

LAVALUST DEVELOPMENT

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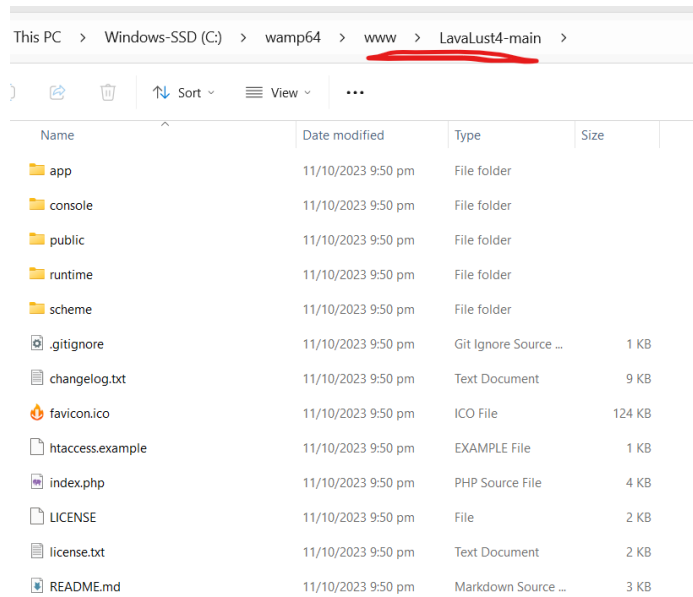
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INSTALLATION

✓ DOWNLOAD

<https://github.com/ronmarasigan/LavaLust4>

✓ Extract in **www** folder (for wamp) or **htdocs** folder (for xamp).

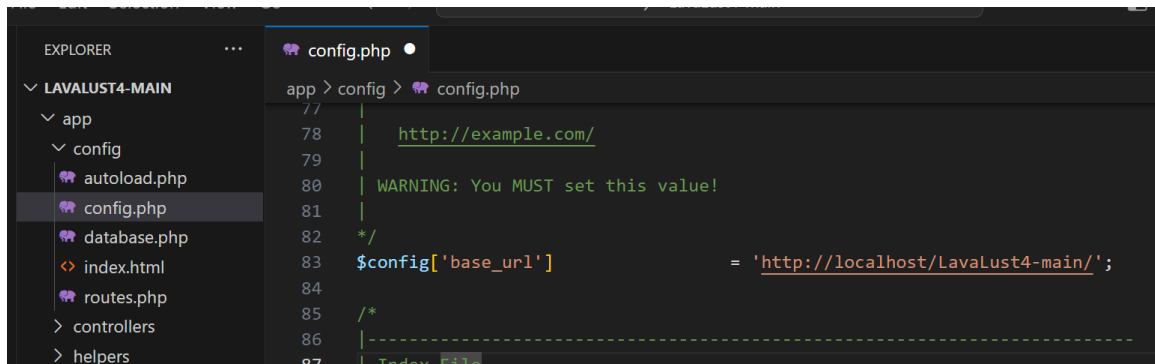


| This PC > Windows-SSD (C:) > wamp64 > www > LavaLust4-main > | | | | |
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| index.php | 11/10/2023 9:50 pm | PHP Source File | 4 KB | |
| LICENSE | 11/10/2023 9:50 pm | File | 2 KB | |
| license.txt | 11/10/2023 9:50 pm | Text Document | 2 KB | |
| README.md | 11/10/2023 9:50 pm | Markdown Source ... | 3 KB | |

CONFIGURATION

✓ Open the **app/config/config.php**

✓ Go to **\$config['base_url'] = ''**; and add your local project url



```
//  
78 | http://example.com/  
79 |  
80 | WARNING: You MUST set this value!  
81 |  
82 | */  
83 | $config['base_url'] = 'http://localhost/LavaLust4-main/';  
84 |  
85 | /*  
86 | -----  
87 | Index File
```

FIRST RUN

- ✓ Open your browser and go to your local project url <http://localhost/LavaLust4-main/>

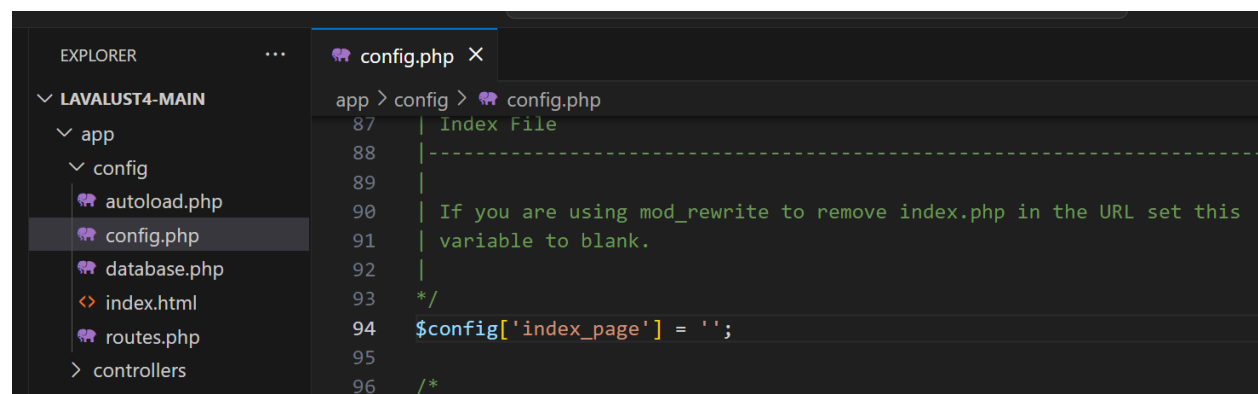


REMOVING INDEX.PHP

- ✓ **Removing the index.php file**
By default, the **index.php** file will be included in your URLs:
`example.com/index.php/news/article/my_article`

- ✓ Empty the value of `$config['index_page'] = 'index.php';`

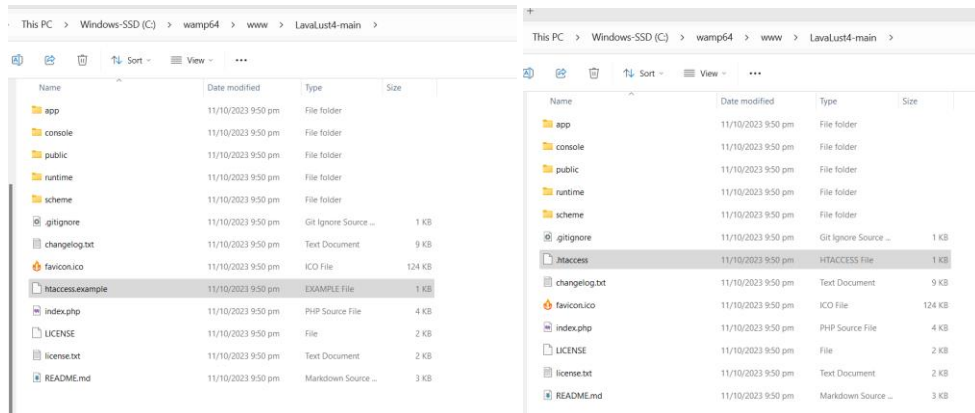
Note: Visit <https://lavalust.netlify.app/> for more details



- ✓ Add/create **.htaccess** to your project root directory and add the following code.

```
RewriteEngine On
RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} !-f
RewriteCond %{REQUEST_FILENAME} !-d
RewriteRule ^(.*)$ index.php/$1 [L]
```

- ✓ In Lavalust, just rename the **htaccess.example** file into **.htaccess**



PARTS OF URL

URI Segments

<https://Example.com/Class/function/id>

<https://Example.com/ClassController/method/parameterValue>

<https://Example.com/User/profile/21>

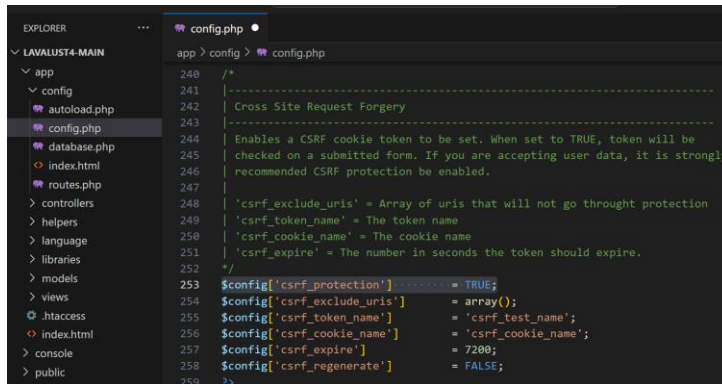
The segments in the URL, in following with the MVC approach, usually represent:

- The first segment represents the **controller class** that should be invoked.
- The second segment represents the class **function**, or **method**, that should be called.
- The third, and any additional segments, represent the **ID** and **any** variables that will be passed to the controller.

CSRF

- ✓ Other important security that you must use in **config.php** is the CSRF protection

Just change the value into **TRUE**

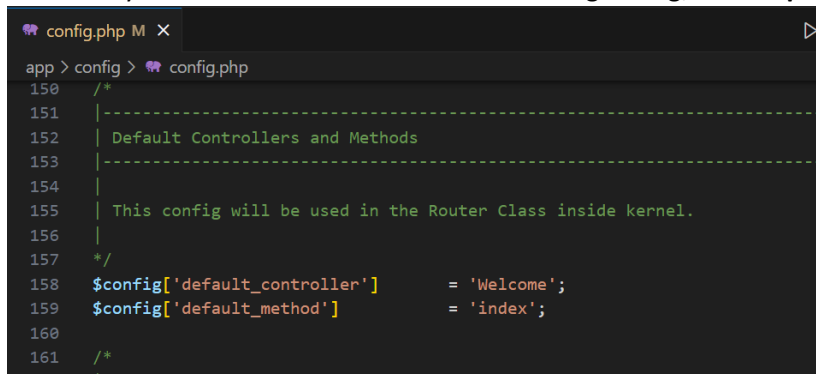


```
240 /*
241 |-----
242 | Cross Site Request Forgery
243 |-----
244 | Enables a CSRF cookie token to be set. When set to TRUE, token will be
245 | checked on a submitted form. If you are accepting user data, it is strongly
246 | recommended CSRF protection be enabled.
247 |
248 | 'csrf_exclude_uris' = Array of uris that will not go through protection
249 | 'csrf_token_name' = The token name
250 | 'csrf_cookie_name' = The cookie name
251 | 'csrf_expire' = The number in seconds the token should expire.
252 */
253 $config['csrf_protection'] = TRUE;
254 $config['csrf_exclude_uris'] = array();
255 $config['csrf_token_name'] = 'csrf_test_name';
256 $config['csrf_cookie_name'] = 'csrf_cookie_name';
257 $config['csrf_expire'] = 7200;
258 $config['csrf_regenerate'] = FALSE;
259
```

