker:*
```

For more information on configuring and using Supervisor, consult the <u>Supervisor documentation</u>. Alternatively, you may use

Laravel Forge to automatically configure and manage your Supervisor configuration from a convenient web interface.

Daemon Queue Listener

The queue:work Artisan command includes a --daemon option for forcing the queue worker to continue processing jobs without ever re-booting the framework. This results in a significant reduction of CPU usage when compared to the queue:listen command:

To start a queue worker in daemon mode, use the --daemon flag:

```
php artisan queue:work connection-name --daemon
php artisan queue:work connection-name --daemon --sleep=3
php artisan queue:work connection-name --daemon --sleep=3 --tries=3
```

As you can see, the queue:work job supports most of the same options available to queue:listen. You may use the php artisan help queue:work job to view all of the available options.

Coding Considerations For Daemon Queue Listeners

Daemon queue workers do not restart the framework before processing each job. Therefore, you should be careful to free any heavy resources before your job finishes. For example, if you are doing image manipulation with the GD library, you should free the memory with <code>imagedestroy</code> when you are done.

Deploying With Daemon Queue Listeners

Since daemon queue workers are long-lived processes, they will not pick up changes in your code without being restarted. So, the simplest way to deploy an application using daemon queue workers is to restart the workers during your deployment script. You may gracefully restart all of the workers by including the following command in your deployment script:

```
php artisan queue:restart
```

This command will gracefully instruct all queue workers to "die" after they finish processing their current job so that no existing jobs are lost. Remember, the queue workers will die when the queue:restart command is executed, so you should be running a process manager such as Supervisor which automatically restarts the queue workers.

Note: This command relies on the cache system to schedule the restart. By default, APCu does not work for CLI jobs. If you are using APCu, add apc.enable_cli=1 to your APCu configuration.

Dealing With Failed Jobs

Since things don't always go as planned, sometimes your queued jobs will fail. Don't worry, it happens to the best of us! Laravel includes a convenient way to specify the maximum number of times a job should be attempted. After a job has exceeded this amount of attempts, it will be inserted into a failed_jobs table. The name of the table can be configured via the config / queue.php configuration file.

To create a migration for the failed_jobs table, you may use the queue:failed-table command:

```
php artisan queue:failed-table
```

When running your <u>queue listener</u>, you may specify the maximum number of times a job should be attempted using the --tries switch on the queue:listen command:

```
php artisan queue:listen connection-name --tries=3
```

Failed Job Events

If you would like to register an event that will be called when a queued job fails, you may use the <code>Queue::failing</code> method. This event is a great opportunity to notify your team via e-mail or HipChat. For example, we may attach a callback to this event from the <code>AppServiceProvider</code> that is included with Laravel:

```
<?php
namespace App\Providers;
use Queue;
use Illuminate\Queue\Events\JobFailed;
use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
class AppServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
{
    /**
    * Bootstrap any application services.</pre>
```

Failed Method On Job Classes

For more granular control, you may define a failed method directly on a queue job class, allowing you to perform job specific actions when a failure occurs:

```
namespace App\Jobs;
use App\Jobs\Job;
use Illuminate\Contracts\Mail\Mailer;
use Illuminate\Queue\SerializesModels;
use Illuminate\Queue\InteractsWithQueue;
use Illuminate\Contracts\Queue\ShouldQueue;
class SendReminderEmail extends Job implements ShouldQueue
    use InteractsWithQueue, SerializesModels;
     ^{\star} Execute the job.
     * @param Mailer $mailer
      @return void
    public function handle(Mailer $mailer)
    }
     * Handle a job failure.
     * @return void
    public function failed()
        // Called when the job is failing...
}
```

Retrying Failed Jobs

To view all of your failed jobs that have been inserted into your failed_jobs database table, you may use the queue:failed Artisan command:

```
php artisan queue:failed
```

The queue:failed command will list the job ID, connection, queue, and failure time. The job ID may be used to retry the failed job. For instance, to retry a failed job that has an ID of 5, the following command should be issued:

```
php artisan queue:retry 5
```

To retry all of your failed jobs, use queue:retry with all as the ID:

```
php artisan queue:retry all
```

If you would like to delete a failed job, you may use the queue:forget command:

```
php artisan queue:forget 5
```

To delete all of your failed jobs, you may use the $\mbox{\tt queue:flush}$ command:

php artisan queue:flush

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Redis

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Introduction

Redis is an open source, advanced key-value store. It is often referred to as a data structure server since keys can contain strings, hashes, lists, sets, and sorted sets. Before using Redis with Laravel, you will need to install the predis/predis package (~1.0) via Composer.

Configuration

The Redis configuration for your application is located in the config/database.php configuration file. Within this file, you will see a redis array containing the Redis servers used by your application:

```
'redis' => [
   'cluster' => false,
   'default' => [
        'host' => '127.0.0.1',
        'port' => 6379,
        'database' => 0,
   ],
],
```

The default server configuration should suffice for development. However, you are free to modify this array based on your environment. Simply give each Redis server a name, and specify the host and port used by the server.

The cluster option will tell the Laravel Redis client to perform client-side sharding across your Redis nodes, allowing you to pool nodes and create a large amount of available RAM. However, note that client-side sharding does not handle failover; therefore, is primarily suited for cached data that is available from another primary data store.

Additionally, you may define an options array value in your Redis connection definition, allowing you to specify a set of Predis <u>client options</u>.

If your Redis server requires authentication, you may supply a password by adding a password configuration item to your Redis server configuration array.

Note: If you have the Redis PHP extension installed via PECL, you will need to rename the alias for Redis in your config/app.php file.

Basic Usage

You may interact with Redis by calling various methods on the Redis facade. The Redis facade supports dynamic methods, meaning you may call any Redis command on the facade and the command will be passed directly to Redis. In this example, we will call the GET command on Redis by calling the get method on the Redis facade:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use Redis;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
class UserController extends Controller
{
    /**
    * Show the profile for the given user.
    *
    * @param int $id
    * @return Response
    */
    public function showProfile($id)
    {
        $user = Redis::get('user:profile:'.$id);
        return view('user.profile', ['user' => $user]);
}
```

```
}
```

Of course, as mentioned above, you may call any of the Redis commands on the Redis facade. Laravel uses magic methods to pass the commands to the Redis server, so simply pass the arguments the Redis command expects:

```
Redis::set('name', 'Taylor');
$values = Redis::lrange('names', 5, 10);
```

Alternatively, you may also pass commands to the server using the command method, which accepts the name of the command as its first argument, and an array of values as its second argument:

```
$values = Redis::command('lrange', ['name', 5, 10]);
```

Using Multiple Redis Connections

You may get a Redis instance by calling the Redis::connection method:

```
$redis = Redis::connection();
```

This will give you an instance of the default Redis server. If you are not using server clustering, you may pass the server name to the connection method to get a specific server as defined in your Redis configuration:

```
$redis = Redis::connection('other');
```

Pipelining Commands

Pipelining should be used when you need to send many commands to the server in one operation. The pipeline method accepts one argument: a closure that receives a Redis instance. You may issue all of your commands to this Redis instance and they will all be executed within a single operation:

```
Redis::pipeline(function ($pipe) {
    for ($i = 0; $i < 1000; $i++) {
        $pipe->set("key:$i", $i);
    }
});
```

Pub / Sub

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Laravel also provides a convenient interface to the Redis publish and subscribe commands. These Redis commands allow you to listen for messages on a given "channel". You may publish messages to the channel from another application, or even using another programming language, allowing easy communication between applications / processes.

First, let's setup a listener on a channel via Redis using the subscribe method. We will place this method call within an <u>Artisan command</u> since calling the subscribe method begins a long-running process:

```
namespace App\Console\Commands;
use Redis;
use Illuminate\Console\Command;
class RedisSubscribe extends Command
{
    /**
     * The name and signature of the console command.
     *
     * @var string
     */
    protected $signature = 'redis:subscribe';

    /**
     * The console command description.
     *
     * @var string
     */
     protected $description = 'Subscribe to a Redis channel';

     /**
     * Execute the console command.
     *
     * @return mixed
     */
     public function handle()
```

Redis::subscribe(['test-channel'], function(\$message) {

echo \$message;

```
});
}
```

Now, we may publish messages to the channel using the $\operatorname{publish}$ method:

```
Route::get('publish', function () {
    // Route logic...

Redis::publish('test-channel', json_encode(['foo' => 'bar']));
});
```

Wildcard Subscriptions

Using the psubscribe method, you may subscribe to a wildcard channel, which is useful for catching all messages on all channels. The \$channel name will be passed as the second argument to the provided callback closure:

```
Redis::psubscribe(['*'], function($message, $channel) {
    echo $message;
});

Redis::psubscribe(['users.*'], function($message, $channel) {
    echo $message;
});
```

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Introduction

Since HTTP driven applications are stateless, sessions provide a way to store information about the user across requests. Laravel ships with a variety of session back-ends available for use through a clean, unified API. Support for popular back-ends such as Memcached, Redis, and databases is included out of the box.

Configuration

The session configuration file is stored at config/session.php. Be sure to review the well documented options available to you in this file. By default, Laravel is configured to use the file session driver, which will work well for many applications. In production applications, you may consider using the memcached or redis drivers for even faster session performance.

The session driver defines where session data will be stored for each request. Laravel ships with several great drivers out of the box:

- file sessions are stored in storage/framework/sessions.
- cookie sessions are stored in secure, encrypted cookies.
- database sessions are stored in a database used by your application.
- memcached / redis sessions are stored in one of these fast, cache based stores.
- array sessions are stored in a simple PHP array and will not be persisted across requests.

Note: The array driver is typically used for running <u>tests</u> to prevent session data from persisting.

Driver Prerequisites

Database

When using the database session driver, you will need to setup a table to contain the session items. Below is an example Schema declaration for the table:

```
Schema::create('sessions', function ($table) {
    $table->string('id')->unique();
    $table->integer('user_id')->nullable();
    $table->string('ip_address', 45)->nullable();
    $table->text('user_agent')->nullable();
    $table->text('payload');
    $table->integer('last_activity');
});
```

You may use the session:table Artisan command to generate this migration for you!

```
php artisan session:table
composer dump-autoload
php artisan migrate
```

Redis

Before using Redis sessions with Laravel, you will need to install the predis/predis package (\sim 1.0) via Composer.

Other Session Considerations

The Laravel framework uses the flash session key internally, so you should not add an item to the session by that name.

If you need all stored session data to be encrypted, set the encrypt configuration option to true.

Basic Usage

Accessing The Session

First, let's access the session. We can access the session instance via the HTTP request, which can be type-hinted on a controller method. Remember, controller method dependencies are injected via the Laravel service container:

```
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use Illuminate\Http\Request;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
class UserController extends Controller
{
    /**
    * Show the profile for the given user.
    *
    * @param Request $request
    * @param int $id
    * @return Response
    */
    public function showProfile(Request $request, $id)
    {
        $value = $request->session()->get('key');
        //
    }
}
```

When you retrieve a value from the session, you may also pass a default value as the second argument to the get method. This default value will be returned if the specified key does not exist in the session. If you pass a closure as the default value to the get method, the closure will be executed and its result returned:

```
$value = $request->session()->get('key', 'default');

$value = $request->session()->get('key', function() {
    return 'default';
});
```

If you would like to retrieve all data from the session, you may use the all method:

```
$data = $request->session()->all();
```

You may also use the global session PHP function to retrieve and store data in the session:

```
Route::get('home', function () {
    // Retrieve a piece of data from the session...
    $value = session('key');

    // Store a piece of data in the session...
    session(['key' => 'value']);
});
```

Determining If An Item Exists In The Session

The has method may be used to check if an item exists in the session. This method will return true if the item exists:

```
if ($request->session()->has('users')) {
          //
}
```

Storing Data In The Session

Once you have access to the session instance, you may call a variety of functions to interact with the underlying data. For example, the put method stores a new piece of data in the session:

```
$request->session()->put('key', 'value');
```

Pushing To Array Session Values

The push method may be used to push a new value onto a session value that is an array. For example, if the user .teams key contains an array of team names, you may push a new value onto the array like so:

```
$request->session()->push('user.teams', 'developers');
```

Retrieving And Deleting An Item

The pull method will retrieve and delete an item from the session:

```
$value = $request->session()->pull('key', 'default');
```

Deleting Items From The Session

The forget method will remove a piece of data from the session. If you would like to remove all data from the session, you may use the flush method:

```
$request->session()->forget('key');
$request->session()->flush();
```

Regenerating The Session ID

If you need to regenerate the session ID, you may use the regenerate method:

```
$request->session()->regenerate();
```

Flash Data

Sometimes you may wish to store items in the session only for the next request. You may do so using the flash method. Data stored in the session using this method will only be available during the subsequent HTTP request, and then will be deleted. Flash data is primarily useful for short-lived status messages:

```
$request->session()->flash('status', 'Task was successful!');
```

If you need to keep your flash data around for even more requests, you may use the reflash method, which will keep all of the flash data around for an additional request. If you only need to keep specific flash data around, you may use the keep method:

```
$request->session()->reflash();
$request->session()->keep(['username', 'email']);
```

Adding Custom Session Drivers

To add additional drivers to Laravel's session back-end, you may use the extend method on the Session <u>facade</u>. You can call the extend method from the boot method of a <u>service provider</u>:

```
<?php
namespace App\Providers;
use Session;
use App\Extensions\MongoSessionStore;
use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
class SessionServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
     ^{\star} Perform post-registration booting of services.
       @return void
    public function boot()
         Session::extend('mongo', function($app) {
    // Return implementation of SessionHandlerInterface...
              return new MongoSessionStore;
    }
       Register bindings in the container.
       @return void
    public function register()
         11
    }
```

Note that your custom session driver should implement the SessionHandlerInterface. This interface contains just a few simple methods we need to implement. A stubbed MongoDB implementation looks something like this:

```
<?php
namespace App\Extensions;
class MongoHandler implements SessionHandlerInterface {
   public function open($savePath, $sessionName) {}
   public function close() {}</pre>
```

```
public function read($sessionId) {}
public function write($sessionId, $data) {}
public function destroy($sessionId) {}
public function gc($lifetime) {}
```

Since these methods are not as readily understandable as the cache StoreInterface, let's quickly cover what each of the methods do:

- The open method would typically be used in file based session store systems. Since Laravel ships with a file session driver, you will almost never need to put anything in this method. You can leave it as an empty stub. It is simply a fact of poor interface design (which we'll discuss later) that PHP requires us to implement this method.
- The close method, like the open method, can also usually be disregarded. For most drivers, it is not needed.
- The read method should return the string version of the session data associated with the given \$sessionId. There is no
 need to do any serialization or other encoding when retrieving or storing session data in your driver, as Laravel will
 perform the serialization for you.
- The write method should write the given \$data string associated with the \$sessionId to some persistent storage system, such as MongoDB, Dynamo, etc.
- The destroy method should remove the data associated with the \$sessionId from persistent storage.
- The gc method should destroy all session data that is older than the given \$lifetime, which is a UNIX timestamp. For self-expiring systems like Memcached and Redis, this method may be left empty.

Once the session driver has been registered, you may use the mongo driver in your config/session.php configuration file.

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Introduction

<u>Laravel Envoy</u> provides a clean, minimal syntax for defining common tasks you run on your remote servers. Using a Blade style syntax, you can easily setup tasks for deployment, Artisan commands, and more. Currently, Envoy only supports the Mac and Linux operating systems.

Installation

First, install Envoy using the Composer global command:

```
composer global require "laravel/envoy=~1.0"
```

Make sure to place the ~/.composer/vendor/bin directory in your PATH so the envoy executable is found when you run the envoy command in your terminal.

Updating Envoy

You may also use Composer to keep your Envoy installation up to date:

```
composer global update
```

Writing Tasks

All of your Envoy tasks should be defined in an Envoy.blade.php file in the root of your project. Here's an example to get you started:

```
@servers(['web' => 'user@192.168.1.1'])
@task('foo', ['on' => 'web'])
    ls -la
@endtask
```

As you can see, an array of @servers is defined at the top of the file, allowing you to reference these servers in the on option of your task declarations. Within your @task declarations, you should place the Bash code that will be run on your server when the task is executed.

