10 less-known Laravel packages
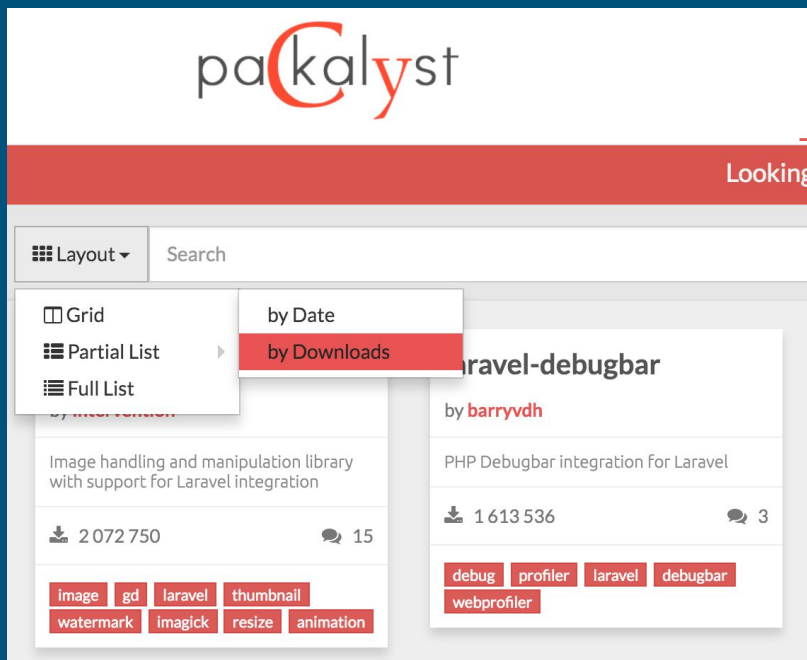
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Quiz: who's at no.1?

Packages in this list:

- Outside of TOP 30
- Less than 200k installs
- Work with Laravel 5
- Updated in last half-year at least once

- **Disclaimer**: haven't tested all myself

1.   Laravel Log Viewer

Install with composer, create a route to LogViewerController. No public assets, no vendor routes, works with and/or without log rotate.

2. Dingo / API

A RESTful API package for the Laravel and Lumen frameworks.

```php
$api = app('Dingo\Api\Routing\Router');
```

```php
$api->version('v1', function ($api) {
    $api->get('users/{id}', 'App\Api\V1\Controllers\UserController@show');
});

$api->version('v2', function ($api) {
    $api->get('users/{id}', 'App\Api\V2\Controllers\UserController@show');
});
```

- API Endpoints
- Responses
- Error handling
- Authentication
- Internal requests
- Documentation
- etc.

3. Laravel Sitemap

```php
Route::get('sitemap', function(){

    // create new sitemap object
    $sitemap = App::make("sitemap");

    // add item to the sitemap (url, date, priority, freq)
    $sitemap->add(URL::to('/'), '2012-08-25T20:10:00+02:00', '1.0', 'daily');
    $sitemap->add(URL::to('page'), '2012-08-26T12:30:00+02:00', '0.9', 'monthly');

    // show your sitemap (options: 'xml' (default), 'html', 'txt', 'ror-rss', 'ror-rdf')
    return $sitemap->render('xml');

});
```

4. iseed

https://github.com/orangehill/iseed

Generate a new seed file based on data from the existing database table.

```
php artisan iseed my_table
```

```php
class UsersTableSeeder extends Seeder {

    /**
     * Auto generated seed file
     *
     * @return void
     */
    public function run()
    {
        \DB::table('users')->truncate();
        \DB::table('users')->insert(array (
            0 =>
            array (
                'id' => '1',
                'email' => 'admin@admin.com',
                'password' => '$2y$10$tUGCkQf/0NY3w1l9sobGsudt6UngnoVX
                'permissions' => NULL,
                'activated' => '1',
                'activation_code' => NULL,
                'activated_at' => NULL,
                'last_login' => NULL,
                'persist_code' => NULL,
                'reset_password_code' => NULL,
                'first_name' => NULL,
                'last_name' => NULL,
                'created_at' => '2013-06-11 07:47:40',
                'updated_at' => '2013-06-11 07:47:40',
            ),
            1 =>
            array (
                'id' => '2',
```

5. Laravel Countries

Laravel Countries is a bundle for Laravel, providing Almost ISO 3166_2, 3166_3, currency, Capital and more for all countries.

```
$ php artisan countries:migration
```

It will generate the `<timestamp>_setup_countries_table.php` migration and the `CountriesSeeder.php` seeder. To make sure the data is seeded insert the following code in the `seeds/DatabaseSeeder.php`

```
//Seed the countries
$this->call('CountriesSeeder');
$this->command->info('Seeded the countries!');
```

6. Laravel media-library

Associate all sorts of files with Eloquent models. It provides a simple API to work with.

```php
$newsItem = News::find(1);
$newsItem->addMedia($pathToFile)->toCollection('images');
```

It can handle your uploads directly:

```php
$newsItem->addMedia($request->file('image'))->toCollection('images');
```

