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Installation

Server Requirements

The Lumen framework has a few system requirements. Of course, all of these requirements are satisfied by the <u>Laravel Homestead</u> virtual machine:

- PHP >= 5.5.9
- OpenSSL PHP Extension
- Mbstring PHP Extension
- Tokenizer PHP Extension

Installing Lumen

Lumen utilizes <u>Composer</u> to manage its dependencies. So, before using Lumen, make sure you have Composer installed on your machine.

Via Lumen Installer

First, download the Lumen installer using Composer:

```
composer global require "laravel/lumen-installer=~1.0"
```

Make sure to place the ~/.composer/vendor/bin directory in your PATH so the lumen executable can be located by your system.

Once installed, the simple lumen new command will create a fresh Lumen installation in the directory you specify. For instance, lumen new blog will create a directory named blog containing a fresh Lumen installation with all of Lumen's dependencies already installed. This method of installation is much faster than installing via Composer:

```
lumen new blog
```

Via Composer Create-Project

You may also install Lumen by issuing the Composer create-project command in your terminal:

```
composer create-project laravel/lumen blog "5.1.*"
```

Configuration

Basic Configuration

Unlike the full-stack Laravel framework which has multiple configuration files, all of the configuration options for the Lumen framework are stored in a single .env configuration file.

Directory Permissions

After installing Lumen, you may need to configure some permissions. Directories within the storage directory should be writable by your web server or Lumen will not run. If you are using the Homestead virtual machine, these permissions should already be set.

Application Key

After installing Lumen, you should set your application key to a 32 character, random string. The key can be set in the .env environment file. If you have not renamed the .env.example file to .env, you should do that now. If the application key is not set, your user sessions and other encrypted data will not be secure!

Note: In order for your configuration values to be loaded, you will need to uncomment the <code>Dotenv::load()</code> method call in your <code>bootstrap/app.php</code> file.

Additional Configuration

Lumen needs almost no other configuration out of the box. You are free to get started developing!

You may also want to configure a few additional components of Lumen, such as:

- Cache
- Database

Pretty URLs

Apache

The framework ships with a public/.htaccess file that is used to allow URLs without index.php. If you use Apache to serve your Lumen application, be sure to enable the mod_rewrite module.

If the .htaccess file that ships with Lumen does not work with your Apache installation, try this one:

```
Options +FollowSymLinks
RewriteEngine On

RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} !-d
RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} !-f
RewriteRule ^ index.php [L]
```

Nginx

On Nginx, the following directive in your site configuration will allow "pretty" URLs:

Of course, when using **Homestead**, pretty URLs will be configured automatically.

Environment Configuration

It is often helpful to have different configuration values based on the environment the application is running in. For example, you may wish to use a different cache driver locally than you do on your production server. It's easy using environment based configuration.

To make this a cinch, Lumen utilizes the <u>DotEnv</u> PHP library by Vance Lucas. In a fresh Lumen installation, the root directory of your application will contain a .env.example file. If you install Lumen via Composer, this file will automatically be renamed to .env. Otherwise, you should rename the file manually.

All of the variables listed in this file will be loaded into the \$_ENV PHP super-global when your application receives a request. You may use the env helper to retrieve values from these variables. In fact, if you review the Lumen configuration files, you will notice several of the options already using this helper!

Feel free to modify your environment variables as needed for your own local server, as well as your production environment. However, your .env file should not be committed to your application's source control, since each developer / server using your application could require a different environment configuration.

If you are developing with a team, you may wish to continue including a .env.example file with your application. By putting place-holder values in the example configuration file, other developers on your team can clearly see which environment variables are needed to run your application.

Configuration Files

You may use full "Laravel style" configuration files if you wish. The default files are stored in the vendor/laravel/lumen-framework/config directory. Lumen will use your copy of the configuration file if you copy and paste one of the files into a config directory within your project root.

Using full configuration files will give you more control over some aspects of Lumen's configuration, such as configuring multiple storage "disks" or read / write database connections.

Custom Configuration Files

You may also create your own custom configuration files and load them using the <code>\$app->configure()</code> method. For example, if your configuration file is located at <code>config/options.php</code>, you can load the file like so:

```
$app->configure('options');
```

Accessing The Current Application Environment

You may access the current application environment via the environment method on the App facade:

```
$environment = App::environment();
```

You may also pass arguments to the environment method to check if the environment matches a given value. You may even pass multiple values if necessary:

An application instance may also be accessed via the app helper method:

```
$environment = app()->environment();
```

Accessing Configuration Values

You may easily access your configuration values using the global <code>config</code> helper function. The configuration values may be accessed using "dot" syntax, which includes the name of the file and option you with to access. A default value may also be specified and will be returned if the configuration option does not exist:

```
$value = config('app.timezone');
```

To set configuration values at runtime, pass an array to the config helper:

```
config(['app.timezone' => 'America/Chicago']);
```

Getting Started

Release Notes

- <u>5.1.0</u>
- <u>5.0.4</u>
- 5.0 (Based On Laravel 5.0.x)

Lumen 5.1.0

Lumen 5.1.0 upgrades the framework to use the 5.1 family of Laravel components. Features such as event broadcasting, middleware parameters, and testing improvements are now available in Lumen. For the full Laravel 5.1 release notes, consult the <u>Laravel documentation</u>.

Lumen 5.0.4

When upgrading to Lumen 5.0.4, you should update your bootstrap/app.php file's creation of the Lumen application class to the following:

Note: This is not a required change; however, it should prevent some bugs when using the Artisan CLI and PHP's built-in web server.

Lumen 5.0

Lumen 5.0 is the initial release of the Lumen framework, and is based on the Laravel 5.x series of PHP components.

The Basics

HTTP Routing

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Basic Routing

You will define most of the routes for your application in the <code>app/Http/routes.php</code> file, which is loaded by the <code>bootstrap/app.php</code> file. The most basic Lumen routes simply accept a URI and a <code>closure</code>:

Generating URLs To Routes

You may generate URLs to your application's routes using the url helper:

```
$url = url('foo');
```

Route Parameters

Required Parameters

Of course, sometimes you will need to capture segments of the URI within your route. For example, you may need to capture a user's ID from the URL. You may do so by defining route parameters:

```
$app->get('user/{id}', function ($id) {
         return 'User '.$id;
});
```

You may define as many route parameters as required by your route:

Route parameters are always encased within "curly" braces. The parameters will be passed into your route's closure when the route is executed.

Note: Route parameters cannot contain the - character. Use an underscore (_) instead.

Regular Expression Constraints

You may constrain the format of your route parameters by defining a regular expression in your route definition:

Named Routes

Named routes allow you to conveniently generate URLs or redirects for a specific route. You may specify a name for a route using the as array key when defining the route:

You may also specify route names for controller actions:

Generating URLs To Named Routes

Once you have assigned a name to a given route, you may use the route's name when generating URLs or redirects via the route function:

```
$url = route('profile');
$redirect = redirect()->route('profile');
```

If the route defines parameters, you may pass the parameters as the second argument to the route method. The given parameters will automatically be inserted into the URL:

```
}]);

$url = route('profile', ['id' => 1]);
```

Route Groups

Route groups allow you to share route attributes, such as middleware or namespaces, across a large number of routes without needing to define those attributes on each individual routes. Shared attributes are specified in an array format as the first parameter to the \$app->group method.

To learn more about route groups, we'll walk through several common use-cases for the feature.

Middleware

To assign middleware to all routes within a group, you may use the middleware key in the group attribute array. Middleware will be executed in the order you define this array:

Namespaces

Another common use-case for route groups is assigning the same PHP namespace to a group of controllers. You may use the namespace parameter in your group attribute array to specify the namespace for all controllers within the group:

Route Prefixes

The prefix group array attribute may be used to prefix each route in the group with a given URI. For example, you may want to prefix all route URIs within the group with admin:

You may also use the prefix parameter to specify common parameters for your grouped routes:

CSRF Protection

Note: You must <u>enable sessions</u> before using this Lumen feature.

Introduction

Lumen makes it easy to protect your application from <u>cross-site request forgeries</u>. Cross-site request forgeries are a type of malicious exploit whereby unauthorized commands are performed on behalf of the authenticated user.

Lumen automatically generates a CSRF "token" for each active user session managed by the application. This token is used to verify that the authenticated user is the one actually making the requests to the application. To retrieve the current CSRF token value, use the csrf token helper:

```
<?php echo csrf_token(); ?>
<input type="hidden" name="_token" value="<?php echo csrf token(); ?>">
```

You do not need to manually verify the CSRF token on POST, PUT, or DELETE requests. The VerifyCsrfToken HTTP middleware will verify token in the request input matches the token stored in the session.

X-CSRF-TOKEN

In addition to checking for the CSRF token as a POST parameter, the Lumen <code>VerifyCsrfToken</code> middleware will also check for the <code>x-csrf-token</code> request header. You could, for example, store the token in a "meta" tag:

```
<meta name="csrf-token" content="{{ csrf_token() }}">
```

Once you have created the meta tag, you can instruct a library like jQuery to add the token to all request headers. This provides simple, convenient CSRF protection for your AJAX based applications:

X-XSRF-TOKEN

Lumen also stores the CSRF token in a XSRF-TOKEN cookie. You can use the cookie value to set the X-XSRF-TOKEN request header. Some JavaScript frameworks, like Angular, do this automatically for you. It is unlikely that you will need to use this value manually.

Form Method Spoofing

HTML forms do not support PUT, PATCH or DELETE actions. So, when defining PUT, PATCH or DELETE routes that are called from an HTML form, you will need to add a hidden _method field to the form. The value sent with the _method field will be used as the HTTP request method:

Throwing 404 Errors

There are two ways to manually trigger a 404 error from a route. First, you may use the abort helper. The abort helper simply throws a Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\Exception\HttpException with the specified status code:

```
abort(404);
```

Secondly, you may manually throw an instance of

Symfony\Component\HttpKernel\Exception\NotFoundHttpException.

More information on handling 404 exceptions and using custom responses for these errors may be found in the <u>errors</u> section of the documentation.

The Basics

HTTP Middleware

- Introduction
- Defining Middleware
- Registering Middleware
- Middleware Parameters
- Terminable Middleware

Introduction

HTTP middleware provide a convenient mechanism for filtering HTTP requests entering your application. For example, Lumen includes a middleware that verifies the user of your application is authenticated. If the user is not authenticated, the middleware will redirect the user to the login screen. However, if the user is authenticated, the middleware will allow the request to proceed further into the application.

Of course, additional middleware can be written to perform a variety of tasks besides authentication. A CORS middleware might be responsible for adding the proper headers to all responses leaving your application. A logging middleware might log all incoming requests to your application.

