



# LARAVEL 8 - API REST

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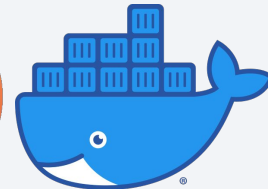
**what are we going to code...**



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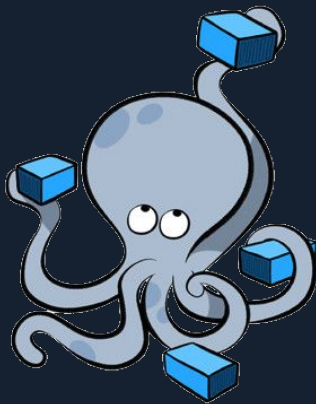
## During today's session

Today we are going to code and **API** for you a **properties** platform that contains information related to **Users, Properties and Favourites**.



PHPUnit

**All the services we need, tied together**  
**docker-compose & docker-build**

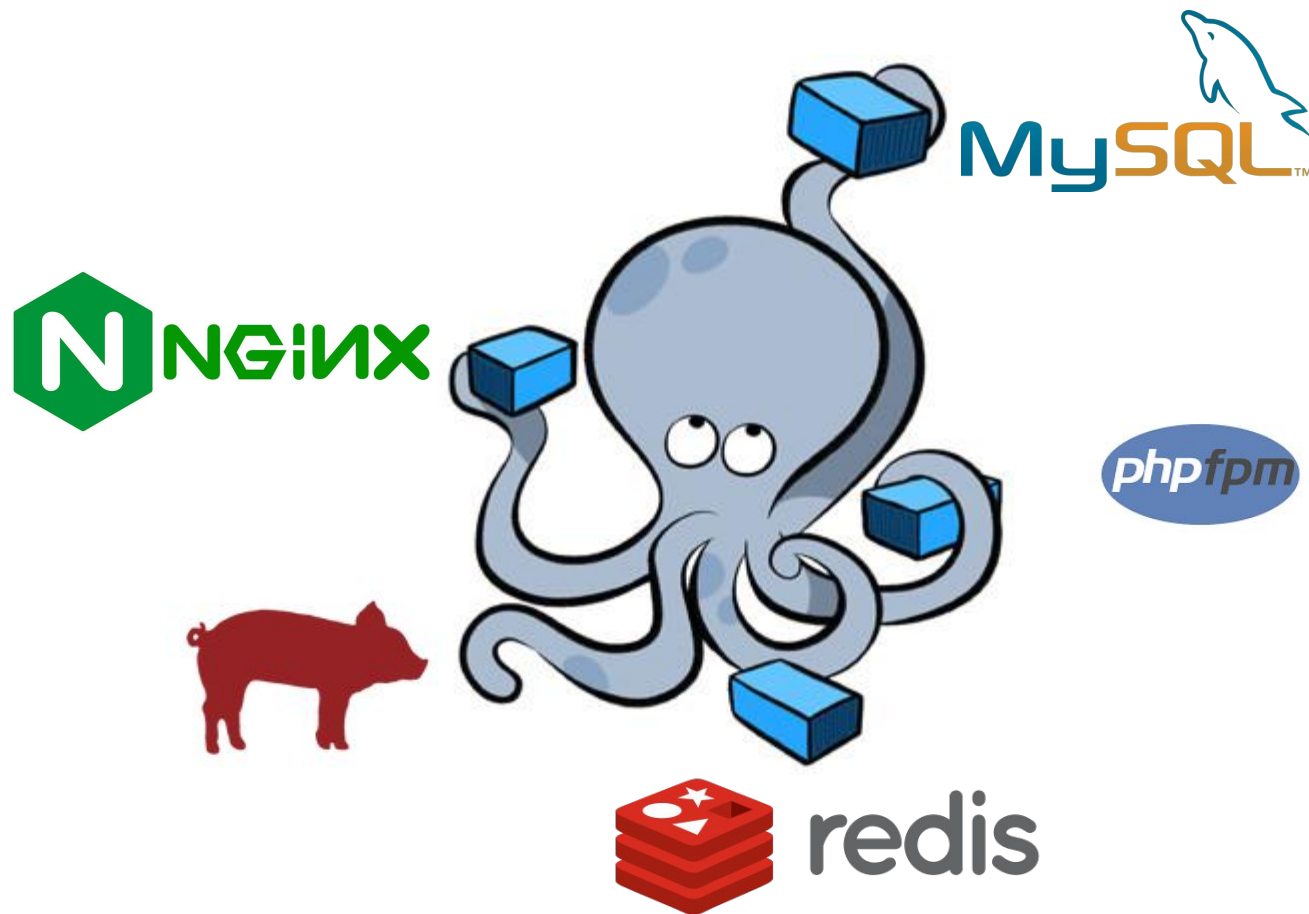


## Docker-compose

“Tool for defining and running multi-container Docker applications. With Compose, you use a YAML file to configure your application’s services. Then with a single command, you create and start all the services from your configuration.”



<https://docs.docker.com/compose/install/>





```
// File that describes our Multi-Tier App
version: "3.7"
services:
  app:
    image: jperjim398/assemblerlaravel8:1.0
    ...
  mysql:
    image: mysql:5.7.33
    ...
  nginx:
    image: nginx:1.19.8-alpine
    ...
  redis:
    image: redis:6.2.1-buster
    ...
  mailhog:
    image: mailhog/mailhog:v1.0.1
    ...
  ...
```

## **docker-compose.yml**

File that describes all the services that compound our multi-tier application.

<https://docs.docker.com/compose/compose-file/compose-file-v3/>

## Docker-compose commands

Some basic commands for

***docker-compose --help***

***docker-compose command --help***

*// Create / start / build all the services*

`docker-compose up`

*// Start all the services*

`docker-compose start`

*// Remove all the services*

`docker-compose down`

*// Remove all the services (volumes included)*

`docker-compose down -v`

*// Stop all the services (volumes included)*

`docker-compose stop`

*//List all the containers related to the services*

