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¹`/api/protect\char"007B\relax\protect\char"007B\relaxversion\protect\char"007D\relax\protect\char"007D\relax`

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Support Policy

For LTS releases, such as Laravel 5.1, bug fixes are provided for 2 years and security fixes are provided for 3 years. These releases provide the longest window of support and maintenance.

For general releases, bug fixes are provided for 6 months and security fixes are provided for 1 year.

Laravel 5.2 {#releases-laravel-5.2}

Laravel 5.2 continues the improvements made in Laravel 5.1 by adding multiple authentication driver support, implicit model binding, simplified Eloquent global scopes, opt-in authentication scaffolding, middleware groups, rate limiting middleware, array validation improvements, and more.

Authentication Drivers / “Multi-Auth”

In previous versions of Laravel, only the default, session-based authentication driver was supported out of the box, and you could not have more than one authenticatable model instance per application.

However, in Laravel 5.2, you may define additional authentication drivers as well define multiple authenticatable models or user tables, and control their authentication process separately from each other. For example, if your application has one database table for “admin” users and one database table for “student” users, you may now use the Auth methods to authenticate against each of these tables separately.

Authentication Scaffolding

Laravel already makes it easy to handle authentication on the back-end; however, Laravel 5.2 provides a convenient, lightning-fast way to scaffold the authentication views for your front-end. Simply execute the `make:auth` command on your terminal:

```
1 php artisan make:auth
```

This command will generate plain, Bootstrap compatible views for user login, registration, and password reset. The command will also update your routes file with the appropriate routes.



Note: This feature is only meant to be used on new applications, not during application upgrades.

Implicit Model Binding

Implicit model binding makes it painless to inject relevant models directly into your routes and controllers. For example, assume you have a route defined like the following:

```
1 use App\User;
2
3 Route::get('/user/{user}', function (User $user) {
4     return $user;
5 });
```

In Laravel 5.1, you would typically need to use the `Route::model` method to instruct Laravel to inject the `App\User` instance that matches the `{user}` parameter in your route definition. However, in Laravel 5.2, the framework will **automatically** inject this model based on the URI segment, allowing you to quickly gain access to the model instances you need.

Laravel will automatically inject the model when the route parameter segment (`{user}`) matches the route Closure or controller method's corresponding variable name (`$user`) and the variable is type-hinting an Eloquent model class.

Middleware Groups

Middleware groups allow you to group several route middleware under a single, convenient key, allowing you to assign several middleware to a route at once. For example, this can be useful when

building a web UI and an API within the same application. You may group the session and CSRF routes into a web group, and perhaps the rate limiter in the api group.

In fact, the default Laravel 5.2 application structure takes exactly this approach. For example, in the default `App\Http\Kernel.php` file you will find the following:

```
1  /**
2   * The application's route middleware groups.
3   *
4   * @var array
5   */
6  protected $middlewareGroups = [
7      'web' => [
8          \App\Http\Middleware\EncryptCookies::class,
9          \Illuminate\Cookie\Middleware\AddQueuedCookiesToResponse::class,
10         \Illuminate\Session\Middleware\StartSession::class,
11         \Illuminate\View\Middleware\ShareErrorsFromSession::class,
12         \App\Http\Middleware\VerifyCsrfToken::class,
13     ],
14
15     'api' => [
16         'throttle:60,1',
17     ],
18 ];
```

Then, the web group may be assigned to routes like so:

```
1  Route::group(['middleware' => ['web']], function () {
2      //
3  });
```

However, keep in mind the web middleware group is *already* applied to your routes by default since the `RouteServiceProvider` includes it in the default middleware group.

Rate Limiting

A new rate limiter middleware is now included with the framework, allowing you to easily limit the number of requests that a given IP address can make to a route over a specified number of minutes. For example, to limit a route to 60 requests every minute from a single IP address, you may do the following:

```
1 Route::get('/api/users', ['middleware' => 'throttle:60,1', function () {  
2     //  
3 }]);
```

Array Validation

Validating array form input fields is much easier in Laravel 5.2. For example, to validate that each e-mail in a given array input field is unique, you may do the following:

```
1 $validator = Validator::make($request->all(), [  
2     'person.*.email' => 'email|unique:users'  
3 ]);
```

Likewise, you may use the `*` character when specifying your validation messages in your language files, making it a breeze to use a single validation message for array based fields:

```
1 'custom' => [  
2     'person.*.email' => [  
3         'unique' => 'Each person must have a unique e-mail address',  
4     ]  
5 ],
```

Bail Validation Rule

A new `bail` validation rule has been added, which instructs the validator to stop validating after the first validation failure for a given rule. For example, you may now prevent the validator from running a unique check if an attribute fails an integer check:

```
1 $this->validate($request, [  
2     'user_id' => 'bail|integer|unique:users'  
3 ]);
```

Eloquent Global Scope Improvements

In previous versions of Laravel, global Eloquent scopes were complicated and error-prone to implement; however, in Laravel 5.2, global query scopes only require you to implement a single, simple method: `apply`.

For more information on writing global scopes, check out the full [Eloquent documentation](#).

Laravel 5.1.11 {#releases-laravel-5.1.11}

Laravel 5.1.11 introduces [authorization](#) support out of the box! Conveniently organize your application's authorization logic using simple callbacks or policy classes, and authorize actions using simple, expressive methods.

For more information, please refer to the [authorization documentation](#).

Laravel 5.1.4 {#releases-laravel-5.1.4}

Laravel 5.1.4 introduces simple login throttling to the framework. Consult the [authentication documentation](#) for more information.

Laravel 5.1 {#releases-laravel-5.1}

Laravel 5.1 continues the improvements made in Laravel 5.0 by adopting PSR-2 and adding event broadcasting, middleware parameters, Artisan improvements, and more.

PHP 5.5.9+

Since PHP 5.4 will enter “end of life” in September and will no longer receive security updates from the PHP development team, Laravel 5.1 requires PHP 5.5.9 or greater. PHP 5.5.9 allows compatibility with the latest versions of popular PHP libraries such as Guzzle and the AWS SDK.

LTS

Laravel 5.1 is the first release of Laravel to receive **long term support**. Laravel 5.1 will receive bug fixes for 2 years and security fixes for 3 years. This support window is the largest ever provided for Laravel and provides stability and peace of mind for larger, enterprise clients and customers.

PSR-2

The [PSR-2 coding style guide](#)² has been adopted as the default style guide for the Laravel framework. Additionally, all generators have been updated to generate PSR-2 compatible syntax.

Documentation

Every page of the Laravel documentation has been meticulously reviewed and dramatically improved. All code examples have also been reviewed and expanded to provide more relevance and context.

Event Broadcasting

In many modern web applications, web sockets are used to implement real-time, live-updating user interfaces. When some data is updated on the server, a message is typically sent over a websocket connection to be handled by the client.

To assist you in building these types of applications, Laravel makes it easy to “broadcast” your events over a websocket connection. Broadcasting your Laravel events allows you to share the same event names between your server-side code and your client-side JavaScript framework.

To learn more about event broadcasting, check out the [event documentation](#).

Middleware Parameters

Middleware can now receive additional custom parameters. For example, if your application needs to verify that the authenticated user has a given “role” before performing a given action, you could create a `RoleMiddleware` that receives a role name as an additional argument:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Middleware;
4
5  use Closure;
6
7  class RoleMiddleware
8  {
9      /**
10       * Run the request filter.
11       *
12       * @param  \Illuminate\Http\Request  $request
13       * @param  \Closure  $next
```

²<https://github.com/php-fig/fig-standards/blob/master/accepted/PSR-2-coding-style-guide.md>

```
14     * @param string $role
15     * @return mixed
16     */
17     public function handle($request, Closure $next, $role)
18     {
19         if (! $request->user()->hasRole($role)) {
20             // Redirect...
21         }
22
23         return $next($request);
24     }
25
26 }
```

Middleware parameters may be specified when defining the route by separating the middleware name and parameters with a `:`. Multiple parameters should be delimited by commas:

```
1 Route::put('post/{id}', ['middleware' => 'role:editor', function ($id) {
2     //
3 }]);
```

For more information on middleware, check out the [middleware documentation](#).

Testing Overhaul

The built-in testing capabilities of Laravel have been dramatically improved. A variety of new methods provide a fluent, expressive interface for interacting with your application and examining its responses. For example, check out the following test:

```
1 public function testNewUserRegistration()
2 {
3     $this->visit('/register')
4         ->type('Taylor', 'name')
5         ->check('terms')
6         ->press('Register')
7         ->seePageIs('/dashboard');
8 }
```

For more information on testing, check out the [testing documentation](#).

Model Factories

Laravel now ships with an easy way to create stub Eloquent models using [model factories](#). Model factories allow you to easily define a set of “default” attributes for your Eloquent model, and then generate test model instances for your tests or database seeds. Model factories also take advantage of the powerful [Faker](#)³ PHP library for generating random attribute data:

```
1 $factory->define(App\User::class, function ($faker) {  
2     return [  
3         'name' => $faker->name,  
4         'email' => $faker->email,  
5         'password' => str_random(10),  
6         'remember_token' => str_random(10),  
7     ];  
8 });
```

For more information on model factories, check out [the documentation](#).

Artisan Improvements

Artisan commands may now be defined using a simple, route-like “signature”, which provides an extremely simple interface for defining command line arguments and options. For example, you may define a simple command and its options like so:

```
1 /**  
2  * The name and signature of the console command.  
3  *  
4  * @var string  
5  */  
6 protected $signature = 'email:send {user} [--force]';
```

For more information on defining Artisan commands, consult the [Artisan documentation](#).

³<https://github.com/fzaninotto/Faker>

Folder Structure

To better express intent, the `app/Commands` directory has been renamed to `app/Jobs`. Additionally, the `app/Handlers` directory has been consolidated into a single `app/Listeners` directory which simply contains event listeners. However, this is not a breaking change and you are not required to update to the new folder structure to use Laravel 5.1.

Encryption

In previous versions of Laravel, encryption was handled by the `mcrypt` PHP extension. However, beginning in Laravel 5.1, encryption is handled by the `openssl` extension, which is more actively maintained.

Laravel 5.0 {#releases-laravel-5.0}

Laravel 5.0 introduces a fresh application structure to the default Laravel project. This new structure serves as a better foundation for building a robust application in Laravel, as well as embraces new auto-loading standards (PSR-4) throughout the application. First, let's examine some of the major changes:

New Folder Structure

The old `app/models` directory has been entirely removed. Instead, all of your code lives directly within the `app` folder, and, by default, is organized to the `App` namespace. This default namespace can be quickly changed using the new `app:name` Artisan command.

Controllers, middleware, and requests (a new type of class in Laravel 5.0) are now grouped under the `app/Http` directory, as they are all classes related to the HTTP transport layer of your application. Instead of a single, flat file of route filters, all middleware are now broken into their own class files.

A new `app/Providers` directory replaces the `app/start` files from previous versions of Laravel 4.x. These service providers provide various bootstrapping functions to your application, such as error handling, logging, route loading, and more. Of course, you are free to create additional service providers for your application.

Application language files and views have been moved to the `resources` directory.

Contracts

All major Laravel components implement interfaces which are located in the `illuminate/contracts` repository. This repository has no external dependencies. Having a convenient, centrally located set of interfaces you may use for decoupling and dependency injection will serve as an easy alternative option to Laravel Facades.

For more information on contracts, consult the [full documentation](#).

Route Cache

If your application is made up entirely of controller routes, you may utilize the new `route:cache` Artisan command to drastically speed up the registration of your routes. This is primarily useful on applications with 100+ routes and will **drastically** speed up this portion of your application.

Route Middleware

In addition to Laravel 4 style route “filters”, Laravel 5 now supports HTTP middleware, and the included authentication and CSRF “filters” have been converted to middleware. Middleware provides a single, consistent interface to replace all types of filters, allowing you to easily inspect, and even reject, requests before they enter your application.

For more information on middleware, check out [the documentation](#).

Controller Method Injection

In addition to the existing constructor injection, you may now type-hint dependencies on controller methods. The [service container](#) will automatically inject the dependencies, even if the route contains other parameters:

```
1 public function createPost(Request $request, PostRepository $posts)
2 {
3     //
4 }
```

Authentication Scaffolding

User registration, authentication, and password reset controllers are now included out of the box, as well as simple corresponding views, which are located at `resources/views/auth`. In addition, a “users” table migration has been included with the framework. Including these simple resources allows rapid development of application ideas without bogging down on authentication boilerplate. The authentication views may be accessed on the `auth/login` and `auth/register` routes. The `App\Services\Auth\Registrar` service is responsible for user validation and creation.

Event Objects

You may now define events as objects instead of simply using strings. For example, check out the following event:

```
1  <?php
2
3  class PodcastWasPurchased
4  {
5      public $podcast;
6
7      public function __construct(Podcast $podcast)
8      {
9          $this->podcast = $podcast;
10     }
11 }
```

The event may be dispatched like normal:

```
1  Event::fire(new PodcastWasPurchased($podcast));
```

Of course, your event handler will receive the event object instead of a list of data:

```
1  <?php
2
3  class ReportPodcastPurchase
4  {
5      public function handle(PodcastWasPurchased $event)
6      {
7          //
8      }
9  }
```

For more information on working with events, check out the [full documentation](#).

Commands / Queueing

In addition to the queue job format supported in Laravel 4, Laravel 5 allows you to represent your queued jobs as simple command objects. These commands live in the `app/Commands` directory. Here's a sample command:

```
1  <?php
2
3  class PurchasePodcast extends Command implements SelfHandling, ShouldBeQueued
4  {
5      use SerializesModels;
6
7      protected $user, $podcast;
8
9      /**
10       * Create a new command instance.
11       *
12       * @return void
13       */
14     public function __construct(User $user, Podcast $podcast)
15     {
16         $this->user = $user;
17         $this->podcast = $podcast;
18     }
19
20     /**
21      * Execute the command.
22      *
23      * @return void
24      */
25     public function handle()
26     {
27         // Handle the logic to purchase the podcast...
28
29         event(new PodcastWasPurchased($this->user, $this->podcast));
30     }
31 }
```

The base Laravel controller utilizes the new `DispatchesCommands` trait, allowing you to easily dispatch your commands for execution:

```
1  $this->dispatch(new PurchasePodcastCommand($user, $podcast));
```

Of course, you may also use commands for tasks that are executed synchronously (are not queued). In fact, using commands is a great way to encapsulate complex tasks your application needs to perform. For more information, check out the [command bus](#) documentation.

Database Queue

A database queue driver is now included in Laravel, providing a simple, local queue driver that requires no extra package installation beyond your database software.

Laravel Scheduler

In the past, developers have generated a Cron entry for each console command they wished to schedule. However, this is a headache. Your console schedule is no longer in source control, and you must SSH into your server to add the Cron entries. Let's make our lives easier. The Laravel command scheduler allows you to fluently and expressively define your command schedule within Laravel itself, and only a single Cron entry is needed on your server.

It looks like this:

```
1 $schedule->command('artisan:command')->dailyAt('15:00');
```

Of course, check out the [full documentation](#) to learn all about the scheduler!

Tinker / Psysh

The `php artisan tinker` command now utilizes [Psysh](#)⁴ by Justin Hileman, a more robust REPL for PHP. If you liked Boris in Laravel 4, you're going to love Psysh. Even better, it works on Windows! To get started, just try:

```
1 php artisan tinker
```

DotEnv

Instead of a variety of confusing, nested environment configuration directories, Laravel 5 now utilizes [DotEnv](#)⁵ by Vance Lucas. This library provides a super simple way to manage your environment configuration, and makes environment detection in Laravel 5 a breeze. For more details, check out the full [configuration documentation](#).

⁴<https://github.com/bobthecow/psysh>

⁵<https://github.com/vlucas/phpdotenv>

Laravel Elixir

Laravel Elixir, by Jeffrey Way, provides a fluent, expressive interface to compiling and concatenating your assets. If you've ever been intimidated by learning Grunt or Gulp, fear no more. Elixir makes it a cinch to get started using Gulp to compile your Less, Sass, and CoffeeScript. It can even run your tests for you!

For more information on Elixir, check out the [full documentation](#).

Laravel Socialite

Laravel Socialite is an optional, Laravel 5.0+ compatible package that provides totally painless authentication with OAuth providers. Currently, Socialite supports Facebook, Twitter, Google, and GitHub. Here's what it looks like:

```
1 public function redirectForAuth()  
2 {  
3     return Socialize::with('twitter')->redirect();  
4 }  
5  
6 public function getUserFromProvider()  
7 {  
8     $user = Socialize::with('twitter')->user();  
9 }
```

No more spending hours writing OAuth authentication flows. Get started in minutes! The [full documentation](#) has all the details.

Flysystem Integration

Laravel now includes the powerful [Flysystem](#)⁶ filesystem abstraction library, providing pain free integration with local, Amazon S3, and Rackspace cloud storage - all with one, unified and elegant API! Storing a file in Amazon S3 is now as simple as:

```
1 Storage::put('file.txt', 'contents');
```

For more information on the Laravel Flysystem integration, consult the [full documentation](#).

⁶<https://github.com/thephpleague/flysystem>

Form Requests

Laravel 5.0 introduces **form requests**, which extend the `Illuminate\Foundation\Http\FormRequest` class. These request objects can be combined with controller method injection to provide a boilerplate free method of validating user input. Let's dig in and look at a sample `FormRequest`:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Requests;
4
5  class RegisterRequest extends FormRequest
6  {
7      public function rules()
8      {
9          return [
10             'email' => 'required|email|unique:users',
11             'password' => 'required|confirmed|min:8',
12         ];
13     }
14
15     public function authorize()
16     {
17         return true;
18     }
19 }
```

Once the class has been defined, we can type-hint it on our controller action:

```
1  public function register(RegisterRequest $request)
2  {
3      var_dump($request->input());
4  }
```

When the Laravel service container identifies that the class it is injecting is a `FormRequest` instance, the request will **automatically be validated**. This means that if your controller action is called, you can safely assume the HTTP request input has been validated according to the rules you specified in your form request class. Even more, if the request is invalid, an HTTP redirect, which you may customize, will automatically be issued, and the error messages will be either flashed to the session or converted to JSON. **Form validation has never been more simple**. For more information on `FormRequest` validation, check out the [documentation](#).

Simple Controller Request Validation

The Laravel 5 base controller now includes a `ValidatesRequests` trait. This trait provides a simple `validate` method to validate incoming requests. If `FormRequests` are a little too much for your application, check this out:

```
1 public function createPost(Request $request)
2 {
3     $this->validate($request, [
4         'title' => 'required|max:255',
5         'body' => 'required',
6     ]);
7 }
```

If the validation fails, an exception will be thrown and the proper HTTP response will automatically be sent back to the browser. The validation errors will even be flashed to the session! If the request was an AJAX request, Laravel even takes care of sending a JSON representation of the validation errors back to you.

For more information on this new method, check out [the documentation](#).

New Generators

To complement the new default application structure, new Artisan generator commands have been added to the framework. See `php artisan list` for more details.

Configuration Cache

You may now cache all of your configuration in a single file using the `config:cache` command.

Symfony VarDumper

The popular `dd` helper function, which dumps variable debug information, has been upgraded to use the amazing Symfony VarDumper. This provides color-coded output and even collapsing of arrays. Just try the following in your project:

```
1 dd([1, 2, 3]);
```


Laravel 4.2

The full change list for this release by running the `php artisan changes` command from a 4.2 installation, or by [viewing the change file on Github](#)⁷. These notes only cover the major enhancements and changes for the release.



Note: During the 4.2 release cycle, many small bug fixes and enhancements were incorporated into the various Laravel 4.1 point releases. So, be sure to check the change list for Laravel 4.1 as well!

PHP 5.4 Requirement

Laravel 4.2 requires PHP 5.4 or greater. This upgraded PHP requirement allows us to use new PHP features such as traits to provide more expressive interfaces for tools like [Laravel Cashier](#). PHP 5.4 also brings significant speed and performance improvements over PHP 5.3.

Laravel Forge

Laravel Forge, a new web based application, provides a simple way to create and manage PHP servers on the cloud of your choice, including Linode, DigitalOcean, Rackspace, and Amazon EC2. Supporting automated Nginx configuration, SSH key access, Cron job automation, server monitoring via NewRelic & Papertrail, “Push To Deploy”, Laravel queue worker configuration, and more, Forge provides the simplest and most affordable way to launch all of your Laravel applications.

The default Laravel 4.2 installation’s `app/config/database.php` configuration file is now configured for Forge usage by default, allowing for more convenient deployment of fresh applications onto the platform.

More information about Laravel Forge can be found on the [official Forge website](#)⁸.

Laravel Homestead

Laravel Homestead is an official Vagrant environment for developing robust Laravel and PHP applications. The vast majority of the boxes’ provisioning needs are handled before the box is packaged for distribution, allowing the box to boot extremely quickly. Homestead includes Nginx 1.6, PHP 5.6, MySQL, Postgres, Redis, Memcached, Beanstalk, Node, Gulp, Grunt, & Bower. Homestead includes a simple `Homestead.yaml` configuration file for managing multiple Laravel applications on a single box.

⁷<https://github.com/laravel/framework/blob/4.2/src/Illuminate/Foundation/changes.json>

⁸<https://forge.laravel.com>

The default Laravel 4.2 installation now includes an `app/config/local/database.php` configuration file that is configured to use the Homestead database out of the box, making Laravel initial installation and configuration more convenient.

The official documentation has also been updated to include [Homestead documentation](#).

Laravel Cashier

Laravel Cashier is a simple, expressive library for managing subscription billing with Stripe. With the introduction of Laravel 4.2, we are including Cashier documentation along with the main Laravel documentation, though installation of the component itself is still optional. This release of Cashier brings numerous bug fixes, multi-currency support, and compatibility with the latest Stripe API.

Daemon Queue Workers

The Artisan `queue:work` command now supports a `--daemon` option to start a worker in “daemon mode”, meaning the worker will continue to process jobs without ever re-booting the framework. This results in a significant reduction in CPU usage at the cost of a slightly more complex application deployment process.

More information about daemon queue workers can be found in the [queue documentation](#).

Mail API Drivers

Laravel 4.2 introduces new Mailgun and Mandrill API drivers for the `Mail` functions. For many applications, this provides a faster and more reliable method of sending e-mails than the SMTP options. The new drivers utilize the Guzzle 4 HTTP library.

Soft Deleting Traits

A much cleaner architecture for “soft deletes” and other “global scopes” has been introduced via PHP 5.4 traits. This new architecture allows for the easier construction of similar global traits, and a cleaner separation of concerns within the framework itself.

More information on the new `SoftDeletingTrait` may be found in the [Eloquent documentation](#).

Convenient Auth & Remindable Traits

The default Laravel 4.2 installation now uses simple traits for including the needed properties for the authentication and password reminder user interfaces. This provides a much cleaner default `User` model file out of the box.

“Simple Paginate”

A new `simplePaginate` method was added to the query and Eloquent builder which allows for more efficient queries when using simple “Next” and “Previous” links in your pagination view.

Migration Confirmation

In production, destructive migration operations will now ask for confirmation. Commands may be forced to run without any prompts using the `--force` command.

Laravel 4.1

Full Change List

The full change list for this release by running the `php artisan changes` command from a 4.1 installation, or by [viewing the change file on Github](#)⁹. These notes only cover the major enhancements and changes for the release.

New SSH Component

An entirely new SSH component has been introduced with this release. This feature allows you to easily SSH into remote servers and run commands. To learn more, consult the [SSH component documentation](#).

The new `php artisan tail` command utilizes the new SSH component. For more information, consult the `tail` [command documentation](#)¹⁰.

Boris In Tinker

The `php artisan tinker` command now utilizes the [Boris REPL](#)¹¹ if your system supports it. The `readline` and `pcntl` PHP extensions must be installed to use this feature. If you do not have these extensions, the shell from 4.0 will be used.

Eloquent Improvements

A new `hasManyThrough` relationship has been added to Eloquent. To learn how to use it, consult the [Eloquent documentation](#).

A new `whereHas` method has also been introduced to allow [retrieving models based on relationship constraints](#).

⁹<https://github.com/laravel/framework/blob/4.1/src/Illuminate/Foundation/changes.json>

¹⁰<http://laravel.com/docs/ssh#tailing-remote-logs>

¹¹<https://github.com/d11wtq/boris>

Database Read / Write Connections

Automatic handling of separate read / write connections is now available throughout the database layer, including the query builder and Eloquent. For more information, consult [the documentation](#).

Queue Priority

Queue priorities are now supported by passing a comma-delimited list to the `queue:listen` command.

Failed Queue Job Handling

The queue facilities now include automatic handling of failed jobs when using the new `--tries` switch on `queue:listen`. More information on handling failed jobs can be found in the [queue documentation](#).

Cache Tags

Cache “sections” have been superseded by “tags”. Cache tags allow you to assign multiple “tags” to a cache item, and flush all items assigned to a single tag. More information on using cache tags may be found in the [cache documentation](#).

Flexible Password Reminders

The password reminder engine has been changed to provide greater developer flexibility when validating passwords, flashing status messages to the session, etc. For more information on using the enhanced password reminder engine, [consult the documentation](#).

Improved Routing Engine

Laravel 4.1 features a totally re-written routing layer. The API is the same; however, registering routes is a full 100% faster compared to 4.0. The entire engine has been greatly simplified, and the dependency on Symfony Routing has been minimized to the compiling of route expressions.

Improved Session Engine

With this release, we’re also introducing an entirely new session engine. Similar to the routing improvements, the new session layer is leaner and faster. We are no longer using Symfony’s (and therefore PHP’s) session handling facilities, and are using a custom solution that is simpler and easier to maintain.

Doctrine DBAL

If you are using the `renameColumn` function in your migrations, you will need to add the `doctrine/dbal` dependency to your `composer.json` file. This package is no longer included in Laravel by default.

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Database

Eloquent Scopes

Eloquent scopes now respect the leading boolean of scope constraints. For example, if you are starting your scope with an `orWhere` constraint it will no longer be converted to normal `where`. If you were relying on this feature (e.g. adding multiple `orWhere` constraints within a loop), you should verify that the first condition is a normal `where` to avoid any boolean logic issues.

If your scopes begin with `where` constraints no action is required. Remember, you can verify your query SQL using the `toSql` method of a query:

```
1 User::where('foo', 'bar')->toSql();
```

Join Clause

The `JoinClause` class has been rewritten to unify its syntax with the query builder. The optional `$where` parameter of the `on` clause has been removed. To add a “where” conditions you should explicitly use one of the `where` methods offered by the [query builder](#):

```
1 $query->join('table', function($join) {  
2     $join->on('foo', 'bar')->where('bar', 'baz');  
3 });
```

The `$bindings` property was also removed. To manipulate join bindings directly you may use the `addBinding` method:

```
1 $query->join(DB::raw('('.$subquery->toSql().') table'), function($join) use ($subquery) {  
2     $join->addBinding($subquery->getBindings(), 'join');  
4 });
```

Upgrading To 5.2.0 From 5.1 {#upgrade-upgrade-5.2.0}

Estimated Upgrade Time: Less Than 1 Hour



Note: We attempt to provide a very comprehensive listing of every possible breaking change made to the framework. However, many of these changes may not apply to your own application.

Updating Dependencies

Update your `composer.json` file to point to `laravel/framework 5.2.*`.

Add `"symfony/dom-crawler": "~3.0"` and `"symfony/css-selector": "~3.0"` to the `require-dev` section of your `composer.json` file.

Authentication

Configuration File

You should update your `config/auth.php` configuration file with the following: <https://github.com/laravel/laravel/blob/master/config/auth.php>

¹²<https://github.com/laravel/laravel/blob/master/config/auth.php>

Once you have updated the file with a fresh copy, set your authentication configuration options to their desired value based on your old configuration file. If you were using the typical, Eloquent based authentication services available in Laravel 5.1, most values should remain the same.

Take special note of the `passwords.users.email` configuration option in the new `auth.php` configuration file and verify that the view path matches the actual view path for your application, as the default path to this view was changed in Laravel 5.2. If the default value in the new configuration file does not match your existing view, update the configuration option.

Contracts

If you are implementing the `Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\Authenticatable` contract but are **not** using the `Authenticatable` trait, you should add a new `getAuthIdentifierName` method to your contract implementation. Typically, this method will return the column name of the “primary key” of your authenticatable entity. For example: `id`.

This is unlikely to affect your application unless you were manually implementing this interface.

Custom Drivers

If you are using the `Auth::extend` method to define a custom method of retrieving users, you should now use `Auth::provider` to define your custom user provider. Once you have defined the custom provider, you may configure it in the `providers` array of your new `auth.php` configuration file.

For more information on custom authentication providers, consult the [full authentication documentation](#).

Redirection

The `loginPath()` method has been removed from `Illuminate\Foundation\Auth\AuthenticatesUsers`, so placing a `$loginPath` variable in your `AuthController` is no longer required. By default, the trait will always redirect users back to their previous location on authentication errors.

Authorization

The `Illuminate\Auth\Access\UnauthorizedException` has been renamed to `Illuminate\Auth\Access\AuthorizationException`. This is unlikely to affect your application if you are not manually catching this exception.

Collections

Eloquent Base Collections

The Eloquent collection instance now returns a base `Collection` (`Illuminate\Support\Collection`) for the following methods: `pluck`, `keys`, `zip`, `collapse`, `flatten`, `flip`.

Key Preservation

The `slice`, `chunk`, and `reverse` methods now preserve keys on the collection. If you do not want these methods to preserve keys, use the `values` method on the `Collection` instance.

Composer Class

The `Illuminate\Foundation\Composer` class has been moved to `Illuminate\Support\Composer`. This is unlikely to affect your application if you were not manually using this class.

