Laravel-Based E-Commerce System Final Project Report

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1. Introduction and Motivations

This Laravel-based E-Commerce System was developed to simulate a real-world web application for online shopping. The motivation stemmed from the desire to implement a complete full-stack application following modern development standards, including authentication, dynamic cart functionality, admin dashboards, and third-party payment gateway integration.

It was designed to address practical use cases such as role-based access control, responsive UI design, secure data transactions, and containerized deployment. Additionally, the project aimed to improve skills in Laravel MVC development, Eloquent ORM, Blade templating, and deployment using Podman.

2. Problem Statement

The goal was to design and implement a robust e-commerce platform that allows users to register, log in securely, browse products, add items to a shopping cart, and checkout using Stripe payments. Administrators needed to manage products, view orders, and perform administrative functions from a separate dashboard.

Core challenges addressed include:

- Secure user management and two-factor authentication
- Order lifecycle management with cart persistence
- Responsive interface for both desktop and mobile users
- Stripe integration for secure, real-time payment processing
- System deployment using Podman containers

3. Methodology

The team followed the Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) divided into Planning, Development, Testing, and Deployment phases:

- Laravel 11.x was chosen for its MVC support and built-in security features.
- Blade templating engine was used for dynamic and reusable front-end views.
- Eloquent ORM simplified database interactions.
- Stripe API enabled seamless payment processing.
- Podman ensured modular deployment and environment replication.
- PHPUnit covered core functional testing with 88% code coverage.
- GitHub was used for version control and code management.

Development tools included VS Code, MySQL, Postman for API testing, and Chrome Developer Tools for frontend debugging.

4. Results Discussion

The application achieved all core functionalities across both user and admin modules:

- Users could register, log in, and verify via email.
- Cart and order features worked as expected: items could be added, updated, or removed.
- Order summary displayed accurate billing information.
- Stripe checkout handled both valid and invalid payments.
- Admins could add/edit/delete products and manage orders.
- The UI was mobile-responsive and tested across multiple browsers.

Extensive testing confirmed that the application is reliable and suitable for real-world deployment.

[Note: Include screenshots in the final version to visually showcase system interfaces.]

5. Issues Identified and Resolved

Here are the major issues identified during testing and their resolutions and it is provided in more detail in QA report:

Issue ID	Description	Severity	Resolution
AUTH-002	No email verification	Medium	2FA via email confirmation implemented
ORDER-004	Cart not cleared after payment	High	Stripe callback updated to clear session
ADMIN-003	Orders not visible to admin	High	Fixed query filter in admin dashboard
CART-001	Negative quantity allowed	Medium	Client-side & server- side validation added
UI-004	Style broken on Stripe success screen	Low	Fixed route and asset path
PAY-002	Stripe failed payments not logged	Medium	Logging and admin alert system added

6. Limitations

Despite successful implementation, the system has a few limitations:

- No automated browser testing using Laravel Dusk.
- Stripe webhook signature verification is not implemented.
- No CI/CD pipeline; deployment was done manually.

- No feature for bulk CSV import/export of products.
- No in-app analytics for admin dashboards.

7. Conclusion

The Laravel E-Commerce System met all the project objectives. It demonstrated secure user flows, intuitive UI, stable backend logic, and third-party payment integration. QA testing showed high reliability and performance.

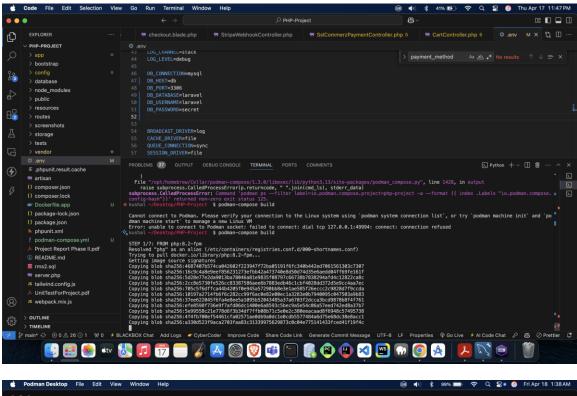
By following Laravel best practices and full lifecycle development, this project stands as a strong portfolio example of applying web development concepts in a team-based setting. The deployment-ready structure ensures scalability for future enhancements.