Default Controller & Method

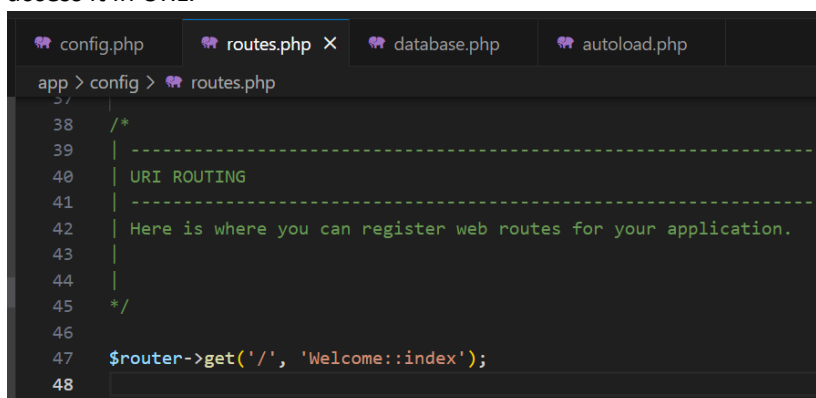
The default controller & method is the page that display/execute first when you access the base URL without specifying the controller & method.

In Lavalust3 the default controller & method is in Config/**Config.php** file, and you can access all your controller in the URL without using Config/**Routes.php**



```
150 /*
151 |-----
152 | Default Controllers and Methods
153 |-----
154 |
155 | This config will be used in the Router Class inside kernel.
156 |
157 */
158 $config['default_controller'] = 'Welcome';
159 $config['default_method'] = 'index';
160
161 /*
```

While in Lavalust 4, you need to create routes for all of your controllers & method before you access it in URL.



```
38 /*
39 |-----
40 | URI ROUTING
41 |-----
42 | Here is where you can register web routes for your application.
43 |
44 |
45 */
46
47 $router->get('/', 'Welcome::index');
48
```

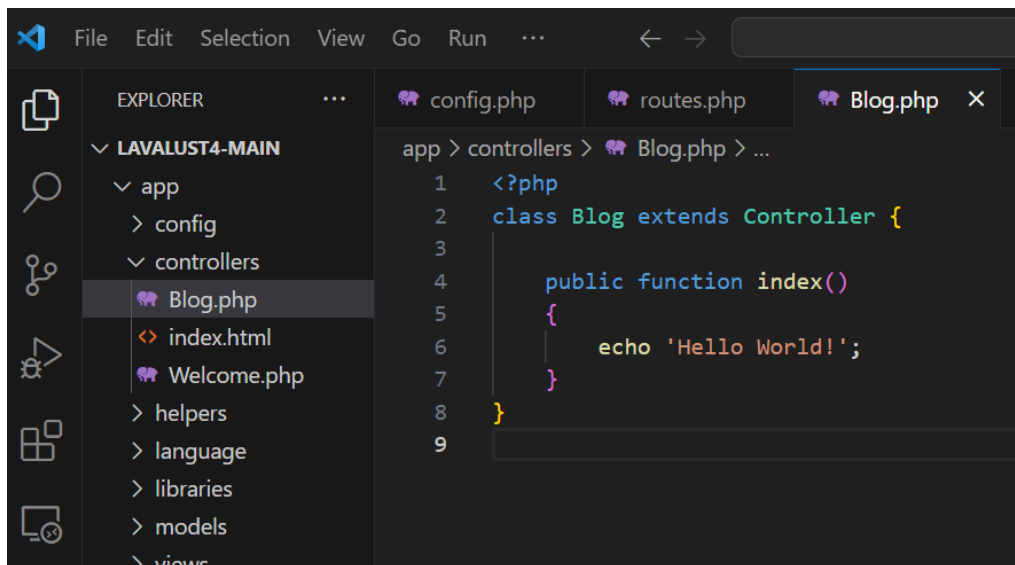
With that, the Welcome controller & index method will execute even not specified in URL (e.g.

<http://localhost/LavaLust4-main/>

For more info about URI Routing, visit <https://lavalust.netlify.app/#item-4-8>

CONTROLLER

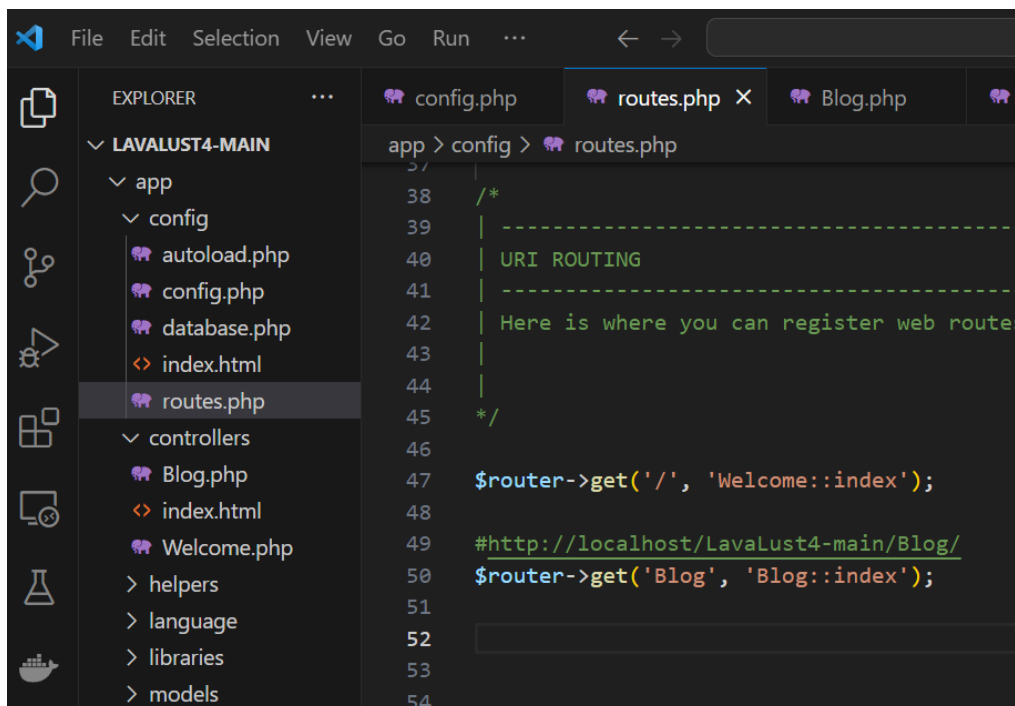
To create a controller, go to **app/controllers** folder and create a **php** file. It is recommended that your controller **file name** must be your controller **class name**. You must also extends/inherit the class **Controller** from the LavaLust scheme/system.



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface. The Explorer panel on the left shows the project structure: LAVALUST4-MAIN > app > controllers. The file 'Blog.php' is selected in the controllers folder. The main editor shows the content of 'Blog.php', which is a PHP class extending 'Controller' with an 'index()' method that echoes 'Hello World!'.

```
1 <?php
2 class Blog extends Controller {
3
4     public function index()
5     {
6         echo 'Hello World!';
7     }
8 }
9
```

Next is to create a **route** for your **Blog** controller and **index()** method.

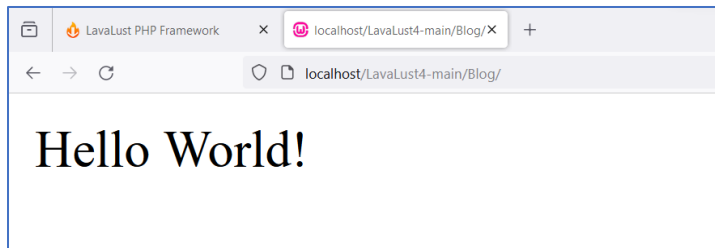


The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface. The Explorer panel on the left shows the project structure: LAVALUST4-MAIN > app > config > routes.php. The file 'routes.php' is selected in the config folder. The main editor shows the content of 'routes.php', which includes comments and two route definitions using the 'get()' method.

```
37
38 /*
39 | -----
40 |  URI ROUTING
41 | -----
42 |  Here is where you can register web routes
43 |
44 |
45 */
46
47 $router->get('/', 'Welcome::index');
48
49 #http://localhost/LavaLust4-main/Blog/
50 $router->get('Blog', 'Blog::index');
51
52
53
54
```

The **1st** argument of the **get()** method will be use in your URL (e.g. <http://domain.name/Blog/>). The **2nd** argument is the **Controller & method** that will execute when you call the **Blog** (**1st** argument) in your URL.

Output:



ROUTE

Documentation: <https://lavalust.netlify.app/#item-4-8>

Setting your own routing rules

Routing rules are defined in your **app/config/routes.php** file. In it you'll see an object **\$router** with several **methods** that permits you to specify your own routing criteria.