Local Tasks

You can define a script to run locally by defining a server reference to the local host:

```
@servers(['localhost' => '127.0.0.1'])
```

Bootstrapping

Sometimes, you may need to execute some PHP code before evaluating your Envoy tasks. You may use the `@setup` directive to declare variables and do general PHP work inside the Envoy file:

```
@setup
    $now = new DateTime();

    $environment = isset($env) ? $env : "testing";
@endsetup
```

You may also use `@include` to include any outside PHP files:

```
@include('vendor/autoload.php')
```

Confirming Tasks

If you would like to be prompted for confirmation before running a given task on your servers, you may add the confirm directive to your task declaration:

```
@task('deploy', ['on' => 'web', 'confirm' => true])
   cd site
   git pull origin {{ $branch }}
   php artisan migrate
@endtask
```

Task Variables

If needed, you may pass variables into the Envoy file using command line switches, allowing you to customize your tasks:

```
envoy run deploy --branch=master
```

You may use the options in your tasks via Blade's "echo" syntax:

```
@servers(['web' => '192.168.1.1'])
@task('deploy', ['on' => 'web'])
   cd site
    git pull origin {{ $branch }}
    php artisan migrate
@endtask
```

Multiple Servers

You may easily run a task across multiple servers. First, add additional servers to your @servers declaration. Each server should be assigned a unique name. Once you have defined your additional servers, simply list the servers in the task declaration's on array:

```
@servers(['web-1' => '192.168.1.1', 'web-2' => '192.168.1.2'])
@task('deploy', ['on' => ['web-1', 'web-2']])
    cd site
    git pull origin {{ $branch }}
    php artisan migrate
@endtask
```

By default, the task will be executed on each server serially. Meaning, the task will finish running on the first server before proceeding to execute on the next server.

Parallel Execution

If you would like to run a task across multiple servers in parallel, add the parallel option to your task declaration:

```
@servers(['web-1' => '192.168.1.1', 'web-2' => '192.168.1.2'])
@task('deploy', ['on' => ['web-1', 'web-2'], 'parallel' => true])
    cd site
    git pull origin {{ $branch }}
    php artisan migrate
@endtask
```

Task Macros

Macros allow you to define a set of tasks to be run in sequence using a single command. For instance, a deploy macro may run the git and composer tasks:

```
@servers(['web' => '192.168.1.1'])
@macro('deploy')
    git
    composer
@endmacro
@task('git')
        git pull origin master
@endtask
@task('composer')
        composer install
@endtask
```

Once the macro has been defined, you may run it via single, simple command:

```
envoy run deploy
```

Running Tasks

To run a task from your Envoy.blade.php file, execute Envoy's run command, passing the command the name of the task or macro you would like to execute. Envoy will run the task and display the output from the servers as the task is running:

```
envoy run task
```

Notifications

HipChat

After running a task, you may send a notification to your team's HipChat room using Envoy's @hipchat directive. The directive accepts an API token, the name of the room, and the username to be displayed as the sender of the message:

```
@servers(['web' => '192.168.1.1'])
@task('foo', ['on' => 'web'])
    ls -la
@endtask
@after
    @hipchat('token', 'room', 'Envoy')
@endafter
```

If you wish, you may also pass a custom message to send to the HipChat room. Any variables available to your Envoy tasks will also be available when constructing the message:

```
@after
    @hipchat('token', 'room', 'Envoy', "$task ran in the $env environment.")
@endafter
```

Slack

In addition to HipChat, Envoy also supports sending notifications to <u>Slack</u>. The @slack directive accepts a Slack hook URL, a channel name, and the message you wish to send to the channel:

```
@after
    @slack('hook', 'channel', 'message')
@endafter
```

You may retrieve your webhook URL by creating an Incoming Webhooks integration on Slack's website. The hook argument should be the entire webhook URL provided by the Incoming Webhooks Slack Integration. For example:

You may provide one of the following as the channel argument:

- To send the notification to a channel: #channel
- To send the notification to a user: @user

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Task Scheduling

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Introduction

In the past, developers have generated a Cron entry for each task they need to schedule. However, this is a headache. Your task schedule is no longer in source control, and you must SSH into your server to add the Cron entries. The Laravel command scheduler allows you to fluently and expressively define your command schedule within Laravel itself, and only a single Cron entry is needed on your server.

Your task schedule is defined in the app/console/Kernel.php file's schedule method. To help you get started, a simple example is included with the method. You are free to add as many scheduled tasks as you wish to the Schedule object.

Starting The Scheduler

Here is the only Cron entry you need to add to your server:

```
* * * * * php /path/to/artisan schedule:run >> /dev/null 2>&1
```

This Cron will call the Laravel command scheduler every minute. Then, Laravel evaluates your scheduled tasks and runs the tasks that are due.

Defining Schedules

You may define all of your scheduled tasks in the schedule method of the App\Console\Kernel class. To get started, let's look at an example of scheduling a task. In this example, we will schedule a closure to be called every day at midnight. Within the closure we will execute a database query to clear a table:

```
<?php
namespace App\Console;
use Illuminate\Console\Scheduling\Schedule:
use Illuminate\Foundation\Console\Kernel as ConsoleKernel;
class Kernel extends ConsoleKernel
     ^{\star} The Artisan commands provided by your application.
     * @var array
    protected $commands = [
         \App\Console\Commands\Inspire::class,
    ];
     ^{\star} Define the application's command schedule.
       @param $$ \liminate\Console\Scheduling\Schedule $$ schedule $$
       @return void
    protected function schedule(Schedule $schedule)
        $schedule->call(function () {
    DB::table('recent_users')->delete();
        })->daily();
    }
}
```

In addition to scheduling closure calls, you may also schedule <u>Artisan commands</u> and operating system commands. For example, you may use the command method to schedule an Artisan command:

```
$schedule->command('emails:send --force')->daily();
```

The exec command may be used to issue a command to the operating system:

\$schedule->exec('node /home/forge/script.js')->daily();

Schedule Frequency Options

Of course, there are a variety of schedules you may assign to your task:

```
Description
            Method
->cron('* * * * * *');
                                  Run the task on a custom Cron schedule
->everyMinute();
                                  Run the task every minute
->everyFiveMinutes();
                                  Run the task every five minutes
->everyTenMinutes();
                                  Run the task every ten minutes
->everyThirtyMinutes();
                                  Run the task every thirty minutes
->hourly();
                                  Run the task every hour
->daily();
                                  Run the task every day at midnight
->dailyAt('13:00');
                                  Run the task every day at 13:00
->twiceDaily(1, 13);
                                  Run the task daily at 1:00 & 13:00
->weekly();
                                  Run the task every week
->monthly();
                                  Run the task every month
->monthlyOn(4, '15:00');
                                  Run the task every month on the 4th at 15:00
->quarterly();
                                  Run the task every quarter
->yearly();
                                  Run the task every year
->timezone('America/New_York'); Set the timezone
```

These methods may be combined with additional constraints to create even more finely tuned schedules that only run on certain days of the week. For example, to schedule a command to run weekly on Monday:

```
// Run once per week on Monday at 1 PM...
$schedule->call(function () {
    //
})->weekly()->mondays()->at('13:00');

// Run hourly from 8 AM to 5 PM on weekdays...
$schedule->command('foo')
    ->weekdays()
    ->hourly()
    ->timezone('America/Chicago')
    ->when(function () {
        return date('H') >= 8 && date('H') <= 17;
    });</pre>
```

Below is a list of the additional schedule constraints:

| Method | Description |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ->weekdays(); | Limit the task to weekdays |
| ->sundays(); | Limit the task to Sunday |
| ->mondays(); | Limit the task to Monday |
| ->tuesdays(); | Limit the task to Tuesday |
| ->wednesdays(); | Limit the task to Wednesday |
| ->thursdays(); | Limit the task to Thursday |
| ->fridays(); | Limit the task to Friday |
| ->saturdays(); | Limit the task to Saturday |
| ->when(Closure); | Limit the task based on a truth test |

Truth Test Constraints

The when method may be used to limit the execution of a task based on the result of a given truth test. In other words, if the given closure returns true, the task will execute as long as no other constraining conditions prevent the task from running:

```
$schedule->command('emails:send')->daily()->when(function () {
    return true;
});
```

The skip method may be seen as the inverse of when. If the skip method returns true, the scheduled task will not be executed:

```
$schedule->command('emails:send')->daily()->skip(function () {
   return true;
```

```
});
```

When using chained when methods, the scheduled command will only execute if all when conditions return true.

Preventing Task Overlaps

By default, scheduled tasks will be run even if the previous instance of the task is still running. To prevent this, you may use the withoutOverlapping method:

```
$schedule->command('emails:send')->withoutOverlapping();
```

In this example, the <code>emails:send</code> Artisan command will be run every minute if it is not already running. The <code>withoutoverlapping</code> method is especially useful if you have tasks that vary drastically in their execution time, preventing you from predicting exactly how long a given task will take.

Task Output

The Laravel scheduler provides several convenient methods for working with the output generated by scheduled tasks. First, using the sendOutputTo method, you may send the output to a file for later inspection:

If you would like to append the output to a given file, you may use the appendoutputTo method:

Using the <code>emailOutputTo</code> method, you may e-mail the output to an e-mail address of your choice. Note that the output must first be sent to a file using the <code>sendOutputTo</code> method. Also, before e-mailing the output of a task, you should configure Laravel's <code>e-mail</code> <code>services</code>:

Note: The emailOutputTo and sendoutputTo methods are exclusive to the command method and are not supported for call.

Task Hooks

Using the before and after methods, you may specify code to be executed before and after the scheduled task is complete:

Pinging URLs

Using the pingBefore and thenPing methods, the scheduler can automatically ping a given URL before or after a task is complete. This method is useful for notifying an external service, such as <u>Laravel Envoyer</u>, that your scheduled task is commencing or complete:

Using either the pingBefore(\$ur1) or thenPing(\$ur1) feature requires the Guzzle HTTP library. You can add Guzzle to your project by adding the following line to your composer.json file:

```
"guzzlehttp/guzzle": "~5.3|~6.0"
```

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Introduction

Laravel is built with testing in mind. In fact, support for testing with PHPUnit is included out of the box, and a phpunit.xml file is already setup for your application. The framework also ships with convenient helper methods allowing you to expressively test your applications.

An ExampleTest.php file is provided in the tests directory. After installing a new Laravel application, simply run phpunit on the command line to run your tests.

Test Environment

When running tests, Laravel will automatically set the configuration environment to testing. Laravel automatically configures the session and cache to the array driver while testing, meaning no session or cache data will be persisted while testing.

You are free to create other testing environment configurations as necessary. The testing environment variables may be configured in the phpunit.xml file, but make sure to clear your configuration cache using the config:clear Artisan command before running your tests!

Defining & Running Tests

To create a new test case, use the make: test Artisan command:

```
php artisan make:test UserTest
```

This command will place a new UserTest class within your tests directory. You may then define test methods as you normally would using PHPUnit. To run your tests, simply execute the phpunit command from your terminal:

```
<?php

use Illuminate\Foundation\Testing\WithoutMiddleware;
use Illuminate\Foundation\Testing\DatabaseMigrations;
use Illuminate\Foundation\Testing\DatabaseTransactions;

class UserTest extends TestCase
{
     /**
     * A basic test example.
     *
     * @return void
     */
    public function testExample()
     {
          $this->assertTrue(true);
     }
}
```

Note: If you define your own setup method within a test class, be sure to call parent::setup.

Application Testing

Laravel provides a very fluent API for making HTTP requests to your application, examining the output, and even filling out

forms. For example, take a look at the ExampleTest.php file included in your tests directory:

The visit method makes a GET request into the application. The see method asserts that we should see the given text in the response returned by the application. The dontSee method asserts that the given text is not returned in the application response. This is the most basic application test available in Laravel.

Interacting With Your Application

Of course, you can do much more than simply assert that text appears in a given response. Let's take a look at some examples of clicking links and filling out forms:

Clicking Links

In this test, we will make a request to the application, "click" a link in the returned response, and then assert that we landed on a given URI. For example, let's assume there is a link in our response that has a text value of "About Us":

```
<a href="/about-us">About Us</a>
```

Now, let's write a test that clicks the link and asserts the user lands on the correct page:

```
public function testBasicExample()
{
    $this->visit('/')
        ->click('About Us')
        ->seePageIs('/about-us');
}
```

->press('Register')
->seePageIs('/dashboard');

}

Working With Forms

Laravel also provides several methods for testing forms. The type, select, check, attach, and press methods allow you to interact with all of your form's inputs. For example, let's imagine this form exists on the application's registration page:

Of course, if your form contains other inputs such as radio buttons or drop-down boxes, you may easily fill out those types of

fields as well. Here is a list of each form manipulation method:

Method Description \$this->type(\$text, \$elementName) "Type" text into a given field. \$this->select(\$value, \$elementName) "Select" a radio button or drop-down field. \$this->check(\$elementName) "Check" a checkbox field. \$this->uncheck(\$elementName) "Uncheck" a checkbox field. \$this->attach(\$pathToFile, \$elementName) "Attach" a file to the form. \$this->press(\$buttonTextOrElementName) "Press" a button with the given text or name.

Working With Attachments

If your form contains file input types, you may attach files to the form using the attach method:

```
public function testPhotoCanBeUploaded()
{
    $this->visit('/upload')
        ->type('File Name', 'name')
        ->attach($absolutePathToFile, 'photo')
        ->press('Upload')
        ->see('Upload Successful!');
}
```

Testing JSON APIs

Laravel also provides several helpers for testing JSON APIs and their responses. For example, the get, post, put, patch, and delete methods may be used to issue requests with various HTTP verbs. You may also easily pass data and headers to these methods. To get started, let's write a test to make a POST request to /user and assert that a given array was returned in JSON format:

The seeJson method converts the given array into JSON, and then verifies that the JSON fragment occurs **anywhere** within the entire JSON response returned by the application. So, if there are other properties in the JSON response, this test will still pass as long as the given fragment is present.

Verify Exact JSON Match

If you would like to verify that the given array is an **exact** match for the JSON returned by the application, you should use the seeJsonEquals method:

Verify Structural JSON Match

It is also possible to verify that a JSON response adheres to a specific structure. For this, you should use the seeJsonStructure method and pass it a list of (nested) keys:

The above example illustrates an expectation of receiving a name and a nested pet object with its own name and age. seeJsonStructure will not fail if additional keys are present in the response. For example, the test would still pass if the pet had a weight attribute.

You may use the \star to assert that the returned JSON structure has a list where each list item contains at least the attributes found in the set of values:

You may also nest the * notation. In this case, we will assert that each user in the JSON response contains a given set of attributes and that each pet on each user also contains a given set of attributes:

Sessions / Authentication

Laravel provides several helpers for working with the session during testing. First, you may set the session data to a given array using the withsession method. This is useful for loading the session with data before testing a request to your application:

Of course, one common use of the session is for maintaining user state, such as the authenticated user. The actingAs helper

method provides a simple way to authenticate a given user as the current user. For example, we may use a <u>model factory</u> to generate and authenticate a user:

You may also specify which guard should be used to authenticate the given user by passing the guard name as the second argument to the actingAs method:

```
$this->actingAs($user, 'backend')
```

Disabling Middleware

When testing your application, you may find it convenient to disable <u>middleware</u> for some of your tests. This will allow you to test your routes and controller in isolation from any middleware concerns. Laravel includes a simple withoutMiddleware trait that you can use to automatically disable all middleware for the test class:

```
<?php
use Illuminate\Foundation\Testing\WithoutMiddleware;
use Illuminate\Foundation\Testing\DatabaseTransactions;
class ExampleTest extends TestCase
{
    use WithoutMiddleware;
    //
}</pre>
```

If you would like to only disable middleware for a few test methods, you may call the withoutMiddleware method from within the test methods:

Custom HTTP Requests

If you would like to make a custom HTTP request into your application and get the full Illuminate\Http\Response object, you may use the call method:

If you are making POST, PUT, Or PATCH requests you may pass an array of input data with the request. Of course, this data will be available in your routes and controller via the Request instance:

```
$response = $this->call('POST', '/user', ['name' => 'Taylor']);
```

PHPUnit Assertions

Laravel provides several additional assertion methods for **PHPUnit** tests:

Method Description ->assertResponseOk(); Assert that the client response has an OK status code. ->assertResponseStatus(\$code); Assert that the client response has a given code. Assert that the response view has a given piece of bound ->assertViewHas(\$key, \$value = null); ->assertViewHasAll(array \$bindings); Assert that the view has a given list of bound data. Assert that the response view is missing a piece of bound ->assertViewMissing(\$key); data. ->assertRedirectedTo(\$uri, \$with = []); Assert whether the client was redirected to a given URI. ->assertRedirectedToRoute(\$name, \$parameters = [], \$with = Assert whether the client was redirected to a given route. [1); ->assertRedirectedToAction(\$name, \$parameters = [], \$with = Assert whether the client was redirected to a given action. []); ->assertSessionHas(\$key, \$value = null); Assert that the session has a given value. ->assertSessionHasAll(array \$bindings); Assert that the session has a given list of values. ->assertSessionHasErrors(\$bindings = [], \$format = null); Assert that the session has errors bound. ->assertHasOldInput(); Assert that the session has old input. ->assertSessionMissing(\$key); Assert that the session is missing a given key.

Working With Databases

Laravel also provides a variety of helpful tools to make it easier to test your database driven applications. First, you may use the seeInDatabase helper to assert that data exists in the database matching a given set of criteria. For example, if we would like to verify that there is a record in the users table with the email value of sally@example.com, we can do the following:

```
public function testDatabase()
{
    // Make call to application...
    $this->seeInDatabase('users', ['email' => 'sally@example.com']);
}
```

Of course, the seeInDatabase method and other helpers like it are for convenience. You are free to use any of PHPUnit's built-in assertion methods to supplement your tests.

