DBWT Laragon Setup

with Composer, PostgreSQL, NPM, Apache, Redis, Laravel

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Disclaimer

- There are many different ways to setup Laravel on a machine
- Laragon offers a wide variety of development tools that can be also installed separately but is intended to ease the development process
- You do not have to use every part of Laragon if you already use a separate installation of a particular module

Laragon **Installation**

You can download the "Full-Version" of Laragon with the link below:

https://laragon.org/download/

Edition

Download Laragon - Full (147 MB)

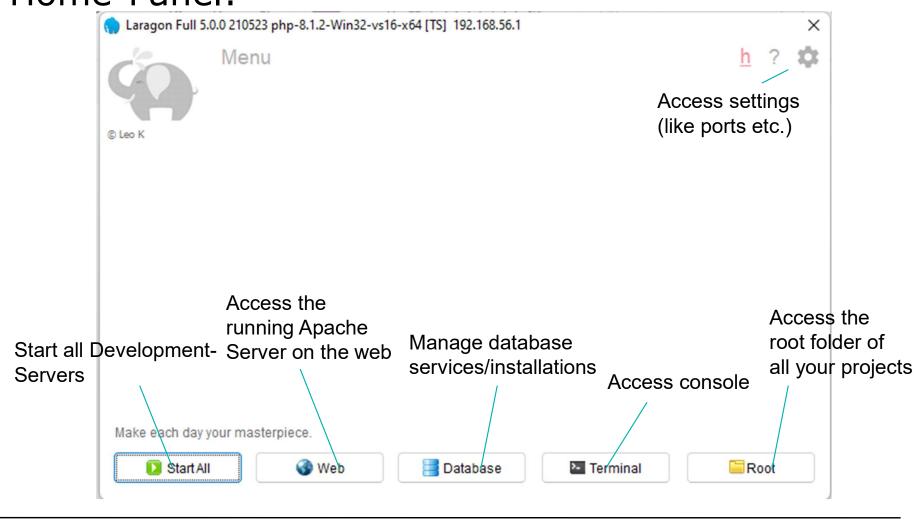
 Laragon Full (64-bit): Apache 2.4, Nginx, MySQL 5.7, PHP 7.4, Redis, Memcached, Node.js 14, npm, git, bitmana...

Download Laragon - Portable (38 MB)

 Laragon Portable: PHP 5.4, MySQL 5.1, bitmana - Good for getting started with PHP, then you can add newer versions of PHP/MySQL easily later using "Tools > Quick add"

Laragon **Installation**

Once installed, here is a quick preview of the Home-Panel:



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- Per default, Laragon comes with a PHP installation of version 7.4
- Since the release of Laravel 9 we require at least a version of 8.0
- If you already have the newest version installed, you can skip this part
- https://windows.php.net/download

VS16 x64 Thread Safe (2022-Mar-16 10:09:14)

Zip [29.24MB]

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Debug Pack [23.74MB]

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Development package (SDK to develop PHP extensions) [1.21MB]

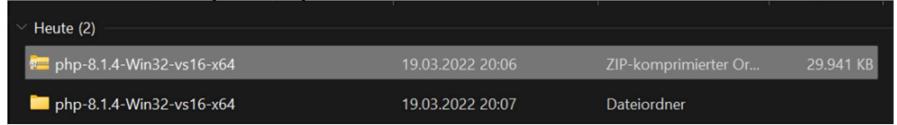
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Generally, you should Download a Thread Safe Version

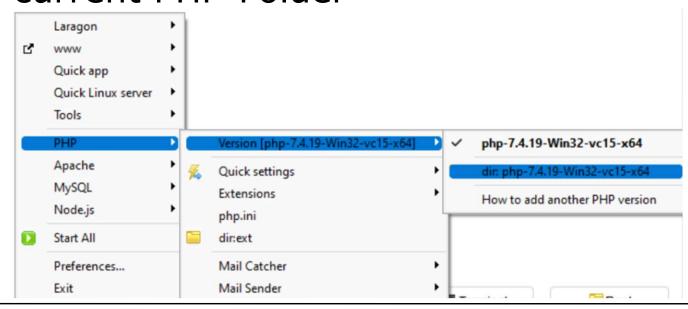
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Once downloaded you can extract the zip to a location of your preference