There are several types of methods use for routing:

1. **get()** – used for Http Request method **Get**
2. **post()** – used for Http Request method **Post**
3. **match()** – used for both **Get** & **Post** or other Http Request method

The **get()** & **post()** method have 2 parameters:

- a) The name used in URL
- b) The Class/method from your Controller

Example:

Route

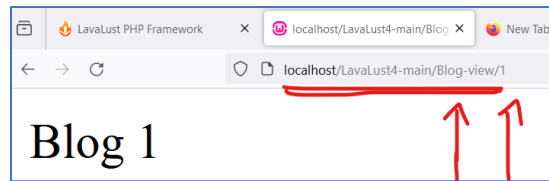
```
#http://localhost/LavaLust4-main/Blog-view/1
$router->get('Blog-view/(:any)', 'Blog::view');
```

url controller method

Controller

```
config.php   routes.php   Blog.php
app > controllers > Blog.php > ...
1  <?php
2  class Blog extends Controller {
3
4      public function index()
5      {
6          echo 'Hello World!';
7      }
8
9      public function view($id)
10     {
11         echo 'Blog '. $id;
12     }
13 }
```


Output



The **match()** method have three (3) parameters:

- The name used in URL
- The Class/method/ from your Controller
- And the Http Request (e.g. POST, GET, POST|GET, etc.)

```
#http://localhost/LavaLust4-main/Blog-edit/1
$route->match('Blog-edit/(.*)', 'Blog::edit', 'GET|POST');
```

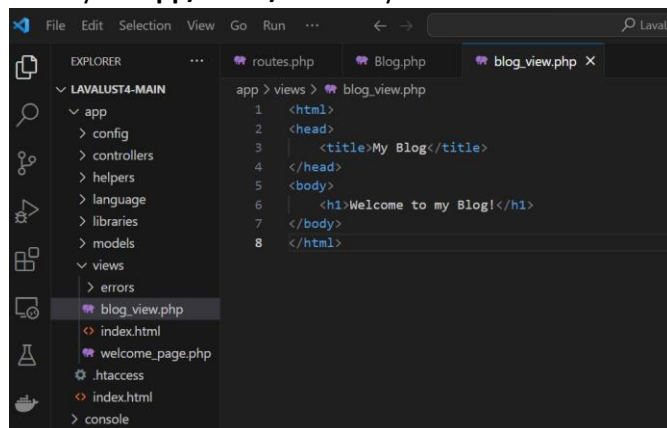
```
config.php routes.php Blog.php database.php
app > controllers > Blog.php > ...
1 <?php
2 class Blog extends Controller {
3
4     public function index()
5     {
6         echo 'Hello World!';
7     }
8
9     public function view($id)
10    {
11        echo 'Blog '. $id;
12    }
13
14    public function edit($id)
15    {
16        echo 'This is the page used for both POST & GET ';
17        # Edit & View
18    }
19 }
20
```

localhost/LavaLust4-main/Blog-edit/1

This is the page used for both POST & GET

Views

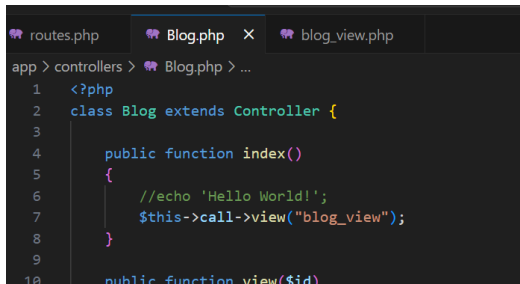
The view is a file or page you see in your web browser. This contains HTML code. Views are never called directly, they must be loaded by a controller. Create a file called **blog_view.php**, Then save the file in your **app/views/** directory.



To load a particular view file, you will use the following method inside your controller:

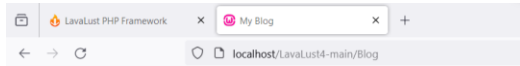
```
$this->call->view('name');
```

Let's call it in our Controller.



```
1 <?php
2 class Blog extends Controller {
3
4     public function index()
5     {
6         //echo 'Hello World!';
7         $this->call->view("blog_view");
8     }
9
10    public function view($id)
```

Output:



Welcome to my Blog!

Passing data from Controller-View and View-Controller

Controller to View

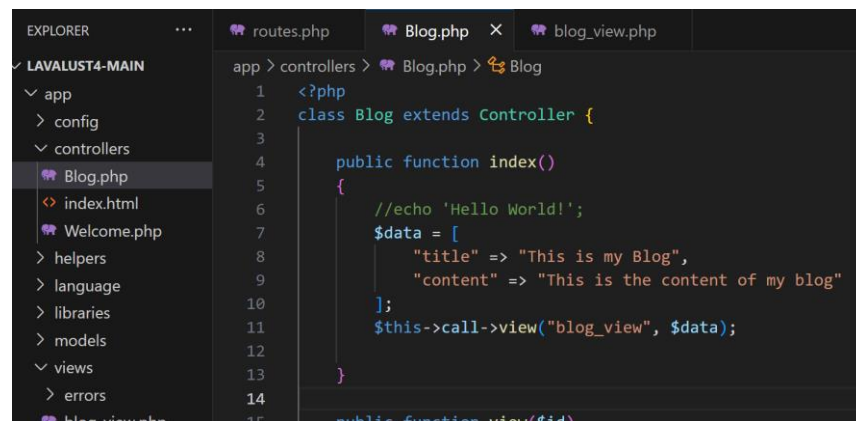
Remember when we render a view file from our Controller, we use **`$this->call->view("view_file_name")`** method. The first parameter will be our View File Name.

To pass data from controller to view, we put a second parameter in Associative Array format.

Example:

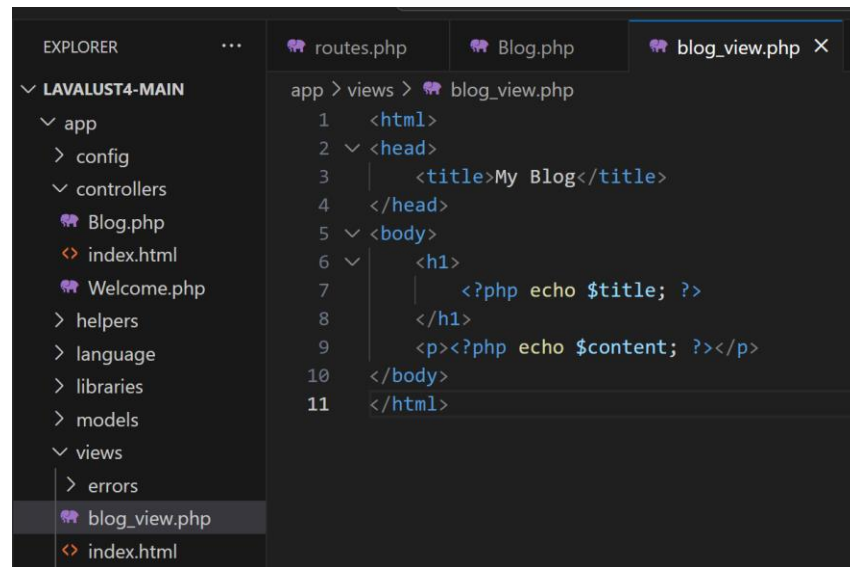
```
$this->call->view("view_name", [
    "title" => "This is my Blog",
    "content" => "This is the content of my blog"
]);
```

Let's try it in our **Blog/index** controller



```
1 <?php
2 class Blog extends Controller {
3
4     public function index()
5     {
6         //echo 'Hello World!';
7         $data = [
8             "title" => "This is my Blog",
9             "content" => "This is the content of my blog"
10        ];
11        $this->call->view("blog_view", $data);
12    }
13
14    public function view($id)
```

Let's use the array key name **"title"** & **"content"** to our view file as variable.



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface. On the left, the Explorer sidebar shows the project structure for 'LAVALUST4-MAIN', including folders like 'app', 'config', 'controllers', 'helpers', 'language', 'libraries', 'models', and 'views'. The 'views' folder is expanded, showing 'blog_view.php' and 'index.html'. The main editor window displays the code for 'blog_view.php' with the following content:

```
1 <html>
2 <head>
3   <title>My Blog</title>
4 </head>
5 <body>
6   <h1>
7     <?php echo $title; ?>
8   </h1>
9   <p><?php echo $content; ?></p>
10 </body>
11 </html>
```

Output:



View to Controller

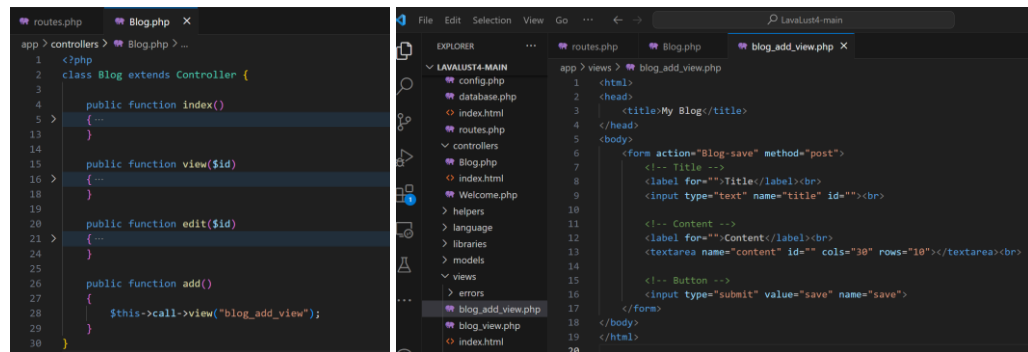
Now, let's try to pass a data from our **View** file into **Controller**. This time we will use *http request* and *HTML Form*.

Example:

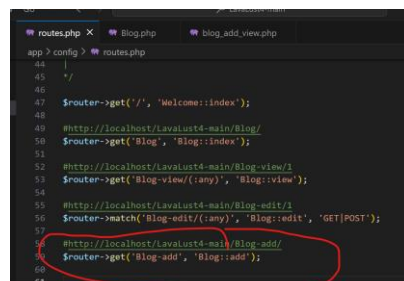
Let's add first a **add()** method inside the **Blog** controller. Then create a **view** file **blog_add_view.php**, add *HTML Form* with *POST* method, *input tag* for Title and Content and a button.

Note: The Action's value of the Form tag will be the route of the page after we submit the **Form** from our *Blog/add*. When we submit the form, the browser will redirect to the **action="Blog-save"** or <http://localhost/LavaLust4-main/Blog-save>

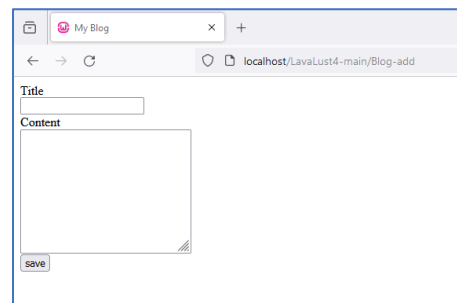
Check the image below:



Create our route!

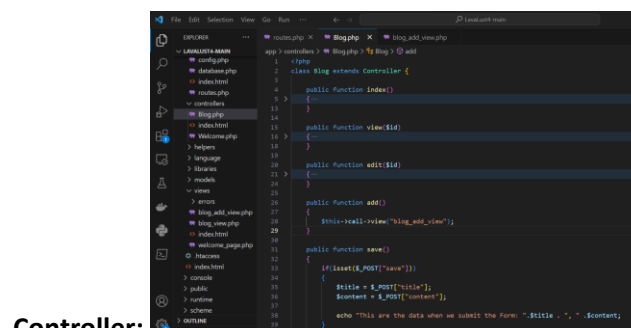


Output:



Note: Again, when we submit the form, the browser will redirect to the <http://localhost/LavaLust4-main/Blog-save>

Now let's create the **Blog-save** page after we submit the Form, then get the data from our HTML inputs.



