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Support Policy

Lumen only receives bug fixes on the latest version. For all new projects, we recommend using the full [Laravel framework](#).

Versioning Scheme

Lumen follows Laravel's [Semantic Versioning](#) and release schedule.

Releases

Lumen 10.0.0

Lumen 10.0 upgrades the framework's underlying Laravel components to the 10.x series.

Lumen 9.0.0

Lumen 9.0 upgrades the framework's underlying Laravel components to the 9.x series.

Lumen 8.0.0

Lumen 8.0 upgrades the framework's underlying Laravel components to the 8.x series.

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Lumen 7.0 upgrades the framework's underlying Laravel components to the 7.x series.

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Lumen 5.4 upgrades the framework's underlying Laravel components to the 5.4 series.

Lumen 5.3.0

Lumen 5.3 upgrades the framework's underlying Laravel components to the 5.3 series.

Lumen 5.2.0

Lumen 5.2.0 upgrades the framework to use the 5.2 family of Laravel components, as well as introduces some significant changes to Lumen's underlying philosophy and purpose.

Only Stateless APIs

Lumen 5.2 represents a shift on slimming Lumen to focus solely on serving stateless, JSON APIs. **As such, sessions and views are no longer included with the framework.** If you need access to these features, you should use the full Laravel framework. Upgrading your Lumen application to the full Laravel framework mainly involves copying your routes and classes over into a fresh installation of Laravel. Since Laravel and Lumen share many of the same components, your classes should not require any modification.

Authentication

Because sessions are no longer included with Lumen, authentication must be done stateless using API tokens or headers. You have complete control over the authentication process in the new `AuthServiceProvider`. Please review the [authentication documentation](#) for more information.

Testing Helpers

Since sessions and views are no longer included with Lumen, all of the form interaction testing helpers have been removed. The testing helpers for JSON APIs remain, so be sure to review the [testing documentation](#).

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 [Laravel documentation](#).

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:

```
$app = new Laravel\Lumen\Application(  
    realpath(__DIR__.'/../')  
);
```

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.

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Upgrading To 10.0.0 From 9.x

Lumen 10.0 serves as a maintenance release to upgrade the underlying Laravel packages to the 10.x release series. Before upgrading your application to Lumen 10.0, you should review the Laravel 10.0 [upgrade guide](#) and make any applicable changes to your application according to which Laravel components you are using.

Once you have made the necessary adjustments to your application, you may upgrade your Lumen framework dependency in your `composer.json` file and run the `composer update` command:

```
"laravel/lumen-framework": "^10.0"
```

Upgrading To 9.0.0 From 8.x

Lumen 9.0 serves as a maintenance release to upgrade the underlying Laravel packages to the 9.x release series. Before upgrading your application to Lumen 9.0, you should review the Laravel 9.0 [upgrade guide](#) and make any applicable changes to your application according to which Laravel components you are using.

Once you have made the necessary adjustments to your application, you may upgrade your Lumen framework dependency in your `composer.json` file and run the `composer update` command:

```
"laravel/lumen-framework": "^9.0"
```

Upgrading To 8.0.0 From 7.x

Lumen 8.0 serves as a maintenance release to upgrade the underlying Laravel packages to the 8.x release series. Before upgrading your application to Lumen 8.0, you should review the Laravel 8.0 [upgrade guide](#) and make any applicable changes to your application according to which Laravel components you are using.

Once you have made the necessary adjustments to your application, you may upgrade your Lumen framework dependency in your `composer.json` file and run the `composer update` command:

```
"laravel/lumen-framework": "^8.0"
```

Model Factories

Laravel's [model factories](#) feature has been totally rewritten to support classes and is not compatible with Lumen 7.x style factories. However, to ease the upgrade process, a new `laravel/legacy-factories` package has been created to continue using your existing factories with Lumen 8.x. You may install this package via Composer:

```
composer require laravel/legacy-factories
```

After installing it you'll need to register the service provider in your `bootstrap/app.php` file:

```
$app->register(Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\LegacyFactoryServiceProvider::class);
```

Upgrading To 7.0.0 From 6.x

Lumen 7.0 serves as a maintenance release to upgrade the underlying Laravel packages to the 7.x release series. Before upgrading your application to Lumen 7.0, you should review the Laravel 7.0 [upgrade guide](#) and make any applicable changes to your application according to which Laravel components you are using.

Once you have made the necessary adjustments to your application, you may upgrade your Lumen framework dependency in your `composer.json` file and run the `composer update` command:

```
"laravel/lumen-framework": "^7.0"
```

Timezone Setting

The timezone setting has been moved from the `lumen-framework` package to the `bootstrap/app.php` file. If you're currently using the `APP_TIMEZONE` environment variable you should add the following to your `bootstrap/app.php` file:

```
date_default_timezone_set(env('APP_TIMEZONE', 'UTC'));
```

Symfony 5 Related Upgrades

Lumen 7 utilizes the 5.x series of the Symfony components. Some minor changes to your application are required to accommodate this upgrade.

First, the `report` and `render` methods of your application's `App\Exceptions\Handler` class should accept instances of the `Throwable` interface instead of `Exception` instances:

```
use Throwable;

public function report(Throwable $exception);
public function render($request, Throwable $exception);
```

Upgrading To 6.0.0 From 5.8

Lumen 6.0 serves as a maintenance release to upgrade the underlying Laravel packages to the 6.0 release series. Before upgrading your application to Lumen 6.0, you should review the Laravel 6.0 [upgrade guide](#) and make any applicable changes to your application according to which Laravel components you are using.

Once you have made the necessary adjustments to your application, you may upgrade your Lumen framework dependency in your `composer.json` file and run the `composer update` command:

```
"laravel/lumen-framework": "^6.0"
```

Upgrading To 5.8.0 From 5.7

Lumen 5.8 serves as a maintenance release to upgrade the underlying Laravel packages to the 5.8 release series. Before upgrading your application to Lumen 5.8, you should review the Laravel 5.8 [upgrade guide](#) and make any applicable changes to your application according to which Laravel components you are using.

Once you have made the necessary adjustments to your application, you may upgrade your Lumen framework dependency in your `composer.json` file and run the `composer update` command:

```
"laravel/lumen-framework": "5.8.*"
```

Environment Variables

Lumen 5.8 makes use of the newest implementation of the `vlucas/phpdotenv` library. You'll need to change the

code which loads the environment variables in your `bootstrap/app.php` file at the top to the following:

```
(new Laravel\Lumen\Bootstrap\LoadEnvironmentVariables(
    dirname(__DIR__)
))->bootstrap();
```

Additionally, you'll need to update your dependency in your `composer.json` to the new version:

```
"vlucas/phpdotenv": "^3.3"
```

Upgrading To 5.7.0 From 5.6

Lumen 5.7 serves as a maintenance release to upgrade the underlying Laravel packages to the 5.7 release series. Before upgrading your application to Lumen 5.7, you should review the Laravel 5.7 [upgrade guide](#) and make any applicable changes to your application according to which Laravel components you are using.

