**Introduction**

Laravel is one of the popular MVC framework for PHP. In this project, I am going to manage a hotel reservation system building a basic CRUD for managing reservations in the hotel. In this project, I shall install both Composer and some virtualization software (Hyper-V) to enable me to develop my PHP application locally (without installing PHP in my laptop).

At the start of my Laravel Project, I install Vagrant and Hyper-V. Then I set up my Homestead Box. I need another piece of software called Composer. This is the tool when using PHP for managing dependencies of a project. Now I create Laravel-essential project inside the xampp/htdocs folder.

Now I shall be running a lot of commands, vagrant up and vagrant ssh. For my windows operating system, I am going to edit my etc/host file for homestead.test. Now I can see my Homestead.test homepage.

Laravel is one of the favourite PHP frameworks. I can see my Laravel essential directory and look at top-level directories. Laravel is MVC style of framework. Here models access the database, views present the front end and controllers live in between the two for communication. I have good understanding how I can use my configuration to set values in my application.

**The first page**

Now I am building the first page in my Laravel application. I am going to use app.blad.php in views->layouts folder. Then I have referred it in welcome.blade.php file. This way, I am able to see my new homepage.