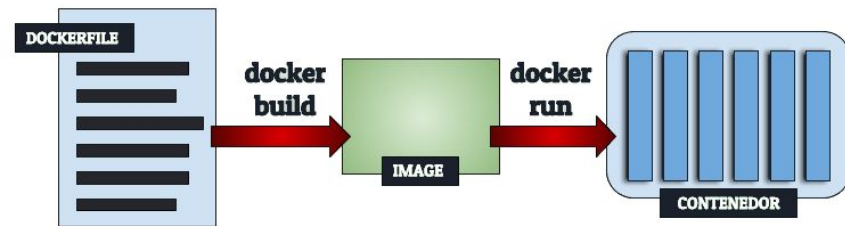
`docker-compose ps`

*//Execute command in a Service*

`docker-compose exec [-T] service_name command`

## Docker Builder

“Docker can build images....by reading instructions from a Dockerfile....that contains all the commands”a user could call on the command line to assemble an image...”



<https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/builder/>

```
// Dockerfile
```

```
FROM php:8.0.3-fpm-buster
```

```
RUN docker-php-ext-install bcmath pdo_mysql
```

```
RUN apt-get update
```

```
RUN apt-get install -y git zip unzip iputils-ping nano
```

```
RUN pecl install xdebug
```

```
COPY --from=composer:latest /usr/bin/composer
```

```
/usr/bin/composer
```

```
EXPOSE 9000
```

## My Own PHP-FPM image

We can build our own Docker images in a declarative way using Dockerfiles.

These built images can be pushed to our DockerHub account using ***docker push***.

<https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/builder/>



**PHP Framework**

**What's Laravel?**

## What's Laravel?

“...is a **PHP Web Application Framework**...provides a structure and starting point for creating your application... providing powerful features such as thorough dependency injection, an expressive database abstraction layers, queues and scheduled jobs, unit a integration testing, and more...”



<https://laravel.com/>

## Some concepts...

### composer

Dependency Manager for PHP.

<https://getcomposer.org/>

### migrations

“Migrations are like version control for your database, allowing your team to define and share the application’ database”

<https://laravel.com/docs/8.x/>



## What is Laravel?

### artisan

“CLI included with Laravel...provides a number of helpful commands that can assist you while building your application...”