Defining Middleware

Middleware are typically placed in the app/Http/Middleware directory. To create a new middleware, define a class with a handle method like the following:

```
/**
  * Filter the incoming request.
  *
  * @param \Illuminate\Http\Request $request
  * @param \Closure $next
  * @return mixed
  */
public function handle($request, Closure $next)
{
      //
}
```

For example, we may define a middleware to only allow access to the route if the supplied age is greater than 200. Otherwise, we will redirect the users back to the "home" URI:

```
* @param \Closure \$next
  * @return mixed
  */
public function handle(\$request, Closure \$next)
{
      if (\$request->input('age') <= 200) {
            return redirect('home');
      }
      return \$next(\$request);
}</pre>
```

As you can see, if the given age is less than or equal to 200, the middleware will return an HTTP redirect to the client; otherwise, the request will be passed further into the application. To pass the request deeper into the application (allowing the middleware to "pass"), simply call the \$next callback with the \$request.

It's best to envision middleware as a series of "layers" HTTP requests must pass through before they hit your application. Each layer can examine the request and even reject it entirely.

Before / After Middleware

Whether a middleware runs before or after a request depends on the middleware itself. For example, the following middleware would perform some task before the request is handled by the application:

However, this middleware would perform its task after the request is handled by the application:

Registering Middleware

Global Middleware

If you want a middleware to be run during every HTTP request to your application, simply list the middleware class in the <code>sapp->middleware()</code> call in your <code>bootstrap/app.php</code> file.

Assigning Middleware To Routes

If you would like to assign middleware to specific routes, you should first assign the middleware a short-hand key in your bootstrap/app.php file. By default, the <code>\$app->routeMiddleware()</code> method call of this file contains entries for the middleware included with Lumen. To add your own, simply append it to this list and assign it a key of your choosing. For example:

```
$app->routeMiddleware([
    'old' => 'App\Http\Middleware\OldMiddleware',
]);
```

Once the middleware has been defined in the bootstrap file, you may use the middleware key in the route options array:

Middleware Parameters

Middleware can also receive additional custom parameters. For example, if your application needs to verify that the authenticated user has a given "role" before performing a given action, you could create a RoleMiddleware that receives a role name as an additional argument.

Additional middleware parameters will be passed to the middleware after the \$next argument:

}

Middleware parameters may be specified when defining the route by separating the middleware name and parameters with a :. Multiple parameters should be delimited by commas:

Terminable Middleware

Sometimes a middleware may need to do some work after the HTTP response has already been sent to the browser. For example, the "session" middleware included with Lumen writes the session data to storage *after* the response has been sent to the browser. To accomplish this, define the middleware as "terminable" by adding a terminate method to the middleware:

The terminate method should receive both the request and the response. Once you have defined a terminable middleware, you should add it to the list of global middlewares in your bootstrap file.

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HTTP Controllers

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- Controller Middleware
- Dependency Injection & Controllers

Introduction

Instead of defining all of your request handling logic in a single routes.php file, you may wish to organize this behavior using Controller classes. Controllers can group related HTTP request handling logic into a class. Controllers are typically stored in the app/Http/Controllers directory.

Basic Controllers

Here is an example of a basic controller class. All Lumen controllers should extend the base controller class included with the default Lumen installation:

We can route to the controller action like so:

```
$app->get('user/{id}', 'UserController@showProfile');
```

Now, when a request matches the specified route URI, the showProfile method on the UserController class will be executed. Of course, the route parameters will also be passed to the method.

Controllers & Namespaces

It is very important to note that we did not need to specify the full controller namespace when defining the controller route. We only defined the portion of the class name that comes after the App\http\Controllers namespace "root". By default, the bootstrap/app.php file will load the

routes.php file within a route group containing the root controller namespace.

If you choose to nest or organize your controllers using PHP namespaces deeper into the App\Http\Controllers directory, simply use the specific class name relative to the App\Http\Controllers root namespace. So, if your full controller class is App\Http\Controllers\Photos\AdminController, you would register a route like so:

```
$app->get('foo', 'Photos\AdminController@method');
```

Naming Controller Routes

Like Closure routes, you may specify names on controller routes:

```
$app->get('foo', ['uses' => 'FooController@method', 'as' => 'name']);
```

Once you have assigned a name to the controller route, you can easily generate URLs to the action. To generate a URL to a controller action, use the action helper method. Again, we only need to specify the part of the controller class name that comes after the base App\Http\Controllers namespace:

```
$url = action('FooController@method');
```

You may also use the route helper to generate a URL to a named controller route:

```
$url = route('name');
```

Controller Middleware

Middleware may be assigned to the controller's routes like so:

```
$app->get('profile', [
          'middleware' => 'auth',
          'uses' => 'UserController@showProfile'
]);
```

However, it is more convenient to specify middleware within your controller's constructor. Using the middleware method from your controller's constructor, you may easily assign middleware to the controller. You may even restrict the middleware to only certain methods on the controller class:

Dependency Injection & Controllers

Constructor Injection

The Lumen <u>service container</u> is used to resolve all Lumen controllers. As a result, you are able to type-hint any dependencies your controller may need in its constructor. The dependencies will automatically be resolved and injected into the controller instance:

Method Injection

In addition to constructor injection, you may also type-hint dependencies on your controller's action methods. For example, let's type-hint the <code>illuminate\Http\Request</code> instance on one of our methods:

If your controller method is also expecting input from a route parameter, simply list your route

arguments after your other dependencies:

The Basics

HTTP Requests

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Accessing The Request

To obtain an instance of the current HTTP request via dependency injection, you should type-hint the <code>Illuminate\Http\Request</code> class on your controller constructor or method. The current request instance will automatically be injected by the service container:

If your controller method is also expecting input from a route parameter, simply list your route arguments after your other dependencies. For example, if your route is defined like so:

```
$app->put('user/{id}', 'UserController@update');
```

You may still type-hint the Illuminate\Http\Request and access your route parameter id by defining your controller method like the following:

Basic Request Information

The Illuminate\Http\Request instance provides a variety of methods for examining the HTTP request for your application. The Lumen Illuminate\Http\Request extends the Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\Request class. Here are a few more of the useful methods available on this class:

Retrieving The Request URI

The path method returns the request's URI. So, if the incoming request is targeted at http://domain.com/foo/bar, the path method will return foo/bar:

```
$uri = $request->path();
```

The is method allows you to verify that the incoming request URI matches a given pattern. You may use the * character as a wildcard when utilizing this method:

To get the full URL, not just the path info, you may use the url method on the request instance:

```
$url = $request->url();
```

Retrieving The Request Method

The method will return the HTTP verb for the request. You may also use the isMethod method to verify that the HTTP verb matches a given string:

PSR-7 Requests

The PSR-7 standard specifies interfaces for HTTP messages, including requests and responses. If you would like to obtain an instance of a PSR-7 request, you will first need to install a few libraries. Lumen uses the Symfony HTTP Message Bridge component to convert typical Lumen requests and responses into PSR-7 compatible implementations:

```
composer require symfony/psr-http-message-bridge
```

```
composer require zendframework/zend-diactoros
```

Next, we need to add a container binding for the ServerRequestInterface so it can be resolved:

```
use Symfony\Bridge\PsrHttpMessage\Factory\DiactorosFactory;

$app->bind('Psr\Http\Message\ServerRequestInterface', function ($app) {
    return (new DiactorosFactory)->createRequest($app->make('request'));
});
```

Once you have installed these libraries and registered the container binding, you may obtain a PSR-7 request by simply type-hinting the request type on your route or controller:

If you return a PSR-7 response instance from a route or controller, it will automatically be converted back to a Lumen response instance and be displayed by the framework.

Retrieving Input

Retrieving An Input Value

Using a few simple methods, you may access all user input from your <code>illuminate\Http\Request</code> instance. You do not need to worry about the HTTP verb used for the request, as input is accessed in the same way for all verbs.

```
$name = $request->input('name');
```

You may pass a default value as the second argument to the input method. This value will be returned if the requested input value is not present on the request:

```
$name = $request->input('name', 'Sally');
```

When working on forms with array inputs, you may use "dot" notation to access the arrays:

```
$input = $request->input('products.0.name');
```

Determining If An Input Value Is Present

To determine if a value is present on the request, you may use the has method. The has method returns true if the value is present and is not an empty string:

Retrieving All Input Data

You may also retrieve all of the input data as an array using the all method:

```
$input = $request->all();
```

Retrieving A Portion Of The Input Data

If you need to retrieve a sub-set of the input data, you may use the only and except methods. Both of these methods accept a single array as their only argument:

```
$input = $request->only('username', 'password');
$input = $request->except('credit card');
```

Old Input

Note: You must <u>enable sessions</u> before using this feature.

Lumen allows you to keep input from one request during the next request. This feature is particularly useful for re-populating forms after detecting validation errors. However, if you are using Lumen's included <u>validation services</u>, it is unlikely you will need to manually use these methods, as some of Lumen's built-in validation facilities will call them automatically.

Flashing Input To The Session

The flash method on the Illuminate\Http\Request instance will flash the current input to the session so that it is available during the user's next request to the application:

```
$request->flash();
```

You may also use the flashonly and flashExcept methods to flash a sub-set of the request data into the session:

```
$request->flashOnly('username', 'email');
$request->flashExcept('password');
```

Flash Input Into Session Then Redirect

Since you often will want to flash input in association with a redirect to the previous page, you may easily chain input flashing onto a redirect using the withInput method:

```
return redirect('form')->withInput();
return redirect('form')->withInput($request->except('password'));
```

Retrieving Old Data

To retrieve flashed input from the previous request, use the old method on the Request instance. The old method provides a convenient helper for pulling the flashed input data out of the session:

```
$username = $request->old('username');
```

Lumen also provides a global old helper function. If you are displaying old input within a <u>Blade</u> template, it is more convenient to use the old helper:

```
{{ old('username') }}
```

Cookies

To force all cookies to be encrypted and signed, you will need to uncomment the EncryptCookies middleware in your bootstrap/app.php file. All signed cookies created by the Lumen and Laravel frameworks are encrypted and signed with an authentication code, meaning they will be considered invalid if they have been changed by the client.

Retrieving Cookies From The Request

To retrieve a cookie value from the request, you may use the cookie method on the Illuminate\Http\Request instance:

```
$value = $request->cookie('name');
```

Attaching A New Cookie To A Response

Lumen provides a global cookie helper function which serves as a simple factory for generating new symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\Cookie instances. The cookies may be attached to a Illuminate\Http\Response instance using the withCookie method:

```
$response = new Illuminate\Http\Response('Hello World');
$response->withCookie(cookie('name', 'value', $minutes));
return $response;
```

To create a long-lived cookie, which lasts for five years, you may use the forever method on the cookie factory by first calling the cookie helper with no arguments, and then chaining the forever method onto the returned cookie factory:

```
$response->withCookie(cookie()->forever('name', 'value'));
```

Files

Retrieving Uploaded Files

You may access uploaded files that are included with the <code>Illuminate\Http\Request</code> instance using the <code>file</code> method. The object returned by the <code>file</code> method is an instance of the <code>Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\File\UploadedFile</code> class, which extends the PHP <code>SplFileInfo</code> class and provides a variety of methods for interacting with the file:

```
$file = $request->file('photo');
```

Verifying File Presence

You may also determine if a file is present on the request using the hasFile method:

Validating Successful Uploads

In addition to checking if the file is present, you may verify that there were no problems uploading the file via the isValid method:

Moving Uploaded Files

To move the uploaded file to a new location, you should use the move method. This method will move the file from its temporary upload location (as determined by your PHP configuration) to a more permanent destination of your choosing:

```
$request->file('photo')->move($destinationPath);
$request->file('photo')->move($destinationPath, $fileName);
```

Other File Methods

There are a variety of other methods available on <code>uploadedFile</code> instances. Check out the <u>API documentation for the class</u> for more information regarding these methods.

