RS-Express Bus Booking System - Installation Guide

System Requirements

Minimum Requirements

- PHP 8.1 or higher
- MySQL 5.7 or higher
- Node.js 16.0 or higher
- npm 8.0 or higher
- Web server (Apache or Nginx)
- Composer 2.0 or higher

Recommended Server Specifications

- CPU: 2+ cores
- RAM: 4GB or higher
- Storage: 20GB or higher
- Operating System: Ubuntu 20.04 LTS or Windows Server 2019

Installation Steps

Backend Installation (Laravel)

1. Clone the Repository

```
git clone https://github.com/your-organization/rs-express.git
cd rs-express/Back-end(working)
```

2. Install PHP Dependencies

```
composer install --no-dev --optimize-autoloader
```

3. Environment Configuration

```
cp .env.example .env
```

Edit the .env file with appropriate values:

```
APP_NAME="RS-Express"
APP_ENV=production
APP_KEY=
APP_DEBUG=false
APP_URL=https://your-domain.com
DB_CONNECTION=mysql
DB_HOST=127.0.0.1
DB_PORT=3306
DB DATABASE=rs express
DB_USERNAME=your_db_username
DB_PASSWORD=your_db_password
MAIL_MAILER=smtp
MAIL_HOST=smtp.mailtrap.io
MAIL_PORT=2525
MAIL_USERNAME=your_mail_username
MAIL_PASSWORD=your_mail_password
MAIL_ENCRYPTION=tls
MAIL_FROM_ADDRESS=noreply@your-domain.com
MAIL_FROM_NAME="${APP_NAME}"
SESSION DOMAIN=your-domain.com
SANCTUM STATEFUL DOMAINS=your-domain.com
```

4. Generate Application Key

```
php artisan key:generate
```

5. Create Database

Log in to MySQL and create a database:

```
CREATE DATABASE rs_express CHARACTER SET utf8mb4 COLLATE utf8mb4_unicode_ci;
GRANT ALL ON rs_express.* TO 'your_db_username'@'localhost' IDENTIFIED BY
'your_db_password';
FLUSH PRIVILEGES;
```

6. Run Database Migrations and Seed Data

php artisan migrate --seed

7. Link Storage

php artisan storage:link

8. Set Directory Permissions

```
chmod -R 775 storage bootstrap/cache
chown -R www-data:www-data storage bootstrap/cache
```

9. Cache Configuration (for production)

```
php artisan config:cache
php artisan route:cache
php artisan view:cache
```

Frontend Installation (React)

1. Navigate to Frontend Directory

```
cd ../bus(working)
```

2. Install JavaScript Dependencies

npm install

3. Create Production Build

npm run build

Web Server Configuration

Apache Configuration

Create a new virtual host configuration:

```
<VirtualHost *:80>
    ServerName your-domain.com
    ServerAlias www.your-domain.com
    DocumentRoot /path/to/rs-express/Back-end(working)/public

<Directory /path/to/rs-express/Back-end(working)/public>
    Options -Indexes +FollowSymLinks
    AllowOverride All
    Require all granted
    </Directory>

ErrorLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/rs-express-error.log
    CustomLog ${APACHE_LOG_DIR}/rs-express-access.log combined
    </VirtualHost>
```

Enable the virtual host and restart Apache:

```
a2ensite rs-express.conf
systemctl restart apache2
```

Nginx Configuration

Create a new server block:

```
server {
   listen 80;
   server_name your-domain.com www.your-domain.com;
   root /path/to/rs-express/Back-end(working)/public;
   add header X-Frame-Options "SAMEORIGIN";
   add_header X-Content-Type-Options "nosniff";
   index index.php;
   charset utf-8;
   location / {
       try_files $uri $uri/ /index.php?$query_string;
   }
   location = /favicon.ico { access_log off; log_not_found off; }
   location = /robots.txt { access_log off; log_not_found off; }
   error_page 404 /index.php;
   location ~ \.php$ {
       fastcgi_pass unix:/var/run/php/php8.1-fpm.sock;
       fastcgi_param SCRIPT_FILENAME $realpath_root$fastcgi_script_name;
        include fastcgi_params;
   }
   location ~ /\.(?!well-known).* {
        deny all;
   }
}
```