Controller:

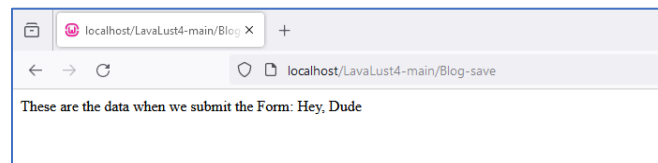
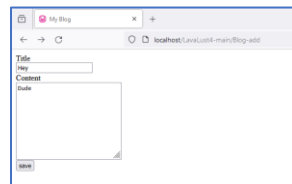
Route:

This time, we will use **POST** method for our route.

```
routes.php X Blog.php blog_add_view.php
app > config > routes.php
44 |
45 |
46 |
47 | $router->get('/', 'Welcome::index');
48 |
49 | #http://localhost/Lavalust4-main/Blog/
50 | $router->get('Blog', 'Blog::index');
51 |
52 | #http://localhost/Lavalust4-main/Blog-view/1
53 | $router->get('Blog-view/{:any}', 'Blog::view');
54 |
55 | #http://localhost/Lavalust4-main/Blog-edit/1
56 | $router->match('Blog-edit/{:any}', 'Blog::edit', 'GET|POST');
57 |
58 | #http://localhost/Lavalust4-main/Blog-add/
59 | $router->get('Blog-add', 'Blog::add');
60 |
61 | #http://localhost/Lavalust4-main/Blog-save/
62 | $router->post('Blog-save', 'Blog::save');
63 |
```

Output:

Let's submit the form



OPTIMIZING OUR CODE

Let's merge our **Blog-add** page and **Blog-save** page for better organization of our code.

From this:

```
public function add()
{
    $this->call->view("blog_add_view");
}

public function save()
{
    if(isset($_POST["save"]))
    {
        $title = $_POST["title"];
        $content = $_POST["content"];

        echo "These are the data when we submit the Form: ".$title . " , " . $content;
    }
}
```

To this:

```
public function add()
{
    if(isset($_POST["save"]))
    {
        $title = $_POST["title"];
        $content = $_POST["content"];

        echo "These are the data when we submit the Form: ".$title . " , " . $content . "<br>";
    }
    $this->call->view("blog_add_view");
}
```

Now, empty the action attribute value, so it will redirect to the same page.

```
> views > blog_add_view.php
<html>
<head>
  <title>My Blog</title>
</head>
<body>
  <form action="" method="post">
    <!-- Title -->
    <label for="">Title</label><br>
    <input type="text" name="title" id=""><br>
    <!-- Content -->
    <label for="">Content</label><br>
    <textarea name="content" id="" cols="30" rows="10"></textarea><br>
    <!-- Button -->
    <input type="submit" value="save" name="save">
  </form>
</body>
</html>
```

Let's modify the Routes

From this:

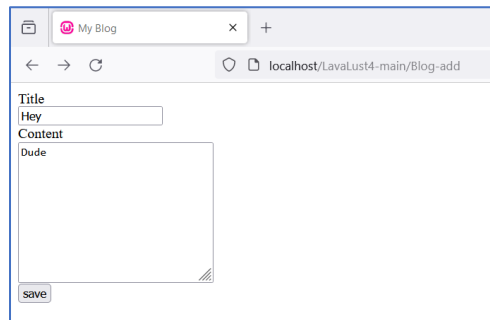
```
#http://localhost/LavaLust4-main/Blog-add/
$router->get('Blog-add', 'Blog::add');

#http://localhost/LavaLust4-main/Blog-save/
$router->post('Blog-save', 'Blog::save');
```

To this: (this time, we will use match() method both for GET & POST)

```
7
8 #http://localhost/LavaLust4-main/Blog-add/
9 $router->match('Blog-add', 'Blog::add', 'GET|POST');
10
```

Now let's submit this form:



My Blog

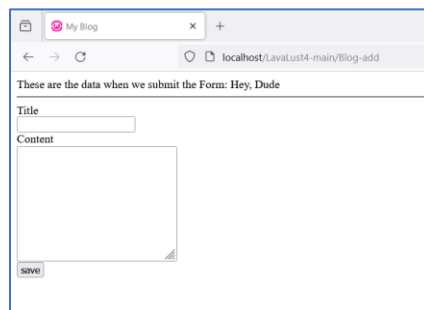
localhost/LavaLust4-main/Blog-add

Title
Hey

Content
Dude

save

And this will be the output:



My Blog

localhost/LavaLust4-main/Blog-add

These are the data when we submit the Form: Hey, Dude

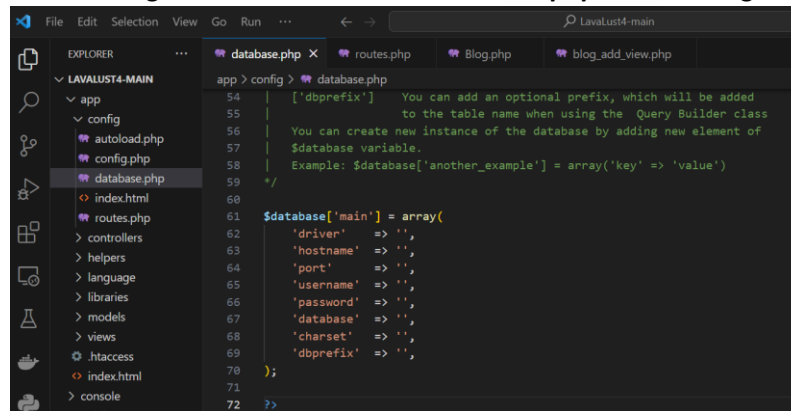
Title

Content

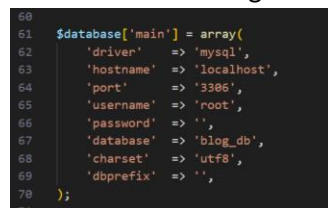
save

DATABASE CONFIGURATION

The database settings of Lavalust will be in **database.php** inside config folder.



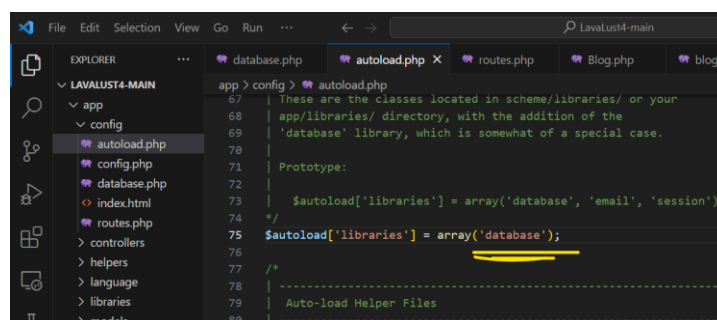
Let's add our database configurations



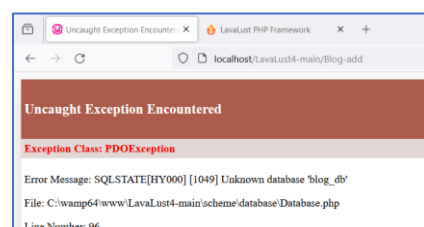
Database Library

In an MVC Framework, we will use library for using database. To use that library, we need to load that library to our **autoload.php** file inside the **config** folder. The autoload.php file is used as configuration to load all the needed resources or initialized automatically every time the system runs. See <https://lavalust.netlify.app/#item-4-7> about Autoload.

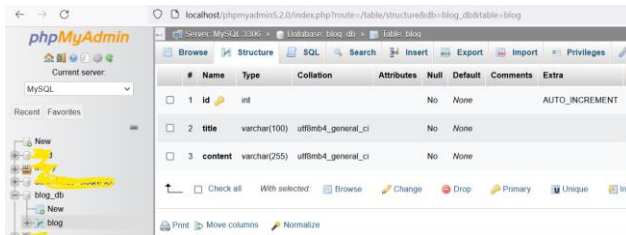
Let's autoload the library called "database".



Now, reload the browser and it will get an error unknown database.

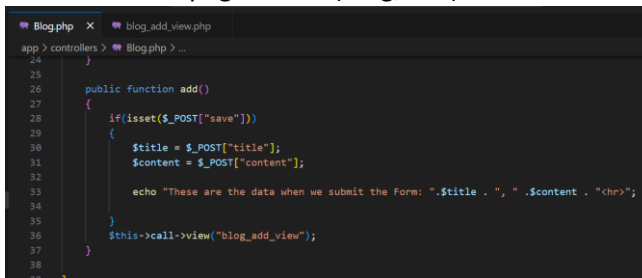


Create the database.

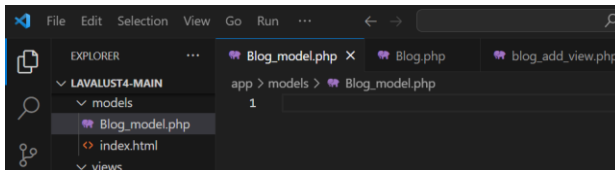


MODELS & QUERY BUILDER

Remember the page below (Blog/add)? Let's save the **title** and **content** to our database instead.

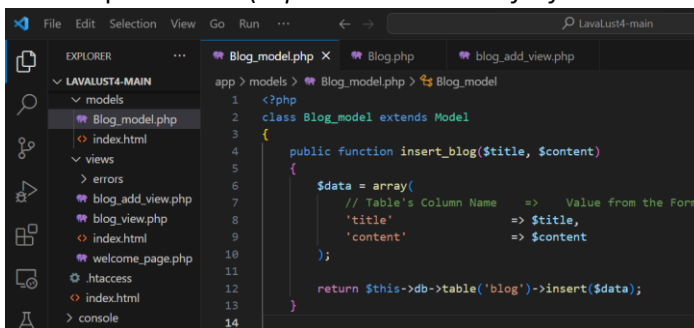


First is create a **Model** called **Blog_model.php**



Models are PHP classes that are designed to work with information in your database. See <https://lavalust.netlify.app/#item-4-7> for more info about Model.

Now, create a method for inserting the blog info to our database. The method I created has two parameters (*depends on number of information needs to save in database*).



