THE PURPOSE OF KEY DIRECTORIES AND FILES IN THE LARAVEL PROJECT.

1. 'app/': Contains the core code of application.

Key Subdirectories/Files:

- a. 'Http/': Contains controllers, middleware, and request handling.
- b. 'Models/': Houses your Eloquent models (database entities).
- c. 'Providers/': Service providers to register your application services and configuration.
- 2. 'bootstrap/': Initializes and configures the Laravel framework.

Key Subdirectories/Files:

- a. 'cache/': Stores cached files for performance.
- b. 'app.php': Boots up the framework.
- c. 'providers.php': Caches service providers for faster loading.
- 3. 'config/': Contains all of the application's configuration files, such as `app.php`, `database.php`, and `mail.php` and many more. This is also where you configure settings like timezone, app name, database connections, mail services, and other application settings.
- 4. 'database/': Contains database-related files and configurations.

Key Subdirectories/ Files:

- a. 'factories/': Generates sample data for models.
- b. 'migrations/': Manages database schema changes.
- c. 'seeders/': Populates the database with data.
- d. 'gitignore': Excludes certain database files (like SQLite) from version control.
- e. 'database.sqlite': A local SQLite database file used for development and testing
- 5. 'public/': The web server's root directory. It contains publicly accessible files such as HTML, images, CSS, JavaScript, and your app's entry point ('index.php').
- 6. 'resources/': Contains all the frontend resources like views, language files, and uncompiled assets (CSS, JavaScript).

Key Subdirectories/Files:

a. 'views/': Stores Blade template files that represent the HTML structure of your app.

- b. 'css/' and 'js/': Holds the uncompiled assets such as CSS and JavaScript before they're processed.
- 7. 'routes/: Defines all the routes for the application. These routes tell Laravel which controller and action to invoke when a particular URL is accessed. Key Subdirectories/Files:
 - a. 'web.php': Contains routes for web (browser) requests.
 - b. 'console.php': Defines all console-based routes.
- 8. 'storage/': Contains files generated by the application such as logs, cached views, and file uploads.

Key Subdirectories/Files:

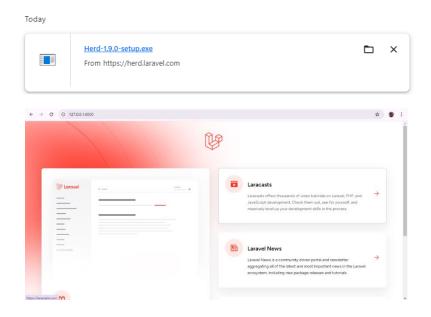
- a. 'app/': Storage for files that are generated by the app.
- b. 'framework/': Caches and temporary files used by the framework.
- c. 'logs/': Stores log files generated by the application.
- 9. 'tests/': Contains the test files for the application.

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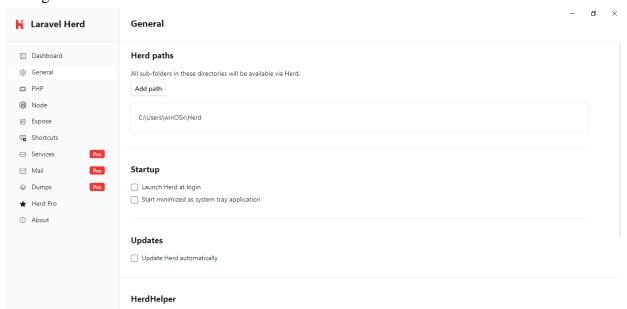
- a. 'Feature/': Contains tests for larger application features.
- b. 'Unit/': Contains tests for individual units of the application.
- c. 'pest.php': Configuration file for Pest, a testing framework used in Laravel.
- d. 'TestCase.php': Base test class that other test classes extend, providing shared setup and configuration for tests.
- 10. '**vendor**/': Contains all the composer dependencies of the project. Laravel's core files and other third-party libraries are placed here.

