MIDDLEWARE

1. Applies middleware to a group of routes.

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// Group routes that use the 'web' middleware and log requests

Route::middleware(['web', LogRequests::class])->group(function () {
```

 LogRequests is a custom middleware that contains logic to record the request made by the user, and the info will be appended to the storage/log/logs.txt file.

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[2024-10-03 16:39:25] local.INFO: [2024-10-03 16:39:25] POST http://localhost:8000/homepage
[2024-10-03 16:39:26] local.INFO: [2024-10-03 16:39:26] GET http://localhost:8000/homepage/Karylle
[2024-10-03 16:39:36] local.INFO: [2024-10-03 16:39:36] POST http://localhost:8000/homepage
[2024-10-03 16:39:36] local.INFO: [2024-10-03 16:39:36] GET http://localhost:8000/restrictedArea/Karylle
[2024-10-03 16:39:45] local.INFO: [2024-10-03 16:39:45] GET http://localhost:8000/menu/Karylle
[2024-10-03 16:39:47] local.INFO: [2024-10-03 16:39:47] GET http://localhost:8000/contactus/Karylle
[2024-10-03 16:39:49] local.INFO: [2024-10-03 16:39:49] GET http://localhost:8000/contactus/Karylle
[2024-10-03 16:39:51] local.INFO: [2024-10-03 16:39:51] GET http://localhost:8000/homepage/Karylle
```

b. Grouping routes: The group() method groups several routes together, so that all the routes within this group inherit the middleware.

```
aylo_PrinceLouis_Lab1-main > app > Http > 🤲 Kernel.php
      use Illuminate\Foundation\Http\Kernel as HttpKernel;
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     class Kernel extends HttpKernel
          protected $middleware = [
              // Global HTTP middleware
              \App\Http\Middleware\LogRequests::class, // Register LogRequests as global middleware
          protected $middlewareGroups = [
              'web' => [
                  \App\Http\Middleware\EncryptCookies::class,
                  \Illuminate\Cookie\Middleware\AddQueuedCookiesToResponse::class,
                  \Illuminate\Session\Middleware\StartSession::class,
                  \App\Http\Middleware\CheckAge::class,
              'api' => [
                  'throttle:api',
                  \Illuminate\Routing\Middleware\SubstituteBindings::class,
          protected $routeMiddleware = [
              'check.age' => \App\Http\Middleware\CheckAge::class,
```

This code defines the HTTP kernel in a Laravel application, registering global middleware like LogRequests and grouping middleware under web and api. It also registers route-specific middleware like CheckAge, ensuring middleware is applied too the appropriate requests.

This code defines a middleware class called *LogRequests* in a Laravel application. It logs each request with a string containing the current timestamp, request method (GET, POST, etc.), and full URL. This log data is sent to a custom logging channel named "custom." The actual file location for the logs depends on how the custom channel is configured in the application's logging configuration file *(config/logging.php)*.

config/logging.php

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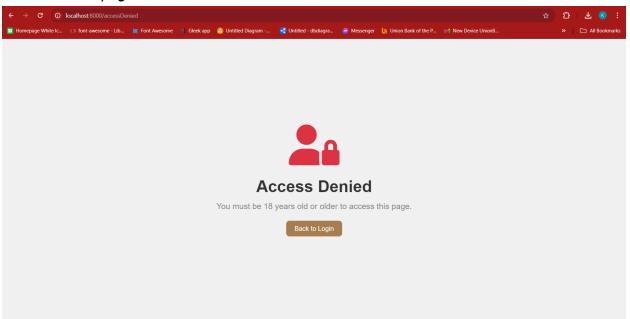
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'custom' => [
    'driver' => 'single',
    'path' => storage_path('logs/log.txt'),
    'level' => 'info',
],
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storage/logs/log.txt

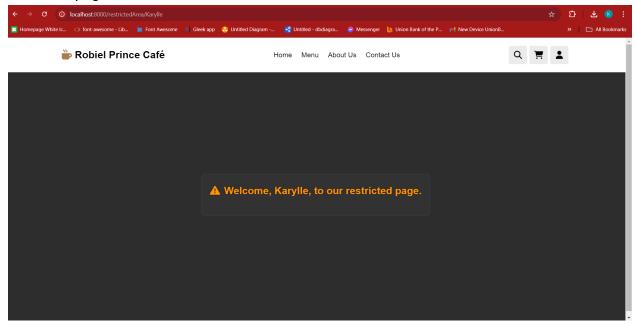
This is the *CheckAge* middlewarethat checks a user's age based on their birthdate input. It validates the format, logs the user's age and username, and redirects them: under 18 to an "*Access Denied*" page, 18 to 20 to the homepage, and 21 or older to a restricted area.

Access Denied page

b.



Restricted page for 21 and above



Middleware in routes

```
// Route for restricted area with dynamic username
Route::get('/restrictedArea/{username}', function ($username) {
    return view('restrictedArea', ['username' => $username]);
})->name('restrictedArea');

// MiddLeware for age verification, restricted access, or homepage access post-login
Route::post('/homepage', function (Request $request) {
    return view('homepage', ['username' => $request->input('username')]);
})->middLeware(CheckAge::class);

// Access Denied route
Route::get('/accessDenied', function () {
    return view('accessDenied');
})->name('accessDenied');
```

The *Route::get* route sets up a route for */restrictedArea/{username}*, which dynamically handles the username and returns a view named restrictedArea, passing the username to it.

The *Route::post* route for /homepage applies the *CheckAge* middleware. After the middleware validates the user's age, it returns a view named homepage, also passing the username to it.

The *CheckAge* middleware filters the age for all routes it's applied to, including the *restrictedArea* page. If a user is under 21, they won't be redirected there. The middleware ensures only users who meet the age requirements access specific sections of the site.

4. Test if middleware if working properly

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[2024-10-05 14:09:23] Local.INFO: LogRequests middleware executed
[2024-10-05 14:09:23] Local.INFO: User Age: 14, Username: Karylle
[2024-10-05 14:09:24] Local.INFO: LogRequests middleware executed
[2024-10-05 14:09:26] Local.INFO: LogRequests middleware executed
[2024-10-05 14:11:52] Local.INFO: LogRequests middleware executed
[2024-10-05 14:12:04] Local.INFO: LogRequests middleware executed
[2024-10-05 14:12:04] Local.INFO: User Age: 20, Username: Karylle
[2024-10-05 14:12:04] Local.INFO: LogRequests middleware executed
[2024-10-05 14:12:04] Local.INFO: LogRequests middleware executed
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