Middleware

- Middleware runs before the request reaches the controller.

Use cases

- Logging incoming requests
- Authentication tokens (e.g., checking JWT)
- Request transformation (e.g., converting strings to numbers)
- Blocking or redirecting requests
- Setting headers.

Middleware vs Guard

Guard

- Before route is accessed (based on auth)
- Authorization (role check, access allowed?)

Middleware

- Before controller
- Common tasks (logging, token decode)