Resetting The Database After Each Test

It is often useful to reset your database after each test so that data from a previous test does not interfere with subsequent tests.

Using Migrations

One option is to rollback the database after each test and migrate it before the next test. Laravel provides a simple DatabaseMigrations trait that will automatically handle this for you. Simply use the trait on your test class:

Using Transactions

Another option is to wrap every test case in a database transaction. Again, Laravel provides a convenient DatabaseTransactions

trait that will automatically handle this:

Note: This trait will only wrap the default database connection in a transaction.

Model Factories

When testing, it is common to need to insert a few records into your database before executing your test. Instead of manually specifying the value of each column when you create this test data, Laravel allows you to define a default set of attributes for each of your Eloquent models using "factories". To get started, take a look at the database/factories/ModelFactory.php file in your application. Out of the box, this file contains one factory definition:

Within the Closure, which serves as the factory definition, you may return the default test values of all attributes on the model. The Closure will receive an instance of the Faker PHP library, which allows you to conveniently generate various kinds of random data for testing.

Of course, you are free to add your own additional factories to the ModelFactory.php file. You may also create additional factory files for each model for better organization. For example, you could create UserFactory.php and CommentFactory.php files within your database/factories directory.

Multiple Factory Types

Sometimes you may wish to have multiple factories for the same Eloquent model class. For example, perhaps you would like to have a factory for "Administrator" users in addition to normal users. You may define these factories using the defineAs method:

Instead of duplicating all of the attributes from your base user factory, you may use the raw method to retrieve the base attributes. Once you have the attributes, simply supplement them with any additional values you require:

```
$factory->defineAs(App\User::class, 'admin', function ($faker) use ($factory) {
    $user = $factory->raw(App\User::class);
    return array_merge($user, ['admin' => true]);
});
```

Using Factories In Tests

Once you have defined your factories, you may use them in your tests or database seed files to generate model instances using the global factory function. So, let's take a look at a few examples of creating models. First, we'll use the make method, which creates models but does not save them to the database:

```
public function testDatabase()
{
      $user = factory(App\User::class)->make();
      // Use model in tests...
}
```

If you would like to override some of the default values of your models, you may pass an array of values to the make method. Only the specified values will be replaced while the rest of the values remain set to their default values as specified by the factory:

```
$user = factory(App\User::class)->make([
    'name' => 'Abigail',
    ]);
```

You may also create a Collection of many models or create models of a given type:

```
// Create three App\User instances...
$users = factory(App\User::class, 3)->make();

// Create an App\User "admin" instance...
$user = factory(App\User::class, 'admin')->make();

// Create three App\User "admin" instances...
$users = factory(App\User::class, 'admin', 3)->make();
```

Persisting Factory Models

The create method not only creates the model instances, but also saves them to the database using Eloquent's save method:

```
public function testDatabase()
{
      $user = factory(App\User::class)->create();
      // Use model in tests...
}
```

Again, you may override attributes on the model by passing an array to the create method:

```
$user = factory(App\User::class)->create([
    'name' => 'Abigail',
    ]);
```

Adding Relations To Models

You may even persist multiple models to the database. In this example, we'll even attach a relation to the created models. When using the create method to create multiple models, an Eloquent collection instance is returned, allowing you to use any of the convenient functions provided by the collection, such as each:

Relations & Attribute Closures

You may also attach relationships to models using Closure attributes in your factory definitions. For example, if you would like to create a new user instance when creating a Post, you may do the following:

```
$factory->define(App\Post::class, function ($faker) {
   return [
        'title' => $faker->title,
        'content' => $faker->paragraph,
        'user_id' => function () {
        return factory(App\User::class)->create()->id;
      }
   ];
});
```

These Closures also receive the evaluated attribute array of the factory that contains them:

```
$factory->define(App\Post::class, function ($faker) {
   return [
       'title' => $faker->title,
       'content' => $faker->paragraph,
       'user_id' => function () {
            return factory(App\User::class)->create()->id;
       },
       'user_type' => function (array $post) {
            return App\User::find($post['user_id'])->type;
       }
}
```

```
});
});
```

Mocking

Mocking Events

If you are making heavy use of Laravel's event system, you may wish to silence or mock certain events while testing. For example, if you are testing user registration, you probably do not want all of a UserRegistered event's handlers firing, since these may send "welcome" e-mails, etc.

Laravel provides a convenient expectsEvents method that verifies the expected events are fired, but prevents any handlers for those events from running:

```
<?php
class ExampleTest extends TestCase
    public function testUserRegistration()
        $this->expectsEvents(App\Events\UserRegistered::class);
        // Test user registration...
}
You may use the doesntExpectEvents method to verify that the given events are not fired:
<?php
class ExampleTest extends TestCase
    public function testPodcastPurchase()
        $this->expectsEvents(App\Events\PodcastWasPurchased::class);
        $this->doesntExpectEvents(App\Events\PaymentWasDeclined::class);
        // Test purchasing podcast...
    }
}
If you would like to prevent all event handlers from running, you may use the withoutEvents method:
<?php
class ExampleTest extends TestCase
    public function testUserRegistration()
        $this->withoutEvents();
```

Mocking Jobs

}

Sometimes, you may wish to simply test that specific jobs are dispatched by your controllers when making requests to your application. This allows you to test your routes / controllers in isolation - set apart from your job's logic. Of course, you can then test the job itself in a separate test class.

Laravel provides a convenient expectsJobs method that will verify that the expected jobs are dispatched, but the job itself will not be executed:

```
<?php

class ExampleTest extends TestCase
{
    public function testPurchasePodcast()
    {
        $this->expectsJobs(App\Jobs\PurchasePodcast::class);
        // Test purchase podcast code...
    }
}
```

// Test user registration code...

Note: This method only detects jobs that are dispatched via the DispatchesJobs trait's dispatch methods or the dispatch helper function. It does not detect jobs that are sent directly to Queue::push.

Mocking Facades

When testing, you may often want to mock a call to a Laravel facade. For example, consider the following controller action:

We can mock the call to the cache facade by using the shouldReceive method, which will return an instance of a Mockery mock. Since facades are actually resolved and managed by the Laravel service container, they have much more testability than a typical static class. For example, let's mock our call to the cache facade:

Note: You should not mock the Request facade. Instead, pass the input you desire into the HTTP helper methods such as call and post when running your test.

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Introduction

Laravel provides several different approaches to validate your application's incoming data. By default, Laravel's base controller class uses a ValidatesRequests trait which provides a convenient method to validate incoming HTTP request with a variety of powerful validation rules.

Validation Quickstart

To learn about Laravel's powerful validation features, let's look at a complete example of validating a form and displaying the error messages back to the user.

Defining The Routes

First, let's assume we have the following routes defined in our app/Http/routes.php file:

```
// Display a form to create a blog post...
Route::get('post/create', 'PostController@create');
// Store a new blog post...
Route::post('post', 'PostController@store');
```

Of course, the GET route will display a form for the user to create a new blog post, while the POST route will store the new blog post in the database.

Creating The Controller

Next, let's take a look at a simple controller that handles these routes. We'll leave the store method empty for now:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use Illuminate\Http\Request;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
class PostController extends Controller
{
    /**
     * Show the form to create a new blog post.
     *
     * @return Response
     */
    public function create()
     {
        return view('post.create');
     }
    /**
     * Store a new blog post.
     *
     * @param Request $request
     * @return Response</pre>
```

```
*/
public function store(Request $request)
{
     // Validate and store the blog post...
}
```

Writing The Validation Logic

Now we are ready to fill in our store method with the logic to validate the new blog post. If you examine your application's base controller (App\Http\Controllers\Controller) class, you will see that the class uses a ValidatesRequests trait. This trait provides a convenient validate method in all of your controllers.

The validate method accepts an incoming HTTP request and a set of validation rules. If the validation rules pass, your code will keep executing normally; however, if validation fails, an exception will be thrown and the proper error response will automatically be sent back to the user. In the case of a traditional HTTP request, a redirect response will be generated, while a JSON response will be sent for AJAX requests.

To get a better understanding of the validate method, let's jump back into the store method:

```
/**
  * Store a new blog post.
  * @param Request $request
  * @return Response
  */
public function store(Request $request)
{
    $this->validate($request, [
        'title' => 'required|unique:posts|max:255',
        'body' => 'required',
    ]);
    // The blog post is valid, store in database...
}
```

As you can see, we simply pass the incoming HTTP request and desired validation rules into the validate method. Again, if the validation fails, the proper response will automatically be generated. If the validation passes, our controller will continue executing normally.

Stopping On First Validation Failure

Sometimes you may wish to stop running validation rules on an attribute after the first validation failure. To do so, assign the bail rule to the attribute:

```
$this->validate($request, [
   'title' => 'bail|required|unique:posts|max:255',
   'body' => 'required',
]):
```

In this example, if the required rule on the title attribute fails, the unique rule will not be checked. Rules will be validated in the order they are assigned.

A Note On Nested Attributes

If your HTTP request contains "nested" parameters, you may specify them in your validation rules using "dot" syntax:

```
$this->validate($request, [
   'title' => 'required|unique:posts|max:255',
   'author.name' => 'required',
   'author.description' => 'required',
]);
```

Displaying The Validation Errors

So, what if the incoming request parameters do not pass the given validation rules? As mentioned previously, Laravel will automatically redirect the user back to their previous location. In addition, all of the validation errors will automatically be <u>flashed</u> to the session.

Again, notice that we did not have to explicitly bind the error messages to the view in our GET route. This is because Laravel will check for errors in the session data, and automatically bind them to the view if they are available. The \$errors variable will be an instance of Illuminate\Support\MessageBag. For more information on working with this object, check out its documentation.

Note: The <code>\$errors</code> variable is bound to the view by the <code>Illuminate\View\Middleware\ShareErrorsFromSession</code> middleware, which is provided by the web middleware group. When this middleware is applied an <code>\$errors</code> variable will always be available in your views, allowing you to conveniently assume the <code>\$errors</code> variable is always defined and can be safely used.

So, in our example, the user will be redirected to our controller's create method when validation fails, allowing us to display the error messages in the view:

```
<!-- /resources/views/post/create.blade.php -->
<h1>Create Post</h1>
@if (count($errors) > 0)
```

Accepted Active URL After (Date) Alpha Alpha Dash Alpha Numeric Array Before (Date) Between Boolean Confirmed Date Date Format Different Digits Digits Between Dimensions (Image Files) Distinct E-Mail Exists (Database) File Filled Image (File) In In Array Integer IP Address JSON Max MIME Types MIME Type By File Extension Min Not In Numeric Present Regular Expression Required Required Unless Required With Required With All Required Without Required Without All Same Size String Timezone Unique (Database) URL

accepted

The field under validation must be yes, on, 1, or true. This is useful for validating "Terms of Service" acceptance.

active_url

The field under validation must be a valid URL according to the checkdnsrr PHP function.

after:date

The field under validation must be a value after a given date. The dates will be passed into the strtotime PHP function:

```
'start_date' => 'required|date|after:tomorrow'
```

Instead of passing a date string to be evaluated by strtotime, you may specify another field to compare against the date:

```
'finish_date' => 'required|date|after:start_date'
```

alpha

The field under validation must be entirely alphabetic characters.

alpha_dash

The field under validation may have alpha-numeric characters, as well as dashes and underscores.

alpha_num

The field under validation must be entirely alpha-numeric characters.

array

The field under validation must be a PHP array.

before:date

The field under validation must be a value preceding the given date. The dates will be passed into the PHP strtotime function.

between:min,max

The field under validation must have a size between the given *min* and *max*. Strings, numerics, and files are evaluated in the same fashion as the <u>size</u> rule.

boolean

The field under validation must be able to be cast as a boolean. Accepted input are true, false, 1, 0, "1", and "0".

confirmed

The field under validation must have a matching field of foo_confirmation. For example, if the field under validation is password, a matching password_confirmation field must be present in the input.

date

The field under validation must be a valid date according to the strtotime PHP function.

date_format:format

The field under validation must match the given *format*. The format will be evaluated using the PHP date_parse_from_format function. You should use **either** date or date_format when validating a field, not both.

different:field

The field under validation must have a different value than field.

digits:value

The field under validation must be *numeric* and must have an exact length of *value*.

digits between:min,max

The field under validation must have a length between the given *min* and *max*.

dimensions

The file under validation must be an image meeting the dimension constraints as specified by the rule's parameters:

```
'avatar' => 'dimensions:min_width=100,min_height=200'
```

Available constraints are: min_width, max_width, min_height, max_height, width, height, ratio.

distinct

When working with arrays, the field under validation must not have any duplicate values.

```
'foo.*.id' => 'distinct'
```

email

The field under validation must be formatted as an e-mail address.

exists:table,column

The field under validation must exist on a given database table.

Basic Usage Of Exists Rule

```
'state' => 'exists:states'
```

Specifying A Custom Column Name

```
'state' => 'exists:states,abbreviation'
```

You may also specify more conditions that will be added as "where" clauses to the query:

```
'email' => 'exists:staff,email,account_id,1'
```

These conditions may be negated using the ! sign:

```
'email' => 'exists:staff,email,role,!admin'
```

You may also pass ${\tt NULL}$ or ${\tt NOT_NULL}$ to the "where" clause:

```
'email' => 'exists:staff,email,deleted_at,NULL'
'email' => 'exists:staff,email,deleted_at,NOT_NULL'
```

Occasionally, you may need to specify a specific database connection to be used for the exists query. You can accomplish this by prepending the connection name to the table name using "dot" syntax:

```
'email' => 'exists:connection.staff,email'
```

file

The field under validation must be a successfully uploaded file.

filled

The field under validation must not be empty when it is present.

image

The file under validation must be an image (jpeg, png, bmp, gif, or svg)

in:foo,bar,...

The field under validation must be included in the given list of values.

in_array:anotherfield

The field under validation must exist in anotherfield's values.

integer

The field under validation must be an integer.

ip

The field under validation must be an IP address.

json

The field under validation must be a valid JSON string.

max:value

The field under validation must be less than or equal to a maximum *value*. Strings, numerics, and files are evaluated in the same fashion as the <u>size</u> rule.

mimetypes:text/plain,...

The file under validation must match one of the given MIME types:

```
'video' => 'mimetypes:video/avi,video/mpeg,video/quicktime'
```

To determine the MIME type of the uploaded file, the file's contents will be read and the framework will attempt to guess the MIME type, which may be different from the client provided MIME type.

mimes:foo,bar,...

The file under validation must have a MIME type corresponding to one of the listed extensions.

Basic Usage Of MIME Rule

```
'photo' => 'mimes:jpeg,bmp,png'
```

Even though you only need to specify the extensions, this rule actually validates against the MIME type of the file by reading the file's contents and guessing its MIME type.

A full listing of MIME types and their corresponding extensions may be found at the following location: http://svn.apache.org/repos/asf/httpd/trunk/docs/conf/mime.types

min:value

The field under validation must have a minimum *value*. Strings, numerics, and files are evaluated in the same fashion as the <u>size</u> rule.

not_in:foo,bar,...

The field under validation must not be included in the given list of values.

numeric

The field under validation must be numeric.

present

The field under validation must be present in the input data but can be empty.

regex:pattern

The field under validation must match the given regular expression.

Note: When using the regex pattern, it may be necessary to specify rules in an array instead of using pipe delimiters, especially if the regular expression contains a pipe character.

required

The field under validation must be present in the input data and not empty. A field is considered "empty" if one of the following conditions are true:

- The value is null.
- The value is an empty string.
- The value is an empty array or empty Countable object.
- The value is an uploaded file with no path.

required_if:anotherfield,value,...

The field under validation must be present and not empty if the anotherfield field is equal to any value.

required_unless:anotherfield,value,...

The field under validation must be present and not empty unless the *anotherfield* field is equal to any *value*.

required_with:foo,bar,...

The field under validation must be present and not empty only if any of the other specified fields are present.

required_with_all:foo,bar,...

The field under validation must be present and not empty only if all of the other specified fields are present.

required_without:foo,bar,...

The field under validation must be present and not empty only when any of the other specified fields are not present.

required_without_all:foo,bar,...

The field under validation must be present and not empty only when all of the other specified fields are not present.

same:field

The given *field* must match the field under validation.

size:value

The field under validation must have a size matching the given *value*. For string data, *value* corresponds to the number of characters. For numeric data, *value* corresponds to a given integer value. For an array, *size* corresponds to the count of the array. For files, *size* corresponds to the file size in kilobytes.

string

The field under validation must be a string.

timezone

The field under validation must be a valid timezone identifier according to the timezone_identifiers_list PHP function.

unique:table,column,except,idColumn

The field under validation must be unique on a given database table. If the column option is not specified, the field name will be used.

Specifying A Custom Column Name:

```
'email' => 'unique:users,email_address'
```

Custom Database Connection

Occasionally, you may need to set a custom connection for database queries made by the Validator. As seen above, setting unique:users as a validation rule will use the default database connection to query the database. To override this, specify the connection followed by the table name using "dot" syntax:

```
'email' => 'unique:connection.users,email_address'
```

Forcing A Unique Rule To Ignore A Given ID:

Sometimes, you may wish to ignore a given ID during the unique check. For example, consider an "update profile" screen that includes the user's name, e-mail address, and location. Of course, you will want to verify that the e-mail address is unique. However, if the user only changes the name field and not the e-mail field, you do not want a validation error to be thrown because the user is already the owner of the e-mail address. You only want to throw a validation error if the user provides an e-mail address that is already used by a different user. To tell the unique rule to ignore the user's ID, you may pass the ID as the third parameter:

```
'email' => 'unique:users,email_address,'.$user->id
```

If your table uses a primary key column name other than id, you may specify it as the fourth parameter:

```
'email' => 'unique:users,email_address,'.$user->id.',user_id'
```

Adding Additional Where Clauses:

You may also specify more conditions that will be added as "where" clauses to the query:

```
'email' => 'unique:users,email_address,NULL,id,account_id,1'
```

In the rule above, only rows with an account_id of 1 would be included in the unique check.

url

The field under validation must be a valid URL.

Conditionally Adding Rules

In some situations, you may wish to run validation checks against a field **only** if that field is present in the input array. To quickly accomplish this, add the sometimes rule to your rule list:

```
$v = Validator::make($data, [
    'email' => 'sometimes|required|email',
1):
```

In the example above, the email field will only be validated if it is present in the \$data array.

Complex Conditional Validation

Sometimes you may wish to add validation rules based on more complex conditional logic. For example, you may wish to require a given field only if another field has a greater value than 100. Or, you may need two fields to have a given value only when another field is present. Adding these validation rules doesn't have to be a pain. First, create a validator instance with your *static rules* that never change:

```
$v = Validator::make($data, [
   'email' => 'required|email',
   'games' => 'required|numeric',
]);
```

Let's assume our web application is for game collectors. If a game collector registers with our application and they own more than 100 games, we want them to explain why they own so many games. For example, perhaps they run a game re-sell shop, or maybe

they just enjoy collecting. To conditionally add this requirement, we can use the sometimes method on the Validator instance.

