Model-View-Controller (MVC) Laravel API

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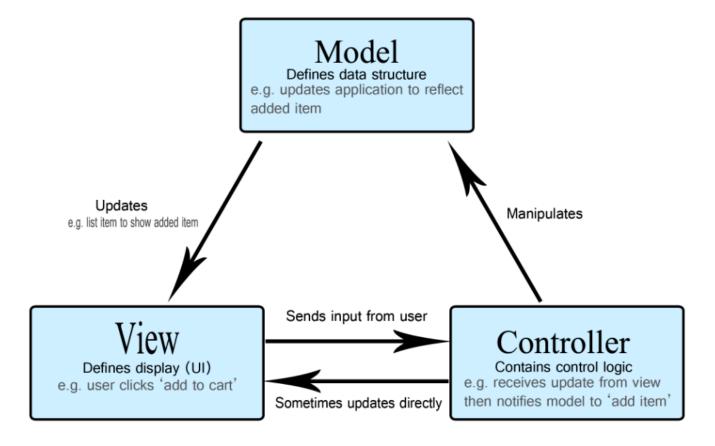


Model-View-Controller (MVC)

- MVC is a pattern for implementing user interfaces, data, and controlling logic
- MVC emphasizes a separation between the software's business logic and display.
- It helps in improving maintenance and a clearer separation of task among team members
- Other design patterns based on MVC:
 - MVVM (Model-View-View-Model)
 - MVP (Model-View-Presenter)
 - MVW (Model-View-Whatever)
- Three parts of MVC:
 - Model: Manages data and business logic
 - View: Handles layout and display
 - Controller: Routes commands to the model and view parts



MVC Example for a Shopping List App



Source: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/MVC



MVC on the Web

- Model: MySQL
- Control: JavaScript, PHP
- View: HTML, CSS
- Early days of Web:
 - MVC architecture was mostly implemented on the server-side
 - The client requested updates via forms or links
 - Updated views received and displayed on the browser
- These days:
 - More logic is pushed to the client side using client-side data stores, XMLHttpRequest, and allowing partial page updates as required



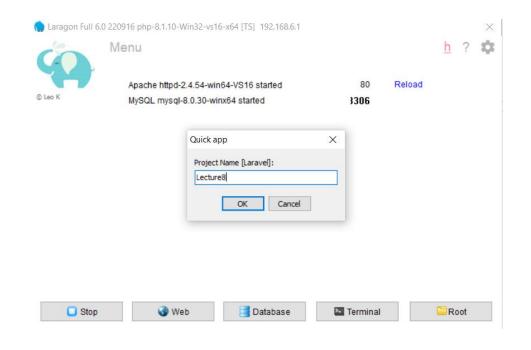
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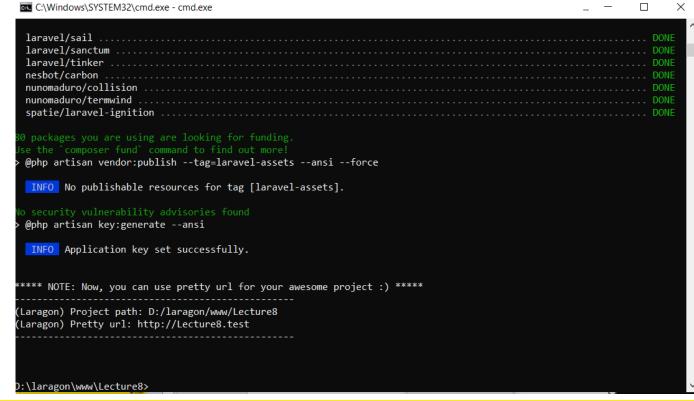
- Laravel is an open-source PHP web framework designed for creating web applications that follow the Model-View-Controller (MVC) architectural pattern. We will primarily use the Model and Controller in this module.
- Extra Reading: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Glossary/MVC



Create Laravel API

Right-click on the window > Quick App > Laravel. You will be presented with another window prompting you to name the application. Once named, click the **OK** button.







Laragon Directory Structure

- app: contains the core code such as controllers, models, providers.
- config: contains all of your project's configuration files such as auth, caching, database.
- routes: contains all of your project's route definitions. We are more concerned with api.php.