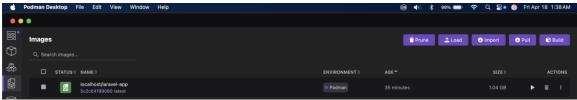
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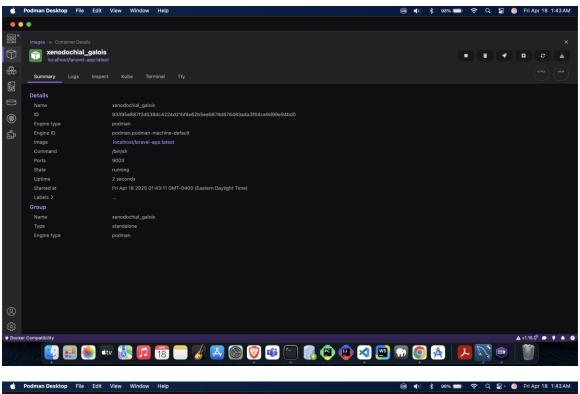
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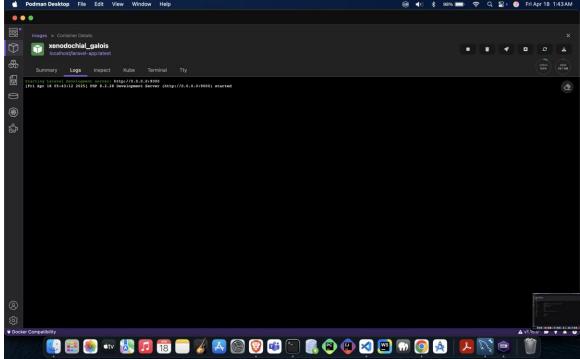
- Add Laravel Dusk for end-to-end testing
- Implement webhook signature verification for Stripe
- Setup CI/CD pipelines using GitHub Actions or GitLab
- Enable analytics dashboards and low stock alerts
- Add CSV upload functionality for product management

Code Screenshots





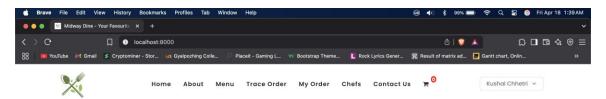


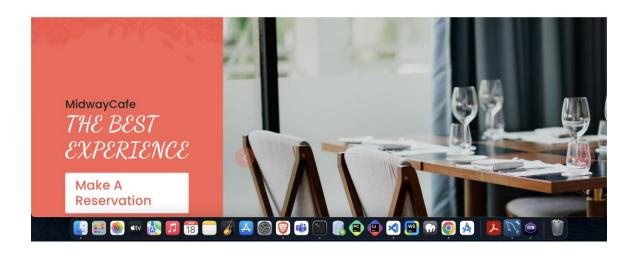


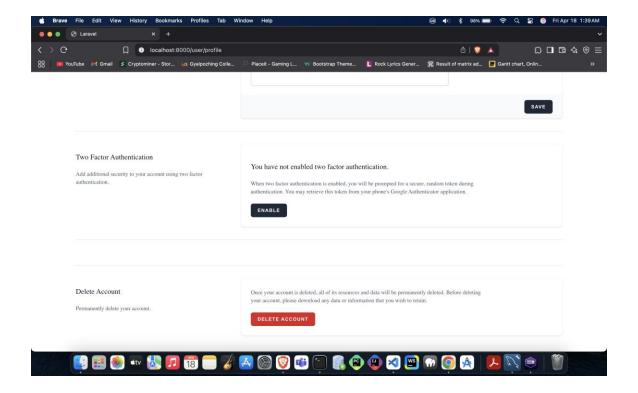
Application Screenshots

The following screenshots visually demonstrate the core functionalities of the Laravel E-Commerce System:

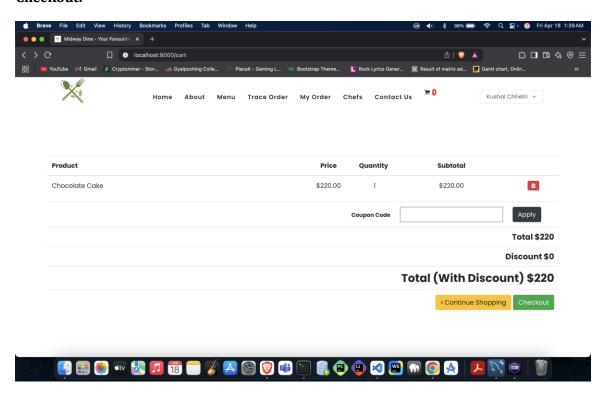
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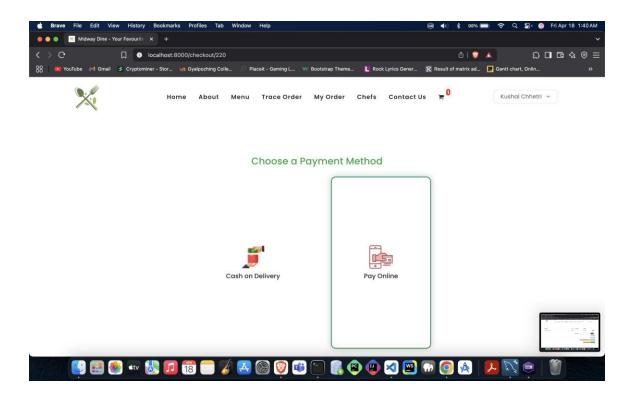