Commands And Handlers

Self-Handling Commands

You no longer need to implement the `SelfHandling` contract on your jobs / commands. All jobs are now self-handling by default, so you can remove this interface from your classes.

Separate Commands & Handlers

The Laravel 5.2 command bus now only supports self-handling commands and no longer supports separate commands and handlers.

If you would like to continue using separate commands and handlers, you may install a Laravel Collective package which provides backwards-compatible support for this: <https://github.com/LaravelCollective/bus>¹³

Configuration

Environment Value

Add an `env` configuration option to your `app.php` configuration file that looks like the following:

```
1 'env' => env('APP_ENV', 'production'),
```

Caching And Env

If you are using the `config:cache` command during deployment, you **must** make sure that you are only calling the `env` function from within your configuration files, and not from anywhere else in your application.

If you are calling `env` from within your application, it is strongly recommended you add proper configuration values to your configuration files and call `env` from that location instead, allowing you to convert your `env` calls to `config` calls.

¹³<https://github.com/laravelcollective/bus>

Compiled Classes

If present, remove the following lines from `config/compile.php` in the `files` array:

```
1 realpath(__DIR__.'/../app/Providers/BusServiceProvider.php'),  
2 realpath(__DIR__.'/../app/Providers/ConfigServiceProvider.php'),
```

Not doing so can trigger an error when running `php artisan optimize` if the service providers listed here do not exist.

CSRF Verification

CSRF verification is no longer automatically performed when running unit tests. This is unlikely to affect your application.

Database

MySQL Dates

Starting with MySQL 5.7, `0000-00-00 00:00:00` is no longer considered a valid date, since `strict` mode is enabled by default. All timestamp columns should receive a valid default value when you insert records into your database. You may use the `useCurrent` method in your migrations to default the timestamp columns to the current timestamps, or you may make the timestamps nullable to allow null values:

```
1 $table->timestamp('foo')->nullable();  
2  
3 $table->timestamp('foo')->useCurrent();  
4  
5 $table->nullableTimestamps();
```

MySQL JSON Column Type

The `json` column type now creates actual JSON columns when used by the MySQL driver. If you are not running MySQL 5.7 or above, this column type will not be available to you. Instead, use the `text` column type in your migration.

Seeding

When running database seeds, all Eloquent models are now unguarded by default. Previously a call to `Model::unguard()` was required. You can call `Model::reguard()` at the top of your `DatabaseSeeder` class if you would like models to be guarded during seeding.

Eloquent

Date Casts

Any attributes that have been added to your `$casts` property as `date` or `datetime` will now be converted to a string when `toArray` is called on the model or collection of models. This makes the date casting conversion consistent with dates specified in your `$dates` array.

Global Scopes

The global scopes implementation has been re-written to be much easier to use. Your global scopes no longer need a `remove` method, so it may be removed from any global scopes you have written.

If you were calling `getQuery` on an Eloquent query builder to access the underlying query builder instance, you should now call `toBase`.

If you were calling the `remove` method directly for any reason, you should change this call to `$eloquentBuilder->withoutGlobalScope($scope)`.

New methods `withoutGlobalScope` and `withoutGlobalScopes` have been added to the Eloquent query builder. Any calls to `$model->removeGlobalScopes($builder)` may be changed to simply `$builder->withoutGlobalScopes()`.

Primary keys

By default, Eloquent assumes your primary keys are integers and will automatically cast them to integers. For any primary key that is not an integer you should override the `$incrementing` property on your Eloquent model to `false`:

```
1  /**
2   * Indicates if the IDs are auto-incrementing.
3   *
4   * @var bool
5   */
6  public $incrementing = true;
```

Events

Core Event Objects

Some of the core events fired by Laravel now use event objects instead of string event names and dynamic parameters. Below is a list of the old event names and their new object based counterparts:

Old	New
artisan.start	Illuminate\Console\Events\ArtisanStarting
auth.attempting	Illuminate\Auth\Events\Attempting
auth.login	Illuminate\Auth\Events>Login
auth.logout	Illuminate\Auth\Events\Logout
cache.missed	Illuminate\Cache\Events\CacheMissed
cache.hit	Illuminate\Cache\Events\CacheHit
cache.write	Illuminate\Cache\Events\KeyWritten
cache.delete	Illuminate\Cache\Events\KeyForgotten
connection.{name}.beginTransaction	Illuminate\Database\Events\TransactionBeginning
connection.{name}.committed	Illuminate\Database\Events\TransactionCommitted
connection.{name}.rollingBack	Illuminate\Database\Events\TransactionRollingBack
illuminate.query	Illuminate\Database\Events\QueryExecuted
illuminate.queue.before	Illuminate\Queue\Events\JobProcessing
illuminate.queue.after	Illuminate\Queue\Events\JobProcessed
illuminate.queue.failed	Illuminate\Queue\Events\JobFailed
illuminate.queue.stopping	Illuminate\Queue\Events\WorkerStopping
mailer.sending	Illuminate\Mail\Events\MessageSending
router.matched	Illuminate\Routing\Events\RouteMatched

Each of these event objects contains **exactly** the same parameters that were passed to the event handler in Laravel 5.1. For example, if you were using `DB::listen` in 5.1., *you may update your code like so for 5.2.:*

```
1 DB::listen(function ($event) {
2     dump($event->sql);
3     dump($event->bindings);
4 });
```

You may check out each of the new event object classes to see their public properties.

Exception Handling

Your `App\Exceptions\Handler` class' `$dontReport` property should be updated to include at least the following exception types:

```
1 use Illuminate\Validation\ValidationException;
2 use Illuminate\Auth\Access\AuthorizationException;
3 use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\ModelNotFoundException;
4 use Symfony\Component\HttpKernel\Exception\HttpException;
5
6 /**
7  * A list of the exception types that should not be reported.
8  *
9  * @var array
10 */
11 protected $dontReport = [
12     AuthorizationException::class,
13     HttpException::class,
14     ModelNotFoundException::class,
15     ValidationException::class,
16 ];
```

Helper Functions

The `url()` helper function now returns a `Illuminate\Routing\UrlGenerator` instance when no path is provided.

Implicit Model Binding

Laravel 5.2 includes “implicit model binding”, a convenient new feature to automatically inject model instances into routes and controllers based on the identifier present in the URI. However, this does change the behavior of routes and controllers that type-hint model instances.

If you were type-hinting a model instance in your route or controller and were expecting an **empty** model instance to be injected, you should remove this type-hint and create an empty model instance directly within your route or controller; otherwise, Laravel will attempt to retrieve an existing model instance from the database based on the identifier present in the route’s URI.

IronMQ

The IronMQ queue driver has been moved into its own package and is no longer shipped with the core framework.

<http://github.com/LaravelCollective/iron-queue>¹⁴

¹⁴<http://github.com/laravelcollective/iron-queue>

Jobs / Queue

The `php artisan make:job` command now creates a “queued” job class definition by default. If you would like to create a “sync” job, use the `--sync` option when issuing the command.

Mail

The `pretend` mail configuration option has been removed. Instead, use the `log` mail driver, which performs the same function as `pretend` and logs even more information about the mail message.

Pagination

To be consistent with other URLs generated by the framework, the paginator URLs no longer contain a trailing slash. This is unlikely to affect your application.

Service Providers

The `Illuminate\Foundation\Providers\ArtisanServiceProvider` should be removed from your service provider list in your `app.php` configuration file.

The `Illuminate\Routing\ControllerServiceProvider` should be removed from your service provider list in your `app.php` configuration file.

Sessions

Because of changes to the authentication system, any existing sessions will be invalidated when you upgrade to Laravel 5.2.

Database Session Driver

A new database session driver has been written for the framework which includes more information about the user such as their user ID, IP address, and user-agent. If you would like to continue using the old driver you may specify the `legacy-database` driver in your `session.php` configuration file.

If you would like to use the new driver, you should add the `user_id` (nullable integer), `ip_address` (nullable string), and `user_agent` (text) columns to your session database table.

Stringy

The “Stringy” library is no longer included with the framework. You may install it manually via Composer if you wish to use it in your application.

Validation

Exception Types

The `ValidatesRequests` trait now throws an instance of `Illuminate\Foundation\Validation\ValidationException` instead of throwing an instance of `Illuminate\Http\Exception\HttpResponseException`. This is unlikely to affect your application unless you were manually catching this exception.

Deprecations

The following features are deprecated in 5.2 and will be removed in the 5.3 release in June 2016:

- `Illuminate\Contracts\Bus\SelfHandling` contract. Can be removed from jobs.
- The `lists` method on the `Collection`, query builder and Eloquent query builder objects has been renamed to `pluck`. The method signature remains the same.
- Implicit controller routes using `Route::controller` have been deprecated. Please use explicit route registration in your routes file. This will likely be extracted into a package.
- The `get`, `post`, and other route helper functions have been removed. You may use the `Route` facade instead.
- The database session driver from 5.1 has been renamed to `legacy-database` and will be removed. Consult notes on the “database session driver” above for more information.
- The `Str::randomBytes` function has been deprecated in favor of the `random_bytes` native PHP function.
- The `Str::equals` function has been deprecated in favor of the `hash_equals` native PHP function.
- `Illuminate\View\Expression` has been deprecated in favor of `Illuminate\Support\HtmlString`.
- The `WinCacheStore` cache driver has been removed.

Upgrading To 5.1.11 {#upgrade-upgrade-5.1.11}

Laravel 5.1.11 includes support for [authorization](#) and [policies](#). Incorporating these new features into your existing Laravel 5.1 applications is simple.



Note: These upgrades are **optional**, and ignoring them will not affect your application.

Create The Policies Directory

First, create an empty `app/Policies` directory within your application.

Create / Register The AuthServiceProvider & Gate Facade

Create a `AuthServiceProvider` within your `app/Providers` directory. You may copy the contents of the default provider [from GitHub¹⁵](#). Remember to change the provider's namespace if your application is using a custom namespace. After creating the provider, be sure to register it in your `app.php` configuration file's `providers` array.

Also, you should register the Gate facade in your `app.php` configuration file's `aliases` array:

```
1 'Gate' => Illuminate\Support\Facades\Gate::class,
```

Update The User Model

Secondly, use the `Illuminate\Foundation\Auth\Access\Authorizable` trait and `Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\Access\Authorizable` contract on your `App\User` model:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Auth\Authenticatable;
6  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
7  use Illuminate\Auth\Passwords\CanResetPassword;
8  use Illuminate\Foundation\Auth\Access\Authorizable;
9  use Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\Authenticatable as AuthenticatableContract;
10 use Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\Access\Authorizable as AuthorizableContract;
11 use Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\CanResetPassword as CanResetPasswordContract;
12
13 class User extends Model implements AuthenticatableContract,
14                                     AuthorizableContract,
15                                     CanResetPasswordContract
16 {
17     use Authenticatable, Authorizable, CanResetPassword;
18 }
```

Update The Base Controller

Next, update your base `App\Http\Controllers\Controller` controller to use the `Illuminate\Foundation\Auth\Access\Authorizable` trait:

¹⁵<https://raw.githubusercontent.com/laravel/laravel/master/app/Providers/AuthServiceProvider.php>


```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use Illuminate\Foundation\Bus\DispatchesJobs;
6  use Illuminate\Routing\Controller as BaseController;
7  use Illuminate\Foundation\Validation\ValidatesRequests;
8  use Illuminate\Foundation\Auth\Access\AuthorizesRequests;
9
10 abstract class Controller extends BaseController
11 {
12     use AuthorizesRequests, DispatchesJobs, ValidatesRequests;
13 }
```

Upgrading To 5.1.0 {#upgrade-upgrade-5.1.0}

Estimated Upgrade Time: Less Than 1 Hour

Update bootstrap/autoload.php

Update the `$compiledPath` variable in `bootstrap/autoload.php` to the following:

```
1  $compiledPath = __DIR__.'/cache/compiled.php';
```

Create bootstrap/cache Directory

Within your bootstrap directory, create a cache directory (`bootstrap/cache`). Place a `.gitignore` file in this directory with the following contents:

```
1  *
2  !.gitignore
```

This directory should be writable, and will be used by the framework to store temporary optimization files like `compiled.php`, `routes.php`, `config.php`, and `services.json`.

Add BroadcastServiceProvider Provider

Within your `config/app.php` configuration file, add `Illuminate\Broadcasting\BroadcastServiceProvider` to the `providers` array.

Authentication

If you are using the provided `AuthController` which uses the `AuthenticatesAndRegistersUsers` trait, you will need to make a few changes to how new users are validated and created.

First, you no longer need to pass the `Guard` and `Registrar` instances to the base constructor. You can remove these dependencies entirely from your controller's constructor.

Secondly, the `App\Services\Registrar` class used in Laravel 5.0 is no longer needed. You can simply copy and paste your `validator` and `create` method from this class directly into your `AuthController`. No other changes should need to be made to these methods; however, you should be sure to import the `Validator` facade and your `User` model at the top of your `AuthController`.

Password Controller

The included `PasswordController` no longer requires any dependencies in its constructor. You may remove both of the dependencies that were required under 5.0.

Validation

If you are overriding the `formatValidationErrors` method on your base controller class, you should now type-hint the `Illuminate\Contracts\Validation\Validator` contract instead of the concrete `Illuminate\Validation\Validator` instance.

Likewise, if you are overriding the `formatErrors` method on the base form request class, you should now type-hint `Illuminate\Contracts\Validation\Validator` contract instead of the concrete `Illuminate\Validation\Validator` instance.

Migrations

If you have any migrations that rename a column or any migrations that drop columns from a SQLite database, you will need to add the `doctrine/dbal` dependency to your `composer.json` file and run the `composer update` command in your terminal to install the library.

Eloquent

The `create` Method

Eloquent's `create` method can now be called without any parameters. If you are overriding the `create` method in your own models, set the default value of the `$attributes` parameter to an array:

```
1 public static function create(array $attributes = [])
2 {
3     // Your custom implementation
4 }
```

The find Method

If you are overriding the `find` method in your own models and calling `parent::find()` within your custom method, you should now change it to call the `find` method on the Eloquent query builder:

```
1 public static function find($id, $columns = ['*'])
2 {
3     $model = static::query()->find($id, $columns);
4
5     // ...
6
7     return $model;
8 }
```

The lists Method

The `lists` method now returns a `Collection` instance instead of a plain array for Eloquent queries. If you would like to convert the `Collection` into a plain array, use the `all` method:

```
1 User::lists('id')->all();
```

Be aware that the Query Builder `lists` method still returns an array.

Date Formatting

Previously, the storage format for Eloquent date fields could be modified by overriding the `getDateFormat` method on your model. This is still possible; however, for convenience you may simply specify a `$dateFormat` property on the model instead of overriding the method.

The date format is also now applied when serializing a model to an array or JSON. This may change the format of your JSON serialized date fields when migrating from Laravel 5.0 to 5.1. To set a specific

date format for serialized models, you may override the `serializeDate(DateTime $date)` method on your model. This method allows you to have granular control over the formatting of serialized Eloquent date fields without changing their storage format.

The Collection Class

The `sort` Method

The `sort` method now returns a fresh collection instance instead of modifying the existing collection:

```
1 $collection = $collection->sort($callback);
```

The `sortBy` Method

The `sortBy` method now returns a fresh collection instance instead of modifying the existing collection:

```
1 $collection = $collection->sortBy('name');
```

The `groupBy` Method

The `groupBy` method now returns `Collection` instances for each item in the parent `Collection`. If you would like to convert all of the items back to plain arrays, you may map over them:

```
1 $collection->groupBy('type')->map(function($item)
2 {
3     return $item->all();
4 });
```

The `lists` Method

The `lists` method now returns a `Collection` instance instead of a plain array. If you would like to convert the `Collection` into a plain array, use the `all` method:

```
1 $collection->lists('id')->all();
```

Commands & Handlers

The `app/Commands` directory has been renamed to `app/Jobs`. However, you are not required to move all of your commands to the new location, and you may continue using the `make:command` and `handler:command` Artisan commands to generate your classes.

Likewise, the `app/Handlers` directory has been renamed to `app/Listeners` and now only contains event listeners. However, you are not required to move or rename your existing command and event handlers, and you may continue to use the `handler:event` command to generate event handlers.

By providing backwards compatibility for the Laravel 5.0 folder structure, you may upgrade your applications to Laravel 5.1 and slowly upgrade your events and commands to their new locations when it is convenient for you or your team.

Blade

The `createMatcher`, `createOpenMatcher`, and `createPlainMatcher` methods have been removed from the Blade compiler. Use the new `directive` method to create custom directives for Blade in Laravel 5.1. Consult the [extending blade](#) documentation for more information.

Tests

Add the protected `$baseUrl` property to the `tests/TestCase.php` file:

```
1 protected $baseUrl = 'http://localhost';
```

Translation Files

The default directory for published language files for vendor packages has been moved. Move any vendor package language files from `resources/lang/packages/{locale}/{namespace}` to `resources/lang/vendor/{namespace}/{locale}` directory. For example, Acme/Anvil package's `acme/anvil::foo` namespaced English language file would be moved from `resources/lang/packages/en/acme/anvil/foo.php` to `resources/lang/vendor/acme/anvil/en/foo.php`.

Amazon Web Services SDK

If you are using the AWS SQS queue driver or the AWS SES e-mail driver, you should update your installed AWS PHP SDK to version 3.0.

If you are using the Amazon S3 filesystem driver, you will need to update the corresponding Flysystem package via Composer:

- Amazon S3: `league/flysystem-aws-s3-v3` ~1.0

Deprecations

The following Laravel features have been deprecated and will be removed entirely with the release of Laravel 5.2 in December 2015:

<div class="content-list" markdown="1"> - Route filters have been deprecated in preference of [middleware](#). - The `Illuminate\Contracts\Routing\Middleware` contract has been deprecated. No contract is required on your middleware. In addition, the `TerminableMiddleware` contract has also been deprecated. Instead of implementing the interface, simply define a `terminate` method on your middleware. - The `Illuminate\Contracts\Queue\ShouldBeQueued` contract has been deprecated in favor of `Illuminate\Contracts\Queue\ShouldQueue`. - Iron.io “push queues” have been deprecated in favor of typical Iron.io queues and [queue listeners](#). - The `Illuminate\Foundation\Bus\DispatchesCommands` trait has been deprecated and renamed to `Illuminate\Foundation\Bus\DispatchesJobs`. - `Illuminate\Container\BindingResolutionException` has been moved to `Illuminate\Contracts\Container\BindingResolutionException`. - The service container’s `bindShared` method has been deprecated in favor of the `singleton` method. - The Eloquent and query builder `pluck` method has been deprecated and renamed to `value`. - The collection `fetch` method has been deprecated in favor of the `pluck` method. - The `array_fetch` helper has been deprecated in favor of the `array_pluck` method. </div>

Upgrading To 5.0.16 {#upgrade-upgrade-5.0.16}

In your `bootstrap/autoload.php` file, update the `$compiledPath` variable to:

```
1 $compiledPath = __DIR__.'/../vendor/compiled.php';
```

Service Providers

The `App\Providers\BusServiceProvider` may be removed from your service provider list in your `app.php` configuration file.

The `App\Providers\ConfigServiceProvider` may be removed from your service provider list in your `app.php` configuration file.

Upgrading To 5.0 From 4.2 {#upgrade-upgrade-5.0}

Fresh Install, Then Migrate

The recommended method of upgrading is to create a new Laravel 5.0 install and then to copy your 4.2 site's unique application files into the new application. This would include controllers, routes, Eloquent models, Artisan commands, assets, and other code specific files to your application.

To start, [install a new Laravel 5.0 application](#) into a fresh directory in your local environment. Do not install any versions newer than 5.0 yet, since we need to complete the migration steps for 5.0 first. We'll discuss each piece of the migration process in further detail below.

Composer Dependencies & Packages

Don't forget to copy any additional Composer dependencies into your 5.0 application. This includes third-party code such as SDKs.

Some Laravel-specific packages may not be compatible with Laravel 5 on initial release. Check with your package's maintainer to determine the proper version of the package for Laravel 5. Once you have added any additional Composer dependencies your application needs, run `composer update`.

Namespacing

By default, Laravel 4 applications did not utilize namespacing within your application code. So, for example, all Eloquent models and controllers simply lived in the "global" namespace. For a quicker migration, you can simply leave these classes in the global namespace in Laravel 5 as well.

Configuration

Migrating Environment Variables

Copy the new `.env.example` file to `.env`, which is the 5.0 equivalent of the old `.env.php` file. Set any appropriate values there, like your `APP_ENV` and `APP_KEY` (your encryption key), your database credentials, and your cache and session drivers.

Additionally, copy any custom values you had in your old `.env.php` file and place them in both `.env` (the real value for your local environment) and `.env.example` (a sample instructional value for other team members).

For more information on environment configuration, view the [full documentation](#).



Note: You will need to place the appropriate `.env` file and values on your production server before deploying your Laravel 5 application.

Configuration Files

Laravel 5.0 no longer uses `app/config/{environmentName}/` directories to provide specific configuration files for a given environment. Instead, move any configuration values that vary by environment into `.env`, and then access them in your configuration files using `env('key', 'default value')`. You will see examples of this in the `config/database.php` configuration file.

Set the config files in the `config/` directory to represent either the values that are consistent across all of your environments, or set them to use `env()` to load values that vary by environment.

Remember, if you add more keys to `.env` file, add sample values to the `.env.example` file as well. This will help your other team members create their own `.env` files.

Routes

Copy and paste your old `routes.php` file into your new `app/Http/routes.php`.

Controllers

Next, move all of your controllers into the `app/Http/Controllers` directory. Since we are not going to migrate to full namespacing in this guide, add the `app/Http/Controllers` directory to the `classmap` directive of your `composer.json` file. Next, you can remove the namespace from the abstract `app/Http/Controllers/Controller.php` base class. Verify that your migrated controllers are extending this base class.

In your `app/Providers/RouteServiceProvider.php` file, set the namespace property to `null`.

Route Filters

Copy your filter bindings from `app/filters.php` and place them into the `boot()` method of `app/Providers/RouteServiceProvider.php`. Add `use Illuminate\Support\Facades\Route;` in the `app/Providers/RouteServiceProvider.php` in order to continue using the Route Facade.

You do not need to move over any of the default Laravel 4.0 filters such as `auth` and `csrf`; they're all here, but as middleware. Edit any routes or controllers that reference the old default filters (e.g. `['before' => 'auth']`) and change them to reference the new middleware (e.g. `['middleware' => 'auth']`.)

Filters are not removed in Laravel 5. You can still bind and use your own custom filters using `before` and `after`.

Global CSRF

By default, [CSRF protection](#) is enabled on all routes. If you'd like to disable this, or only manually enable it on certain routes, remove this line from `App\Http\Kernel`'s `middleware` array:

```
1 'App\Http\Middleware\VerifyCsrfToken',
```

If you want to use it elsewhere, add this line to `$routeMiddleware`:

```
1 'csrf' => 'App\Http\Middleware\VerifyCsrfToken',
```

Now you can add the middleware to individual routes / controllers using `['middleware' => 'csrf']` on the route. For more information on middleware, consult the [full documentation](#).

Eloquent Models

Feel free to create a new `app/Models` directory to house your Eloquent models. Again, add this directory to the `classmap` directive of your `composer.json` file.

Update any models using `SoftDeletingTrait` to use `Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\SoftDeletes`.

Eloquent Caching

Eloquent no longer provides the `remember` method for caching queries. You now are responsible for caching your queries manually using the `Cache::remember` function. For more information on caching, consult the [full documentation](#).

User Authentication Model

To upgrade your `User` model for Laravel 5's authentication system, follow these instructions:

Delete the following from your `use` block:

```
1 use Illuminate\Auth\UserInterface;  
2 use Illuminate\Auth\Reminders\RemindableInterface;
```

Add the following to your `use` block:

```
1 use Illuminate\Auth\Authenticatable;
2 use Illuminate\Auth\Passwords\CanResetPassword;
3 use Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\Authenticatable as AuthenticatableContract;
4 use Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\CanResetPassword as CanResetPasswordContract;
```

Remove the `BuilderInterface` and `RemindableInterface` interfaces.

Mark the class as implementing the following interfaces:

```
1 implements AuthenticatableContract, CanResetPasswordContract
```

Include the following traits within the class declaration:

```
1 use Authenticatable, CanResetPassword;
```

If you used them, remove `Illuminate\Auth\Reminders\RemindableTrait` and `Illuminate\Auth\UserTrait` from your use block and your class declaration.

Cashier User Changes

The name of the trait and interface used by [Laravel Cashier](#) has changed. Instead of using `BillableTrait`, use the `Laravel\Cashier\Billable` trait. And, instead of `Laravel\Cashier\BillableInterface` implement the `Laravel\Cashier\Contracts\Billable` interface instead. No other method changes are required.

Artisan Commands

Move all of your command classes from your old `app/commands` directory to the new `app/Console/Commands` directory. Next, add the `app/Console/Commands` directory to the `classmap` directive of your `composer.json` file.

Then, copy your list of Artisan commands from `start/artisan.php` into the `commands` array of the `app/Console/Kernel.php` file.

Database Migrations & Seeds

Delete the two migrations included with Laravel 5.0, since you should already have the `users` table in your database.

Move all of your migration classes from the old `app/database/migrations` directory to the new `database/migrations`. All of your seeds should be moved from `app/database/seeds` to `database/seeds`.

Global IoC Bindings

If you have any [service container](#) bindings in `start/global.php`, move them all to the `register` method of the `app/Providers/AppServiceProvider.php` file. You may need to import the `App` facade.

Optionally, you may break these bindings up into separate service providers by category.

Views

Move your views from `app/views` to the new `resources/views` directory.

Blade Tag Changes

For better security by default, Laravel 5.0 escapes all output from both the `{{ }}` and `{{{ }}}` Blade directives. A new `{!! !!}` directive has been introduced to display raw, unescaped output. The most secure option when upgrading your application is to only use the new `{!! !!}` directive when you are **certain** that it is safe to display raw output.

However, if you **must** use the old Blade syntax, add the following lines at the bottom of `AppServiceProvider@register`:

```
1 \Blade::setRawTags('{{', '}}');
2 \Blade::setContentTags('{{{', '}}}');
3 \Blade::setEscapedContentTags('{{{', '}}}');
```

This should not be done lightly, and may make your application more vulnerable to XSS exploits. Also, comments with `{ { - - }` will no longer work.

Translation Files

Move your language files from `app/lang` to the new `resources/lang` directory.

Public Directory

Copy your application's public assets from your 4.2 application's `public` directory to your new application's `public` directory. Be sure to keep the 5.0 version of `index.php`.

Tests

Move your tests from `app/tests` to the new `tests` directory.

Misc. Files

Copy in any other files in your project. For example, `.scrutinizer.yml`, `bower.json` and other similar tooling configuration files.

You may move your Sass, Less, or CoffeeScript to any location you wish. The `resources/assets` directory could be a good default location.

Form & HTML Helpers

If you're using Form or HTML helpers, you will see an error stating class `'Form'` not found or class `'Html'` not found. The Form and HTML helpers have been deprecated in Laravel 5.0; however, there are community-driven replacements such as those maintained by the [Laravel Collective](http://laravelcollective.com/docs/5.0/html)¹⁶.

For example, you may add `"laravelcollective/html": "~5.0"` to your `composer.json` file's require section.

You'll also need to add the Form and HTML facades and service provider. Edit `config/app.php` and add this line to the `'providers'` array:

```
1 'Collective\Html\HtmlServiceProvider',
```

Next, add these lines to the `'aliases'` array:

```
1 'Form' => 'Collective\Html\FormFacade',
2 'Html' => 'Collective\Html\HtmlFacade',
```

CacheManager

If your application code was injecting `Illuminate\Cache\CacheManager` to get a non-Facade version of Laravel's cache, inject `Illuminate\Contracts\Cache\Repository` instead.

Pagination

Replace any calls to `$paginator->links()` with `$paginator->render()`.

¹⁶<http://laravelcollective.com/docs/5.0/html>

Replace any calls to `$paginator->getFrom()` and `$paginator->getTo()` with `$paginator->firstItem()` and `$paginator->lastItem()` respectively.

Remove the “get” prefix from calls to `$paginator->getPerPage()`, `$paginator->getCurrentPage()`, `$paginator->getLastPage()` and `$paginator->getTotal()` (e.g. `$paginator->perPage()`).

Beanstalk Queuing

Laravel 5.0 now requires "pda/pheanstalk": "~3.0" instead of "pda/pheanstalk": "~2.1".

Remote

The Remote component has been deprecated.

Workbench

The Workbench component has been deprecated.

Upgrading To 4.2 From 4.1

PHP 5.4+

Laravel 4.2 requires PHP 5.4.0 or greater.

Encryption Defaults

Add a new `cipher` option in your `app/config/app.php` configuration file. The value of this option should be `MCRYPT_RIJNDAEL_256`.