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Basic Responses

Of course, all routes and controllers should return some kind of response to be sent back to the user's browser. Lumen provides several different ways to return responses. The most basic response is simply returning a string from a route or controller:

```
$app->get('/', function () {
      return 'Hello World';
});
```

The given string will automatically be converted into an HTTP response by the framework.

However, for most routes and controller actions, you will be returning a full <code>lluminate\Http\Response</code> instance or a view. Returning a full <code>Response</code> instance allows you to customize the response's HTTP status code and headers. A <code>Response</code> instance inherits from the <code>Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\Response</code> class, providing a variety of methods for building HTTP responses:

For convenience, you may also use the response helper:

Note: For a full list of available Response methods, check out its <u>API documentation</u> and the <u>Symfony API documentation</u>.

Attaching Headers To Responses

Keep in mind that most response methods are chainable, allowing for the fluent building of responses. For example, you may use the header method to add a series of headers to the response before sending it back to the user:

Attaching Cookies To Responses

The withcookie helper method on the response instance allows you to easily attach cookies to the response. For example, you may use the withcookie method to generate a cookie and attach it to the response instance:

The withCookie method accepts additional optional arguments which allow you to further customize your cookie's properties:

```
->withCookie($name, $value, $minutes, $path, $domain, $secure, $httpOnly)
```

Other Response Types

The response helper may be used to conveniently generate other types of response instances. When the response helper is called without arguments, an implementation of the Illuminate\Contracts\Routing\ResponseFactory contract is returned. This contract provides several helpful methods for generating responses.

View Responses

If you need control over the response status and headers, but also need to return a <u>view</u> as the response content, you may use the <code>view</code> method:

```
return response(view('hello', $data))->header('Content-Type', $type);
```

Of course, if you do not need to pass a custom HTTP status code or custom headers, you may simply use the global view helper function.

JSON Responses

The json method will automatically set the Content-Type header to application/json, as well as convert the given array into JSON using the json encode PHP function:

```
return response()->json(['name' => 'Abigail', 'state' => 'CA']);
```

If you would like to create a JSONP response, you may use the <code>json</code> method in addition to <code>setCallback</code>:

File Downloads

The download method may be used to generate a response that forces the user's browser to download the file at the given path. The download method accepts a file name as the second argument to the method, which will determine the file name that is seen by the user downloading the file. Finally, you may pass an array of HTTP headers as the third argument to the method:

```
return response()->download($pathToFile);
return response()->download($pathToFile, $name, $headers);
```

Note: Symfony HttpFoundation, which manages file downloads, requires the file being downloaded to have an ASCII file name.

Redirects

Redirect responses are instances of the Illuminate\Http\RedirectResponse class, and contain the proper headers needed to redirect the user to another URL. There are several ways to generate a RedirectResponse instance. The simplest method is to use the global redirect helper method:

```
$app->get('dashboard', function () {
         return redirect('home/dashboard');
});
```

Sometimes you may wish to redirect the user to their previous location, for example, after a form submission that is invalid. You may do so by using the back method:

Redirecting To Named Routes

When you call the redirect helper with no parameters, an instance of Illuminate\Routing\Redirector is returned, allowing you to call any method on the Redirector instance. For example, to generate a RedirectResponse to a named route, you may use the route method:

```
return redirect()->route('login');
```

If your route has parameters, you may pass them as the second argument to the route method:

```
// For a route with the following URI: profile/{id}
return redirect()->route('profile', [1]);
```

If you are redirecting to a route with an "ID" parameter that is being populated from an Eloquent model, you may simply pass the model itself. The ID will be extracted automatically:

```
return redirect()->route('profile', [$user]);
```

Redirecting With Flashed Session Data

Note: You must <u>enable sessions</u> before using this feature.

Redirecting to a new URL and <u>flashing data to the session</u> are typically done at the same time. So, for convenience, you may create a RedirectResponse instance and flash data to the session in a single method chain. This is particularly convenient for storing status messages after an action:

Of course, after the user is redirected to a new page, you may retrieve and display the flashed message from the <u>session</u>. For example, using <u>Blade syntax</u>:

The Basics

Views

- Basic Usage
 - Passing Data To Views
 - Sharing Data With All Views

Basic Usage

Views contain the HTML served by your application and separate your controller / application logic from your presentation logic. Views are stored in the resources/views directory.

A simple view might look something like this:

Since this view is stored at resources/views/greeting.php, we may return it using the global view helper function like so:

```
$app->get('/', function () {
         return view('greeting', ['name' => 'James']);
});
```

As you can see, the first argument passed to the view helper corresponds to the name of the view file in the resources/views directory. The second argument passed to helper is an array of data that should be made available to the view. In this case, we are passing the name variable, which is displayed in the view by simply executing echo on the variable.

Of course, views may also be nested within sub-directories of the resources/views directory. "Dot" notation may be used to reference nested views. For example, if your view is stored at resources/views/admin/profile.php, you may reference it like so:

```
return view('admin.profile', $data);
```

Determining If A View Exists

If you need to determine if a view exists, you may use the exists method after calling the view helper with no arguments. This method will return true if the view exists on disk:

When the view helper is called without arguments, an instance of

Illuminate\Contracts\View\Factory is returned, giving you access to any of the factory's methods.

View Data

Passing Data To Views

As you saw in the previous examples, you may easily pass an array of data to views:

```
return view('greetings', ['name' => 'Victoria']);
```

When passing information in this manner, \$data should be an array with key/value pairs. Inside your view, you can then access each value using it's corresponding key, such as <?php echo \$key; ?>. As an alternative to passing a complete array of data to the view helper function, you may use the with method to add individual pieces of data to the view:

```
$view = view('greeting')->with('name', 'Victoria');
```

Sharing Data With All Views

Occasionally, you may need to share a piece of data with all views that are rendered by your application. You may do so using the view factory's share method. Typically, you would place calls to share within a service provider's boot method. You are free to add them to the AppServiceProvider or generate a separate service provider to house them:

More Features

Cache

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 - Retrieving Items From The Cache
 - Storing Items In The Cache
 - Removing Items From The Cache

Configuration

Lumen provides a unified API for various caching systems. The cache configuration is located in your application's <code>env</code> file. In this file you may specify which cache driver you would like used by default throughout your application. Lumen supports popular caching backends like Memcached and Redis out of the box. For larger applications, it is recommended that you use an in-memory cache such as Memcached or APC.

Cache Prerequisites

Database

When using the database cache driver, you will need to setup a table to contain the cache items. You'll find an example schema declaration for the table below:

```
Schema::create('cache', function($table) {
          $table->string('key')->unique();
          $table->text('value');
          $table->integer('expiration');
});
```

Memcached

Using the Memcached cache requires the <u>Memcached PECL package</u> to be installed. The default <u>configuration</u> uses TCP/IP based on <u>Memcached::addServer</u>.

Redis

Before using a Redis cache with Lumen, you will need to install the predis/predis package (~1.0) and illuminate/redis package (~5.1) via Composer.

Cache Usage

Obtaining A Cache Instance

 $The \verb| Illuminate| Contracts| Cache| Factory and \verb| Illuminate| Contracts| Cache| Repository | contracts| Cache| Cache| Repository | contracts| Cache| Cac$

provide access to Lumen's cache services. The Factory contract provides access to all cache drivers defined for your application. The Repository contract is typically an implementation of the default cache driver for your application as specified by your cache configuration file.

However, you may also use the Cache facade, which is what we will use throughout this documentation. The Cache facade provides convenient, terse access to the underlying implementations of the Lumen cache contracts.

For example, let's import the cache facade into a controller:

Accessing Multiple Cache Stores

Using the cache facade, you may access various cache stores via the store method. The key passed to the store method should correspond to one of the stores listed in the stores configuration array in your cache configuration file:

```
$value = Cache::store('file')->get('foo');
Cache::store('redis')->put('bar', 'baz', 10);
```

Retrieving Items From The Cache

The get method on the cache facade is used to retrieve items from the cache. If the item does not exist in the cache, null will be returned. If you wish, you may pass a second argument to the get method specifying the custom default value you wish to be returned if the item doesn't exist:

```
$value = Cache::get('key');
$value = Cache::get('key', 'default');
```

You may even pass a Closure as the default value. The result of the Closure will be returned if the specified item does not exist in the cache. Passing a Closure allows you to defer the retrieval of default values from a database or other external service:

```
$value = Cache::get('key', function() {
          return DB::table(...)->get();
});
```

Checking For Item Existence

The has method may be used to determine if an item exists in the cache:

Incrementing / Decrementing Values

The increment and decrement methods may be used to adjust the value of integer items in the cache. Both of these methods optionally accept a second argument indicating the amount by which to increment or decrement the item's value:

```
Cache::increment('key');
Cache::increment('key', $amount);
Cache::decrement('key');
Cache::decrement('key', $amount);
```

Retrieve Or Update

Sometimes you may wish to retrieve an item from the cache, but also store a default value if the requested item doesn't exist. For example, you may wish to retrieve all users from the cache or, if they don't exist, retrieve them from the database and add them to the cache. You may do this using the Cache: remember method:

```
$value = Cache::remember('users', $minutes, function() {
          return DB::table('users')->get();
});
```

If the item does not exist in the cache, the Closure passed to the remember method will be executed and its result will be placed in the cache.

You may also combine the remember and forever methods:

```
$value = Cache::rememberForever('users', function() {
          return DB::table('users')->get();
});
```

Retrieve And Delete

If you need to retrieve an item from the cache and then delete it, you may use the pull method. Like the get method, null will be returned if the item does not exist in the cache:

```
$value = Cache::pull('key');
```

Storing Items In The Cache

You may use the put method on the Cache facade to store items in the cache. When you place an item in the cache, you will need to specify the number of minutes for which the value should be cached:

```
Cache::put('key', 'value', $minutes);
```

Instead of passing the number of minutes until the item expires, you may also pass a PHP DateTime instance representing the expiration time of the cached item:

```
$expiresAt = Carbon::now()->addMinutes(10);
Cache::put('key', 'value', $expiresAt);
```

The add method will only add the item to the cache if it does not already exist in the cache store. The method will return true if the item is actually added to the cache. Otherwise, the method will return false:

```
Cache::add('key', 'value', $minutes);
```

The forever method may be used to store an item in the cache permanently. These values must be manually removed from the cache using the forget method:

```
Cache::forever('key', 'value');
```

Removing Items From The Cache

You may remove items from the cache using the forget method on the Cache facade:

```
Cache::forget('key');
```

Database

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Configuration

Lumen makes connecting with databases and running queries extremely simple. Currently Lumen supports four database systems: MySQL, Postgres, SQLite, and SQL Server.