Laravel Modules

- Composer is the dependency manager for Laravel much like npm for Node. This comes by default. You should not need to install additional packages.
- Artisan is the command line interface included with Laravel. It provides useful commands that can help you while you are building your project.



Connecting to MySQL

In the .env file, modify your database credentials so that your project is connected to MySQL.

```
DB_CONNECTION=mysql
DB_HOST=127.0.0.1
DB_PORT=3306
DB_DATABASE=lecture8
DB_USERNAME=root
DB_PASSWORD=
```



Model

- A model class represents the logical structure and relationship of a database table. In Laravel, each table corresponds to a model. A model allows you to retrieve, create, update and delete data.
- > To create a new model and migration, run the following command:

php artisan make:model Institution --migration

- Note: this should create a directory called **Models**. If it does not, create the directory and copy Institution.php and User.php into it. Additionally, you will need to change the namespace from App to App\Models.
- In app\Models\Institution.php, specify the columns you wish to interact with. For example:

```
class Institution extends Model
{
   use HasFactory;
   protected $fillable = ['id', 'name', 'region', 'country'];
}
```



Migration

To make id unique:

\$table->integer('id')->unique

You can think of migrations like version control for your database. They allow you to define and share the application's scheme definitions.

In the database\migrations directory, you will see a migration file for the Institution

model class.

```
public function up() {
    // institutions is the name of the table
    Schema::create('institutions', function (Blueprint $table) {
        // institutions has two columns
        $table->id();
        $table->timestamps();
    });
}
```

public function up(): void
{
 Schema::create('institutions', function (Blueprint \$table) {
 \$table->integer('id');
 \$table->string('name');
 \$table->string('region');
 \$table->string('country');
 \$table->timestamps();
 });
}

Modify this migration file by adding a column for id, name, region and country. Id is integer and all other three columns are of type string.



Migration (Cont.)

- > up: The up method is used to add new tables, columns, or indexes to your database,
- > down: The down method should reverse the operations performed by the up method.
- To update a table, create another migration file:
 - php artisan make:migration update_institutions_table --table=institutions
- Then, you can update columns or indexes, e.g. to make the id column unique:

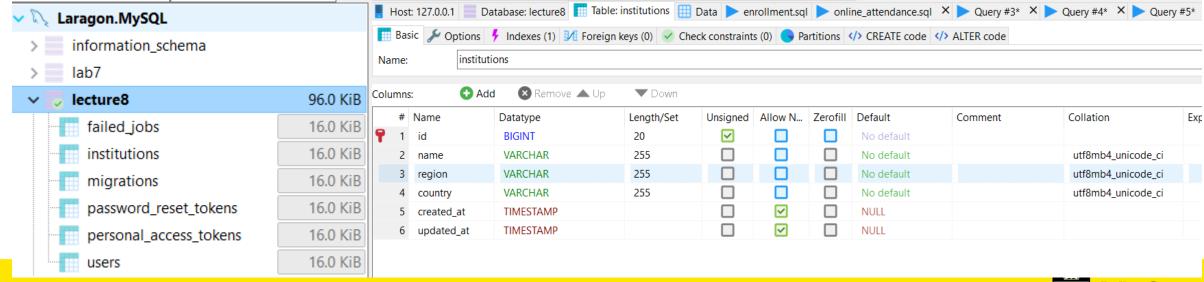


Migration – Cont.

If you change a migration file, you will have an outstanding migration. This means that your database schema will not reflect the columns specified in your migration file. To run all outstanding migrations, run the following command:

php artisan migrate

Go to your MySQL database and refresh the window. You should see six tables:





Controller

- A controller class contains public action methods used to handle various HTTP methods, i.e., GET, POST, PUT and DELETE. These action methods handle incoming requests, retrieve the necessary model data and return the appropriate responses.
- Create a new controller by running the following command:
 - php artisan make:controller InstitutionController --api
- In the app\Http\Controllers directory, you will find all your controllers including InstitutionController.php.