Once you have made the necessary adjustments to your application, you may upgrade your Lumen framework dependency in your `composer.json` file and run the `composer update` command:

```
"laravel/lumen-framework": "5.7.*"
```

Upgrading To 5.6.0 From 5.5

Lumen 5.6 serves as a maintenance release to upgrade the underlying Laravel packages to the 5.6 release series. Before upgrading your application to Lumen 5.6, you should review the Laravel 5.6 [upgrade guide](#) and make any applicable changes to your application according to which Laravel components you are using.

Once you have made the necessary adjustments to your application, you may upgrade your Lumen framework dependency in your `composer.json` file and run the `composer update` command:

```
"laravel/lumen-framework": "5.6.*"
```

Upgrading To 5.5.0 From 5.4

Lumen 5.5 serves as a maintenance release to upgrade the underlying Laravel packages to the 5.5 release series. Before upgrading your application to Lumen 5.5, you should review the Laravel 5.5 [upgrade guide](#) and make any applicable changes to your application according to which Laravel components you are using.

Once you have made the necessary adjustments to your application, you may upgrade your Lumen framework dependency in your `composer.json` file and run the `composer update` command:

```
"laravel/lumen-framework": "5.5.*"
```

Updating The Bootstrap File

In Laravel 5.5, the service container implements the PSR-11 interface, causing conflicts with the `get` method of the router when attempting to use the service container as a router proxy. For this reason, the `bootstrap/app.php` file needs to be updated to pass only a `Router` instance to the `routes.php` file. Near the bottom of your `bootstrap/app.php` file, adjust the inclusion of the `routes.php` file to look like the following:

```
$app->router->group([
    'namespace' => 'App\Http\Controllers',
], function ($router) {
    require __DIR__.'/../routes/web.php';
});
```

Updating The Routes File

After updating your `bootstrap/app.php` file, you should update your `routes/web.php` file to use the `$router` variable instead of the `$app` variable:

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



```
});
```

Upgrading To 5.4.0 From 5.3

Lumen 5.4 serves as a maintenance release to upgrade the underlying Laravel packages to the 5.4 release series. Before upgrading your application to Lumen 5.4, you should review the Laravel 5.4 [upgrade guide](#) and make any applicable changes to your application according to which Laravel components you are using.

Once you have made the necessary adjustments to your application, you may upgrade your Lumen framework dependency in your `composer.json` file and run the `composer update` command:

```
"laravel/lumen-framework": "5.4.*"
```

Requests In Service Providers

If you were previously accessing the current request in one of your application's service providers, you should refactor your code to use a middleware instead.

Upgrading To 5.3.0 From 5.2

Lumen 5.3 does not change the structure of the framework. Instead, it serves as a maintenance release to upgrade the underlying Laravel packages to the 5.3 release series. Before upgrading your application to Lumen 5.3, you should review the Laravel 5.3 [upgrade guide](#) and make any applicable changes to your application according to which Laravel components you are using.

Once you have made the necessary adjustments to your application, you may upgrade your Lumen framework dependency in your `composer.json` file and run the `composer update` command:

```
"laravel/lumen-framework": "5.3.*"
```

Upgrading To 5.2.0 From 5.1

Lumen 5.2 represents a more decided shift towards focusing on stateless APIs. Therefore, sessions have been removed from the framework. If you would like to use these features, you should upgrade your Lumen 5.1 application to Laravel 5.2.

Upgrading your Lumen application to the full Laravel framework mainly involves copying your routes and classes over into a fresh installation of Laravel. Since Laravel and Lumen share many of the same components, your classes should not require any modification.

Updating Dependencies

Update your `composer.json` file to point to `laravel/lumen-framework 5.2.*` and `vlucas/phpdotenv ~2.2`.

Bootstrap

In the `bootstrap/app.php` file you need to modify the `Dotenv::load(...)` method call to the following:

```
try {
    (new Dotenv\Dotenv(__DIR__.'/../'))->load();
} catch (Dotenv\Exception\InvalidPathException $e) {
    //
}
```

Application

Lumen no longer implements the `Illuminate\Contracts\Foundation\Application` contract. Any `Application` contract type-hints should be updated to reference the `Laravel\Lumen\Application` class directly.

Authentication

Since sessions are no longer supported in Lumen, authentication is totally based on stateless authentication via API tokens or headers. You should review the [full authentication documentation](#) for more information on how to use the authentication system.

Collections

Eloquent Base Collections

The Eloquent collection instance now returns a base Collection (`Illuminate\Support\Collection`) for the following methods: `pluck`, `keys`, `zip`, `collapse`, `flatten`, `flip`.

Key Preservation

The `slice`, `chunk`, and `reverse` methods now preserve keys on the collection. If you do not want these methods to preserve keys, use the `values` method on the collection instance.

Database

MySQL Dates

Starting with MySQL 5.7, `0000-00-00 00:00:00` is no longer considered a valid date, since `strict` mode is enabled by default. All timestamp columns should receive a valid default value when you insert records into your database. You may use the `useCurrent` method in your migrations to default the timestamp columns to the current timestamps, or you may make the timestamps `nullable` to allow `null` values:

```
$table->timestamp('foo')->nullable();  
$table->timestamp('foo')->useCurrent();  
$table->nullableTimestamps();
```

MySQL JSON Column Type

The `json` column type now creates actual JSON columns when used by the MySQL driver. If you are not running MySQL 5.7 or above, this column type will not be available to you. Instead, use the `text` column type in your migration.

Eloquent

Date Casts

Any attributes that have been added to your `$casts` property as `date` or `datetime` will now be converted to a string when `toArray` is called on the model or collection of models. This makes the date casting conversion consistent with dates specified in your `$dates` array.

Global Scopes

The global scopes implementation has been re-written to be much easier to use. Your global scopes no longer need a `remove` method, so it may be removed from any global scopes you have written.

If we were calling `getQuery` on an Eloquent query builder to access the underlying query builder instance, you should now call `toBase`.

If you were calling the `remove` method directly for any reason, you should change this call to `$eloquentBuilder->withoutGlobalScope($scope)`.

New methods `withoutGlobalScope` and `withoutGlobalScopes` have been added to the Eloquent query builder. Any calls to `$model->removeGlobalScopes($builder)` may be changed to simply `$builder->withoutGlobalScopes()`.