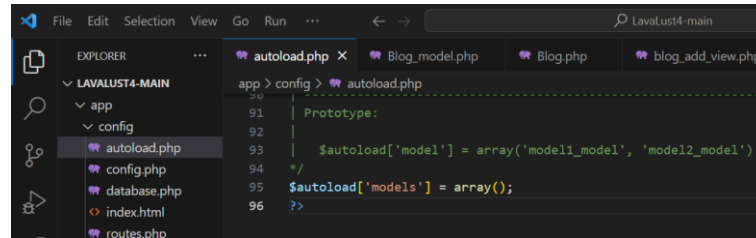
NOTE: Visit <https://lavalust.netlify.app/#item-6-3> about query builder.

Loading the Model

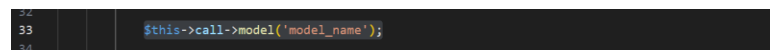
Now, let's use our **Model** to our **Controller**.

There are two ways of calling/loading/using the Model:

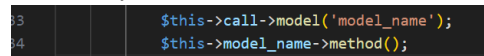
1.) Using **Autoload.php**,



2.) **Manual loading.** *Your models will typically be loaded and called from within your Controller methods.*

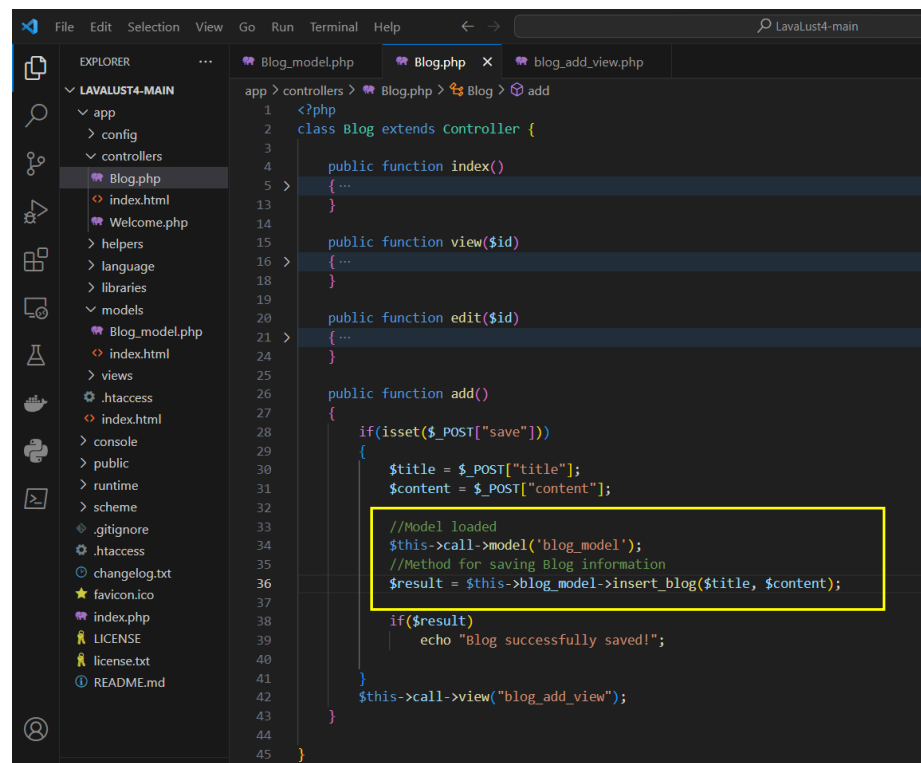


Once loaded, you will access your model methods using an object with the same name as your class:

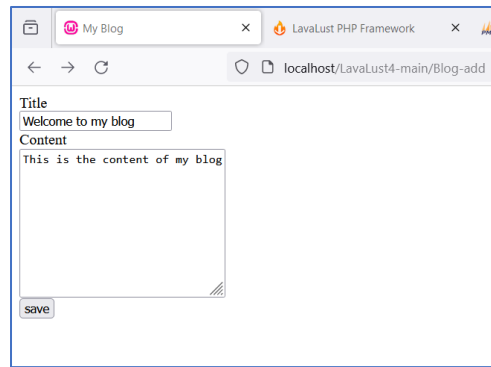


INSERT INTO (CRUD)

Let's back to our Controller **Blog.php**, and load our model then used the method for inserting blog information.



Let's try and submit some information:



My Blog

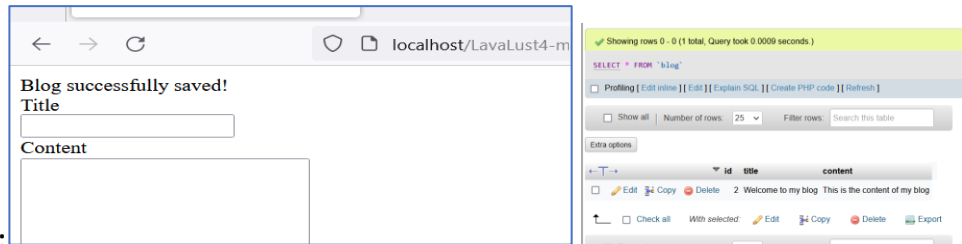
localhost/LavaLust4-main/Blog-add

Title
Welcome to my blog

Content
This is the content of my blog

save

Output:



localhost/LavaLust4-m

Blog successfully saved!

Title

Content

Showing rows 0 - 0 (1 total, Query took 0.0009 seconds)

SELECT * FROM `blog`

2 Welcome to my blog This is the content of my blog

SELECT STATEMENT (CRUD)

Model (select * from blog)

```
Blog_model.php X Blog.php X blog_add_view.php
app > models > Blog_model.php > Blog_model
1 <?php
2 class Blog_model extends Model
3 {
4     public function insert_blog($title, $content)
5     { ...
13
14
15     public function get_all_blogs()
16     {
17         $data = $this->db->table('blog')->get_all();
18         return $data;
19     }
20
```

Controller (Blog/index)

```
Blog_model.php X Blog.php X blog_add_view.php
app > controllers > Blog.php > Blog
1 <?php
2 class Blog extends Controller {
3
4     public function index()
5     {
6         //echo 'Hello World!';
7         $data = [
8             "title" => "This is my Blog",
9             "content" => "This is the content of my blog"
10        ];
11        $this->call->view("blog_view", $data);
12    }
13
14
```

From this:

```
EXPLORER ... Blog_model.php X Blog.php X blog_add_view.php
LAVALUST4-MAIN
app > controllers > Blog.php > Blog
1 <?php
2 class Blog extends Controller {
3
4     public function index()
5     {
6         //Model loaded
7         $this->call->model('blog_model');
8         //Method for saving blog information
9         $result = $this->blog_model->get_all_blogs();
10
11         $data = [
12             "all_blogs" => $result
13        ];
14        // same as
15        //$data["all_blogs"] = $result;
16        $this->call->view("blog_view", $data);
17    }
18
19
20 public
```

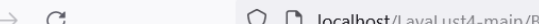
To this:

Views (Blog_view.php)

From this:

To this:

Output:

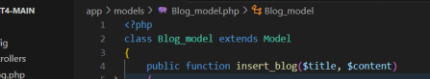


The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'localhost/LavaLust4-main/Blog'. The page content is a simple table with two columns: 'Title' and 'Content'. The first row of the table contains the text 'Welcome to my blog' under the 'Title' column and 'This is the content of my blog' under the 'Content' column.

| Title | Content |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Welcome to my blog | This is the content of my blog |

SELECT only one (1) row (CRUD)

Model (select * from blog where id=?)



```
app > models > Blog_model.php x Blog_model
1 <?php
2 class Blog_model extends Model
3 {
4     public function insert_blog($title, $content)
5     {
6         ...
7     }
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9     public function get_all_blogs()
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Controller (Blog/view/\$id)

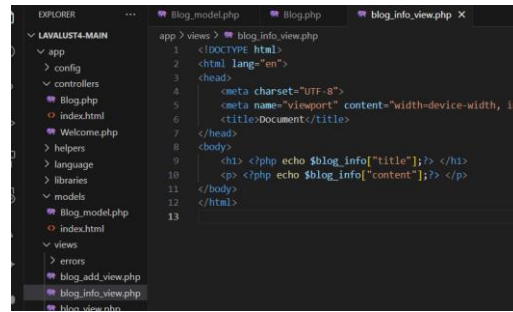
The screenshot shows a code editor with a file explorer on the left and a code editor on the right. The file explorer shows a project structure with folders like `app`, `config`, `controllers`, and files like `Blog.php`, `index.html`, `Welcome.php`, etc. The code editor shows the content of `Blog.php`, which is a PHP class extending `Controller` with methods `index()` and `view($id)`.

```

1  <?php
2  class Blog extends Controller {
3
4      public function index()
5      {
6          ...
7      }
8
9      public function view($id)
10     {
11         //Model loaded
12         $this->call->model('blog_model');
13         //Method for getting a Blog information
14         $data['blog_info'] = $this->blog_model->get_a_blog($id);
15
16         $this->call->view("blog_info_view", $data);
17     }
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View (blog_info_view.php)