```
1 'cipher' => MCRYPT_RIJNDAEL_256
```

This setting may be used to control the default cipher used by the Laravel encryption facilities.



Note: In Laravel 4.2, the default cipher is `MCRYPT_RIJNDAEL_128` (AES), which is considered to be the most secure cipher. Changing the cipher back to `MCRYPT_RIJNDAEL_256` is required to decrypt cookies/values that were encrypted in Laravel `<= 4.1`

Soft Deleting Models Now Use Traits

If you are using soft deleting models, the `softDeletes` property has been removed. You must now use the `SoftDeletingTrait` like so:

```
1 use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\SoftDeletingTrait;
2
3 class User extends Eloquent
4 {
5     use SoftDeletingTrait;
6 }
```

You must also manually add the `deleted_at` column to your `dates` property:

```
1 class User extends Eloquent
2 {
3     use SoftDeletingTrait;
4
5     protected $dates = ['deleted_at'];
6 }
```

The API for all soft delete operations remains the same.



Note: The `SoftDeletingTrait` can not be applied on a base model. It must be used on an actual model class.

View / Pagination Environment Renamed

If you are directly referencing the `Illuminate\View\Environment` class or `Illuminate\Pagination\Environment` class, update your code to reference `Illuminate\View\Factory` and `Illuminate\Pagination\Factory` instead. These two classes have been renamed to better reflect their function.

Additional Parameter On Pagination Presenter

If you are extending the `Illuminate\Pagination\Presenter` class, the abstract method `get-PagelinkWrapper` signature has changed to add the `rel` argument:

```
1 abstract public function getPageLinkWrapper($url, $page, $rel = null);
```

Iron.io Queue Encryption

If you are using the Iron.io queue driver, you will need to add a new `encrypt` option to your queue configuration file:

```
1 'encrypt' => true
```

Upgrading To 4.1.29 From <= 4.1.x

Laravel 4.1.29 improves the column quoting for all database drivers. This protects your application from some mass assignment vulnerabilities when **not** using the `fillable` property on models. If you are using the `fillable` property on your models to protect against mass assignment, your application is not vulnerable. However, if you are using `guarded` and are passing a user controlled array into an “update” or “save” type function, you should upgrade to 4.1.29 immediately as your application may be at risk of mass assignment.

To upgrade to Laravel 4.1.29, simply `composer update`. No breaking changes are introduced in this release.

Upgrading To 4.1.26 From <= 4.1.25

Laravel 4.1.26 introduces security improvements for “remember me” cookies. Before this update, if a remember cookie was hijacked by another malicious user, the cookie would remain valid for a long period of time, even after the true owner of the account reset their password, logged out, etc.

This change requires the addition of a new `remember_token` column to your users (or equivalent) database table. After this change, a fresh token will be assigned to the user each time they login to your application. The token will also be refreshed when the user logs out of the application. The implications of this change are: if a “remember me” cookie is hijacked, simply logging out of the application will invalidate the cookie.

Upgrade Path

First, add a new, nullable `remember_token` of `VARCHAR(100)`, `TEXT`, or equivalent to your users table.

Next, if you are using the Eloquent authentication driver, update your `User` class with the following three methods:

```
1 public function getRememberToken()
2 {
3     return $this->remember_token;
4 }
5
6 public function setRememberToken($value)
7 {
8     $this->remember_token = $value;
9 }
10
11 public function getRememberTokenName()
12 {
13     return 'remember_token';
14 }
```



Note: All existing “remember me” sessions will be invalidated by this change, so all users will be forced to re-authenticate with your application.

Package Maintainers

Two new methods were added to the `Illuminate\Auth\UserProviderInterface` interface. Sample implementations may be found in the default drivers:

```
1 public function retrieveByToken($identifier, $token);
2
3 public function updateRememberToken(UserInterface $user, $token);
```

The `Illuminate\Auth\UserInterface` also received the three new methods described in the “Upgrade Path”.

Upgrading To 4.1 From 4.0

Upgrading Your Composer Dependency

To upgrade your application to Laravel 4.1, change your `laravel/framework` version to `4.1.*` in your `composer.json` file.

Replacing Files

Replace your `public/index.php` file with [this fresh copy from the repository](#)¹⁷.

Replace your `artisan` file with [this fresh copy from the repository](#)¹⁸.

Adding Configuration Files & Options

Update your `aliases` and `providers` arrays in your `app/config/app.php` configuration file. The updated values for these arrays can be found [in this file](#)¹⁹. Be sure to add your custom and package service providers / aliases back to the arrays.

Add the new `app/config/remote.php` file [from the repository](#)²⁰.

Add the new `expire_on_close` configuration option to your `app/config/session.php` file. The default value should be `false`.

Add the new `failed` configuration section to your `app/config/queue.php` file. Here are the default values for the section:

```
1 'failed' => [  
2     'database' => 'mysql', 'table' => 'failed_jobs',  
3 ],
```

(Optional) Update the pagination configuration option in your `app/config/view.php` file to `pagination::slider-3`.

Controller Updates

If `app/controllers/BaseController.php` has a `use` statement at the top, change `use Illuminate\Routing\Controllers\Controller;` to `use Illuminate\Routing\Controller;`.

¹⁷<https://github.com/laravel/laravel/blob/v4.1.0/public/index.php>

¹⁸<https://github.com/laravel/laravel/blob/v4.1.0/artisan>

¹⁹<https://github.com/laravel/laravel/blob/v4.1.0/app/config/app.php>

²⁰<https://github.com/laravel/laravel/blob/v4.1.0/app/config/remote.php>

Password Reminders Updates

Password reminders have been overhauled for greater flexibility. You may examine the new stub controller by running the `php artisan auth:reminders-controller` Artisan command. You may also browse the [updated documentation](#) and update your application accordingly.

Update your `app/lang/en/reminders.php` language file to match [this updated file](#)²¹.

Environment Detection Updates

For security reasons, URL domains may no longer be used to detect your application environment. These values are easily spoofable and allow attackers to modify the environment for a request. You should convert your environment detection to use machine host names (`hostname` command on Mac, Linux, and Windows).

Simpler Log Files

Laravel now generates a single log file: `app/storage/logs/laravel.log`. However, you may still configure this behavior in your `app/start/global.php` file.

Removing Redirect Trailing Slash

In your `bootstrap/start.php` file, remove the call to `$app->redirectIfTrailingSlash()`. This method is no longer needed as this functionality is now handled by the `.htaccess` file included with the framework.

Next, replace your Apache `.htaccess` file with [this new one](#)²² that handles trailing slashes.

Current Route Access

The current route is now accessed via `Route::current()` instead of `Route::getCurrentRoute()`.

Composer Update

Once you have completed the changes above, you can run the `composer update` function to update your core application files! If you receive class load errors, try running the update command with the `--no-scripts` option enabled like so: `composer update --no-scripts`.

Wildcard Event Listeners

The wildcard event listeners no longer append the event to your handler functions parameters. If you require finding the event that was fired you should use `Event::firing()`.

²¹<https://github.com/laravel/laravel/blob/v4.1.0/app/lang/en/reminders.php>

²²<https://github.com/laravel/laravel/blob/v4.1.0/public/.htaccess>

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Bug Reports

To encourage active collaboration, Laravel strongly encourages pull requests, not just bug reports. “Bug reports” may also be sent in the form of a pull request containing a failing test.

However, if you file a bug report, your issue should contain a title and a clear description of the issue. You should also include as much relevant information as possible and a code sample that demonstrates the issue. The goal of a bug report is to make it easy for yourself - and others - to replicate the bug and develop a fix.

Remember, bug reports are created in the hope that others with the same problem will be able to collaborate with you on solving it. Do not expect that the bug report will automatically see any activity or that others will jump to fix it. Creating a bug report serves to help yourself and others start on the path of fixing the problem.

The Laravel source code is managed on Github, and there are repositories for each of the Laravel projects:

- [Laravel Framework²³](#)
- [Laravel Application²⁴](#)
- [Laravel Documentation²⁵](#)
- [Laravel Cashier²⁶](#)
- [Laravel Cashier for Braintree²⁷](#)
- [Laravel Envoy²⁸](#)
- [Laravel Homestead²⁹](#)

²³<https://github.com/laravel/framework>

²⁴<https://github.com/laravel/laravel>

²⁵<https://github.com/laravel/docs>

²⁶<https://github.com/laravel/cashier>

²⁷<https://github.com/laravel/cashier-braintree>

²⁸<https://github.com/laravel/envoy>

²⁹<https://github.com/laravel/homestead>

- [Laravel Homestead Build Scripts](#)³⁰
- [Laravel Website](#)³¹
- [Laravel Art](#)³²

Core Development Discussion

You may propose new features or improvements of existing Laravel behavior in the [Laravel Internals issue board](#)³³. If you propose a new feature, please be willing to implement at least some of the code that would be needed to complete the feature.

Informal discussion regarding bugs, new features, and implementation of existing features takes place in the `#internals` channel of the [LaraChat](#)³⁴ Slack team. Taylor Otwell, the maintainer of Laravel, is typically present in the channel on weekdays from 8am-5pm (UTC-06:00 or America/Chicago), and sporadically present in the channel at other times.

Which Branch?

All bug fixes should be sent to the latest stable branch or to the current LTS branch (5.1). Bug fixes should **never** be sent to the `master` branch unless they fix features that exist only in the upcoming release.

Minor features that are **fully backwards compatible** with the current Laravel release may be sent to the latest stable branch.

Major new features should always be sent to the `master` branch, which contains the upcoming Laravel release.

If you are unsure if your feature qualifies as a major or minor, please ask Taylor Otwell in the `#internals` channel of the [LaraChat](#)³⁵ Slack team.

Security Vulnerabilities

If you discover a security vulnerability within Laravel, please send an e-mail to Taylor Otwell at taylor@laravel.com. All security vulnerabilities will be promptly addressed.

³⁰<https://github.com/laravel/settler>

³¹<https://github.com/laravel/laravel.com>

³²<https://github.com/laravel/art>

³³<https://github.com/laravel/internals/issues>

³⁴<http://larachat.co>

³⁵<http://larachat.co>

Coding Style

Laravel follows the [PSR-2³⁶](#) coding standard and the [PSR-4³⁷](#) autoloading standard.

PHPDoc

Below is an example of a valid Laravel documentation block. Note that the `@param` attribute is followed by two spaces, the argument type, two more spaces, and finally the variable name:

```
1  /**
2   * Register a binding with the container.
3   *
4   * @param string|array $abstract
5   * @param \Closure|string|null $concrete
6   * @param bool $shared
7   * @return void
8   */
9  public function bind($abstract, $concrete = null, $shared = false)
10 {
11     //
12 }
```

StyleCI

If your code style isn't perfect, don't worry! [StyleCI³⁸](#) will automatically merge any style fixes into the Laravel repository after any pull requests are merged. This allows us to focus on the content of the contribution and not the code style.

³⁶<https://github.com/php-fig/fig-standards/blob/master/accepted/PSR-2-coding-style-guide.md>

³⁷<https://github.com/php-fig/fig-standards/blob/master/accepted/PSR-4-autoloader.md>

³⁸<https://styleci.io/>

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Installation

Server Requirements

The Laravel framework has a few system requirements. Of course, all of these requirements are satisfied by the [Laravel Homestead](#) virtual machine, so it's highly recommended that you use Homestead as your local Laravel development environment.

However, if you are not using Homestead, you will need to make sure your server meets the following requirements:

<div class="content-list" markdown="1"> - PHP >= 5.6.4 - OpenSSL PHP Extension - PDO PHP Extension - Mbstring PHP Extension - Tokenizer PHP Extension </div>

Installing Laravel

Laravel utilizes [Composer](#)³⁹ to manage its dependencies. So, before using Laravel, make sure you have Composer installed on your machine.

Via Laravel Installer

First, download the Laravel installer using Composer:

```
1 composer global require "laravel/installer"
```

Make sure to place the `~/.composer/vendor/bin` directory (or the equivalent directory for your OS) in your `$PATH` so the `laravel` executable can be located by your system.

Once installed, the `laravel new` command will create a fresh Laravel installation in the directory you specify. For instance, `laravel new blog` will create a directory named `blog` containing a fresh Laravel installation with all of Laravel's dependencies already installed:

³⁹<http://getcomposer.org>

```
1 laravel new blog
```

Via Composer Create-Project

Alternatively, you may also install Laravel by issuing the Composer create-project command in your terminal:

```
1 composer create-project --prefer-dist laravel/laravel blog
```

Configuration

After installation, you should configure your application's document / web root to be the public directory.

All of the configuration files for the Laravel framework are stored in the config directory. Each option is documented, so feel free to look through the files and get familiar with the options available to you.

Directory Permissions

After installing Laravel, you may need to configure some permissions. Directories within the storage and the bootstrap/cache directories should be writable by your web server or Laravel will not run. If you are using the [Homestead](#) virtual machine, these permissions should already be set.

Application Key

The next thing you should do after installing Laravel is set your application key to a random string. If you installed Laravel via Composer or the Laravel installer, this key has already been set for you by the `php artisan key:generate` command. Typically, this string should be 32 characters long. The key can be set in the .env environment file. If you have not renamed the .env.example file to .env, you should do that now. **If the application key is not set, your user sessions and other encrypted data will not be secure!**

Additional Configuration

Laravel needs almost no other configuration out of the box. You are free to get started developing! However, you may wish to review the `config/app.php` file and its documentation. It contains several options such as `timezone` and `locale` that you may wish to change according to your application.

You may also want to configure a few additional components of Laravel, such as:

- [Cache](#)
- [Database](#)
- [Session](#)

Once Laravel is installed, you should also [configure your local environment](#).

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Introduction

All of the configuration files for the Laravel framework are stored in the `config` directory. Each option is documented, so feel free to look through the files and get familiar with the options available to you.

Accessing Configuration Values

You may easily access your configuration values using the global `config` helper function from anywhere in your application. The configuration values may be accessed using “dot” syntax, which includes the name of the file and option you wish to access. A default value may also be specified and will be returned if the configuration option does not exist:

```
1 $value = config('app.timezone');
```

To set configuration values at runtime, pass an array to the `config` helper:

```
1 config(['app.timezone' => 'America/Chicago']);
```

Environment Configuration

It is often helpful to have different configuration values based on the environment the application is running in. For example, you may wish to use a different cache driver locally than you do on your production server.

To make this a cinch, Laravel utilizes the [DotEnv](#)⁴⁰ PHP library by Vance Lucas. In a fresh Laravel installation, the root directory of your application will contain a `.env.example` file. If you install Laravel via Composer, this file will automatically be renamed to `.env`. Otherwise, you should rename the file manually.

Retrieving Environment Configuration

All of the variables listed in this file will be loaded into the `$_ENV` PHP super-global when your application receives a request. However, you may use the `env` helper to retrieve values from these variables in your configuration files. In fact, if you review the Laravel configuration files, you will notice several of the options already using this helper:

```
1 'debug' => env('APP_DEBUG', false),
```

The second value passed to the `env` function is the “default value”. This value will be used if no environment variable exists for the given key.

Your `.env` file should not be committed to your application’s source control, since each developer / server using your application could require a different environment configuration.

If you are developing with a team, you may wish to continue including a `.env.example` file with your application. By putting place-holder values in the example configuration file, other developers on your team can clearly see which environment variables are needed to run your application.

Determining The Current Environment

The current application environment is determined via the `APP_ENV` variable from your `.env` file. You may access this value via the `environment` method on the App [facade](#):

```
1 $environment = App::environment();
```

You may also pass arguments to the `environment` method to check if the environment matches a given value. The method will return `true` if the environment matches any of the given values:

⁴⁰<https://github.com/vlucas/phpdotenv>

```
1 if (App::environment('local')) {  
2     // The environment is local  
3 }  
4  
5 if (App::environment('local', 'staging')) {  
6     // The environment is either local OR staging...  
7 }
```

An application instance may also be accessed via the app helper method:

```
1 $environment = app()->environment();
```

Configuration Caching

To give your application a speed boost, you should cache all of your configuration files into a single file using the `config:cache` Artisan command. This will combine all of the configuration options for your application into a single file which will be loaded quickly by the framework.

You should typically run the `php artisan config:cache` command as part of your production deployment routine. The command should not be run during local development as configuration options will frequently need to be changed during the course of your application's development.

Maintenance Mode

When your application is in maintenance mode, a custom view will be displayed for all requests into your application. This makes it easy to “disable” your application while it is updating or when you are performing maintenance. A maintenance mode check is included in the default middleware stack for your application. If the application is in maintenance mode, a `MaintenanceModeException` will be thrown with a status code of 503.

To enable maintenance mode, simply execute the `down` Artisan command:

```
1 php artisan down
```

You may also provide `message` and `retry` options to the `down` command. The `message` value may be used to display or log a custom message, while the `retry` value will be set as the `Retry-After` HTTP header's value:

```
1 php artisan down --message='Upgrading Database' --retry=60
```

To disable maintenance mode, use the up command:

```
1 php artisan up
```

Maintenance Mode Response Template

The default template for maintenance mode responses is located in `resources/views/errors/503.blade.php`. You are free to modify this view as needed for your application.

Maintenance Mode & Queues

While your application is in maintenance mode, no [queued jobs](#) will be handled. The jobs will continue to be handled as normal once the application is out of maintenance mode.

Alternatives To Maintenance Mode

Since maintenance mode requires your application to have several seconds of downtime, you may consider alternatives like [Envoyer](#)⁴¹ to accomplish zero-downtime deployment with Laravel.

⁴¹<https://envoyer.io>

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Introduction

Laravel strives to make the entire PHP development experience delightful, including your local development environment. [Vagrant](#)⁴² provides a simple, elegant way to manage and provision Virtual Machines.

Laravel Homestead is an official, pre-packaged Vagrant box that provides you a wonderful development environment without requiring you to install PHP, HHVM, a web server, and any other server software on your local machine. No more worrying about messing up your operating system! Vagrant boxes are completely disposable. If something goes wrong, you can destroy and re-create the box in minutes!

Homestead runs on any Windows, Mac, or Linux system, and includes the Nginx web server, PHP 7.0, MySQL, Postgres, Redis, Memcached, Node, and all of the other goodies you need to develop amazing Laravel applications.



Note: If you are using Windows, you may need to enable hardware virtualization (VT-x). It can usually be enabled via your BIOS. If you are using Hyper-V on a UEFI system you may additionally need to disable Hyper-V in order to access VT-x.

Included Software

- Ubuntu 16.04
- Git
- PHP 7.0
- HHVM

⁴²<http://vagrantup.com>

- Nginx
- MySQL
- MariaDB
- Sqlite3
- Postgres
- Composer
- Node (With PM2, Bower, Grunt, and Gulp)
- Redis
- Memcached
- Beanstalkd

Installation & Setup

First Steps

Before launching your Homestead environment, you must install [VirtualBox 5.x⁴³](#) or [VMWare⁴⁴](#) as well as [Vagrant⁴⁵](#). All of these software packages provide easy-to-use visual installers for all popular operating systems.

To use the VMware provider, you will need to purchase both VMware Fusion / Workstation and the [VMware Vagrant plug-in⁴⁶](#). Though it is not free, VMware can provide faster shared folder performance out of the box.

Installing The Homestead Vagrant Box

Once VirtualBox / VMware and Vagrant have been installed, you should add the `laravel/homestead` box to your Vagrant installation using the following command in your terminal. It will take a few minutes to download the box, depending on your Internet connection speed:

```
1 vagrant box add laravel/homestead
```

If this command fails, make sure your Vagrant installation is up to date.

⁴³<https://www.virtualbox.org/wiki/Downloads>

⁴⁴<http://www.vmware.com>

⁴⁵<http://www.vagrantup.com/downloads.html>

⁴⁶<http://www.vagrantup.com/vmware>

Installing Homestead

You may install Homestead by simply cloning the repository. Consider cloning the repository into a Homestead folder within your “home” directory, as the Homestead box will serve as the host to all of your Laravel projects:

```
1 cd ~
2
3 git clone https://github.com/laravel/homestead.git Homestead
```

Once you have cloned the Homestead repository, run the `bash init.sh` command from the Homestead directory to create the `Homestead.yaml` configuration file. The `Homestead.yaml` file will be placed in the `~/ .homestead` hidden directory:

```
1 bash init.sh
```

Configuring Homestead

Setting Your Provider

The `provider` key in your `~/ .homestead/Homestead.yaml` file indicates which Vagrant provider should be used: `virtualbox`, `vmware_fusion`, or `vmware_workstation`. You may set this to the provider you prefer:

```
1 provider: virtualbox
```

Configuring Shared Folders

The `folders` property of the `Homestead.yaml` file lists all of the folders you wish to share with your Homestead environment. As files within these folders are changed, they will be kept in sync between your local machine and the Homestead environment. You may configure as many shared folders as necessary:

```
1  folders:
2    - map: ~/Code
3      to: /home/vagrant/Code
```

To enable [NFS](#)⁴⁷, just add a simple flag to your synced folder configuration:

```
1  folders:
2    - map: ~/Code
3      to: /home/vagrant/Code
4      type: "nfs"
```

Configuring Nginx Sites

Not familiar with Nginx? No problem. The `sites` property allows you to easily map a “domain” to a folder on your Homestead environment. A sample site configuration is included in the `Homestead.yaml` file. Again, you may add as many sites to your Homestead environment as necessary. Homestead can serve as a convenient, virtualized environment for every Laravel project you are working on:

```
1  sites:
2    - map: homestead.app
3      to: /home/vagrant/Code/Laravel/public
```

You can make any Homestead site use [HHVM](#)⁴⁸ by setting the `hhvm` option to `true`:

```
1  sites:
2    - map: homestead.app
3      to: /home/vagrant/Code/Laravel/public
4      hhvm: true
```

If you change the `sites` property after provisioning the Homestead box, you should re-run `vagrant reload --provision` to update the Nginx configuration on the virtual machine.

⁴⁷<http://docs.vagrantup.com/v2/synced-folders/nfs.html>

⁴⁸<http://hhvm.com>

The Hosts File

You must add the “domains” for your Nginx sites to the hosts file on your machine. The hosts file will redirect requests for your Homestead sites into your Homestead machine. On Mac and Linux, this file is located at `/etc/hosts`. On Windows, it is located at `C:\Windows\System32\drivers\etc\hosts`. The lines you add to this file will look like the following:

```
1 192.168.10.10 homestead.app
```

Make sure the IP address listed is the one set in your `~/Homestead/Homestead.yaml` file. Once you have added the domain to your hosts file and launched the Vagrant box you will be able to access the site via your web browser:

```
1 http://homestead.app
```

Launching The Vagrant Box

Once you have edited the `Homestead.yaml` to your liking, run the `vagrant up` command from your Homestead directory. Vagrant will boot the virtual machine and automatically configure your shared folders and Nginx sites.

To destroy the machine, you may use the `vagrant destroy --force` command.

Per Project Installation

Instead of installing Homestead globally and sharing the same Homestead box across all of your projects, you may instead configure a Homestead instance for each project you manage. Installing Homestead per project may be beneficial if you wish to ship a `Vagrantfile` with your project, allowing others working on the project to simply `vagrant up`.

To install Homestead directly into your project, require it using Composer:

```
1 composer require laravel/homestead --dev
```

Once Homestead has been installed, use the `make` command to generate the `Vagrantfile` and `Homestead.yaml` file in your project root. The `make` command will automatically configure the `sites` and `folders` directives in the `Homestead.yaml` file.

Mac / Linux:

```
1 php vendor/bin/homestead make
```

Windows:

```
1 vendor\\bin\\homestead make
```

Next, run the `vagrant up` command in your terminal and access your project at `http://homestead.app` in your browser. Remember, you will still need to add an `/etc/hosts` file entry for `homestead.app` or the domain of your choice.

Installing MariaDB

If you prefer to use MariaDB instead of MySQL, you may add the `mariadb` option to your `Homestead.yaml` file. This option will remove MySQL and install MariaDB. MariaDB serves as a drop-in replacement for MySQL so you should still use the `mysql` database driver in your application's database configuration:

```
1 box: laravel/homestead
2 ip: "192.168.20.20"
3 memory: 2048
4 cpus: 4
5 provider: virtualbox
6 mariadb: true
```

Daily Usage

Accessing Homestead Globally

Sometimes you may want to `vagrant up` your Homestead machine from anywhere on your filesystem. You can do this by adding a simple Bash function to your Bash profile. This function will allow you to run any Vagrant command from anywhere on your system and will automatically point that command to your Homestead installation:

```
1 function homestead() {  
2     ( cd ~/Homestead && vagrant $* )  
3 }
```

Make sure to tweak the `~/Homestead` path in the function to the location of your actual Homestead installation. Once the function is installed, you may run commands like `homestead up` or `homestead ssh` from anywhere on your system.

Connecting Via SSH

You can SSH into your virtual machine by issuing the `vagrant ssh` terminal command from your Homestead directory.

But, since you will probably need to SSH into your Homestead machine frequently, consider adding the “function” described above to your host machine to quickly SSH into the Homestead box.

Connecting To Databases

A homestead database is configured for both MySQL and Postgres out of the box. For even more convenience, Laravel’s `.env` file configures the framework to use this database out of the box.

To connect to your MySQL or Postgres database from your host machine via Navicat or Sequel Pro, you should connect to `127.0.0.1` and port `33060` (MySQL) or `54320` (Postgres). The username and password for both databases is `homestead / secret`.



Note: You should only use these non-standard ports when connecting to the databases from your host machine. You will use the default `3306` and `5432` ports in your Laravel database configuration file since Laravel is running *within* the virtual machine.

Adding Additional Sites

Once your Homestead environment is provisioned and running, you may want to add additional Nginx sites for your Laravel applications. You can run as many Laravel installations as you wish on a single Homestead environment. To add an additional site, simply add the site to your `~/homestead/Homestead.yaml` file and then run the `vagrant provision` terminal command from your Homestead directory.

Configuring Cron Schedules

Laravel provides a convenient way to [schedule Cron jobs](#) by scheduling a single `schedule:run` Artisan command to be run every minute. The `schedule:run` command will examine the job scheduled defined in your `App\Console\Kernel` class to determine which jobs should be run.

If you would like the `schedule:run` command to be run for a Homestead site, you may set the `schedule` option to `true` when defining the site:

```
1 sites:
2     - map: homestead.app
3       to: /home/vagrant/Code/Laravel/public
4       schedule: true
```

The Cron job for the site will be defined in the `/etc/cron.d` folder of the virtual machine.

Ports

By default, the following ports are forwarded to your Homestead environment:

- **SSH:** 2222 → Forwards To 22
- **HTTP:** 8000 → Forwards To 80
- **HTTPS:** 44300 → Forwards To 443
- **MySQL:** 33060 → Forwards To 3306
- **Postgres:** 54320 → Forwards To 5432

Forwarding Additional Ports

If you wish, you may forward additional ports to the Vagrant box, as well as specify their protocol:

```
1 ports:
2     - send: 93000
3       to: 9300
4     - send: 7777
5       to: 777
6       protocol: udp
```

Network Interfaces

The `networks` property of the `Homestead.yaml` configures network interfaces for your Homestead environment. You may configure as many interfaces as necessary:

```
1 networks:
2   - type: "private_network"
3     ip: "192.168.10.20"
```

To enable a [bridged](#)⁴⁹ interface, configure a bridge setting and change the network type to `public_network`:

```
1 networks:
2   - type: "public_network"
3     ip: "192.168.10.20"
4     bridge: "en1: Wi-Fi (AirPort)"
```

To enable [DHCP](#)⁵⁰, just remove the `ip` option from your configuration:

```
1 networks:
2   - type: "public_network"
3     bridge: "en1: Wi-Fi (AirPort)"
```

⁴⁹https://www.vagrantup.com/docs/networking/public_network.html

⁵⁰https://www.vagrantup.com/docs/networking/public_network.html

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Introduction

Valet is a Laravel development environment for Mac minimalists. No Vagrant, No Apache, No Nginx, No `/etc/hosts` file. You can even share your sites publicly using local tunnels. *Yeah, we like it too.*

Laravel Valet configures your Mac to always run [Caddy](#)⁵¹ in the background when your machine starts. Then, using [DnsMasq](#)⁵², Valet proxies all requests on the `*.dev` domain to point to sites installed on your local machine.

In other words, a blazing fast Laravel development environment that uses roughly 7 MB of RAM. Valet isn't a complete replacement for Vagrant or Homestead, but provides a great alternative if you want flexible basics, prefer extreme speed, or are working on a machine with a limited amount of RAM.

Out of the box, Valet support includes, but is not limited to:

<div class="content-list" markdown="1"> - [Laravel](#)⁵³ - [Lumen](#)⁵⁴ - [Symfony](#)⁵⁵ - [Zend](#)⁵⁶ - [CakePHP](#) 3⁵⁷ - [WordPress](#)⁵⁸ - [Bedrock](#)⁵⁹ - [Craft](#)⁶⁰ - [Statamic](#)⁶¹ - [Jigsaw](#)⁶² - Static HTML </div>

However, you may extend Valet with your own [custom drivers](#).

⁵¹<https://caddyserver.com>

⁵²<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dnsmasq>

⁵³<https://laravel.com>

⁵⁴<https://lumen.laravel.com>

⁵⁵<https://symfony.com>

⁵⁶<http://framework.zend.com>

⁵⁷<http://cakephp.org>

⁵⁸<https://wordpress.org>

⁵⁹<https://roots.io/bedrock>

⁶⁰<https://craftcms.com>

⁶¹<https://statamic.com>

⁶²<http://jigsaw.tighten.co>

Valet Or Homestead

As you may know, Laravel offers [Homestead](#), another local Laravel development environment. Homestead and Valet differ in regards to their intended audience and their approach to local development. Homestead offers an entire Ubuntu virtual machine with automated Nginx configuration. Homestead is a wonderful choice if you want a fully virtualized Linux development environment or are on Windows / Linux.

Valet only supports Mac, and requires you to install PHP and a database server directly onto your local machine. This is easily achieved by using [Homebrew](#)⁶³ with commands like `brew install php70` and `brew install mariadb`. Valet provides a blazing fast local development environment with minimal resource consumption, so it's great for developers who only require PHP / MySQL and do not need a fully virtualized development environment.

Both Valet and Homestead are great choices for configuring your Laravel development environment. Which one you choose will depend on your personal taste and your team's needs.

Installation

Valet requires macOS and [Homebrew](#)⁶⁴. Before installation, you should make sure that no other programs such as Apache or Nginx are binding to your local machine's port 80.

<div class="content-list" markdown="1"> - Install or update [Homebrew](#)⁶⁵ to the latest version using `brew update`. - Install PHP 7.0 using Homebrew via `brew install homebrew/php/php70`. - Install Valet with Composer via `composer global require laravel/valet`. Make sure the `~/.composer/vendor/bin` directory is in your system's "PATH". - Run the `valet install` command. This will configure and install Valet and DnsMasq, and register Valet's daemon to launch when your system starts. </div>

Once Valet is installed, try pinging any *.dev domain on your terminal using a command such as `ping foobar.dev`. If Valet is installed correctly you should see this domain responding on 127.0.0.1.

Valet will automatically start its daemon each time your machine boots. There is no need to run `valet start` or `valet install` ever again once the initial Valet installation is complete.

Using Another Domain

By default, Valet serves your projects using the .dev TLD. If you'd like to use another domain, you can do so using the `valet domain tld-name` command.

For example, if you'd like to use .app instead of .dev, run `valet domain app` and Valet will start serving your projects at *.app automatically.

⁶³<http://brew.sh/>

⁶⁴<http://brew.sh/>

⁶⁵<http://brew.sh/>

Database

If you need a database, try MariaDB by running `brew install mariadb` on your command line. You can connect to the database at `127.0.0.1` using the root username and an empty string for the password.

Release Notes

Version 1.1.5

The 1.1.5 release of Valet brings a variety of internal improvements.

Upgrade Instructions

After updating your Valet installation using `composer global update`, you should run the `valet install` command in your terminal.

Version 1.1.0

The 1.1.0 release of Valet brings a variety of great improvements. The built-in PHP server has been replaced with [Caddy](https://caddyserver.com/)⁶⁶ for serving incoming HTTP requests. Introducing Caddy allows for a variety of future improvements and allows Valet sites to make HTTP requests to other Valet sites without blocking the built-in PHP server.

Upgrade Instructions

After updating your Valet installation using `composer global update`, you should run the `valet install` command in your terminal to create the new Caddy daemon file on your system.

Serving Sites

Once Valet is installed, you're ready to start serving sites. Valet provides two commands to help you serve your Laravel sites: `park` and `link`.

 The park Command

<div class="content-list" markdown="1"> - Create a new directory on your Mac by running something like `mkdir ~/Sites`. Next, `cd ~/Sites` and run `valet park`. This command will register your current working directory as a path that Valet should search for sites. - Next, create a new

⁶⁶<https://caddyserver.com/>

Laravel site within this directory: `laravel new blog`. - Open `http://blog.dev` in your browser.

That's all there is to it. Now, any Laravel project you create within your “parked” directory will automatically be served using the `http://folder-name.dev` convention.

The link Command

The `link` command may also be used to serve your Laravel sites. This command is useful if you want to serve a single site in a directory and not the entire directory.

- To use the command, navigate to one of your projects and run `valet link app-name` in your terminal. Valet will create a symbolic link in `~/.valet/Sites` which points to your current working directory. - After running the `link` command, you can access the site in your browser at `http://app-name.dev`.

To see a listing of all of your linked directories, run the `valet links` command. You may use `valet unlink app-name` to destroy the symbolic link.

Securing Sites With TLS

By default, Valet serves sites over plain HTTP. However, if you would like to serve a site over encrypted TLS using HTTP/2, use the `secure` command. For example, if your site is being served by Valet on the `laravel.dev` domain, you should run the following command to secure it:

```
1 valet secure laravel
```

To “unsecure” a site and revert back to serving its traffic over plain HTTP, use the `unsecure` command. Like the `secure` command, this command accepts the host name that you wish to unsecure:

```
1 valet unsecure laravel
```

Sharing Sites

Valet even includes a command to share your local sites with the world. No additional software installation is required once Valet is installed.

To share a site, navigate to the site’s directory in your terminal and run the `valet share` command. A publicly accessible URL will be inserted into your clipboard and is ready to paste directly into your browser. That’s it.

To stop sharing your site, hit `Control + C` to cancel the process.

Viewing Logs

If you would like to stream all of the logs for all of your sites to your terminal, run the `valet logs` command. New log entries will display in your terminal as they occur. This is a great way to stay on top of all of your log files without ever having to leave your terminal.

Custom Valet Drivers

You can write your own Valet “driver” to serve PHP applications running on another framework or CMS that is not natively supported by Valet. When you install Valet, a `~/.valet/Drivers` directory is created which contains a `SampleValetDriver.php` file. This file contains a sample driver implementation to demonstrate how to write a custom driver. Writing a driver only requires you to implement three methods: `serves`, `isStaticFile`, and `frontControllerPath`.

All three methods receive the `$sitePath`, `$siteName`, and `$uri` values as their arguments. The `$sitePath` is the fully qualified path to the site being served on your machine, such as `/Users/Lisa/Sites/my-project`. The `$siteName` is the “host” / “site name” portion of the domain (`my-project`). The `$uri` is the incoming request URI (`/foo/bar`).

Once you have completed your custom Valet driver, place it in the `~/.valet/Drivers` directory using the `FrameworkValetDriver.php` naming convention. For example, if you are writing a custom valet driver for WordPress, your file name should be `WordPressValetDriver.php`.

Let’s take at a sample implementation of each method your custom Valet driver should implement.

The `serves` Method

The `serves` method should return `true` if your driver should handle the incoming request. Otherwise, the method should return `false`. So, within this method you should attempt to determine if the given `$sitePath` contains a project of the type you are trying to serve.

For example, let’s pretend we are writing a `WordPressValetDriver`. Our `serve` method might look something like this:

```
1  /**
2   * Determine if the driver serves the request.
3   *
4   * @param string $sitePath
5   * @param string $siteName
6   * @param string $uri
7   * @return void
8   */
9  public function serves($sitePath, $siteName, $uri)
10 {
```

```
11     return is_dir($sitePath.'/wp-admin');
12 }
```

The isStaticFile Method

The `isStaticFile` should determine if the incoming request is for a file that is “static”, such as an image or a stylesheet. If the file is static, the method should return the fully qualified path to the static file on disk. If the incoming request is not for a static file, the method should return `false`:

```
1  /**
2   * Determine if the incoming request is for a static file.
3   *
4   * @param string $sitePath
5   * @param string $siteName
6   * @param string $uri
7   * @return string|false
8   */
9  public function isStaticFile($sitePath, $siteName, $uri)
10 {
11     if (file_exists($staticFilePath = $sitePath.'/public/'.$uri)) {
12         return $staticFilePath;
13     }
14
15     return false;
16 }
```



Note: The `isStaticFile` method will only be called if the `serves` method returns `true` for the incoming request and the request URI is not `/`.

The frontControllerPath Method

The `frontControllerPath` method should return the fully qualified path to your application’s “front controller”, which is typically your “`index.php`” file or equivalent:

```
1  /**
2   * Get the fully resolved path to the application's front controller.
3   *
4   * @param string $sitePath
5   * @param string $siteName
6   * @param string $uri
7   * @return string
8   */
9  public function frontControllerPath($sitePath, $siteName, $uri)
10 {
11     return $sitePath.'/public/index.php';
12 }
```

Other Valet Commands

Command | Description ----- | ----- valet forget | Run this command from a “parked” directory to remove it from the parked directory list. valet paths | View all of your “parked” paths. valet restart | Restart the Valet daemon. valet start | Start the Valet daemon. valet stop | Stop the Valet daemon. valet uninstall | Uninstall the Valet daemon entirely.

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Introduction

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To sample a basic selection of Laravel features, we will build a simple task list we can use to track all of the tasks we want to accomplish. In other words, the typical “to-do” list example. The complete, finished source code for this project is [available on GitHub](#)⁶⁷.

Installation

Installing Laravel

Of course, first you will need a fresh installation of the Laravel framework. You may use the [Homestead virtual machine](#) or the local PHP environment of your choice to run the framework. Once your local environment is ready, you may install the Laravel framework using Composer:

```
1 composer create-project laravel/laravel quickstart --prefer-dist
```

⁶⁷<https://github.com/laravel/quickstart-basic>

Installing The Quickstart (Optional)

You're free to just read along for the remainder of this quickstart; however, if you would like to download the source code for this quickstart and run it on your local machine, you may clone its Git repository and install its dependencies:

```
1 git clone https://github.com/laravel/quickstart-basic quickstart
2 cd quickstart
3 composer install
4 php artisan migrate
```

For more complete documentation on building a local Laravel development environment, check out the full [Homestead](#) and [installation](#) documentation.

Prepping The Database

Database Migrations

First, let's use a migration to define a database table to hold all of our tasks. Laravel's database migrations provide an easy way to define your database table structure and modifications using fluent, expressive PHP code. Instead of telling your team members to manually add columns to their local copy of the database, your teammates can simply run the migrations you push into source control.

So, let's build a database table that will hold all of our tasks. The [Artisan CLI](#) can be used to generate a variety of classes and will save you a lot of typing as you build your Laravel projects. In this case, let's use the `make:migration` command to generate a new database migration for our `tasks` table:

```
1 php artisan make:migration create_tasks_table --create=tasks
```

The migration will be placed in the `database/migrations` directory of your project. As you may have noticed, the `make:migration` command already added an auto-incrementing ID and timestamps to the migration file. Let's edit this file and add an additional `string` column for the name of our tasks:

```
1  <?php
2
3  use Illuminate\Database\Schema\Blueprint;
4  use Illuminate\Database\Migrations\Migration;
5
6  class CreateTasksTable extends Migration
7  {
8      /**
9       * Run the migrations.
10      *
11      * @return void
12      */
13     public function up()
14     {
15         Schema::create('tasks', function (Blueprint $table) {
16             $table->increments('id');
17             $table->string('name');
18             $table->timestamps();
19         });
20     }
21
22     /**
23      * Reverse the migrations.
24      *
25      * @return void
26      */
27     public function down()
28     {
29         Schema::drop('tasks');
30     }
31 }
```

To run our migration, we will use the migrate Artisan command. If you are using Homestead, you should run this command from within your virtual machine, since your host machine will not have direct access to the database:

```
1  php artisan migrate
```

This command will create all of our database tables. If you inspect the database tables using the database client of your choice, you should see a new `tasks` table which contains the columns defined

in our migration. Next, we're ready to define an Eloquent ORM model for our tasks!

Eloquent Models

[Eloquent](#) is Laravel's default ORM (object-relational mapper). Eloquent makes it painless to retrieve and store data in your database using clearly defined "models". Usually, each Eloquent model corresponds directly with a single database table.

So, let's define a `Task` model that corresponds to our `tasks` database table we just created. Again, we can use an Artisan command to generate this model. In this case, we'll use the `make:model` command:

```
1 php artisan make:model Task
```

The model will be placed in the `app` directory of your application. By default, the model class is empty. We do not have to explicitly tell the Eloquent model which table it corresponds to because it will assume the database table is the plural form of the model name. So, in this case, the `Task` model is assumed to correspond with the `tasks` database table. Here is what our empty model should look like:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class Task extends Model
8  {
9      //
10 }
```

We'll learn more about how to use Eloquent models as we add routes to our application. Of course, feel free to consult the [complete Eloquent documentation](#) for more information.

Routing

Stubbing The Routes

Next, we're ready to add a few routes to our application. Routes are used to point URLs to controllers or anonymous functions that should be executed when a user accesses a given page. By default, all Laravel routes are defined in the `app/Http/routes.php` file that is included in every new project.

For this application, we know we will need at least three routes: a route to display a list of all of our tasks, a route to add new tasks, and a route to delete existing tasks. So, let's stub all of these routes in the `app/Http/routes.php` file:

```
1  <?php
2
3  use App\Task;
4  use Illuminate\Http\Request;
5
6  /**
7   * Show Task Dashboard
8   */
9  Route::get('/', function () {
10     //
11 });
12
13 /**
14  * Add New Task
15  */
16 Route::post('/task', function (Request $request) {
17     //
18 });
19
20 /**
21  * Delete Task
22  */
23 Route::delete('/task/{task}', function (Task $task) {
24     //
25 });
```

Note: If your copy of Laravel has a `RouteServiceProvider` that already includes the default routes file within the web middleware group, you do not need to manually add the group to your `routes.php` file.

Displaying A View

Next, let's fill out our `/` route. From this route, we want to render an HTML template that contains a form to add new tasks, as well as a list of all current tasks.

In Laravel, all HTML templates are stored in the `resources/views` directory, and we can use the `view` helper to return one of these templates from our route:

```
1 Route::get('/', function () {  
2     return view('tasks');  
3 });
```

Passing `tasks` to the `view` function will create a `View` object instance that corresponds to the template in `resources/views/tasks.blade.php`. Of course, we need to actually define this view, so let's do that now!

Building Layouts & Views

This application only has a single view which contains a form for adding new tasks as well as a listing of all current tasks. To help you visualize the view, here is a screenshot of the finished application with basic Bootstrap CSS styling applied:



Application Image

Defining The Layout

Almost all web applications share the same layout across pages. For example, this application has a top navigation bar that would be typically present on every page (if we had more than one). Laravel makes it easy to share these common features across every page using Blade **layouts**.

As we discussed earlier, all Laravel views are stored in `resources/views`. So, let's define a new layout view in `resources/views/layouts/app.blade.php`. The `.blade.php` extension instructs the framework to use the [Blade templating engine](#) to render the view. Of course, you may use plain PHP templates with Laravel. However, Blade provides convenient short-cuts for writing clean, terse templates.

Our `app.blade.php` view should look like the following:

```
1 <!-- resources/views/layouts/app.blade.php -->
2
3 <!DOCTYPE html>
4 <html lang="en">
5     <head>
6         <title>Laravel Quickstart - Basic</title>
7
8         <!-- CSS And JavaScript -->
9     </head>
10
11     <body>
12         <div class="container">
13     <nav class="navbar navbar-default">
14         <!-- Navbar Contents -->
15     </nav>
16         </div>
17
18         @yield('content')
19     </body>
20 </html>
```

Note the `@yield('content')` portion of the layout. This is a special Blade directive that specifies where all child pages that extend the layout can inject their own content. Next, let's define the child view that will use this layout and provide its primary content.

Defining The Child View

Next, we need to define a view that contains a form to create a new task as well as a table that lists all existing tasks. Let's define this view in `resources/views/tasks.blade.php`.

We'll skip over some of the Bootstrap CSS boilerplate and only focus on the things that matter. Remember, you can download the full source for this application on [GitHub](https://github.com/laravel/quickstart-basic)⁶⁸:

⁶⁸<https://github.com/laravel/quickstart-basic>

```

1  <!-- resources/views/tasks.blade.php -->
2
3  @extends('layouts.app')
4
5  @section('content')
6
7      <!-- Bootstrap Boilerplate... -->
8
9      <div class="panel-body">
10         <!-- Display Validation Errors -->
11         @include('common.errors')
12
13         <!-- New Task Form -->
14         <form action="{{ url('task') }}" method="POST" class="form-horizontal">
15     {{ csrf_field() }}
16
17         <!-- Task Name -->
18     <div class="form-group">
19         <label for="task" class="col-sm-3 control-label">Task</label>
20
21         <div class="col-sm-6">
22             <input type="text" name="name" id="task-name" class="form-control">
23         </div>
24     </div>
25
26     <!-- Add Task Button -->
27     <div class="form-group">
28         <div class="col-sm-offset-3 col-sm-6">
29             <button type="submit" class="btn btn-default">
30     <i class="fa fa-plus"></i> Add Task
31             </button>
32         </div>
33     </div>
34         </form>
35     </div>
36
37     <!-- TODO: Current Tasks -->
38 @endsection

```

A Few Notes Of Explanation

Before moving on, let's talk about this template a bit. First, the `@extends` directive informs Blade that we are using the layout we defined in `resources/views/layouts/app.blade.php`. All of the

content between `@section('content')` and `@endsection` will be injected into the location of the `@yield('content')` directive within the `app.blade.php` layout.

The `@include('common.errors')` directive will load the template located at `resources/views/common/errors.blade.php`. We haven't defined this template, but we will soon!

Now we have defined a basic layout and view for our application. Remember, we are returning this view from our `/` route like so:

```
1 Route::get('/', function () {  
2     return view('tasks');  
3 });
```

Next, we're ready to add code to our `POST /task` route to handle the incoming form input and add a new task to the database.

Adding Tasks

Validation

Now that we have a form in our view, we need to add code to our `POST /task` route in `app/Http/routes.php` to validate the incoming form input and create a new task. First, let's validate the input.

For this form, we will make the `name` field required and state that it must contain less than 255 characters. If the validation fails, we will redirect the user back to the `/` URL, as well as flash the old input and errors into the [session](#). Flashing the input into the session will allow us to maintain the user's input even when there are validation errors:

```
1 Route::post('/task', function (Request $request) {  
2     $validator = Validator::make($request->all(), [  
3         'name' => 'required|max:255',  
4     ]);  
5  
6     if ($validator->fails()) {  
7         return redirect('/')  
8         ->withInput()  
9         ->withErrors($validator);  
10    }  
11  
12    // Create The Task...
```

```
13 });
```

The \$errors Variable

Let's take a break for a moment to talk about the `->withErrors($validator)` portion of this example. The `->withErrors($validator)` call will flash the errors from the given validator instance into the session so that they can be accessed via the `$errors` variable in our view.

Remember that we used the `@include('common.errors')` directive within our view to render the form's validation errors. The `common.errors` will allow us to easily show validation errors in the same format across all of our pages. Let's define the contents of this view now:

```
1 <!-- resources/views/common/errors.blade.php -->
2
3 @if (count($errors) > 0)
4     <!-- Form Error List -->
5     <div class="alert alert-danger">
6         <strong>Whoops! Something went wrong!</strong>
7
8         <br><br>
9
10        <ul>
11            @foreach ($errors->all() as $error)
12                <li>{{ $error }}</li>
13            @endforeach
14        </ul>
15    </div>
16 @endif
```



Note: The `$errors` variable is available in **every** Laravel view. It will simply be an empty instance of `ViewErrorBag` if no validation errors are present.

Creating The Task

Now that input validation is handled, let's actually create a new task by continuing to fill out our route. Once the new task has been created, we will redirect the user back to the `/` URL. To create the task, we may use the `save` method after creating and setting properties on a new Eloquent model:

```
1 Route::post('/task', function (Request $request) {
2     $validator = Validator::make($request->all(), [
3         'name' => 'required|max:255',
4     ]);
5
6     if ($validator->fails()) {
7         return redirect('/')
8     ->withInput()
9     ->withErrors($validator);
10    }
11
12    $task = new Task;
13    $task->name = $request->name;
14    $task->save();
15
16    return redirect('/');
17 });
```

Great! We can now successfully create tasks. Next, let's continue adding to our view by building a list of all existing tasks.

Displaying Existing Tasks

First, we need to edit our / route to pass all of the existing tasks to the view. The view function accepts a second argument which is an array of data that will be made available to the view, where each key in the array will become a variable within the view:

```
1 Route::get('/', function () {
2     $tasks = Task::orderBy('created_at', 'asc')->get();
3
4     return view('tasks', [
5         'tasks' => $tasks
6     ]);
7 });
```

Once the data is passed, we can spin through the tasks in our tasks.blade.php view and display them in a table. The @foreach Blade construct allows us to write concise loops that compile down into blazing fast plain PHP code:

```

1  @extends('layouts.app')
2
3  @section('content')
4      <!-- Create Task Form... -->
5
6      <!-- Current Tasks -->
7      @if (count($tasks) > 0)
8          <div class="panel panel-default">
9              <div class="panel-heading">
10                 Current Tasks
11             </div>
12
13             <div class="panel-body">
14                 <table class="table table-striped task-table">
15
16                     <!-- Table Headings -->
17                     <thead>
18                         <th>Task</th>
19                         <th>&nbsp;</th>
20                     </thead>
21
22                     <!-- Table Body -->
23                     <tbody>
24                         @foreach ($tasks as $task)
25                             <tr>
26                                 <!-- Task Name -->
27                                 <td class="table-text">
28                                     <div>{{ $task->name }}</div>
29                                 </td>
30
31                                 <td>
32                                     <!-- TODO: Delete Button -->
33                                 </td>
34                             </tr>
35                         @endforeach
36                     </tbody>
37                 </table>
38             </div>
39         </div>
40     @endif
41 @endsection

```


Our task application is almost complete. But, we have no way to delete our existing tasks when they're done. Let's add that next!

Deleting Tasks

Adding The Delete Button

We left a “TODO” note in our code where our delete button is supposed to be. So, let's add a delete button to each row of our task listing within the `tasks.blade.php` view. We'll create a small single-button form for each task in the list. When the button is clicked, a `DELETE /task` request will be sent to the application:

```
1  <tr>
2      <!-- Task Name -->
3      <td class="table-text">
4          <div>{{ $task->name }}</div>
5      </td>
6
7      <!-- Delete Button -->
8      <td>
9          <form action="{{ url('task/'. $task->id) }}" method="POST">
10              {{ csrf_field() }}
11              {{ method_field('DELETE') }}
12
13              <button type="submit" class="btn btn-danger">
14                  <i class="fa fa-trash"></i> Delete
15              </button>
16          </form>
17      </td>
18 </tr>
```

A Note On Method Spoofing

Note that the delete button's form method is listed as `POST`, even though we are responding to the request using a `Route::delete` route. HTML forms only allow the `GET` and `POST` HTTP verbs, so we need a way to spoof a `DELETE` request from the form.

We can spoof a `DELETE` request by outputting the results of the `method_field('DELETE')` function within our form. This function generates a hidden form input that Laravel recognizes and will use to override the actual HTTP request method. The generated field will look like the following:

```
1 <input type="hidden" name="_method" value="DELETE">
```

Deleting The Task

Finally, let's add logic to our route to actually delete the given task. We can use [implicit model binding](#) to automatically retrieve the Task model that corresponds to the {task} route parameter.

In our route callback, we will use the `delete` method to delete the record. Once the record is deleted, we will redirect the user back to the / URL:

```
1 Route::delete('/task/{task}', function (Task $task) {  
2     $task->delete();  
3  
4     return redirect('/');  
5 });
```

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Introduction

This quickstart guide provides an intermediate introduction to the Laravel framework and includes content on database migrations, the Eloquent ORM, routing, authentication, authorization, dependency injection, validation, views, and Blade templates. This is a great starting point if you are familiar with the basics of the Laravel framework or PHP frameworks in general.

To sample a basic selection of Laravel features, we will build a task list we can use to track all of the tasks we want to accomplish. In other words, the typical “to-do” list example. In contrast to the “basic” quickstart, this tutorial will allow users to create accounts and authenticate with the application. The complete, finished source code for this project is [available on GitHub](#)⁶⁹.

Installation

Installing Laravel

Of course, first you will need a fresh installation of the Laravel framework. You may use the [Homestead virtual machine](#) or the local PHP environment of your choice to run the framework. Once your local environment is ready, you may install the Laravel framework using Composer:

⁶⁹<https://github.com/laravel/quickstart-intermediate>

```
1 composer create-project laravel/laravel quickstart --prefer-dist
```

Installing The Quickstart (Optional)

You're free to just read along for the remainder of this quickstart; however, if you would like to download the source code for this quickstart and run it on your local machine, you may clone its Git repository and install its dependencies:

```
1 git clone https://github.com/laravel/quickstart-intermediate quickstart
2 cd quickstart
3 composer install
4 php artisan migrate
```

For more complete documentation on building a local Laravel development environment, check out the full [Homestead](#) and [installation](#) documentation.

Prepping The Database

Database Migrations

First, let's use a migration to define a database table to hold all of our tasks. Laravel's database migrations provide an easy way to define your database table structure and modifications using fluent, expressive PHP code. Instead of telling your team members to manually add columns to their local copy of the database, your teammates can simply run the migrations you push into source control.

The users Table

Since we are going to allow users to create their accounts within the application, we will need a table to store all of our users. Thankfully, Laravel already ships with a migration to create a basic users table, so we do not need to manually generate one. The default migration for the users table is located in the database/migrations directory.

The tasks Table

Next, let's build a database table that will hold all of our tasks. The [Artisan CLI](#) can be used to generate a variety of classes and will save you a lot of typing as you build your Laravel projects. In this case, let's use the `make:migration` command to generate a new database migration for our tasks table:

```
1 php artisan make:migration create_tasks_table --create=tasks
```

The migration will be placed in the database/migrations directory of your project. As you may have noticed, the make:migration command already added an auto-incrementing ID and timestamps to the migration file. Let's edit this file and add an additional string column for the name of our tasks, as well as a user_id column which will link our tasks and users tables:

```
1  <?php
2
3  use Illuminate\Database\Schema\Blueprint;
4  use Illuminate\Database\Migrations\Migration;
5
6  class CreateTasksTable extends Migration
7  {
8      /**
9       * Run the migrations.
10      *
11      * @return void
12      */
13     public function up()
14     {
15         Schema::create('tasks', function (Blueprint $table) {
16             $table->increments('id');
17             $table->integer('user_id')->index();
18             $table->string('name');
19             $table->timestamps();
20         });
21     }
22
23     /**
24      * Reverse the migrations.
25      *
26      * @return void
27      */
28     public function down()
29     {
30         Schema::drop('tasks');
31     }
32 }
```

To run our migrations, we will use the `migrate` Artisan command. If you are using Homestead, you should run this command from within your virtual machine, since your host machine will not have direct access to the database:

```
1 php artisan migrate
```

This command will create all of our database tables. If you inspect the database tables using the database client of your choice, you should see new `tasks` and `users` tables which contains the columns defined in our migration. Next, we're ready to define our Eloquent ORM models!

Eloquent Models

Eloquent is Laravel's default ORM (object-relational mapper). Eloquent makes it painless to retrieve and store data in your database using clearly defined "models". Usually, each Eloquent model corresponds directly with a single database table.

The User Model

First, we need a model that corresponds to our `users` database table. However, if you look in the `app` directory of your project, you will see that Laravel already ships with a `User` model, so we do not need to generate one manually.

The Task Model

So, let's define a `Task` model that corresponds to our `tasks` database table we just created. Again, we can use an Artisan command to generate this model. In this case, we'll use the `make:model` command:

```
1 php artisan make:model Task
```

The model will be placed in the `app` directory of your application. By default, the model class is empty. We do not have to explicitly tell the Eloquent model which table it corresponds to because it will assume the database table is the plural form of the model name. So, in this case, the `Task` model is assumed to correspond with the `tasks` database table.