DOCUMENTATION OF EACH STEP (FROM INSTALLATION TO NAVIGATION OF THE PAGES)

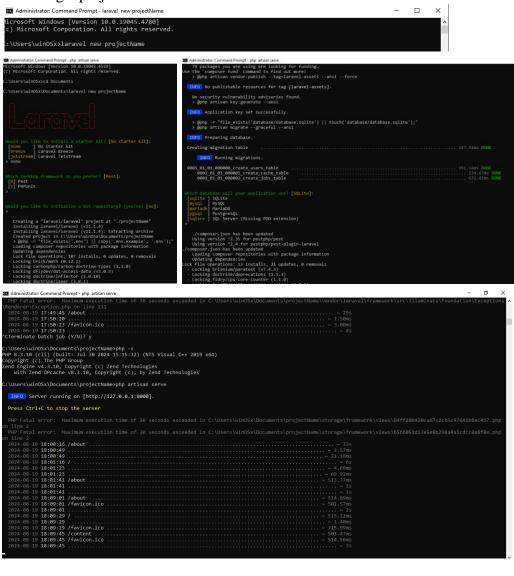
Installation of Laravel



Configuration

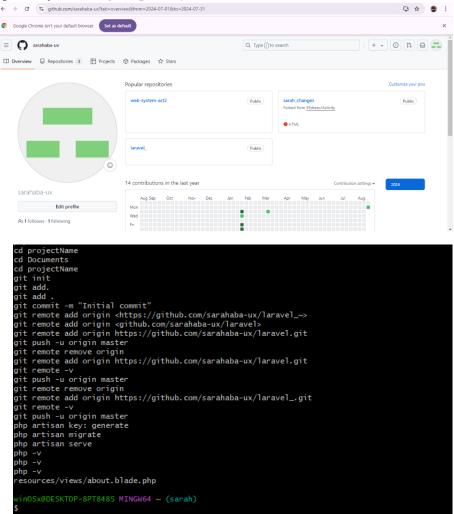


• Creating a project



- Editing the php file
 - Ensure that `variables_order` includes `GPCS` (GET, POST, COOKIE, SERVER) to maintain Laravel compatibility.

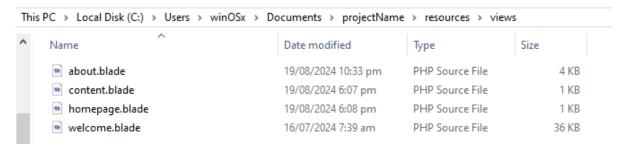
• Creating a Laravel Project and Putting it in a Git Repository (+Adding Remote Repository: Creating a repository on GitHub and add it as a remote)



Setting up the .env file to include database connection details

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• Creating Views (Homepage, About, Content)



• Create and Run Routes

• Start the Laravel Server

php artisan serve

• Test Routes (Visiting URLs in my browser)

localhost:8000 or 127.0.0.1:8000



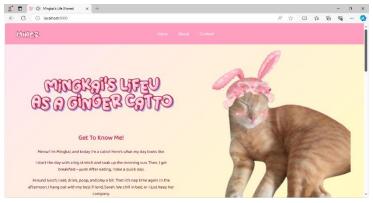
- **♣** Editing the Routes (web.php) to build connections
 - The ->name('...') method is a way to give a route a specific name, making URL generation, redirection, and code maintenance easier and more flexible.

♣ Navigating the Pages: The navigation bar on my homepage that allow me to navigate to the Home, About, and Content pages.

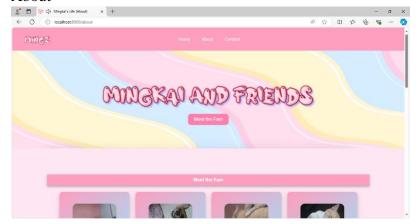
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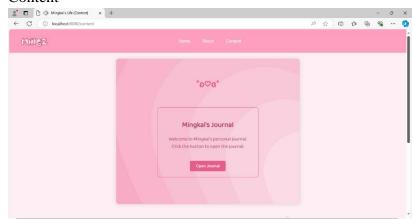
- **♣** Final Output for:
 - o Home



o About



o Content



Link of my git repository: https://github.com/sarahaba-ux/laravel