

Laravel Forms and Gathering Input: Brief Guide with Example

In Laravel, forms are used to collect user input. This input can be processed, validated, and saved to the database. Here's a concise guide with an example:

Key Steps

1. Create a Form in Blade

- Use the HTML form tag and Laravel's built-in `@csrf` directive for protection.

2. Capture Input in a Controller

- Handle the form submission and retrieve input values using Laravel's Request object.

3. Validate Input

- Use `validate()` to ensure the data meets specific rules before processing.

4. Store Data in the Database

- Save the validated data into a database using models.

5. Provide Feedback

- Show success or error messages to users.
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Example: User Registration

Step 1: Form in Blade View

html

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```
<form action="{{ route('user.register') }}"
method="POST" enctype="multipart/form-data">
    @csrf
    <label>Name:</label>
    <input type="text" name="name" value="{{
old('name') }}" required>
    <br>

    <label>Email:</label>
    <input type="email" name="email"
value="{{ old('email') }}" required>
    <br>

    <label>Password:</label>
    <input type="password" name="password"
required>
    <br>

    <label>Profile Picture:</label>
    <input type="file"
name="profile_picture">
    <br>
```

```
<button type="submit">Register</button>
</form>
```

Step 2: Controller Logic

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```
use Illuminate\Http\Request;
use App\Models\User;

class UserController extends Controller
{
    public function register(Request
$request)
    {
        // Validate input
        $validated = $request->validate([
            'name' => 'required|max:255',
            'email' =>
'required|email|unique:users',
            'password' => 'required|min:6',
            'profile_picture' =>
'nullable|image|max:2048',
        ]);
    }
}
```

```
        // Handle file upload (optional)
        if
($request->hasFile('profile_picture')) {
            $filePath =
$request->file('profile_picture')->store('pro
file_pictures', 'public');
        }

        // Save user to the database
        User::create([
            'name' => $validated['name'],
            'email' => $validated['email'],
            'password' =>
bcrypt($validated['password']),
            'profile_picture' => $filePath ??
null,
        ]);

        // Redirect with a success message
        return
redirect()->back()->with('success',
'Registration successful!');
    }
}
```

Step 3: Display Validation Errors

html

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```
@if ($errors->any())  
    <div>  
        <ul>  
            @foreach ($errors->all() as  
$error)  
                <li>{{ $error }}</li>  
            @endforeach  
        </ul>  
    </div>  
@endif
```

Step 4: Show Success Message

html

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```
@if (session('success'))  
    <div>  
        {{ session('success') }}  
    </div>  
@endif
```

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1. **Form Submission:** User submits the form.
 2. **CSRF Protection:** Ensures the request is secure.
 3. **Validation:** Validates input fields.
 4. **File Handling:** Processes uploaded files if any.
 5. **Database Storage:** Saves valid data to the database.
 6. **Feedback:** Displays success or error messages.
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