Let's add a few things to this model. First, we will state that the `name` attribute on the model should be "mass-assignable". This will allow us to fill the `name` attribute when using Eloquent's `create` method:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class Task extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10       * The attributes that are mass assignable.
11       *
12       * @var array
13       */
14     protected $fillable = ['name'];
15 }
```

We'll learn more about how to use Eloquent models as we add routes to our application. Of course, feel free to consult the [complete Eloquent documentation](#) for more information.

Eloquent Relationships

Now that our models are defined, we need to link them. For example, our User can have many Task instances, while a Task is assigned to a single User. Defining a relationship will allow us to fluently walk through our relations like so:

```
1  $user = App\User::find(1);
2
3  foreach ($user->tasks as $task) {
4      echo $task->name;
5  }
```

The tasks Relationship

First, let's define the tasks relationship on our User model. Eloquent relationships are defined as methods on models. Eloquent supports several different types of relationships, so be sure to consult the [full Eloquent documentation](#) for more information. In this case, we will define a tasks function on the User model which calls the hasMany method provided by Eloquent:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Foundation\Auth\User as Authenticatable;
6
7  class User extends Authenticatable
8  {
9      // Other Eloquent Properties...
10
11      /**
12       * Get all of the tasks for the user.
13       */
14      public function tasks()
15      {
16          return $this->hasMany(Task::class);
17      }
18  }
```

The user Relationship

Next, let's define the user relationship on the Task model. Again, we will define the relationship as a method on the model. In this case, we will use the `belongsTo` method provided by Eloquent to define the relationship:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use App\User;
6  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
7
8  class Task extends Model
9  {
10     /**
11      * The attributes that are mass assignable.
12      *
13      * @var array
14      */
15     protected $fillable = ['name'];
16 }
```



```
17      /**
18      * Get the user that owns the task.
19      */
20      public function user()
21      {
22          return $this->belongsTo(User::class);
23      }
24  }
```

Wonderful! Now that our relationships are defined, we can start building our controllers!

Routing

In the [basic version](#) of our task list application, we defined all of our logic using Closures within our `routes.php` file. For the majority of this application, we will use [controllers](#) to organize our routes. Controllers will allow us to break out HTTP request handling logic across multiple files for better organization.

Displaying A View

We will have a single route that uses a Closure: our `/` route, which will simply be a landing page for application guests. So, let's fill out our `/` route. From this route, we want to render an HTML template that contains the “welcome” page:

In Laravel, all HTML templates are stored in the `resources/views` directory, and we can use the `view` helper to return one of these templates from our route:

```
1 Route::get('/', function () {
2     return view('welcome');
3 });
```

Of course, we need to actually define this view. We'll do that in a bit!

Authentication

Remember, we also need to let users create accounts and login to our application. Typically, it can be a tedious task to build an entire authentication layer into a web application. However, since it is such a common need, Laravel attempts to make this procedure totally painless.

First, notice that there is already a `app/Http/Controllers/Auth/AuthController` included in your Laravel application. This controller uses a special `AuthenticatesAndRegistersUsers` trait which contains all of the necessary logic to create and authenticate users.

Authentication Routes & Views

So, what's left for us to do? Well, we still need to create the registration and login templates as well as define the routes to point to the authentication controller. We can do all of this using the `make:auth` Artisan command:

```
1 php artisan make:auth
```



Note: If you would like to view complete examples for these views, remember that the entire application's source code is [available on GitHub⁷⁰](https://github.com/laravel/quickstart-intermediate).

Now, all we have to do is add the authentication routes to our routes file. We can do this using the `auth` method on the `Route` facade, which will register all of the routes we need for registration, login, and password reset:

```
1 // Authentication Routes...
2 Route::auth();
```

Once the auth routes are registered, verify that the `$redirectTo` property on the `app/Http/Controllers/Auth/AuthController` controller is set to `'/tasks'`:

```
1 protected $redirectTo = '/tasks';
```

It is also necessary to update the `app/Http/Middleware/RedirectIfAuthenticated.php` file with the proper redirect path:

```
1 return redirect('/tasks');
```

⁷⁰<https://github.com/laravel/quickstart-intermediate>

The Task Controller

Since we know we're going to need to retrieve and store tasks, let's create a `TaskController` using the Artisan CLI, which will place the new controller in the `app/Http/Controllers` directory:

```
1 php artisan make:controller TaskController
```

Now that the controller has been generated, let's go ahead and stub out some routes in our `app/Http/routes.php` file to point to the controller:

```
1 Route::get('/tasks', 'TaskController@index');
2 Route::post('/task', 'TaskController@store');
3 Route::delete('/task/{task}', 'TaskController@destroy');
```

Authenticating All Task Routes

For this application, we want all of our task routes to require an authenticated user. In other words, the user must be “logged into” the application in order to create a task. So, we need to restrict access to our task routes to only authenticated users. Laravel makes this a cinch using [middleware](#).

To require an authenticated users for all actions on the controller, we can add a call to the middleware method from the controller's constructor. All available route middleware are defined in the `app/Http/Kernel.php` file. In this case, we want to assign the `auth` middleware to all actions on the controller:

```
1 <?php
2
3 namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5 use App\Http\Requests;
6 use Illuminate\Http\Request;
7 use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
8
9 class TaskController extends Controller
10 {
11     /**
12      * Create a new controller instance.
13      *
14      * @return void
```

```
15      */
16      public function __construct()
17      {
18          $this->middleware('auth');
19      }
20  }
```

Building Layouts & Views

The primary part of this application only has a single view which contains a form for adding new tasks as well as a listing of all current tasks. To help you visualize the view, here is a screenshot of the finished application with basic Bootstrap CSS styling applied:



Application Image

Defining The Layout

Almost all web applications share the same layout across pages. For example, this application has a top navigation bar that would be typically present on every page (if we had more than one). Laravel makes it easy to share these common features across every page using Blade **layouts**.

As we discussed earlier, all Laravel views are stored in `resources/views`. So, let's define a new layout view in `resources/views/layouts/app.blade.php`. The `.blade.php` extension instructs the framework to use the **Blade templating engine** to render the view. Of course, you may use plain PHP templates with Laravel. However, Blade provides convenient short-cuts for writing cleaner, terse templates.

Our `app.blade.php` view should look like the following:

```
1  <!-- resources/views/layouts/app.blade.php -->
2
3  <!DOCTYPE html>
4  <html lang="en">
5      <head>
6          <title>Laravel Quickstart - Intermediate</title>
7
8          <!-- CSS And JavaScript -->
9      </head>
```

```
10
11     <body>
12         <div class="container">
13             <nav class="navbar navbar-default">
14                 <!-- Navbar Contents -->
15             </nav>
16         </div>
17
18         @yield('content')
19     </body>
20 </html>
```

Note the `@yield('content')` portion of the layout. This is a special Blade directive that specifies where all child pages that extend the layout can inject their own content. Next, let's define the child view that will use this layout and provide its primary content.

Defining The Child View

Great, our application layout is finished. Next, we need to define a view that contains a form to create a new task as well as a table that lists all existing tasks. Let's define this view in `resources/views/tasks/index.blade.php`, which will correspond to the `index` method in our `TaskController`.

We'll skip over some of the Bootstrap CSS boilerplate and only focus on the things that matter. Remember, you can download the full source for this application on [GitHub](https://github.com/laravel/quickstart-intermediate)⁷¹:

```
1 <!-- resources/views/tasks/index.blade.php -->
2
3 @extends('layouts.app')
4
5 @section('content')
6
7     <!-- Bootstrap Boilerplate... -->
8
9     <div class="panel-body">
10         <!-- Display Validation Errors -->
11         @include('common.errors')
12
13         <!-- New Task Form -->
14         <form action="{{ url('task') }}" method="POST" class="form-horizontal">
```

⁷¹<https://github.com/laravel/quickstart-intermediate>

```

15         {{ csrf_field() }}
16
17         <!-- Task Name -->
18         <div class="form-group">
19             <label for="task-name" class="col-sm-3 control-label">Task</label>
20 1>
21
22             <div class="col-sm-6">
23                 <input type="text" name="name" id="task-name" class="form-co\
24 ntrol">
25             </div>
26         </div>
27
28         <!-- Add Task Button -->
29         <div class="form-group">
30             <div class="col-sm-offset-3 col-sm-6">
31                 <button type="submit" class="btn btn-default">
32                     <i class="fa fa-plus"></i> Add Task
33                 </button>
34             </div>
35         </div>
36     </form>
37 </div>
38
39     <!-- TODO: Current Tasks -->
40 @endsection

```

A Few Notes Of Explanation

Before moving on, let's talk about this template a bit. First, the `@extends` directive informs Blade that we are using the layout we defined at `resources/views/layouts/app.blade.php`. All of the content between `@section('content')` and `@endsection` will be injected into the location of the `@yield('content')` directive within the `app.blade.php` layout.

The `@include('common.errors')` directive will load the template located at `resources/views/common/errors.blade.php`. We haven't defined this template, but we will soon!

Now we have defined a basic layout and view for our application. Let's go ahead and return this view from the `index` method of our `TaskController`:

```
1  /**
2   * Display a list of all of the user's task.
3   *
4   * @param Request $request
5   * @return Response
6   */
7  public function index(Request $request)
8  {
9      return view('tasks.index');
10 }
```

Next, we're ready to add code to our POST `/task` route's controller method to handle the incoming form input and add a new task to the database.

Adding Tasks

Validation

Now that we have a form in our view, we need to add code to our `TaskController@store` method to validate the incoming form input and create a new task. First, let's validate the input.

For this form, we will make the `name` field required and state that it must contain less than 255 characters. If the validation fails, we want to redirect the user back to the `/tasks` URL, as well as flash the old input and errors into the [session](#):

```
1  /**
2   * Create a new task.
3   *
4   * @param Request $request
5   * @return Response
6   */
7  public function store(Request $request)
8  {
9      $this->validate($request, [
10         'name' => 'required|max:255',
11     ]);
12
13     // Create The Task...
14 }
```

If you followed along with the [basic quickstart](#), you'll notice this validation code looks quite a bit different! Since we are in a controller, we can leverage the convenience of the `ValidatesRequests` trait that is included in the base Laravel controller. This trait exposes a simple `validate` method which accepts a request and an array of validation rules.

We don't even have to manually determine if the validation failed or do manual redirection. If the validation fails for the given rules, the user will automatically be redirected back to where they came from and the errors will automatically be flashed to the session. Nice!

The `$errors` Variable

Remember that we used the `@include('common.errors')` directive within our view to render the form's validation errors. The `common.errors` view will allow us to easily show validation errors in the same format across all of our pages. Let's define the contents of this view now:

```
1 <!-- resources/views/common/errors.blade.php -->
2
3 @if (count($errors) > 0)
4     <!-- Form Error List -->
5     <div class="alert alert-danger">
6         <strong>Whoops! Something went wrong!</strong>
7
8         <br><br>
9
10        <ul>
11            @foreach ($errors->all() as $error)
12                <li>{{ $error }}</li>
13            @endforeach
14        </ul>
15    </div>
16 @endif
```



Note: The `$errors` variable is available in **every** Laravel view. It will simply be an empty instance of `ViewErrorBag` if no validation errors are present.

Creating The Task

Now that input validation is handled, let's actually create a new task by continuing to fill out our route. Once the new task has been created, we will redirect the user back to the `/tasks` URL. To create the task, we are going to leverage the power of Eloquent's relationships.

Most of Laravel's relationships expose a `create` method, which accepts an array of attributes and will automatically set the foreign key value on the related model before storing it in the database. In this case, the `create` method will automatically set the `user_id` property of the given task to the ID of the currently authenticated user, which we are accessing using `$request->user()`:

```
1  /**
2   * Create a new task.
3   *
4   * @param Request $request
5   * @return Response
6   */
7  public function store(Request $request)
8  {
9      $this->validate($request, [
10         'name' => 'required|max:255',
11     ]);
12
13     $request->user()->tasks()->create([
14         'name' => $request->name,
15     ]);
16
17     return redirect('/tasks');
18 }
```

Great! We can now successfully create tasks. Next, let's continue adding to our view by building a list of all existing tasks.

Displaying Existing Tasks

First, we need to edit our `TaskController@index` method to pass all of the existing tasks to the view. The `view` function accepts a second argument which is an array of data that will be made available to the view, where each key in the array will become a variable within the view. For example, we could do this:

```
1  /**
2   * Display a list of all of the user's task.
3   *
4   * @param Request $request
5   * @return Response
6   */
7  public function index(Request $request)
8  {
9      $tasks = $request->user()->tasks()->get();
10
11      return view('tasks.index', [
12          'tasks' => $tasks,
13      ]);
14  }
```

However, let's explore some of the dependency injection capabilities of Laravel to inject a `TaskRepository` into our `TaskController`, which we will use for all of our data access.

Dependency Injection

Laravel's [service container](#) is one of the most powerful features of the entire framework. After reading this quickstart, be sure to read over all of the container's documentation.

Creating The Repository

As we mentioned earlier, we want to define a `TaskRepository` that holds all of our data access logic for the `Task` model. This will be especially useful if the application grows and you need to share some Eloquent queries across the application.

So, let's create an `app/Repositories` directory and add a `TaskRepository` class. Remember, all Laravel app folders are auto-loaded using the PSR-4 auto-loading standard, so you are free to create as many extra directories as needed:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Repositories;
4
5  use App\User;
6
7  class TaskRepository
8  {
9      /**
```

```
10      * Get all of the tasks for a given user.
11      *
12      * @param User $user
13      * @return Collection
14      */
15      public function forUser(User $user)
16      {
17          return $user->tasks()
18              ->orderBy('created_at', 'asc')
19              ->get();
20      }
21  }
```

Injecting The Repository

Once our repository is defined, we can simply “type-hint” it in the constructor of our TaskController and utilize it within our index route. Since Laravel uses the container to resolve all controllers, our dependencies will automatically be injected into the controller instance:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use App\Task;
6  use App\Http\Requests;
7  use Illuminate\Http\Request;
8  use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
9  use App\Repositories\TaskRepository;
10
11  class TaskController extends Controller
12  {
13      /**
14       * The task repository instance.
15       *
16       * @var TaskRepository
17       */
18      protected $tasks;
19
20      /**
21       * Create a new controller instance.
22       *
```

```
23      * @param TaskRepository $tasks
24      * @return void
25      */
26      public function __construct(TaskRepository $tasks)
27      {
28          $this->middleware('auth');
29
30          $this->tasks = $tasks;
31      }
32
33      /**
34       * Display a list of all of the user's task.
35       *
36       * @param Request $request
37       * @return Response
38       */
39      public function index(Request $request)
40      {
41          return view('tasks.index', [
42              'tasks' => $this->tasks->forUser($request->user()),
43          ]);
44      }
45  }
```

Displaying The Tasks

Once the data is passed, we can spin through the tasks in our tasks/index.blade.php view and display them in a table. The @foreach Blade construct allows us to write concise loops that compile down into blazing fast plain PHP code:

```
1  @extends('layouts.app')
2
3  @section('content')
4      <!-- Create Task Form... -->
5
6      <!-- Current Tasks -->
7      @if (count($tasks) > 0)
8          <div class="panel panel-default">
9              <div class="panel-heading">
10                  Current Tasks
11              </div>
```

```

12
13         <div class="panel-body">
14             <table class="table table-striped task-table">
15
16                 <!-- Table Headings -->
17                 <thead>
18                     <th>Task</th>
19                     <th>&nbsp;</th>
20                 </thead>
21
22                 <!-- Table Body -->
23                 <tbody>
24                     @foreach ($tasks as $task)
25                         <tr>
26                             <!-- Task Name -->
27                             <td class="table-text">
28                                 <div>{{ $task->name }}</div>
29                             </td>
30
31                             <td>
32                                 <!-- TODO: Delete Button -->
33                             </td>
34                         </tr>
35                     @endforeach
36                 </tbody>
37             </table>
38         </div>
39     </div>
40 @endif
41 @endsection

```

Our task application is almost complete. But, we have no way to delete our existing tasks when they're done. Let's add that next!

Deleting Tasks

Adding The Delete Button

We left a "TODO" note in our code where our delete button is supposed to be. So, let's add a delete button to each row of our task listing within the `tasks/index.blade.php` view. We'll create a small single-button form for each task in the list. When the button is clicked, a `DELETE /task` request will be sent to the application which will trigger our `TaskController@destroy` method:

```
1 <tr>
2     <!-- Task Name -->
3     <td class="table-text">
4         <div>{{ $task->name }}</div>
5     </td>
6
7     <!-- Delete Button -->
8     <td>
9         <form action="{{ url('task/'.$task->id) }}" method="POST">
10             {{ csrf_field() }}
11             {{ method_field('DELETE') }}
12
13             <button type="submit" id="delete-task-{{ $task->id }}" class="btn btn-
14 n-danger">
15                 <i class="fa fa-btn fa-trash"></i>Delete
16             </button>
17         </form>
18     </td>
19 </tr>
```

A Note On Method Spoofing

Note that the delete button's form method is listed as POST, even though we are responding to the request using a `Route::delete` route. HTML forms only allow the GET and POST HTTP verbs, so we need a way to spoof a DELETE request from the form.

We can spoof a DELETE request by outputting the results of the `method_field('DELETE')` function within our form. This function generates a hidden form input that Laravel recognizes and will use to override the actual HTTP request method. The generated field will look like the following:

```
1 <input type="hidden" name="_method" value="DELETE">
```

Route Model Binding

Now, we're almost ready to define the `destroy` method on our `TaskController`. But, first, let's revisit our route declaration and controller method for this route:

```
1 Route::delete('/task/{task}', 'TaskController@destroy');
2
3 /**
4  * Destroy the given task.
5  *
6  * @param Request $request
7  * @param Task $task
8  * @return Response
9  */
10 public function destroy(Request $request, Task $task)
11 {
12     //
13 }
```

Since the `{task}` variable in our route matches the `$task` variable defined in our controller method, Laravel's [implicit model binding](#) will automatically inject the corresponding Task model instance.

Authorization

Now, we have a Task instance injected into our destroy method; however, we have no guarantee that the authenticated user actually “owns” the given task. For example, a malicious request could have been concocted in an attempt to delete another user’s tasks by passing a random task ID to the `/tasks/{task}` URL. So, we need to use Laravel’s authorization capabilities to make sure the authenticated user actually owns the Task instance that was injected into the route.

Creating A Policy

Laravel uses “policies” to organize authorization logic into simple, small classes. Typically, each policy corresponds to a model. So, let’s create a TaskPolicy using the Artisan CLI, which will place the generated file in `app/Policies/TaskPolicy.php`:

```
1 php artisan make:policy TaskPolicy
```

Next, let’s add a destroy method to the policy. This method will receive a User instance and a Task instance. The method should simply check if the user’s ID matches the `user_id` on the task. In fact, all policy methods should either return `true` or `false`:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Policies;
4
5  use App\User;
6  use App\Task;
7  use Illuminate\Auth\Access\HandlesAuthorization;
8
9  class TaskPolicy
10 {
11     use HandlesAuthorization;
12
13     /**
14      * Determine if the given user can delete the given task.
15      *
16      * @param User $user
17      * @param Task $task
18      * @return bool
19      */
20     public function destroy(User $user, Task $task)
21     {
22         return $user->id === $task->user_id;
23     }
24 }
```

Finally, we need to associate our Task model with our TaskPolicy. We can do this by adding a line in the app/Providers/AuthServiceProvider.php file's \$policies property. This will inform Laravel which policy should be used whenever we try to authorize an action on a Task instance:

```
1  /**
2   * The policy mappings for the application.
3   *
4   * @var array
5   */
6  protected $policies = [
7      'App\Task' => 'App\Policies\TaskPolicy',
8  ];
```


Authorizing The Action

Now that our policy is written, let's use it in our destroy method. All Laravel controllers may call an `authorize` method, which is exposed by the `AuthorizesRequest` trait:

```
1  /**
2   * Destroy the given task.
3   *
4   * @param Request $request
5   * @param Task $task
6   * @return Response
7   */
8  public function destroy(Request $request, Task $task)
9  {
10     $this->authorize('destroy', $task);
11
12     // Delete The Task...
13 }
```

Let's examine this method call for a moment. The first argument passed to the `authorize` method is the name of the policy method we wish to call. The second argument is the model instance that is our current concern. Remember, we recently told Laravel that our `Task` model corresponds to our `TaskPolicy`, so the framework knows on which policy to fire the `destroy` method. The current user will automatically be sent to the policy method, so we do not need to manually pass it here.

If the action is authorized, our code will continue executing normally. However, if the action is not authorized (meaning the policy's `destroy` method returned `false`), a 403 exception will be thrown and an error page will be displayed to the user.



Note: There are several other ways to interact with the authorization services Laravel provides. Be sure to browse the complete [authorization documentation](#).

Deleting The Task

Finally, let's finish adding the logic to our `destroy` method to actually delete the given task. We can use Eloquent's `delete` method to delete the given model instance in the database. Once the record is deleted, we will redirect the user back to the `/tasks` URL:

```
1  /**
2   * Destroy the given task.
3   *
4   * @param Request $request
5   * @param Task $task
6   * @return Response
7   */
8  public function destroy(Request $request, Task $task)
9  {
10     $this->authorize('destroy', $task);
11
12     $task->delete();
13
14     return redirect('/tasks');
15 }
```

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Basic Routing

All Laravel routes are defined in the `app/Http/routes.php` file, which is automatically loaded by the framework. The most basic Laravel routes simply accept a URI and a Closure, providing a very simple and expressive method of defining routes:

```
1 Route::get('foo', function () {  
2     return 'Hello World';  
3 });
```

The Default Routes File

The default `routes.php` file is loaded by the `RouteServiceProvider` and is automatically included in the web middleware group, which provides access to session state and CSRF protection. Most of the routes for your application will be defined within this file.

Available Router Methods

The router allows you to register routes that respond to any HTTP verb:

```
1 Route::get($uri, $callback);
2 Route::post($uri, $callback);
3 Route::put($uri, $callback);
4 Route::patch($uri, $callback);
5 Route::delete($uri, $callback);
6 Route::options($uri, $callback);
```

Sometimes you may need to register a route that responds to multiple HTTP verbs. You may do so using the `match` method. Or, you may even register a route that responds to all HTTP verbs using the `any` method:

```
1 Route::match(['get', 'post'], '/', function () {
2     //
3 });
4
5 Route::any('foo', function () {
6     //
7 });
```

Route Parameters

Required Parameters

Of course, sometimes you will need to capture segments of the URI within your route. For example, you may need to capture a user's ID from the URL. You may do so by defining route parameters:

```
1 Route::get('user/{id}', function ($id) {
2     return 'User '.$id;
3 });
```

You may define as many route parameters as required by your route:

```
1 Route::get('posts/{post}/comments/{comment}', function ($postId, $commentId) {  
2     //  
3 });
```

Route parameters are always encased within “curly” braces and will be passed into your route’s Closure when the route is executed.



Note: Route parameters cannot contain the - character. Use an underscore (_) instead.

Optional Parameters

Occasionally you may need to specify a route parameter, but make the presence of that route parameter optional. You may do so by placing a ? mark after the parameter name. Make sure to give the route’s corresponding variable a default value:

```
1 Route::get('user/{name?}', function ($name = null) {  
2     return $name;  
3 });  
4  
5 Route::get('user/{name?}', function ($name = 'John') {  
6     return $name;  
7 });
```

Named Routes

Named routes allow the convenient generation of URLs or redirects for specific routes. You may specify a name for a route by chaining the name method onto the route definition:

```
1 Route::get('user/profile', function () {  
2     //  
3 })->name('profile');
```

You may also specify route names for controller actions:

```
1 Route::get('user/profile', 'UserController@showProfile')->name('profile');
```

Generating URLs To Named Routes

Once you have assigned a name to a given route, you may use the route's name when generating URLs or redirects via the global route function:

```
1 // Generating URLs...
2 $url = route('profile');
3
4 // Generating Redirects...
5 return redirect()->route('profile');
```

If the named route defines parameters, you may pass the parameters as the second argument to the route function. The given parameters will automatically be inserted into the URL in their correct positions:

```
1 Route::get('user/{id}/profile', function ($id) {
2     //
3 }->name('profile');
4
5 $url = route('profile', ['id' => 1]);
```

Route Groups

Route groups allow you to share route attributes, such as middleware or namespaces, across a large number of routes without needing to define those attributes on each individual route. Shared attributes are specified in an array format as the first parameter to the `Route::group` method.

Middleware

To assign middleware to all routes within a group, you may use the `middleware` key in the group attribute array. Middleware are executed in the order they are listed in the array:

```
1 Route::group(['middleware' => 'auth'], function () {
2     Route::get('/', function () {
3         // Uses Auth Middleware
4     });
5
6     Route::get('user/profile', function () {
7         // Uses Auth Middleware
8     });
9 });
```

Namespaces

Another common use-case for route groups is assigning the same PHP namespace to a group of controllers using the namespace parameter in the group array:

```
1 Route::group(['namespace' => 'Admin'], function() {
2     // Controllers Within The "App\Http\Controllers\Admin" Namespace
3 });
```

Remember, by default, the `RouteServiceProvider` includes your `routes.php` file within a namespace group, allowing you to register controller routes without specifying the full `App\Http\Controllers` namespace prefix. So, you only need to specify the portion of the namespace that comes after the base `App\Http\Controllers` namespace.

Sub-Domain Routing

Route groups may also be used to handle sub-domain routing. Sub-domains may be assigned route parameters just like route URIs, allowing you to capture a portion of the sub-domain for usage in your route or controller. The sub-domain may be specified using the `domain` key on the group attribute array:

```
1 Route::group(['domain' => '{account}.myapp.com'], function () {
2     Route::get('user/{id}', function ($account, $id) {
3         //
4     });
5 });
```

```
5 });
```

Route Prefixes

The `prefix` group attribute may be used to prefix each route in the group with a given URI. For example, you may want to prefix all route URIs within the group with `admin`:

```
1 Route::group(['prefix' => 'admin'], function () {  
2     Route::get('users', function () {  
3         // Matches The "/admin/users" URL  
4     });  
5 });
```

Route Model Binding

When injecting a model ID to a route or controller action, you will often query to retrieve the model that corresponds to that ID. Laravel route model binding provides a convenient way to automatically inject the model instances directly into your routes. For example, instead of injecting a user's ID, you can inject the entire `User` model instance that matches the given ID.

Implicit Binding

Laravel automatically resolves type-hinted Eloquent models defined in routes or controller actions whose variable names match a route segment name. For example:

```
1 Route::get('api/users/{user}', function (App\User $user) {  
2     return $user->email;  
3 });
```

In this example, since the Eloquent type-hinted `$user` variable defined on the route matches the `{user}` segment in the route's URI, Laravel will automatically inject the model instance that has an ID matching the corresponding value from the request URI. If a matching model instance is not found in the database, a 404 HTTP response will be automatically generated.

Customizing The Key Name

If you would like an implicit model binding to use a database column other than `id` when retrieving models, you may override the `getRouteKeyName` method on your Eloquent model:

```
1  /**
2   * Get the route key for the model.
3   *
4   * @return string
5   */
6  public function getRouteKeyName()
7  {
8      return 'slug';
9  }
```

Explicit Binding

To register an explicit binding, use the router's `model` method to specify the class for a given parameter. You should define your explicit model bindings in the `boot` method of the `RouteServiceProvider` class:

```
1  public function boot()
2  {
3      parent::boot();
4
5      Route::model('user', 'App\User');
6  }
```

Next, define a route that contains a `{user}` parameter:

```
1  $router->get('profile/{user}', function(App\User $user) {
2      //
3  });
```

Since we have bound all `{user}` parameters to the `App\User` model, a `User` instance will be injected into the route. So, for example, a request to `profile/1` will inject the `User` instance from the database which has an ID of 1.

If a matching model instance is not found in the database, a 404 HTTP response will be automatically generated.

Customizing The Resolution Logic

If you wish to use your own resolution logic, you may use the `Route::bind` method. The Closure you pass to the `bind` method will receive the value of the URI segment and should return the instance of the class that should be injected into the route:

```
1 $router->bind('user', function ($value) {  
2     return App\User::where('name', $value)->first();  
3 });
```

Form Method Spoofing

HTML forms do not support PUT, PATCH or DELETE actions. So, when defining PUT, PATCH or DELETE routes that are called from an HTML form, you will need to add a hidden `_method` field to the form. The value sent with the `_method` field will be used as the HTTP request method:

```
1 <form action="/foo/bar" method="POST">  
2     <input type="hidden" name="_method" value="PUT">  
3     <input type="hidden" name="_token" value="{{ csrf_token() }}">  
4 </form>
```

You may use the `method_field` helper to generate the `_method` input:

```
1 {{ method_field('PUT') }}
```

Accessing The Current Route

You may use the `current`, `currentRouteName`, and `currentRouteAction` methods on the `Route` facade to access information about the route handling the incoming request:

```
1 $route = Route::current();
2
3 $name = Route::currentRouteName();
4
5 $action = Route::currentRouteAction();
```

Refer to the API documentation for both the [underlying class of the Route facade](#)⁷² and [Route instance](#)⁷³ to review all accessible methods.

⁷²<http://laravel.com/api/v1/protect/char%007B%5Cprotect%2F%007B%5Crelax%5Cversion%5Cprotect%2F%007D%5Crelax%2F%007D%5Crelax%2F%007D%5Cilluminate%2FRouting%2FRouter.html>

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Introduction

Laravel makes it easy to protect your application from [cross-site request forgery](#)⁷⁴ (CSRF) attacks. Cross-site request forgeries are a type of malicious exploit whereby unauthorized commands are performed on behalf of an authenticated user.

Laravel automatically generates a CSRF “token” for each active user session managed by the application. This token is used to verify that the authenticated user is the one actually making the requests to the application.

Anytime you define a HTML form in your application, you should include a hidden CSRF token field in the form so that the CSRF protection middleware can validate the request. You may use the `csrf_field` helper to generate the token field:

```
1 <form method="POST" action="/profile">
2     {{ csrf_field() }}
3     ...
4 </form>
```

The `VerifyCsrfToken` [middleware](#), which is included in the web middleware group, will automatically verify that the token in the request input matches the token stored in the session.

Excluding URIs From CSRF Protection

Sometimes you may wish to exclude a set of URIs from CSRF protection. For example, if you are using [Stripe](#)⁷⁵ to process payments and are utilizing their webhook system, you will need to exclude

⁷⁴http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cross-site_request_forgery

⁷⁵<https://stripe.com>

your Stripe webhook handler route from CSRF protection since Stripe will not know what CSRF token to send to your routes.

Typically, you should place these kinds of routes outside of the web middleware group that the `RouteServiceProvider` applies to all routes in the `routes.php` file. However, you may also exclude the routes by adding their URIs to the `$except` property of the `VerifyCsrfToken` middleware:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Middleware;
4
5  use Illuminate\Foundation\Http\Middleware\VerifyCsrfToken as BaseVerifier;
6
7  class VerifyCsrfToken extends BaseVerifier
8  {
9      /**
10       * The URIs that should be excluded from CSRF verification.
11       *
12       * @var array
13       */
14       protected $except = [
15           'stripe/*',
16       ];
17  }
```

X-CSRF-TOKEN

In addition to checking for the CSRF token as a POST parameter, the `VerifyCsrfToken` middleware will also check for the X-CSRF-TOKEN request header. You could, for example, store the token in a HTML meta tag:

```
1  <meta name="csrf-token" content="{{ csrf_token() }}">
```

Then, once you have created the meta tag, you can instruct a library like jQuery to automatically add the token to all request headers. This provides simple, convenient CSRF protection for your AJAX based applications:

```
1 $.ajaxSetup({
2     headers: {
3         'X-CSRF-TOKEN': $('meta[name="csrf-token"]').attr('content')
4     }
5 });
```

X-XSRF-TOKEN

Laravel stores the current CSRF token in a XSRF-TOKEN cookie that is included with each response generated by the framework. You can use the cookie value to set the X-XSRF-TOKEN request header.

This cookie is primarily sent as a convenience since some JavaScript frameworks, like Angular, automatically place its value in the X-XSRF-TOKEN header.

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Introduction

HTTP middleware provide a convenient mechanism for filtering HTTP requests entering your application. For example, Laravel includes a middleware that verifies the user of your application is authenticated. If the user is not authenticated, the middleware will redirect the user to the login screen. However, if the user is authenticated, the middleware will allow the request to proceed further into the application.

Of course, additional middleware can be written to perform a variety of tasks besides authentication. A CORS middleware might be responsible for adding the proper headers to all responses leaving your application. A logging middleware might log all incoming requests to your application.

There are several middleware included in the Laravel framework, including middleware for maintenance, authentication, CSRF protection, and more. All of these middleware are located in the `app/Http/Middleware` directory.

Defining Middleware

To create a new middleware, use the `make:middleware` Artisan command:

```
1 php artisan make:middleware AgeMiddleware
```

This command will place a new `AgeMiddleware` class within your `app/Http/Middleware` directory. In this middleware, we will only allow access to the route if the supplied age is greater than 200. Otherwise, we will redirect the users back to the “home” URL.

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Middleware;
4
5  use Closure;
6
7  class AgeMiddleware
8  {
9      /**
10       * Run the request filter.
11       *
12       * @param \Illuminate\Http\Request $request
13       * @param \Closure $next
14       * @return mixed
15       */
16     public function handle($request, Closure $next)
17     {
18         if ($request->input('age') <= 200) {
19             return redirect('home');
20         }
21
22         return $next($request);
23     }
24
25 }
```

As you can see, if the given age is less than or equal to 200, the middleware will return an HTTP redirect to the client; otherwise, the request will be passed further into the application. To pass the request deeper into the application (allowing the middleware to “pass”), simply call the `$next` callback with the `$request`.