You may use the <code>DB_*</code> configuration options in your <code>.env</code> configuration file to configure your database settings, such as the driver, host, username, and password.

Note: In order for your configuration values to be loaded, you will need to uncomment the <code>Dotenv::load()</code> method call in your <code>bootstrap/app.php</code> file.

Basic Usage

Note: If you would like to use the DB facade, you should uncomment the <code>\$app->withFacades()</code> call in your <code>bootstrap/app.php</code> file.

For example, without facades enabled, you may access a database connection via the app helper:

```
$results = app('db')->select("SELECT * FROM users");
```

Or, with facades enabled, you may access the database connection via the DB facade:

```
$results = DB::select("SELECT * FROM users");
```

Basic Queries

To learn how to execute basic, raw SQL queries via the database component, you may consult the full Laravel documentation.

Query Builder

Lumen may also utilize the Laravel fluent query builder. To learn more about this feature, consult the <u>full Laravel documentation</u>.

Eloquent ORM

If you would like to use the Eloquent ORM, you should uncomment the <code>\$app->withEloquent()</code> call in your bootstrap/app.php file.

Of course, you may easily use the full Eloquent ORM with Lumen. To learn how to use Eloquent, check out the <u>full Laravel documentation</u>.

Migrations

For further information on how to create database tables and run migrations, check out the Laravel documentation on the <u>migrations</u>.

Encryption

- Configuration
- Basic Usage

Configuration

Before using Lumens's encrypter, you should set the APP_KEY option of your bootstrap/app.php file to a 32 character, random string. If this value is not properly set, all values encrypted by Lumens will be insecure.

Basic Usage

Encrypting A Value

You may encrypt a value using the Crypt facade. All encrypted values are encrypted using OpenSSL and the AES-256-CBC cipher. Furthermore, all encrypted values are signed with a message authentication code (MAC) to detect any modifications to the encrypted string.

For example, we may use the encrypt method to encrypt a secret and store it on an Eloquent model:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use Crypt;
use App\User;
use Illuminate\Http\Request;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
class UserController extends Controller
        * Store a secret message for the user.
         * @param Request $request
         * @param int $id
         * @return Response
        public function storeSecret(Request $request, $id)
                $user = User::findOrFail($id);
                $user->fill([
                        'secret' => Crypt::encrypt($request->secret)
                ])->save();
        }
}
```

Decrypting A Value

Of course, you may decrypt values using the decrypt method on the Crypt facade. If the value can

not be properly decrypted, such as when the MAC is invalid, an

Illuminate\Contracts\Encryption\DecryptException will be thrown:

Errors & Logging

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Introduction

When you start a new Lumen project, error and exception handling is already configured for you. In addition, Lumen is integrated with the <u>Monolog</u> logging library, which provides support for a variety of powerful log handlers.

Configuration

Error Detail

The amount of error detail your application displays through the browser is controlled by the APP DEBUG configuration option in your .env configuration file.

For local development, you should set the APP_DEBUG environment variable to true. In your production environment, this value should always be false.

The Exception Handler

All exceptions are handled by the App\Exceptions\Handler class. This class contains two methods: report and render. We'll examine each of these methods in detail.

The Report Method

The report method is used to log exceptions or send them to an external service like <u>BugSnag</u>. By default, the report method simply passes the exception to the base class where the exception is logged. However, you are free to log exceptions however you wish.

For example, if you need to report different types of exceptions in different ways, you may use the PHP instanceof comparison operator:

```
/**
 * Report or log an exception.
 *
 * This is a great spot to send exceptions to Sentry, Bugsnag, etc.
 *
 * @param \Exception $e
```

Ignoring Exceptions By Type

The \$dontReport property of the exception handler contains an array of exception types that will not be logged. By default, exceptions resulting from 404 errors are not written to your log files. You may add other exception types to this array as needed.

The Render Method

The render method is responsible for converting a given exception into an HTTP response that should be sent back to the browser. By default, the exception is passed to the base class which generates a response for you. However, you are free to check the exception type or return your own custom response:

```
/**
  * Render an exception into an HTTP response.
  *
  * @param \Illuminate\Http\Request $request
  * @param \Exception $e
  * @return \Illuminate\Http\Response
  */
public function render($request, Exception $e)
{
      if ($e instanceof CustomException) {
            return response()->view('errors.custom', [], 500);
      }
    return parent::render($request, $e);
}
```

HTTP Exceptions

Some exceptions describe HTTP error codes from the server. For example, this may be a "page not found" error (404), an "unauthorized error" (401) or even a developer generated 500 error. In order to generate such a response from anywhere in your application, use the following:

```
abort(404);
```

The abort method will immediately raise an exception which will be rendered by the exception handler. Optionally, you may provide the response text:

```
abort (403, 'Unauthorized action.');
```

This method may be used at any time during the request's lifecycle.

Logging

The Lumen logging facilities provide a simple layer on top of the powerful Monolog library. By default, Lumen is configured to create daily log files for your application which are stored in the storage/logs directory. You may write information to the logs using the Log facade:

The logger provides the seven logging levels defined in <u>RFC 5424</u>: debug, info, notice, warning, error, critical, and alert.

```
Log::debug($error);
Log::info($error);
Log::notice($error);
Log::warning($error);
Log::error($error);
Log::critical($error);
Log::alert($error);
```

Contextual Information

An array of contextual data may also be passed to the log methods. This contextual data will be formatted and displayed with the log message:

```
Log::info('User failed to login.', ['id' => $user->id]);
```

Events

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Introduction

Lumen's events provides a simple observer implementation, allowing you to subscribe and listen for events in your application. Event classes are typically stored in the app/Events directory, while their listeners are stored in app/Listeners.

Registering Events / Listeners

The EventServiceProvider included with your Lumen application provides a convenient place to register all event listeners. The provider is not loaded by default and must be enabled by uncommenting the following line in your bootstrap/app.php file:

```
// $app->register(App\Providers\EventServiceProvider::class);
```

The listen property contains an array of all events (keys) and their listeners (values). Of course, you may add as many events to this array as your application requires. For example, let's add our PodcastWasPurchased event:

Defining Events

An event class is simply a data container which holds the information related to the event. For example, let's assume our generated PodcastWasPurchased event receives a <u>Eloquent ORM</u> object:

As you can see, this event class contains no special logic. It is simply a container for the Podcast object that was purchased. The SerializesModels trait used by the event will gracefully serialize any Eloquent models if the event object is serialized using PHP's Serialize function.

Defining Listeners

Next, let's take a look at the listener for our example event. Event listeners receive the event instance in their handle method. Within the handle method, you may perform any logic necessary to respond to the event.

```
// Access the podcast using -\ podcast... }
```

Your event listeners may also type-hint any dependencies they need on their constructors. All event listeners are resolved via the Lumen <u>service container</u>, so dependencies will be injected automatically.

Stopping The Propagation Of An Event

Sometimes, you may wish to stop the propagation of an event to other listeners. You may do so using by returning false from your listener's handle method.

Queued Event Listeners

Need to <u>queue</u> an event listener? It couldn't be any easier. Simply add the <u>shouldQueue</u> interface to the listener class. Listeners generated by the <u>event:generate</u> Artisan command already have this interface imported into the current namespace, so you can use it immediately:

That's it! Now, when this listener is called for an event, it will be queued automatically by the event dispatcher using Lumen's <u>queue system</u>. If no exceptions are thrown when the listener is executed by the queue, the queued job will automatically be deleted after it has processed.

Manually Accessing The Queue

If you need to access the underlying queue job's delete and release methods manually, you may do so. The Illuminate\Queue\InteractsWithQueue trait, which is imported by default on generated listeners, gives you access to these methods:

```
}
```

Firing Events

To fire an event, you may use the Event facade, passing an instance of the event to the fire method. The fire method will dispatch the event to all of its registered listeners:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use Event;
use App\Podcast;
use App\Events\PodcastWasPurchased;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
class UserController extends Controller
        * Show the profile for the given user.
         * @param int $userId
         * @param int $podcastId
         * @return Response
        public function purchasePodcast($userId, $podcastId)
                $podcast = Podcast::findOrFail($podcastId);
                // Purchase podcast logic...
                Event::fire(new PodcastWasPurchased($podcast));
        }
```

Alternatively, you may use the global event helper function to fire events:

```
event(new PodcastWasPurchased($podcast));
```

Broadcasting Events

In many modern web applications, web sockets are used to implement real-time, live-updating user interfaces. When some data is updated on the server, a message is typically sent over a websocket connection to be handled by the client.

To assist you in building these types of applications, Lumen makes it easy to "broadcast" your events over a websocket connection. Broadcasting your Lumen events allows you to share the same event names between your server-side code and your client-side JavaScript framework.

Configuration

Lumen supports several broadcast drivers out of the box: <u>Pusher</u>, <u>Redis</u>, and a log driver for local development and debugging. A configuration example is included for each of these drivers. The BROADCAST_DRIVER configuration option may be used to set the default driver.

Broadcast Prerequisites

The following dependencies are needed for event broadcasting:

- Pusher: pusher/pusher-php-server ~2.0
- Redis: predis/predis ~1.0 illuminate/redis ~5.1

Queue Prerequisites

Before broadcasting events, you will also need to configure and run a <u>queue listener</u>. All event broadcasting is done via queued jobs so that the response time of your application is not seriously affected.

Marking Events For Broadcast

To inform Lumen that a given event should be broadcast, implement the

Illuminate\Contracts\Broadcasting\ShouldBroadcast interface on the event class. The ShouldBroadcast interface requires you to implement a single method: broadcaston. The broadcaston method should return an array of "channel" names that the event should be broadcast on:

```
<?php
namespace App\Events;
use App\User;
use App\Events\Event;
use Illuminate\Queue\SerializesModels;
use Illuminate\Contracts\Broadcasting\ShouldBroadcast;
class ServerCreated extends Event implements ShouldBroadcast
   use SerializesModels;
   public $user;
    * Create a new event instance.
     * @return void
   public function __construct(User $user)
        $this->user = $user;
    * Get the channels the event should be broadcast on.
    * @return array
   public function broadcastOn()
        return ['user.'.$this->user->id];
}
```

Then, you only need to <u>fire the event</u> as you normally would. Once the event has been fired, a <u>queued job</u> will automatically broadcast the event over your specified broadcast driver.

Broadcast Data

When an event is broadcast, all of its public properties are automatically serialized and broadcast as the event's payload, allowing you to access any of its public data from your JavaScript application. So, for example, if your event has a single public \$user property that contains an Eloquent model, the broadcast payload would be:

```
{
    "user": {
        "id": 1,
        "name": "Jonathan Banks"
        ...
}
```

However, if you wish to have even more fine-grained control over your broadcast payload, you may add a broadcastwith method to your event. This method should return the array of data that you wish to broadcast with the event:

```
/**
  * Get the data to broadcast.
  *
  * @return array
  */
public function broadcastWith()
{
    return ['user' => $this->user->id];
}
```

Consuming Event Broadcasts

Pusher

You may conveniently consume events broadcast using the <u>Pusher</u> driver using Pusher's JavaScript SDK. For example, let's consume the App\Events\ServerCreated event from our previous examples:

Redis

If you are using the Redis broadcaster, you will need to write your own Redis pub/sub consumer to receive the messages and broadcast them using the websocket technology of your choice. For example, you may choose to use the popular <u>Socket.io</u> library which is written in Node.