Test and restart Nginx:

```
nginx -t
systemctl restart nginx
```

Frontend Deployment

Option 1: Serve from the same domain (subfolder)

Copy the built frontend files to a subfolder in the Laravel public directory:

```
cp -r bus(working)/build/* Back-end(working)/public/app/
```

Access the frontend at https://your-domain.com/app

Option 2: Serve from a subdomain

Create a new Nginx server block for the frontend:

```
server {
    listen 80;
    server_name app.your-domain.com;
    root /path/to/rs-express/bus(working)/build;

    index index.html;

    location / {
        try_files $uri $uri/ /index.html;
    }

    location ~* \.(js|css|png|jpg|jpeg|gif|ico|svg)$ {
        expires max;
        log_not_found off;
    }
}
```

SSL Configuration (Recommended)

Using Certbot (Let's Encrypt)

For Apache:

```
apt-get update
apt-get install certbot python3-certbot-apache
certbot --apache -d your-domain.com -d www.your-domain.com
```

For Nginx:

```
apt-get update
apt-get install certbot python3-certbot-nginx
certbot --nginx -d your-domain.com -d www.your-domain.com
```

Post-Installation Steps

Create Admin User

If the default admin wasn't created during seeding, you can create one:

```
cd Back-end(working)
php artisan tinker
```

Inside tinker:

```
$user = new App\Models\User();
$user->name = "Admin User";
$user->email = "admin@example.com";
$user->password = Hash::make("secure_password");
$user->role = "admin";
$user->save();
exit
```

Verify Installation

- 1. Access the backend API at: https://your-domain.com/api
- 2. Access the frontend at: https://your-domain.com (or the configured subdomain)
- 3. Log in with the admin user created above

Troubleshooting

Common Issues

1. 500 Internal Server Error

- Check Laravel logs at storage/logs/laravel.log
- Ensure proper permissions on storage and bootstrap/cache directories
- Verify .env configuration

2. Database Connection Error

- Verify database credentials in .env
- Check if MySQL service is running

3. API Requests Failing from Frontend

- Verify CORS settings in config/cors.php
- Ensure API URL is correctly set in frontend environment

4. File Upload Issues

- Check PHP upload_max_filesize and post_max_size in php.ini
- Verify storage symlink is created

5. Application Key Error

• Ensure APP_KEY is set in .env by running php artisan key:generate

Maintenance

Regular Maintenance Tasks

1. Update dependencies:

```
composer update
npm update
```

2. Clear cache after updates:

```
php artisan cache:clear
php artisan config:clear
php artisan view:clear
```

3. Database backups:

```
mysqldump -u username -p rs_express > backup_$(date +%Y%m%d).sql
```

Automatic Backups (Optional)

Set up a cron job for regular backups:

```
0 2 * * * mysqldump -u username -p'password' rs_express >
/path/to/backups/backup_$(date +\%Y\%m\%d).sql
```

Log Rotation

Ensure Laravel logs are properly rotated by configuring config/logging.php or using the system's logrotate.

Updating the Application

Backend Updates

```
cd Back-end(working)
git pull origin main
composer install --no-dev --optimize-autoloader
php artisan migrate
php artisan config:cache
php artisan route:cache
php artisan view:cache
```

Frontend Updates

```
cd bus(working)
git pull origin main
npm install
npm run build
# Copy the build files to their deployment location
```

Security Recommendations

- 1. Enable HTTPS for all traffic
- 2. Set secure permissions on server files
- 3. Keep all dependencies updated
- 4. Use strong passwords for database and admin accounts
- 5. Configure a firewall to limit access to server ports
- 6. Enable rate limiting for API endpoints (already configured in Laravel)
- 7. Regularly back up your database
- 8. Monitor server logs for suspicious activity