It’s best to envision middleware as a series of “layers” HTTP requests must pass through before they hit your application. Each layer can examine the request and even reject it entirely.

Before / After Middleware

Whether a middleware runs before or after a request depends on the middleware itself. For example, the following middleware would perform some task **before** the request is handled by the application:


```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Middleware;
4
5  use Closure;
6
7  class BeforeMiddleware
8  {
9      public function handle($request, Closure $next)
10     {
11         // Perform action
12
13         return $next($request);
14     }
15 }
```

However, this middleware would perform its task **after** the request is handled by the application:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Middleware;
4
5  use Closure;
6
7  class AfterMiddleware
8  {
9      public function handle($request, Closure $next)
10     {
11         $response = $next($request);
12
13         // Perform action
14
15         return $response;
16     }
17 }
```

Registering Middleware

Global Middleware

If you want a middleware to be run during every HTTP request to your application, simply list the middleware class in the `$middleware` property of your `app/Http/Kernel.php` class.

Assigning Middleware To Routes

If you would like to assign middleware to specific routes, you should first assign the middleware a short-hand key in your `app/Http/Kernel.php` file. By default, the `$routeMiddleware` property of this class contains entries for the middleware included with Laravel. To add your own, simply append it to this list and assign it a key of your choosing. For example:

```
1 // Within App\Http\Kernel Class...
2
3 protected $routeMiddleware = [
4     'auth' => \App\Http\Middleware\Authenticate::class,
5     'auth.basic' => \Illuminate\Auth\Middleware\AuthenticateWithBasicAuth::class,
6     'guest' => \App\Http\Middleware\RedirectIfAuthenticated::class,
7     'throttle' => \Illuminate\Routing\Middleware\ThrottleRequests::class,
8 ];
```

Once the middleware has been defined in the HTTP kernel, you may use the middleware key in the route options array:

```
1 Route::get('admin/profile', ['middleware' => 'auth', function () {
2     //
3 }]);
```

Use an array to assign multiple middleware to the route:

```
1 Route::get('/', ['middleware' => ['first', 'second'], function () {
2     //
3 }]);
```

Instead of using an array, you may also chain the middleware method onto the route definition:

```
1 Route::get('/', function () {  
2     //  
3 })->middleware(['first', 'second']);
```

When assigning middleware, you may also pass the fully qualified class name:

```
1 use App\Http\Middleware\FooMiddleware;  
2  
3 Route::get('admin/profile', ['middleware' => FooMiddleware::class, function () {  
4     //  
5 }]);
```

Middleware Groups

Sometimes you may want to group several middleware under a single key to make them easier to assign to routes. You may do this using the `$middlewareGroups` property of your HTTP kernel.

Out of the box, Laravel comes with web and api middleware groups that contains common middleware you may want to apply to web UI and your API routes:

```
1 /**  
2  * The application's route middleware groups.  
3  *  
4  * @var array  
5  */  
6 protected $middlewareGroups = [  
7     'web' => [  
8         \App\Http\Middleware\EncryptCookies::class,  
9         \Illuminate\Cookie\Middleware\AddQueuedCookiesToResponse::class,  
10        \Illuminate\Session\Middleware\StartSession::class,  
11        \Illuminate\View\Middleware\ShareErrorsFromSession::class,  
12        \App\Http\Middleware\VerifyCsrfToken::class,  
13    ],  
14  
15    'api' => [  
16        'throttle:60,1',  
17        'auth:api',  
18    ],
```

```
19 ];
```

Middleware groups may be assigned to routes and controller actions using the same syntax as individual middleware. Again, middleware groups simply make it more convenient to assign many middleware to a route at once:

```
1 Route::group(['middleware' => ['web']], function () {  
2     //  
3 });
```

Keep in mind, the web middleware group is automatically applied to your default `routes.php` file by the `RouteServiceProvider`.

Middleware Parameters

Middleware can also receive additional custom parameters. For example, if your application needs to verify that the authenticated user has a given “role” before performing a given action, you could create a `RoleMiddleware` that receives a role name as an additional argument.

Additional middleware parameters will be passed to the middleware after the `$next` argument:

```
1 <?php  
2  
3 namespace App\Http\Middleware;  
4  
5 use Closure;  
6  
7 class RoleMiddleware  
8 {  
9     /**  
10      * Run the request filter.  
11      *  
12      * @param \Illuminate\Http\Request $request  
13      * @param \Closure $next  
14      * @param string $role  
15      * @return mixed  
16      */  
17     public function handle($request, Closure $next, $role)  
18     {
```

```
19         if (! $request->user()->hasRole($role)) {
20             // Redirect...
21         }
22
23         return $next($request);
24     }
25
26 }
```

Middleware parameters may be specified when defining the route by separating the middleware name and parameters with a `:`. Multiple parameters should be delimited by commas:

```
1 Route::put('post/{id}', ['middleware' => 'role:editor', function ($id) {
2     //
3 }]);
```

Terminable Middleware

Sometimes a middleware may need to do some work after the HTTP response has already been sent to the browser. For example, the “session” middleware included with Laravel writes the session data to storage *after* the response has been sent to the browser. To accomplish this, define the middleware as “terminable” by adding a `terminate` method to the middleware:

```
1 <?php
2
3 namespace Illuminate\Session\Middleware;
4
5 use Closure;
6
7 class StartSession
8 {
9     public function handle($request, Closure $next)
10     {
11         return $next($request);
12     }
13
14     public function terminate($request, $response)
```

```
15     {  
16         // Store the session data...  
17     }  
18 }
```

The `terminate` method should receive both the request and the response. Once you have defined a terminable middleware, you should add it to the list of global middlewares in your HTTP kernel.

When calling the `terminate` method on your middleware, Laravel will resolve a fresh instance of the middleware from the [service container](#). If you would like to use the same middleware instance when the `handle` and `terminate` methods are called, register the middleware with the container using the container's `singleton` method.

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Introduction

Instead of defining all of your request handling logic in a single `routes.php` file, you may wish to organize this behavior using Controller classes. Controllers can group related HTTP request handling logic into a class. Controllers are stored in the `app/Http/Controllers` directory.

Basic Controllers

Here is an example of a basic controller class. All Laravel controllers should extend the base controller class included with the default Laravel installation:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use App\User;
6  use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
7
8  class UserController extends Controller
9  {
10     /**
11      * Show the profile for the given user.
12      *
13      * @param int $id
14      * @return Response
15      */
16     public function showProfile($id)
17     {
```

```
18         return view('user.profile', ['user' => User::findOrFail($id)]);
19     }
20 }
```

We can route to the controller action like so:

```
1 Route::get('user/{id}', 'UserController@showProfile');
```

Now, when a request matches the specified route URI, the `showProfile` method on the `UserController` class will be executed. Of course, the route parameters will also be passed to the method.

Controllers & Namespaces

It is very important to note that we did not need to specify the full controller namespace when defining the controller route. We only defined the portion of the class name that comes after the `App\Http\Controllers` namespace “root”. By default, the `RouteServiceProvider` will load the `routes.php` file within a route group containing the root controller namespace.

If you choose to nest or organize your controllers using PHP namespaces deeper into the `App\Http\Controllers` directory, simply use the specific class name relative to the `App\Http\Controllers` root namespace. So, if your full controller class is `App\Http\Controllers\Photos\AdminController`, you would register a route like so:

```
1 Route::get('foo', 'Photos\AdminController@method');
```

Naming Controller Routes

Like Closure routes, you may specify names on controller routes:

```
1 Route::get('foo', ['uses' => 'FooController@method', 'as' => 'name']);
```

You may also use the route helper to generate a URL to a named controller route:


```
1 $url = route('name');
```

Controller Middleware

Middleware may be assigned to the controller's routes like so:

```
1 Route::get('profile', [  
2     'middleware' => 'auth',  
3     'uses' => 'UserController@showProfile'  
4 ]);
```

However, it is more convenient to specify middleware within your controller's constructor. Using the `middleware` method from your controller's constructor, you may easily assign middleware to the controller. You may even restrict the middleware to only certain methods on the controller class:

```
1 class UserController extends Controller  
2 {  
3     /**  
4      * Instantiate a new UserController instance.  
5      *  
6      * @return void  
7      */  
8     public function __construct()  
9     {  
10         $this->middleware('auth');  
11  
12         $this->middleware('log', ['only' => [  
13             'fooAction',  
14             'barAction',  
15         ]]);  
16  
17         $this->middleware('subscribed', ['except' => [  
18             'fooAction',  
19             'barAction',  
20         ]]);
```

```

21     }
22 }

```

RESTful Resource Controllers

Resource controllers make it painless to build RESTful controllers around resources. For example, you may wish to create a controller that handles HTTP requests regarding “photos” stored by your application. Using the `make:controller` Artisan command, we can quickly create such a controller:

```

1  php artisan make:controller PhotoController --resource

```

The Artisan command will generate a controller file at `app/Http/Controllers/PhotoController.php`. The controller will contain a method for each of the available resource operations.

Next, you may register a resourceful route to the controller:

```

1  Route::resource('photos', 'PhotoController');

```

This single route declaration creates multiple routes to handle a variety of RESTful actions on the photo resource. Likewise, the generated controller will already have methods stubbed for each of these actions, including notes informing you which URIs and verbs they handle.

Actions Handled By Resource Controller

Verb	Path	Action	Route Name	Method
GET	/photos	index	photos.index	GET
POST	/photos/create	create	photos.create	POST
POST	/photos/store	store	photos.store	POST
GET	/photos/{photo}	show	photos.show	GET
GET	/photos/{photo}/edit	edit	photos.edit	GET
PUT/PATCH	/photos/{photo}	update	photos.update	PUT/PATCH
DELETE	/photos/{photo}	destroy	photos.destroy	DELETE

Remember, since HTML forms can’t make PUT, PATCH, or DELETE requests, you will need to add a hidden `_method` field to spoof these HTTP verbs:

```

1  <input type="hidden" name="_method" value="PUT">

```

Partial Resource Routes

When declaring a resource route, you may specify a subset of actions to handle on the route:

```
1 Route::resource('photo', 'PhotoController', ['only' => [  
2     'index', 'show'  
3 ]]);  
4  
5 Route::resource('photo', 'PhotoController', ['except' => [  
6     'create', 'store', 'update', 'destroy'  
7 ]]);
```

Naming Resource Routes

By default, all resource controller actions have a route name; however, you can override these names by passing a names array with your options:

```
1 Route::resource('photo', 'PhotoController', ['names' => [  
2     'create' => 'photo.build'  
3 ]]);
```

Naming Resource Route Parameters

By default, `Route::resource` will create the route parameters for your resource routes based on the “singularized” version of the resource name. You can easily override this on a per resource basis by passing parameters in the options array. The parameters array should be an associative array of resource names and parameter names:

```
1 Route::resource('user', 'AdminUserController', ['parameters' => [  
2     'user' => 'admin_user'  
3 ]]);
```

The example above generates the following URIs for the resource’s show route:

```
1 /user/{admin_user}
```

When customizing resource parameters, it's important to keep the naming priority in mind:

1. The parameters explicitly passed to `Route::resource`.
2. The global parameter mappings set via `Route::resourceParameters`.
3. The default behavior.

Supplementing Resource Controllers

If it becomes necessary to add additional routes to a resource controller beyond the default resource routes, you should define those routes before your call to `Route::resource`; otherwise, the routes defined by the `resource` method may unintentionally take precedence over your supplemental routes:

```
1 Route::get('photos/popular', 'PhotoController@method');
2
3 Route::resource('photos', 'PhotoController');
```

Dependency Injection & Controllers

Constructor Injection

The Laravel [service container](#) is used to resolve all Laravel controllers. As a result, you are able to type-hint any dependencies your controller may need in its constructor. The dependencies will automatically be resolved and injected into the controller instance:

```
1 <?php
2
3 namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5 use App\Repositories\UserRepository;
6
7 class UserController extends Controller
8 {
9     /**
10      * The user repository instance.
```

```
11     */
12     protected $users;
13
14     /**
15      * Create a new controller instance.
16      *
17      * @param UserRepository $users
18      * @return void
19      */
20     public function __construct(UserRepository $users)
21     {
22         $this->users = $users;
23     }
24 }
```

Of course, you may also type-hint any [Laravel contract](#). If the container can resolve it, you can type-hint it.

Method Injection

In addition to constructor injection, you may also type-hint dependencies on your controller's action methods. For example, let's type-hint the `Illuminate\Http\Request` instance on one of our methods:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use Illuminate\Http\Request;
6
7  class UserController extends Controller
8  {
9      /**
10       * Store a new user.
11       *
12       * @param Request $request
13       * @return Response
14       */
15     public function store(Request $request)
16     {
17         $name = $request->input('name');
18
19         //
```

```
20     }  
21 }
```

If your controller method is also expecting input from a route parameter, simply list your route arguments after your other dependencies. For example, if your route is defined like so:

```
1 Route::put('user/{id}', 'UserController@update');
```

You may still type-hint the `Illuminate\Http\Request` and access your route parameter `id` by defining your controller method like the following:

```
1 <?php  
2  
3 namespace App\Http\Controllers;  
4  
5 use Illuminate\Http\Request;  
6  
7 class UserController extends Controller  
8 {  
9     /**  
10      * Update the specified user.  
11      *  
12      * @param Request $request  
13      * @param string $id  
14      * @return Response  
15      */  
16     public function update(Request $request, $id)  
17     {  
18         //  
19     }  
20 }
```

Route Caching



Note: Route caching does not work with Closure based routes. To use route caching, you must convert any Closure routes to use controller classes.

If your application is exclusively using controller based routes, you should take advantage of Laravel's route cache. Using the route cache will drastically decrease the amount of time it takes to register all of your application's routes. In some cases, your route registration may even be up to 100x faster! To generate a route cache, just execute the `route:cache` Artisan command:

```
1 php artisan route:cache
```

That's all there is to it! Your cached routes file will now be used instead of your `app/Http/routes.php` file. Remember, if you add any new routes you will need to generate a fresh route cache. Because of this, you should only run the `route:cache` command during your project's deployment.

To remove the cached routes file without generating a new cache, use the `route:clear` command:

```
1 php artisan route:clear
```

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Accessing The Request

To obtain an instance of the current HTTP request via dependency injection, you should type-hint the `Illuminate\Http\Request` class on your controller constructor or method. The current request instance will automatically be injected by the [service container](#):

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use Illuminate\Http\Request;
6
7  class UserController extends Controller
8  {
9      /**
10       * Store a new user.
11       *
12       * @param Request $request
13       * @return Response
14       */
15     public function store(Request $request)
16     {
17         $name = $request->input('name');
18
19         //
20     }
21 }
```

If your controller method is also expecting input from a route parameter, simply list your route arguments after your other dependencies. For example, if your route is defined like so:


```
1 Route::put('user/{id}', 'UserController@update');
```

You may still type-hint the `Illuminate\Http\Request` and access your route parameter `id` by defining your controller method like the following:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use Illuminate\Http\Request;
6
7  class UserController extends Controller
8  {
9      /**
10       * Update the specified user.
11       *
12       * @param Request $request
13       * @param string $id
14       * @return Response
15       */
16     public function update(Request $request, $id)
17     {
18         //
19     }
20 }
```

Basic Request Information

The `Illuminate\Http\Request` instance provides a variety of methods for examining the HTTP request for your application and extends the `Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\Request` class. Here are a few more of the useful methods available on this class:

Retrieving The Request URI

The `path` method returns the request's URI. So, if the incoming request is targeted at `http://domain.com/foo/bar`, the `path` method will return `foo/bar`:

```
1 $uri = $request->path();
```

The `is` method allows you to verify that the incoming request URI matches a given pattern. You may use the `*` character as a wildcard when utilizing this method:

```
1 if ($request->is('admin/*')) {  
2     //  
3 }
```

To get the full URL, not just the path info, you may use the `url` or `fullUrl` methods on the request instance:

```
1 // Without Query String...  
2 $url = $request->url();  
3  
4 // With Query String...  
5 $url = $request->fullUrl();
```

You may also get the full URL and append query parameters. For example, if the request is targeted at `http://domain.com/foo`, the following method will return `http://domain.com/foo?bar=baz`:

```
1 $url = $request->fullUrlWithQuery(['bar' => 'baz']);
```

Retrieving The Request Method

The `method` method will return the HTTP verb for the request. You may also use the `isMethod` method to verify that the HTTP verb matches a given string:

```
1 $method = $request->method();  
2  
3 if ($request->isMethod('post')) {
```

```
4      //  
5  }
```

PSR-7 Requests

The PSR-7 standard specifies interfaces for HTTP messages, including requests and responses. If you would like to obtain an instance of a PSR-7 request, you will first need to install a few libraries. Laravel uses the Symfony HTTP Message Bridge component to convert typical Laravel requests and responses into PSR-7 compatible implementations:

```
1  composer require symfony/psr-http-message-bridge  
2  
3  composer require zendframework/zend-diactoros
```

Once you have installed these libraries, you may obtain a PSR-7 request by simply type-hinting the request type on your route or controller:

```
1  use Psr\Http\Message\ServerRequestInterface;  
2  
3  Route::get('/', function (ServerRequestInterface $request) {  
4      //  
5  });
```

If you return a PSR-7 response instance from a route or controller, it will automatically be converted back to a Laravel response instance and be displayed by the framework.

Retrieving Input

Retrieving An Input Value

Using a few simple methods, you may access all user input from your `Illuminate\Http\Request` instance. You do not need to worry about the HTTP verb used for the request, as input is accessed in the same way for all verbs:

```
1 $name = $request->input('name');
```

You may pass a default value as the second argument to the `input` method. This value will be returned if the requested input value is not present on the request:

```
1 $name = $request->input('name', 'Sally');
```

When working on forms with array inputs, you may use “dot” notation to access the arrays:

```
1 $name = $request->input('products.0.name');  
2  
3 $names = $request->input('products.*.name');
```

Retrieving JSON Input Values

When sending JSON requests to your application, you may access the JSON data via the `input` method as long as the Content-Type header of the request is properly set to `application/json`. You may even use “dot” syntax to dig deeper into JSON arrays:

```
1 $name = $request->input('user.name');
```

Determining If An Input Value Is Present

To determine if a value is present on the request, you may use the `has` method. The `has` method returns `true` if the value is present **and** is not an empty string:

```
1 if ($request->has('name')) {  
2     //  
3 }
```

Retrieving All Input Data

You may also retrieve all of the input data as an array using the `all` method:

```
1 $input = $request->all();
```

Retrieving A Portion Of The Input Data

If you need to retrieve a sub-set of the input data, you may use the `only` and `except` methods. Both of these methods will accept a single array or a dynamic list of arguments:

```
1 $input = $request->only(['username', 'password']);
2
3 $input = $request->only('username', 'password');
4
5 $input = $request->except(['credit_card']);
6
7 $input = $request->except('credit_card');
```

Dynamic Properties

You may also access user input using dynamic properties on the `Illuminate\Http\Request` instance. For example, if one of your application's forms contains a `name` field, you may access the value of the posted field like so:

```
1 $name = $request->name;
```

When using dynamic properties, Laravel will first look for the parameter's value in the request payload and then in the route parameters.

Old Input

Laravel allows you to keep input from one request during the next request. This feature is particularly useful for re-populating forms after detecting validation errors. However, if you are using Laravel's included [validation services](#), it is unlikely you will need to manually use these methods, as some of Laravel's built-in validation facilities will call them automatically.

Flashing Input To The Session

The `flash` method on the `Illuminate\Http\Request` instance will flash the current input to the [session](#) so that it is available during the user's next request to the application:

```
1 $request->flash();
```

You may also use the `flashOnly` and `flashExcept` methods to flash a sub-set of the request data into the session:

```
1 $request->flashOnly(['username', 'email']);
2
3 $request->flashExcept('password');
```

Flash Input Into Session Then Redirect

Since you often will want to flash input in association with a redirect to the previous page, you may easily chain input flashing onto a redirect using the `withInput` method:

```
1 return redirect('form')->withInput();
2
3 return redirect('form')->withInput($request->except('password'));
```

Retrieving Old Data

To retrieve flashed input from the previous request, use the `old` method on the `Request` instance. The `old` method provides a convenient helper for pulling the flashed input data out of the [session](#):

```
1 $username = $request->old('username');
```

Laravel also provides a global `old` helper function. If you are displaying old input within a [Blade template](#), it is more convenient to use the `old` helper. If no old input exists for the given string, `null` will be returned:

```
1 <input type="text" name="username" value="{{ old('username') }}">
```

Cookies

Retrieving Cookies From The Request

All cookies created by the Laravel framework are encrypted and signed with an authentication code, meaning they will be considered invalid if they have been changed by the client. To retrieve a cookie value from the request, you may use the `cookie` method on the `Illuminate\Http\Request` instance:

```
1 $value = $request->cookie('name');
```

Attaching A New Cookie To A Response

Laravel provides a global cookie helper function which serves as a simple factory for generating new `Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\Cookie` instances. The cookies may be attached to a `Illuminate\Http\Response` instance using the `withCookie` method:

```
1 $response = new Illuminate\Http\Response('Hello World');  
2  
3 $response->withCookie('name', 'value', $minutes);  
4  
5 return $response;
```

To create a long-lived cookie, which lasts for five years, you may use the `forever` method on the cookie factory by first calling the cookie helper with no arguments, and then chaining the `forever` method onto the returned cookie factory:

```
1 $response->withCookie(cookie()->forever('name', 'value'));
```

Files

Retrieving Uploaded Files

You may access uploaded files that are included with the `Illuminate\Http\Request` instance using the `file` method. The object returned by the `file` method is an instance of the `Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\File\UploadedFile` class, which extends the PHP `SplFileInfo` class and provides a variety of methods for interacting with the file:

```
1 $file = $request->file('photo');
```

You may determine if a file is present on the request using the `hasFile` method:

```
1 if ($request->hasFile('photo')) {  
2     //  
3 }
```

Validating Successful Uploads

In addition to checking if the file is present, you may verify that there were no problems uploading the file via the `isValid` method:

```
1 if ($request->file('photo')->isValid()) {  
2     //  
3 }
```

Moving Uploaded Files

To move the uploaded file to a new location, you should use the `move` method. This method will move the file from its temporary upload location (as determined by your PHP configuration) to a more permanent destination of your choosing:


```
1 $request->file('photo')->move($destinationPath);  
2  
3 $request->file('photo')->move($destinationPath, $fileName);
```

Other File Methods

There are a variety of other methods available on `UploadedFile` instances. Check out the [API documentation for the class](http://api.symfony.com/3.0/Symfony/Component/HttpFoundation/File/UploadedFile.html)⁷⁶ for more information regarding these methods.

⁷⁶<http://api.symfony.com/3.0/Symfony/Component/HttpFoundation/File/UploadedFile.html>

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Basic Responses

Of course, all routes and controllers should return some kind of response to be sent back to the user's browser. Laravel provides several different ways to return responses. The most basic response is simply returning a string from a route or controller:

```
1 Route::get('/', function () {  
2     return 'Hello World';  
3 });
```

The given string will automatically be converted into an HTTP response by the framework.

Response Objects

However, for most routes and controller actions, you will be returning a full `Illuminate\Http\Response` instance or a [view](#). Returning a full `Response` instance allows you to customize the response's HTTP status code and headers. A `Response` instance inherits from the `Symfony\Component\HttpFoundation\Response` class, providing a variety of methods for building HTTP responses:

```
1 use Illuminate\Http\Response;  
2  
3 Route::get('home', function () {  
4     return (new Response($content, $status))  
5         ->header('Content-Type', $value);
```

```
6 });
```

For convenience, you may also use the response helper:

```
1 Route::get('home', function () {  
2     return response($content, $status)  
3         ->header('Content-Type', $value);  
4 });
```



Note: For a full list of available Response methods, check out its [API documentation](http://laravel.com/api/master/Illuminate/Http/Response.html)⁷⁷ and the [Symfony API documentation](http://api.symfony.com/3.0/Symfony/Component/HttpFoundation/Response.html)⁷⁸.

Attaching Headers To Responses

Keep in mind that most response methods are chainable, allowing for the fluent building of responses. For example, you may use the `header` method to add a series of headers to the response before sending it back to the user:

```
1 return response($content)  
2     ->header('Content-Type', $type)  
3     ->header('X-Header-One', 'Header Value')  
4     ->header('X-Header-Two', 'Header Value');
```

Or, you may use the `withHeaders` method to specify an array of headers to be added to the response:

```
1 return response($content)  
2     ->withHeaders([  
3         'Content-Type' => $type,  
4         'X-Header-One' => 'Header Value',  
5         'X-Header-Two' => 'Header Value',  
6     ]);
```

⁷⁷<http://laravel.com/api/master/Illuminate/Http/Response.html>

⁷⁸<http://api.symfony.com/3.0/Symfony/Component/HttpFoundation/Response.html>

```
6         ]);
```

Attaching Cookies To Responses

The `cookie` helper method on the response instance allows you to easily attach cookies to the response. For example, you may use the `cookie` method to generate a cookie and attach it to the response instance:

```
1 return response($content)
2     ->header('Content-Type', $type)
3     ->cookie('name', 'value');
```

The `cookie` method accepts additional optional arguments which allow you to further customize your cookie's properties:

```
1 ->cookie($name, $value, $minutes, $path, $domain, $secure, $httpOnly)
```

Alternatively, you may use the `queue` method on the `Cookie` [facade](#) to create a cookie that will be automatically added to the outgoing response:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use Cookie;
6  use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
7
8  class DashboardController extends Controller
9  {
10     /**
11      * Show the application dashboard.
12      *
13      * @return Response
14      */
15     public function index()
16     {
```

```
17         Cookie::queue('saw_dashboard', true, 15);
18
19         return view('dashboard');
20     }
21 }
```

In this example, the `saw_dashboard` cookie will automatically be added to the outgoing response without forcing you to manually attach the cookie to a specific response instance.

Cookies & Encryption

By default, all cookies generated by Laravel are encrypted and signed so that they can't be modified or read by the client. If you would like to disable encryption for a certain subset of cookies generated by your application, you may use the `$except` property of the `App\Http\Middleware\EncryptCookies` middleware:

```
1  /**
2   * The names of the cookies that should not be encrypted.
3   *
4   * @var array
5   */
6  protected $except = [
7      'cookie_name',
8  ];
```

Other Response Types

The response helper may be used to conveniently generate other types of response instances. When the response helper is called without arguments, an implementation of the `Illuminate\Contracts\Routing\ResponseContract` is returned. This contract provides several helpful methods for generating responses.

View Responses

If you need control over the response status and headers, but also need to return a [view](#) as the response content, you may use the `view` method:

```
1 return response()  
2     ->view('hello', $data)  
3     ->header('Content-Type', $type);
```

Of course, if you do not need to pass a custom HTTP status code or custom headers, you should simply use the global `view` helper function.

JSON Responses

The `json` method will automatically set the Content-Type header to `application/json`, as well as convert the given array into JSON using the `json_encode` PHP function:

```
1 return response()->json(['name' => 'Abigail', 'state' => 'CA']);
```

If you would like to create a JSONP response, you may use the `json` method in addition to `setCallback`:

```
1 return response()  
2     ->json(['name' => 'Abigail', 'state' => 'CA'])  
3     ->setCallback($request->input('callback'));
```

File Downloads

The `download` method may be used to generate a response that forces the user's browser to download the file at the given path. The `download` method accepts a file name as the second argument to the method, which will determine the file name that is seen by the user downloading the file. Finally, you may pass an array of HTTP headers as the third argument to the method:

```
1 return response()->download($pathToFile);  
2  
3 return response()->download($pathToFile, $name, $headers);
```



Note: Symfony HttpFoundation, which manages file downloads, requires the file being downloaded to have an ASCII file name.

