**A Comparison between Laravel and Express.**

**Introduction**

Server-side Web Frameworks form the basis for dynamic web pages and applications on the internet today. They simplify the flow of data between the server and the client also making it easier to write, maintain and scale web applications. They provide libraries for database access, templating frameworks, session management. Each server-side framework is built upon an existing programming language. The two most popular server-side frameworks today are Laravel which is developed using PHP and Express developed using JavaScript.

In this paper we will comparatively articulate the differences between Laravel and Express in terms of basic request / response handling, development of dynamic web pages, authentication / security, error handling and unit testing support.

The history and development of both frameworks will be intensively stated in the literature review section. We will discuss the ethos, the infrastructure behind each and try to gauge its future based on usage and deployment trends.

After reading this paper, the reader’s understanding of each framework will be enhanced.

This research paper will compare Laravel and Express in route handling, views/templates, authentication, error handling and unit testing. It will also discuss some of the pros and cons of each framework which will include their respective communities, ease of development and the overall general structure of each framework. While this paper will not offer a recommendation if which to use, it is the intention that the reader should gain a further understanding of each framework.