Using the socket.io and ioredis Node libraries, you can quickly write an event broadcaster to publish all events that are broadcast by your Lumen application:

```
var app = require('http').createServer(handler);
var io = require('socket.io')(app);
var Redis = require('ioredis');
```

```
var redis = new Redis();
app.listen(6001, function() {
        console.log('Server is running!');
});
function handler(req, res) {
       res.writeHead(200);
        res.end('');
}
io.on('connection', function(socket) {
});
redis.psubscribe('*', function(err, count) {
});
redis.on('pmessage', function(subscribed, channel, message) {
        message = JSON.parse(message);
        io.emit(channel + ':' + message.event, message.data);
});
```

Event Subscribers

Event subscribers are classes that may subscribe to multiple events from within the class itself, allowing you to define several event handlers within a single class. Subscribers should define a subscribe method, which will be passed an event dispatcher instance:

```
<?php
namespace App\Listeners;
class UserEventListener {
         * Handle user login events.
        public function onUserLogin($event) {}
        /**
         * Handle user logout events.
        public function onUserLogout($event) {}
         * Register the listeners for the subscriber.
         * @param Illuminate\Events\Dispatcher $events
         * @return array
         * /
        public function subscribe($events)
                $events->listen(
                        'App\Events\UserLoggedIn',
                        'App\Listeners\UserEventListener@onUserLogin'
                $events->listen(
                        'App\Events\UserLoggedOut',
                         'App\Listeners\UserEventListener@onUserLogout'
                );
        }
```

}

Registering An Event Subscriber

Once the subscriber has been defined, it may be registered with the event dispatcher. You may register subscribers using the <code>subscribe</code> property on the <code>EventServiceProvider</code>. For example, let's add the <code>UserEventListener</code>.

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Introduction

The Lumen queue service provides a unified API across a variety of different queue back-ends. Queues allow you to defer the processing of a time consuming task, such as sending an e-mail, until a later time which drastically speeds up web requests to your application.

Configuration

The QUEUE_DRIVER option in your .env file determines the queue "driver" that will be used by your application.

Driver Prerequisites

Database

In order to use the database queue driver, you will need a database table to hold the jobs. To generate a migration that creates this table, run the queue:table Artisan command. Once the migration is created, you may migrate your database using the migrate command:

```
php artisan queue:table
php artisan migrate
```

Other Queue Dependencies

The following dependencies are needed for the listed queue drivers:

- Amazon SQS: aws/aws-sdk-php ~3.0
 Beanstalkd: pda/pheanstalk ~3.0
- IronMQ: iron-io/iron mg ~2.0

• Redis: predis/predis ~1.0

Writing Job Classes

Job Class Structure

By default, all of the queueable jobs for your application are stored in the app/Jobs directory. Job classes are very simple, normally containing only a handle method which is called when the job is processed by the queue. To get started, let's take a look at an example job class:

```
<?php
namespace App\Jobs;
use Mail;
use App\User;
use App\Jobs\Job;
use Illuminate\Contracts\Mail\Mailer;
use Illuminate\Queue\SerializesModels;
use Illuminate\Queue\InteractsWithQueue;
use Illuminate\Contracts\Bus\SelfHandling;
use Illuminate\Contracts\Queue\ShouldQueue;
class SendReminderEmail extends Job implements SelfHandling, ShouldQueue
   use SerializesModels;
   protected $user;
    * Create a new job instance.
     * @param User $user
     * @return void
   public function __construct(User $user)
        $this->user = $user;
     * Execute the job.
     * @param Mailer $mailer
     * @return void
   public function handle (Mailer $mailer)
        $mailer->send('emails.reminder', ['user' => $this->user], function ($m) {
        $user->reminders()->create(...);
    }
```

In this example, note that we were able to pass an <u>Eloquent model</u> directly into the queued job's constructor. Because of the <code>SerializesModels</code> trait that the job is using, Eloquent models will be gracefully serialized and unserialized when the job is processing. If your queued job accepts an Eloquent model in its constructor, only the identifier for the model will be serialized onto the queue. When the job is actually handled, the queue system will automatically re-retrieve the full model instance from the database. It's all totally transparent to your application and prevents issues that can

arise from serializing full Eloquent model instances.

The handle method is called when the job is processed by the queue. Note that we are able to type-hint dependencies on the handle method of the job. The Lumen <u>service container</u> automatically injects these dependencies.

When Things Go Wrong

If an exception is thrown while the job is being processed, it will automatically be released back onto the queue so it may be attempted again. The job will continue to be released until it has been attempted the maximum number of times allowed by your application. The number of maximum attempts is defined by the --tries switch used on the queue:listen or queue:work Artisan jobs. More information on running the queue listener can be found below.

Manually Releasing Jobs

If you would like to release the job manually, the InteractsWithQueue trait, which is already included in your generated job class, provides access to the queue job release method. The release method accepts one argument: the number of seconds you wish to wait until the job is made available again:

Checking The Number Of Run Attempts

As noted above, if an exception occurs while the job is being processed, it will automatically be released back onto the queue. You may check the number of attempts that have been made to run the job using the attempts method:

Pushing Jobs Onto The Queue

The default Lumen controller located in app/Http/Controller.php uses a DispatchesJob trait. This trait provides several methods allowing you to conveniently push jobs onto the queue, such as the dispatch method:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use App\User;
use Illuminate\Http\Request;
use App\Jobs\SendReminderEmail;</pre>
```

Specifying The Queue For A Job

You may also specify the queue a job should be sent to.

By pushing jobs to different queues, you may "categorize" your queued jobs, and even prioritize how many workers you assign to various queues. This does not push jobs to different queue "connections" as defined by your queue configuration file, but only to specific queues within a single connection. To specify the queue, use the onqueue method on the job instance. The onqueue method is provided by the base App\Jobs\Job class included with Lumen:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use App\User;
use Illuminate\Http\Request;
use App\Jobs\SendReminderEmail;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
class UserController extends Controller
{
         * Send a reminder e-mail to a given user.
         * @param Request $request
         * @param int $id
         * @return Response
        public function sendReminderEmail(Request $request, $id)
                $user = User::findOrFail($id);
                $job = (new SendReminderEmail($user))->onQueue('emails');
                $this->dispatch($job);
        }
```

Delayed Jobs

Sometimes you may wish to delay the execution of a queued job. For instance, you may wish to queue a job that sends a customer a reminder e-mail 15 minutes after sign-up. You may accomplish this using the delay method on your job class, which is provided by the Illuminate\Bus\Queueable

trait:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use App\User;
use Illuminate\Http\Request;
use App\Jobs\SendReminderEmail;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
class UserController extends Controller
{
        * Send a reminder e-mail to a given user.
        * @param Request $request
         * @param int $id
         * @return Response
        public function sendReminderEmail(Request $request, $id)
                $user = User::findOrFail($id);
                $job = (new SendReminderEmail($user))->delay(60);
                $this->dispatch($job);
        }
}
```

In this example, we're specifying that the job should be delayed in the queue for 60 seconds before being made available to workers.

Note: The Amazon SQS service has a maximum delay time of 15 minutes.

Dispatching Jobs From Requests

It is very common to map HTTP request variables into jobs. So, instead of forcing you to do this manually for each request, Lumen provides some helper methods to make it a cinch. Let's take a look at the dispatchFrom method available on the DispatchesJobs trait. By default, this trait is included on the base Lumen controller class:

```
}
```

This method will examine the constructor of the given job class and extract variables from the HTTP request (or any other ArrayAccess object) to fill the needed constructor parameters of the job. So, if our job class accepts a productId variable in its constructor, the job bus will attempt to pull the productId parameter from the HTTP request.

You may also pass an array as the third argument to the dispatchFrom method. This array will be used to fill any constructor parameters that are not available on the request:

```
$this->dispatchFrom('App\Jobs\ProcessOrder', $request, [
          'taxPercentage' => 20,
1);
```

Running The Queue Listener

Starting The Queue Listener

Lumen includes an Artisan command that will run new jobs as they are pushed onto the queue. You may run the listener using the queue:listen command:

```
php artisan queue: listen
```

You may also specify which queue connection the listener should utilize:

```
php artisan queue: listen connection
```

Note that once this task has started, it will continue to run until it is manually stopped. You may use a process monitor such as <u>Supervisor</u> to ensure that the queue listener does not stop running.

Queue Priorities

You may pass a comma-delimited list of queue connections to the listen job to set queue priorities:

```
php artisan queue:listen --queue=high,low
```

In this example, jobs on the high queue will always be processed before moving onto jobs from the low queue.

Specifying The Job Timeout Parameter

You may also set the length of time (in seconds) each job should be allowed to run:

```
php artisan queue:listen --timeout=60
```

Specifying Queue Sleep Duration

In addition, you may specify the number of seconds to wait before polling for new jobs:

```
php artisan queue:listen --sleep=5
```

Note that the queue only "sleeps" if no jobs are on the queue. If more jobs are available, the queue will continue to work them without sleeping.

Supervisor Configuration

Supervisor is a process monitor for the Linux operating system, and will automatically restart your queue:listen or queue:work commands if they fail. To install Supervisor on Ubuntu, you may use the following command:

```
sudo apt-get install supervisor
```

Supervisor configuration files are typically stored in the /etc/supervisor/conf.d directory. Within this directory, you may create any number of configuration files that instruct supervisor how your processes should be monitored. For example, let's create a laravel-worker.conf file that starts and monitors a queue:work process:

```
[program:laravel-worker]
process_name=%(program_name)s_%(process_num)02d
command=php /home/forge/app.com/artisan queue:work sqs --sleep=3 --tries=3 --daemon
autostart=true
autorestart=true
user=forge
numprocs=8
redirect_stderr=true
stdout logfile=/home/forge/app.com/worker.log
```

In this example, the numprocs directive will instruct Supervisor to run 8 queue:work processes and monitor all of them, automatically restarting them if they fail. Once the configuration file has been created, you may update the Supervisor configuration and start the processes using the following commands:

```
sudo supervisorctl reread
sudo supervisorctl update
sudo supervisorctl start laravel-worker
```

For more information on configuring and using Supervisor, consult the <u>Supervisor documentation</u>. Alternatively, you may use <u>Lumen Forge</u> to automatically configure and manage your Supervisor configuration from a convenient web interface.

Daemon Queue Listener

The queue:work Artisan command includes a --daemon option for forcing the queue worker to continue processing jobs without ever re-booting the framework. This results in a significant reduction of CPU usage when compared to the queue:listen command:

To start a queue worker in daemon mode, use the --daemon flag:

```
php artisan queue:work connection --daemon
php artisan queue:work connection --daemon --sleep=3
php artisan queue:work connection --daemon --sleep=3 --tries=3
```

As you can see, the queue:work job supports most of the same options available to queue:listen.

You may use the php artisan help queue: work job to view all of the available options.

Coding Considerations For Daemon Queue Listeners

Daemon queue workers do not restart the framework before processing each job. Therefore, you should be careful to free any heavy resources before your job finishes. For example, if you are doing image manipulation with the GD library, you should free the memory with <code>imagedestroy</code> when you are done.

Similarly, your database connection may disconnect when being used by long-running daemon. You may use the DB::reconnect method to ensure you have a fresh connection.

Deploying With Daemon Queue Listeners

Since daemon queue workers are long-lived processes, they will not pick up changes in your code without being restarted. So, the simplest way to deploy an application using daemon queue workers is to restart the workers during your deployment script. You may gracefully restart all of the workers by including the following command in your deployment script:

```
php artisan queue:restart
```

This command will gracefully instruct all queue workers to restart after they finish processing their current job so that no existing jobs are lost.

Note: This command relies on the cache system to schedule the restart. By default, APCu does not work for CLI jobs. If you are using APCu, add apc.enable_cli=1 to your APCu configuration.

Dealing With Failed Jobs

Since things don't always go as planned, sometimes your queued jobs will fail. Don't worry, it happens to the best of us! Lumen includes a convenient way to specify the maximum number of times a job should be attempted. After a job has exceeded this amount of attempts, it will be inserted into a failed_jobs table. The name of the failed jobs can be configured via the config/queue.php configuration file.

To create a migration for the failed jobs table, you may use the queue: failed-table command:

```
php artisan queue:failed-table
```

When running your <u>queue listener</u>, you may specify the maximum number of times a job should be attempted using the --tries switch on the queue:listen command:

```
php artisan queue:listen connection-name --tries=3
```

Failed Job Events

If you would like to register an event that will be called when a queued job fails, you may use the Queue::failing method. This event is a great opportunity to notify your team via e-mail or <u>HipChat</u>. For example, we may attach a callback to this event from the AppServiceProvider that is included

with Lumen:

```
<?php
namespace App\Providers;
use Queue;
use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
class AppServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
     * Bootstrap any application services.
     * @return void
        public function boot()
                Queue::failing(function ($connection, $job, $data) {
                        // Notify team of failing job...
        }
         * Register the service provider.
         * @return void
        public function register()
        {
                //
        }
```

Failed Method On Job Classes

For more granular control, you may define a failed method directly on a queue job class, allowing you to perform job specific actions when a failure occurs:

```
<?php
namespace App\Jobs;
use App\Jobs\Job;
use Illuminate\Queue\SerializesModels;
use Illuminate\Queue\InteractsWithQueue;
use Illuminate\Contracts\Bus\SelfHandling;
use Illuminate\Contracts\Queue\ShouldQueue;
class SendReminderEmail extends Job implements SelfHandling, ShouldQueue
    use InteractsWithQueue, SerializesModels;
     * Execute the job.
     * @param Mailer $mailer
     * @return void
    public function handle (Mailer $mailer)
                //
    }
     * Handle a job failure.
```

Retrying Failed Jobs

To view all of your failed jobs that have been inserted into your failed_jobs database table, you may use the queue:failed Artisan command:

```
php artisan queue: failed
```

The queue: failed command will list the job ID, connection, queue, and failure time. The job ID may be used to retry the failed job. For instance, to retry a failed job that has an ID of 5, the following command should be issued:

```
php artisan queue:retry 5
```

If you would like to delete a failed job, you may use the queue: forget command:

```
php artisan queue:forget 5
```

To delete all of your failed jobs, you may use the queue:flush command:

```
php artisan queue:flush
```

Service Container

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Binding

Almost all of your service container bindings will be registered within <u>service providers</u>, so all of these examples will demonstrate using the container in that context. However, there is no need to bind classes into the container if they do not depend on any interfaces. The container does not need to be instructed how to build these objects, since it can automatically resolve such "concrete" objects using PHP's reflection services.

Within a service provider, you always have access to the container via the \$this->app instance variable. We can register a binding using the bind method, passing the class or interface name that we wish to register along with a closure that returns an instance of the class:

```
$this->app->bind('HelpSpot\API', function ($app) {
          return new HelpSpot\API($app['HttpClient']);
});
```

Notice that we receive the container itself as an argument to the resolver. We can then use the container to resolve sub-dependencies of the object we are building.

Binding A Singleton

The singleton method binds a class or interface into the container that should only be resolved one time, and then that same instance will be returned on subsequent calls into the container:

```
$this->app->singleton('FooBar', function ($app) {
    return new FooBar($app['SomethingElse']);
});
```

Binding Instances

You may also bind an existing object instance into the container using the instance method. The given instance will always be returned on subsequent calls into the container:

```
$fooBar = new FooBar(new SomethingElse);
$this->app->instance('FooBar', $fooBar);
```

Binding Interfaces To Implementations

A very powerful feature of the service container is its ability to bind an interface to a given implementation. For example, let's assume we have an EventPusher interface and a RedisEventPusher implementation. Once we have coded our RedisEventPusher implementation of this interface, we can register it with the service container like so:

```
$this->app->bind('App\Contracts\EventPusher', 'App\Services\RedisEventPusher');
```

This tells the container that it should inject the RedisEventPusher when a class needs an implementation of EventPusher. Now we can type-hint the EventPusher interface in a constructor, or any other location where dependencies are injected by the service container:

```
use App\Contracts\EventPusher;

/**
    * Create a new class instance.
    *
    * @param EventPusher $pusher
    * @return void
    */
public function __construct(EventPusher $pusher)
{
        $this->pusher = $pusher;
}
```

Contextual Binding

Sometimes you may have two classes that utilize the same interface, but you wish to inject different implementations into each class. For example, when our system receives a new Order, we may want to send an event via PubNub rather than Pusher. Lumen provides a simple, fluent interface for defining this behavior:

You may even pass a Closure to the give method:

Tagging

Occasionally, you may need to resolve all of a certain "category" of binding. For example, perhaps you are building a report aggregator that receives an array of many different Report interface implementations. After registering the Report implementations, you can assign them a tag using the tag method:

```
$this->app->tag(['SpeedReport', 'MemoryReport'], 'reports');
```

Once the services have been tagged, you may easily resolve them all via the tagged method:

Resolving

There are several ways to resolve something out of the container. First, you may use the make method, which accepts the name of the class or interface you wish to resolve:

```
$fooBar = $this->app->make('FooBar');
```

Secondly, you may access the container like an array, since it implements PHP's ArrayAccess interface:

```
$fooBar = $this->app['FooBar'];
```

Lastly, but most importantly, you may simply "type-hint" the dependency in the constructor of a class that is resolved by the container, including <u>controllers</u>, <u>event listeners</u>, <u>queue jobs</u>, <u>middleware</u>, and more. In practice, this is how most of your objects are resolved by the container.

The container will automatically inject dependencies for the classes it resolves. For example, you may type-hint a repository defined by your application in a controller's constructor. The repository will automatically be resolved and injected into the class:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use App\Users\Repository as UserRepository;
class UserController extends Controller
        * The user repository instance.
        protected $users;
         * Create a new controller instance.
         * @param UserRepository $users
         * @return void
        public function __construct(UserRepository $users)
                $this->users = $users;
        }
        * Show the user with the given ID.
         * @param int $id
         * @return Response
        public function show($id)
                //
```

```
}
```

Container Events

The service container fires an event each time it resolves an object. You may listen to this event using the resolving method:

As you can see, the object being resolved will be passed to the callback, allowing you to set any additional properties on the object before it is given to its consumer.

Service Providers

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Introduction

Service providers are the central place of all Lumen application bootstrapping. Your own application, as well as all of Lumen's core services are bootstrapped via service providers.

But, what do we mean by "bootstrapped"? In general, we mean registering things, including registering service container bindings, event listeners, middleware, and even routes. Service providers are the central place to configure your application.

If you open the bootstrap/app.php file included with Lumen, you will see a call to \$app->register(). You may add additional calls to this method to register as many service providers as your application requires.

In this overview you will learn how to write your own service providers and register them with your Lumen application.

Writing Service Providers

All service providers extend the <code>illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider</code> class. This abstract class requires that you define at least one method on your provider: <code>register</code>. Within the <code>register</code> method, you should only bind things into the service container. You should never attempt to register any event listeners, routes, or any other piece of functionality within the <code>register</code> method.

The Register Method

As mentioned previously, within the register method, you should only bind things into the service container. You should never attempt to register any event listeners, routes, or any other piece of functionality within the register method. Otherwise, you may accidently use a service that is provided by a service provider which has not loaded yet.

Now, let's take a look at a basic service provider:

```
<?php
namespace App\Providers;
use Riak\Connection;
use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;</pre>
```

This service provider only defines a register method, and uses that method to define an implementation of Riak\Contracts\Connection in the service container. If you don't understand how the service container works, check out its documentation.

The Boot Method

So, what if we need to register a view composer within our service provider? This should be done within the boot method. This method is called after all other service providers have been registered, meaning you have access to all other services that have been registered by the framework:

```
<?php
namespace App\Providers;
use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
class EventServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
         ^{\star} Perform post-registration booting of services.
         * @return void
        public function boot()
                 view()->composer('view', function () {
                         //
                 });
        }
         ^{\star} Register bindings in the container.
         * @return void
        public function register()
                 //
        }
```

Registering Providers

All service providers are registered in the bootstrap/app.php file. This file contains a call to the sapp->register() method. You may add as many calls to the register method as needed to register all of your providers.

Session

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Introduction

Since HTTP driven applications are stateless, sessions provide a way to store information about the user across requests. Lumen ships with a variety of session back-ends available for use through a clean, unified API. Support for popular back-ends such as Memcached, Redis, and databases is included out of the box.

Enabling The Session

To enable sessions, you must uncomment all of the middleware within the <code>\$app->middleware()</code> method call in your bootstrap/app.php file.

Configuration

The session driver is controlled by the SESSION_DRIVER configuration option in your .env file. By default, Lumen is configured to use the memcached session driver, which will work well for the majority of applications. In production applications, you may consider using the memcached or redis drivers for even faster session performance.

The session driver defines where session data will be stored for each request. Lumen ships with several great drivers out of the box:

- file sessions are stored in storage/framework/sessions.
- cookie sessions are stored in secure, encrypted cookies.
- database sessions are stored in a database used by your application.
- memcached / redis sessions are stored in one of these fast, cached based stores.
- array sessions are stored in a simple PHP array and will not be persisted across requests.

Note: The array driver is typically used for running tests to prevent session data from persisting.

Driver Prerequisites

Database

When using the database session driver, you will need to setup a table to contain the session items. Below is an example schema declaration for the table:

```
Schema::create('sessions', function ($table) {
    $table->string('id')->unique();
    $table->text('payload');
```

```
$table->integer('last_activity');
});
```

Redis

Before using Redis sessions with Lumen, you will need to install the predis/predis package (~1.0) and illuminate/redis package (~5.1) via Composer.

Other Session Considerations

The Lumen framework uses the flash session key internally, so you should not add an item to the session by that name.