<https://laravel.com/docs/8.x/artisan>

Let's start...

# Setting Up the Environment



## **Setting Up the Environment**

1. Clone Laravel 8.X repo.
2. Create volumes folders.
3. Create Nginx configuration file.
4. Give the right permissions to folders.
5. Run the docker-compose.yml

## 1. Clone Laravel Repo

We are going with the 8.X version...

<https://github.com/laravel/laravel>

```
>git clone --branch 8.x https://github.com/laravel/laravel.git src
```

## **2. Create volumes folder**

**For all the services whose data we want to persist.**

- > MySQL data folder**
- > Nginx data folder**
- > Redis data folder**

### 3. Create Nginx configuration file

We need the Nginx container to connect with the PHP-FPM container to process requests to PHP files.

- **Port**
- **Default files**
- **Logs**
- **Root folder**
- **PHP-FPM configuration**

## 4. Give the right permissions to

Not needed for every OS (Linux for sure).

```
>[sudo] chown -R $USER:www-data bootstrap/cache
```

```
>[sudo] chown -R $USER:www-data storage
```

## 5. Run the docker-compose file

Everything running at last....

```
>docker-compose up [-d]
```



**Everything I need**

# **Laravel set up & Migrations**

## **Laravel Set Up**

1. Install dependencies with composer.
2. Create my project's .env file.
3. Generate encryption key.
4. Clear cache.
5. Execute initial migrations.
6. Install and configure additional packages.



## 1. Installing dependencies with composer

composer is a PHP dependency manager

<https://getcomposer.org/>

```
>docker-compose exec -T app composer install
```

## 2. Create my Project's .env file

This file contains configuration info for database, encryption, mail, log etc...

```
>docker-compose exec -T app cp .env.example .env
```

## **.env DATABASE CONFIGURATION**

This configuration should match container's configuration expressed in the docker-compose.yml file

*//.env file → Database configuration section*

```
DB_CONNECTION=mysql
DB_HOST=mysql
DB_PORT=3306
DB_DATABASE=laravel8
DB_USERNAME=laravel8
DB_PASSWORD=123456
```

### 3. Generate Encryption Key

Generated key keeps app's data safe.

```
>docker-compose exec -T app php artisan key:generate
```

```
// .env file → APP configuration section
```

```
APP_NAME=Laravel
```

```
APP_ENV=local
```

```
APP_KEY=base64:XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
```

```
APP_DEBUG=true
```

```
APP_URL=http://localhost
```

## Laravel encryption Key

Docker cli docs can be found here:

<https://docs.docker.com/engine/reference/commandline/cli/>



### Documentation

Laravel has wonderful, thorough documentation covering every aspect of the framework. Whether you are new to the framework or have previous experience with Laravel, we recommend reading all of the documentation from beginning to end.



### Laracasts

Laracasts offers thousands of video tutorials on Laravel, PHP, and JavaScript development. Check them out, see for yourself, and massively level up your development skills in the process.



### Laravel News

Laravel News is a community driven portal and newsletter aggregating all of the latest and most important news in the Laravel ecosystem, including new package releases and tutorials.



### Vibrant Ecosystem

Laravel's robust library of first-party tools and libraries, such as [Forge](#), [Vapor](#), [Nova](#), and [Envoyer](#) help you take your projects to the next level. Pair them with powerful open source libraries like [Cashier](#), [Dusk](#), [Echo](#), [Horizon](#), [Sanctum](#), [Telescope](#), and more.