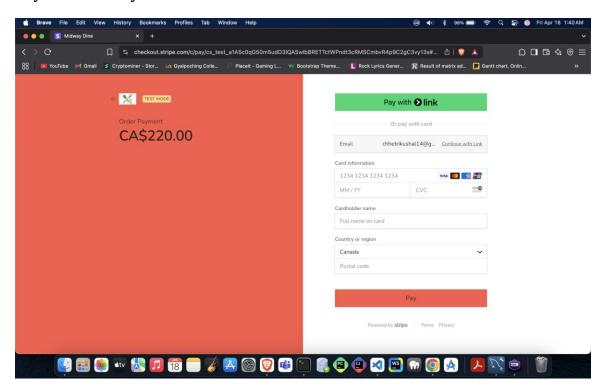


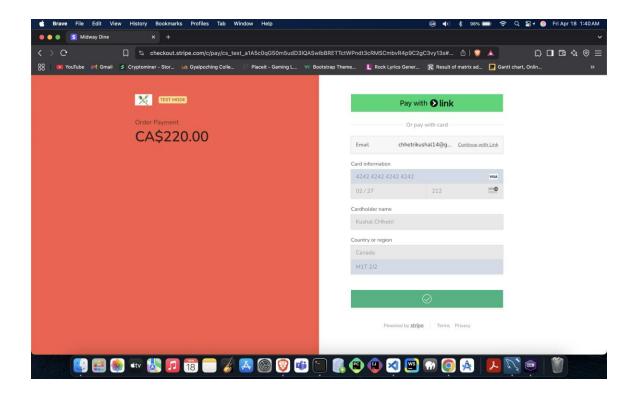
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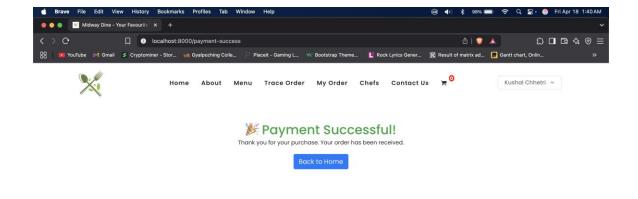




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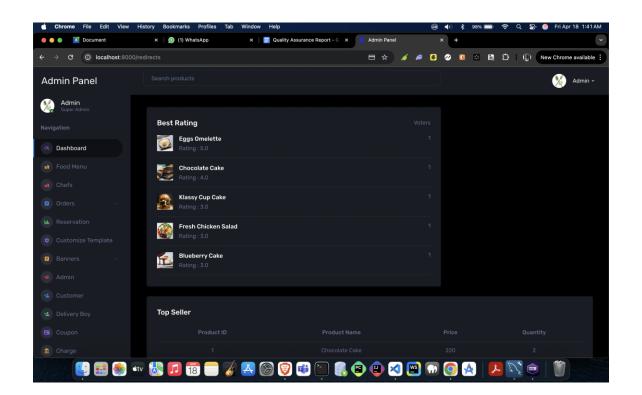