Primary keys

By default, Eloquent assumes your primary keys are integers and will automatically cast them to integers. For any primary key that is not an integer you should override the `$incrementing` property on your Eloquent model to `false`:

```
/**
 * Indicates if the IDs are auto-incrementing.
 *
 * @var bool
 */
public $incrementing = true;
```

Exception Handling

Your `App\Exceptions\Handler` class' `$dontReport` property should be updated to include at least the following exception types:

```
use Illuminate\Validation\ValidationException;
use Illuminate\Auth\Access\AuthorizationException;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\ModelNotFoundException;
use Symfony\Component\HttpKernel\Exception\HttpException;

/**
 * A list of the exception types that should not be reported.
 *
 * @var array
 */
protected $dontReport = [
    AuthorizationException::class,
    HttpException::class,
    ModelNotFoundException::class,
    ValidationException::class,
];
```

IronMQ

The IronMQ queue driver has been moved into its own package and is no longer shipped with the core framework.

<http://github.com/LaravelCollective/iron-queue>

Storage

If you made use of Laravel's Flysystem integration, you will need to register the `filesystem` binding. Add the following code to your `bootstrap/app.php`:

```
$app->singleton('filesystem', function ($app) {
    return $app->loadComponent(
        'filesystems',
        Illuminate\Filesystem\FilesystemServiceProvider::class,
        'filesystem'
    );
});
```

Validation

The `ValidatesRequests` trait has been merged into the `ProvidesConvenienceMethods` trait used by Lumen's base controller.

If you previously used the `ValidatesRequests` trait outside of the `BaseController`, you may copy it [from the 5.1 branch](#) or use the full `ProvidesConvenienceMethods` trait.

Testing

The `DatabaseMigrations` and `DatabaseTransactions` traits have moved from `Illuminate\Foundation\Testing\DatabaseMigrations` and `Illuminate\Foundation\Testing\DatabaseTransactions` to a new location. Update your tests to import the new namespace:

```
<?php

use Laravel\Lumen\Testing\DatabaseMigrations;
use Laravel\Lumen\Testing\DatabaseTransactions;

class ExampleTest extends TestCase
{
    use DatabaseMigrations;
}
```

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Installation

Note: In the years since releasing Lumen, PHP has made a variety of wonderful performance improvements. For this reason, along with the availability of [Laravel Octane](#), we no longer recommend that you begin new projects with Lumen. Instead, we recommend always beginning new projects with [Laravel](#).

Server Requirements

The Lumen framework has a few system requirements. Of course, all of these requirements are satisfied by the [Laravel Homestead](#) virtual machine, so it's highly recommended that you use Homestead as your local Lumen development environment.

However, if you are not using Homestead, you will need to make sure your server meets the following requirements:

- PHP \geq 8.0
- OpenSSL PHP Extension
- PDO PHP Extension
- Mbstring PHP Extension

Installing Lumen

Lumen utilizes [Composer](#) to manage its dependencies. So, before using Lumen, make sure you have Composer installed on your machine.

Install Lumen by issuing the Composer `create-project` command in your terminal:

```
composer create-project --prefer-dist laravel/lumen blog
```

Serving Your Application

To serve your project locally, you may use the [Laravel Homestead](#) virtual machine, [Laravel Valet](#), or the built-in PHP development server:

```
php -S localhost:8000 -t public
```

Configuration

All of the configuration options for the Lumen framework are stored in the `.env` file. Once Lumen is installed, you should also [configure your local environment](#).

Application Key

The next thing you should do after installing Lumen is set your application key to a random string. Typically, this string should be 32 characters long. 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 encrypted data will not be secure!**

Compatibility

Since Lumen is a totally separate framework from Laravel, it does not intentionally offer compatibility with any additional Laravel libraries like Cashier, Passport, Scout, etc. If your application requires the functionality provided by these libraries, please use [the Laravel framework](#).

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Introduction

All of the configuration options for the Lumen framework are stored in the `.env` file.

Accessing Configuration Values

You may easily access your configuration values using the global `config` helper function from anywhere in your application. The configuration values may be accessed using "dot" syntax, which includes the name of the file and option you wish to access. A default value may also be specified and will be returned if the configuration option does not exist:

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

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

```
config(['app.locale' => 'en']);
```

Before a configuration file can be used, you should load it into the application using the `configure` method. This may be done within your `bootstrap/app.php` file:

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

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 [DotEnv](#) PHP library by Vance Lucas. In a fresh Lumen installation, the root directory of your application will contain a `.env.example` file. You should rename the `.env.example` file to `.env` when creating your application.

All of the variables listed in this file will be loaded into the `$_ENV` PHP super-global when your application receives a request. The `env` function may be used to retrieve the values of your environment variables:

```
$debug = env('APP_DEBUG', true);
```

The second value passed to the `env` function is the "default value". This value will be used if no environment variable exists for the given key.

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.

Determining The Current Environment

The current application environment is determined via the `APP_ENV` variable from your `.env` file. You may access this value via the `environment` method on the application instance:

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

You may also pass arguments to the `environment` method to check if the environment matches a given value. If necessary, you may even pass multiple values to the `environment` method. If the environment matches any of the given values, the method will return `true`:

```
if (app()->environment('local')) {  
    // The environment is local  
}  
  
if (app()->environment('local', 'staging')) {  
    // The environment is either local OR staging...  
}
```


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Basic Routing

You will define all of the routes for your application in the `routes/web.php` file. The most basic Lumen routes simply accept a URI and a closure:

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

Available Router Methods

The router allows you to register routes that respond to any HTTP verb:

```
$router->get($uri, $callback);  
$router->post($uri, $callback);  
$router->put($uri, $callback);  
$router->patch($uri, $callback);  
$router->delete($uri, $callback);  
$router->options($uri, $callback);
```

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:

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

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

```
$router->get('posts/{postId}/comments/{commentId}', function ($postId, $commentId) {  
    //  
});
```

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.

Optional Parameters

You may define optional route parameters by enclosing part of the route URI definition in [...]. So, for example, `/foo[bar]` will match both `/foo` and `/foobar`. Optional parameters are only supported in a trailing position of the URI. In other words, you may not place an optional parameter in the middle of a route definition:

```
$router->get('user/{name}', function ($name = null) {  
    return $name;  
});
```

Regular Expression Constraints

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

```
$router->get('user/{name:[A-Za-z]+}', function ($name) {  
    //  
});
```

Named Routes

Named routes allow the convenient generation of URLs or redirects for specific routes. You may specify a name for a route using the `as` array key when defining the route:

```
$router->get('profile', ['as' => 'profile', function () {  
    //  
}]);
```

You may also specify route names for controller actions:

```
$router->get('profile', [  
    'as' => 'profile', 'uses' => 'UserController@showProfile'  
]);
```

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 global `route` function:

```
// Generating URLs...  
$url = route('profile');  
  
// Generating Redirects...  
return redirect()->route('profile');
```

If the named route defines parameters, you may pass the parameters as the second argument to the `route` function. The given parameters will automatically be inserted into the URL in their correct positions:

```
$router->get('user/{id}/profile', ['as' => 'profile', function ($id) {  
    //  
}]);  
  
$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 route. Shared attributes are specified in an array format as the first parameter to the `$router->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:

```
$router->group(['middleware' => 'auth'], function () use ($router) {  
    $router->get('/', function () {  
        // Uses Auth Middleware  
    });  
  
    $router->get('user/profile', function () {  
        // Uses Auth Middleware  
    });  
});
```

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:

```
$router->group(['namespace' => 'Admin'], function() use ($router)  
{  
    // Using The "App\Http\Controllers\Admin" Namespace...  
  
