Laravel Fundamentals - Learning Document

1. Introduction to Laravel

Laravel is a modern PHP framework that follows the MVC (Model–View–Controller) architecture. It simplifies web development with built-in tools, clean syntax, and strong community support.

Key Features:

- MVC Architecture
- Blade Templating Engine
- Eloquent ORM (Object Relational Mapper)
- Routing System
- Artisan CLI (Command Line Interface)
- Migration & Seeding
- Middleware & Authentication

2. Laravel Installation & Setup

Requirements:

- PHP >= 8.x
- Composer
- MySQL or other supported DB
- Node.js & npm (for frontend assets)

Install Laravel:

composer create-project laravel/laravel project-name

Serve the project:

php artisan serve

3. Laravel Project Structure

- routes/web.php Define web routes
- resources/views/ Blade templates
- app/Http/Controllers/ Controller classes
- app/Models/ Eloquent models

- database/migrations/ Database schema definitions
- public/ Publicly accessible folder
- .env Environment config (DB, mail, keys, etc.)

4. Routing

Define routes inside routes/web.php

```
Route::get('/', function () {
    return view('welcome');
});
Route::get('/about', [AboutController::class, 'index']);
```

5. Controllers

Create a controller:

```
php artisan make:controller PageController
```

Sample method:

```
public function home() {
    return view('home');
}
```

6. Blade Templates

Blade is Laravel's templating engine.

```
</body>
</html>
```

7. Models & Migrations

Create model and migration:

```
php artisan make:model Post -m
```

Example migration:

```
Schema::create('posts', function (Blueprint $table) {
    $table->id();
    $table->string('title');
    $table->text('body');
    $table->timestamps();
});
```

Run migrations:

```
php artisan migrate
```

8. Eloquent ORM

Create a new record:

```
Post::create([
   'title' => 'My First Post',
```

```
'body' => 'This is the content.'
]);
```

Retrieve all records:

```
$posts = Post::all();
```

Update a record:

```
$post = Post::find(1);
$post->title = 'Updated Title';
$post->save();
```

Delete a record:

```
Post::destroy(1);
```

9. Validation

```
$request->validate([
   'title' => 'required|max:255',
   'body' => 'required'
]);
```

10. Artisan CLI Commands

```
    php artisan make:model ModelName
    php artisan make:controller ControllerName
    php artisan make:migration create_table_name
    php artisan migrate
    php artisan route:list
    php artisan serve
```

11. Environment File (.env)

Example:

```
APP_NAME=LaravelApp
APP_ENV=local
DB_CONNECTION=mysql
DB_HOST=127.0.0.1
DB_PORT=3306
DB_DATABASE=your_db
DB_USERNAME=root
DB_PASSWORD=
```

12. Laravel Authentication (Optional)

```
composer require laravel/ui
php artisan ui bootstrap --auth
npm install && npm run dev
php artisan migrate
```

This provides login, registration, and password reset features out-of-the-box.