

Laravel 5 withInput old always empty

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I'm building a simple login form using Laravel 5 and I would like to fill some inputs by default when some error occurred. My router is calling these functions as given

```
Route::get('/login', 'AuthController@login');
Route::post('/login', 'AuthController@do_login');
```

My Controller is like showed below

```
namespace App\Http\Controllers;
use App;
use App\Models\User;
use Request;
use Illuminate\Support\Facades\Redirect;

class AuthController extends Controller {

    function login()
    {
        if(User::check())
        {
            /*User is logged, then cannot login*/
            return Redirect::back();
        }
        else
        {
            return view('auth.login');
        }
    }

    function do_login()
    {
        return view('auth.login')-
        >withInput(Request::except("password"));
    }

}
```

Noticing that `withInput` is being underlined by PhpStorm saying that can't find it's implementation in `Illuminate\View\View`. Inside my view, i have the following:

```

        {!! Form::open() !!}
        <div class="form-group">
            {!! Form::text('email', Input::old('email'), array('placeholder'
=> Lang::get('auth.email'), 'class' => 'form-control')) !!}
        </div>
        <div class="form-group">
            {!! Form::password('password', array('placeholder' =>
Lang::get('auth.password'), 'class' => 'form-control')) !!}
        </div>
        <div class="form-group">
            <button class="btn btn-primary btn-block">@lang('auth.signin')
</button>
            <span class="pull-right"><a
href="/{{App::getLocale()}}/register">@lang('auth.register')</a></span>
        </div>
        <input type="email" class="form-control" name="email" value="{{
old('email') }}">
        {!! Form::close() !!}

```

What am I missing here? This can be done in Laravel 5 ? Many thanks for your time!

asked Jun 30 '15 at 20:39



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`withInput()` is for preserving the input during redirects.

It is not necessary (nor possible) to call it if you're doing a `return view()`.

You might consider having your `do_login` do
`return redirect()->back()->withInput(Request::except("password"));`
 implement [Post/Redirect/Get](#).

though, to properly

answered Jun 30 '15 at 20:42



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I would suggest you to use the `MessageBag` class. First import it's namespace at the top of your controller's file:

```

use
Illuminate\Support\MessageBag;

```

Then you can use it in your controller:

```
$message = new MessageBag(["username" => "A default and valid username"]); //  
Create your message  
Redirect::to('auth/login')->withErrors($message); // Return it to your view,  
whatever the url
```

And then in your auth/login view:

```
{!! Form::text('username', Input::old('username'), array('placeholder' =>  
($errors->has('username')?$errors->first('username'):Lang::get('auth.username')),  
'class' => 'form-control')) !!}
```

You could even replace the input's value too if you want:

```
{!! Form::text('username', ($errors->has('username')?$errors->  
>first('username'):null), array('placeholder' => ($errors->has('username')?  
$errors->first('username'):Lang::get('auth.username')), 'class' => 'form-  
control')) !!}
```

Your "username" input should now contain the "A default and valid username" message if an error is encountered.

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Passing data in the error object is a helpful tip? What if you're going to use the error object the way it's intended?

Instead, there is a proper way to do that. The second parameter you're passing to ->view is data! horray!

```
return view('your.view',  
dataYouWannaPass)
```

does the job perfectly!

laravel 5.1 doc also recommends using just

```
->with($data)
```

<http://laravel.com/docs/5.1/views>

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My solution for this problem... Instead of putting your routes inside of this

```
Route::group(['middleware' => ['web']], function () {  
});
```

Just remove it and it will work properly. Its like 'web' middleware is loading twice.

answered Aug 6 '16 at 11:12



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Building on @AnthonyPillos 's answer,

Laravel 5.2.27 I think it was removed the need for the web middleware group, hence why removing this works.

So:

```
Route::group(['middleware' => ['web']], function () {  
});
```

becomes redundant.

Hope it helps someone else searching through validateRequests, validatesLogin etc. etc. just to discover it was the route.

answered Sep 8 '16 at 7:52



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