    $router->group(['namespace' => 'User'], function() use ($router) {  
        // Using The "App\Http\Controllers\Admin\User" Namespace...  
    });  
});
```

Route Prefixes

The `prefix` group 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`:

```
$router->group(['prefix' => 'admin'], function () use ($router) {  
    $router->get('users', function () {  
        // Matches The "/admin/users" URL  
    });  
});
```

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

```
$router->group(['prefix' => 'accounts/{accountId}'], function () use ($router) {  
    $router->get('detail', function ($accountId) {  
        // Matches The "/accounts/{accountId}/detail" URL  
    });  
});
```

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Introduction

HTTP middleware provide a convenient mechanism for filtering HTTP requests entering your application. For example, Lumen includes a middleware that verifies if 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.

All middleware should be stored in the `app/Http/Middleware` directory.

Defining Middleware

To create a new middleware, copy the `ExampleMiddleware` that is included with the default Lumen application. In our new middleware, we will 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.

```
<?php

namespace App\Http\Middleware;

use Closure;

class OldMiddleware
{
    /**
     * Run the request filter.
     *
     * @param \Illuminate\Http\Request $request
     * @param \Closure $next
     * @return mixed
     */
    public function handle($request, Closure $next)
    {
        if ($request->input('age') <= 200) {
            return redirect('home');
        }

        return $next($request);
    }
}
```

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:

```
<?php

namespace App\Http\Middleware;

use Closure;

class BeforeMiddleware
{
    public function handle($request, Closure $next)
    {
        // Perform action

        return $next($request);
    }
}
```

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

```
<?php

namespace App\Http\Middleware;

use Closure;

class AfterMiddleware
{
    public function handle($request, Closure $next)
    {
        $response = $next($request);

        // Perform action

        return $response;
    }
}
```

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 call to the `$app->middleware()` method in your `bootstrap/app.php` file:

```
$app->middleware([
    App\Http\Middleware\OldMiddleware::class
]);
```

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 `bootstrap/app.php` file's call to the `$app->routeMiddleware()` method:

```
$app->routeMiddleware([
    'auth' => App\Http\Middleware\Authenticate::class,
]);
```

Once the middleware has been defined in the HTTP kernel, you may use the `middleware` key in the route options array:

```
$router->get('admin/profile', ['middleware' => 'auth', function () {
    //
}]);
```

You may use an array to assign multiple middleware to the route:

```
$router->get('/', ['middleware' => ['first', 'second'], function () {
    //
}]);
```

Or, when attaching the middleware to a controller route, using the `uses` key to specify the controller action as a string:

```
$router->get('admin/profile', [
    'middleware' => 'auth',
    'uses' => 'AdminController@showProfile'
]);
```

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:

```
<?php

namespace App\Http\Middleware;

use Closure;

class RoleMiddleware
{
    /**
     * Run the request filter.
     *
     * @param \Illuminate\Http\Request $request
     * @param \Closure $next
     * @param string $role
     * @return mixed
     */
    public function handle($request, Closure $next, $role)
    {
        if (!$request->user()->hasRole($role)) {
            // Redirect...
        }

        return $next($request);
    }
}
```

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:

```
$router->put('post/{id}', ['middleware' => 'role:editor', function ($id) {
    //
}]);
```

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 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:

```
<?php

namespace Illuminate\Session\Middleware;

use Closure;

class StartSession
{
    public function handle($request, Closure $next)
    {
        return $next($request);
    }

    public function terminate($request, $response)
    {
    }
}
```

```
        // Store the session data...  
    }  
}
```

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 middleware in your `bootstrap/app.php` file.

When calling the `terminate` method on your middleware, Lumen will resolve a fresh instance of the middleware from the [service container](#). If you would like to use the same middleware instance when the `handle` and `terminate` methods are called, register the middleware with the container using the container's `singleton` method.

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Introduction

Instead of defining all of your request handling logic in a single `routes/web.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 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:

```
<?php

namespace App\Http\Controllers;

use App\User;

class UserController extends Controller
{
    /**
     * Retrieve the user for the given ID.
     *
     * @param int $id
     * @return Response
     */
    public function show($id)
    {
        return User::findOrFail($id);
    }
}
```

We can route to the controller action like so:

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

Now, when a request matches the specified route URI, the `show` 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:

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

Naming Controller Routes

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


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

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:

```
$router->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:

```
class UserController extends Controller
{
    /**
     * Instantiate a new UserController instance.
     *
     * @return void
     */
    public function __construct()
    {
        $this->middleware('auth');

        $this->middleware('log', ['only' => [
            'fooAction',
            'barAction',
        ]]);

        $this->middleware('subscribed', ['except' => [
            'fooAction',
            'barAction',
        ]]);
    }
}
```

Dependency Injection & Controllers

Constructor Injection

The Lumen [service container](#) 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:

```
<?php

namespace App\Http\Controllers;

use App\Repositories\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;
    }
}
```

```
}
```

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 `Illuminate\Http\Request` instance on one of our methods:

```
<?php

namespace App\Http\Controllers;

use Illuminate\Http\Request;

class UserController extends Controller
{
    /**
     * Store a new user.
     *
     * @param Request $request
     * @return Response
     */
    public function store(Request $request)
    {
        $name = $request->input('name');

        //
    }
}
```

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:

```
$router->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:

```
<?php

namespace App\Http\Controllers;

use Illuminate\Http\Request;

class UserController extends Controller
{
    /**
     * Update the specified user.
     *
     * @param Request $request
     * @param string $id
     * @return Response
     */
    public function update(Request $request, $id)
    {
        //
    }
}
```

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Accessing The Request

To obtain an instance of the current HTTP request via dependency injection, you should type-hint the `Illuminate\Http\Request` class on your controller constructor or method. The current request instance will automatically be injected by the [service container](#):