[Shop](#)



[Sponsor](#)

Laravel v8.83.5 (PHP v8.0.3)

<https://127.0.0.1:8100>

## 4. Clear cache

Once we have modified our .env file it's a good idea to clear our configuration cache

```
>docker-compose exec -T app php artisan config:clear
```

## 5. Execute initial database migrations (empty for now)-

“Migrations are like version control for your database, allowing your team to define and share the application’ database”

<https://laravel.com/docs/8.x/migrations>

```
>docker-compose exec -T app php artisan migrate
```



#### migrations

123 **id**  
ABC migration  
123 batch

#### password\_resets

ABC email  
ABC token  
🕒 created\_at

#### personal\_access\_tokens

123 **id**  
ABC tokenable\_type  
123 tokenable\_id  
ABC name  
ABC token  
ABC abilities  
🕒 last\_used\_at  
🕒 created\_at  
🕒 updated\_at

#### users

123 **id**  
ABC name  
ABC email  
🕒 email\_verified\_at  
ABC password  
ABC remember\_token  
🕒 created\_at  
🕒 updated\_at

#### failed\_jobs

123 **id**  
ABC uuid  
ABC connection  
ABC queue  
ABC payload  
ABC exception  
🕒 failed\_at

## 6. Install and configure additional dependencies

Authenticate with OAuth Providers (socialite)

Featherweight authentication system for SPA (sanctum)

Caching solution (redis)

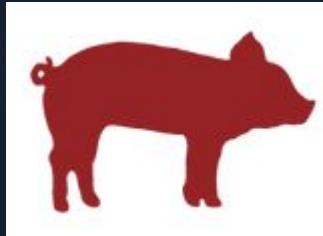
```
>docker-compose exec -T app composer require laravel/socialite
```

```
>docker-compose exec -T app composer require laravel/sanctum
```

```
>docker-compose exec -T app composer require predis/predis
```

**more configurations..**

## **Redis and MailHog configurations**



redis

## **Redis and MailHog configuration**

1. Modify Laravel's .env file.
2. Test Redis caching system adding testing routes.
3. Create email and template.
4. Test email send.
5. Execute initial migrations.
6. Install additional packages.

## **.env CONFIGURATION**

We need to add/modify new configuration entries in the .env file

```
//.env configuration for Redis
```

```
CACHE_DRIVER=redis
```

```
...
```

```
REDIS_HOST=redis
```

```
...
```

```
REDIS_CLIENT=predis
```

```
//.env configuration for MailHog
```

```
MAIL_FROM_ADDRESS=someuser@gmail.com
```

```
// Add Redis testing routes to Laravel web routes  
use Illuminate\Support\Facades\Redis;
```

```
Route::get('/store', function() {  
  
    Redis::set('foo', 'bar');  
  
});
```

```
Route::get('/retrieve', function() {  
  
    return Redis::get('foo');  
  
});
```

## Test Redis Caching System

Modify the src/routes/web.php file. This file contains all the routes related to our Laravel APP.

- /store to store some data using Redis
- /retrieve to get the previously stored data

Make sure to clear cache before restarting the multi-layer application.

## Create email & template

1. Create the new Laravel Mail.
2. Set email template.
3. Create the template.
4. Create a new route to test email sending in Laravel.

Make sure to clear cache before restarting the multi-layer application.

```
// Create a new laravel mail (create  
app/Mail/TestMail.php  
docker-compose exec -T app artisan make:mail TestMail
```

```
// Set email template in TestMail.php  
public function build() {  
    return $this->view('email.test');  
}
```

```
// The template must be  
// resources/views/email/test.blade.php
```

```
//New Route inside routes/web.php  
use App\Mail\TestMail;  
use Illuminate\Support\Facades\Mail;  
Route::get('/send-email', function() {  
    Mail::to('pekechis@gmail.com')->send(new  
TestMail);  
});
```



🔍 Search

🔌 Connected

Inbox (1)

🗑️ Delete all messages

## Jim

Jim is a chaos monkey.  
[Find out more at GitHub.](#)