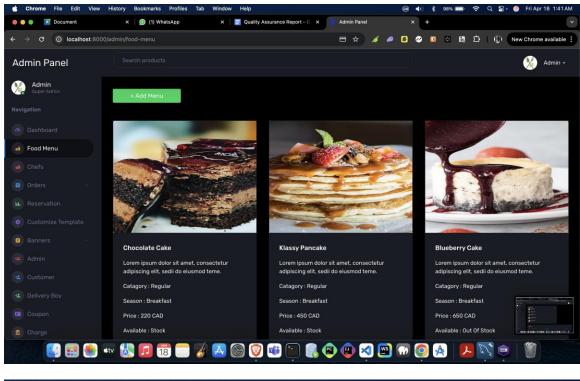


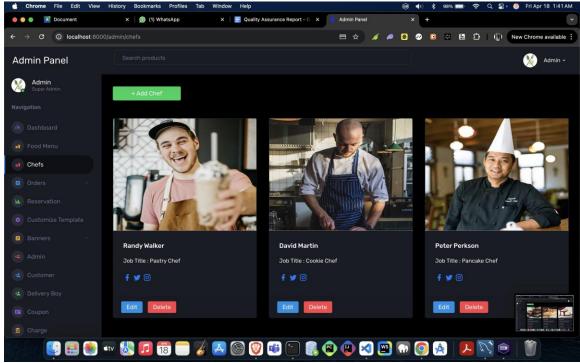


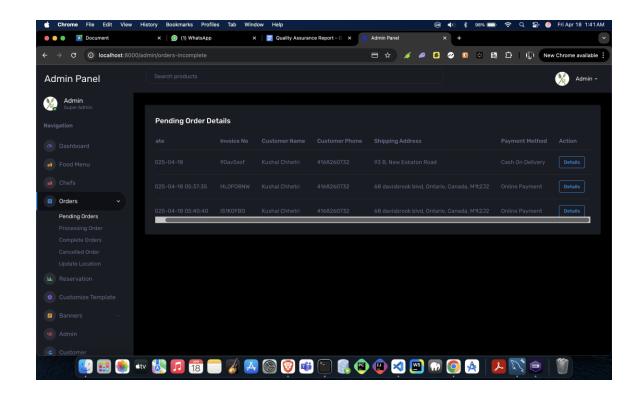


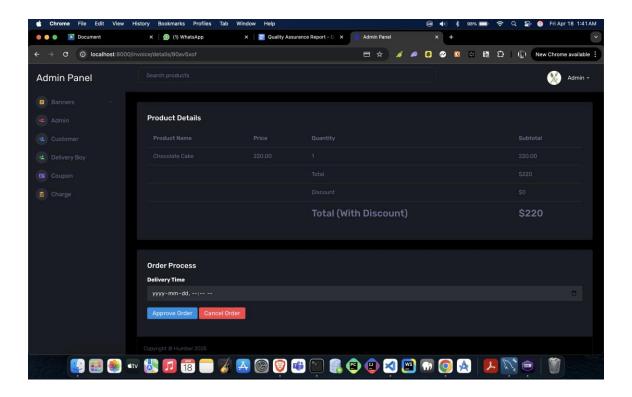
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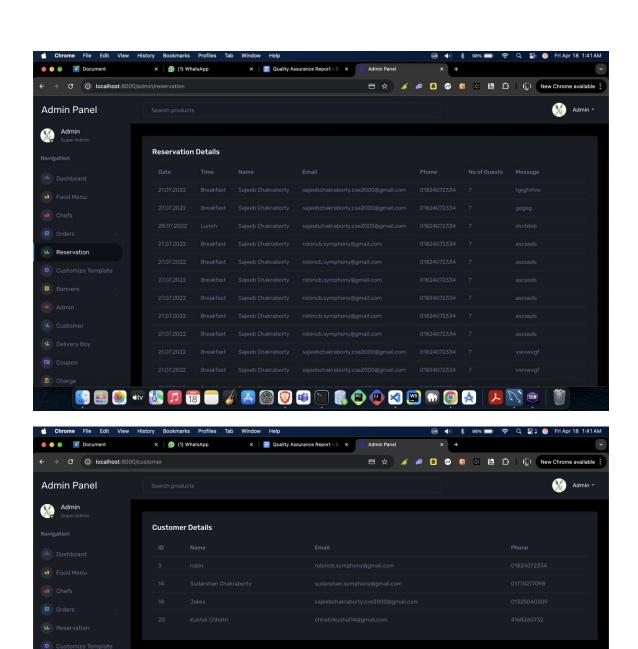