Basic Usage

Accessing The Session

First, let's access the session. We can access the session instance via the HTTP request, which can be type-hinted on a controller method. Remember, controller method dependencies are injected via the Lumen service container:

When you retrieve a value from the session, you may also pass a default value as the second argument to the get method. This default value will be returned if the specified key does not exist in the session. If you pass a closure as the default value to the get method, the closure will be executed and its result returned:

If you would like to retrieve all data from the session, you may use the all method:

```
$data = $request->session()->all();
```

You may also use the global session PHP function to retrieve and store data in the session:

Determining If An Item Exists In The Session

The has method may be used to check if an item exists in the session. This method will return true if the item exists:

Storing Data In The Session

Once you have access to the session instance, you may call a variety of functions to interact with the underlying data. For example, the put method stores a new piece of data in the session:

```
$request->session()->put('key', 'value');
```

Pushing To Array Session Values

The push method may be used to push a new value onto a session value that is an array. For example, if the user.teams key contains an array of team names, you may push a new value onto the array like so:

```
$request->session()->push('user.teams', 'developers');
```

Retrieving And Deleting An Item

The pull method will retrieve and delete an item from the session:

```
$value = $request->session()->pull('key', 'default');
```

Deleting Items From The Session

The forget method will remove a piece of data from the session. If you would like to remove all data from the session, you may use the flush method:

```
$request->session()->forget('key');
$request->session()->flush();
```

Regenerating The Session ID

If you need to regenerate the session ID, you may use the regenerate method:

```
$request->session()->regenerate();
```

Flash Data

Sometimes you may wish to store items in the session only for the next request. You may do so using the flash method. Method stored in the session using this method will only be available during the subsequent HTTP request, and then will be deleted. Flash data is primarily useful for short-lived status messages:

```
$request->session()->flash('status', 'Task was successful!');
```

If you need to keep your flash data around for even more requests, you may use the reflash method, which will keep all of the flash data around for an additional request. If you only need to keep specific flash data around, you may use the keep method:

```
$request->session()->reflash();
$request->session()->keep(['username', 'email']);
```

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Lumen is built with testing in mind. In fact, support for testing with PHPUnit is included out of the box, and a phpunit.xml file is already setup for your application. The framework also ships with convenient helper methods allowing you to expressively test your applications.

An ExampleTest.php file is provided in the tests directory. After installing a new Lumen application, simply run phpunit on the command line to run your tests.

Test Environment

Lumen automatically configures the session and cache to the array driver while testing, meaning no session or cache data will be persisted while testing.

You are free to create other testing environment configurations as necessary. The testing environment variables may be configured in the phpunit.xml file.

Defining & Running Tests

To create a test case, simply create a new test file in the tests directory. The test class should extend TestCase. You may then define test methods as you normally would using PHPUnit. To run your tests, simply execute the phpunit command from your terminal:

Note: If you define your own setup method within a test class, be sure to call parent::setup.

Application Testing

Lumen provides a very fluent API for making HTTP requests to your application, examining the output, and even filling out forms. For example, take a look at the ExampleTest.php file included in your tests directory:

The visit method makes a GET request into the application. The see method asserts that we should see the given text in the response returned by the application. This is the most basic application test available in Lumen.

Interacting With Your Application

Of course, you can do much more than simply assert that text appears in a given response. Let's take a look at some examples of clicking links and filling out forms:

Clicking Links

In this test, we will make a request to the application, "click" a link in the returned response, and then assert that we landed on a given URI. For example, let's assume there is a link in our response that has a text value of "About Us":

```
<a href="/about-us">About Us</a>
```

Now, let's write a test that clicks the link and asserts the user lands on the correct page:

```
public function testBasicExample()
{
    $this->visit('/')
          ->click('About Us')
          ->seePageIs('/about-us');
}
```

Working With Forms

Lumen also provides several methods for testing forms. The type, select, check, attach, and press methods allow you to interact with all of your form's inputs. For example, let's imagine this form exists on the application's registration page:

We can write a test to complete this form and inspect the result:

Of course, if your form contains other inputs such as radio buttons or drop-down boxes, you may easily fill out those types of fields as well. Here is a list of each form manipulation method:

Method Description \$this->type(\$text, \$elementName) "Type" text into a given field. \$this->select(\$value, \$elementName) "Select" a radio button or drop-down field. \$this->check(\$elementName) "Check" a checkbox field. \$this->attach(\$pathToFile, \$elementName) "Attach" a file to the form. \$this->press(\$buttonTextOrElementName) "Press" a button with the given text or name.

Working With Attachments

If your form contains file input types, you may attach files to the form using the attach method:

Testing JSON APIs

Lumen also provides several helpers for testing JSON APIs and their responses. For example, the get, post, put, patch, and delete methods may be used to issue requests with various HTTP verbs. You may also easily pass data and headers to these methods. To get started, let's write a test to make a POST request to /user and assert that a given array was returned in JSON format:

The seeJson method converts the given array into JSON, and then verifies that the JSON fragment occurs anywhere within the entire JSON response returned by the application. So, if there are other properties in the JSON response, this test will still pass as long as the given fragment is present.

Verify Exact JSON Match

If you would like to verify that the given array is an exact match for the JSON returned by the application, you should use the <code>seeJsonEquals</code> method:

Sessions / Authentication

Lumen provides several helpers for working with the session during testing. First, you may set the session data to a given array using the withsession method. This is useful for loading the session with data before testing a request to your application:

Of course, one common use of the session is for maintaining user state, such as the authenticated user. The actingAs helper method provides a simple way to authenticate a given user as the current user. For example, we may use a <u>model factory</u> to generate and authenticate a user:

Custom HTTP Requests

If you would like to make a custom HTTP request into your application and get the full <code>llluminate\Http\Response</code> object, you may use the <code>call</code> method:

If you are making POST, PUT, or PATCH requests you may pass an array of input data with the request. Of course, this data will be available in your routes and controller via the Request instance:

```
$response = $this->call('POST', '/user', ['name' => 'Taylor']);
```

Working With Databases

Lumen also provides a variety of helpful tools to make it easier to test your database driven applications. First, you may use the <code>seeInDatabase</code> helper to assert that data exists in the database matching a given set of criteria. For example, if we would like to verify that there is a record in the <code>users</code> table with the <code>email</code> value of <code>sally@example.com</code>, we can do the following:

Of course, the seeInDatabase method and other helpers like it are for convenience. You are free to use any of PHPUnit's built-in assertion methods to supplement your tests.

Resetting The Database After Each Test

It is often useful to reset your database after each test so that data from a previous test does not interfere with subsequent tests.

Using Migrations

One option is to rollback the database after each test and migrate it before the next test. Lumen provides a simple <code>DatabaseMigrations</code> trait that will automatically handle this for you. Simply use the trait on your test class:

Using Transactions

Another option is to wrap every test case in a database transaction. Again, Lumen provides a convenient DatabaseTransactions trait that will automatically handle this:

Model Factories

When testing, it is common to need to insert a few records into your database before executing your test. Instead of manually specifying the value of each column when you create this test data, Lumen allows you to define a default set of attributes for each of your <u>Eloquent models</u> using "factories". To get started, take a look at the <code>database/factories/ModelFactory.php</code> file in your application. Out of the box, this file contains one factory definition:

```
$factory->define('App\User', function ($faker) {
    return [
        'name' => $faker->name,
        'email' => $faker->email,
        'password' => str_random(10),
        'remember_token' => str_random(10),
];
});
```

Within the Closure, which serves as the factory definition, you may return the default test values of all attributes on the model. The Closure will receive an instance of the <u>Faker PHP</u> library, which allows you to conveniently generate various kinds of random data for testing.

Of course, you are free to add your own additional factories to the ModelFactory.php file.

Multiple Factory Types

Sometimes you may wish to have multiple factories for the same Eloquent model class. For example, perhaps you would like to have a factory for "Administrator" users in addition to normal users. You may define these factories using the defineAs method:

Instead of duplicating all of the attributes from your base user factory, you may use the raw method to retrieve the base attributes. Once you have the attributes, simply supplement them with any additional values you require:

Using Factories In Tests

Once you have defined your factories, you may use them in your tests or database seed files to generate model instances using the global factory function. So, let's take a look at a few examples of creating models. First, we'll use the make method, which creates models but does not save them to the database:

If you would like to override some of the default values of your models, you may pass an array of values to the make method. Only the specified values will be replaced while the rest of the values

remain set to their default values as specified by the factory:

You may also create a Collection of many models or create models of a given type:

```
// Create three App\User instances...
$users = factory('App\User', 3)->make();

// Create an App\User "admin" instance...
$user = factory('App\User', 'admin')->make();

// Create three App\User "admin" instances...
$users = factory('App\User', 'admin', 3)->make();
```

Persisting Factory Models

The create method not only creates the model instances, but also saves them to the database using Eloquent's save method:

Again, you may override attributes on the model by passing an array to the create method:

Adding Relations To Models

You may even persist multiple models to the database. In this example, we'll even attach a relation to the created models. When using the create method to create multiple models, an Eloquent collection instance is returned, allowing you to use any of the convenient functions provided by the collection, such as each:

Mocking

Mocking Events

If you are making heavy use of Lumen's event system, you may wish to silence or mock certain events while testing. For example, if you are testing user registration, you probably do not want all

of a UserRegistered event's handlers firing, since these may send "welcome" e-mails, etc.

Lumen provides a convenient expectsEvents method that verifies the expected events are fired, but prevents any handlers for those events from running:

```
<?php

class ExampleTest extends TestCase
{
    public function testUserRegistration()
    {
        $this->expectsEvents('App\Events\UserRegistered');
        // Test user registration code...
    }
}
```

If you would like to prevent all event handlers from running, you may use the withoutEvents method:

```
<?php

class ExampleTest extends TestCase
{
    public function testUserRegistration()
    {
        $this->withoutEvents();

        // Test user registration code...
    }
}
```

Mocking Jobs

Sometimes, you may wish to simply test that specific jobs are dispatched by your controllers when making requests to your application. This allows you to test your routes / controllers in isolation - set apart from your job's logic. Of course, you can then test the job itself in a separate test class.

Lumen provides a convenient expectsJobs method that will verify that the expected jobs are dispatched, but the job itself will not be executed:

```
<?php

class ExampleTest extends TestCase
{
    public function testPurchasePodcast()
    {
        $this->expectsJobs('App\Jobs\PurchasePodcast');
        // Test purchase podcast code...
    }
}
```

Note: This method only detects jobs that are dispatched via the DispatchesJobs trait's dispatch methods. It does not detect jobs that are sent directly to Queue::push.

Mocking Facades

When testing, you may often want to mock a call to a Lumen <u>facade</u>. For example, consider the

following controller action:

We can mock the call to the Cache facade by using the shouldReceive method, which will return an instance of a Mockery mock. Since facades are actually resolved and managed by the Lumen service container, they have much more testability than a typical static class. For example, let's mock our call to the Cache facade:

Note: You should not mock the Request facade. Instead, pass the input you desire into the HTTP helper methods such as call and post when running your test.

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Introduction

Lumen provides several different approaches to validate your application's incoming data. By default, Lumen's base controller class uses a ValidatesRequests trait which provides a convenient method to validate incoming HTTP request with a variety of powerful validation rules.