Enable Jim



Laravel  
pekechis@gmail.com

**Test Mail**





**Our API auth System**

**Laravel AUTH with Sanctum**

## Using Sanctum

1. Add Sanctum provider.
2. Register Sanctum Middleware for API.
3. Add Sanctum's HasApiToken into the User Model.

## 1. Add Sanctum Provider

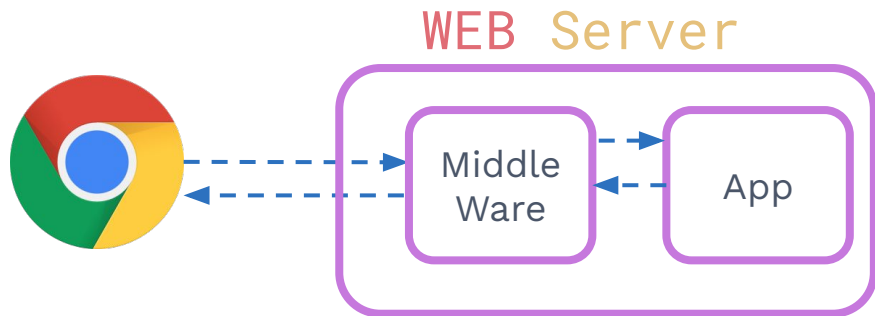
A Service Provider in Laravel simplifies the creation and configuration of some objects.

<https://laravel.com/docs/8.x/providers>

```
>docker-compose exec -T app php artisan vendor:publish  
--provider="Laravel\Sanctum\SanctumServiceProvider"
```

## 2. Register Sanctum Middleware

A Middleware is an HTTP filter, transparent for the user, that usually is used for authentication purposes.



```
// Sanctum Middleware into the api array inside the  
app/Http/Kernel.php  
'api' => [  
    \Laravel\Sanctum\Http\Middleware\EnsureFrontendRequestsAreStateful::class,  
    'throttle:api',  
    \Illuminate\Routing\Middleware\SubstituteBindings::class,  
],
```

```
// Sanctum

use Laravel\Sanctum\HasApiTokens;

class User extends Authenticable {
    use HasApiTokens, HasFactory, Notifiable;

    protected $fillable = [
        'name',
        'email',
        'password',
    ];

    protected $hidden = [
        'password',
        'remember_token',
    ];

    protected $casts = [
        'email_verified_at' => 'datetime',
    ];
}
```

### 3. Add Sanctum's API TOKEN

Check that the User Model has everything needed to use Sanctum.

