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### Information

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# **Getting Started**

Follow the instruction below to setup Meridian in SAAS or Standalone mode.

# **System Requirements**

- · Linux or Mac Operating System
- Nginx / Apache
- MYSQL Version 5.7 or above
- PHP >= 5.4, PHP < 7
- Mcrypt PHP Extension
- OpenSSL PHP Extension
- Mbstring PHP Extension
- Tokenizer PHP Extension

As of PHP 5.5, some OS distributions may require you to manually install the PHP JSON extension. When using Ubuntu, this can be done via apt-get install php5-json.

Meridian utilizes Composer to manage its dependencies. So, before using Meridian, make sure you have Composer installed on your machine.

# **Installation and Configuration**

### **Public Directory**

After installing Meridian, you should configure your web server's document / web root to be the <code>public</code> directory. The index.php in this directory serves as the front controller for all HTTP requests entering your application.

### **Directory Permissions**

Directories within the storage and the bootstrap/cache directories should be writable by your web server or Meridian will not run.

We can give group ownership of our Meridian directory structure to the web group by typing:

```
sudo chown -R :www-data ./meridian
sudo chmod -R 775 ./meridian/storage
sudo chmod -R 775 /.meridian/bootstrap/cache
```

### **Mysql Configuration**

Disable SQL mode ONLY\_FULL\_GROUP\_BY in Mysql.

Step1: Run the command SELECT @@sql mode; in you mysql client.

Step 2: Edit MySQL config file my.conf . Usually found in /etc/my.cnf or /etc/mysql/my.conf . If not sure, below command to find the file.

```
mysql --help | grep my.cnf
```

Step 3: Copy sql\_mode values, remove ONLY\_FULL\_GROUP\_BY and put the line in my.conf under [mysqld] section.

In my case it looks like this:

```
[mysqld]
sql_mode=STRICT_TRANS_TABLES,NO_ZERO_IN_DATE,NO_ZERO_DATE,ERROR_FOR_DIVISION_BY_ZE
RO,NO_AUTO_CREATE_USER,NO_ENGINE_SUBSTITUTION
```

Restart the mysql server

```
sudo /etc/init.d/mysql restart
```

## **Application Configuration**

Next create a new database and add your database credentials to your .env (copy content from .env.example) file:

```
DB_CONNECTION=mysql

DB_HOST=127.0.0.1

DB_PORT=3306

DB_DATABASE=homestead

DB_USERNAME=homestead

DB_PASSWORD=secret

DB_TEAM_HOST=127.0.0.1

DB_TEAM_PORT=3306

DB_TEAM_USERNAME=homestead

DB_TEAM_USERNAME=homestead

DB_TEAM_PASSWORD=secret
```

You will also want to update your website URL inside of the APP\_URL and APP\_NAME variable inside the .env file:

```
APP_NAME=Meridian
APP_URL=http://meridian.test
```

**Production Settings** 

```
APP_ENV=production
APP_DEBUG=false
```

#### **Email**

Also setup your email server config in .env to send emails.

```
MAIL_DRIVER=smtp
MAIL_HOST=smtp.mailtrap.io
MAIL_PORT=2525
MAIL_USERNAME=null
MAIL_PASSWORD=null
MAIL_ENCRYPTION=null
```

Use service like Sparkpost to sent email for free.

Follow the steps to configure sparkpost for sending emails.

Step 1: Complete the your email and domain verification in sparkpost dashboard.

Step 2: Change the following inside .env file.

```
MAIL_DRIVER=sparkpost

SPARKPOST_SECRET=<ecret key from sparkpost dashboard>

MAIL_FROM_ADDRESS="<example@your-company.com>"

MAIL_FROM_NAME="<Example Company Name>"
```

You may also want to configure a few additional components of Laravel, such as: Cache, Session, etc.

# **Stripe and Stripe Connect**

You have to create Stripe Connect account in order for tenants to receive payments.

Open .env file and update the following:-

```
STRIPE_KEY=
STRIPE_SECRET=

STRIPE_CONNECT_KEY=

STRIPE_WEBHOOK_SECRET=
```

Stripe can notify your application of a variety of events via webhooks.

Add the following to your stripe dashboard <a href="https:your-website.com">https:your-website.com</a>/meri/stripe/webhook

### **Run The Installer**

#### Composer

Run composer install

#### **SAAS Mode**

Lastly, we can install meridian by running the below.

```
php artisan meridian:install
```

#### **Standalone Mode**

Lastly, we can install meridian by running the below.

```
php artisan meridian:install --standalone
```

```
Email: user@meridian.test
Password: password
```

The above comand will also run php artisan key: generate --force and php artisan migrate -force

To access admin by default you should be able to login with the below email and password

```
Email: admin@meridian.test
Password: password
```

#### **Cron Job**

In order to make recurring invoices and exports work, you have to setup up cron job. Go to your terminal and run the below command

```
crontab -e
```

This will open server crontab file, paste this code inside, save it and exit.

```
* * * * php /path-to-your-project/artisan schedule:run >> /dev/null 2>&1
```

This Cron will call the Meridian command scheduler every minute. When the schedule:run command is executed. Meridian will evaluate your scheduled tasks and runs the tasks that are due.

## **Pretty URLs**

### **Apache**

Meridian includes a public/.htaccess file that is used to provide URLs without the index.php front controller in the path. Before serving Meridian with Apache, be sure to enable the mod\_rewrite module so the .htaccess file will be honored by the server.

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

```
Options +FollowSymLinks

RewriteEngine On

RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} !-d

RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} !-f

RewriteRule ^ index.php [L]
```

### **Nginx**

If you are using Nginx, the following directive in your site configuration will direct all requests to the index.php front controller:

```
location / {
   try_files $uri $uri/ /index.php?$query_string;
}
```

### For developers

Meridian is a build with laravel 5.7 and Vue is 2.6

This zip file only contain production files and does not contain node\_modules directory. In order to customize you have delete the vendor directory and run below commands:

```
composer install
npm install
```

### **Directory Structure**

Javascript files can be found in resources/assets/js and not in the public folder.

### Internationalization

You can find the english translation inside resources/lang/en

For example to translate to language french fr

```
Set APP_LOCALE=fr inside .env
```

Add fr to langs array in config/meridian.php

```
'langs' => [
    'en' => 'English',
    'fr' => 'French'
],
```

Make a folder fr inside resources/lang/

copy all the files from resources/lang/en to resources/lang/fr

Begin translation

Run php artisan meridian: lang to generate translation files

### **Customization**

You can contact us at codekerala@gmail.com for support and paid customization requests.