CRUD Action Methods

In InstitutionController.php, you will see the following CRUD action methods:

```
class InstitutionController extends Controller {
   public function index() {
       // Some code
   public function store(Request $request) {
        // Some code
   public function show($id) {
       // Some code
   public function update(Request $request, $id) {
        // Some code
   public function destroy($id) {
       // Some code
```

```
Import the Institution model to use
       the institutions table
 use App\Models\Institution;
 class InstitutionController extends Controller {
```



Eloquent

- Eloquent is an Object-Relational Mapping (ORM) that allows you to query & manipulate data using an Object-Oriented programming language
- Each web framework has one or more ORMs which encapsulate the code needed to query & manipulate data
- So, you do not need to use SQL. You interact directly with an object in the same programming language you are using, i.e., PHP.



Eloquent (Cont.)

Read All

```
public function index() {
    return Institution::all();

    // SQL equivalent: SELECT * FROM institutions;
}
```

Read One

```
public function show($id) {
    return Institution::find($id);

    // SQL equivalent: SELECT * FROM institutions WHERE id = $id;
}
```

Create

```
public function store(Request $request) {
    return Institution::create($request->all());

    // SQL equivalent:
    // INSERT INTO institutions
    // VALUES ($request->name, $request->region, $request->country);
}
```



Eloquent (Cont.)

Update

```
public function update(Request $request, $id) {
    $institution = Institution::find($id);
    $institution->update($request->all());
    return $institution;

    // SQL equivalent:
    // UPDATE institutions
    // SET name = $request->name, region = $request->region, country = $request->country
    // WHERE id = $id;
}
```

Delete

```
public function destroy($id) {
    return Institution::destroy($id);

    // SQL equivalent:
    // DELETE FROM institutions
    // WHERE id = $id;
}
```



Route

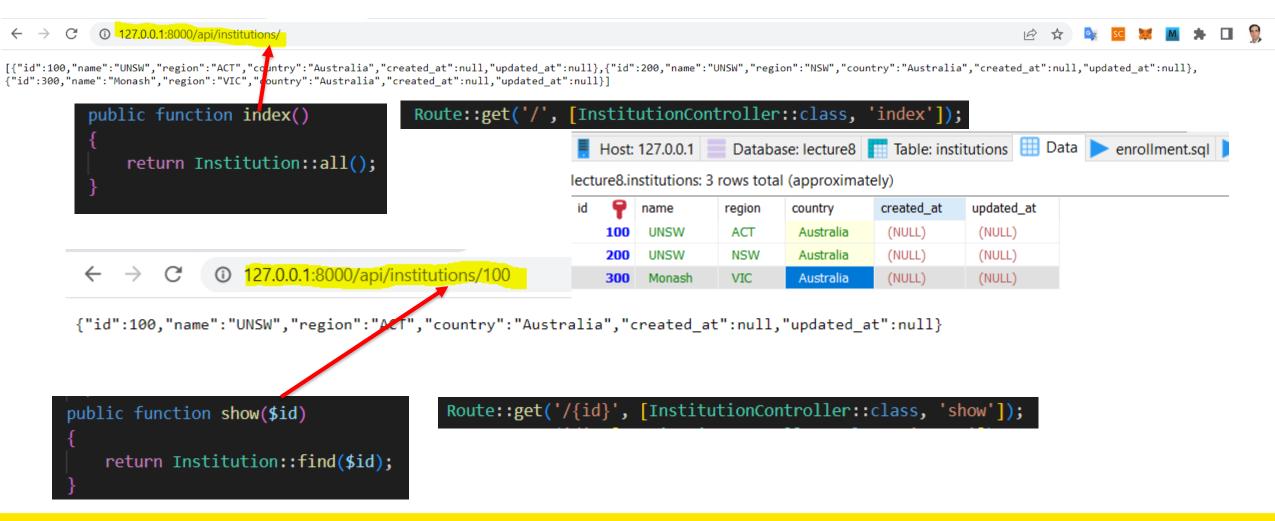
In the routes directory, open the api.php file & create the following API endpoints:

```
Route::group(['prefix' => 'institutions'], function () {
    Route::get('/', [InstitutionController::class, 'index']);
    Route::get('/{id}', [InstitutionController::class, 'show']);
    Route::post('/', [InstitutionController::class, 'store']);
    Route::put('/{id}', [InstitutionController::class, 'update']);
    Route::delete('/{id}', [InstitutionController::class, 'destroy']);
});
```