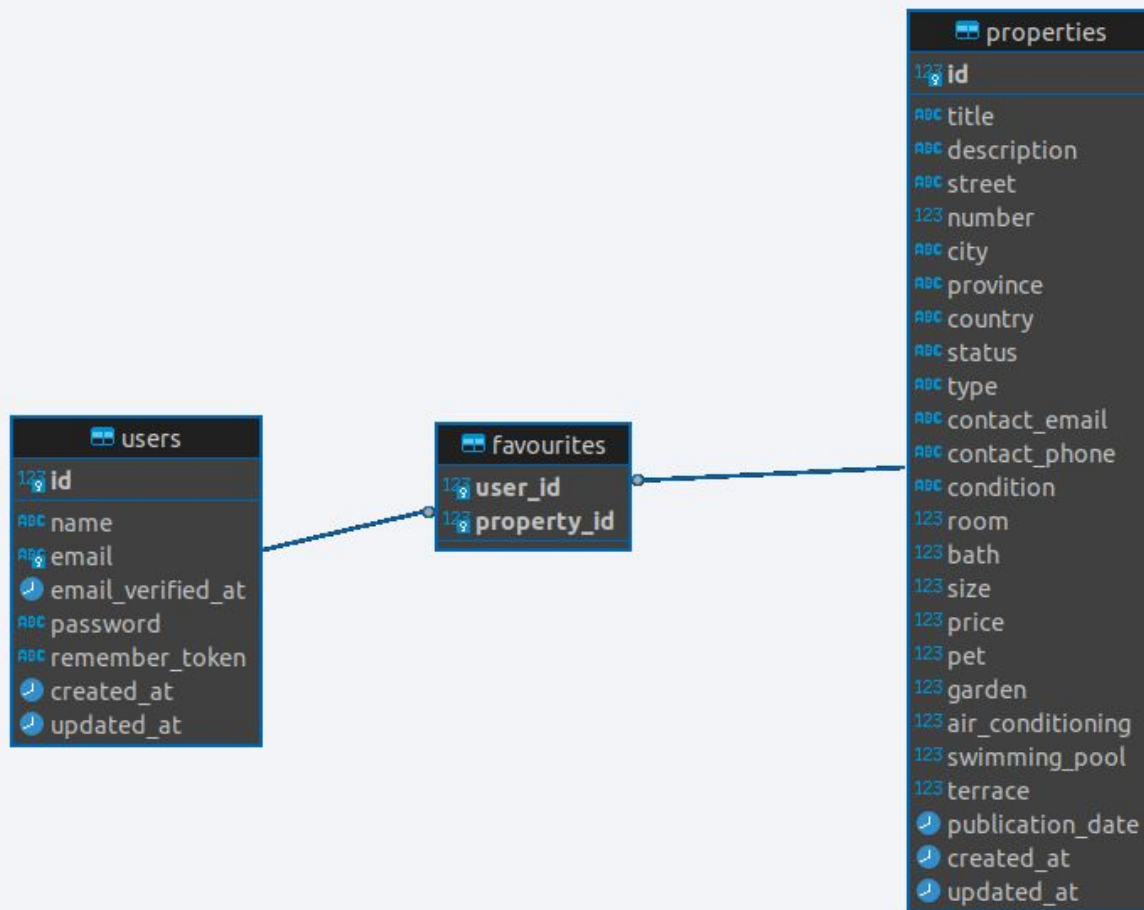


**Now, our project at last**

**Laravel Models, Controllers and API**

## **Models and Controllers**

1. Create Migration and Model.
2. Fill Migration and Model.
3. Create API Resources.
4. Create Controllers.
5. Create Rest API Routes.
6. Serve the App!!!!





# 1. Create Migration and Model

We need a migration for each one of the related tables on the DB.

We need a Model (ORM) for interacting with that table.

<https://laravel.com/docs/8.x/eloquent>

<https://laravel.com/docs/8.x/migrations>

```
>docker-compose exec -T app php artisan make:model  
Property --migration
```

```
//Creates a file inside /src/app/database/migrations
```

```
//Create a file inside /src/app/Model/
```

## 2.Fill Migration and Model

Migrations have two methods:

- `up()` ---> Create/Update the table in the database.
- `down()` ---> Reverse all changes done in `up()`.

And run migrations once the migration file is created.

```
//Table creation
public function up() {
    Schema::create('properties', function (Blueprint
$table) {
        $table->id();
        $table->string('title');
        $table->text('description');
        $table->text('street');

        ....
    });
}

//Reverse the change (table drop)
public function down() {
    Schema::dropIfExists('properties');
}
```

```
namespace App\Models;

use
Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Factories\HasFactory;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;

class Property extends Model
{
    use HasFactory;
    protected $fillable = [
        'title',
        'street',
        ...
    ];
    public function users() {
        //Relationships
    }
}
```

## 2. Fill Migration and Model

We need to create a class (Model) and tell Laravel which fields from the database are going to be retrieved.

It's important to establish the relationships.....

## 2. Fill Migration and Model

“Migrations are like version control for your datase”...

Using ***php artisan migrate*** we can control this versioning operations.

On the right we have the most common operations.

You should read:

<https://laravel.com/docs/8.x/migrations>

```
//RUN NEW migrations
```

```
docker-compose exec -T app php artisan migrate
```

```
//CHECK migrations status (something new?)
```

```
docker-compose exec -T app php artisan migrate:status
```

```
//UNDO LAST migration
```

```
docker-compose exec -T app php artisan migrate:rollback
```

```
//UNDO LAST N migrations
```

```
docker-compose exec -T app php artisan migrate:rollback
```

```
--step=N
```

```
//UNDO ALL Migrations
```

```
docker-compose exec -T app php artisan migrate:reset
```

```
//UNDO ALL and APPLY ALL
```

```
docker-compose exec -T app php artisan migrate:refresh
```

```
[--seed]
```

```
//Create the resource
docker-compose exec -T app php artisan make:resource
PropertyResource / UserResource
```

```
//Resource file /src/app/Http/Resources/
class Property extends JsonResource {

    public function toArray($request)
    {
        return [
            'id' => $this->id,
            'title' => $this->title,
            'street' => $this->street,
            'number' => $this->number,
            ...
        ];
    }
}
```

### 3. Create API Resources

“Resource classes allows to transform Models to JSON.

