

## Part 1: Create and Register New Middleware:

Steps: Open command prompt or git bash and create CheckAge middle and LogRequests middleware

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C:\Users\win05x\and>cd webdev_lab4
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```
C:\Users\win05x\and\webdev_lab4>php artisan make:middleware CheckAge
```

- ❖ This creates a new middleware file at `app/Http/Middleware/CheckAge.php`.

```
C:\Users\win05x\and\webdev_lab4>php artisan make:middleware LogRequests
```

- ❖ This creates a new middleware file `app/Http/Middleware/LogRequests.php`.

Codes:

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CheckAge.php X
app > Http > Middleware > CheckAge.php > ...
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Middleware;
4
5  use Closure;
6  use Illuminate\Http\Request;
7  use Illuminate\Support\Facades\View;
8
9  class CheckAge
10 {
11     0 references | 0 overrides
12     public function handle($request, Closure $next, $minAge = 18): mixed {
13         $age = $request->input('age', 0); // Get age from request input (def
14
15         // Check if age meets the minimum requirement passed as a parameter
16         if ($age >= $minAge) {
17             // Return different views based on age range
18             if ($age <= 20) {
19                 return response()->view(view: 'home');
20             } else {
21                 return response()->view(view: 'adults');
22             }
23         }
24
25         // If age is below the minimum, redirect to denied page
26         return response()->view(view: 'denied');
27     }
28 }

```

### CheckAge middleware

The CheckAge middleware checks if a user's age is greater than or equal to 18.

- If the user's age is **greater than or equal to 18**: If the age is **20 or below**, it shows the **home view**. If the age is **above 20**, it shows the **adults view**. If the user's age is **less than 18**, it redirects them to a **denied view** (Access Denied page).
- This ensures that users see different pages based on their age.

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LogRequests.php
app > Http > Middleware > LogRequests.php > handle()
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Middleware;
4
5  use Closure;
6  use Illuminate\Http\Request;
7  use Illuminate\Support\Facades\Storage;
8  use Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\Response;
9
10 class LogRequests
11 {
12     /**
13      * Handle an incoming request.
14      *
15      * @param \Closure(\Illuminate\Http\Request): (\Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\Response) $next
16      */
17     0 references | 0 overrides
18     public function handle(Request $request, Closure $next): Response
19     {
20         $logData = [
21             'URL' => $request->url(),
22             'Method' => $request->method(),
23             'Timestamp' => now()->format('Y-m-d H:i:s'),
24             'PHP_EOL' => PHP_EOL,
25             'Storage' => append(path: 'LogReqLab4/log.txt', data: $logData);
26         ];
27         return $next($request);
28     }
29 }

```

### LogRequests middleware

It captures the URL, HTTP method (e.g., GET, POST), and the current timestamp. The log message is then saved to a file called **log.txt** which adds new entries to the file. After logging, the middleware passes the request to the next process using `$next($request)`.

- ❖ This middleware helps keep track of every incoming request to our page.

## Registration of CheckAge and LogRequests middleware

### Global Middleware:

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Requests.php • Kernel.php X
Http > Kernel.php > Kernel > middlewareGroups
namespace App\Http;

use Illuminate\Foundation\Http\Kernel as HttpKernel;

0 references | 0 implementations
class Kernel extends HttpKernel
{
    /**
     * The application's request middleware.
     *
     * These middleware are run during every request to your application.
     *
     * @var array<int, class-string|string>
     */
    0 references
    protected $middleware = [
        \App\Http\Middleware\TrustProxies::class,
        \Illuminate\Http\Middleware\HandleCors::class,
        \App\Http\Middleware\PreventRequestsDuringMaintenance::class,
        \Illuminate\Foundation\Http\Middleware\ValidatePostSize::class,
        \App\Http\Middleware\TrimStrings::class,
        \Illuminate\Foundation\Http\Middleware\ConvertEmptyStringsToUppercase::class,
        //global middleware part added
        \App\Http\Middleware\CheckAge::class,
        \App\Http\Middleware\LogRequests::class,
    ];
}
```

