

3. Describe the purpose of the `distinct()` method in Laravel's query builder. How is it used in conjunction with the `select()` method?

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The `distinct()` method in Laravel's query builder is used to retrieve only the unique or distinct values from a specific column or set of columns in the result set.

It ensures that each returned row is unique based on the specified column(s) and eliminates any duplicate values.

```
$uniqueValues = DB::table('your_table')  
->select('column1', 'column2')  
->distinct()  
->get();
```