Make sure you import InstitutionController by adding the following statement:

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Test API in the Browser





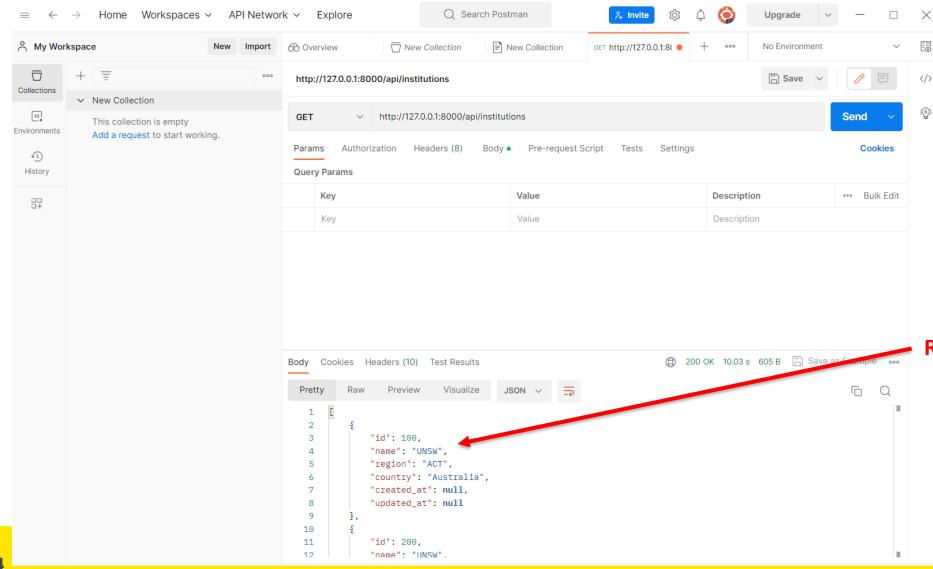
Postman

- > Postman is an API Platform for developers to design, build, test and iterate their APIs.
- As of February 2023, more than 25 million registered users and 75,000 open APIs use Postman.
- It also has abilities to document APIs.
- It comes as Browser and Desktop versions.