### Route-Specific Middleware:

```
Requests.php • Kernel.php X
tp > Kernel.php > Kernel > middlewareGroups
ss Kernel extends HttpKernel
protected $middlewareGroups = [
    //...
    \Illuminate\Routing\Middleware\SubstituteBindings::class
];

/**
 * The application's route middleware.
 *
 * These middleware may be assigned to groups or used individually.
 *
 * @var array<string, class-string|string>
 */
0 references
protected $routeMiddleware = [
    'auth' => \App\Http\Middleware\Authenticate::class,
    'auth.basic' => \Illuminate\Auth\Middleware\AuthenticateWithBasicAuth::class,
    'bindings' => \Illuminate\Routing\Middleware\SubstituteBindings::class,
    'cache.headers' => \Illuminate\Http\Middleware\SetCacheHeaders::class,
    'can' => \Illuminate\Auth\Middleware\Authorize::class,
    'guest' => \App\Http\Middleware\RedirectIfAuthenticated::class,
    'password.confirm' => \Illuminate\Auth\Middleware\RequirePassword::class,
    'signed' => \Illuminate\Routing\Middleware\ValidateSignature::class,
    'throttle' => \Illuminate\Routing\Middleware\ThrottleRequests::class,
    'verified' => \Illuminate\Auth\Middleware\EnsureEmailIsVerified::class,
    //routeMiddleware part added
    'check.age' => \App\Http\Middleware\CheckAge::class,
    'log.requests' => \App\Http\Middleware\LogRequests::class,
];
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- ❖ **Global Middleware:** These middleware will run **on every request** to the application. By adding **CheckAge** and **LogRequests** here, it ensures that every request will have its age checked and the request logged.
- ❖ **Route Middleware:** These middleware are applied **only to specific routes** where we explicitly include them. This allows us to control which routes should have age checking and logging functionality.

### Explanation/Summary:

1. Middlewares are used to filter HTTP requests and responses. **CheckAge** can validate the age of a user, and **LogRequests** can log incoming requests.
  - a. CheckAge: This middleware helps control access to specific content based on the user's age, ensuring that the application responds appropriately to different age groups.
  - b. LogRequests: This middleware is essential for tracking and auditing user activity, helping developers understand how the application is being used and troubleshooting any issues that may arise.
2. Global middleware applies to all requests.
3. Route-specific middleware applies only to routes or route groups where they are assigned.