```
$v->sometimes('reason', 'required|max:500', function($input) {
    return $input->games >= 100;
}):
```

The first argument passed to the sometimes method is the name of the field we are conditionally validating. The second argument is the rules we want to add. If the closure passed as the third argument returns true, the rules will be added. This method makes it a breeze to build complex conditional validations. You may even add conditional validations for several fields at once:

```
$v->sometimes(['reason', 'cost'], 'required', function($input) {
    return $input->games >= 100;
});
```

Note: The \$input parameter passed to your closure will be an instance of Illuminate\Support\Fluent and may be used to access your input and files.

Custom Validation Rules

Laravel provides a variety of helpful validation rules; however, you may wish to specify some of your own. One method of registering custom validation rules is using the extend method on the Validator <u>facade</u>. Let's use this method within a <u>service provider</u> to register a custom validation rule:

```
<?php
namespace App\Providers;
use Validator;
use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
class AppServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
     * Bootstrap any application services.
       @return void
    public function boot()
        Validator::extend('foo', function($attribute, $value, $parameters, $validator) {
            return $value == 'foo';
        });
    }
     ^{\star} Register the service provider.
       @return void
    public function register()
    {
    }
}
```

The custom validator Closure receives four arguments: the name of the <code>\$attribute</code> being validated, the <code>\$value</code> of the attribute, an array of <code>\$parameters</code> passed to the rule, and the <code>Validator</code> instance.

You may also pass a class and method to the extend method instead of a Closure:

```
Validator::extend('foo', 'FooValidator@validate');
```

Defining The Error Message

You will also need to define an error message for your custom rule. You can do so either using an inline custom message array or by adding an entry in the validation language file. This message should be placed in the first level of the array, not within the custom array, which is only for attribute-specific error messages:

```
"foo" => "Your input was invalid!",
"accepted" => "The :attribute must be accepted.",
// The rest of the validation error messages...
```

When creating a custom validation rule, you may sometimes need to define custom place-holder replacements for error messages. You may do so by creating a custom Validator as described above then making a call to the replacer method on the Validator facade. You may do this within the boot method of a <u>service provider</u>:

```
* Bootstrap any application services.

* @return void
*/
public function boot()
{
    Validator::extend(...);
    Validator::replacer('foo', function($message, $attribute, $rule, $parameters) {
        return str_replace(...);
    });
}
```

Implicit Extensions

By default, when an attribute being validated is not present or contains an empty value as defined by the <u>required</u> rule, normal validation rules, including custom extensions, are not run. For example, the <u>unique</u> rule will not be run against a null value:

```
$rules = ['name' => 'unique'];
$input = ['name' => null];
Validator::make($input, $rules)->passes(); // true
```

For a rule to run even when an attribute is empty, the rule must imply that the attribute is required. To create such an "implicit" extension, use the Validator::extendImplicit() method:

```
Validator::extendImplicit('foo', function($attribute, $value, $parameters, $validator) {
    return $value == 'foo';
}):
```

Note: An "implicit" extension only *implies* that the attribute is required. Whether it actually invalidates a missing or empty attribute is up to you.

Database

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Introduction

Laravel makes connecting with databases and running queries extremely simple across a variety of database back-ends using either raw SQL, the <u>fluent query builder</u>, and the <u>Eloquent ORM</u>. Currently, Laravel supports four database systems:

- MySQL
- Postgres
- SQLite
- SQL Server

Configuration

Laravel makes connecting with databases and running queries extremely simple. The database configuration for your application is located at config/database.php. In this file you may define all of your database connections, as well as specify which connection should be used by default. Examples for all of the supported database systems are provided in this file.

By default, Laravel's sample <u>environment configuration</u> is ready to use with <u>Laravel Homestead</u>, which is a convenient virtual machine for doing Laravel development on your local machine. Of course, you are free to modify this configuration as needed for your local database.

SQLite Configuration

After creating a new SQLite database using a command such as touch database.sqlite, you can easily configure your environment variables to point to this newly created database by using the database's absolute path:

```
DB_CONNECTION=sqlite
DB_DATABASE=/absolute/path/to/database.sqlite
```

SQL Server Configuration

Laravel supports SQL Server out of the box; however, you will need to add the connection configuration for the database:

```
'sqlsrv' => [
  'driver' => 'sqlsrv',
  'host' => env('DB_HOST', 'localhost'),
  'database' => env('DB_DATABASE', 'forge'),
  'username' => env('DB_USERNAME', 'forge'),
  'password' => env('DB_PASSWORD', ''),
  'charset' => 'utf8',
  'prefix' => '',
],
```

Read / Write Connections

Sometimes you may wish to use one database connection for SELECT statements, and another for INSERT, UPDATE, and DELETE statements. Laravel makes this a breeze, and the proper connections will always be used whether you are using raw queries, the query builder, or the Eloquent ORM.

To see how read / write connections should be configured, let's look at this example:

```
'mysql' => [
    'read' => [
        'host' => '192.168.1.1',
],
'write' => [
        'host' => '196.168.1.2'
],
'driver' => 'mysql',
'database' => 'database',
'username' => 'root',
'password' => '',
'charset' => 'utf8',
```

```
'collation' => 'utf8_unicode_ci',
'prefix' => '',
],
```

Note that two keys have been added to the configuration array: read and write. Both of these keys have array values containing a single key: host. The rest of the database options for the read and write connections will be merged from the main mysql array.

So, we only need to place items in the read and write arrays if we wish to override the values in the main array. So, in this case, 192.168.1.1 will be used as the "read" connection, while 192.168.1.2 will be used as the "write" connection. The database credentials, prefix, character set, and all other options in the main mysql array will be shared across both connections.

Running Raw SQL Queries

Once you have configured your database connection, you may run queries using the DB facade. The DB facade provides methods for each type of query: select, update, insert, delete, and statement.

Running A Select Query

To run a basic query, we can use the select method on the DB facade:

The first argument passed to the select method is the raw SQL query, while the second argument is any parameter bindings that need to be bound to the query. Typically, these are the values of the where clause constraints. Parameter binding provides protection against SQL injection.

The select method will always return an array of results. Each result within the array will be a PHP stdClass object, allowing you to access the values of the results:

```
foreach ($users as $user) {
    echo $user->name;
}
```

Using Named Bindings

Instead of using? to represent your parameter bindings, you may execute a query using named bindings:

Running An Insert Statement

To execute an insert statement, you may use the insert method on the DB facade. Like select, this method takes the raw SQL query as its first argument, and bindings as the second argument:

```
DB::insert('insert into users (id, name) values (?, ?)', [1, 'Dayle']);
```

Running An Update Statement

The update method should be used to update existing records in the database. The number of rows affected by the statement will be returned by the method:

```
$affected = DB::update('update users set votes = 100 where name = ?', ['John']);
```

Running A Delete Statement

The delete method should be used to delete records from the database. Like update, the number of rows deleted will be returned:

```
$deleted = DB::delete('delete from users');
```

Running A General Statement

Some database statements should not return any value. For these types of operations, you may use the statement method on the DB facade:

```
DB::statement('drop table users');
```

Listening For Query Events

If you would like to receive each SQL query executed by your application, you may use the listen method. This method is useful for logging queries or debugging. You may register your query listener in a <u>service provider</u>:

Database Transactions

To run a set of operations within a database transaction, you may use the transaction method on the DB facade. If an exception is thrown within the transaction closure, the transaction will automatically be rolled back. If the closure executes successfully, the transaction will automatically be committed. You don't need to worry about manually rolling back or committing while using the transaction method:

```
DB::transaction(function () {
    DB::table('users')->update(['votes' => 1]);
    DB::table('posts')->delete();
});
```

Manually Using Transactions

If you would like to begin a transaction manually and have complete control over rollbacks and commits, you may use the beginTransaction method on the DB facade:

```
DB::beginTransaction();
```

You can rollback the transaction via the rollBack method:

```
DB::rollBack()
```

Lastly, you can commit a transaction via the commit method:

```
DB::commit();
```

Note: Using the DB facade's transaction methods also controls transactions for the query builder and Eloquent ORM.

Using Multiple Database Connections

When using multiple connections, you may access each connection via the connection method on the DB facade. The name passed to the connection method should correspond to one of the connections listed in your config/database.php configuration file:

```
$users = DB::connection('foo')->select(...);
```

You may also access the raw, underlying PDO instance using the <code>getPdo</code> method on a connection instance:

```
$pdo = DB::connection()->getPdo();
```

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Introduction

The database query builder provides a convenient, fluent interface to creating and running database queries. It can be used to perform most database operations in your application, and works on all supported database systems.

Note: The Laravel query builder uses PDO parameter binding to protect your application against SQL injection attacks. There is no need to clean strings being passed as bindings.

Retrieving Results

Retrieving All Rows From A Table

To begin a fluent query, use the table method on the DB facade. The table method returns a fluent query builder instance for the given table, allowing you to chain more constraints onto the query and then finally get the results. In this example, let's just get all records from a table:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use DB;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
class UserController extends Controller
{
    /**
    * Show a list of all of the application's users.
    *
    @return Response
    */
    public function index()
    {
        $users = DB::table('users')->get();
        return view('user.index', ['users' => $users]);
    }
}
```

Like <u>raw queries</u>, the get method returns an array of results where each result is an instance of the PHP stdClass object. You may access each column's value by accessing the column as a property of the object:

```
foreach ($users as $user) {
    echo $user->name;
}
```

Retrieving A Single Row / Column From A Table

If you just need to retrieve a single row from the database table, you may use the first method. This method will return a single StdClass object:

```
$user = DB::table('users')->where('name', 'John')->first();
echo $user->name;
```

If you don't even need an entire row, you may extract a single value from a record using the value method. This method will return the value of the column directly:

```
$email = DB::table('users')->where('name', 'John')->value('email');
```

Chunking Results From A Table

If you need to work with thousands of database records, consider using the chunk method. This method retrieves a small "chunk" of the results at a time, and feeds each chunk into a Closure for processing. This method is very useful for writing Artisan commands that process thousands of records. For example, let's work with the entire users table in chunks of 100 records at a time:

```
DB::table('users')->orderBy('id')->chunk(100, function($users) {
    foreach ($users as $user) {
        //
    }
});
```

You may stop further chunks from being processed by returning false from the Closure:

```
DB::table('users')->orderBy('id')->chunk(100, function($users) {
    // Process the records...
    return false;
});
```

Retrieving A List Of Column Values

If you would like to retrieve an array containing the values of a single column, you may use the pluck method. In this example, we'll retrieve an array of role titles:

```
$titles = DB::table('roles')->pluck('title');
foreach ($titles as $title) {
    echo $title;
}

You may also specify a custom key column for the returned array:
$roles = DB::table('roles')->pluck('title', 'name');
foreach ($roles as $name => $title) {
    echo $title;
}
```

Aggregates

The query builder also provides a variety of aggregate methods, such as count, max, min, avg, and sum. You may call any of these methods after constructing your query:

Selects

Specifying A Select Clause

Of course, you may not always want to select all columns from a database table. Using the select method, you can specify a custom select clause for the query:

```
$users = DB::table('users')->select('name', 'email as user_email')->get();
```

The distinct method allows you to force the query to return distinct results:

```
$users = DB::table('users')->distinct()->get();
```

If you already have a query builder instance and you wish to add a column to its existing select clause, you may use the addSelect method:

```
$query = DB::table('users')->select('name');
$users = $query->addSelect('age')->get();
```

Raw Expressions

Sometimes you may need to use a raw expression in a query. These expressions will be injected into the query as strings, so be careful not to create any SQL injection points! To create a raw expression, you may use the DB::raw method:

Joins

Inner Join Statement

The query builder may also be used to write join statements. To perform a basic SQL "inner join", you may use the join method on a query builder instance. The first argument passed to the join method is the name of the table you need to join to, while the remaining arguments specify the column constraints for the join. Of course, as you can see, you can join to multiple tables in a single query:

```
$users = DB::table('users')
    ->join('contacts', 'users.id', '=', 'contacts.user_id')
    ->join('orders', 'users.id', '=', 'orders.user_id')
    ->select('users.*', 'contacts.phone', 'orders.price')
    ->qet();
```

Left Join Statement

If you would like to perform a "left join" instead of an "inner join", use the leftJoin method. The leftJoin method has the same signature as the join method:

Cross Join Statement

To perform a "cross join" use the crossJoin method with the name of the table you wish to cross join to. Cross joins generate a cartesian product between the first table and the joined table:

Advanced Join Statements

You may also specify more advanced join clauses. To get started, pass a closure as the second argument into the join method. The closure will receive a JoinClause object which allows you to specify constraints on the join clause:

If you would like to use a "where" style clause on your joins, you may use the where and orwhere methods on a join. Instead of comparing two columns, these methods will compare the column against a value:

Unions

The query builder also provides a quick way to "union" two queries together. For example, you may create an initial query, and then use the union method to union it with a second query:

The unionAll method is also available and has the same method signature as union.

Where Clauses

Simple Where Clauses

To add where clauses to the query, use the where method on a query builder instance. The most basic call to where requires three arguments. The first argument is the name of the column. The second argument is an operator, which can be any of the database's supported operators. The third argument is the value to evaluate against the column.

For example, here is a query that verifies the value of the "votes" column is equal to 100:

```
$users = DB::table('users')->where('votes', '=', 100)->get();
```

For convenience, if you simply want to verify that a column is equal to a given value, you may pass the value directly as the second argument to the where method:

```
$users = DB::table('users')->where('votes', 100)->get();
```

Of course, you may use a variety of other operators when writing a where clause:

You may also pass an array of conditions to the where function:

Or Statements

You may chain where constraints together, as well as add or clauses to the query. The orwhere method accepts the same arguments as the where method:

Additional Where Clauses

whereBetween

The whereBetween method verifies that a column's value is between two values:

whereNotBetween

The whereNotBetween method verifies that a column's value lies outside of two values:

whereIn / whereNotIn

The whereIn method verifies that a given column's value is contained within the given array:

The whereNotIn method verifies that the given column's value is **not** contained in the given array:

whereNull / whereNotNull

The whereNull method verifies that the value of the given column is NULL:

The whereNotNull method verifies that the column's value is **not** NULL:

whereColumn

The whereColumn method may be used to verify that two columns are equal:

You may also pass a comparison operator to the method:

The where column method can also be passed an array of multiple conditions. These conditions will be joined using the and operator:

Advanced Where Clauses

Parameter Grouping

Sometimes you may need to create more advanced where clauses such as "where exists" or nested parameter groupings. The Laravel query builder can handle these as well. To get started, let's look at an example of grouping constraints within parenthesis:

As you can see, passing a closure into the orwhere method instructs the query builder to begin a constraint group. The closure will receive a query builder instance which you can use to set the constraints that should be contained within the parenthesis group. The example above will produce the following SQL:

```
select * from users where name = 'John' or (votes > 100 and title <> 'Admin')
```

Exists Statements

The whereExists method allows you to write where exists SQL clauses. The whereExists method accepts a Closure argument, which will receive a query builder instance allowing you to define the query that should be placed inside of the "exists" clause:

```
})
->qet();
```

The query above will produce the following SQL:

```
select * from users
where exists (
    select 1 from orders where orders.user_id = users.id
)
```

JSON Where Clauses

Laravel supports querying JSON column types on databases that provide support for JSON column types. Currently, this includes MySQL 5.7 and Postgres. To query a JSON column, use the -> operator:

Ordering, Grouping, Limit, & Offset

orderBy

The orderBy method allows you to sort the result of the query by a given column. The first argument to the orderBy method should be the column you wish to sort by, while the second argument controls the direction of the sort and may be either asc or desc:

inRandomOrder

The inRandomorder method may be used to sort the query results randomly. For example, you may use this method to fetch a random user:

groupBy / having / havingRaw

The groupBy and having methods may be used to group the query results. The having method's signature is similar to that of the where method:

The havingRaw method may be used to set a raw string as the value of the having clause. For example, we can find all of the departments with sales greater than \$2,500:

skip / take

To limit the number of results returned from the query, or to skip a given number of results in the query (OFFSET), you may use the skip and take methods:

```
$users = DB::table('users')->skip(10)->take(5)->get();
```

Conditional Statements

Sometimes you may want statements to apply to a query only when something else is true. For instance you may only want to apply a where statement if a given input value is present on the incoming request. You may accomplish this using the when method:

The when method only executes the given Closure when the first parameter is true. If the first parameter is false, the Closure will not be executed.