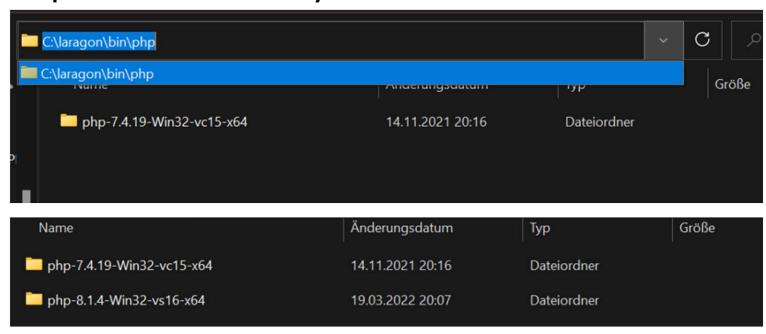
Right click at the home panel to access your current PHP-Folder



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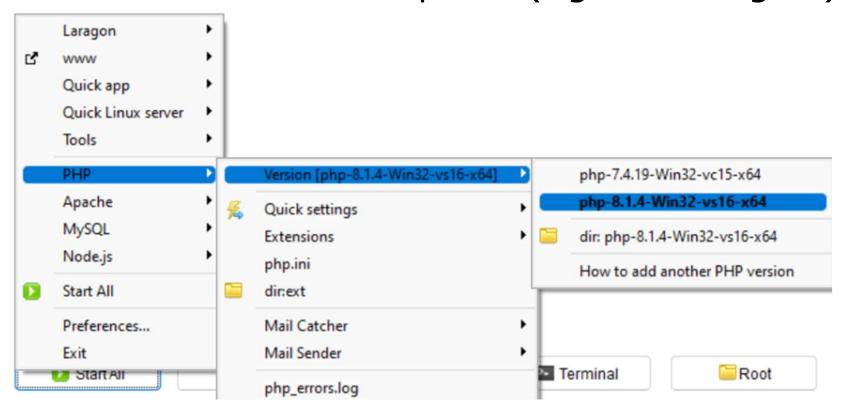
In your "Laragon\bin\php" directory you can paste the newly downloaded version of PHP



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Now all we need to do is to select the new version at the home panel (right click again)



Laravel Setup

Setup your first Laravel Project

- To create our first project open the console and type in following line to install a project called "HelloLaravel" (You can use another name)
- The option "prefer-dist" tries to download and unzip archives of the dependencies using GitHub or another API when available

D:\laragon\www>composer create-project --prefer-dist laravel/laravel HelloLaravel

This might take a while ...

```
Installing mesbot/carbon (2.5/.0): Extracting archive
- Installing monolog/monolog (2.4.0): Extracting archive
- Installing league/mime-type-detection (1.9.0): Extracting archive

    Installing league/flysystem (3.0.12): Extracting archive

- Installing nette/utils (v3.2.7): Extracting archive

    Installing nette/schema (v1.2.2): Extracting archive

- Installing dflydev/dot-access-data (v3.0.1): Extracting archive
- Installing league/config (v1.1.1): Extracting archive
- Installing league/commonmank (2.2.3): Extracting archive
- Installing laravel/serializable-closure (v1.1.1): Extracting archiv

    Installing laravel/framework (v9.5.1): Extracting archive
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Laravel Setup

Setup your first Laravel Project

 Change the directory to the new project and start the Development-Server

