

Retrieving The Authenticated User

In the previous video you have seen how to retrieve the authenticated user by using `auth` global helper function. Beside this helper Laravel also provide some alternative ways like so:

- Using `Auth` Facade
- Using `Request` instance or `request` helper

Using Auth Facade

You can retrieve the current user's instance using this syntax:

```
use Illuminate\Support\Facades\Auth;

$user = Auth::user(); // this equivalent with auth()->user()
```

If you want to get only the authenticated user's id you can use this syntax:

```
use Illuminate\Support\Facades\Auth;

$user = Auth::id(); // this equivalent with auth()->id()
```

You can also determine if the user already logged in by using `check()` method. This method will return `true` if the user authenticated. Otherwise it will return `false`.

```
use Illuminate\Support\Facades\Auth;

if (Auth::check()) {
    // The user is logged in.
} else {
    // The user is not logged in.
}
```

Using Request Instance

You can retrieve the current user's instance via `Request` instance like this.

```
use Illuminate\Http\Request;

public function store(Request $request)
{
    $user = $request->user();
}
```

You can retrieve the current user's instance via `request` global helper function like this.

```
public function store()  
{  
    $user = request()->user();  
}
```