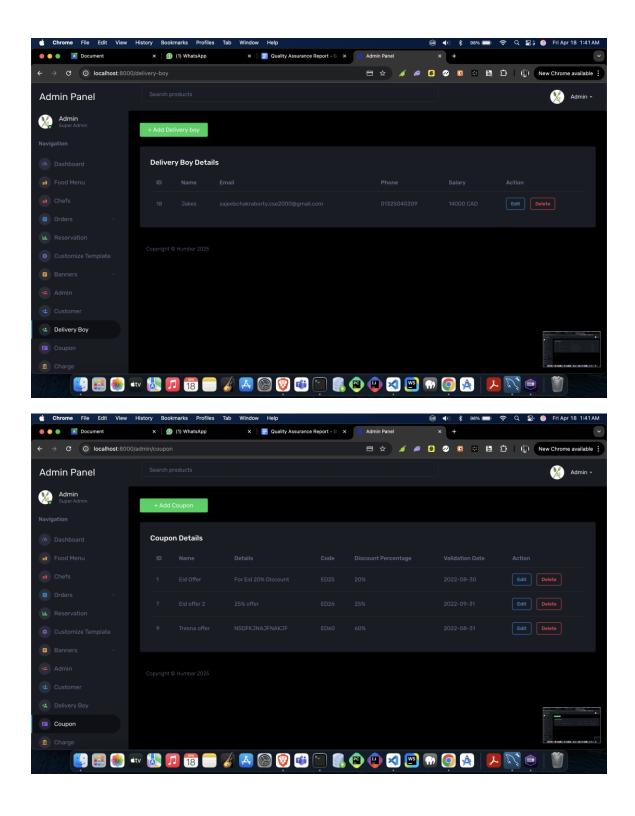




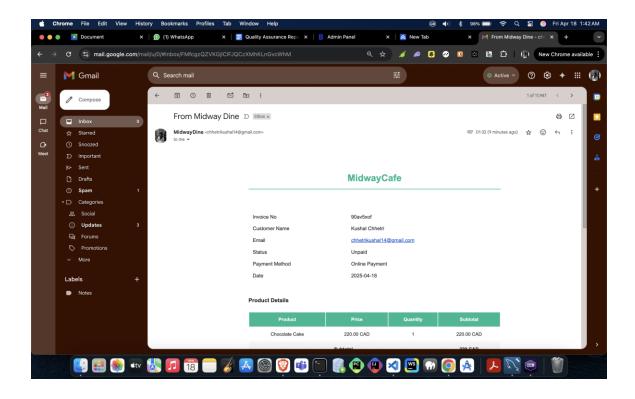


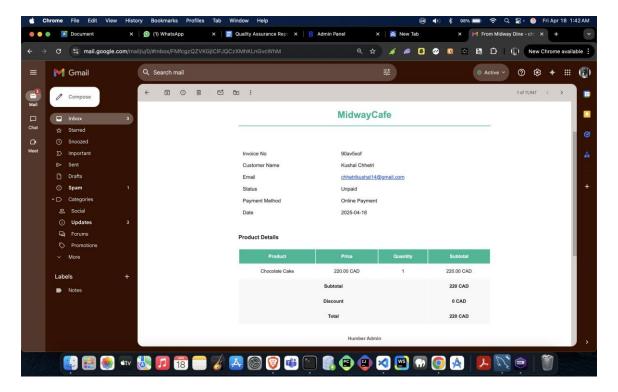
Banners

Customer

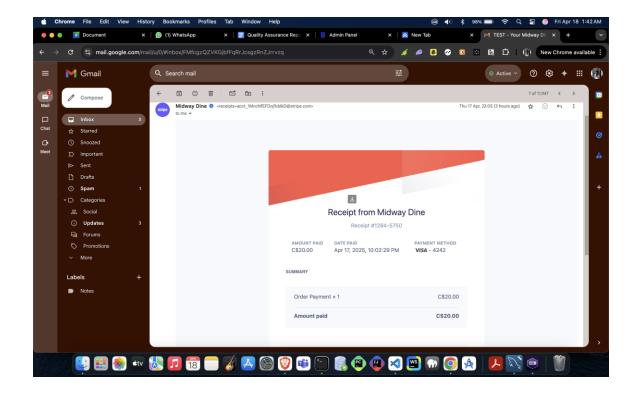


Email Notification:





Order Receipt:



9. Conclusion:

The Laravel-Based E-Commerce System successfully met all the objectives set out at the beginning of the project. By leveraging Laravel's robust MVC architecture, secure authentication middleware, and seamless Stripe integration, the application delivers a stable and user-friendly online shopping experience.

The system allows customers to easily browse products, manage their carts, and complete purchases securely, while providing administrators with tools to manage inventory and oversee orders effectively. The mobile-responsive interface ensures accessibility across devices, and comprehensive testing has confirmed the system's readiness for deployment.

This project has not only demonstrated the practical application of Laravel development skills but also emphasized collaborative teamwork, problem-solving, and adherence to real-world software development practices. With further enhancements like automated testing, CI/CD integration, and analytics, the system can be scaled for broader commercial use.