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BLOGS APP USING LARAVEL

PROJECT DOCUMENTATION

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Name: Blogs App using Laravel
Repository: <https://github.com/youssef-ahmed-cs/Blogs-app-using-laravel>
Language: Blade (Laravel)
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DESCRIPTION

A modern, full-featured blogging platform built with Laravel. This project serves as an excellent example for learning Laravel framework, demonstrating best practices for CRUD applications, and providing a solid foundation for personal or commercial blogging platforms.

KEY FEATURES

- User Authentication System
 - Secure user registration
 - Login/logout functionality
 - Session management
- Blog Management
 - Create new blog posts
 - Edit existing posts
 - Delete posts
 - View all posts
- ✓ Post Interaction
 - Comment system for posts
 - Like/unlike functionality
 - User engagement tracking
- Notification System
 - Email notifications for new comments
 - Real-time notification updates
- User Interface
 - Responsive design
 - Clean Blade templates
 - Modern UI components
- Technical Features
 - RESTful routing following Laravel conventions
 - API endpoints for authentication and user data
 - Console commands (Artisan inspire command)

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

- PHP >= 8.0
- Composer (PHP dependency manager)
- MySQL or compatible database
- Node.js & npm (for frontend asset compilation)
- Web server (Apache/Nginx recommended)

INSTALLATION GUIDE

1. CLONE REPOSITORY

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git clone https://github.com/youssef-ahmed-cs/Blogs-app-using-laravel.git
cd Blogs-app-using-laravel
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2. INSTALL DEPENDENCIES

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composer install
npm install
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71 3. ENVIRONMENT CONFIGURATION
72   - Copy .env.example to .env
73   - Configure database credentials in .env file
74   - Set other environment variables as needed
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76 4. APPLICATION SETUP
77   php artisan key:generate
78   php artisan migrate
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80 5. START APPLICATION
81   php artisan serve
82   Access at: http://localhost:8000
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84 6. FRONTEND ASSETS (Optional)
85   npm run dev
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87 EMAIL CONFIGURATION
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89 For Gmail SMTP setup, add to .env file:
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91 MAIL_MAILER=smtp
92 MAIL_HOST=smtp.gmail.com
93 MAIL_PORT=587
94 MAIL_USERNAME=your_email@gmail.com
95 MAIL_PASSWORD=your_app_password
96 MAIL_ENCRYPTION=tls
97 MAIL_FROM_ADDRESS=your_email@gmail.com
98 MAIL_FROM_NAME="${APP_NAME}"
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100 Note: Use App Password for Gmail accounts with 2FA enabled.
101 Run 'php artisan config:cache' after configuration changes.
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103 ROUTING STRUCTURE
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106 WEB ROUTES:
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108 Public Routes:
109 / (GET) - Welcome page
110 /register (GET, POST) - User registration
111 /login (GET, POST) - User login
112 /show (GET) - Redirects to registration
113
114 Authenticated Routes:
115 /dashboard (GET) - User dashboard
116 /logout (POST) - User logout
117 /posts (GET) - List all posts
118 /posts/create (GET) - Create post form
119 /posts (POST) - Store new post
120 /posts/{post} (GET) - Show single post
121 /posts/{post}/edit (GET) - Edit post form
122 /posts/{post} (PUT) - Update post
123 /posts/{post} (DELETE) - Delete post
124 /posts/{post}/comments (POST) - Add comment
125 /posts/comments/{comment} (DELETE) - Delete comment
126 /posts/{post}/like (POST) - Like/unlike post
127 /notifications (GET) - View notifications
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129 API ROUTES:
130 -----
131 /api/register (POST) - Register user via API
132 /api/login (POST) - Login user via API
133 /api/logout (POST) - Logout user via API
134 /api/user (GET) - Get authenticated user info
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136 CONSOLE COMMANDS:
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138 php artisan inspire - Display inspiring quote
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140 PROJECT STRUCTURE
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142 The application follows standard Laravel MVC architecture:
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144 - Models: User, Post, Comment, Like, Notification
145 - Controllers: Handle HTTP requests and business logic
146 - Views: Blade templates for frontend rendering
147 - Routes: Web routes for browser access, API routes for programmatic access
148 - Migrations: Database schema definitions
149 - Middleware: Authentication and request filtering
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151 SECURITY FEATURES
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153 - CSRF protection on all forms
154 - Authentication middleware for protected routes
155 - Input validation and sanitization
156 - Secure password hashing
157 - Session-based authentication
158 - API token authentication for API routes
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160 DEVELOPMENT WORKFLOW
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162 1. Set up local development environment
163 2. Use Laravel's built-in development server
164 3. Follow Laravel coding standards
165 4. Utilize Blade templating for views
166 5. Implement proper error handling
167 6. Write comprehensive tests (recommended)
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169 CONTRIBUTING
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171 To contribute to this project:
172 1. Fork the repository
173 2. Create a feature branch
174 3. Make your changes
175 4. Submit a pull request
176 5. Report bugs or suggest features via GitHub issues
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178 TROUBLESHOOTING
179 =====
180 Common Issues:
181 - Database connection errors: Check .env database configuration
182 - Permission errors: Ensure proper file permissions on storage/logs
183 - Email not working: Verify SMTP configuration and credentials
184 - Assets not loading: Run 'npm run dev' to compile assets
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186 For additional help, refer to Laravel documentation or create an issue on GitHub.
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188 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
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190 - Laravel Documentation: https://laravel.com/docs
191 - Laravel Mail Documentation: https://laravel.com/docs/mail
192 - Gmail App Passwords: https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/185833
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194 CONTACT INFORMATION
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196 Developer: Youssef Ahmed
197 GitHub: https://github.com/youssef-ahmed-cs
198 Project Repository: https://github.com/youssef-ahmed-cs/Blogs-app-using-laravel
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