Want to store some large files on another filesystem? No problem:

```php
$newsItem->addMedia($smallFile)->toCollectionOnDisk('downloads', 'local');
$newsItem->addMedia($bigFile)->toCollectionOnDisk('downloads', 's3');
```

7. Laravel Newsletter

https://github.com/spatie/laravel-newsletter

This package provides an easy way to integrate email marketing services with Laravel 5.
Currently the package only supports MailChimp. In the future more services may get added.

```php
Newsletter::subscribe('rincewind@discworld.com', ['firstName'=>'Rince', 'lastName'=>'Wind'], 'subscribers');
```

```php
$subject = 'The Truth newsletter';
$contents = '<h1>Big news</h1>The world is carried by four elephants on a turtle!';

Newsletter::createCampaign($subject, $contents);
```

8. Eloquent Sortable

This package provides a trait that adds sortable behaviour to an Eloquent model.

```php
class MyModel extends Eloquent implements Sortable
{

    use SortableTrait;

    public $sortable = [
        'order_column_name' => 'order_column',
        'sort_when_creating' => true,
    ];
```

```php
$myModel = new MyModel();
$myModel->save(); // order_column for this record will be set to 1

$myModel = new MyModel();
$myModel->save(); // order_column for this record will be set to 2

$myModel = new MyModel();
$myModel->save(); // order_column for this record will be set to 3


//the trait also provides the ordered query scope
$orderedRecords = MyModel::ordered()->get();
```

9. Laravel Router

https://github.com/sebastiaanluca/laravel-router

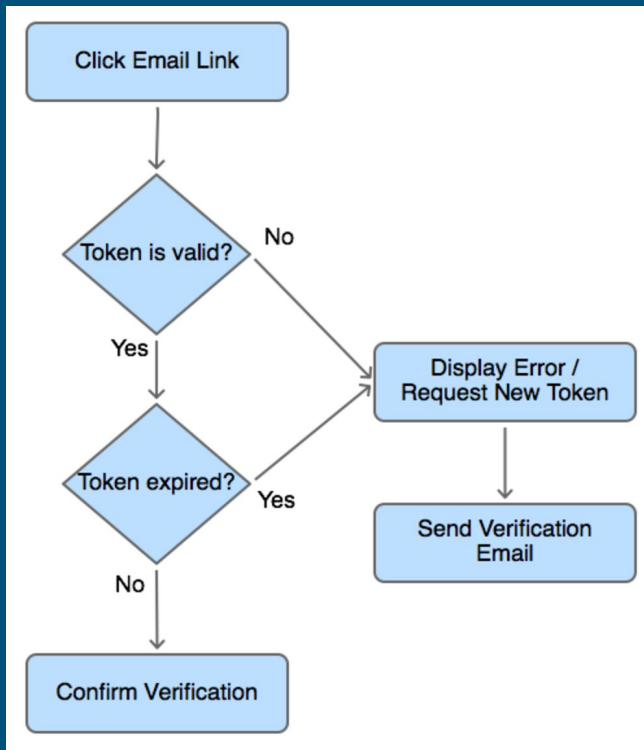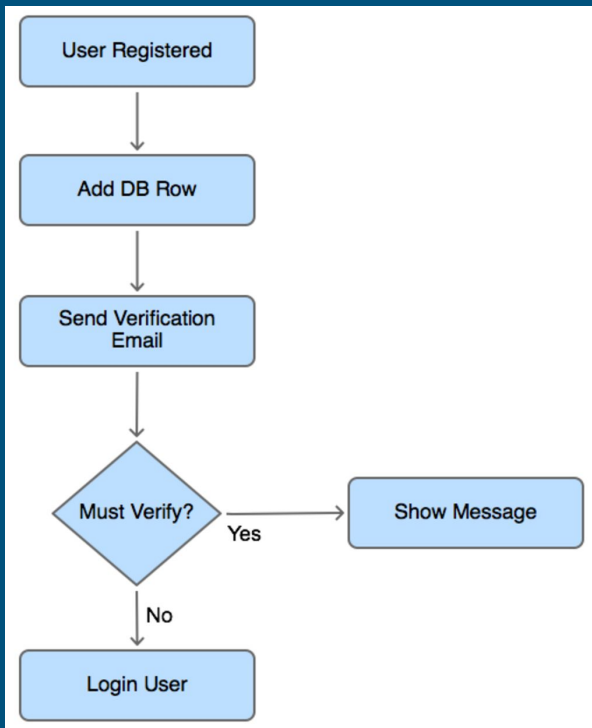An organized approach to handling routes in Laravel and Lumen.

```php
namespace App\Http\Routers;

use SebastiaanLuca\Router\Routers\BaseRouter;
use SebastiaanLuca\Router\Routers\RouterInterface;

class PublicRouter extends BaseRouter implements RouterInterface
{

    /**
     * Map the routes.
     */
    public function map()
    {
        $this->router->get('/', function () {
            return 'Congratulations!';
        });
    }

}
```

10. User email verification

Thank you.