File Responses

The `file` method can be used to display a file, such as an image or PDF, directly in the user's browser instead of initiating a download. This method accepts the path to the file as its first argument and an array of headers as its second argument:

```
1 return response()->file($pathToFile);
2
3 return response()->file($pathToFile, $headers);
```

Redirects

Redirect responses are instances of the `Illuminate\Http\RedirectResponse` class, and contain the proper headers needed to redirect the user to another URL. There are several ways to generate a `RedirectResponse` instance. The simplest method is to use the global `redirect` helper method:

```
1 Route::get('dashboard', function () {
2     return redirect('home/dashboard');
3 });
```

Sometimes you may wish to redirect the user to their previous location, for example, after a form submission that is invalid. You may do so by using the global `back` helper function. However, make sure the route using the `back` function is using the web middleware group or has all of the session middleware applied:

```
1 Route::post('user/profile', function () {
2     // Validate the request...
3
4     return back()->withInput();
5 });
```

Redirecting To Named Routes

When you call the `redirect` helper with no parameters, an instance of `Illuminate\Routing\Redirector` is returned, allowing you to call any method on the `Redirector` instance. For example, to generate a `RedirectResponse` to a named route, you may use the `route` method:

```
1 return redirect()->route('login');
```

If your route has parameters, you may pass them as the second argument to the `route` method:

```
1 // For a route with the following URI: profile/{id}
2
3 return redirect()->route('profile', ['id' => 1]);
```

If you are redirecting to a route with an “ID” parameter that is being populated from an Eloquent model, you may simply pass the model itself. The ID will be extracted automatically:

```
1 return redirect()->route('profile', [$user]);
```

Redirecting To Controller Actions

You may also generate redirects to [controller actions](#). To do so, simply pass the controller and action name to the `action` method. Remember, you do not need to specify the full namespace to the controller since Laravel’s `RouteServiceProvider` will automatically set the default controller namespace:

```
1 return redirect()->action('HomeController@index');
```

Of course, if your controller route requires parameters, you may pass them as the second argument to the `action` method:

```
1 return redirect()->action('UserController@profile', ['id' => 1]);
```

Redirecting With Flashed Session Data

Redirecting to a new URL and [flashing data to the session](#) are typically done at the same time. So, for convenience, you may create a `RedirectResponse` instance **and** flash data to the session in a single method chain. This is particularly convenient for storing status messages after an action:


```
1 Route::post('user/profile', function () {
2     // Update the user's profile...
3
4     return redirect('dashboard')->with('status', 'Profile updated!');
5 });
```

Of course, after the user is redirected to a new page, you may retrieve and display the flashed message from the [session](#). For example, using [Blade syntax](#):

```
1 @if (session('status'))
2     <div class="alert alert-success">
3         {{ session('status') }}
4     </div>
5 @endif
```

Response Macros

If you would like to define a custom response that you can re-use in a variety of your routes and controllers, you may use the macro method on the Response facade or the implementation of `Illuminate\Contracts\Routing\ResponseFactory`.

For example, from a [service provider's](#) `boot` method:

```
1 <?php
2
3 namespace App\Providers;
4
5 use Response;
6 use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
7
8 class ResponseMacroServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
9 {
10     /**
11      * Perform post-registration booting of services.
12      *
13      * @return void
14      */
15     public function boot()
```

```
16      {
17          Response::macro('caps', function ($value) {
18              return Response::make(strtoupper($value));
19          });
20      }
21  }
```

The macro function accepts a name as its first argument, and a Closure as its second. The macro's Closure will be executed when calling the macro name from a ResponseFactory implementation or the response helper:

```
1  return response()->caps('foo');
```

Views

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Basic Usage

Views contain the HTML served by your application and separate your controller / application logic from your presentation logic. Views are stored in the `resources/views` directory.

A simple view might look something like this:

```
1  <!-- View stored in resources/views/greeting.php -->
2
3  <html>
4      <body>
5          <h1>Hello, <?php echo $name; ?></h1>
6      </body>
7  </html>
```

Since this view is stored at `resources/views/greeting.php`, we may return it using the global `view` helper function like so:

```
1  Route::get('/', function () {
2      return view('greeting', ['name' => 'James']);
3  });
```

As you can see, the first argument passed to the `view` helper corresponds to the name of the view file in the `resources/views` directory. The second argument passed to helper is an array of data that should be made available to the view. In this case, we are passing the `name` variable, which is displayed in the view by executing `echo` on the variable.

Of course, views may also be nested within sub-directories of the `resources/views` directory. “Dot” notation may be used to reference nested views. For example, if your view is stored at `resources/views/admin/profile.php`, you may reference it like so:

```
1 return view('admin.profile', $data);
```

Determining If A View Exists

If you need to determine if a view exists, you may use the `exists` method after calling the `view` helper with no arguments. This method will return `true` if the view exists on disk:

```
1 if (view()->exists('emails.customer')) {  
2     //  
3 }
```

When the `view` helper is called without arguments, an instance of `Illuminate\Contracts\View\Factory` is returned, giving you access to any of the factory's methods.

View Data

Passing Data To Views

As you saw in the previous examples, you may easily pass an array of data to views:

```
1 return view('greetings', ['name' => 'Victoria']);
```

When passing information in this manner, `$data` should be an array with key/value pairs. Inside your view, you can then access each value using its corresponding key, such as `<?php echo $key; ?>`. As an alternative to passing a complete array of data to the `view` helper function, you may use the `with` method to add individual pieces of data to the view:

```
1 return view('greeting')->with('name', 'Victoria');
```

Sharing Data With All Views

Occasionally, you may need to share a piece of data with all views that are rendered by your application. You may do so using the view factory's `share` method. Typically, you should place calls to

share within a service provider's boot method. You are free to add them to the AppServiceProvider or generate a separate service provider to house them:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Providers;
4
5  class AppServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
6  {
7      /**
8       * Bootstrap any application services.
9       *
10      * @return void
11      */
12     public function boot()
13     {
14         view()->share('key', 'value');
15     }
16
17     /**
18      * Register the service provider.
19      *
20      * @return void
21      */
22     public function register()
23     {
24         //
25     }
26 }
```

View Composers

View composers are callbacks or class methods that are called when a view is rendered. If you have data that you want to be bound to a view each time that view is rendered, a view composer can help you organize that logic into a single location.

Let's register our view composers within a [service provider](#). We'll use the view helper to access the underlying `Illuminate\Contracts\View\Factory` contract implementation. Remember, Laravel does not include a default directory for view composers. You are free to organize them however you wish. For example, you could create an `App\Http\ViewComposers` directory:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Providers;
4
5  use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
6
7  class ComposerServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
8  {
9      /**
10       * Register bindings in the container.
11       *
12       * @return void
13       */
14     public function boot()
15     {
16         // Using class based composers...
17         view()->composer(
18             'profile', 'App\Http\ViewComposers\ProfileComposer'
19         );
20
21         // Using Closure based composers...
22         view()->composer('dashboard', function ($view) {
23             //
24         });
25     }
26
27     /**
28      * Register the service provider.
29      *
30      * @return void
31      */
32     public function register()
33     {
34         //
35     }
36 }
```

Remember, if you create a new service provider to contain your view composer registrations, you will need to add the service provider to the providers array in the `config/app.php` configuration file.

Now that we have registered the composer, the `ProfileComposer@compose` method will be executed each time the profile view is being rendered. So, let's define the composer class:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\ViewComposers;
4
5  use Illuminate\View\View;
6  use App\Repositories\UserRepository;
7
8  class ProfileComposer
9  {
10     /**
11      * The user repository implementation.
12      *
13      * @var UserRepository
14      */
15     protected $users;
16
17     /**
18      * Create a new profile composer.
19      *
20      * @param UserRepository $users
21      * @return void
22      */
23     public function __construct(UserRepository $users)
24     {
25         // Dependencies automatically resolved by service container...
26         $this->users = $users;
27     }
28
29     /**
30      * Bind data to the view.
31      *
32      * @param View $view
33      * @return void
34      */
35     public function compose(View $view)
36     {
37         $view->with('count', $this->users->count());
38     }
39 }
```

Just before the view is rendered, the composer's `compose` method is called with the `Illuminate\View\View` instance. You may use the `with` method to bind data to the view.



Note: All view composers are resolved via the [service container](#), so you may type-hint any dependencies you need within a composer's constructor.

Attaching A Composer To Multiple Views

You may attach a view composer to multiple views at once by passing an array of views as the first argument to the composer method:

```
1 view()->composer(  
2     ['profile', 'dashboard'],  
3     'App\Http\ViewComposers\MyViewComposer'  
4 );
```

The composer method accepts the `*` character as a wildcard, allowing you to attach a composer to all views:

```
1 view()->composer('*', function ($view) {  
2     //  
3 });
```

View Creators

View **creators** are very similar to view composers; however, they are fired immediately when the view is instantiated instead of waiting until the view is about to render. To register a view creator, use the creator method:

```
1 view()->creator('profile', 'App\Http\ViewCreators\ProfileCreator');
```


Blade Templates

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Introduction

Blade is the simple, yet powerful templating engine provided with Laravel. Unlike other popular PHP templating engines, Blade does not restrict you from using plain PHP code in your views. All Blade views are compiled into plain PHP code and cached until they are modified, meaning Blade adds essentially zero overhead to your application. Blade view files use the `.blade.php` file extension and are typically stored in the `resources/views` directory.

Template Inheritance

Defining A Layout

Two of the primary benefits of using Blade are *template inheritance* and *sections*. To get started, let's take a look at a simple example. First, we will examine a “master” page layout. Since most web applications maintain the same general layout across various pages, it's convenient to define this layout as a single Blade view:

```
1  <!-- Stored in resources/views/layouts/master.blade.php -->
2
3  <html>
4      <head>
5          <title>App Name - @yield('title')</title>
6      </head>
7      <body>
8          @section('sidebar')
9              This is the master sidebar.
10         @show
```

```
11
12     <div class="container">
13         @yield('content')
14     </div>
15 </body>
16 </html>
```

As you can see, this file contains typical HTML mark-up. However, take note of the `@section` and `@yield` directives. The `@section` directive, as the name implies, defines a section of content, while the `@yield` directive is used to display the contents of a given section.

Now that we have defined a layout for our application, let's define a child page that inherits the layout.

Extending A Layout

When defining a child page, you may use the Blade `@extends` directive to specify which layout the child page should “inherit”. Views which `@extends` a Blade layout may inject content into the layout's sections using `@section` directives. Remember, as seen in the example above, the contents of these sections will be displayed in the layout using `@yield`:

```
1  <!-- Stored in resources/views/child.blade.php -->
2
3  @extends('layouts.master')
4
5  @section('title', 'Page Title')
6
7  @section('sidebar')
8      @parent
9
10     <p>This is appended to the master sidebar.</p>
11 @endsection
12
13 @section('content')
14     <p>This is my body content.</p>
15 @endsection
```

In this example, the sidebar section is utilizing the `@parent` directive to append (rather than overwriting) content to the layout's sidebar. The `@parent` directive will be replaced by the content of the layout when the view is rendered.

Of course, just like plain PHP views, Blade views may be returned from routes using the global `view` helper function:

```
1 Route::get('blade', function () {  
2     return view('child');  
3 });
```

Displaying Data

You may display data passed to your Blade views by wrapping the variable in “curly” braces. For example, given the following route:

```
1 Route::get('greeting', function () {  
2     return view('welcome', ['name' => 'Samantha']);  
3 });
```

You may display the contents of the `name` variable like so:

```
1 Hello, {{ $name }}.
```

Of course, you are not limited to displaying the contents of the variables passed to the view. You may also echo the results of any PHP function. In fact, you can put any PHP code you wish inside of a Blade echo statement:

```
1 The current UNIX timestamp is {{ time() }}.
```



Note: Blade `{{ }}` statements are automatically sent through PHP’s `htmlspecialchars` function to prevent XSS attacks.

Blade & JavaScript Frameworks

Since many JavaScript frameworks also use “curly” braces to indicate a given expression should be displayed in the browser, you may use the @ symbol to inform the Blade rendering engine an expression should remain untouched. For example:

```
1 <h1>Laravel</h1>
2
3 Hello, @{{ name }}.
```

In this example, the @ symbol will be removed by Blade; however, {{ name }} expression will remain untouched by the Blade engine, allowing it to instead be rendered by your JavaScript framework.

Echoing Data If It Exists

Sometimes you may wish to echo a variable, but you aren’t sure if the variable has been set. We can express this in verbose PHP code like so:

```
1 {{ isset($name) ? $name : 'Default' }}
```

However, instead of writing a ternary statement, Blade provides you with the following convenient short-cut:

```
1 {{ $name or 'Default' }}
```

In this example, if the \$name variable exists, its value will be displayed. However, if it does not exist, the word Default will be displayed.

Displaying Unescaped Data

By default, Blade {{ }} statements are automatically sent through PHP’s htmlentities function to prevent XSS attacks. If you do not want your data to be escaped, you may use the following syntax:

```
1 Hello, {!! $name !!}.
```



Note: Be very careful when echoing content that is supplied by users of your application. Always use the double curly brace syntax to escape any HTML entities in the content.

Control Structures

In addition to template inheritance and displaying data, Blade also provides convenient short-cuts for common PHP control structures, such as conditional statements and loops. These short-cuts provide a very clean, terse way of working with PHP control structures, while also remaining familiar to their PHP counterparts.

If Statements

You may construct if statements using the `@if`, `@elseif`, `@else`, and `@endif` directives. These directives function identically to their PHP counterparts:

```
1 @if (count($records) === 1)
2     I have one record!
3 @elseif (count($records) > 1)
4     I have multiple records!
5 @else
6     I don't have any records!
7 @endif
```

For convenience, Blade also provides an `@unless` directive:

```
1 @unless (Auth::check())
2     You are not signed in.
3 @endunless
```

You may also determine if a given layout section has any content using the `@hasSection` directive:

```
1 <title>
2     @hasSection ('title')
3         @yield('title') - App Name
4     @else
5         App Name
6     @endif
7 </title>
```

Loops

In addition to conditional statements, Blade provides simple directives for working with PHP's supported loop structures. Again, each of these directives functions identically to their PHP counterparts:

```
1 @for ($i = 0; $i < 10; $i++)
2     The current value is {{ $i }}
3 @endfor
4
5 @foreach ($users as $user)
6     <p>This is user {{ $user->id }}</p>
7 @endforeach
8
9 @forelse ($users as $user)
10     <li>{{ $user->name }}</li>
11 @empty
12     <p>No users</p>
13 @endforelse
14
15 @while (true)
16     <p>I'm looping forever.</p>
17 @endwhile
```

When using loops you might need to end the loop or skip the current iteration:

```
1 @foreach ($users as $user)
2     @if ($user->type == 1)
3         @continue
4     @endif
5
6     <li>{{ $user->name }}</li>
7
8     @if ($user->number == 5)
9         @break
10    @endif
11 @endforeach
```

You may also include the condition with the directive declaration in one line:

```
1 @foreach ($users as $user)
2     @continue($user->type == 1)
3
4     <li>{{ $user->name }}</li>
5
6     @break($user->number == 5)
7 @endforeach
```

Including Sub-Views

Blade's `@include` directive, allows you to easily include a Blade view from within an existing view. All variables that are available to the parent view will be made available to the included view:

```
1 <div>
2     @include('shared.errors')
3
4     <form>
5         <!-- Form Contents -->
6     </form>
7 </div>
```

Even though the included view will inherit all data available in the parent view, you may also pass an array of extra data to the included view:

```
1 @include('view.name', ['some' => 'data'])
```



Note: You should avoid using the `__DIR__` and `__FILE__` constants in your Blade views, since they will refer to the location of the cached view.

Rendering Views For Collections

You may combine loops and includes into one line with Blade's `@each` directive:

```
1 @each('view.name', $jobs, 'job')
```

The first argument is the view partial to render for each element in the array or collection. The second argument is the array or collection you wish to iterate over, while the third argument is the variable name that will be assigned to the current iteration within the view. So, for example, if you are iterating over an array of jobs, typically you will want to access each job as a `job` variable within your view partial. The key for the current iteration will be available as the `key` variable within your view partial.

You may also pass a fourth argument to the `@each` directive. This argument determines the view that will be rendered if the given array is empty.

```
1 @each('view.name', $jobs, 'job', 'view.empty')
```

Comments

Blade also allows you to define comments in your views. However, unlike HTML comments, Blade comments are not included in the HTML returned by your application:

```
1 {{-- This comment will not be present in the rendered HTML --}}
```


Stacks

Blade also allows you to push to named stacks which can be rendered somewhere else in another view or layout:

```
1 @push('scripts')
2     <script src="/example.js"></script>
3 @endpush
```

You may push to the same stack as many times as needed. To render a stack, use the `@stack` syntax:

```
1 <head>
2     <!-- Head Contents -->
3
4     @stack('scripts')
5 </head>
```

Service Injection

The `@inject` directive may be used to retrieve a service from the Laravel [service container](#). The first argument passed to `@inject` is the name of the variable the service will be placed into, while the second argument is the class / interface name of the service you wish to resolve:

```
1 @inject('metrics', 'App\Services\MetricsService')
2
3 <div>
4     Monthly Revenue: {{ $metrics->monthlyRevenue() }}.
5 </div>
```

Extending Blade

Blade even allows you to define your own custom directives. You can use the `directive` method to register a directive. When the Blade compiler encounters the directive, it calls the provided callback with its parameter.

The following example creates a `@datetime($var)` directive which formats a given `$var`:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Providers;
4
5  use Blade;
6  use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
7
8  class AppServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
9  {
10     /**
11      * Perform post-registration booting of services.
12      *
13      * @return void
14      */
15     public function boot()
16     {
17         Blade::directive('datetime', function($expression) {
18             return "<?php echo with{$expression}->format('m/d/Y H:i'); ?>";
19         });
20     }
21
22     /**
23      * Register bindings in the container.
24      *
25      * @return void
26      */
27     public function register()
28     {
29         //
30     }
31 }
```

As you can see, Laravel's `with` helper function was used in this directive. The `with` helper simply returns the object / value it is given, allowing for convenient method chaining. The final PHP generated by this directive will be:

```
1  <?php echo with($var)->format('m/d/Y H:i'); ?>
```

After updating the logic of a Blade directive, you will need to delete all of the cached Blade views. The cached Blade views may be removed using the `view:clear` Artisan command.

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Introduction

When using any tool in the “real world”, you feel more confident if you understand how that tool works. Application development is no different. When you understand how your development tools function, you feel more comfortable and confident using them.

The goal of this document is to give you a good, high-level overview of how the Laravel framework “works”. By getting to know the overall framework better, everything feels less “magical” and you will be more confident building your applications.

If you don’t understand all of the terms right away, don’t lose heart! Just try to get a basic grasp of what is going on, and your knowledge will grow as you explore other sections of the documentation.

Lifecycle Overview

First Things

The entry point for all requests to a Laravel application is the `public/index.php` file. All requests are directed to this file by your web server (Apache / Nginx) configuration. The `index.php` file doesn’t contain much code. Rather, it is simply a starting point for loading the rest of the framework.

The `index.php` file loads the Composer generated autoloader definition, and then retrieves an instance of the Laravel application from `bootstrap/app.php` script. The first action taken by Laravel itself is to create an instance of the application / [service container](#).

HTTP / Console Kernels

Next, the incoming request is sent to either the HTTP kernel or the console kernel, depending on the type of request that is entering the application. These two kernels serve as the central location that all requests flow through. For now, let’s just focus on the HTTP kernel, which is located in `app/Http/Kernel.php`.

The HTTP kernel extends the `Illuminate\Foundation\Http\Kernel` class, which defines an array of bootstrappers that will be run before the request is executed. These bootstrappers configure error handling, configure logging, [detect the application environment](#), and perform other tasks that need to be done before the request is actually handled.

The HTTP kernel also defines a list of HTTP [middleware](#) that all requests must pass through before being handled by the application. These middleware handle reading and writing the [HTTP session](#), determine if the application is in maintenance mode, [verifying the CSRF token](#), and more.

The method signature for the HTTP kernel's `handle` method is quite simple: receive a `Request` and return a `Response`. Think of the Kernel as being a big black box that represents your entire application. Feed it HTTP requests and it will return HTTP responses.

Service Providers

One of the most important Kernel bootstrapping actions is loading the [service providers](#) for your application. All of the service providers for the application are configured in the `config/app.php` configuration file's `providers` array. First, the `register` method will be called on all providers, then, once all providers have been registered, the `boot` method will be called.

Service providers are responsible for bootstrapping all of the framework's various components, such as the database, queue, validation, and routing components. Since they bootstrap and configure every feature offered by the framework, service providers are the most important aspect of the entire Laravel bootstrap process.

Dispatch Request

Once the application has been bootstrapped and all service providers have been registered, the `Request` will be handed off to the router for dispatching. The router will dispatch the request to a route or controller, as well as run any route specific middleware.

Focus On Service Providers

Service providers are truly the key to bootstrapping a Laravel application. The application instance is created, the service providers are registered, and the request is handed to the bootstrapped application. It's really that simple!

Having a firm grasp of how a Laravel application is built and bootstrapped via service providers is very valuable. Of course, your application's default service providers are stored in the `app/Providers` directory.

By default, the `AppServiceProvider` is fairly empty. This provider is a great place to add your application's own bootstrapping and service container bindings. Of course, for large applications, you may wish to create several service providers, each with a more granular type of bootstrapping.

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Introduction

The default Laravel application structure is intended to provide a great starting point for both large and small applications. Of course, you are free to organize your application however you like. Laravel imposes almost no restrictions on where any given class is located - as long as Composer can autoload the class.

The Root Directory

The root directory of a fresh Laravel installation contains a variety of directories:

The `app` directory, as you might expect, contains the core code of your application. We'll explore this directory in more detail soon.

The `bootstrap` directory contains a few files that bootstrap the framework and configure autoloading, as well as a `cache` directory that contains a few framework generated files for bootstrap performance optimization.

The `config` directory, as the name implies, contains all of your application's configuration files.

The `database` directory contains your database migration and seeds. If you wish, you may also use this directory to hold an SQLite database.

The `public` directory contains the front controller and your assets (images, JavaScript, CSS, etc.).

The `resources` directory contains your views, raw assets (LESS, SASS, CoffeeScript), and localization files.

The `storage` directory contains compiled Blade templates, file based sessions, file caches, and other files generated by the framework. This directory is segregated into `app`, `framework`, and `logs` directories. The `app` directory may be used to store any files utilized by your application. The `framework` directory is used to store framework generated files and caches. Finally, the `logs` directory contains your application's log files.

The `tests` directory contains your automated tests. An example [PHPUnit](https://phpunit.de/)⁷⁹ is provided out of the box.

The `vendor` directory contains your [Composer](https://getcomposer.org)⁸⁰ dependencies.

The App Directory

The “meat” of your application lives in the `app` directory. By default, this directory is namespaced under `App` and is autoloaded by Composer using the [PSR-4 autoloading standard](http://www.php-fig.org/psr/psr-4/)⁸¹.

The `app` directory ships with a variety of additional directories such as `Console`, `Http`, and `Providers`. Think of the `Console` and `Http` directories as providing an API into the “core” of your application. The HTTP protocol and CLI are both mechanisms to interact with your application, but do not actually contain application logic. In other words, they are simply two ways of issuing commands to your application. The `Console` directory contains all of your Artisan commands, while the `Http` directory contains your controllers, middleware, and requests.

The `Events` directory, as you might expect, houses [event classes](#). Events may be used to alert other parts of your application that a given action has occurred, providing a great deal of flexibility and decoupling.

The `Exceptions` directory contains your application’s exception handler and is also a good place to stick any exceptions thrown by your application.

The `Jobs` directory, of course, houses the [queueable jobs](#) for your application. Jobs may be queued by your application or run synchronously within the current request lifecycle.

The `Listeners` directory contains the handler classes for your events. Handlers receive an event and perform logic in response to the event being fired. For example, a `UserRegistered` event might be handled by a `SendWelcomeEmail` listener.

The `Policies` directory contains the authorization policy classes for your application. Policies are used to determine if a user can perform a given action against a resource. For more information, check out the [authorization documentation](#).



Note: Many of the classes in the `app` directory can be generated by Artisan via commands. To review the available commands, run the `php artisan list make` command in your terminal.

⁷⁹<https://phpunit.de/>

⁸⁰<https://getcomposer.org>

⁸¹<http://www.php-fig.org/psr/psr-4/>

Service Providers

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Introduction

Service providers are the central place of all Laravel application bootstrapping. Your own application, as well as all of Laravel’s core services are bootstrapped via service providers.

But, what do we mean by “bootstrapped”? In general, we mean **registering** things, including registering service container bindings, event listeners, middleware, and even routes. Service providers are the central place to configure your application.

If you open the `config/app.php` file included with Laravel, you will see a `providers` array. These are all of the service provider classes that will be loaded for your application. Of course, many of them are “deferred” providers, meaning they will not be loaded on every request, but only when the services they provide are actually needed.

In this overview you will learn how to write your own service providers and register them with your Laravel application.

Writing Service Providers

All service providers extend the `Illuminate\SupportServiceProvider` class. This abstract class requires that you define at least one method on your provider: `register`. Within the `register` method, you should **only bind things into the service container**. You should never attempt to register any event listeners, routes, or any other piece of functionality within the `register` method.

The Artisan CLI can easily generate a new provider via the `make:provider` command:

```
1 php artisan make:provider RiakServiceProvider
```


The Register Method

As mentioned previously, within the register method, you should only bind things into the [service container](#). You should never attempt to register any event listeners, routes, or any other piece of functionality within the register method. Otherwise, you may accidentally use a service that is provided by a service provider which has not loaded yet.

Now, let's take a look at a basic service provider:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Providers;
4
5  use Riak\Connection;
6  use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
7
8  class RiakServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
9  {
10     /**
11      * Register bindings in the container.
12      *
13      * @return void
14      */
15     public function register()
16     {
17         $this->app->singleton(Connection::class, function ($app) {
18             return new Connection(config('riak'));
19         });
20     }
21 }
```

This service provider only defines a register method, and uses that method to define an implementation of `Riak\Connection` in the service container. If you don't understand how the service container works, check out [its documentation](#).

The Boot Method

So, what if we need to register a view composer within our service provider? This should be done within the boot method. **This method is called after all other service providers have been registered**, meaning you have access to all other services that have been registered by the framework:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Providers;
4
5  use Illuminate\Contracts\Events\Dispatcher as DispatcherContract;
6  use Illuminate\Foundation\Support\Providers\EventServiceProvider as ServiceProvider;
7  der;
8
9  class EventServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
10 {
11     // Other Service Provider Properties...
12
13     /**
14      * Register any other events for your application.
15      *
16      * @param  \Illuminate\Contracts\Events\Dispatcher  $events
17      * @return void
18      */
19     public function boot(DispatcherContract $events)
20     {
21         parent::boot($events);
22
23         view()->composer('view', function () {
24             //
25         });
26     }
27 }
```

Boot Method Dependency Injection

You are able to type-hint dependencies for your service provider's boot method. The [service container](#) will automatically inject any dependencies you need:

```
1 use Illuminate\Contracts\Routing\ResponseFactory;
2
3 public function boot(ResponseFactory $factory)
4 {
5     $factory->macro('caps', function ($value) {
6         //
7     });
8 }
```

Registering Providers

All service providers are registered in the `config/app.php` configuration file. This file contains a `providers` array where you can list the names of your service providers. By default, a set of Laravel core service providers are listed in this array. These providers bootstrap the core Laravel components, such as the mailer, queue, cache, and others.

To register your provider, simply add it to the array:

```
1 'providers' => [
2     // Other Service Providers
3
4     App\Providers\AppServiceProvider::class,
5 ],
```

Deferred Providers

If your provider is **only** registering bindings in the [service container](#), you may choose to defer its registration until one of the registered bindings is actually needed. Deferring the loading of such a provider will improve the performance of your application, since it is not loaded from the filesystem on every request.

To defer the loading of a provider, set the `defer` property to `true` and define a `provides` method. The `provides` method returns the service container bindings that the provider registers:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Providers;
4
5  use Riak\Connection;
6  use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
7
8  class RiakServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
9  {
10     /**
11      * Indicates if loading of the provider is deferred.
12      *
13      * @var bool
14      */
15     protected $defer = true;
16
17     /**
18      * Register the service provider.
19      *
20      * @return void
21      */
22     public function register()
23     {
24         $this->app->singleton(Connection::class, function ($app) {
25             return new Connection($app['config']['riak']);
26         });
27     }
28
29     /**
30      * Get the services provided by the provider.
31      *
32      * @return array
33      */
34     public function provides()
35     {
36         return [Connection::class];
37     }
38
39 }
```

Laravel compiles and stores a list of all of the services supplied by deferred service providers, along with the name of its service provider class. Then, only when you attempt to resolve one of these services does Laravel load the service provider.

Service Container

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Introduction

The Laravel service container is a powerful tool for managing class dependencies and performing dependency injection. Dependency injection is a fancy phrase that essentially means this: class dependencies are “injected” into the class via the constructor or, in some cases, “setter” methods.

Let’s look at a simple example:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Jobs;
4
5  use App\User;
6  use Illuminate\Contracts\Mail\Mailer;
7  use Illuminate\Contracts\Bus\SelfHandling;
8
9  class PurchasePodcast implements SelfHandling
10 {
11     /**
12      * The mailer implementation.
13      */
14     protected $mailer;
15
16     /**
17      * Create a new instance.
18      *
19      * @param Mailer $mailer
20      * @return void
21      */
22     public function __construct(Mailer $mailer)
23     {
24         $this->mailer = $mailer;
```

```
25     }
26
27     /**
28      * Purchase a podcast.
29      *
30      * @return void
31      */
32     public function handle()
33     {
34         //
35     }
36 }
```

In this example, the `PurchasePodcast` job needs to send e-mails when a podcast is purchased. So, we will **inject** a service that is able to send e-mails. Since the service is injected, we are able to easily swap it out with another implementation. We are also able to easily “mock”, or create a dummy implementation of the mailer when testing our application.

A deep understanding of the Laravel service container is essential to building a powerful, large application, as well as for contributing to the Laravel core itself.

Binding

Almost all of your service container bindings will be registered within [service providers](#), so all of these examples will demonstrate using the container in that context. However, there is no need to bind classes into the container if they do not depend on any interfaces. The container does not need to be instructed on how to build these objects, since it can automatically resolve such “concrete” objects using PHP’s reflection services.