You may use toJson() methods but using resources allows more control and granularity.

i.e. : Depending on the use, including relationships....

<https://laravel.com/docs/8.x/eloquent-resources>

## 4. Create Controllers

- **BaseController:** With `sendResponse()` / `sendError()` generic operations.
- **AuthController:** Registration and SignIn.
- **Properties Controller:** CRUD operations for Property objects.

>File `/src/app/Http/Controllers/API/BaseController.php`

>File `/src/app/Http/Controllers/API/AuthController.php`

>File `/src/app/Http/Controllers/API/PropertyController.php`

It's also possible to use artisan.

It's also possible to use Resource Controllers

<https://laravel.com/docs/8.x/controllers#resource-controllers>

```
Route::post('login', [AuthController::class,
'signin']);

Route::post('register', [AuthController::class,
'signup']);

Route::get('properties',[PropertyController::class,'index']);

Route::get('properties/{id}',[PropertyController::class,'show']);

Route::middleware('auth:sanctum')->group(function() {

Route::post('properties',[PropertyController::class,'store']);

Route::delete('properties/{id}',[PropertyController::class,'destroy']);

Route::put('properties/{id}/users/{userid}',[PropertyController::class,'addUser']);

...})
```

## 5. Create API Routes

API Routes are created inside the reoutes/api.php file and depending if they are PUBLIC or NOT should be guarded with SANCTUM Middleware.

Routes **MAP http requests to Controllers' functions.**

# Let's work and Test our API

## Using PostMan





## **How to use our API with POSTMAN**

1. POSTMAN UI.
2. Creating POSTMAN Collections.
3. Creating and running HTTP Requests.
4. Collection's vars.
5. Pre-Request Scripts and Postman Tests.
6. Running POSTMAN Collections from CLI (newman)

# PostMan UI

The screenshot displays the Postman application interface, divided into four main sections highlighted by red boxes:

- Collections:** Located on the left sidebar, it shows a list of collections including 'COMMERCE\_TOOLS' (7 requests) and 'Commercetools' (100 requests). The 'Commercetools' collection is expanded, showing sub-collections like 'Project', 'Categories', 'Carts', 'Update actions', and several API endpoints with their methods (e.g., POST Replicate cart, GET Get Cart by customerid).
- Requests:** The top right panel shows the selected request, 'GET NON EXISTENT PROPERTY DATA'. The URL is 'GET {{SERVER}}/properties/1000'. The 'Params' tab is active, showing a table with columns 'KEY', 'VALUE', and 'DESCRIPTION'. The 'Body' tab is also visible, showing the response status '404 Not Found' and time '1217 ms'.
- Results:** The bottom right panel displays the response body in JSON format:
 

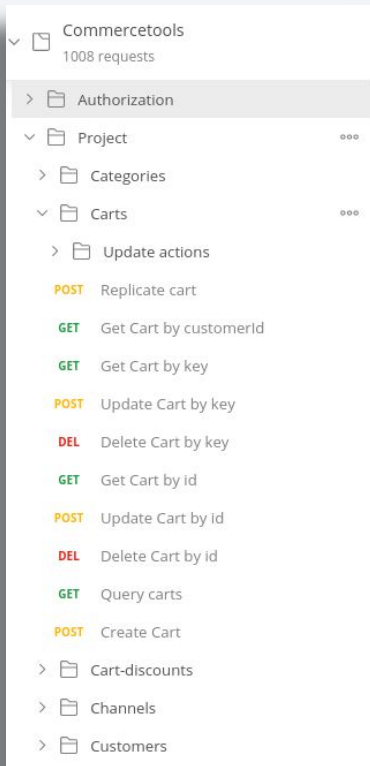
```

      1 {
      2   "success": false,
      3   "message": "Property does not exist."
      4 }
      
```
- Console:** The bottom left panel shows the command line output for the selected request:
 

```

      > GET http://127.0.0.1:8100/api/properties/1000
      
```

# Creating PostMan Collections



A **POSTMAN COLLECTION** are organized HTTP Requests that can be:

- **Executed** using Postman's collections **Runner**.
- **Exported** to be shared with others.
- **Documented** automatically.