  - a. By registering middleware as both global and route-specific, we can decide whether to apply the middleware universally or only to certain parts of the application, offering flexibility and control over how requests are processed

## Part 2: Assign Middleware to Routes:

Code: web.php

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web.php
1 <?php
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3 use App\Http\Middleware\LogRequests;
4 use Illuminate\Support\Facades\Route;
5 use Illuminate\Http\Request;
6 use Illuminate\Support\Facades\Mail;
7 use App\Mail\ContactMe;
8 use App\Http\Middleware\CheckAge;
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10 // Route for displaying the Age verification form
11 Route::get('/', function () { return view('Age'); });
12 return view('Age');
13 }->name('Age');
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15 // Group routes logreq
16 Route::middleware([LogRequests::class])>group(callback: function () { void {
17     Route::post('/', function (Request $request): Factory\View {
18         return view('adults');
19     })->name('age.verify')>middleware([CheckAge::class]); //route specific
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21     Route::get('/homepage', function () { return view('homepage'); });
22     return view('homepage');
23 })->name('homepage');
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25     Route::get('/homepage/{username}', function ($username = 'Guest'): Factory\View {
26         return view('homepage', data: ['username' => $username]);
27     })->where('username', expression: '[a-zA-Z]+')>name('homepage');
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29     Route::get('/about/{username}', function ($username = 'Guest'): Factory\View {
30         return view('about', data: ['username' => $username]);
31     })->where('username', expression: '[a-zA-Z]+')>name('about');
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web.php
16 Route::middleware([LogRequests::class])>group(callback: function () { void {
33     Route::get(uri: '/content/{username?}', action: function ($username = 'Guest'): Factory\View {
34         return view('content', data: ['username' => $username]);
35     })->where('username', expression: '[a-zA-Z]+')>name('content');
36
37     Route::get(uri: '/contact/{username?}', action: function ($username = 'Guest'): Factory\View {
38         return view('contact', data: ['username' => $username]);
39     })->where('username', expression: '[a-zA-Z]+')>name('contact');
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41     Route::get(uri: '/contact', action: function () { return view('contact'); });
42     return view('contact');
