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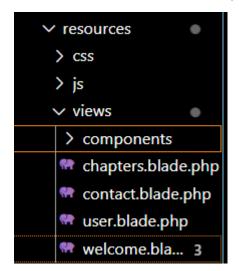
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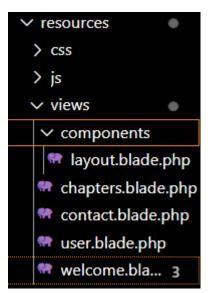
Part 1: Creating a Layout File

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Inside the "Components" folder, create a file named Layout.blade.php.



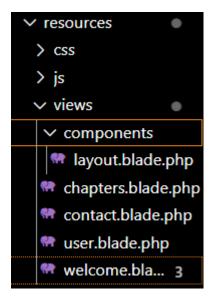
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Define the basic HTML structure in Layout.blade.php.

• This is the structure of our Layout.blade.php. We put the navigation links in the header section, then a main section where each page's content will show using "@yield('content')", and a footer. We also added placeholders for the page title and linked some CSS for styling, and used Laravel's "asset()" and "url()" functions to make sure everything is loaded properly.

Part 2: Creating Views

In the resources/views directory, create 3 new blade files.



In these blade files we put our codes for each page like the welcome page, chapters page, and contact page.

Through this, we can put the information's we wanted and edit the content freely.

Each view should extend the layout file and include page-specific content.

The layout file:

• It defines a layout with a "header", "main", and "footer", where "@yield('title')" and "@yield('content')" act as placeholders for content that will be provided by specific pages. The template also links to external CSS and Font Awesome for styling, and uses Laravel functions like "asset()" to load local assets and "url()" to generate URLs for navigation.

- The <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
 ensures the website is responsive and adapts to different screen sizes, especially for
 mobile devices.
- The "@yield('title', 'HTML Roadmap')" directive lets each view define its own title. If no title is given, it automatically uses "HTML Roadmap" as the default title.
- The The local CSS file for styling using Laravel's asset() function to point to the correct path.
- The rel="stylesheet" href="https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/..."> loads the Font Awesome library for icons from a CDN.
- The <nav class="navbar"> sets up the navigation bar using the navbar class for styling.
- The and creates a list of navigation links.
- The href="{{ url('/') }}" generates the URL for the home page using Laravel's url() helper. It also generates the other links, like the "Chapters" and "Contact Us" pages.
- The @yield('content') acts as a placeholder for content that will be provided by the child views. Child views that extend this layout file will inject their specific content into this section.

Blade files code and page-specific contents:

Welcome.blade.php code

- The @extends('components.Layout') tells Laravel to extend the layout defined in components.Layout, which means that the content here will be placed into the layout's structure.
- The @section('title', 'HTML Roadmap Welcome') sets the page title to "HTML Roadmap - Welcome", which will replace the placeholder defined in the layout file (from @yield('title')).
- The @section('content') starts the section for the main content of the page.

• The @endsection marks the end of the content section.

Welcome page



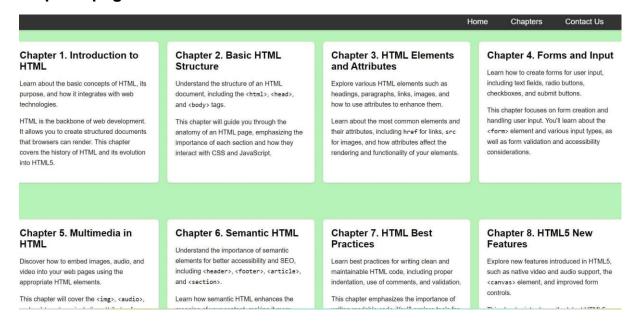
 It prompts the user a welcome page, where they can enter their usernames to access the page or they can choose to continue as guest.

Chapters.blade.php code

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- The @extends('components.Layout') tells Laravel to extend the layout defined in components.Layout, which means that the content here will be placed into the layout's structure.
- The @section('title', 'HTML Roadmap Chapters') sets the title for this page to "HTML Roadmap - Chapters", which will appear in the browser tab or page title area, replacing the layout's title placeholder.
- The @section('content') marks the start of the content section where the actual content of the page (chapters) will be inserted into the layout's @yield('content').
- The <div class="navigation"> provides navigation to move to the next page. In this
 case, a "Next" button directs the user to the contact page.
- The Next is a link to the /contact route, styled as a "Next" button to guide users to the next part of the website.
- The @endsection marks the end of the content section.