Test API in Postman - get

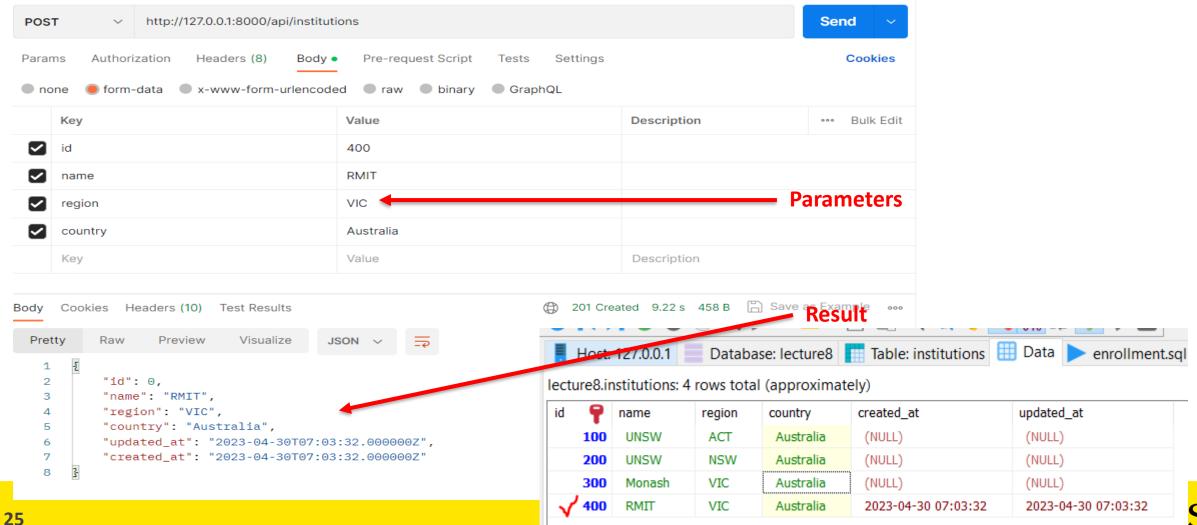


To test APIs on the local host, only Postman desktop can be used

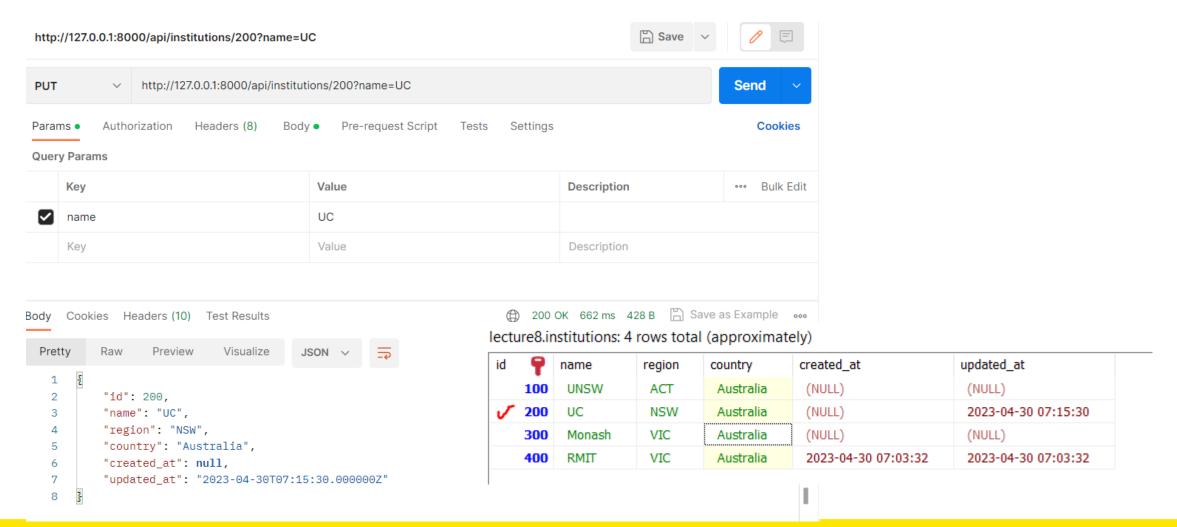
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Test API in Postman - post