```
<?php

namespace App\Http\Controllers;

use Illuminate\Http\Request;

class UserController extends Controller
{
    /**
     * Store a new user.
     *
     * @param Request $request
     * @return Response
     */
    public function store(Request $request)
    {
        $name = $request->input('name');

        //
    }
}
```

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:

```
$router->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:

```
<?php

namespace App\Http\Controllers;

use Illuminate\Http\Request;

class UserController extends Controller
{
    /**
     * Update the specified user.
     *
     * @param Request $request
     * @param string $id
     * @return Response
     */
    public function update(Request $request, $id)
    {
        //
    }
}
```

Basic Request Information

The `Illuminate\Http\Request` instance provides a variety of methods for examining the HTTP request for your

application and 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:

```
if ($request->is('admin/*')) {  
    //  
}
```

To get the full URL, not just the path info, you may use the `url` or `fullUrl` methods on the request instance:

```
// Without Query String...  
$url = $request->url();  
  
// With Query String...  
$url = $request->fullUrl();
```

Retrieving The Request Method

The `method` 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:

```
$method = $request->method();  
  
if ($request->isMethod('post')) {  
    //  
}
```

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. Laravel uses the Symfony HTTP Message Bridge component to convert typical Laravel requests and responses into PSR-7 compatible implementations:

```
composer require symfony/psr-http-message-bridge  
composer require zendframework/zend-diactoros
```

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

```
use Psr\Http\Message\ServerRequestInterface;  
  
$router->get('/', function (ServerRequestInterface $request) {  
    //  
});
```

If you return a PSR-7 response instance from a route or controller, it will automatically be converted back to a Laravel 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 `Illuminate\Http\Request` 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:

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

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

Determining If An Input Value Is Present

You should use the `has` method to determine if a value is present on the request. The `has` method returns `true` if the value is present on the request:

```
if ($request->has('name')) {  
    //  
}
```

When given an array, the `has` method will determine if all of the specified values are present:

```
if ($request->has(['name', 'email'])) {  
    //  
}
```

If you would like to determine if a value is present on the request and is not empty, you may use the `filled` method:

```
if ($request->filled('name')) {  
    //  
}
```

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 will accept a single array or a dynamic list of arguments:

```
$input = $request->only(['username', 'password']);
```

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

```
$input = $request->except(['credit_card']);
```

```
$input = $request->except('credit_card');
```

Files

Retrieving Uploaded Files

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

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

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

```
if ($request->hasFile('photo')) {  
    //  
}
```

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:

```
if ($request->file('photo')->isValid()) {  
    //  
}
```

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 `uploadedFile` instances. Check out the [API documentation for the class](#) 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:

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

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

Response Objects

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

```
use Illuminate\Http\Response;

$router->get('home', function () {
    return (new Response($content, $status))
        ->header('Content-Type', $value);
});
```

For convenience, you may also use the response helper:

```
$router->get('home', function () {
    return response($content, $status)
        ->header('Content-Type', $value);
});
```

Note: For a full list of available `Response` methods, check out its [API documentation](#) and the [Symfony API documentation](#).

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:

```
return response($content)
    ->header('Content-Type', $type)
    ->header('X-Header-One', 'Header Value')
    ->header('X-Header-Two', 'Header Value');
```

Or, you may use the `withHeaders` method to specify an array of headers to be added to the response:

```
return response($content)
    ->withHeaders([
        'Content-Type' => $type,
        'X-Header-One' => 'Header Value',
    ])
```

```
'X-Header-Two' => 'Header Value',
]);
```

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 `Laravel\Lumen\Http\ResponseFactory` class is returned. This class provides several helpful methods for generating responses.

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']);
```

You can optionally provide a status code and an array of additional headers:

```
return response()->json(['error' => 'Unauthorized'], 401, ['X-Header-One' => 'Header Value']);
```

If you would like to create a JSONP response, you may use the `json` method in addition to `setCallback`:

```
return response()
    ->json(['name' => 'Abigail', 'state' => 'CA'])
    ->setCallback($request->input('callback'));
```

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:

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

Redirecting To Named Routes

When you call the `redirect` helper with no parameters, an instance of `Laravel\Lumen\Http\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', ['id' => 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]);
```

More Features

Authentication

Introduction

Authentication in Lumen, while using the same underlying libraries as Laravel, is configured quite differently from the full Laravel framework. Since Lumen does not support session state, incoming requests that you wish to authenticate must be authenticated via a stateless mechanism such as API tokens.

Getting Started

Authentication Service Provider

Note: Before using Lumen's authentication features, you should uncomment the call to register the `AuthServiceProvider` service provider in your `bootstrap/app.php` file.

The `AuthServiceProvider` located in your `app/Providers` directory contains a single call to `Auth::viaRequest`. The `viaRequest` method accepts a Closure which will be called when the incoming request needs to be authenticated. Within this Closure, you may resolve your `App\User` instance however you wish. If no authenticated user can be found for the request, the Closure should return `null`:

```
$this->app['auth']->viaRequest('api', function ($request) {  
    // Return User or null...  
});
```

Again, you may retrieve the authenticated user however you wish. You may use an API token in the request headers or query string, a bearer token on the request, or using any other approach your application requires.

If your project does not use Eloquent, you may return an instance of the `Illuminate\Auth\GenericUser` class. This class accepts an array of attributes as its only constructor argument:

```
use Illuminate\Auth\GenericUser;  
  
return new GenericUser(['id' => 1, 'name' => 'Taylor']);
```

Accessing The Authenticated User

Just like in the full Laravel framework, you may use the `Auth::user()` method to retrieve the current user. Alternatively, you may use the `$request->user()` method on an `Illuminate\Http\Request` instance:

```
use Illuminate\Http\Request;  
  
$router->get('/post/{id}', ['middleware' => 'auth', function (Request $request, $id) {  
    $user = Auth::user();  
  
    $user = $request->user();  
  
    //  
}]);
```

Note: If you would like to use `Auth::user()` to access the currently authenticated user, you should uncomment the `$app->withFacades()` method in your `bootstrap/app.php` file.

Of course, any routes you wish to authenticate should be assigned the `auth` [middleware](#), so you should uncomment the call to `$app->routeMiddleware()` in your `bootstrap/app.php` file:

```
$app->routeMiddleware([  
    'auth' => App\Http\Middleware\Authenticate::class,  
]);
```

More Features

Authorization

Introduction

In addition to providing [authentication](#) services out of the box, Lumen also provides a simple way to organize authorization logic and control access to resources. There are a variety of methods and helpers to assist you in organizing your authorization logic.

In general, authorization can be used in Lumen the same way it is used in Laravel. We will cover a few differences here, but you should refer to the [full Laravel documentation](#) for additional details.