```
D:\laragon\www>cd HelloLaravel
D:\laragon\www\HelloLaravel>php artisan serve
Starting Laravel development server: http://127.0.0.1:8000
[Sat Mar 19 20:29:24 2022] PHP 8.1.2 Development Server (http://127.0.0.1:8000) started
```

Access the Server in your browser with

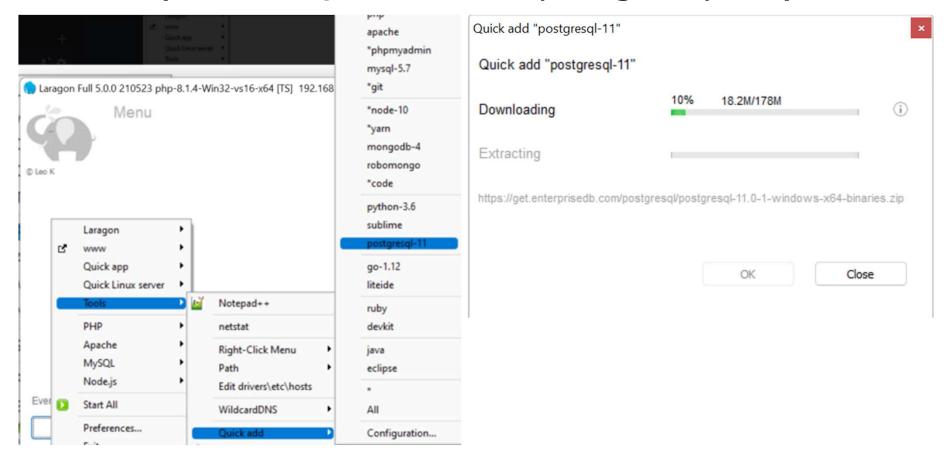
http://127.0.0.1:8000 and your good to go

 You can also stop the Server with Ctrl+C



Setup a Database-Connection

If you choose to use another DBMS like PostgreSQL you can easily set it up with Laragon as well (Tools->Quick add ->postgresql-11)

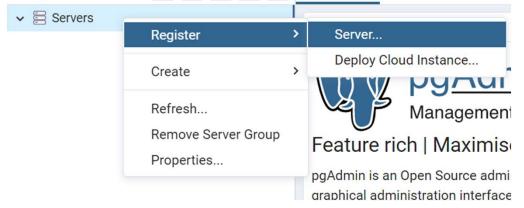


Setup a Database-Connection

- With the options "Start All" the PostgreSQL Server will be started as well
- We can use Pgadmin to manage our PostgreSQL databases:
 - https://www.pgadmin.org/download/pgadmin-4-windows/
- Next we will create a server on pgadmin so that it can recognize the running instance of PostgreSQL

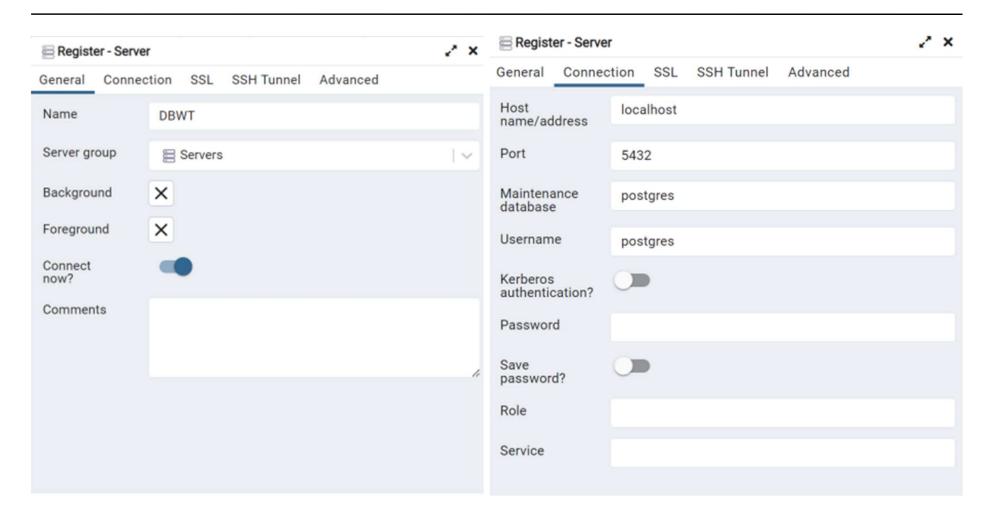
PostgreSQL Setup Pgadmin

Right click on "Servers" to register a new Server



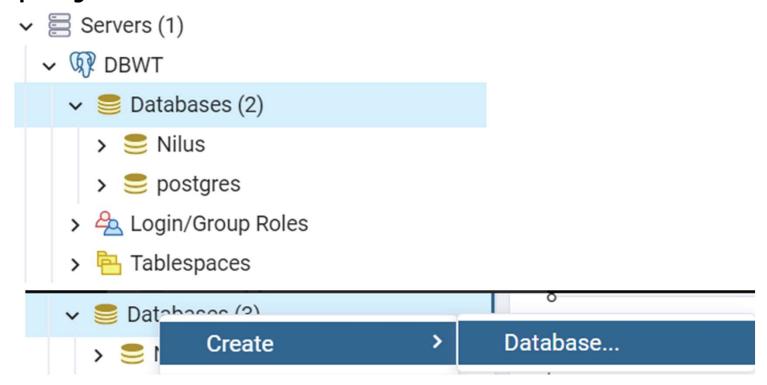
Here you give your server a name and under "Connection" the hostname/address "localhost" (the port should be 5432 per default)

PostgreSQL Setup Pgadmin



Setup Pgadmin