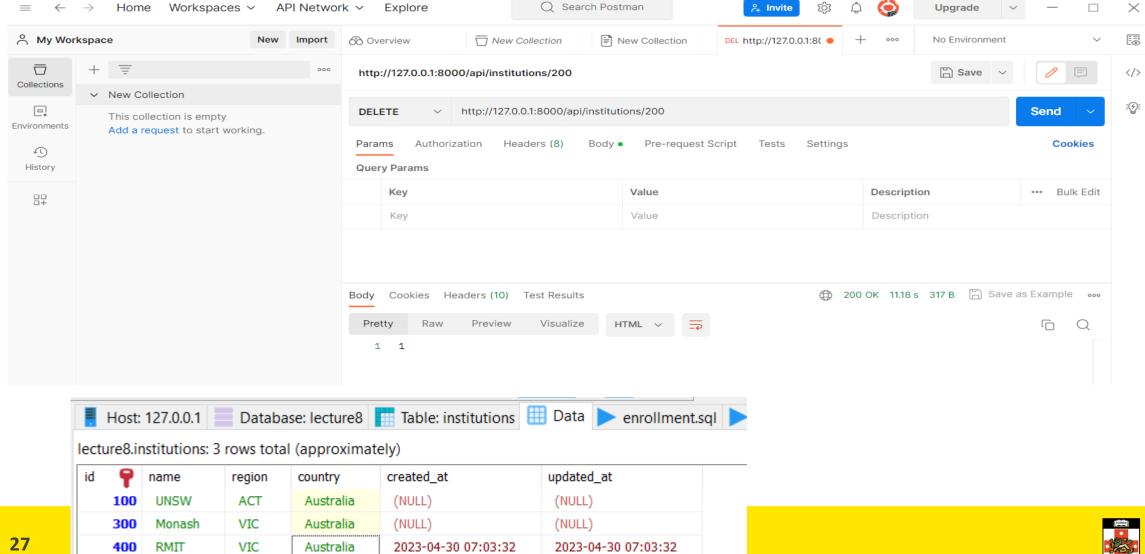


Test API in Postman - put





Test API in Postman - delete





Using Queries

To pass several parameters to an API function, an object of type Request can be defined. For example, we want to have a search function that searches institutions based on region and country:

```
public function search(Request $request)
{
    $region = $request->query('region');
    $country = $request->query('country');
    $result = DB::table('institutions')->where('region', $region)->where('country', $country)->get();
    return $result;
}
```

https://laravel.com/docs/10.x/queries



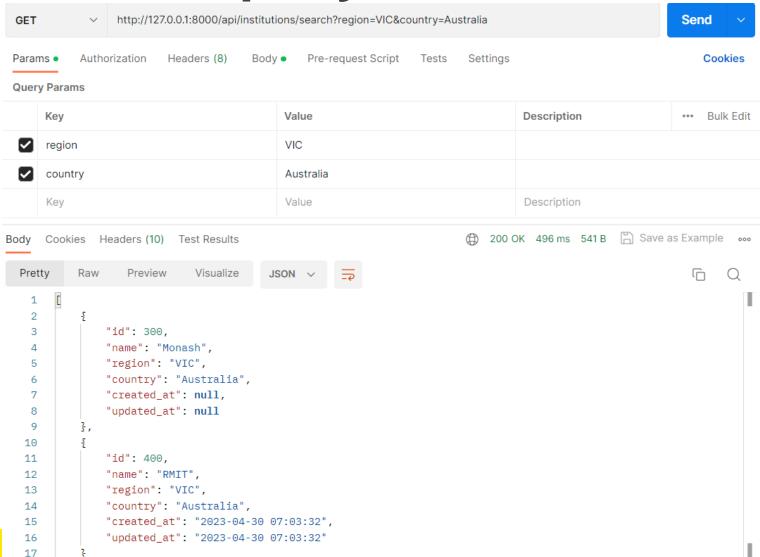
Using Queries (Cont.)

- Add the new search function to the route (api.php)
- Search must come before /{id}. Why?

```
Route::middleware('auth:sanctum')->get('/user', function (Request $request) {
    return $request->user();
});
Route::group(['prefix' => 'institutions'], function () {
    Route::get('/', [InstitutionController::class, 'index']);
    Route::get('search', [InstitutionController::class, 'search']);
    Route::get('/{id}', [InstitutionController::class, 'show']);
    Route::post('/', [InstitutionController::class, 'store']);
    Route::put('/{id}', [InstitutionController::class, 'update']);
    Route::delete('/{id}', [InstitutionController::class, 'destroy']);
});
```



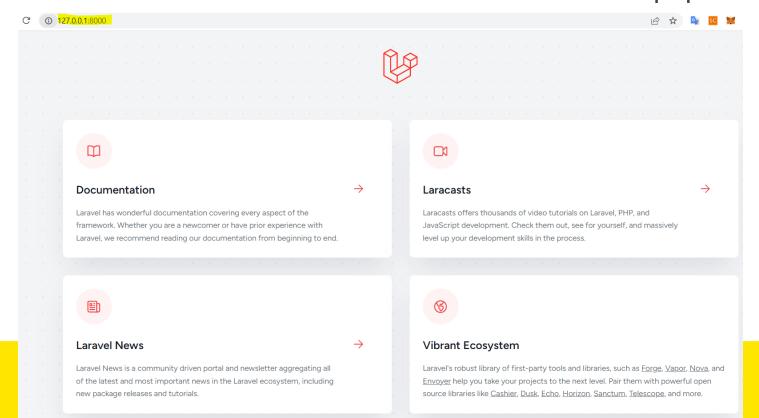
Test the query in Postman with Parameters





Laravel Views

- Views separate your controller / application logic from your presentation logic
- Views are stored in the resources/views directory
- There is one view in resources: welcome.blade.php