Validation Quickstart

To learn about Lumen's powerful validation features, let's look at a complete example of validating a form and displaying the error messages back to the user.

Defining The Routes

First, let's assume we have the following routes defined in our app/Http/routes.php file:

```
// Display a form to create a blog post...
$app->get('post/create', 'PostController@create');
// Store a new blog post...
$app->post('post', 'PostController@store');
```

Of course, the GET route will display a form for the user to create a new blog post, while the POST route will store the new blog post in the database.

Creating The Controller

Next, let's take a look at a simple controller that handles these routes. We'll leave the store method empty for now:

```
<?php
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use Illuminate\Http\Request;
use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;</pre>
```

Writing The Validation Logic

Now we are ready to fill in our store method with the logic to validate the new blog post. If you examine your application's base controller (Laravel\Lumen\Routing\Controller) class, you will see that the class uses a ValidatesRequests trait. This trait provides a convenient validate method in all of your controllers.

The validate method accepts an incoming HTTP request and a set of validation rules. If the validation rules pass, your code will keep executing normally; however, if validation fails, an exception will be thrown and the proper error response will automatically be sent back to the user. In the case of a traditional HTTP request, a redirect response will be generated, while a JSON response will be sent for AJAX requests.

To get a better understanding of the validate method, let's jump back into the store method:

As you can see, we simply pass the incoming HTTP request and desired validation rules into the validate method. Again, if the validation fails, the proper response will automatically be generated. If the validation passes, our controller will continue executing normally.

So, what if the incoming request parameters do not pass the given validation rules? As mentioned previously, Lumen will automatically redirect the user back to their previous location. In addition, all of the validation errors will automatically be <u>flashed to the session</u>.

Again, notice that we did not have to explicitly bind the error messages to the view in our GET route. This is because Lumen will always check for errors in the session data, and automatically bind them to the view if they are available. So, it is important to note that an \$errors variable will always be available in all of your views on every request, allowing you to conveniently assume the \$errors variable is always defined and can be safely used. The \$errors variable will be an instance of Illuminate\Support\MessageBag. For more information on working with this object, check out its documentation.

So, in our example, the user will be redirected to our controller's create method when validation fails, allowing us to display the error messages in the view:

```
<!-- /resources/views/post/create.blade.php -->
<h1>Create Post</h1>
@if (count($errors) > 0)
```

- Accepted
- Active URL
- After (Date)
- Alpha
- Alpha Dash
- Alpha Numeric
- Array
- Before (Date)
- Between
- Boolean
- Confirmed
- Date
- Date Format
- Different
- Digits
- Digits Between
- E-Mail
- Exists (Database)
- Image (File)
- In
- <u>Integer</u>
- IP Address
- Max
- MIME Types (File)
- Min
- Not In
- Numeric
- Regular Expression
- Required

- Required If
- Required With
- Required With All
- Required Without
- Required Without All
- Same
- <u>Size</u>
- String
- Timezone
- Unique (Database)
- <u>URL</u>

accepted

The field under validation must be *yes*, *on*, *1*, or *true*. This is useful for validating "Terms of Service" acceptance.

active url

The field under validation must be a valid URL according to the checkdnsrr PHP function.

after:date

The field under validation must be a value after a given date. The dates will be passed into the strtotime PHP function.

alpha

The field under validation must be entirely alphabetic characters.

alpha dash

The field under validation may have alpha-numeric characters, as well as dashes and underscores.

alpha num

The field under validation must be entirely alpha-numeric characters.

array

The field under validation must be a PHP array.

before:date

The field under validation must be a value preceding the given date. The dates will be passed into the PHP strtotime function.

between:min,max

The field under validation must have a size between the given *min* and *max*. Strings, numerics, and files are evaluated in the same fashion as the <u>size</u> rule.

boolean

The field under validation must be able to be cast as a boolean. Accepted input are true, false, 1, 0, "1", and "0".

confirmed

The field under validation must have a matching field of foo_confirmation. For example, if the field under validation is password, a matching password_confirmation field must be present in the input.

date

The field under validation must be a valid date according to the strtotime PHP function.

date format: format

The field under validation must match the given *format*. The format will be evaluated using the PHP date parse from format function.

different:field

The field under validation must have a different value than *field*.

digits:value

The field under validation must be *numeric* and must have an exact length of *value*.

digits_between:min,max

The field under validation must have a length between the given *min* and *max*.

email

The field under validation must be formatted as an e-mail address.

exists:table,column

The field under validation must exist on a given database table.

Basic Usage Of Exists Rule

```
'state' => 'exists:states'
```

Specifying A Custom Column Name

```
'state' => 'exists:states,abbreviation'
```

You may also specify more conditions that will be added as "where" clauses to the query:

```
'email' => 'exists:staff,email,account id,1'
```

Passing Null as a "where" clause value will add a check for a Null database value:

```
'email' => 'exists:staff,email,deleted at,NULL'
```

image

The file under validation must be an image (jpeg, png, bmp, gif, or svg)

in:foo,bar,...

The field under validation must be included in the given list of values.

integer

The field under validation must be an integer.

ip

The field under validation must be an IP address.

max:value

The field under validation must be less than or equal to a maximum *value*. Strings, numerics, and files are evaluated in the same fashion as the <u>size</u> rule.

mimes:foo,bar,...

The file under validation must have a MIME type corresponding to one of the listed extensions.

Basic Usage Of MIME Rule

```
'photo' => 'mimes:jpeg,bmp,png'
```

min:value

The field under validation must have a minimum *value*. Strings, numerics, and files are evaluated in the same fashion as the <u>size</u> rule.

not in:foo,bar,...

The field under validation must not be included in the given list of values.

numeric

The field under validation must be numeric.

regex:pattern

The field under validation must match the given regular expression.

Note: When using the regex pattern, it may be necessary to specify rules in an array instead of using pipe delimiters, especially if the regular expression contains a pipe character.

required

The field under validation must be present in the input data.

required if: anotherfield, value,...

The field under validation must be present if the anotherfield field is equal to any value.

required with: foo, bar,...

The field under validation must be present *only if* any of the other specified fields are present.

required with all:foo,bar,...

The field under validation must be present *only if* all of the other specified fields are present.

required without: foo, bar,...

The field under validation must be present *only when* any of the other specified fields are not present.

required without all:foo,bar,...

The field under validation must be present *only when* all of the other specified fields are not present.

same:field

The given *field* must match the field under validation.

size:value

The field under validation must have a size matching the given *value*. For string data, *value* corresponds to the number of characters. For numeric data, *value* corresponds to a given integer value. For files, *size* corresponds to the file size in kilobytes.

string

The field under validation must be a string.

timezone

The field under validation must be a valid timezone identifier according to the timezone identifiers list PHP function.

unique:table,column,except,idColumn

The field under validation must be unique on a given database table. If the column option is not specified, the field name will be used.

Specifying A Custom Column Name:

```
'email' => 'unique:users,email address'
```

Custom Database Connection

Occasionally, you may need to set a custom connection for database queries made by the Validator. As seen above, setting unique:users as a validation rule will use the default database connection to query the database. To override this, specify the connection followed by the table name using "dot" syntax:

```
'email' => 'unique:connection.users,email address'
```

Forcing A Unique Rule To Ignore A Given ID:

Sometimes, you may wish to ignore a given ID during the unique check. For example, consider an "update profile" screen that includes the user's name, e-mail address, and location. Of course, you will want to verify that the e-mail address is unique. However, if the user only changes the name field and not the e-mail field, you do not want a validation error to be thrown because the user is already the owner of the e-mail address. You only want to throw a validation error if the user provides an e-mail address that is already used by a different user. To tell the unique rule to ignore the user's ID, you may pass the ID as the third parameter:

```
'email' => 'unique:users,email address,'.$user->id
```

Adding Additional Where Clauses:

You may also specify more conditions that will be added as "where" clauses to the query:

```
'email' => 'unique:users,email_address,NULL,id,account_id,1'
```

In the rule above, only rows with an account id of 1 would be included in the unique check.

ur1

The field under validation must be a valid URL according to PHP's filter var function.

Conditionally Adding Rules

In some situations, you may wish to run validation checks against a field only if that field is present in the input array. To quickly accomplish this, add the sometimes rule to your rule list:

In the example above, the email field will only be validated if it is present in the \$data array.

Complex Conditional Validation

Sometimes you may wish to add validation rules based on more complex conditional logic. For example, you may wish to require a given field only if another field has a greater value than 100. Or, you may need two fields to have a given value only when another field is present. Adding these validation rules doesn't have to be a pain. First, create a Validator instance with your *static rules* that never change:

Let's assume our web application is for game collectors. If a game collector registers with our application and they own more than 100 games, we want them to explain why they own so many games. For example, perhaps they run a game re-sell shop, or maybe they just enjoy collecting. To conditionally add this requirement, we can use the sometimes method on the Validator instance.

```
$v->sometimes('reason', 'required|max:500', function($input) {
          return $input->games >= 100;
});
```

The first argument passed to the sometimes method is the name of the field we are conditionally validating. The second argument is the rules we want to add. If the closure passed as the third argument returns true, the rules will be added. This method makes it a breeze to build complex conditional validations. You may even add conditional validations for several fields at once:

```
$v->sometimes(['reason', 'cost'], 'required', function($input) {
          return $input->games >= 100;
});
```

Note: The sinput parameter passed to your closure will be an instance of Illuminate\Support\Fluent and may be used to access your input and files.

Custom Validation Rules

Lumen provides a variety of helpful validation rules; however, you may wish to specify some of

your own. One method of registering custom validation rules is using the extend method on the validator facade. Let's use this method within a <u>service provider</u> to register a custom validation rule:

```
<?php
namespace App\Providers;
use Validator;
use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
class AppServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
    * Bootstrap any application services.
     * @return void
        public function boot()
                Validator::extend('foo', function($attribute, $value, $parameters) {
                      return $value == 'foo';
                });
        }
         * Register the service provider.
         * @return void
        public function register()
                //
}
```

The custom validator Closure receives three arguments: the name of the <code>\$attribute</code> being validated, the <code>\$value</code> of the attribute, and an array of <code>\$parameters</code> passed to the rule.

You may also pass a class and method to the extend method instead of a Closure:

```
Validator::extend('foo', 'FooValidator@validate');
```

Defining The Error Message

You will also need to define an error message for your custom rule. You can do so either using an inline custom message array or by adding an entry in the validation language file. This message should be placed in the first level of the array, not within the custom array, which is only for attribute-specific error messages:

```
"foo" => "Your input was invalid!",
"accepted" => "The :attribute must be accepted.",
// The rest of the validation error messages...
```

When creating a custom validation rule, you may sometimes need to define custom place-holder replacements for error messages. You may do so by creating a custom Validator as described above then making a call to the replacer method on the Validator facade. You may do this within the boot method of a service provider:

```
/**
  * Bootstrap any application services.
  *
  * @return void
  */
public function boot()
{
      Validator::extend(...);

      Validator::replacer('foo', function($message, $attribute, $rule, $parameters) {
            return str_replace(...);
      });
}
```