43 })->name('contact');
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46 // form submission and redirect to the homepage with username
47 Route::post(uri: '/homepage', action: function (Request $request): mixed\RedirectResponse {
48     $loginType = $request->input(key: 'login_type');
49     $username = $loginType == 'guest' ? 'Guest' : $request->input(key: 'username');
50     if ($loginType == 'user') {
51         $request->validate(rules: ['username' => 'required|alpha']);
52     }
53     return redirect()->route('homepage', parameters: ['username' => $username]);
54 });
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56 //Access Denied page
57 Route::get(uri: '/denied', action: function () { return view('denied'); });
58 return view('denied');
59 })->name('denied');
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### 1. Welcome Page Route:

- Route: /
- Purpose: Displays the age verification form (view called **Age**).

### 2. Route Group (with **LogRequests** Middleware):

- Inside this group, all routes will log the request details (like URL and timestamp) via the **LogRequests** middleware.
- Age Verification Route:
  - Route: /
  - Purpose: After submitting the age form, the **CheckAge** middleware is applied to ensure the user meets the age requirement. If the user is old enough, they are shown the **adults** view.
- Other Routes ( /homepage, /about, /content, etc.):
  - These pages display content specific to the route, but also benefit from logging due to the group middleware.

### 3. Access Denied Page:

- Route: /denied
- Purpose: This page is shown if the user fails the age check.

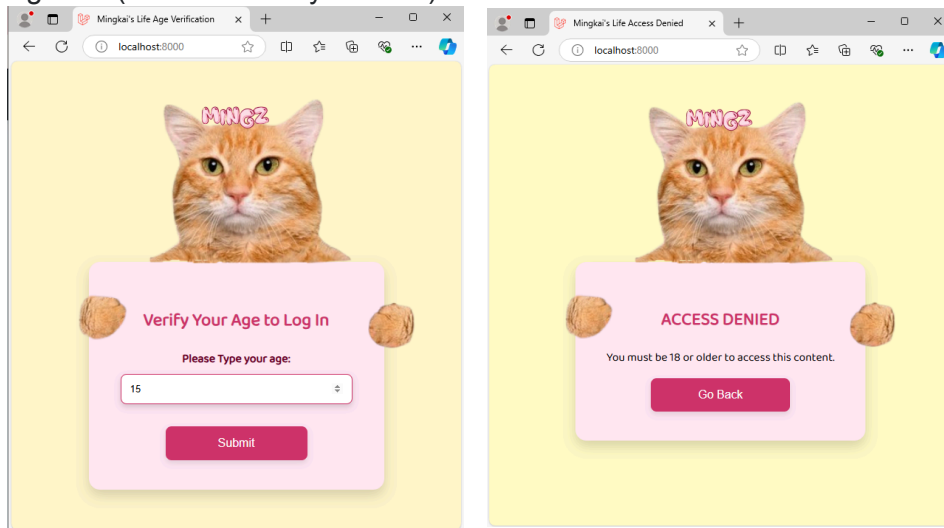
### 4. Restricted Content Route (Adults Only):

- Route: /adults
- Purpose: Only users 21 years or older can access this route. The **CheckAge** middleware checks the age and restricts access if the condition isn't met.

## Testing the middleware by simulating different age values in the request

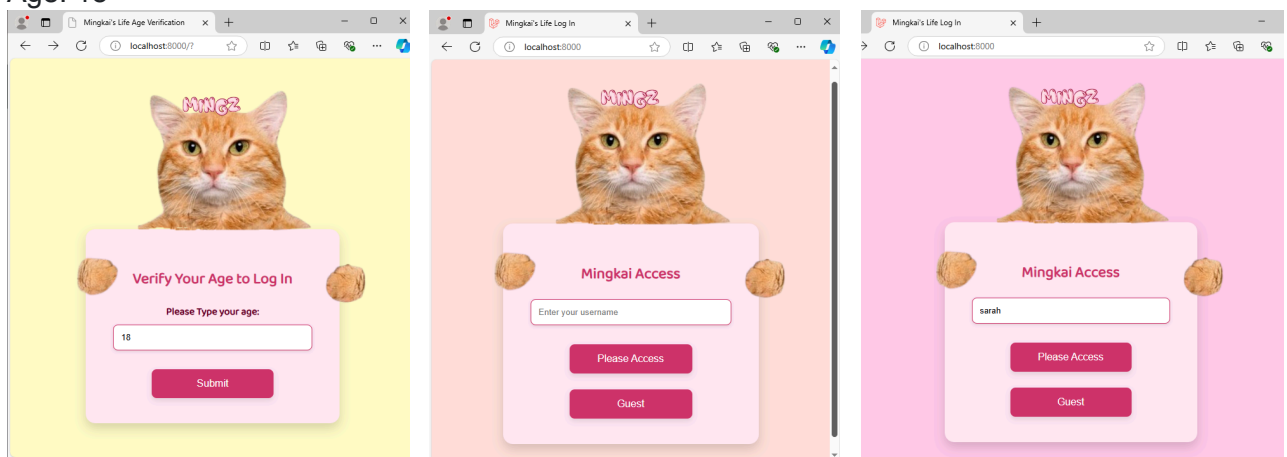
Instances:

Age: 15 (and below 18 years old)



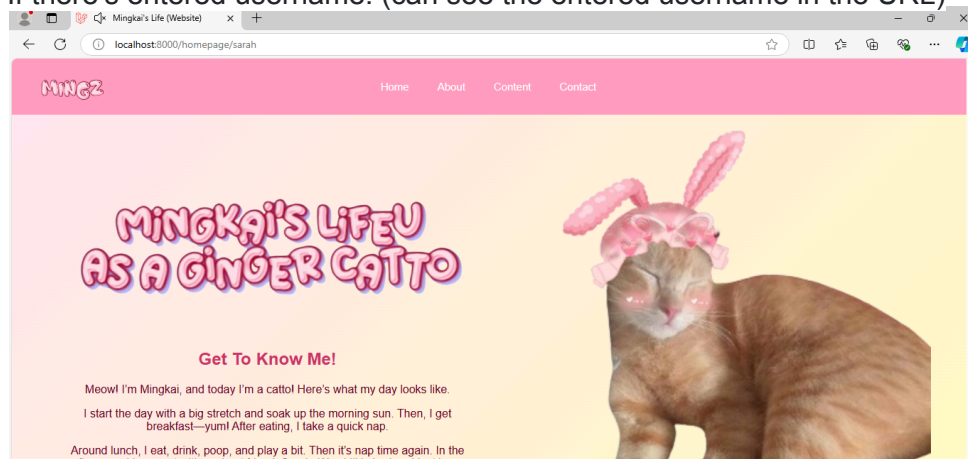
❖ If below 18: It goes to access denied page

Age: 18

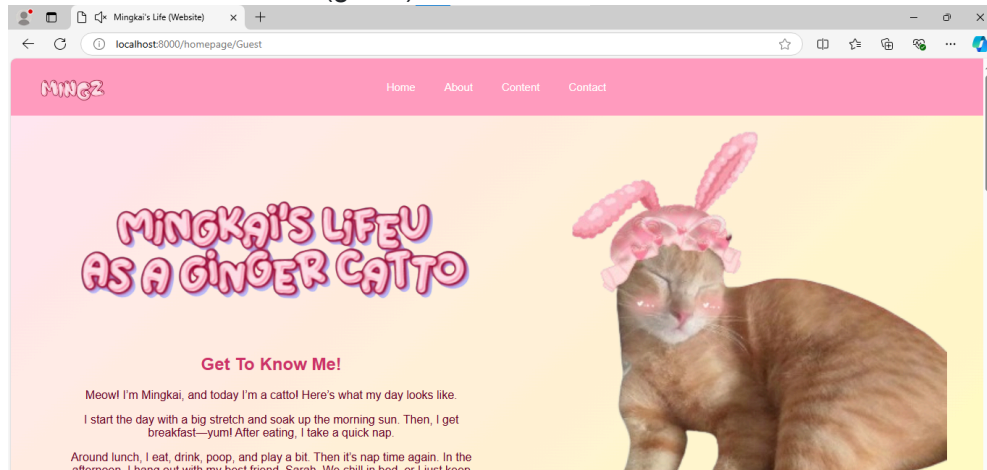


❖ If 18-20 yrs old: Can access the page

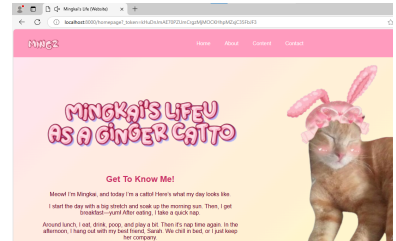
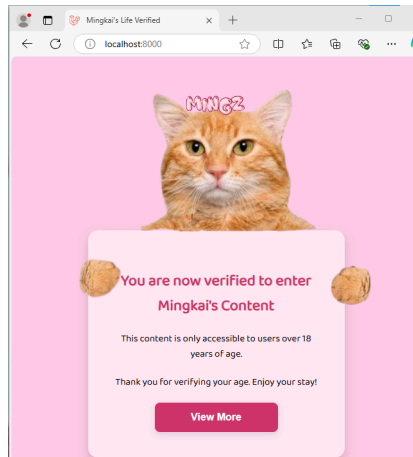
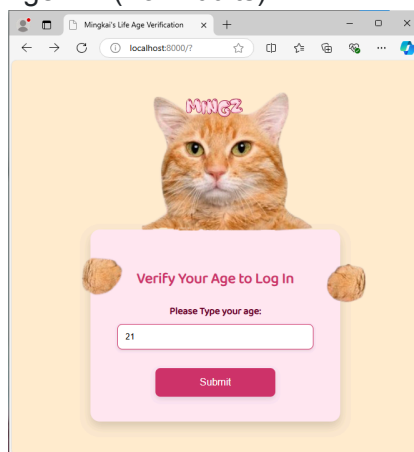
If there's entered username: (can see the entered username in the URL)



If no entered username: (guest)



Age: 21 (For Adults)



### Part 3: Create Middleware with Parameters:

#### 1. Modified CheckAge Middleware:

```
public function handle($request, Closure $next, $minAge = 18): mixed|Response
{
    $age = $request->input('age', 0); // Get age from request input (default 0 if not provided)

    // Check if age meets the minimum requirement passed as a parameter
    if ($age >= $minAge) {
        // Return different views based on age range
        if ($age <= 20) {
            return response()->view(view: 'home');
        } else {
            return response()->view(view: 'adults');
        }
    }

    // If age is below the minimum, redirect to denied page
    return response()->view(view: 'denied');
}
```

- a. The `CheckAge` middleware now accepts a **parameter** (`$minAge`), which specifies the minimum required age for access.
- b. The middleware checks the user's age (from request input) against the provided minimum age.
- c. If the user meets the age requirement:
  - If the age is between 18 and 20, the user is shown the "home" view.
  - If the age is above 20, the user is shown the "adults" view.
- d. If the user does **not** meet the age requirement, they are redirected to an "Access Denied" page (`denied` view)

## 2. New Route with Parameterized Middleware:

```
// CheckAge middleware to restricted contents
Route::get(uri: '/adults', action: function (): Factory|View {
    return view(view: 'adults');
})->name(name: 'adults')->middleware(middleware: CheckAge::class.':21');
```

- a. The route `/adults` is protected by the `CheckAge` middleware, with a **minimum age requirement of 21** (`middleware(CheckAge::class.':21')`).
- b. This ensures only users who are 21 or older can access the `/adults` page. Users younger than 21 will be redirected to the "Access Denied" page.

❖ This allows enforcing different age restrictions on various routes based on the parameter provided to the middleware.