Chapters page



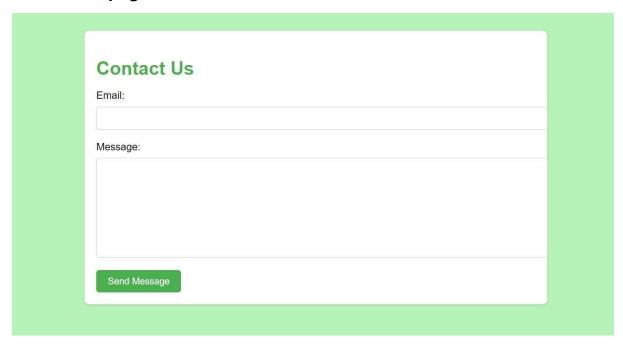
In this page, it shows the chapters or the content of the webpage.

Contact.blade.php code

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       @extends('components.Layout')
       @section('title', 'HTML Roadmap - Contact Us')
       @section('content')
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           <div class="card">
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                <div class="card-header">
               <h2>Contact Us</h2>
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                <div class="card-body">
                    <form action="{{ url('/submit-contact') }}" method="POST">
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                        <button type="submit" class="submit-btn">Send Message</button>
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- The @extends('components.Layout') tells Laravel to extend the layout defined in components.Layout, which means that the content here will be placed into the layout's structure.
- The @section('title', 'HTML Roadmap Contact Us') sets the title for this page to "HTML Roadmap - Contact Us", which will appear in the browser tab or page title area, replacing the layout's title placeholder.
- The @section('content') marks the start of the content section where the actual content of the page (chapters) will be inserted into the layout's @yield('content').
- The @csrf directive is added to the form to have a protection against crosssite request forgery.
- @endfor <fThe @endsection marks the end of the content section.

Contact Us page



 Prompts the user a contact us form, where you can input your email and the message you want to say.

Part 3: Updating Routes

In routes /web.php, define routes to return the views:

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• The "use Illuminate\Support\Facades\Route;" allows us to use Laravel's routing system to set up page links.

- The "Route::get('/', function () { return view('welcome'); });" sets up a route for the home page (/). When someone goes to the home page, it shows the welcome page.
- The "Route::get('/chapters', function () { return view('chapters'); });" sets up a route for /chapters. When someone visits /chapters, the chapters page is shown.
- The "Route::get('/contact', function () { return view('contact'); });" sets up a route for /contact. When someone goes to /contact, the contact page is shown.
- The "Route::get('/user', function () { ... });" sets up a route for /user, which handles usernames from the form.
- The "\$username = request()->input('username', 'Guest');" gets the username from the URL. If no username is provided, it uses 'Guest' instead.
- The "if (!preg_match('/^[A-Za-z]+\$/', \$username)) { \$username = 'Guest'; }" checks if the username has only letters (A-Z, a-z). If it contains anything else, it changes the name to "Guest".
- The "return view('user', ['username' => \$username]);" shows the user page and passes the username to the view, which can display it.

Explain any challenges you faced and how you resolved them.

In doing this layout laboratory activity, we experienced some challenges like:

Maintaining a Consistent Layout Across Pages

Issue: Keeping all the pages to have a uniform structure (with header, navigation, and footer) without repeating code.

Solution: A main layout file (`Layout.blade.php`) was created and Blade's `@extends` and `@yield` directives were used to apply this layout to individual views, allowing each page to follow the same design while inserting custom content.

Positioning of Layout Elements

Issue: Keeping the navbar and footer fixed in place while allowing the content of each page to change.

Solution: Flexbox was implemented in the layout's CSS ('display: flex', 'flex-direction: column') to ensure the header and footer stay in their positions, while the content section expands and adjusts to fill the remaining space.

Validating User Input

Issue: Ensuring that the username input followed specific rules, only allowing alphabetic characters.

Solution: A regular expression (`preg_match('/^[A-Za-z]+\$/', \$username)`) was applied in the user route to check the username. If the input didn't match, the system defaulted to "Guest" as the username.

Explore the difference between {{\$slot}} and @yield.

{{\$slot}}

Use case: Used inside Blade components (not layouts) to define a placeholder for content that the component's user can pass.

How it works: It allows passing content directly into a reusable component when the component is created.

@yield

Use case: Primarily used for defining sections in a layout file (like Layout.blade.php) where different views can inject their content.

How it works: It defines a placeholder for content that will be filled by the child views using @section.

Comparison of {{\$slot}} and @yield.

- {{\$slot}} is used for passing content into Blade components, while @yield is used for defining sections in layout files for specific pages.
- {{\$slot}} gets its content when the component is created, whereas @yield requires @section to fill the placeholder.
- {{\$slot}} is for component-based development (smaller, reusable parts of a page), while @yield is for layout inheritance (typically whole-page structures).