# Creating HTTP Requests

Name

Action Buttons

HTTP  
Verb

▶ GET NON EXISTENT PROPERTY DATA

Examples 0 ▾ BUILD  

GET ▾ `{{SERVER}}/properties/1000` URL 

Send ▾ Save ▾

Params Authorization Headers (6) Body Pre-request Script Tests ● Settings Cookies Code

Query Params

KEY	VALUE	DESCRIPTION	...	Bulk Edit
Key	Value	Description		

Request Info

# Collection's Vars

**Collection's VARS** allows the user to store and reuse values inside a collection.

- Can be defined inside Collection's properties.
- Are accessed within the collection `{{VAR_NAME}}`
- Can be set inside Pre-Requests and Tests  
`pm.collectionVariables.set("VAR_NAME", data);`
- Can be retrieved inside Pre-Requests and Test  
`pm.collectionVariables.get("VAR_NAME");`

EDIT COLLECTION

Name

ASSEMBLER Laravel API

Description

Authorization

Pre-request Scripts

Tests

Variables

These variables are specific to this collection and its requests. [Learn more about collection variables.](#)

VARIABLE	INITIAL VALUE	CURRENT VALUE	***	Persist All	Reset All
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SERVER	http://127.0.0.1:8100/api	http://127.0.0.1:8100/api			
<input type="checkbox"/> Add a new variable					

Use variables to reuse values in different places. Work with the current value of a variable to prevent sharing sensitive values with your team. [Learn more about variable values](#)

Cancel

Update

# Running Collections from Command Line

1. Installing Newman
2. Running exported Collection (json file)

# 1. Installing Newman

**Newman** is a command line collection runner for Postman.

<https://www.npmjs.com/package/newman>

- **Requires:** NPM(Node package manager) must be installed.

```
>[sudo] npm install -g newman
```

## 2. Running Exported Collections

If we want to integrate our Postman Requests into a CI/CD pipeline we can export them and run a full collection from CLI

```
>newman run assembler_collection.json
```



**Testing using Code**

**API Testing**

**PHPUnit**

## **Testing using Code (just some examples)**

1. Creating Tests.
2. Executing Tests.
3. Running Tests as Auth users.

```
//EACH TEST CLASS MUST EXTEND TestCase
class ExamplesTest extends TestCase
{

    //EACH FUNCTION IS A DIFFERENTS TEST
    public function exampleTest()
    {
        //TEST ACTIONS
        $response = $this->get('/');
        ....
        //TEST CHECKS
        $response->assertStatus(200);
    }
}
```

## 1. Create Tests

Laravel includes PHPUnit out of the box.

Tests must be located inside the tests folder.

- Unit folder contains unit testing for classes.
- Feature folder contains other kind of tests.
- Tests can be created using artisan

<https://laravel.com/docs/8.x/testing>

## **2 . Execute Tests**

**We can use artisan to run all the tests of our application**

**> docker-compose exec -T app php artisan test**

### 3. Running Test as Auth Users

Laravel provides a bunch of useful functions for testing like:

- Getting random models.
- Act as registered / authenticated user.
- Many more.

<https://laravel.com/docs/8.x/testing>

```
public function testGetAllUsersWithPermission()
{
    $user = User::get()->random();
    $response =
$this->actingAs($user)->get('/api/users');
    $response->assertStatus(200);
}
```

```
public function testGetAllUsersWithoutPermission()
{
    $response = $this->get('/api/users');

    $response->assertStatus(500);
}
```



**Going further...**

## Is there anything more?

- Debugging
- Seeding the database.
- Using SANCTUM alternative (Passport).
- Read Laravel DOCS (Trust me...it's worthy).
- Artisan CheatSheet <https://learninglaravel.net/cheatsheet/>
- API Resource Naming.
- Resource Routes.
- POSTMAN Training.
- Integrate everything in my CI/CD workflow (Jenkins / GitHub Action etc...)
- Many more....

**Questions?**