First we'll create a folder called laravel on our shared hosting and we'll upload our application structure to this folder.

config/

laravel/

app/

bootstrap/

vendor/

...

logs/

www/

After that we'll upload our public folder's content into the www folder.

config/

laravel/

app/

bootstrap/

vendor/

...

logs/

www/

packages/

.htaccess

index.php

...

Now that we've relocated the public folder we should adjust the path structure in the bootstrap/paths.php file.

# Change this...

'public' => \_\_DIR\_\_.'/../public',

# ... into this.

'public' => \_\_DIR\_\_.'/../../www',

We should also change the paths in the www/index.php file to locate the new laravelfolder.

# These two lines should be changed...

require \_\_DIR\_\_.'/../bootstrap/autoload.php';

$app = require\_once \_\_DIR\_\_.'/../bootstrap/start.php';

# ... into these two lines.

require \_\_DIR\_\_.'/../laravel/bootstrap/autoload.php';

$app = require\_once \_\_DIR\_\_.'/../laravel/bootstrap/start.php';

We've now correctly relocated our public folder and our Laravel application should work like a charm. You could also have uploaded the Laravel core into the base / directory but moving it in a separate folder keeps your folder structure clean.

Another way could have been to symlink your public folder to the www folder but there's a small chance that you have access to this ability on a shared hosting.

2.////////////////////// **Using .htaccess with mod\_rewrite**/////////////////

 We're going to use .htaccess to our benefit to redirect all th requests to the public folder.

First, let's move the entire application into the www folder (the DocumentRoot).

config/

logs/

www/

app/

bootstrap/

public/

packages/

.htaccess

index.php

...

vendor/

...

Now inside your www folder, place the following .htaccess file.

<IfModule mod\_rewrite.c>

RewriteEngine on

RewriteCond %{REQUEST\_URI} !^public

RewriteRule ^(.\*)$ public/$1 [L]

</IfModule>

This should redirect all the requests to your public folder. Requests to your public folder to, for example, asset files will still be accepted.

### 3.////// Move everything into the DocumentRoot////////////

this time we're going to move the public folder's contents into the DocumentRoot as well.

First, let's move the entire application into the www folder (the DocumentRoot).

config/

logs/

www/

app/

bootstrap/

public/

packages/

.htaccess

index.php

...

vendor/

...

Now move the contents of the public folder into the document root as well and remove the public folder.

config/

logs/

www/

app/

bootstrap/

packages/

vendor/

.htaccess

index.php

...

We'll have to adjust the public folder path in the bootstrap/paths.php file.

# Change this...

'public' => \_\_DIR\_\_.'/../public',

# ... into this.

'public' => \_\_DIR\_\_.'/..',

And lastly we should also change the paths in the index.php file.

# These two lines should be changed...

require \_\_DIR\_\_.'/../bootstrap/autoload.php';

$app = require\_once \_\_DIR\_\_.'/../bootstrap/start.php';

# ... into these two lines.

require \_\_DIR\_\_.'/bootstrap/autoload.php';

$app = require\_once \_\_DIR\_\_.'/bootstrap/start.php';

Your Laravel application should now work.