Inserts

The query builder also provides an insert method for inserting records into the database table. The insert method accepts an array of column names and values to insert:

```
DB::table('users')->insert(
    ['email' => 'john@example.com', 'votes' => 0]
);
```

You may even insert several records into the table with a single call to insert by passing an array of arrays. Each array represents a row to be inserted into the table:

```
DB::table('users')->insert([
    ['email' => 'taylor@example.com', 'votes' => 0],
    ['email' => 'dayle@example.com', 'votes' => 0]
]);
```

Auto-Incrementing IDs

If the table has an auto-incrementing id, use the insertGetId method to insert a record and then retrieve the ID:

```
$id = DB::table('users')->insertGetId(
    ['email' => 'john@example.com', 'votes' => 0]
);
```

Note: When using PostgreSQL the insertGetId method expects the auto-incrementing column to be named id. If you would like to retrieve the ID from a different "sequence", you may pass the sequence name as the second parameter to the insertGetId method.

Updates

Of course, in addition to inserting records into the database, the query builder can also update existing records using the update method. The update method, like the insert method, accepts an array of column and value pairs containing the columns to be updated. You may constrain the update query using where clauses:

Increment / Decrement

The query builder also provides convenient methods for incrementing or decrementing the value of a given column. This is simply a short-cut, providing a more expressive and terse interface compared to manually writing the update statement.

Both of these methods accept at least one argument: the column to modify. A second argument may optionally be passed to control the amount by which the column should be incremented / decremented.

```
DB::table('users')->increment('votes');
DB::table('users')->increment('votes', 5);
DB::table('users')->decrement('votes');
DB::table('users')->decrement('votes', 5);
```

You may also specify additional columns to update during the operation:

```
DB::table('users')->increment('votes', 1, ['name' => 'John']);
```

Deletes

Of course, the query builder may also be used to delete records from the table via the delete method:

```
DB::table('users')->delete();
```

You may constrain delete statements by adding where clauses before calling the delete method:

```
DB::table('users')->where('votes', '>', 100)->delete();
```

If you wish to truncate the entire table, which will remove all rows and reset the auto-incrementing ID to zero, you may use the truncate method:

```
DB::table('users')->truncate();
```

Pessimistic Locking

The query builder also includes a few functions to help you do "pessimistic locking" on your select statements. To run the statement with a "shared lock", you may use the sharedLock method on a query. A shared lock prevents the selected rows from being modified until your transaction commits:

```
DB::table('users')->where('votes', '>', 100)->sharedLock()->get();
```

Alternatively, you may use the lockForUpdate method. A "for update" lock prevents the rows from being modified or from being selected with another shared lock:

```
DB::table('users')->where('votes', '>', 100)->lockForUpdate()->get();
```

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Introduction

Migrations are like version control for your database, allowing a team to easily modify and share the application's database schema. Migrations are typically paired with Laravel's schema builder to easily build your application's database schema.

The Laravel Schema <u>facade</u> provides database agnostic support for creating and manipulating tables. It shares the same expressive, fluent API across all of Laravel's supported database systems.

Generating Migrations

To create a migration, use the make: migration Artisan command:

```
php artisan make:migration create_users_table
```

The new migration will be placed in your database/migrations directory. Each migration file name contains a timestamp which allows Laravel to determine the order of the migrations.

The --table and --create options may also be used to indicate the name of the table and whether the migration will be creating a new table. These options simply pre-fill the generated migration stub file with the specified table:

```
php artisan make:migration add_votes_to_users_table --table=users
php artisan make:migration create_users_table --create=users
```

If you would like to specify a custom output path for the generated migration, you may use the --path option when executing the make:migration command. The provided path should be relative to your application's base path.

Migration Structure

A migration class contains two methods: up and down. The up method is used to add new tables, columns, or indexes to your database, while the down method should simply reverse the operations performed by the up method.

Within both of these methods you may use the Laravel schema builder to expressively create and modify tables. To learn about all of the methods available on the Schema builder, <u>check out its documentation</u>. For example, let's look at a sample migration that creates a flights table:

```
$table->string('airline');
$table->timestamps();
});
}

/**
  * Reverse the migrations.
  *
  * @return void
  */
public function down()
{
    Schema::drop('flights');
}
```

Running Migrations

To run all outstanding migrations for your application, use the migrate Artisan command. If you are using the <u>Homestead virtual machine</u>, you should run this command from within your VM:

```
php artisan migrate
```

If you receive a "class not found" error when running migrations, try running the composer dump-autoload command and reissuing the migrate command.

Forcing Migrations To Run In Production

Some migration operations are destructive, meaning they may cause you to lose data. In order to protect you from running these commands against your production database, you will be prompted for confirmation before these commands are executed. To force the commands to run without a prompt, use the --force flag:

```
php artisan migrate --force
```

Rolling Back Migrations

To rollback the latest migration "operation", you may use the rollback command. Note that this rolls back the last "batch" of migrations that ran, which may include multiple migration files:

```
php artisan migrate:rollback
```

Writing Migrations

Creating Tables

To create a new database table, use the create method on the Schema facade. The create method accepts two arguments. The first is the name of the table, while the second is a Closure which receives a Blueprint object used to define the new table:

```
Schema::create('users', function (Blueprint $table) {
    $table->increments('id');
});
```

Of course, when creating the table, you may use any of the schema builder's column methods to define the table's columns.

Checking For Table / Column Existence

You may easily check for the existence of a table or column using the hasTable and hasColumn methods:

```
if (Schema::hasTable('users')) {
    //
}
if (Schema::hasColumn('users', 'email')) {
    //
}
```

Connection & Storage Engine

If you want to perform a schema operation on a database connection that is not your default connection, use the connection method:

To set the storage engine for a table, set the engine property on the schema builder:

```
Schema::create('users', function ($table) {
    $table->engine = 'InnoDB';
    $table->increments('id');
});
```

Renaming / Dropping Tables

To rename an existing database table, use the rename method:

```
Schema::rename($from, $to);
```

To drop an existing table, you may use the drop or dropIfExists methods:

```
Schema::drop('users');
Schema::dropIfExists('users');
```

Renaming Tables With Foreign Keys

Before renaming a table, you should verify that any foreign key constraints on the table have an explicit name in your migration files instead of letting Laravel assign a convention based name. Otherwise, the foreign key constraint name will refer to the old table name.

Creating Columns

To update an existing table, we will use the table method on the Schema facade. Like the create method, the table method accepts two arguments: the name of the table and a Closure that receives a Blueprint instance we can use to add columns to the table:

Description

```
Schema::table('users', function ($table) {
    $table->string('email');
});
```

Command

Available Column Types

\$table->morphs('taggable');

\$table->rememberToken();

\$table->nullableTimestamps();

Of course, the schema builder contains a variety of column types that you may use when building your tables:

\$table->bigIncrements('id'); Incrementing ID (primary key) using a "UNSIGNED BIG INTEGER" equivalent. \$table->bigInteger('votes'); BIGINT equivalent for the database. \$table->binary('data'); BLOB equivalent for the database. \$table->boolean('confirmed'); BOOLEAN equivalent for the database. \$table->char('name', 4); CHAR equivalent with a length. \$table->date('created_at'); DATE equivalent for the database. \$table->dateTime('created_at'); DATETIME equivalent for the database. \$table->dateTimeTz('created_at'); DATETIME (with timezone) equivalent for the database. \$table->decimal('amount', 5, 2); DECIMAL equivalent with a precision and scale. \$table->double('column', 15, 8); DOUBLE equivalent with precision, 15 digits in total and 8 after the decimal point. \$table->enum('choices', ['foo', 'bar']); ENUM equivalent for the database. \$table->float('amount'); FLOAT equivalent for the database. \$table->increments('id'); Incrementing ID (primary key) using a "UNSIGNED INTEGER" equivalent. \$table->integer('votes'); INTEGER equivalent for the database. \$table->ipAddress('visitor'); IP address equivalent for the database. \$table->json('options'); JSON equivalent for the database. \$table->jsonb('options'); JSONB equivalent for the database. \$table->longText('description'); LONGTEXT equivalent for the database. \$table->macAddress('device'); MAC address equivalent for the database. \$table->mediumInteger('numbers'); MEDIUMINT equivalent for the database. \$table->mediumText('description'); MEDIUMTEXT equivalent for the database.

Adds INTEGER taggable_id and STRING taggable_type.

Same as timestamps(), except allows NULLs.

Adds remember_token as VARCHAR(100) NULL.

```
$table->smallInteger('votes');
                                          SMALLINT equivalent for the database.
$table->softDeletes():
                                          Adds deleted_at column for soft deletes.
$table->string('email');
                                          VARCHAR equivalent column.
$table->string('name', 100);
                                          VARCHAR equivalent with a length.
$table->text('description');
                                          TEXT equivalent for the database.
$table->time('sunrise');
                                          TIME equivalent for the database.
$table->timeTz('sunrise');
                                          TIME (with timezone) equivalent for the database.
$table->tinvInteger('numbers');
                                          TINYINT equivalent for the database.
$table->timestamp('added_on');
                                          TIMESTAMP equivalent for the database.
$table->timestampTz('added_on');
                                          TIMESTAMP (with timezone) equivalent for the database.
$table->timestamps();
                                          Adds created_at and updated_at columns.
$table->uuid('id');
                                          UUID equivalent for the database.
```

Column Modifiers

In addition to the column types listed above, there are several other column "modifiers" which you may use while adding the column. For example, to make the column "nullable", you may use the nullable method:

```
Schema::table('users', function ($table) {
    $table->string('email')->nullable();
});
```

Below is a list of all the available column modifiers. This list does not include the index modifiers:

| Modifier | Description |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| ->first() | Place the column "first" in the table (MySQL Only) |
| ->after('column') | Place the column "after" another column (MySQL Only) |
| ->nullable() | Allow NULL values to be inserted into the column |
| ->default(\$value) | Specify a "default" value for the column |
| ->unsigned() | Set integer columns to UNSIGNED |
| <pre>->comment('my comment')</pre> | Add a comment to a column |

Modifying Columns

Prerequisites

Before modifying a column, be sure to add the doctrine/dbal dependency to your composer.json file. The Doctrine DBAL library is used to determine the current state of the column and create the SQL queries needed to make the specified adjustments to the column.

Updating Column Attributes

The change method allows you to modify an existing column to a new type, or modify the column's attributes. For example, you may wish to increase the size of a string column. To see the change method in action, let's increase the size of the name column from 25 to 50:

```
Schema::table('users', function ($table) {
    $table->string('name', 50)->change();
});

We could also modify a column to be nullable:

Schema::table('users', function ($table) {
    $table->string('name', 50)->nullable()->change();
}):
```

Note: Modifying any column in a table that also has a column of type enum, json or jsonb is not currently supported.

Renaming Columns

To rename a column, you may use the renameColumn method on the Schema builder. Before renaming a column, be sure to add the doctrine/dbal dependency to your composer.json file:

```
Schema::table('users', function ($table) {
    $table->renameColumn('from', 'to');
});
```

Note: Renaming any column in a table that also has a column of type enum, json or jsonb is not currently supported.

Dropping Columns

To drop a column, use the dropColumn method on the Schema builder:

```
Schema::table('users', function ($table) {
    $table->dropColumn('votes');
});
```

You may drop multiple columns from a table by passing an array of column names to the dropcolumn method:

```
Schema::table('users', function ($table) {
    $table->dropColumn(['votes', 'avatar', 'location']);
});
```

Note: Before dropping columns from a SQLite database, you will need to add the doctrine/dbal dependency to your composer.json file and run the composer update command in your terminal to install the library.

Note: Dropping or modifying multiple columns within a single migration while using a SQLite database is not supported.

Creating Indexes

The schema builder supports several types of indexes. First, let's look at an example that specifies a column's values should be unique. To create the index, we can simply chain the unique method onto the column definition:

```
$table->string('email')->unique();
```

Alternatively, you may create the index after defining the column. For example:

```
$table->unique('email');
```

You may even pass an array of columns to an index method to create a compound index:

```
$table->index(['account_id', 'created_at']);
```

Laravel will automatically generate a reasonable index name, but you may pass a second argument to the method to specify the name yourself:

Description

```
$table->index('email', 'my_index_name');
```

Command

Available Index Types

| Command | Description |
|--|--------------------------|
| <pre>\$table->primary('id');</pre> | Add a primary key. |
| <pre>\$table->primary(['first', 'last']);</pre> | Add composite keys. |
| <pre>\$table->unique('email');</pre> | Add a unique index. |
| <pre>\$table->unique('state', 'my_index_name');</pre> | Add a custom index name. |
| <pre>\$table->index('state');</pre> | Add a basic index. |

Dropping Indexes

To drop an index, you must specify the index's name. By default, Laravel automatically assigns a reasonable name to the indexes. Simply concatenate the table name, the name of the indexed column, and the index type. Here are some examples:

Command Description

```
$table->dropPrimary('users_id_primary'); Drop a primary key from the "users" table.
$table->dropUnique('users_email_unique'); Drop a unique index from the "users" table.
$table->dropIndex('geo_state_index'); Drop a basic index from the "geo" table.
```

If you pass an array of columns into a method that drops indexes, the conventional index name will be generated based on the table name, columns and key type.

```
Schema::table('geo', function ($table) {
    $table->dropIndex(['state']); // Drops index 'geo_state_index'
});
```

Foreign Key Constraints

Laravel also provides support for creating foreign key constraints, which are used to force referential integrity at the database

level. For example, let's define a user_id column on the posts table that references the id column on a users table:

```
Schema::table('posts', function ($table) {
    $table->integer('user_id')->unsigned();

$table->foreign('user_id')->references('id')->on('users');
});
```

You may also specify the desired action for the "on delete" and "on update" properties of the constraint:

```
$table->foreign('user_id')
    ->references('id')->on('users')
    ->onDelete('cascade');
```

To drop a foreign key, you may use the dropForeign method. Foreign key constraints use the same naming convention as indexes. So, we will concatenate the table name and the columns in the constraint then suffix the name with "_foreign":

```
$table->dropForeign('posts_user_id_foreign');
```

Or you may pass an array value which will automatically use the conventional constraint name when dropping:

```
$table->dropForeign(['user_id']);
```

You may enable or disable foreign key constraints within your migrations by using the following methods:

```
Schema::enableForeignKeyConstraints();
Schema::disableForeignKeyConstraints();
```

Database

Database: Seeding

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Introduction

Laravel includes a simple method of seeding your database with test data using seed classes. All seed classes are stored in database/seeds. Seed classes may have any name you wish, but probably should follow some sensible convention, such as UsersTableSeeder, etc. By default, a DatabaseSeeder class is defined for you. From this class, you may use the call method to run other seed classes, allowing you to control the seeding order.

Writing Seeders

To generate a seeder, you may issue the make:seeder <u>Artisan command</u>. All seeders generated by the framework will be placed in the database/seeds directory:

```
php artisan make:seeder UsersTableSeeder
```

A seeder class only contains one method by default: run. This method is called when the db:seed <u>Artisan command</u> is executed. Within the run method, you may insert data into your database however you wish. You may use the <u>query builder</u> to manually insert data or you may use <u>Eloquent model factories</u>.

As an example, let's modify the DatabaseSeeder class which is included with a default installation of Laravel. Let's add a database insert statement to the run method:

Using Model Factories

Of course, manually specifying the attributes for each model seed is cumbersome. Instead, you can use <u>model factories</u> to conveniently generate large amounts of database records. First, review the <u>model factory documentation</u> to learn how to define your factories. Once you have defined your factories, you may use the factory helper function to insert records into your database.