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1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html lang="en">
3 <head>
4     <meta charset="UTF-8">
5     <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1">
6     <title>Document</title>
7 </head>
8 <body>
9     <h1><?php echo $blog_info["title"];></h1>
10    <p><?php echo $blog_info["content"];></p>
11 </body>
12 </html>
13
```

Output:

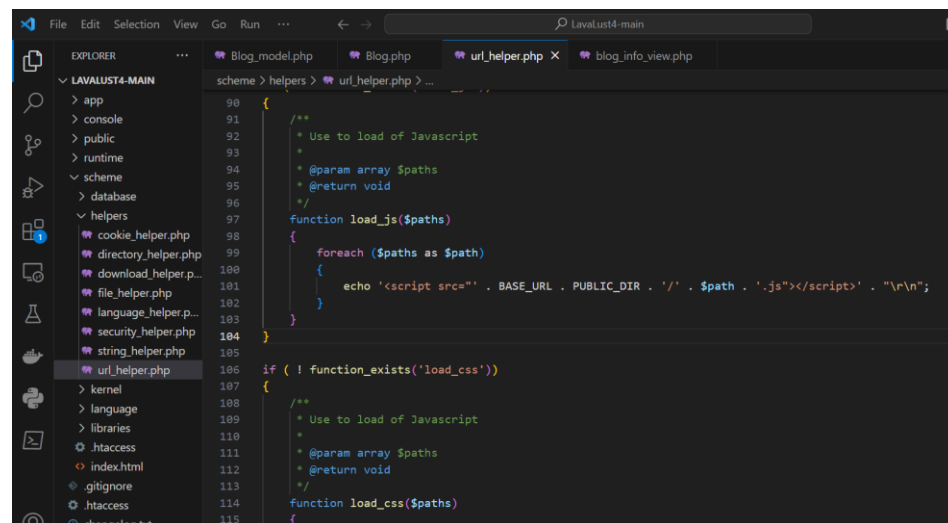


YOUR TURN: Apply the idea of the **Blog-view** & **Blog-add** page to create Edit/Update (CRUD).

Helpers

Built-in Helpers. Lavalust have built-in helpers help you with tasks. Each helper file is simply a **collection of functions** in a particular category.

Helpers are typically stored in your **scheme/helpers**, or **app/helpers** directory.



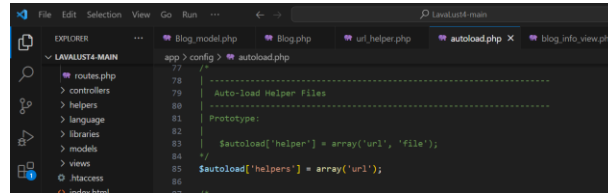
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90 {
91     /**
92      * Use to load of Javascript
93      *
94      * @param array $paths
95      * @return void
96      */
97     function load_js($paths)
98     {
99         foreach ($paths as $path)
100         {
101             echo '<script src="' . BASE_URL . PUBLIC_DIR . '/' . $path . '.js"></script>' . "\r\n";
102         }
103     }
104 }
105
106 if ( ! function_exists('load_css'))
107 {
108     /**
109      * Use to load of Javascript
110      *
111      * @param array $paths
112      * @return void
113      */
114     function load_css($paths)
115     {
```

Lavalust does not load Helper Files by default, so the first step in using a Helper is to **load** it. Once loaded, it becomes **globally available** in your **controller** and **views**.

Loading Helper

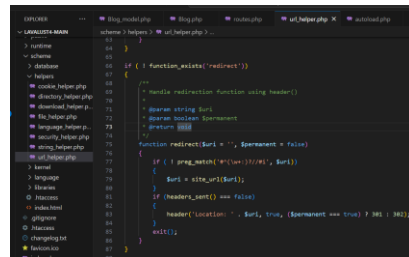
Load the helper in **autoload.php**

We will use the **URL** helper that assist us in creating links



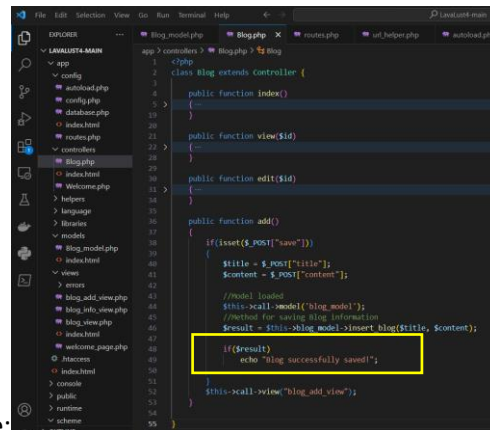
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78 .....
79 Auto-load Helper Files
80 .....
81 Prototype:
82 .....
83 $autoload['helper'] = array('url', 'file');
84 .....
85 $autoload['helpers'] = array('url');
86 .....
```

Now we can use the **redirect()** method from **url_helper** to redirect into another page.



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Let's try in **Blog Controller**:



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Before:



```
public function add()
{
    if(isset($_POST['save']))
    {
        $title = $_POST['title'];
        $content = $_POST['content'];

        //model loaded
        $this->call->model('blog_model');
        //method for saving blog information
        $result = $this->blog_model->insert_blog($title, $content);

        if($result)
        {
            redirect('blog');
        }

        $this->call->view('blog_add_view');
    }
}
```

After:

Now, try to submit our form.

Built-in Helpers

- URL Helper
 - `base_url()` – return the value of base url in config.php
 - `redirect($url)` – redirect to specified route
 - `load_js($array_paths)` - Use to load of Javascript
 - `load_css($array_paths)` - Use to load of CSS
 - `active($current_url, $css_class='active')` – Set menu as active
- Security Helper
- String Helper
- Cookie Helper
- Etc.

Using Autoload

LavaLust comes with an “Auto-load” feature that permits **libraries**, **helpers**, and **models** to be initialized automatically every time the system runs. If you need certain resources globally throughout your application you should consider auto-loading them for convenience.

The following items can be loaded automatically:

- Classes found in the **libraries/** directory
- Helper files found in the **helpers/** directory
- Models found in the **models/** folder

To autoload resources, open the **app/config/autoload.php**

Note: Libraries, Helpers, and Models can also be loaded inside our **Controller**. (without using the autoload)

Helper:

```
$this->call->helper('name');
```

Example: `$this->call->helper('url');`

Library:

```
$this->call->library('class_name');
```

Example: `$this->call->library('form_validation');`

Model:

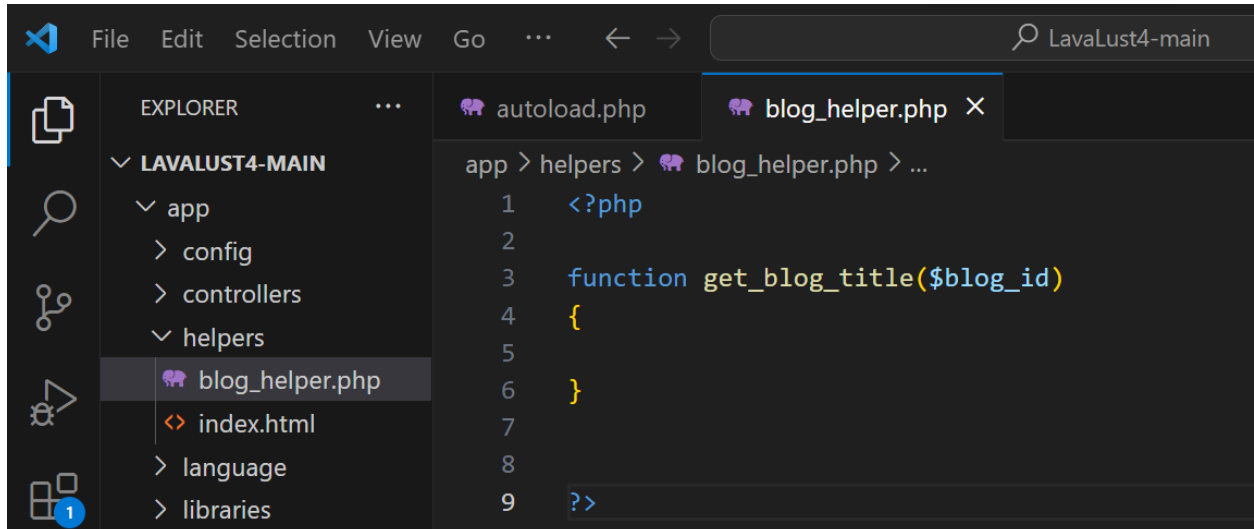
```
$this->call->model('model_name');
```

Example: `$this->call->model('blog_model');`

Create your own Helper

You can also create your own Helper & Libraries. To create your own helper, create a php file (i.e.: `helpername_helper.php`) and save it inside **app/helpers/** folder.

Example: `blog_helper`

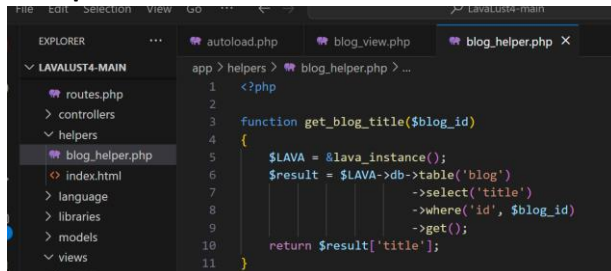
A screenshot of the Visual Studio Code editor interface. The Explorer sidebar on the left shows the project structure for 'LAVALUST4-MAIN', with the 'app' folder expanded to show 'helpers' and 'blog_helper.php' selected. The main editor area shows the content of 'blog_helper.php', which is a PHP file with a function `get_blog_title($blog_id)` defined. The file path in the breadcrumb is 'app > helpers > blog_helper.php > ...'.

```
1 <?php
2
3 function get_blog_title($blog_id)
4 {
5
6 }
7
8
9 ?>
```

Now we will use the **`get_blog_title()`** function to get from the database the title of a specified **`blog_id`**.

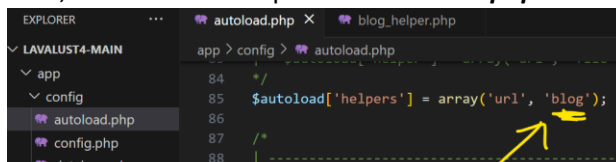
Note: we can also use the **`&lava_instance();`** to access the **database** library in our helper. With that, we can use our helper same as the model.

Example:

A screenshot of the Visual Studio Code editor showing the implementation of the `get_blog_title` function in `blog_helper.php`. The function uses `&lava_instance()` to get a database instance, then uses `select` and `where` methods to retrieve the title for a given `blog_id`.

```
1 <?php
2
3 function get_blog_title($blog_id)
4 {
5     $LAVA = &lava_instance();
6     $result = $LAVA->db->table('blog')
7               ->select('title')
8               ->where('id', $blog_id)
9               ->get();
10    return $result['title'];
11 }
```

Now, let's load our helper into ***autoload.php***

A screenshot of the Visual Studio Code editor showing the `autoload.php` file. The file contains a configuration array for helpers, and a yellow arrow points to the 'blog' entry in the array.