Adding a New View

- Create a file named institutions.blade.php in views folder
- Create a table to show all institutions data
- Create a controller:

php artisan make:controller InstitutionsController

https://laravel.com/docs/10.x/views

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
  </head>
  <body>
     <thead>
           ID
             Name
             Region
             Country
           </thead>
        @foreach ($institutions as $institute)
           >
             {{ $institute->id }}
             {{ $institute->name }}
             {{ $institute->region }}
             {{ $institute->country }}
           @endforeach
        </body>
</html>
```



Adding a New View - Controller

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use Illuminate\Http\Request;
use App\Http\Controllers\InstitutionController;
use Illuminate\Support\Facades\DB;
class InstitutionsController extends Controller
    public function index(){
        $institutions = DB::table('institutions')->get();
        return view('institutions',['institutions' => $institutions]);
```



Adding a New View - Route

Edit file web.php in routes folder:

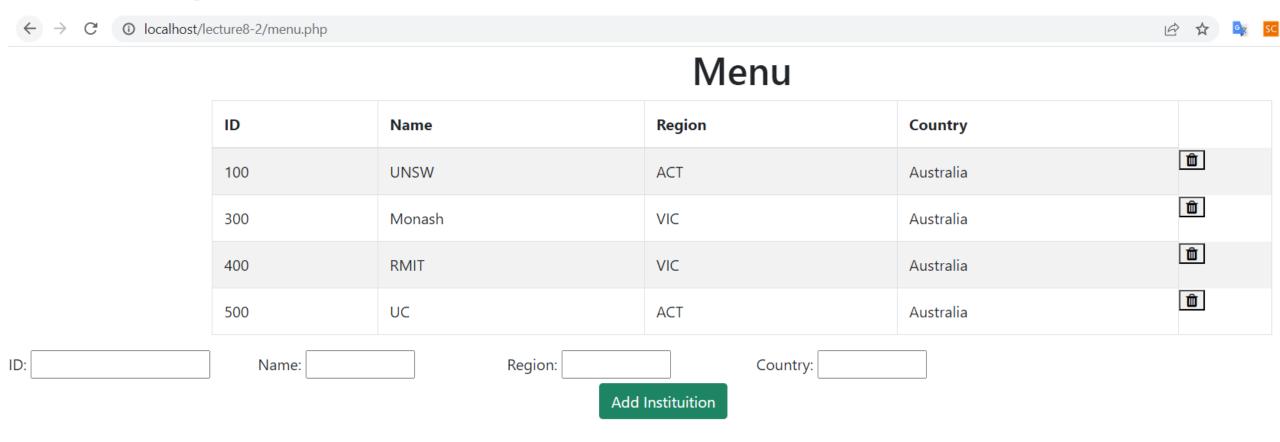
```
vse Illuminate\Support\Facades\Route:
use App\Http\Controllers\InstitutionsController;

ID Name Region Country
100 UNSW ACT Australia
300 Monash VIC Australia
400 RMIT VIC Australia
400 RMIT VIC Australia
Route::get('/', function () {
    return view('welcome');
});

Route::get('/institutions', [InstitutionsController::class,'index'])->name('institutions.index');
```



Using Laravel API in Other Applications





Reading Data

```
function readFiles() {
    var xmlhttp = new XMLHttpRequest();
    xmlhttp.onreadystatechange = function() {
        if (this.readyState == 4 && this.status == 200) {
            let result = (this.responseText);
            // This function populates the table with read data showTableofItems(JSON.parse(result));
        }
    };
    xmlhttp.open("GET", "http://127.0.0.1:8000/api/institutions", true);
    xmlhttp.send();
}
```



Adding Data

```
$('#addItem').on('click', function() {
   let id = $('#id').val();
   let name = $('#name').val();
   let region = $('#region').val();
    let country = $('#country').val();
   var formData = new FormData();
    formData.append("id",id);
    formData.append("name", name);
   formData.append("region", region);
   formData.append("country",country);
   $.ajax({
          url: "http://127.0.0.1:8000/api/institutions",
          type: "POST",
          data: formData,
          processData: false,
          contentType: false
        }).done(function( data ) {
            $('#id').val("");
            $('#name').val("");
            $('#region').val("");
            $('#country').val("");
            let newData = '{"id":"'+id+'","name":"'+name+'","region":"'+region+'","country":"'+country+'"}';
            addItemtoTable(JSON.parse(newData));
            console.log("File Upload Info:");
            console.log( data );
        });
```