Differences From Laravel

Defining Abilities

The primary difference when using authorization in Lumen compared to Laravel is in regards to how abilities are defined. In Lumen, you may simply use the Gate facade in your AuthServiceProvider to define abilities:

```
Gate::define('update-post', function ($user, $post) {  
    return $user->id === $post->user_id;  
});
```

Defining Policies

Unlike Laravel, Lumen does not have a \$policies array on its AuthServiceProvider. However, you may still call the policy method on the Gate facade from within the provider's boot method:

```
Gate::policy(Post::class, PostPolicy::class);
```

Again, to learn more about policies, you should consult the [full Laravel documentation](#).

Checking Abilities

You may "check" abilities just as you would in the full Laravel framework. First, you may use the Gate facade. If you choose to use the facade, be sure to enable facades in your bootstrap/app.php file. Remember, we don't need to pass the user instance into the allows method since the currently authenticated user will automatically be passed to your authorization callback:

```
if (Gate::allows('update-post', $post)) {  
    //  
}  
  
if (Gate::denies('update-post', $post)) {  
    abort(403);  
}
```

Of course, you may also check if a given user instance has a given ability:

```
if ($request->user()->can('update-post', $post)) {  
    // The user is allowed to update the post...  
}  
  
if ($request->user()->cannot('update-post', $post)) {  
    abort(403);  
}
```

More Features

Cache

Introduction

Laravel provides a unified API for various caching systems. The cache configuration is located in the `.env` file. In this file you may specify which cache driver you would like used by default throughout your application. Laravel supports popular caching backends like [Memcached](#) and [Redis](#) out of the box.

Differences From Laravel

The Lumen cache drivers utilize the exact same code as the full Laravel cache drivers. Beyond configuration, there are no differences between using the cache in Lumen and using the cache in Laravel; therefore, please consult the [full Laravel documentation](#) for usage examples.

Note: Before using the cache facade, be sure you have uncommented the `$app->withFacades()` method call in your `bootstrap/app.php` file.

Redis Support

Before using a Redis cache with Lumen, you will need to install the `illuminate/redis` package via Composer. Then, you should register the `Illuminate\Redis\RedisServiceProvider` in your `bootstrap/app.php` file:

```
$app->register(Illuminate\Redis\RedisServiceProvider::class);
```

If you have not called `$app->withEloquent()` in your `bootstrap/app.php` file, then you should call `$app->configure('database');` in the `bootstrap/app.php` file to ensure the Redis database configuration is properly loaded.

More Features

Database

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Configuration

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

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

Basic Usage

Note: If you would like to use the `DB` facade, you should uncomment the `$app->withFacades()` call in your `bootstrap/app.php` 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 [full Laravel documentation](#).

Eloquent ORM

If you would like to use the Eloquent ORM, you should uncomment the `$app->withEloquent()` 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 [full Laravel documentation](#).

Migrations

For further information on how to create database tables and run migrations, check out the Laravel documentation on the [migrations](#).

More Features

Encryption

- [Configuration](#)
- [Basic Usage](#)

Configuration

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

Basic Usage

Encrypting A Value

You may encrypt a value using the `encrypt` 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 App\User;
use Illuminate\Http\Request;
use Illuminate\Support\Facades\Crypt;

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:

```
use Illuminate\Contracts\Encryption\DecryptException;

try {
    $decrypted = Crypt::decrypt($encryptedValue);
} catch (DecryptException $e) {
    //
}
```

More Features

Errors & Logging

- [Introduction](#)

Introduction

When you start a new Lumen project, error and exception handling is already configured for you. In addition, Lumen is integrated with the [Monolog](#) logging library, which provides support for a variety of powerful log handlers.

For more information on errors, please consult the full Laravel [documentation on errors](#).
For more information on logging, please consult the full Laravel [documentation on logging](#).

More Features

Events

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`.

Differences From Laravel

In general, events in Lumen function exactly like they do in the full-stack Laravel framework, so please review the [full Laravel documentation](#). Event broadcasting is even supported in Lumen, which allows you to listen for your server side events in your client-side JavaScript. However, there are a few minor differences which warrant discussion.

Generators

In Lumen, there are no generator commands to generate events and listeners for you, so you should simply copy the `ExampleEvent` or `ExampleListener` classes to define your own events and listeners. These example classes provide the basic structure of every event and listener.

Registering Events / Listeners

Like the full Laravel framework, the `EventServiceProvider` included with your Lumen application provides a convenient place to register all event listeners. 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:

```
/**
 * The event listener mappings for the application.
 *
 * @var array
 */
protected $listen = [
    'App\Events\ExampleEvent' => [
        'App\Listeners\ExampleListener',
    ],
];
```

Firing Events

You may use the event helper function or `Event` facade to fire events throughout your Lumen application. Again, these functions behave exactly like their full Laravel framework equivalent:

```
event(new ExampleEvent);

Event::dispatch(new ExampleEvent);
```


More Features

Mail

Introduction

Lumen provides a clean, simple API over the popular [SwiftMailer](#) library with drivers for SMTP, Mailgun, SparkPost, Amazon SES, PHP's `mail` function, and `sendmail`, allowing you to quickly get started sending mail through a local or cloud based service of your choice.

Configuration

Before using Laravel's mail drivers in Lumen, you will need to install the `illuminate/mail` package via Composer. Then, you should register the `Illuminate\Mail\MailServiceProvider` in your `bootstrap/app.php` file:

```
$app->register(Illuminate\Mail\MailServiceProvider::class);
```

Next, configure your mail options by copying the `mail.php` configuration file from the [full Laravel framework](#) to the `config` directory in the root of your project. Of course, you are free to adjust the configuration options as needed. If your Lumen application does not contain a `config` directory, you should create it.

After creating the configuration file, you should register the mailer and its aliases within your `bootstrap/app.php` file:

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

$app->alias('mail.manager', Illuminate\Mail\MailManager::class);
$app->alias('mail.manager', Illuminate\Contracts\Mail\Factory::class);

$app->alias('mailer', Illuminate\Mail\Mailer::class);
$app->alias('mailer', Illuminate\Contracts\Mail\Mailer::class);
$app->alias('mailer', Illuminate\Contracts\Mail\MailQueue::class);
```

The following configuration options should also be available to your Lumen application's `.env` file:

```
MAIL_MAILER=smtp
MAIL_HOST=smtp.mailtrap.io
MAIL_PORT=2525
MAIL_USERNAME=
MAIL_PASSWORD=
MAIL_ENCRYPTION=tls
MAIL_FROM_ADDRESS=hello@example.com
MAIL_FROM_NAME="Example app"
```

Usage

The Lumen mail drivers utilize the same code as the Laravel mail drivers. Beyond configuration, there are no differences between sending mail in Lumen and sending mail in Laravel; therefore, please consult the [full Laravel documentation](#) for usage examples.

More Features

Queues

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 performing a task on a remote server, until a later time which drastically speeds up web requests to your application.

Like many other parts of the framework, Lumen's queued jobs function are almost identically to Laravel's queued jobs. So, to learn more about queuing jobs in Lumen, please review the [full Laravel queue documentation](#).

Note: Closure jobs are not supported by Lumen.

Configuration

The queue configuration options are in the `.env` file.

If you would like to thoroughly customize the queue configuration, then you must copy the entire `vendor/laravel/lumen-framework/config/queue.php` file to the `config` directory in the root of your project and adjust the necessary configuration options as needed. If the `config` directory does not exist, then you should create it.

After creating the configuration file, ensure that the configuration file is loaded via your `bootstrap/app.php` file:

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

Driver Prerequisites

Database

In order to use the database queue driver, you will need database tables to hold the jobs and failures. You may execute the `php artisan queue:table` Artisan command to generate a migration for the `jobs` table, while the `php artisan queue:failed-table` command may be used to generate a migration for the `failed-jobs` table:

```
Schema::create('jobs', function (Blueprint $table) {
    $table->bigIncrements('id');
    $table->string('queue');
    $table->longText('payload');
    $table->tinyInteger('attempts')->unsigned();
    $table->unsignedInteger('reserved_at')->nullable();
    $table->unsignedInteger('available_at');
    $table->unsignedInteger('created_at');
    $table->index(['queue', 'reserved_at']);
});

Schema::create('failed_jobs', function (Blueprint $table) {
    $table->increments('id');
    $table->text('connection');
    $table->text('queue');
    $table->longText('payload');
    $table->longText('exception');
    $table->timestamp('failed_at')->useCurrent();
});
```

Redis

In order to use the Redis queue driver, you will need to install the `illuminate/redis` package via Composer. Then, you should register the `Illuminate\Redis\RedisServiceProvider` in your `bootstrap/app.php` file.

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`

Differences From Laravel

Like many other parts of the framework, Lumen's queued jobs function identically to Laravel's queued jobs. So, to learn more about queuing jobs in Lumen, please review the [full Laravel queue documentation](#).

However, there are a few minor differences that we will discuss now. First, let's talk about how queued jobs are generated in Lumen.

Generators

Lumen does not include generators for automatically creating new Job classes. Instead, you should copy the `ExampleJob` class that is included with the framework. This class provides the basic structure that is shared by every Job class. The base Job that is used by the `ExampleJob` already includes the needed `InteractsWithQueue`, `Queueable`, and `SerializesModels` traits:

```
<?php

namespace App\Jobs;

class ExampleJob extends Job
{
    /**
     * Create a new job instance.
     *
     * @return void
     */
    public function __construct()
    {
        //
    }

    /**
     * Execute the job.
     *
     * @return void
     */
    public function handle()
    {
        //
    }
}
```

Dispatching Jobs

Again, you should consult the [full Laravel queue documentation](#) for complete information on dispatching queued jobs; however, just like in the Laravel framework, you may use the `dispatch` function to dispatch jobs from anywhere within your Lumen application:

```
dispatch(new ExampleJob);
```

Of course, you may also use the queue facade. If you choose to use the facade, be sure to uncomment the call to `$app->withFacades()` in your `bootstrap/app.php` file:

```
Queue::push(new ExampleJob);
```

More Features

Service Container

Introduction

The Laravel service container is a powerful tool for managing class dependencies and performing dependency injection. Dependency injection is a fancy phrase that essentially means this: class dependencies are "injected" into the class via the constructor or, in some cases, "setter" methods.

Differences From Laravel

Lumen uses the exact same service container as the Laravel framework, so you have access to all of its powerful features. For complete documentation on the container, check out the [full Laravel container documentation](#).

Accessing The Container

The `Laravel\Lumen\Application` instance is an extension of `Illuminate\Container\Container`, so it may be treated as the service container for your application.

Typically, you will register bindings into the container within your [service providers](#). Of course, you may use the `bind`, `singleton`, `instance`, and other container methods provided by the container. **Remember, all of these methods are documented in the [full Laravel container documentation](#).**

Resolving Instances

To resolve things out of the container, you may either type-hint the dependency you need on a class that is already automatically resolved by the container, such as a route Closure, controller constructor, controller method, middleware, event listener, or queued job. Or, you may use the `app` function from anywhere in your application:

```
$instance = app(Something::class);
```

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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.

Writing Service Providers

All service providers extend the `Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider` class. This abstract class requires that you define at least one method on your provider: `register`. 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.

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 accidentally 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;

class RiakServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
{
    /**
     * Register bindings in the container.
     *
     * @return void
     */
    public function register()
    {
        $this->app->singleton(Connection::class, function ($app) {
            return new Connection(config('riak'));
        });
    }
}
```

This service provider only defines a `register` method, and uses that method to define an implementation of `Riak\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 Queue;
use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;

class AppServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
{
    // Other Service Provider Properties...

    /**
     * Bootstrap any application services.
     *
     * @return void
     */
    public function boot()
    {
        Queue::failing(function ($event) {

        });
    }
}
```

Registering Providers

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

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Testing

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Introduction

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 application's JSON responses.

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 cache to the `array` driver while testing, meaning no 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:

```
<?php
class FooTest extends TestCase
{
    public function testSomethingIsTrue()
    {
        $this->assertTrue(true);
    }
}
```

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 and examining the output.

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:

```
<?php

class ExampleTest extends TestCase
{
    /**
     * A basic functional test example.
     *
     * @return void
     */
    public function testBasicExample()
    {
        $this->json('POST', '/user', ['name' => 'Sally'])
            ->seeJson([
                'created' => true,
            ]);
    }
}
```

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 `seeJsonEquals` method:

```
<?php

class ExampleTest extends TestCase
{
    /**
     * A basic functional test example.
     *
     * @return void
     */
    public function testBasicExample()
    {
        $this->post('/user', ['name' => 'Sally'])
            ->seeJsonEquals([
                'created' => true,
            ]);
    }
}
```

Authentication

The `actingAs` helper method provides a simple way to authenticate a given user as the current user:

```
<?php

class ExampleTest extends TestCase
{
    public function testApplication()
    {
        $user = factory('App\User')->create();

        $this->actingAs($user)
            ->get('/user');
    }
}
```

Custom HTTP Requests

If you would like to make a custom HTTP request into your application and get the full `Illuminate\Http\Response` object, you may use the `call` method:

```
public function testApplication()
{
    // ...
```



```

        $response = $this->call('GET', '/');

        $this->assertEquals(200, $response->status());
    }

```

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']);
```