```
84 /*
85 $autoload['helpers'] = array('url', 'blog');
86
87 /*
88
```

When the helper is loaded, we can use **all** the **functions** inside the ***blog_helper***. Let's try to use the **`get_blog_title()`** function in our views.

Note: Other way of accessing public assets is using the `base_url()`.

Example:

```
1 <html>
2 <head>
3 <title>My Blog</title>
4
5 <?php //load_css(['css/bootstrap.min']); ?>
6 <link href="<?php echo base_url(); ?>css/bootstrap.min.css">
7
8 </head>
9 <body>
10
11 <table class="m-5">...
12
13 </table>
14
15 <?php //load_js(['js/bootstrap.bundle.min']); ?>
16 <script src="<?php echo base_url(); ?>js/bootstrap.bundle.min.js"></script>
17
18 </body>
19 </html>
```

OK! Let's copy some code from Bootstrap5 documentation.

And because we use classes for our navs, you can avoid the list-based approach entirely if you like.

Navbar Home Features Pricing Disabled

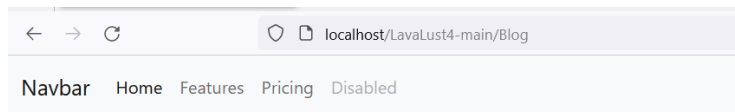
```
<nav class="navbar navbar-expand-lg navbar-light bg-light">
  <div class="container-fluid">
    <a class="navbar-brand" href="#">Navbar</a>
    <button class="navbar-toggler" type="button" data-bs-toggle="collapse" data-bs-target="#navbar"
      <span class="navbar-toggler-icon"></span>
    </button>
    <div class="collapse navbar-collapse" id="navbarNavAltMarkup">
      <div class="navbar-nav">
        <a class="nav-link active" aria-current="page" href="#">Home</a>
        <a class="nav-link" href="#">Features</a>
        <a class="nav-link" href="#">Pricing</a>
        <a class="nav-link disabled" href="#" tabindex="-1" aria-disabled="true">Disabled</a>
      </div>
    </div>
  </div>
</nav>
```

You can also use dropdowns in your navbar. Dropdown menus require a wrapping element for positioning, so be sure to use separate and nested elements for `.nav-item` and `.nav-link` as shown below.

```
3 <title>My Blog</title>
4
5 <?php load_css(['css/bootstrap.min']); ?>
6
7 </head>
8 <body>
9
10 <nav class="navbar navbar-expand-lg navbar-light bg-light">
11 <div class="container-fluid">
12 <a class="navbar-brand" href="#">Navbar</a>
13 <button class="navbar-toggler" type="button" data-bs-toggle="collapse"
14 data-bs-target="#navbarNavAltMarkup" aria-controls="navbarNavAltMarkup"
15 aria-expanded="false" aria-label="Toggle navigation">
16 </button>
17 <div class="collapse navbar-collapse" id="navbarNavAltMarkup">
18 <div class="navbar-nav">
19 <a class="nav-link active" aria-current="page" href="#">Home</a>
20 <a class="nav-link" href="#">Features</a>
21 <a class="nav-link" href="#">Pricing</a>
22 <a class="nav-link disabled" href="#" tabindex="-1" aria-disabled="true">Disabled</a>
23 </div>
24 </div>
25 </nav>
26
27 <table>...
28 </table>
29
30 <?php load_js(['js/bootstrap.bundle.min']); ?>
```

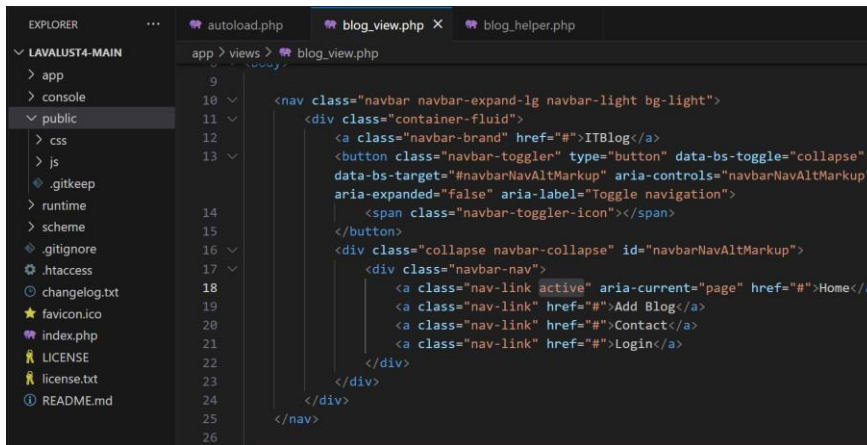
Output:

Now, we have a navigation bar. Let's customized it!

| | |
|--|--------------------------------|
|  | |
| Title | Content |
| 3F4 Blog | Content of the blog |
| Welcome to my blog | This is the content of my blog |
| sdsds | dsadasds |

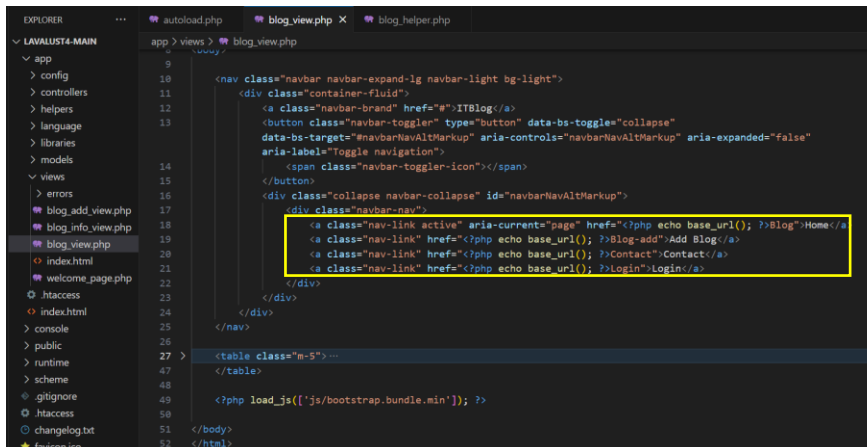
Links

Navigation Bar



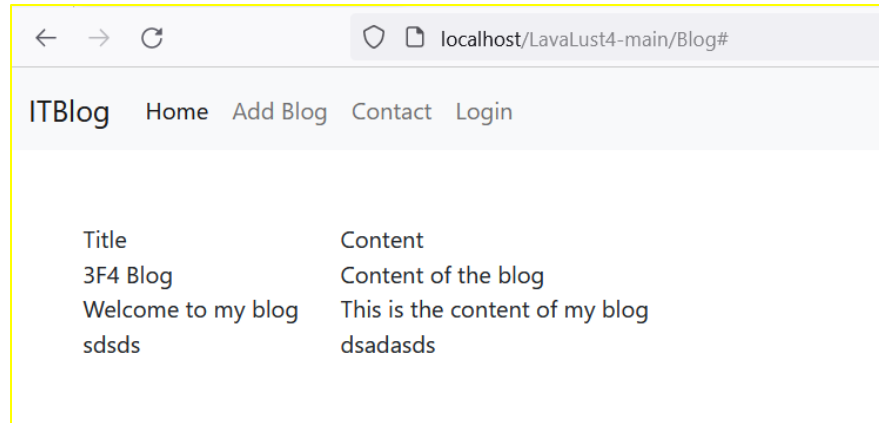
```
9 <nav class="navbar navbar-expand-lg navbar-light bg-light">
10 <div class="container-fluid">
11 <a class="navbar-brand" href="#">ITBlog</a>
12 <button class="navbar-toggler" type="button" data-bs-toggle="collapse"
13 data-bs-target="#navbarNavAltMarkup" aria-controls="navbarNavAltMarkup"
14 aria-expanded="false" aria-label="Toggle navigation">
15 <span class="navbar-toggler-icon"></span>
16 </button>
17 <div class="collapse navbar-collapse" id="navbarNavAltMarkup">
18 <div class="navbar-nav">
19 <a class="nav-link active" aria-current="page" href="#">Home</a>
20 <a class="nav-link" href="#">Add Blog</a>
21 <a class="nav-link" href="#">Contact</a>
22 <a class="nav-link" href="#">Login</a>
23 </div>
24 </div>
25 </div>
26 </nav>
```

Let's add the **route** for every menu/navigation.



```
9 <nav class="navbar navbar-expand-lg navbar-light bg-light">
10 <div class="container-fluid">
11 <a class="navbar-brand" href="#">ITBlog</a>
12 <button class="navbar-toggler" type="button" data-bs-toggle="collapse"
13 data-bs-target="#navbarNavAltMarkup" aria-controls="navbarNavAltMarkup"
14 aria-expanded="false" aria-label="Toggle navigation">
15 <span class="navbar-toggler-icon"></span>
16 </button>
17 <div class="collapse navbar-collapse" id="navbarNavAltMarkup">
18 <div class="navbar-nav">
19 <a class="nav-link active" aria-current="page" href="{?php echo base_url(); }?Blog">Home</a>
20 <a class="nav-link" href="{?php echo base_url(); }?Blog-add">Add Blog</a>
21 <a class="nav-link" href="{?php echo base_url(); }?Contact">Contact</a>
22 <a class="nav-link" href="{?php echo base_url(); }?login">Login</a>
23 </div>
24 </div>
25 </div>
26 </nav>
27 <table class="m-5">...
47 </table>
48
49 <?php load_js(['js/bootstrap.bundle.min']); ?>
50
51 </body>
52 </html>
```

Now, we can switch to different page using our Navigation Bar.



Now, copy the navigation bar to all view file.

Active

If you see the **“active”** class inside the anchor tag, this is a css class use to highlight the active nav.

```
blog_view.php
blog_view.php
blog_helper.php
blog_view.php

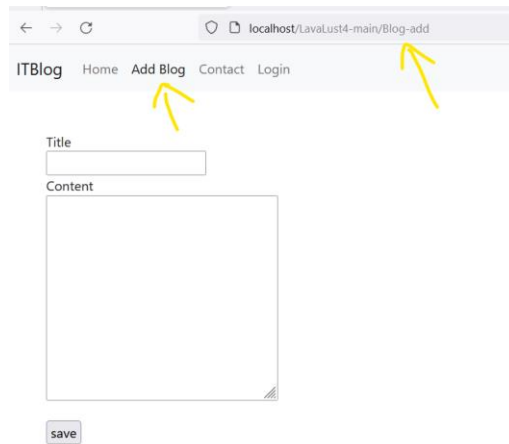
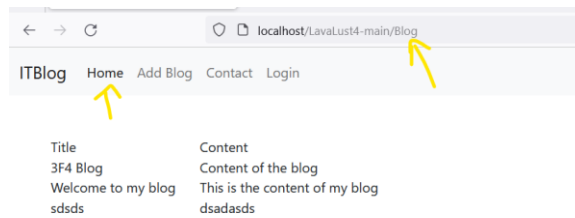
<nav class="navbar navbar-expand-lg navbar-light bg-light">
  <div class="container-fluid">
    <a class="navbar-brand" href="#">ITBlog</a>
    <button class="navbar-toggler" type="button" data-bs-toggle="collapse"
    data-bs-target="#navbarNavAltMarkup" aria-controls="navbarNavAltMarkup"
    aria-expanded="false" aria-label="Toggle navigation">
      <span class="navbar-toggler-icon"></span>
    </button>
    <div class="collapse navbar-collapse" id="navbarNavAltMarkup">
      <div class="navbar-nav">
        <a class="nav-link active" aria-current="page" href="#">Home</a>
        <a class="nav-link" href="#">Add Blog</a>
        <a class="nav-link" href="#">Contact</a>
        <a class="nav-link" href="#">Login</a>
      </div>
    </div>
  </div>
</nav>
```

Let’s use the **active()** function to make it dynamic.