Delete Data



Seeding

- Laravel includes the ability to seed your database with data using seed classes.
- All seed classes are stored in the database/seeders directory.
- > By default, a DatabaseSeeder class is defined for you. From this class, you may use the call method to run other seed classes, allowing you to control the seeding order.

https://laravel.com/docs/10.x/seeding



Seeding Institution

- In the database directory, create a new directory called **data**.
- Create a JSON file institution-data.json into the database\data directory.
- Create a Seeder class which will seed the institutions tables appropriate JSON file. To do this, run the following commands:

php artisan make:seeder InstitutionSeeder

```
database > data > {} institution-data.json > {} 2
             "id": 1000,
             "name": "Stanford University",
             "region": "California",
             "country": "United States of America"
             "id": 2000,
             "name": "Harvard University",
 10
             "region": "Massachusetts",
 11
             "country": "United States of America"
 12
 13
 14
             "id": 3000,
 15
             "name": "University of Oxford",
             "region": "Oxford",
 17
             "country": "United Kingdom"
 18
 19
```



InstitutionSeeder Class

```
namespace Database\Seeders;
use App\Models\Institution; // Include this import. Without this, you can not access the Institution model
use Illuminate\Database\Seeder; // This import comes by default
use Illuminate\Support\Facades\DB; // Include this import. Without this, you can not access the institutions database table
use Illuminate\Support\Facades\File; // Include this import. Without this, you can not access institution-data.json
use Illuminate\Database\Console\Seeds\WithoutModelEvents;
class InstitutionSeeder extends Seeder
     * Run the database seeds.
   public function run() {
       $json file = File::get('database/data/institution-data.json'); // Get institution-data.json
       DB::table('institutions')->delete(); // Delete all records from the institutions database table
       $data = json decode($json file); // Convert the array of JSON objects in institution-data.json to a PHP variable
       foreach ($data as $obj) { // For each object (contains key/value pairs) in the PHP variable, create a new record in
           Institution::create(array( // Remember an Institution has three values - name, region and country. Make
                                      // sure your JSON file matches the schema of your database table
                'id' => $obj->id,
                'name' => $obj->name,
                'region' => $obj->region,
                'country' => $obj->country
           ));
```



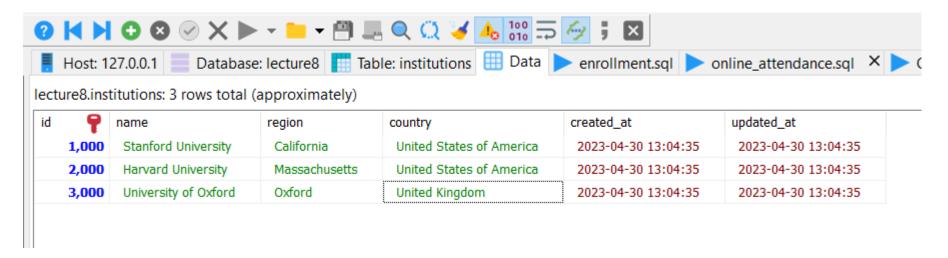
Database Seeder

```
database > seeders > 💏 DatabaseSeeder.php
      <?php
      namespace Database\Seeders;
      // use Illuminate\Database\Console\Seeds\WithoutModelEvents;
      use Illuminate\Database\Seeder;
      class DatabaseSeeder extends Seeder
  9 🗸 {
            * Seed the application's database.
 11
 12
           public function run(): void
 13
 14 🗸
               $this->call(InstitutionSeeder::class);
 15
 17
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```



Run the Seeder

php artisan db:seed





Final Note

- Please do not forget Quiz 2 is this week:
 - Quiz will be during your scheduled lab time.
 - Quiz is closed book.
 - Quiz duration is 40 minutes.
 - Quiz will cover material discussed in weeks 4, 5, and 6.
 - Monday lab: 16:20
 - Wednesday lab: 15:20