JSON Validation Errors

If you are using the `assertJsonValidationErrors` method, you should pass `null` as the response key that contains the response's error message. Unlike Laravel, Lumen returns errors at the root of the returned JSON object:

```

public function testApplication()
{
    $response = $this->call('POST', '/user', ['name' => null]);

    $response->assertJsonValidationErrors('name', $responseKey = null);
}

```

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 `seeInDatabase` 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 `users` table with the `email` value of `sally@example.com`, we can do the following:

```

public function testDatabase()
{
    // Make call to application...

    $this->seeInDatabase('users', ['email' => 'sally@foo.com']);
}

```

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 `DatabaseMigrations` trait that will automatically handle this for you. Simply use the trait on your test class:

```

<?php

use Laravel\Lumen\Testing\DatabaseMigrations;
use Laravel\Lumen\Testing\DatabaseTransactions;

class ExampleTest extends TestCase
{
    use DatabaseMigrations;

    /**
     * A basic functional test example.
     *
     * @return void
     */
    public function testBasicExample()
    {
        $this->get('/foo');
    }
}

```

```
}
```

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:

```
<?php

use Laravel\Lumen\Testing\DatabaseMigrations;
use Laravel\Lumen\Testing\DatabaseTransactions;

class ExampleTest extends TestCase
{
    use DatabaseTransactions;

    /**
     * A basic functional test example.
     *
     * @return void
     */
    public function testBasicExample()
    {
        $this->get('/foo');
    }
}
```

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 [Eloquent models](#) using model factories.

To get started, take a look at the `database/factories/UserFactory.php` file in your application. Out of the box, this file contains the following factory definition:

```
<?php

namespace Database\Factories;

use App\Models\User;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Factories\Factory;

class UserFactory extends Factory
{
    /**
     * The name of the factory's corresponding model.
     *
     * @var string
     */
    protected $model = User::class;

    /**
     * Define the model's default state.
     *
     * @return array
     */
    public function definition()
    {
        return [
            'name' => $this->faker->name,
            'email' => $this->faker->unique()->safeEmail,
        ];
    }
}
```

As you can see, in their most basic form, factories are classes that extend Lumen's base factory class and define a model property and definition method. The `definition` method returns the default set of attribute values that should be applied when creating a model using the factory.

Via the `faker` property, factories have access to the [Faker](#) PHP library, which allows you to conveniently generate various kinds of random data for testing.

Factory States

State manipulation methods allow you to define discrete modifications that can be applied to your model factories in any combination. For example, your `User` model might have a `suspended` state that modifies one of its default attribute values. You may define your state transformations using the base factory's `state` method. You may name your state method anything you like. After all, it's just a typical PHP method:

```
/**
 * Indicate that the user is suspended.
 *
 * @return \Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Factories\Factory
 */
public function suspended()
{
    return $this->state([
        'account_status' => 'suspended',
    ]);
}
```

If your state transformation requires access to the other attributes defined by the factory, you may pass a callback to the `state` method. The callback will receive the array of raw attributes defined for the factory:

```
/**
 * Indicate that the user is suspended.
 *
 * @return \Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Factories\Factory
 */
public function suspended()
{
    return $this->state(function (array $attributes) {
        return [
            'account_status' => 'suspended',
        ];
    });
}
```

Factory Callbacks

Factory callbacks are registered using the `afterMaking` and `afterCreating` methods and allow you to perform additional tasks after making or creating a model. You should register these callbacks by defining a `configure` method on the factory class. This method will automatically be called by Laravel when the factory is instantiated:

```
namespace Database\Factories;

use App\Models\User;
use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Factories\Factory;
use Illuminate\Support\Str;

class UserFactory extends Factory
{
    /**
     * The name of the factory's corresponding model.
     *
     * @var string
     */
    protected $model = User::class;

    /**
     * Configure the model factory.
     *
     * @return $this
     */
    public function configure()
    {
        return $this->afterMaking(function (User $user) {
            //
        })->afterCreating(function (User $user) {
            //
        });
    }

    // ...
}
```

Using Factories In Tests

The Lumen model factories based on the same code as the Laravel model factories. Therefore, please consult the [full Laravel documentation](#) for usage examples.

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 `dispatch` global helper function or the `$this->dispatch` method from a route or controller. 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 [facade](#). For example, consider the following controller action:

```
<?php

namespace App\Http\Controllers;

use Cache;

class UserController extends Controller
{
    /**
     * Show a list of all users of the application.
     *
     * @return Response
     */
    public function index()
    {
        $value = Cache::get('key');

        //
    }
}
```

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:

```
<?php

class FooTest extends TestCase
{
    public function testGetIndex()
    {
        Cache::shouldReceive('get')
            ->once()
            ->with('key')
            ->andReturn('value');

        $this->get('/users');
    }
}
```

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.

More Features

Validation

Introduction

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

In general, validation in Lumen works exactly like validation in Laravel, so you should consult the [full Laravel validation documentation](#); however, there are a few important differences.

Differences From Laravel

Form Requests

Form requests are not supported by Lumen. If you would like to use form requests, you should use the full Laravel framework.

The `$this->validate` Method

The `$this->validate` helper which is available in Lumen will always return a JSON response with the relevant error messages. This is in contrast to the Laravel version of the method which will return a redirect response if the request is not an AJAX request. Since Lumen is stateless and does not support sessions, flashing errors to the session is not a possibility. If you would like to use redirects and flashed error data, you should use the full Laravel framework.

Unlike Laravel, Lumen provides access to the `validate` method from within Route closures:

```
use Illuminate\Http\Request;

$router->post('/user', function (Request $request) {
    $this->validate($request, [
        'name' => 'required',
        'email' => 'required|email|unique:users'
    ]);
    // Store User...
});
```

Of course, you are free to manually create validator instances using the `validator::make` facade method just as you would in Laravel.

The `exists` And `unique` Rules

If you would like to use the `exists` or `unique` validation rules, you should uncomment the `$app->withEloquent()` method call in your `bootstrap/app.php` file.

The `$errors` View Variable

Lumen does not support sessions out of the box, so the `$errors` view variable that is available in every view in Laravel is not available in Lumen. Should validation fail, the `$this->validate` helper will throw `Illuminate\Validation\ValidationException` with embedded JSON response that includes all relevant error messages. If you are not building a stateless API that solely sends JSON responses, you should use the full Laravel framework.

More Features

Views

Introduction

Lumen allows you to serve HTML content using the View facade and the powerful Blade templating engine.

Differences From Laravel

There are no differences between using views in Lumen and using views in Laravel; therefore, please consult the [full Laravel documentation](#) for usage examples.

Note: Before using the view facade, be sure you have uncommented the `$app->withFacades()` method call in your `bootstrap/app.php` file.