Now you can create a database for the laravel project



I have called my database "hellolaravel"

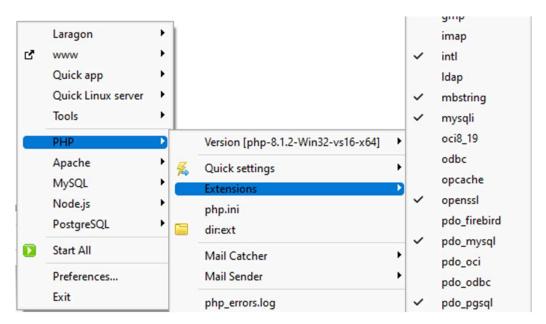
Connecting with the application

- In the .env file of your project you can now setup the database connection
- (if you use VSCode you can open the File Directory in VSCode directly by typing "code". in the console)
- In the .env file we will change the settings from mysql to pgsql



Enabling Extensions

- Before trying to migrate tables in Laravel you need to make sure, that the extensions pdo_pgsql and openssl are enabled in php
- Otherwise you might get an error when migrating, denoting that a driver couldnt been found



Once again Rightclick at the Homepanel

Connecting with the application

- To test our database connection we can simply run migrations
- Since I will not create any migrations-files i will use a laravel authentication package called "jetstream" which comes with a user-migration
- To install jetstream run:

D:\laragon\www\HelloLaravel>composer require laravel/jetstream

Now lets migrate our user table:

D:\laragon\www\HelloLaravel>php artisan migrate

Connecting with the application

 If the database connection is properly setup the migrations should run flawlessly without error