```
autoload.php
blog_view.php
blog_add_view.php
blog_helper.php
app > views > blog_view.php

1 <html>
2 <head>
3   <title>My Blog</title>
4   <?php load_css(['css/bootstrap.min']); >
5   </head>
6   <body>
7
8
9
10  <nav class="navbar navbar-expand-lg navbar-light bg-light">
11    <div class="container-fluid">
12      <a class="navbar-brand" href="#">ITBlog</a>
13      <button class="navbar-toggler" type="button" data-bs-toggle="collapse" data-bs-target="#navbarNavAltMarkup"
14      aria-controls="navbarNavAltMarkup" aria-expanded="false" aria-label="Toggle navigation">
15        <span class="navbar-toggler-icon"></span>
16      </button>
17      <div class="collapse navbar-collapse" id="navbarNavAltMarkup">
18        <div class="navbar-nav">
19          <a class="nav-link <?php active('Blog'); ?>" aria-current="page" href="<?php echo base_url(); ?>Blog/Home</a>
20          <a class="nav-link <?php active('Blog-add'); ?>" href="<?php echo base_url(); ?>Blog-add/Add Blog</a>
21          <a class="nav-link <?php active('Contact'); ?>" href="<?php echo base_url(); ?>Contact/Contact</a>
22          <a class="nav-link" href="<?php echo base_url(); ?>login/login</a>
23        </div>
24      </div>
25    </div>
26  </nav>
```

Output:



Library

Form Validation Library

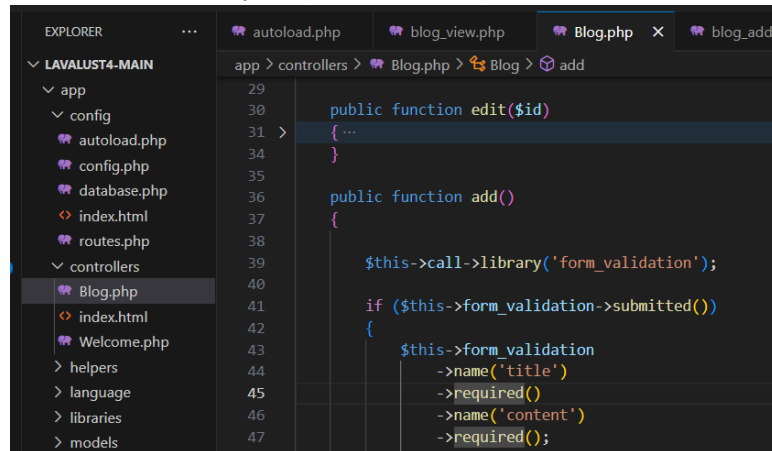
Load the form_validation library. This time, we load it manually inside controller.

```
pp > controllers > Blog.php > Blog > add
29
30 public function edit($id)
31 { ...
32 }
33
34
35
36 public function add()
37 {
38
39     $this->call->library('form_validation');
40
41     if(isset($_POST["save"]))
```

Use the **submitted()** method to replace the condition **if(isset(\$_POST["save"]))**{

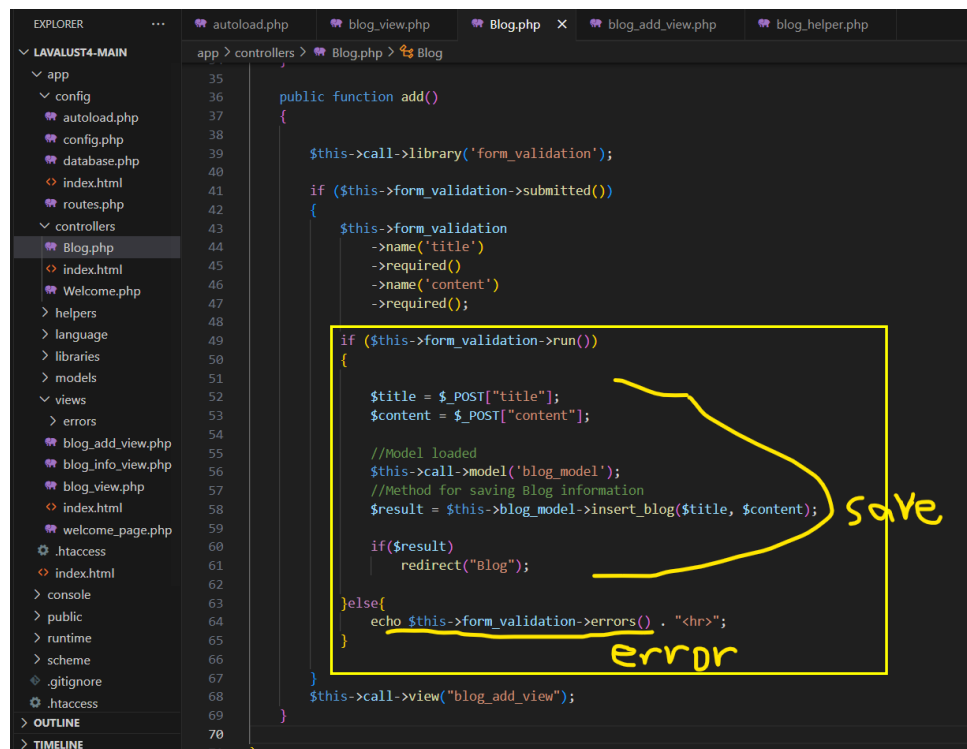
```
public function add()
{
    $this->call->library('form_validation');
    if ($this->form_validation->submitted())
    {
```

Let's validate our inputs (title & content)



```
29
30 public function edit($id)
31 { ...
32 }
33
34
35
36 public function add()
37 {
38
39     $this->call->library('form_validation');
40
41     if ($this->form_validation->submitted())
42     {
43         $this->form_validation
44             ->name('title')
45             ->required()
46             ->name('content')
47             ->required();
48     }
49 }
```

The above validation will check the **value** of **title** and **content** input if **empty** or not. To test the validation, use **run()** method of the form_validation class.



```
35
36 public function add()
37 {
38
39     $this->call->library('form_validation');
40
41     if ($this->form_validation->submitted())
42     {
43         $this->form_validation
44             ->name('title')
45             ->required()
46             ->name('content')
47             ->required();
48
49         if ($this->form_validation->run())
50         {
51             $title = $_POST['title'];
52             $content = $_POST['content'];
53
54             //Model loaded
55             $this->call->model('blog_model');
56             //Method for saving Blog information
57             $result = $this->blog_model->insert_blog($title, $content);
58
59             if($result)
60             {
61                 redirect("Blog");
62             }
63             else{
64                 echo $this->form_validation->errors() . "<hr>";
65             }
66         }
67         $this->call->view("blog_add_view");
68     }
69 }
```

If the validation returns an error, it will display what kind of input error or else if no error, the data will save in database.

For more validation methods: <https://lavalust.netlify.app/#item-5-4>

(IO) Input and Output Class

This class is initialized automatically by the system so there is no need to do it manually.

In the image below, input will fetch directly the data without checking if the item is set and return NULL if not. <https://lavalust.netlify.app/#item-5-8>

```
> models 51
> views 52
> errors 53
blog_add_view.php 54
blog_info_view.php 55
blog_view.php 56
index.html 57
welcome_page.php 58
59

$title = $_POST["title"];
$content = $_POST["content"];

//Model loaded
$this->call->model('blog_model');
//Method for saving Blog information
$result = $this->blog_model->insert_blog($title, $content);
```

save

Now, let's use the methods from the **io** class.

```
if ($this->form_validation->run())
{
    $title = $this->io->post("title");
    $content = $this->io->post("content");
}
```

Session Library

To use the session, load it first in **autoload.php**

```
EXPLORER  ...  autoload.php  blog_view.php  Blog.php  config.php  blog_add_view.ph
app > config > autoload.php
64 | -----
65 | Auto-load Libraries
66 | -----
67 | These are the classes located in scheme/libraries/ or your
68 | app/libraries/ directory, with the addition of the
69 | 'database' library, which is somewhat of a special case.
70 |
71 | Prototype:
72 |
73 | $autoload['libraries'] = array('database', 'email', 'session');
74 | */
75 | $autoload['libraries'] = array('database', 'session');
76 |
77 | /*
78 | -----
79 | Auto-load Helper Files
```

Retrieving Session Data

\$_SESSION superglobal

```
$name = $_SESSION['name'];
```

Using **Session** library

```
$name = $this->session->userdata('name');
```

Adding Session Data

`$_SESSION` superglobal

```
$_SESSION["username"] = "juan23";  
$_SESSION["user_role"] = "admin";
```

Using **Session** library

```
$this->session->set_userdata(array(  
    "username" => "juan23",  
    "user_role" => "admin"  
));
```

Removing Session Data

`$_SESSION` superglobal

Just as with any other variable, unsetting a value in `$_SESSION` can be done through `unset()`:

```
unset($_SESSION['some_name']);  
  
// or multiple values:  
  
unset(  
    $_SESSION['some_name'],  
    $_SESSION['another_name']  
);
```

Using **Session** Library

```
$array_items = array('username', 'email');  
  
$this->session->unset_userdata($array_items);
```

Security

- **Identify sensitive data to be protected.**
 - Password encryption
 - Session Role
- **Validate all incoming data.**
 - Form Validation
- **Review and secure File Permissions.**
- **Test for Cross Site Scripting (XSS)**
- **Check for SQL Injection vulnerabilities.**
- **Secure file uploads.**
- **Update all PHP versions to the latest**
- **Disable display_errors.**
 - `ENVIRONMENT = "Production"` in *config.php*
- **Ensure important security headers such as X-Content-Type and X-XSS-Protection are implemented.**
- **Check for Cross-Site Request Forgery**
 - **CSRF Protection** in *config.php*

Before Deploying your application

- **Disable display_errors**