For example, let's create 50 users and attach a relationship to each user:

```
/**
  * Run the database seeds.
  *
  * @return void
  */
public function run()
{
    factory(App\User::class, 50)->create()->each(function($u) {
        $u->posts()->save(factory(App\Post::class)->make());
    });
}
```

Calling Additional Seeders

Within the DatabaseSeeder class, you may use the call method to execute additional seed classes. Using the call method allows you to break up your database seeding into multiple files so that no single seeder class becomes overwhelmingly large. Simply pass the name of the seeder class you wish to run:

```
* Run the database seeds.

* @return void

*/
public function run()
{
    $this->call(UsersTableSeeder::class);
    $this->call(PostsTableSeeder::class);
}
$this->call(CommentsTableSeeder::class);
```

Running Seeders

Once you have written your seeder classes, you may use the db:seed Artisan command to seed your database. By default, the db:seed command runs the DatabaseSeeder class, which may be used to call other seed classes. However, you may use the --class option to specify a specific seeder class to run individually:

```
php artisan db:seed
php artisan db:seed --class=UsersTableSeeder
```

You may also seed your database using the migrate:refresh command, which will also rollback and re-run all of your migrations. This command is useful for completely re-building your database:

```
php artisan migrate:refresh --seed
```

Eloquent ORM

Eloquent: Getting Started

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Introduction

The Eloquent ORM included with Laravel provides a beautiful, simple ActiveRecord implementation for working with your database. Each database table has a corresponding "Model" which is used to interact with that table. Models allow you to query for data in your tables, as well as insert new records into the table.

Before getting started, be sure to configure a database connection in config/database.php. For more information on configuring your database, check out the documentation.

Defining Models

To get started, let's create an Eloquent model. Models typically live in the app directory, but you are free to place them anywhere that can be auto-loaded according to your composer.json file. All Eloquent models extend Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model class.

The easiest way to create a model instance is using the make: model Artisan command:

```
php artisan make:model User
```

If you would like to generate a database migration when you generate the model, you may use the --migration or -m option:

```
php artisan make:model User --migration
php artisan make:model User -m
```

Eloquent Model Conventions

Now, let's look at an example Flight model class, which we will use to retrieve and store information from our flights database table:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class Flight extends Model
{
    //
}</pre>
```

Table Names

Note that we did not tell Eloquent which table to use for our Flight model. The "snake case", plural name of the class will be used as the table name unless another name is explicitly specified. So, in this case, Eloquent will assume the Flight model stores records in the flights table. You may specify a custom table by defining a table property on your model:

```
<?php
```

```
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class Flight extends Model
{
    /**
    * The table associated with the model.
    *
    * @var string
    */
    protected $table = 'my_flights';
}
```

Primary Keys

Eloquent will also assume that each table has a primary key column named id. You may define a \$primaryKey property to override this convention.

In addition, Eloquent assumes that the primary key is an incrementing integer value, which means that by default the primary key will be cast to an int automatically. If you wish to use a non-incrementing or a non-numeric primary key you must set the public <code>\$incrementing</code> property on your model to false.

Timestamps

By default, Eloquent expects created_at and updated_at columns to exist on your tables. If you do not wish to have these columns automatically managed by Eloquent, set the <code>\$timestamps</code> property on your model to <code>false</code>:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class Flight extends Model
{
    /**
    * Indicates if the model should be timestamped.
    *
    * @var bool
    */
    public $timestamps = false;
}</pre>
```

If you need to customize the format of your timestamps, set the \$dateFormat property on your model. This property determines how date attributes are stored in the database, as well as their format when the model is serialized to an array or JSON:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class Flight extends Model
{
    /**
    * The storage format of the model's date columns.
    *
    @var string
    */
    protected $dateFormat = 'U';
}</pre>
```

Database Connection

By default, all Eloquent models will use the default database connection configured for your application. If you would like to specify a different connection for the model, use the \$connection property:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class Flight extends Model
{
    /**
    * The connection name for the model.
    *
    * @var string
    */</pre>
```

```
protected $connection = 'connection-name';
```

Retrieving Multiple Models

Once you have created a model and <u>its associated database table</u>, you are ready to start retrieving data from your database. Think of each Eloquent model as a powerful <u>query builder</u> allowing you to fluently query the database table associated with the model. For example:

```
<?php

namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use App\Flight;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;

class FlightController extends Controller
{
    /**
     * Show a list of all available flights.
     *
     * @return Response
     */
    public function index()
     {
          $flights = Flight::all();
          return view('flight.index', ['flights' => $flights]);
     }
}
```

Accessing Column Values

If you have an Eloquent model instance, you may access the column values of the model by accessing the corresponding property. For example, let's loop through each Flight instance returned by our query and echo the value of the name column:

```
foreach ($flights as $flight) {
    echo $flight->name;
}
```

Adding Additional Constraints

The Eloquent all method will return all of the results in the model's table. Since each Eloquent model serves as a <u>query builder</u>, you may also add constraints to queries, and then use the get method to retrieve the results:

Note: Since Eloquent models are query builders, you should review all of the methods available on the <u>query builder</u>. You may use any of these methods in your Eloquent queries.

Collections

For Eloquent methods like all and get which retrieve multiple results, an instance of <code>illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Collection</code> will be returned. The <code>collection</code> class provides a variety of helpful methods for working with your Eloquent results. Of course, you may simply loop over this collection like an array:

```
foreach ($flights as $flight) {
    echo $flight->name;
}
```

Chunking Results

If you need to process thousands of Eloquent records, use the chunk command. The chunk method will retrieve a "chunk" of Eloquent models, feeding them to a given closure for processing. Using the chunk method will conserve memory when working with large result sets:

The first argument passed to the method is the number of records you wish to receive per "chunk". The Closure passed as the

second argument will be called for each chunk that is retrieved from the database.

Note: The database query is re-executed for each chunk.

Using Cursors

The cursor method allows you to iterate through your database records using a cursor. When processing large amounts of data, the cursor method may be used to greatly reduce your memory usage:

```
foreach (Flight::where('foo', 'bar')->cursor() as $flight) {
    //
}
```

Retrieving Single Models / Aggregates

Of course, in addition to retrieving all of the records for a given table, you may also retrieve single records using find and first. Instead of returning a collection of models, these methods return a single model instance:

```
// Retrieve a model by its primary key...
$flight = App\Flight::find(1);
// Retrieve the first model matching the query constraints...
$flight = App\Flight::where('active', 1)->first();
```

You may also call the find method with an array of primary keys, which will return a collection of the matching records:

```
flights = App\flight::find([1, 2, 3]);
```

Not Found Exceptions

Sometimes you may wish to throw an exception if a model is not found. This is particularly useful in routes or controllers. The findorFail and firstorFail methods will retrieve the first result of the query. However, if no result is found, a Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\ModelNotFoundException will be thrown:

```
$model = App\Flight::findOrFail(1);
$model = App\Flight::where('legs', '>', 100)->firstOrFail();
```

If the exception is not caught, a 404 HTTP response is automatically sent back to the user, so it is not necessary to write explicit checks to return 404 responses when using these methods:

```
Route::get('/api/flights/{id}', function ($id) {
    return App\Flight::findOrFail($id);
});
```

Retrieving Aggregates

Of course, you may also use count, sum, max, and other <u>aggregate functions</u> provided by the <u>query builder</u>. These methods return the appropriate scalar value instead of a full model instance:

```
$count = App\Flight::where('active', 1)->count();
$max = App\Flight::where('active', 1)->max('price');
```

Inserting & Updating Models

Basic Inserts

To create a new record in the database, simply create a new model instance, set attributes on the model, then call the save method:

```
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use App\Flight;
use Illuminate\Http\Request;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
class FlightController extends Controller
{
    /**
    * Create a new flight instance.
    *
    * @param Request $request
    * @return Response
    *
    * "
```

```
public function store(Request $request)
{
     // Validate the request...
     $flight = new Flight;
     $flight->name = $request->name;
     $flight->save();
}
```

In this example, we simply assign the name parameter from the incoming HTTP request to the name attribute of the App\Flight model instance. When we call the save method, a record will be inserted into the database. The created_at and updated_at timestamps will automatically be set when the save method is called, so there is no need to set them manually.

Basic Updates

The save method may also be used to update models that already exist in the database. To update a model, you should retrieve it, set any attributes you wish to update, and then call the save method. Again, the updated_at timestamp will automatically be updated, so there is no need to manually set its value:

```
$flight = App\Flight::find(1);
$flight->name = 'New Flight Name';
$flight->save();
```

Updates can also be performed against any number of models that match a given query. In this example, all flights that are active and have a destination of San Diego will be marked as delayed:

```
App\Flight::where('active', 1)
          ->where('destination', 'San Diego')
          ->update(['delayed' => 1]);
```

The update method expects an array of column and value pairs representing the columns that should be updated.

Mass Assignment

You may also use the create method to save a new model in a single line. The inserted model instance will be returned to you from the method. However, before doing so, you will need to specify either a fillable or guarded attribute on the model, as all Eloquent models protect against mass-assignment.

A mass-assignment vulnerability occurs when a user passes an unexpected HTTP parameter through a request, and that parameter changes a column in your database you did not expect. For example, a malicious user might send an <code>is_admin</code> parameter through an HTTP request, which is then mapped onto your model's <code>create</code> method, allowing the user to escalate themselves to an administrator.

So, to get started, you should define which model attributes you want to make mass assignable. You may do this using the \$fillable property on the model. For example, let's make the name attribute of our Flight model mass assignable:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class Flight extends Model
{
    /**
     * The attributes that are mass assignable.
     *
     * @var array
     */
     protected $fillable = ['name'];
}</pre>
```

Once we have made the attributes mass assignable, we can use the create method to insert a new record in the database. The create method returns the saved model instance:

```
$flight = App\Flight::create(['name' => 'Flight 10']);
```

While \$fillable serves as a "white list" of attributes that should be mass assignable, you may also choose to use \$guarded. The \$guarded property should contain an array of attributes that you do not want to be mass assignable. All other attributes not in the array will be mass assignable. So, \$guarded functions like a "black list". Of course, you should use either \$fillable or \$guarded - not both:

```
<?php
```

```
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class Flight extends Model
{
    /**
    * The attributes that aren't mass assignable.
    *
    * @var array
    */
    protected $guarded = ['price'];
}
```

In the example above, all attributes **except for price** will be mass assignable.

Other Creation Methods

There are two other methods you may use to create models by mass assigning attributes: firstorCreate and firstorNew. The firstorCreate method will attempt to locate a database record using the given column / value pairs. If the model can not be found in the database, a record will be inserted with the given attributes.

The firstorNew method, like firstorCreate will attempt to locate a record in the database matching the given attributes. However, if a model is not found, a new model instance will be returned. Note that the model returned by firstorNew has not yet been persisted to the database. You will need to call save manually to persist it:

```
// Retrieve the flight by the attributes, or create it if it doesn't exist...
$flight = App\Flight::firstOrCreate(['name' => 'Flight 10']);
// Retrieve the flight by the attributes, or instantiate a new instance...
$flight = App\Flight::firstOrNew(['name' => 'Flight 10']);
```

Deleting Models

To delete a model, call the delete method on a model instance:

```
$flight = App\Flight::find(1);
$flight->delete();
```

Deleting An Existing Model By Key

In the example above, we are retrieving the model from the database before calling the delete method. However, if you know the primary key of the model, you may delete the model without retrieving it. To do so, call the destroy method:

```
App\Flight::destroy(1);
App\Flight::destroy([1, 2, 3]);
App\Flight::destroy(1, 2, 3);
```

Deleting Models By Query

Of course, you may also run a delete query on a set of models. In this example, we will delete all flights that are marked as inactive:

```
$deletedRows = App\Flight::where('active', 0)->delete();
```

Soft Deleting

In addition to actually removing records from your database, Eloquent can also "soft delete" models. When models are soft deleted, they are not actually removed from your database. Instead, a deleted_at attribute is set on the model and inserted into the database. If a model has a non-null deleted_at value, the model has been soft deleted. To enable soft deletes for a model, use the Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\SoftDeletes trait on the model and add the deleted_at column to your \$dates property:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\SoftDeletes;
class Flight extends Model
{
    use SoftDeletes;</pre>
```

```
/**
 * The attributes that should be mutated to dates.
 * @var array
 */
protected $dates = ['deleted_at'];
```

Of course, you should add the deleted_at column to your database table. The Laravel schema builder contains a helper method to create this column:

```
Schema::table('flights', function ($table) {
    $table->softDeletes();
});
```

Now, when you call the delete method on the model, the deleted_at column will be set to the current date and time. And, when querying a model that uses soft deletes, the soft deleted models will automatically be excluded from all query results.

To determine if a given model instance has been soft deleted, use the trashed method:

Querying Soft Deleted Models

Including Soft Deleted Models

As noted above, soft deleted models will automatically be excluded from query results. However, you may force soft deleted models to appear in a result set using the withTrashed method on the query:

The withTrashed method may also be used on a relationship query:

```
$flight->history()->withTrashed()->get();
```

Retrieving Only Soft Deleted Models

The onlyTrashed method will retrieve **only** soft deleted models:

Restoring Soft Deleted Models

Sometimes you may wish to "un-delete" a soft deleted model. To restore a soft deleted model into an active state, use the restore method on a model instance:

```
$flight->restore();
```

You may also use the restore method in a query to quickly restore multiple models:

Like the with Trashed method, the restore method may also be used on $\underline{\text{relationships}}$:

```
$flight->history()->restore();
```

Permanently Deleting Models

Sometimes you may need to truly remove a model from your database. To permanently remove a soft deleted model from the database, use the forcepelete method:

```
// Force deleting a single model instance...
$flight->forceDelete();

// Force deleting all related models...
$flight->history()->forceDelete();
```

Query Scopes

Global Scopes

Global scopes allow you to add constraints to **all** queries for a given model. Laravel's own <u>soft deleting</u> functionality utilizes global scopes to only pull "non-deleted" models from the database. Writing your own global scopes can provide a convenient, easy way to make sure every query for a given model receives certain constraints.

Writing Global Scopes

Writing a global scope is simple. Define a class that implements the <code>illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Scope</code> interface. This interface requires you to implement one method: apply. The apply method may add where constraints to the query as needed:

There is not a predefined folder for scopes in a default Laravel application, so feel free to make your own Scopes folder within your Laravel application's app directory.

Applying Global Scopes

To assign a global scope to a model, you should override a given model's boot method and use the addGlobalScope method:

```
ramespace App;
use App\Scopes\AgeScope;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class User extends Model
{
    /**
    * The "booting" method of the model.
    *
    * @return void
    */
    protected static function boot()
    {
        parent::boot();
        static::addGlobalScope(new AgeScope);
    }
}
```

After adding the scope, a query to User::all() will produce the following SQL:

```
select * from `users` where `age` > 200 \,
```

Anonymous Global Scopes

Eloquent also allows you to define global scopes using Closures, which is particularly useful for simple scopes that do not warrant a separate class:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Builder;
class User extends Model</pre>
```

The first argument of the addGlobalScope() serves as an identifier to remove the scope:

```
User::withoutGlobalScope('age')->get();
```

Removing Global Scopes

If you would like to remove a global scope for a given query, you may use the withoutGlobalScope method:

```
User::withoutGlobalScope(AgeScope::class)->get();
```

If you would like to remove several or even all of the global scopes, you may use the withoutGlobalScopes method:

```
User::withoutGlobalScopes()->get();
User::withoutGlobalScopes([FirstScope::class, SecondScope::class])->get();
```

Local Scopes

Local scopes allow you to define common sets of constraints that you may easily re-use throughout your application. For example, you may need to frequently retrieve all users that are considered "popular". To define a scope, simply prefix an Eloquent model method with scope.

Scopes should always return a query builder instance:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class User extends Model
{
    /**
    * Scope a query to only include popular users.
    * @return \Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Builder
    */
    public function scopePopular($query)
    {
        return $query->where('votes', '>', 100);
    }

    /**
    * Scope a query to only include active users.
    *
    * @return \Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Builder
    */
    public function scopeActive($query)
    {
        return $query->where('active', 1);
    }
}
```

Utilizing A Query Scope

Once the scope has been defined, you may call the scope methods when querying the model. However, you do not need to include the scope prefix when calling the method. You can even chain calls to various scopes, for example:

```
$users = App\User::popular()->active()->orderBy('created_at')->get();
```

Dynamic Scopes

Sometimes you may wish to define a scope that accepts parameters. To get started, just add your additional parameters to your scope. Scope parameters should be defined after the squery argument:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class User extends Model
{
    /**
    * Scope a query to only include users of a given type.
    *
    @return \Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Builder
    */
    public function scopeOfType($query, $type)
    {
        return $query->where('type', $type);
    }
}
```

Now, you may pass the parameters when calling the scope:

```
$users = App\User::ofType('admin')->get();
```

Events

Eloquent models fire several events, allowing you to hook into various points in the model's lifecycle using the following methods: creating, created, updating, updated, saving, saved, deleting, deleted, restoring, restored. Events allow you to easily execute code each time a specific model class is saved or updated in the database.

Basic Usage

Whenever a new model is saved for the first time, the creating and created events will fire. If a model already existed in the database and the save method is called, the updating / updated events will fire. However, in both cases, the saving / saved events will fire.

For example, let's define an Eloquent event listener in a <u>service provider</u>. Within our event listener, we will call the <u>isvalid</u> method on the given model, and return <u>false</u> if the model is not valid. Returning <u>false</u> from an Eloquent event listener will cancel the <u>save</u> / update operation:

```
<?php
namespace App\Providers;
use App\User:
use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
class AppServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
     * Bootstrap any application services.
       @return void
    public function boot()
        User::creating(function ($user) {
            if ( ! $user->isValid()) {
                return false;
        });
    }
     ^{\star} Register the service provider.
       @return void
    public function register()
    }
}
```

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Introduction

Database tables are often related to one another. For example, a blog post may have many comments, or an order could be related to the user who placed it. Eloquent makes managing and working with these relationships easy, and supports several different types of relationships:

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Defining Relationships

Eloquent relationships are defined as functions on your Eloquent model classes. Since, like Eloquent models themselves, relationships also serve as powerful <u>query builders</u>, defining relationships as functions provides powerful method chaining and querying capabilities. For example:

```
$user->posts()->where('active', 1)->get();
```

But, before diving too deep into using relationships, let's learn how to define each type:

One To One

A one-to-one relationship is a very basic relation. For example, a User model might be associated with one Phone. To define this relationship, we place a phone method on the User model. The phone method should return the results of the hasone method on the base Eloquent model class:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class User extends Model
{
    /**
    * Get the phone record associated with the user.
    */
    public function phone()
    {
        return $this->hasOne('App\Phone');
    }
}
```

The first argument passed to the hasone method is the name of the related model. Once the relationship is defined, we may retrieve the related record using Eloquent's dynamic properties. Dynamic properties allow you to access relationship functions as if they were properties defined on the model:

```
$phone = User::find(1)->phone;
```

Eloquent assumes the foreign key of the relationship based on the model name. In this case, the Phone model is automatically assumed to have a user_id foreign key. If you wish to override this convention, you may pass a second argument to the hasone method:

```
return $this->hasOne('App\Phone', 'foreign_key');
```

Additionally, Eloquent assumes that the foreign key should have a value matching the id (or the custom <code>sprimaryKey</code>) column of the parent. In other words, Eloquent will look for the value of the user's id column in the user_id column of the <code>Phone</code> record. If you would like the relationship to use a value other than id, you may pass a third argument to the hasone method specifying your custom key:

```
return $this->hasOne('App\Phone', 'foreign_key', 'local_key');
```

Defining The Inverse Of The Relation

So, we can access the Phone model from our User. Now, let's define a relationship on the Phone model that will let us access the User that owns the phone. We can define the inverse of a hasone relationship using the belongsTo method:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class Phone extends Model
{
    /**
    * Get the user that owns the phone.
    */
    public function user()
    {
        return $this->belongsTo('App\User');
    }
}
```

In the example above, Eloquent will try to match the user_id from the Phone model to an id on the User model. Eloquent determines the default foreign key name by examining the name of the relationship method and suffixing the method name with _id. However, if the foreign key on the Phone model is not user_id, you may pass a custom key name as the second argument to the belongsTo method:

```
/**
  * Get the user that owns the phone.
  */
public function user()
{
    return $this->belongsTo('App\User', 'foreign_key');
}
```

If your parent model does not use id as its primary key, or you wish to join the child model to a different column, you may pass a third argument to the belongs method specifying your parent table's custom key:

```
* Get the user that owns the phone.
*/
public function user()
{
    return $this->belongsTo('App\User', 'foreign_key', 'other_key');
}
```

One To Many

A "one-to-many" relationship is used to define relationships where a single model owns any amount of other models. For example, a blog post may have an infinite number of comments. Like all other Eloquent relationships, one-to-many relationships are defined by placing a function on your Eloquent model:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class Post extends Model
{
    /**
    * Get the comments for the blog post.
    */
    public function comments()
    {
        return $this->hasMany('App\Comment');
}
```

}

Remember, Eloquent will automatically determine the proper foreign key column on the comment model. By convention, Eloquent will take the "snake case" name of the owning model and suffix it with _id. So, for this example, Eloquent will assume the foreign key on the comment model is post_id.

Once the relationship has been defined, we can access the collection of comments by accessing the comments property. Remember, since Eloquent provides "dynamic properties", we can access relationship functions as if they were defined as properties on the model:

```
$comments = App\Post::find(1)->comments;
foreach ($comments as $comment) {
    //
}
```

Of course, since all relationships also serve as query builders, you can add further constraints to which comments are retrieved by calling the comments method and continuing to chain conditions onto the query:

```
$comments = App\Post::find(1)->comments()->where('title', 'foo')->first();
```

Like the hasone method, you may also override the foreign and local keys by passing additional arguments to the hasMany method:

```
return $this->hasMany('App\Comment', 'foreign_key');
return $this->hasMany('App\Comment', 'foreign_key', 'local_key');
```

Defining The Inverse Of The Relation

Now that we can access all of a post's comments, let's define a relationship to allow a comment to access its parent post. To define the inverse of a hasMany relationship, define a relationship function on the child model which calls the belongs to method:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class Comment extends Model
{
    /**
    * Get the post that owns the comment.
    */
    public function post()
    {
        return $this->belongsTo('App\Post');
    }
}
```

Once the relationship has been defined, we can retrieve the Post model for a comment by accessing the post "dynamic property":

```
$comment = App\Comment::find(1);
echo $comment->post->title;
```

In the example above, Eloquent will try to match the post_id from the Comment model to an id on the Post model. Eloquent determines the default foreign key name by examining the name of the relationship method and suffixing the method name with _id. However, if the foreign key on the Comment model is not post_id, you may pass a custom key name as the second argument to the belongsTo method:

```
/**
  * Get the post that owns the comment.
  */
public function post()
{
    return $this->belongsTo('App\Post', 'foreign_key');
}
```

If your parent model does not use id as its primary key, or you wish to join the child model to a different column, you may pass a third argument to the belongs method specifying your parent table's custom key:

```
/**
  * Get the post that owns the comment.
  */
public function post()
{
    return $this->belongsTo('App\Post', 'foreign_key', 'other_key');}
```

Many To Many

Many-to-many relations are slightly more complicated than hasone and hasMany relationships. An example of such a relationship is a user with many roles, where the roles are also shared by other users. For example, many users may have the role of "Admin". To define this relationship, three database tables are needed: users, roles, and role_user. The role_user table is derived from the alphabetical order of the related model names, and contains the user_id and role_id columns.

Many-to-many relationships are defined by writing a method that calls the belongsToMany method on the base Eloquent class. For example, let's define the roles method on our user model:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class User extends Model
{
    /**
    * The roles that belong to the user.
    */
    public function roles()
    {
        return $this->belongsToMany('App\Role');
    }
}
```

Once the relationship is defined, you may access the user's roles using the roles dynamic property:

```
$user = App\User::find(1);
foreach ($user->roles as $role) {
    //
}
```

Of course, like all other relationship types, you may call the roles method to continue chaining query constraints onto the relationship:

```
$roles = App\User::find(1)->roles()->orderBy('name')->get();
```

As mentioned previously, to determine the table name of the relationship's joining table, Eloquent will join the two related model names in alphabetical order. However, you are free to override this convention. You may do so by passing a second argument to the belongsToMany method:

```
return $this->belongsToMany('App\Role', 'role_user');
```

In addition to customizing the name of the joining table, you may also customize the column names of the keys on the table by passing additional arguments to the belongsToMany method. The third argument is the foreign key name of the model on which you are defining the relationship, while the fourth argument is the foreign key name of the model that you are joining to:

```
return $this->belongsToMany('App\Role', 'role_user', 'user_id', 'role_id');
```

Defining The Inverse Of The Relationship

To define the inverse of a many-to-many relationship, you simply place another call to belongsToMany on your related model. To continue our user roles example, let's define the users method on the Role model:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class Role extends Model
{
    /**
    * The users that belong to the role.
    */
    public function users()
    {
        return $this->belongsToMany('App\User');
    }
}
```

As you can see, the relationship is defined exactly the same as its user counterpart, with the exception of simply referencing the App\user model. Since we're reusing the belongsToMany method, all of the usual table and key customization options are available when defining the inverse of many-to-many relationships.

Retrieving Intermediate Table Columns

As you have already learned, working with many-to-many relations requires the presence of an intermediate table. Eloquent

provides some very helpful ways of interacting with this table. For example, let's assume our user object has many Role objects that it is related to. After accessing this relationship, we may access the intermediate table using the pivot attribute on the models:

```
$user = App\User::find(1);
foreach ($user->roles as $role) {
    echo $role->pivot->created_at;
}
```

Notice that each Role model we retrieve is automatically assigned a pivot attribute. This attribute contains a model representing the intermediate table, and may be used like any other Eloquent model.

By default, only the model keys will be present on the pivot object. If your pivot table contains extra attributes, you must specify them when defining the relationship:

```
return $this->belongsToMany('App\Role')->withPivot('column1', 'column2');
```

If you want your pivot table to have automatically maintained created_at and updated_at timestamps, use the withTimestamps method on the relationship definition:

```
return $this->belongsToMany('App\Role')->withTimestamps();
```

Filtering Relationships Via Intermediate Table Columns

You can also filter the results returned by belongsToMany using the wherePivot and wherePivotIn methods when defining the relationship:

```
return $this->belongsToMany('App\Role')->wherePivot('approved', 1);
return $this->belongsToMany('App\Role')->wherePivotIn('approved', [1, 2]);
```

Has Many Through

The "has-many-through" relationship provides a convenient short-cut for accessing distant relations via an intermediate relation. For example, a country model might have many Post models through an intermediate User model. In this example, you could easily gather all blog posts for a given country. Let's look at the tables required to define this relationship:

```
countries
   id - integer
   name - string

users
   id - integer
   country_id - integer
   name - string

posts
   id - integer
   user_id - integer
   title - string
```

Though posts does not contain a country_id column, the hasManyThrough relation provides access to a country's posts via \$country->posts. To perform this query, Eloquent inspects the country_id on the intermediate users table. After finding the matching user IDs, they are used to query the posts table.

Now that we have examined the table structure for the relationship, let's define it on the country model:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class Country extends Model
{
    /**
    * Get all of the posts for the country.
    */
    public function posts()
    {
        return $this->hasManyThrough('App\Post', 'App\User');
    }
}
```

The first argument passed to the hasManyThrough method is the name of the final model we wish to access, while the second argument is the name of the intermediate model.

Typical Eloquent foreign key conventions will be used when performing the relationship's queries. If you would like to customize the keys of the relationship, you may pass them as the third and fourth arguments to the hasManyThrough method. The third

argument is the name of the foreign key on the intermediate model, the fourth argument is the name of the foreign key on the final model, and the fifth argument is the local key:

Polymorphic Relations

Table Structure

Polymorphic relations allow a model to belong to more than one other model on a single association. For example, imagine users of your application can "like" both posts and comments. Using polymorphic relationships, you can use a single likes table for both of these scenarios. First, let's examine the table structure required to build this relationship:

```
posts
   id - integer
   title - string
   body - text

comments
   id - integer
   post_id - integer
   body - text

likes
   id - integer
   likeable_id - integer
   likeable_type - string
```

Two important columns to note are the likeable_id and likeable_type columns on the likes table. The likeable_id column will contain the ID value of the post or comment, while the likeable_type column will contain the class name of the owning model. The likeable_type column is how the ORM determines which "type" of owning model to return when accessing the likeable relation.

Model Structure

Next, let's examine the model definitions needed to build this relationship:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class Like extends Model
     ^{\star} Get all of the owning likeable models.
    public function likeable()
        return $this->morphTo();
    }
}
class Post extends Model
    * Get all of the post's likes.
*/
    public function likes()
        return $this->morphMany('App\Like', 'likeable');
    }
}
class Comment extends Model
     * Get all of the comment's likes.
    public function likes()
        return $this->morphMany('App\Like', 'likeable');
```

```
}
```

Retrieving Polymorphic Relations

Once your database table and models are defined, you may access the relationships via your models. For example, to access all of the likes for a post, we can simply use the likes dynamic property:

```
$post = App\Post::find(1);
foreach ($post->likes as $like) {
   //
}
```

You may also retrieve the owner of a polymorphic relation from the polymorphic model by accessing the name of the method that performs the call to morphto. In our case, that is the likeable method on the Like model. So, we will access that method as a dynamic property:

```
$like = App\Like::find(1);
$likeable = $like->likeable;
```

The likeable relation on the Like model will return either a Post or Comment instance, depending on which type of model owns the like.

Custom Polymorphic Types

By default, Laravel will use the fully qualified class name to store the type of the related model. For instance, given the example above where a Like may belong to a Post or a Comment, the default likable_type would be either App\Post or App\Comment, respectively. However, you may wish to decouple your database from your application's internal structure. In that case, you may define a relationship "morph map" to instruct Eloquent to use the table name associated with each model instead of the class name:

```
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Relations\Relation;
Relation::morphMap([
    App\Post::class,
    App\Comment::class,
]);
Or, you may specify a custom string to associate with each model:
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Relations\Relation;
Relation::morphMap([
    'posts' => App\Post::class,
    'comments' => App\Comment::class,
]);
```

You may register the morphmap in the boot function of your AppServiceProvider or create a separate service provider if you wish.

Many To Many Polymorphic Relations

Table Structure

In addition to traditional polymorphic relations, you may also define "many-to-many" polymorphic relations. For example, a blog Post and Video model could share a polymorphic relation to a Tag model. Using a many-to-many polymorphic relation allows you to have a single list of unique tags that are shared across blog posts and videos. First, let's examine the table structure:

```
posts
   id - integer
   name - string

videos
   id - integer
   name - string

tags
   id - integer
   name - string

taggables
   tag_id - integer
   taggable_id - integer
   taggable_type - string
```

Model Structure

Next, we're ready to define the relationships on the model. The Post and Video models will both have a tags method that calls the morphToMany method on the base Eloquent class:

```
<?php

namespace App;

use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;

class Post extends Model
{
    /**
    * Get all of the tags for the post.
    */
    public function tags()
    {
        return $this->morphToMany('App\Tag', 'taggable');
    }
}
```

Defining The Inverse Of The Relationship

Next, on the Tag model, you should define a method for each of its related models. So, for this example, we will define a posts method and a videos method:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class Tag extends Model
{
    /**
    * Get all of the posts that are assigned this tag.
    */
    public function posts()
    {
        return $this->morphedByMany('App\Post', 'taggable');
    }

    /**
    * Get all of the videos that are assigned this tag.
    */
    public function videos()
    {
        return $this->morphedByMany('App\Video', 'taggable');
    }
}
```

Retrieving The Relationship

Once your database table and models are defined, you may access the relationships via your models. For example, to access all of the tags for a post, you can simply use the tags dynamic property:

```
$post = App\Post::find(1);
foreach ($post->tags as $tag) {
   //
}
```

You may also retrieve the owner of a polymorphic relation from the polymorphic model by accessing the name of the method that performs the call to morphedByMany. In our case, that is the posts or videos methods on the Tag model. So, you will access those methods as dynamic properties:

```
$tag = App\Tag::find(1);
foreach ($tag->videos as $video) {
    //
}
```

Querying Relations

Since all types of Eloquent relationships are defined via functions, you may call those functions to obtain an instance of the relationship without actually executing the relationship queries. In addition, all types of Eloquent relationships also serve as <u>query builders</u>, allowing you to continue to chain constraints onto the relationship query before finally executing the SQL against your database.