```
Migration table created successfully.
Migrating: 2014 10 12 000000 create users table
Migrated: 2014 10 12 000000 create users table (100.61ms)
Migrating: 2014 10 12 100000 create password resets table
Migrated: 2014 10 12 100000 create password resets table (90.48ms)
Migrating: 2019 08 19 000000 create failed jobs table
Migrated: 2019 08 19 000000 create failed jobs table (112.20ms)
Migrating: 2019 12 14 000001 create personal access tokens table
Migrated: 2019 12 14 000001 create personal access tokens table (142.30ms)
```

Check pgadmin for a "users_table"

Connecting with the application



The table "user" has been successfully migrated and the application connected to the database

NPM

Installing precompiled webpackages

- Node Package Manager manages JavaScriptpackages using Node.js
- Laragon also comes with a version of node preinstalled
- Just run "npm install" in the console to setup the package.json file with npm
- To find out more about compiling assets in laravel with npm have a look at the Laravel-**Documentation:**

https://laravel.com/docs/9.x/mix

Enabling Redis in Laragon

- If you right-click the Home Panel and check php->extensions, you will not find redis because it does not come up with Laragon by default, so you have to add it manually.
- Go to https://pecl.php.net/package/redis and find your current PHP version and the lateset stable available

Available Releases				
Version	State	Release Date	Downloads	
5.3.7	stable	2022-02-15	redis-5.3.7.tgz (268.8kB) ■DLL	[Changelog]
5.3.7RC2	beta	2022-02-12	redis-5.3.7RC2.tgz (268.8kB) ■DLL	[Changelog]
5.3.7RC1	alpha	2022-02-02	redis-5.3.7RC1.tgz (268.8kB) ■DLL	[Changelog]
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 Click the Windows icon DLL to get the available distribution for your PHP version

Enabling Redis in Laragon

- After the download, you should find the ",php_redis.dll" file
- Copy or move the file to "D:\laragon\bin\php\php-8.1.2-Win32-vs16-x64\ext " (replace with you own path) and add the line "extension=php_redis.dll to the

"D:\laragon\bin\php\php-8.1.2-Win32-vs16-x64\php.ini" **php.ini** file

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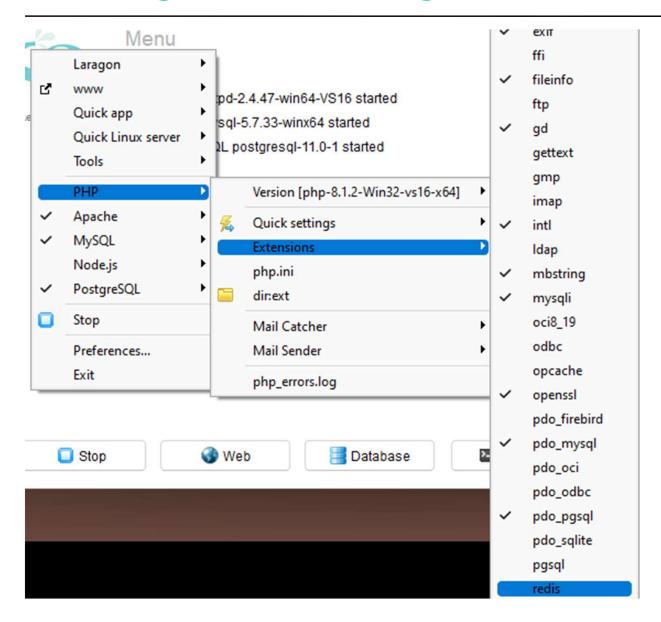
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extension=php redis.dll ;extension=bz2

 You should see that the Redis extension is available now

Enabling Redis in Laragon



Starting Redis in Laragon

To run the Redis server, you can use the console to execute the redis-server.exe

```
D:\laragon\www\HelloLaravel>redis-server.exe
[12724] 19 Mar 22:08:33.169 # Warning: no config file specified, using the default config. In order t
fy a config file use redis-server.exe /path/to/redis.conf
                                        Redis 3.2.100 (00000000/0) 64 bit
                                        Running in standalone mode
                                         Port: 6379
                                         PID: 12724
                                              http://redis.io
[12724] 19 Mar 22:08:33.176 # Server started, Redis version 3.2.100
[12724] 19 Mar 22:08:33.176 * The server is now ready to accept connections on port 6379
```

You can also stop it using Ctrl+C

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