For example, imagine a blog system in which a user model has many associated Post models:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class User extends Model
{
    /**
    * Get all of the posts for the user.
    */
    public function posts()
    {
        return $this->hasMany('App\Post');
    }
}
```

You may query the posts relationship and add additional constraints to the relationship like so:

```
$user = App\User::find(1);
$user->posts()->where('active', 1)->get();
```

Note that you are able to use any of the <u>query builder</u> methods on the relationship!

Relationship Methods Vs. Dynamic Properties

If you do not need to add additional constraints to an Eloquent relationship query, you may simply access the relationship as if it were a property. For example, continuing to use our User and Post example models, we may access all of a user's posts like so:

```
$user = App\User::find(1);
foreach ($user->posts as $post) {
   //
}
```

Dynamic properties are "lazy loading", meaning they will only load their relationship data when you actually access them. Because of this, developers often use eager loading to pre-load relationships they know will be accessed after loading the model. Eager loading provides a significant reduction in SQL queries that must be executed to load a model's relations.

Querying Relationship Existence

When accessing the records for a model, you may wish to limit your results based on the existence of a relationship. For example, imagine you want to retrieve all blog posts that have at least one comment. To do so, you may pass the name of the relationship to the has method:

```
// Retrieve all posts that have at least one comment...
$posts = App\Post::has('comments')->get();
```

You may also specify an operator and count to further customize the query:

```
// Retrieve all posts that have three or more comments...
$posts = Post::has('comments', '>=', 3)->get();
```

Nested has statements may also be constructed using "dot" notation. For example, you may retrieve all posts that have at least one comment and vote:

```
// Retrieve all posts that have at least one comment with votes... 
 posts = Post::has('comments.votes')->get();
```

If you need even more power, you may use the whereHas and orWhereHas methods to put "where" conditions on your has queries. These methods allow you to add customized constraints to a relationship constraint, such as checking the content of a comment:

Counting Relationship Results

If you want to count the number of results from a relationship without actually loading them you may use the withcount method, which will place a {relation}_count column on your resulting models. For example:

```
$posts = App\Post::withCount('comments')->get();
foreach ($posts as $post) {
    echo $post->comments_count;
}
```

You may retrieve the "counts" for multiple relations as well as add constraints to the queries:

Eager Loading

When accessing Eloquent relationships as properties, the relationship data is "lazy loaded". This means the relationship data is not actually loaded until you first access the property. However, Eloquent can "eager load" relationships at the time you query the parent model. Eager loading alleviates the N+1 query problem. To illustrate the N+1 query problem, consider a Book model that is related to Author:

```
<?php

namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;

class Book extends Model
{
    /**
    * Get the author that wrote the book.
    */
    public function author()
    {
        return $this->belongsTo('App\Author');
    }
}

Now, let's retrieve all books and their authors:

$books = App\Book::all();
foreach ($books as $book) {
    echo $book->author->name;
}
```

This loop will execute 1 query to retrieve all of the books on the table, then another query for each book to retrieve the author. So, if we have 25 books, this loop would run 26 queries: 1 for the original book, and 25 additional queries to retrieve the author of each book.

Thankfully, we can use eager loading to reduce this operation to just 2 queries. When querying, you may specify which relationships should be eager loaded using the with method:

```
$books = App\Book::with('author')->get();
foreach ($books as $book) {
    echo $book->author->name;
}
For this operation, only two queries will be executed:
select * from books
```

Eager Loading Multiple Relationships

Sometimes you may need to eager load several different relationships in a single operation. To do so, just pass additional arguments to the with method:

```
$books = App\Book::with('author', 'publisher')->get();
```

select * from authors where id in $(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \ldots)$

Nested Eager Loading

To eager load nested relationships, you may use "dot" syntax. For example, let's eager load all of the book's authors and all of the author's personal contacts in one Eloquent statement:

```
$books = App\Book::with('author.contacts')->get();
```

Constraining Eager Loads

Sometimes you may wish to eager load a relationship, but also specify additional query constraints for the eager loading query. Here's an example:

```
$users = App\User::with(['posts' => function ($query) {
    $query->where('title', 'like', '%first%');
}])->qet();
```

In this example, Eloquent will only eager load posts where the post's title column contains the word first. Of course, you may call other <u>query builder</u> methods to further customize the eager loading operation:

```
$users = App\User::with(['posts' => function ($query) {
    $query->orderBy('created_at', 'desc');
}])->get();
```

Lazy Eager Loading

Sometimes you may need to eager load a relationship after the parent model has already been retrieved. For example, this may be useful if you need to dynamically decide whether to load related models:

```
$books = App\Book::all();
if ($someCondition) {
     $books->load('author', 'publisher');
}
```

If you need to set additional query constraints on the eager loading query, you may pass a Closure to the load method:

```
$books->load(['author' => function ($query) {
     $query->orderBy('published_date', 'asc');
}]);
```

Inserting Related Models

The Save Method

Eloquent provides convenient methods for adding new models to relationships. For example, perhaps you need to insert a new Comment for a Post model. Instead of manually setting the post_id attribute on the Comment, you may insert the Comment directly from the relationship's save method:

```
$comment = new App\Comment(['message' => 'A new comment.']);
$post = App\Post::find(1);
$post->comments()->save($comment);
```

Notice that we did not access the comments relationship as a dynamic property. Instead, we called the comments method to obtain an instance of the relationship. The save method will automatically add the appropriate post_id value to the new Comment model.

If you need to save multiple related models, you may use the saveMany method:

```
$post = App\Post::find(1);

$post->comments()->saveMany([
    new App\Comment(['message' => 'A new comment.']),
    new App\Comment(['message' => 'Another comment.']),
]);
```

Save & Many To Many Relationships

When working with a many-to-many relationship, the save method accepts an array of additional intermediate table attributes as its second argument:

```
App\User::find(1)->roles()->save($role, ['expires' => $expires]);
```

The Create Method

In addition to the save and saveMany methods, you may also use the create method, which accepts an array of attributes, creates a model, and inserts it into the database. Again, the difference between save and create is that save accepts a full Eloquent model instance while create accepts a plain PHP array:

```
$post = App\Post::find(1);
$comment = $post->comments()->create([
    'message' => 'A new comment.',
]);
```

Before using the create method, be sure to review the documentation on attribute mass assignment.

Updating "Belongs To" Relationships

When updating a belongsTo relationship, you may use the associate method. This method will set the foreign key on the child model:

```
$account = App\Account::find(10);
$user->account()->associate($account);
$user->save();
```

When removing a belongs To relationship, you may use the dissociate method. This method will reset the foreign key as well as the relation on the child model:

```
$user->account()->dissociate();
$user->save();
```

Many To Many Relationships

Attaching / Detaching

When working with many-to-many relationships, Eloquent provides a few additional helper methods to make working with related models more convenient. For example, let's imagine a user can have many roles and a role can have many users. To attach a role to a user by inserting a record in the intermediate table that joins the models, use the attach method:

```
$user = App\User::find(1);
$user->roles()->attach($roleId);
```

When attaching a relationship to a model, you may also pass an array of additional data to be inserted into the intermediate table:

```
$user->roles()->attach($roleId, ['expires' => $expires]);
```

Of course, sometimes it may be necessary to remove a role from a user. To remove a many-to-many relationship record, use the detach method. The detach method will remove the appropriate record out of the intermediate table; however, both models will remain in the database:

```
// Detach a single role from the user...
$user->roles()->detach($roleId);

// Detach all roles from the user...
$user->roles()->detach();
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```

For convenience, attach and detach also accept arrays of IDs as input:

```
$user = App\User::find(1);
$user->roles()->detach([1, 2, 3]);
$user->roles()->attach([1 => ['expires' => $expires], 2, 3]);
```

Updating A Record On A Pivot Table

If you need to update an existing row in your pivot table, you may use updateExistingPivot method:

```
$user = App\User::find(1);
$user->roles()->updateExistingPivot($roleId, $attributes);
```

Syncing Associations

You may also use the sync method to construct many-to-many associations. The sync method accepts an array of IDs to place on the intermediate table. Any IDs that are not in the given array will be removed from the intermediate table. So, after this operation is complete, only the IDs in the array will exist in the intermediate table:

```
$user->roles()->sync([1, 2, 3]);
```

You may also pass additional intermediate table values with the IDs:

```
$user->roles()->sync([1 => ['expires' => true], 2, 3]);
```

If you do not want to detach existing IDs, you may use the syncWithoutDetaching method:

```
$user->roles()->syncWithoutDetaching([1, 2, 3]);
```

Touching Parent Timestamps

\$comment->save();

When a model belongs to or belongs to model, such as a comment which belongs to a Post, it is sometimes helpful to update the parent's timestamp when the child model is updated. For example, when a comment model is updated, you may want to automatically "touch" the updated_at timestamp of the owning Post. Eloquent makes it easy. Just add a touches property containing the names of the relationships to the child model:

```
<?php

namespace App;

use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;

class Comment extends Model
{
    /**
    * All of the relationships to be touched.
    *
    * @var array
    */
    protected $touches = ['post'];

    /**
    * Get the post that the comment belongs to.
    */
    public function post()
    {
        return $this->belongsTo('App\Post');
    }
}

Now, when you update a Comment, the owning Post will have its updated_at column updated as well:
$comment = App\Comment::find(1);
$comment->text = 'Edit to this comment!';
```

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Eloquent: Collections

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Introduction

All multi-result sets returned by Eloquent are instances of the <code>illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Collection</code> object, including results retrieved via the <code>get</code> method or accessed via a relationship. The Eloquent collection object extends the Laravel base collection, so it naturally inherits dozens of methods used to fluently work with the underlying array of Eloquent models.

Of course, all collections also serve as iterators, allowing you to loop over them as if they were simple PHP arrays:

```
$users = App\User::where('active', 1)->get();
foreach ($users as $user) {
    echo $user->name;
}
```

However, collections are much more powerful than arrays and expose a variety of map / reduce operations that may be chained using an intuitive interface. For example, let's remove all inactive models and gather the first name for each remaining user:

```
$users = App\User::where('active', 1)->get();
$names = $users->reject(function ($user) {
    return $user->active === false;
})
->map(function ($user) {
    return $user->name;
});
```

Note: While most Eloquent collection methods return a new instance of an Eloquent collection, the pluck, keys, zip, collapse, flatten and flip methods return a <u>base collection</u> instance. Likewise, if a map operation returns a collection that does not contain any Eloquent models, it will be automatically cast to a base collection.

Available Methods

The Base Collection

All Eloquent collections extend the base <u>Laravel collection</u> object; therefore, they inherit all of the powerful methods provided by the base collection class:

all average avg chunk collapse combine contains count diff diffKeys each every except filter first flatMap flatten flip forget forPage get groupBy has implode intersect isEmpty keyBy keys last map max median merge min mode only pipe pluck pop prepend pull push put random reduce reject reverse search shift shuffle slice sort sortBy sortByDesc splice sum take toArray toJson transform union unique values where whereLoose whereIn whereInLoose zip

Custom Collections

If you need to use a custom collection object with your own extension methods, you may override the newCollection method on your model:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use App\CustomCollection;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class User extends Model
{
    /**
    * Create a new Eloquent Collection instance.
    *
    * @param array $models
    * @return \Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Collection
    */
    public function newCollection(array $models = [])
    {
        return new CustomCollection($models);
    }
}</pre>
```

}

Once you have defined a newCollection method, you will receive an instance of your custom collection anytime Eloquent returns a Collection instance of that model. If you would like to use a custom collection for every model in your application, you should override the newCollection method on a base model class that is extended by all of your models.

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Eloquent: Mutators

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- Attribute Casting

Introduction

Accessors and mutators allow you to format Eloquent attributes when retrieving them from a model or setting their value. For example, you may want to use the <u>Laravel encrypter</u> to encrypt a value while it is stored in the database, and then automatically decrypt the attribute when you access it on an Eloquent model.

In addition to custom accessors and mutators, Eloquent can also automatically cast date fields to <u>Carbon</u> instances or even <u>cast</u> <u>text fields to JSON</u>.

Accessors & Mutators

Defining An Accessor

To define an accessor, create a <code>getFooAttribute</code> method on your model where <code>Foo</code> is the "studly" cased name of the column you wish to access. In this example, we'll define an accessor for the <code>first_name</code> attribute. The accessor will automatically be called by Eloquent when attempting to retrieve the value of <code>first_name</code>:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class User extends Model
{
    /**
    * Get the user's first name.
    *
    * @param string $value
    * @return string
    */
    public function getFirstNameAttribute($value)
    {
        return ucfirst($value);
    }
}</pre>
```

As you can see, the original value of the column is passed to the accessor, allowing you to manipulate and return the value. To access the value of the mutator, you may simply access the first_name attribute:

```
$user = App\User::find(1);
$firstName = $user->first_name;
```

Defining A Mutator

To define a mutator, define a setFooAttribute method on your model where Foo is the "studly" cased name of the column you wish to access. So, again, let's define a mutator for the first_name attribute. This mutator will be automatically called when we attempt to set the value of the first_name attribute on the model:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class User extends Model
{
    /**
    * Set the user's first name.
    *
    * @param string $value
    * @return string
    */
    public function setFirstNameAttribute($value)
    {
    /**
</pre>
```

```
$this->attributes['first_name'] = strtolower($value);
}
```

The mutator will receive the value that is being set on the attribute, allowing you to manipulate the value and set the manipulated value on the Eloquent model's internal <code>\$attributes</code> property. So, for example, if we attempt to set the <code>first_name</code> attribute to <code>sally</code>:

```
$user = App\User::find(1);
$user->first_name = 'Sally';
```

In this example, the setFirstNameAttribute function will be called with the value sally. The mutator will then apply the strtolower function to the name and set its value in the internal \$attributes array.

Date Mutators

By default, Eloquent will convert the created_at and updated_at columns to instances of <u>Carbon</u>, which provides an assortment of helpful methods, and extends the native PHP DateTime class.

You may customize which fields are automatically mutated, and even completely disable this mutation, by overriding the \$dates property of your model:

When a column is considered a date, you may set its value to a UNIX timestamp, date string (Y-m-d), date-time string, and of course a DateTime / Carbon instance, and the date's value will automatically be correctly stored in your database:

```
$user = App\User::find(1);
$user->deleted_at = Carbon::now();
$user->save();
```

As noted above, when retrieving attributes that are listed in your states property, they will automatically be cast to <u>Carbon</u> instances, allowing you to use any of Carbon's methods on your attributes:

```
$user = App\User::find(1);
return $user->deleted_at->getTimestamp();
```

By default, timestamps are formatted as 'Y-m-d H:i:s'. If you need to customize the timestamp format, set the \$dateFormat property on your model. This property determines how date attributes are stored in the database, as well as their format when the model is serialized to an array or JSON:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class Flight extends Model
{
    /**
    * The storage format of the model's date columns.
    *
    @var string
    */
    protected $dateFormat = 'U';
}</pre>
```

Attribute Casting

The \$casts property on your model provides a convenient method of converting attributes to common data types. The \$casts property should be an array where the key is the name of the attribute being cast, while the value is the type you wish to cast the

column to. The supported cast types are: integer, real, float, double, string, boolean, object, array, collection, date, datetime, and timestamp.

For example, let's cast the is_admin attribute, which is stored in our database as an integer (0 or 1) to a boolean value:

Now the is_admin attribute will always be cast to a boolean when you access it, even if the underlying value is stored in the database as an integer:

Array Casting

The array cast type is particularly useful when working with columns that are stored as serialized JSON. For example, if your database has a TEXT field type that contains serialized JSON, adding the array cast to that attribute will automatically deserialize the attribute to a PHP array when you access it on your Eloquent model:

Once the cast is defined, you may access the options attribute and it will automatically be deserialized from JSON into a PHP array. When you set the value of the options attribute, the given array will automatically be serialized back into JSON for storage:

```
$user = App\User::find(1);
$options = $user->options;
$options['key'] = 'value';
$user->options = $options;
$user->save();
```

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Eloquent: Serialization

- Introduction
- Basic Usage
- Hiding Attributes From JSON
- Appending Values To JSON

Introduction

When building JSON APIs, you will often need to convert your models and relationships to arrays or JSON. Eloquent includes convenient methods for making these conversions, as well as controlling which attributes are included in your serializations.

Basic Usage

Converting A Model To An Array

To convert a model and its loaded <u>relationships</u> to an array, you may use the toArray method. This method is recursive, so all attributes and all relations (including the relations of relations) will be converted to arrays:

```
$user = App\User::with('roles')->first();
return $user->toArray();
You may also convert collections to arrays:
$users = App\User::all();
return $users->toArray();
```

Converting A Model To JSON

To convert a model to JSON, you may use the toJson method. Like toArray, the toJson method is recursive, so all attributes and relations will be converted to JSON:

```
$user = App\User::find(1);
return $user->toJson();
```

Alternatively, you may cast a model or collection to a string, which will automatically call the toJson method:

```
$user = App\User::find(1);
return (string) $user;
```

Since models and collections are converted to JSON when cast to a string, you can return Eloquent objects directly from your application's routes or controllers:

```
Route::get('users', function () {
    return App\User::all();
}):
```

Hiding Attributes From JSON

Sometimes you may wish to limit the attributes, such as passwords, that are included in your model's array or JSON representation. To do so, add a \$hidden property definition to your model:

Note: When hiding relationships, use the relationship's method name, not its dynamic property name.

Alternatively, you may use the visible property to define a white-list of attributes that should be included in your model's array and JSON representation:

Temporarily Modifying Property Visibility

If you would like to make some typically hidden attributes visible on a given model instance, you may use the makeVisible method. The makeVisible method returns the model instance for convenient method chaining:

```
return $user->makeVisible('attribute')->toArray();
```

Likewise, if you would like to make some typically visible attributes hidden on a given model instance, you may use the makeHidden method.

```
return $user->makeHidden('attribute')->toArray();
```

Appending Values To JSON

Occasionally, you may need to add array attributes that do not have a corresponding column in your database. To do so, first define an <u>accessor</u> for the value:

```
<?php
namespace App;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
class User extends Model
{
    /**
    * Get the administrator flag for the user.
    *
    * @return bool
    */
    public function getIsAdminAttribute()
    {
        return $this->attributes['admin'] == 'yes';
    }
}
```

Once you have created the accessor, add the attribute name to the appends property on the model:

Once the attribute has been added to the appends list, it will be included in both the model's array and JSON forms. Attributes in the appends array will also respect the visible and hidden settings configured on the model.