Within a service provider, you always have access to the container via the `$this->app` instance variable. We can register a binding using the `bind` method, passing the class or interface name that we wish to register along with a `Closure` that returns an instance of the class:

```
1 $this->app->bind('HelpSpot\API', function ($app) {
2     return new HelpSpot\API($app['HttpClient']);
3 });
```

Notice that we receive the container itself as an argument to the resolver. We can then use the container to resolve sub-dependencies of the object we are building.

Binding A Singleton

The `singleton` method binds a class or interface into the container that should only be resolved one time, and then that same instance will be returned on subsequent calls into the container:

```
1 $this->app->singleton('FooBar', function ($app) {  
2     return new FooBar($app['SomethingElse']);  
3 });
```

Binding Instances

You may also bind an existing object instance into the container using the `instance` method. The given instance will always be returned on subsequent calls into the container:

```
1 $fooBar = new FooBar(new SomethingElse);  
2  
3 $this->app->instance('FooBar', $fooBar);
```

Binding Interfaces To Implementations

A very powerful feature of the service container is its ability to bind an interface to a given implementation. For example, let's assume we have an `EventPusher` interface and a `RedisEventPusher` implementation. Once we have coded our `RedisEventPusher` implementation of this interface, we can register it with the service container like so:

```
1 $this->app->bind('App\Contracts\EventPusher', 'App\Services\RedisEventPusher');
```

This tells the container that it should inject the `RedisEventPusher` when a class needs an implementation of `EventPusher`. Now we can type-hint the `EventPusher` interface in a constructor, or any other location where dependencies are injected by the service container:

```
1 use App\Contracts\EventPusher;
2
3 /**
4  * Create a new class instance.
5  *
6  * @param EventPusher $pusher
7  * @return void
8  */
9 public function __construct(EventPusher $pusher)
10 {
11     $this->pusher = $pusher;
12 }
```

Contextual Binding

Sometimes you may have two classes that utilize the same interface, but you wish to inject different implementations into each class. For example, when our system receives a new Order, we may want to send an event via [PubNub](http://www.pubnub.com/)⁸² rather than Pusher. Laravel provides a simple, fluent interface for defining this behavior:

```
1 $this->app->when('App\Handlers\Commands\CreateOrderHandler')
2     ->needs('App\Contracts\EventPusher')
3     ->give('App\Services\PubNubEventPusher');
```

You may even pass a Closure to the give method:

```
1 $this->app->when('App\Handlers\Commands\CreateOrderHandler')
2     ->needs('App\Contracts\EventPusher')
3     ->give(function () {
4         // Resolve dependency...
5     });
```

⁸²<http://www.pubnub.com/>

Binding Primitives

Sometimes you may have a class that receives some injected classes, but also needs an injected primitive value such as an integer. You may easily use contextual binding to inject any value your class may need:

```
1 $this->app->when('App\Handlers\Commands\CreateOrderHandler')
2     ->needs('$maxOrderCount')
3     ->give(10);
```

Tagging

Occasionally, you may need to resolve all of a certain “category” of binding. For example, perhaps you are building a report aggregator that receives an array of many different Report interface implementations. After registering the Report implementations, you can assign them a tag using the tag method:

```
1 $this->app->bind('SpeedReport', function () {
2     //
3 });
4
5 $this->app->bind('MemoryReport', function () {
6     //
7 });
8
9 $this->app->tag(['SpeedReport', 'MemoryReport'], 'reports');
```

Once the services have been tagged, you may easily resolve them all via the tagged method:

```
1 $this->app->bind('ReportAggregator', function ($app) {
2     return new ReportAggregator($app->tagged('reports'));
3 });
```

Resolving

There are several ways to resolve something out of the container. First, you may use the `make` method, which accepts the name of the class or interface you wish to resolve:

```
1 $fooBar = $this->app->make('FooBar');
```

Secondly, you may access the container like an array, since it implements PHP's `ArrayAccess` interface:

```
1 $fooBar = $this->app['FooBar'];
```

Lastly, but most importantly, you may simply “type-hint” the dependency in the constructor of a class that is resolved by the container, including [controllers](#), [event listeners](#), [queue jobs](#), [middleware](#), and more. In practice, this is how most of your objects are resolved by the container.

The container will automatically inject dependencies for the classes it resolves. For example, you may type-hint a repository defined by your application in a controller's constructor. The repository will automatically be resolved and injected into the class:

```
1 <?php
2
3 namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5 use App\Users\Repository as UserRepository;
6
7 class UserController extends Controller
8 {
9     /**
10      * The user repository instance.
11      */
12     protected $users;
13
14     /**
15      * Create a new controller instance.
16      *
17      * @param UserRepository $users
18      * @return void
19      */
```

```
20     public function __construct(UserRepository $users)
21     {
22         $this->users = $users;
23     }
24
25     /**
26      * Show the user with the given ID.
27      *
28      * @param int $id
29      * @return Response
30      */
31     public function show($id)
32     {
33         //
34     }
35 }
```

Container Events

The service container fires an event each time it resolves an object. You may listen to this event using the `resolving` method:

```
1  $this->app->resolving(function ($object, $app) {
2      // Called when container resolves object of any type...
3  });
4
5  $this->app->resolving(foobar::class, function (Foobar $foobar, $app) {
6      // Called when container resolves objects of type "Foobar"...
7  });
```

As you can see, the object being resolved will be passed to the callback, allowing you to set any additional properties on the object before it is given to its consumer.

Contracts

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Introduction

Laravel's Contracts are a set of interfaces that define the core services provided by the framework. For example, a `Illuminate\Contracts\Queue\Queue` contract defines the methods needed for queueing jobs, while the `Illuminate\Contracts\Mail\Mailer` contract defines the methods needed for sending e-mail.

Each contract has a corresponding implementation provided by the framework. For example, Laravel provides a queue implementation with a variety of drivers, and a mailer implementation that is powered by [SwiftMailer](#)⁸³.

All of the Laravel contracts live in [their own GitHub repository](#)⁸⁴. This provides a quick reference point for all available contracts, as well as a single, decoupled package that may be utilized by package developers.

Contracts Vs. Facades

Laravel's [facades](#) provide a simple way of utilizing Laravel's services without needing to type-hint and resolve contracts out of the service container. However, using contracts allows you to define explicit dependencies for your classes. For most applications, using a facade is just fine. However, if you really need the extra loose coupling that contracts can provide, keep reading!

Why Contracts?

You may have several questions regarding contracts. Why use interfaces at all? Isn't using interfaces more complicated? Let's distill the reasons for using interfaces to the following headings: loose coupling and simplicity.

⁸³<http://swiftmailer.org/>

⁸⁴<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts>

Loose Coupling

First, let's review some code that is tightly coupled to a cache implementation. Consider the following:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Orders;
4
5  class Repository
6  {
7      /**
8       * The cache instance.
9       */
10     protected $cache;
11
12     /**
13      * Create a new repository instance.
14      *
15      * @param \SomePackage\Cache\Memcached $cache
16      * @return void
17      */
18     public function __construct(\SomePackage\Cache\Memcached $cache)
19     {
20         $this->cache = $cache;
21     }
22
23     /**
24      * Retrieve an Order by ID.
25      *
26      * @param int $id
27      * @return Order
28      */
29     public function find($id)
30     {
31         if ($this->cache->has($id)) {
32             //
33         }
34     }
35 }
```

In this class, the code is tightly coupled to a given cache implementation. It is tightly coupled because we are depending on a concrete Cache class from a package vendor. If the API of that package

changes our code must change as well.

Likewise, if we want to replace our underlying cache technology (Memcached) with another technology (Redis), we again will have to modify our repository. Our repository should not have so much knowledge regarding who is providing them data or how they are providing it.

Instead of this approach, we can improve our code by depending on a simple, vendor agnostic interface:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Orders;
4
5  use Illuminate\Contracts\Cache\Repository as Cache;
6
7  class Repository
8  {
9      /**
10       * The cache instance.
11       */
12     protected $cache;
13
14     /**
15      * Create a new repository instance.
16      *
17      * @param Cache $cache
18      * @return void
19      */
20     public function __construct(Cache $cache)
21     {
22         $this->cache = $cache;
23     }
24 }
```

Now the code is not coupled to any specific vendor, or even Laravel. Since the contracts package contains no implementation and no dependencies, you may easily write an alternative implementation of any given contract, allowing you to replace your cache implementation without modifying any of your cache consuming code.

Simplicity

When all of Laravel's services are neatly defined within simple interfaces, it is very easy to determine the functionality offered by a given service. **The contracts serve as succinct documentation to the framework's features.**

In addition, when you depend on simple interfaces, your code is easier to understand and maintain. Rather than tracking down which methods are available to you within a large, complicated class, you can refer to a simple, clean interface.

Contract Reference

This is a reference to most Laravel Contracts, as well as their Laravel “facade” counterparts:

Contract | References Facade ———— | ———— [IlluminateContractsAuthFactory](#)⁸⁵ | Auth [IlluminateContractsAuthPasswordBroker](#)⁸⁶ | Password [IlluminateContractsBusDispatcher](#)⁸⁷ | Bus [IlluminateContractsBroadcastingBroadcaster](#)⁸⁸ | [IlluminateContractsCacheRepository](#)⁸⁹ | Cache [IlluminateContractsCacheFactory](#)⁹⁰ | [Cache::driver\(\)](#) [IlluminateContractsConfigRepository](#)⁹¹ | Config [IlluminateContractsContainerContainer](#)⁹² | App [IlluminateContractsCookieFactory](#)⁹³ | Cookie [IlluminateContractsCookieQueueingFactory](#)⁹⁴ | [Cookie::queue\(\)](#) [IlluminateContractsEncryptionEncrypter](#)⁹⁵ | Crypt [IlluminateContractsEventsDispatcher](#)⁹⁶ | Event [IlluminateContractsFilesystemCloud](#)⁹⁷ | [IlluminateContractsFilesystemFactory](#)⁹⁸ | File [IlluminateContractsFilesystemFilesystem](#)⁹⁹ | File [IlluminateContractsFoundationApplication](#)¹⁰⁰ | App [IlluminateContractsHashingHasher](#)¹⁰¹ | Hash [IlluminateContractsLoggingLog](#)¹⁰² | Log [IlluminateContractsMailMailQueue](#)¹⁰³ | [Mail::queue\(\)](#) [IlluminateContractsMailMailer](#)¹⁰⁴ | Mail [IlluminateContractsQueueFactory](#)¹⁰⁵ | [Queue::driver\(\)](#) [IlluminateContractsQueueQueue](#)¹⁰⁶ | Queue [IlluminateContractsRedisDatabase](#)¹⁰⁷ | Redis [IlluminateContractsRoutingRegistrar](#)¹⁰⁸ | Route [IlluminateContractsRoutingResponseFactory](#)¹⁰⁹ | Response Il-

⁸⁵<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Auth/Factory.php>

⁸⁶<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Auth/PasswordBroker.php>

⁸⁷<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Bus/Dispatcher.php>

⁸⁸<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Broadcasting/Broadcaster.php>

⁸⁹<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Cache/Repository.php>

⁹⁰<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Cache/Factory.php>

⁹¹<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Config/Repository.php>

⁹²<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Container/Container.php>

⁹³<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Cookie/Factory.php>

⁹⁴<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Cookie/QueueingFactory.php>

⁹⁵<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Encryption/Encrypter.php>

⁹⁶<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Events/Dispatcher.php>

⁹⁷<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Filesystem/Cloud.php>

⁹⁸<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Filesystem/Factory.php>

⁹⁹<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Filesystem/Filesystem.php>

¹⁰⁰<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Foundation/Application.php>

¹⁰¹<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Hashing/Hasher.php>

¹⁰²<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Logging/Log.php>

¹⁰³<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Mail/MailQueue.php>

¹⁰⁴<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Mail/Mailer.php>

¹⁰⁵<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Queue/Factory.php>

¹⁰⁶<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Queue/Queue.php>

¹⁰⁷<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Redis/Database.php>

¹⁰⁸<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Routing/Registrar.php>

¹⁰⁹<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Routing/ResponseFactory.php>

[IlluminateContractsRoutingUrlGenerator¹¹⁰](#) | [URL IlluminateContractsSupportArrayable¹¹¹](#) | [IlluminateContractsSupportJsonable¹¹²](#) | [IlluminateContractsSupportRenderable¹¹³](#) | [IlluminateContractsValidationFactory¹¹⁴](#) | [Validator::make\(\)](#) [IlluminateContractsValidationValidator¹¹⁵](#) | [IlluminateContractsViewFactory¹¹⁶](#) | [View::make\(\)](#) [IlluminateContractsViewView¹¹⁷](#) |

How To Use Contracts

So, how do you get an implementation of a contract? It's actually quite simple.

Many types of classes in Laravel are resolved through the [service container](#), including controllers, event listeners, middleware, queued jobs, and even route Closures. So, to get an implementation of a contract, you can just “type-hint” the interface in the constructor of the class being resolved.

For example, take a look at this event listener:

```

1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Listeners;
4
5  use App\User;
6  use App\Events\NewUserRegistered;
7  use Illuminate\Contracts\Redis\Database;
8
9  class CacheUserInformation
10 {
11     /**
12      * The Redis database implementation.
13      */
14     protected $redis;
15
16     /**
17      * Create a new event handler instance.
18      *
19      * @param Database $redis
20      * @return void
21      */

```

¹¹⁰<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Routing/UrlGenerator.php>

¹¹¹<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Support/Arrayable.php>

¹¹²<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Support/Jsonable.php>

¹¹³<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Support/Renderable.php>

¹¹⁴<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Validation/Factory.php>

¹¹⁵<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/Validation/Validator.php>

¹¹⁶<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/View/Factory.php>

¹¹⁷<https://github.com/illuminate/contracts/blob/master/View/View.php>


```
22     public function __construct(Database $redis)
23     {
24         $this->redis = $redis;
25     }
26
27     /**
28      * Handle the event.
29      *
30      * @param NewUserRegistered $event
31      * @return void
32      */
33     public function handle(NewUserRegistered $event)
34     {
35         //
36     }
37 }
```

When the event listener is resolved, the service container will read the type-hints on the constructor of the class, and inject the appropriate value. To learn more about registering things in the service container, check out [its documentation](#).

Facades

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Introduction

Facades provide a “static” interface to classes that are available in the application’s [service container](#). Laravel ships with many facades, and you have probably been using them without even knowing it! Laravel “facades” serve as “static proxies” to underlying classes in the service container, providing the benefit of a terse, expressive syntax while maintaining more testability and flexibility than traditional static methods.

Using Facades

In the context of a Laravel application, a facade is a class that provides access to an object from the container. The machinery that makes this work is in the `Facade` class. Laravel’s facades, and any custom facades you create, will extend the base `Illuminate\Support\Facades\Facade` class.

A facade class only needs to implement a single method: `getFacadeAccessor`. It’s the `getFacadeAccessor` method’s job to define what to resolve from the container. The `Facade` base class makes use of the `__callStatic()` magic-method to defer calls from your facade to the resolved object.

In the example below, a call is made to the Laravel cache system. By glancing at this code, one might assume that the static method `get` is being called on the `Cache` class:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use Cache;
6  use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
7
8  class UserController extends Controller
9  {
10     /**
11      * Show the profile for the given user.
12      *
```

```

13     * @param int $id
14     * @return Response
15     */
16     public function showProfile($id)
17     {
18         $user = Cache::get('user:'.$id);
19
20         return view('profile', ['user' => $user]);
21     }
22 }

```

Notice that near the top of the file we are “importing” the Cache facade. This facade serves as a proxy to accessing the underlying implementation of the `Illuminate\Contracts\Cache\Factory` interface. Any calls we make using the facade will be passed to the underlying instance of Laravel’s cache service.

If we look at that `Illuminate\Support\Facades\Cache` class, you’ll see that there is no static method `get`:

```

1  class Cache extends Facade
2  {
3      /**
4       * Get the registered name of the component.
5       *
6       * @return string
7       */
8      protected static function getFacadeAccessor() { return 'cache'; }
9  }

```

Instead, the Cache facade extends the base `Facade` class and defines the method `getFacadeAccessor()`. Remember, this method’s job is to return the name of a service container binding. When a user references any static method on the Cache facade, Laravel resolves the cache binding from the [service container](#) and runs the requested method (in this case, `get`) against that object.

Facade Class Reference

Below you will find every facade and its underlying class. This is a useful tool for quickly digging into the API documentation for a given facade root. The [service container binding](#) key is also included where applicable.

Facade	Class	Service Container Binding
App	IlluminateFoundationApplication ¹¹⁸	app
Artisan	IlluminateContractsConsoleKernel ¹¹⁹	artisan
Auth	IlluminateAuthAuthManager ¹²⁰	auth
Blade	IlluminateViewCompilersBladeCompiler ¹²¹	blade.compiler
Bus	IlluminateContractsBusDispatcher ¹²²	
Cache	IlluminateCacheRepository ¹²³	cache
Config	IlluminateConfigRepository ¹²⁴	config
Cookie	IlluminateCookieCookieJar ¹²⁵	cookie
Crypt	IlluminateEncryptionEncrypter ¹²⁶	encrypter
DB	IlluminateDatabaseDatabaseManager ¹²⁷	
DB (Instance)	IlluminateDatabaseConnection ¹²⁸	
Event	IlluminateEventsDispatcher ¹²⁹	events
File	IlluminateFilesystemFilesystem ¹³⁰	files
Gate	IlluminateContractsAuthAccessGate ¹³¹	
Hash	IlluminateContractsHashingHasher ¹³²	hash

¹¹⁸[http://laravel.com/api/\protect\char"007B\relax\protect\char"007B\relaxversion\protect\char"007D\relax\protect\char"007D\relax\Illuminate/Foundation/Application.html](http://laravel.com/api/\protect\char)

¹¹⁹[http://laravel.com/api/\protect\char"007B\relax\protect\char"007B\relaxversion\protect\char"007D\relax\protect\char"007D\relax\Illuminate/Contracts/Console/Kernel.html](http://laravel.com/api/\protect\char)

¹²⁰[http://laravel.com/api/\protect\char"007B\relax\protect\char"007B\relaxversion\protect\char"007D\relax\protect\char"007D\relax\Illuminate/Auth/AuthManager.html](http://laravel.com/api/\protect\char)

¹²¹[http://laravel.com/api/\protect\char"007B\relax\protect\char"007B\relaxversion\protect\char"007D\relax\protect\char"007D\relax\Illuminate/View/Compilers/BladeCompiler.html](http://laravel.com/api/\protect\char)

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¹²³[http://laravel.com/api/\protect\char"007B\relax\protect\char"007B\relaxversion\protect\char"007D\relax\protect\char"007D\relax\Illuminate/Cache/Repository.html](http://laravel.com/api/\protect\char)

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Facade	Class	Service Container Binding
Lang	IlluminateTranslationTranslator¹³³	translator
Log	IlluminateLogWriter¹³⁴	log
Mail	IlluminateMailMailer¹³⁵	mailer
Password	IlluminateAuthPasswordsPasswordBroker¹³⁶	password
Queue	IlluminateQueueQueueManager¹³⁷	queue
Queue (Instance)	IlluminateContractsQueueQueue¹³⁸	queue
Queue (Base Class)	IlluminateQueueQueue¹³⁹	
Redirect	IlluminateRoutingRedirector¹⁴⁰	redirect
Redis	IlluminateRedisDatabase¹⁴¹	redis
Request	IlluminateHttpRequest¹⁴²	request
Response	IlluminateContractsRoutingResponseFactory¹⁴³	
Route	IlluminateRoutingRouter¹⁴⁴	router
Schema	IlluminateDatabaseSchemaBlueprint¹⁴⁵	
Session	IlluminateSessionSessionManager¹⁴⁶	session
Session (Instance)	IlluminateSessionStore¹⁴⁷	
Storage	IlluminateContractsFilesystemFactory¹⁴⁸	filesystem
URL	IlluminateRoutingUrlGenerator¹⁴⁹	url
Validator	IlluminateValidationFactory¹⁵⁰	validator

¹³³[http://laravel.com/api/protect\char"007B\relax\protect\char"007B\relaxversion\protect\char"007D\relax\protect\char"007D\relax\Illuminate/Translation/Translator.html](http://laravel.com/api/protect\char)

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¹³⁹[http://laravel.com/api/protect\char"007B\relax\protect\char"007B\relaxversion\protect\char"007D\relax\protect\char"007D\relax\Illuminate/Queue/Queue.html](http://laravel.com/api/protect\char)

¹⁴⁰[http://laravel.com/api/protect\char"007B\relax\protect\char"007B\relaxversion\protect\char"007D\relax\protect\char"007D\relax\Illuminate/Routing/Redirector.html](http://laravel.com/api/protect\char)

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¹⁴⁵[http://laravel.com/api/protect\char"007B\relax\protect\char"007B\relaxversion\protect\char"007D\relax\protect\char"007D\relax\Illuminate/Database/Schema/Blueprint.html](http://laravel.com/api/protect\char)

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¹⁴⁷[http://laravel.com/api/protect\char"007B\relax\protect\char"007B\relaxversion\protect\char"007D\relax\protect\char"007D\relax\Illuminate/Session/Store.html](http://laravel.com/api/protect\char)

¹⁴⁸[http://laravel.com/api/protect\char"007B\relax\protect\char"007B\relaxversion\protect\char"007D\relax\protect\char"007D\relax\Illuminate/Contracts/Filesystem/Factory.html](http://laravel.com/api/protect\char)

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¹⁵⁰[http://laravel.com/api/protect\char"007B\relax\protect\char"007B\relaxversion\protect\char"007D\relax\protect\char"007D\relax\Illuminate/Validation/Factory.html](http://laravel.com/api/protect\char)

Facade	Class	Service Container Binding
Validator (Instance)	IlluminateValidationValidator¹⁵¹	
View	IlluminateViewFactory¹⁵²	view
View (Instance)	IlluminateViewView¹⁵³	

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¹⁵²<http://laravel.com/api/protect%5Cchar%007B%5Crelax%5Cprotect%5Cchar%007B%5Crelaxversion%5Cprotect%5Cchar%007D%5Crelax%5Cprotect%5Cchar%007D%5Crelax%5CIlluminate%5CView%5CFactory.html>

¹⁵³<http://laravel.com/api/protect%5Cchar%007B%5Crelax%5Cprotect%5Cchar%007B%5Crelaxversion%5Cprotect%5Cchar%007D%5Crelax%5Cprotect%5Cchar%007D%5Crelax%5CIlluminate%5CView%5CView.html>

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Introduction

Laravel makes implementing authentication very simple. In fact, almost everything is configured for you out of the box. The authentication configuration file is located at `config/auth.php`, which contains several well documented options for tweaking the behavior of the authentication services.

At its core, Laravel’s authentication facilities are made up of “guards” and “providers”. Guards define how users are authenticated for each request. For example, Laravel ships with a session guard which maintains state using session storage and cookies and a token guard, which authenticates users using a “API token” that is passed with each request.

Providers define how users are retrieved from your persistent storage. Laravel ships with support for retrieving users using Eloquent and the database query builder. However, you are free to define additional providers as needed for your application.

Don’t worry if this all sounds confusing now! Most applications will never need to modify the default authentication configuration.

Database Considerations

By default, Laravel includes an `App\User` [Eloquent model](#) in your app directory. This model may be used with the default Eloquent authentication driver. If your application is not using Eloquent, you may use the database authentication driver which uses the Laravel query builder.

¹⁵⁴<https://github.com/laravel/socialite>

When building the database schema for the `App\User` model, make sure the password column is at least 60 characters in length, the default of 255 would be a good choice.

Also, you should verify that your `users` (or equivalent) table contains a nullable, string `remember_token` column of 100 characters. This column will be used to store a token for “remember me” sessions being maintained by your application. This can be done by using `$table->rememberToken();` in a migration.

Authentication Quickstart

Laravel ships with two authentication controllers out of the box, which are located in the `App\Http\Controllers\Auth` namespace. The `AuthController` handles new user registration and authentication, while the `PasswordController` contains the logic to help existing users reset their forgotten passwords. Each of these controllers uses a trait to include their necessary methods. For many applications, you will not need to modify these controllers at all.

Routing

Laravel provides a quick way to scaffold all of the routes and views you need for authentication using one simple command:

```
1 php artisan make:auth
```

This command should be used on fresh applications and will install registration and login views, as well as routes for all authentication end-points. A `HomeController` will also be generated, which serves post-login requests to your application’s dashboard. However, you are free to customize or even remove this controller based on the needs of your application.

Views

As mentioned in the previous section, the `php artisan make:auth` command will create all of the views you need for authentication and place them in the `resources/views/auth` directory.

The `make:auth` command will also create a `resources/views/layouts` directory containing a base layout for your application. All of these views use the Bootstrap CSS framework, but you are free to customize them however you wish.

Authenticating

Now that you have routes and views setup for the included authentication controllers, you are ready to register and authenticate new users for your application! You may simply access your application

in a browser. The authentication controllers already contain the logic (via their traits) to authenticate existing users and store new users in the database.

Path Customization

When a user is successfully authenticated, they will be redirected to the / URI. You can customize the post-authentication redirect location by defining a `redirectTo` property on the `AuthController`:

```
1 protected $redirectTo = '/home';
```

When a user is not successfully authenticated, they will be redirected back to the login form location automatically.

To customize where a user is redirected after logging out of the application, you may define a `redirectAfterLogout` property on the `AuthController`:

```
1 protected $redirectAfterLogout = '/login';
```

If this property is not present, the user will be redirected to the / URI.

Guard Customization

You may also customize the “guard” that is used to authenticate users. To get started, define a `guard` property on your `AuthController`. The value of this property should correspond with one of the guards configured in your `auth.php` configuration file:

```
1 protected $guard = 'admin';
```

Validation / Storage Customization

To modify the form fields that are required when a new user registers with your application, or to customize how new user records are inserted into your database, you may modify the `AuthController` class. This class is responsible for validating and creating new users of your application.

The `validator` method of the `AuthController` contains the validation rules for new users of the application. You are free to modify this method as you wish.

The `create` method of the `AuthController` is responsible for creating new `App\User` records in your database using the [Eloquent ORM](#). You are free to modify this method according to the needs of your database.

Retrieving The Authenticated User

You may access the authenticated user via the `Auth` facade:

```
1 $user = Auth::user();
```

Alternatively, once a user is authenticated, you may access the authenticated user via an `Illuminate\Http\Request` instance. Remember, type-hinted classes will automatically be injected into your controller methods:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use Illuminate\Http\Request;
6
7  class ProfileController extends Controller
8  {
9      /**
10       * Update the user's profile.
11       *
12       * @param Request $request
13       * @return Response
14       */
15     public function updateProfile(Request $request)
16     {
17         if ($request->user()) {
18             // $request->user() returns an instance of the authenticated user...
19         }
20     }
21 }
```

Determining If The Current User Is Authenticated

To determine if the user is already logged into your application, you may use the `check` method on the `Auth` facade, which will return `true` if the user is authenticated:

```
1  if (Auth::check()) {  
2      // The user is logged in...  
3  }
```

However, you may use middleware to verify that the user is authenticated before allowing the user access to certain routes / controllers. To learn more about this, check out the documentation on [protecting routes](#).

Protecting Routes

[Route middleware](#) can be used to allow only authenticated users to access a given route. Laravel ships with the `auth` middleware, which is defined in `app\Http\Middleware\Authenticate.php`. All you need to do is attach the middleware to a route definition:

```
1  // Using A Route Closure...  
2  
3  Route::get('profile', ['middleware' => 'auth', function() {  
4      // Only authenticated users may enter...  
5  }]);  
6  
7  // Using A Controller...  
8  
9  Route::get('profile', [  
10      'middleware' => 'auth',  
11      'uses' => 'ProfileController@show'  
12  ]);
```

Of course, if you are using [controller classes](#), you may call the `middleware` method from the controller's constructor instead of attaching it in the route definition directly:

```
1  public function __construct()  
2  {  
3      $this->middleware('auth');  
4  }
```

Specifying A Guard

When attaching the auth middleware to a route, you may also specify which guard should be used to perform the authentication:

```
1 Route::get('profile', [  
2     'middleware' => 'auth:api',  
3     'uses' => 'ProfileController@show'  
4 ]);
```

The guard specified should correspond to one of the keys in the `guards` array of your `auth.php` configuration file.

Authentication Throttling

If you are using Laravel's built-in `AuthController` class, the `Illuminate\Foundation\Auth\ThrottlesLogins` trait may be used to throttle login attempts to your application. By default, the user will not be able to login for one minute if they fail to provide the correct credentials after several attempts. The throttling is unique to the user's username / e-mail address and their IP address:

```
1 <?php  
2  
3 namespace App\Http\Controllers\Auth;  
4  
5 use App\User;  
6 use Validator;  
7 use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;  
8 use Illuminate\Foundation\Auth\ThrottlesLogins;  
9 use Illuminate\Foundation\Auth\AuthenticatesAndRegistersUsers;  
10  
11 class AuthController extends Controller  
12 {  
13     use AuthenticatesAndRegistersUsers, ThrottlesLogins;  
14  
15     // Rest of AuthController class...  
16 }
```

Manually Authenticating Users

Of course, you are not required to use the authentication controllers included with Laravel. If you choose to remove these controllers, you will need to manage user authentication using the Laravel authentication classes directly. Don't worry, it's a cinch!

We will access Laravel's authentication services via the Auth [facade](#), so we'll need to make sure to import the Auth facade at the top of the class. Next, let's check out the attempt method:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use Auth;
6
7  class AuthController extends Controller
8  {
9      /**
10       * Handle an authentication attempt.
11       *
12       * @return Response
13       */
14     public function authenticate()
15     {
16         if (Auth::attempt(['email' => $email, 'password' => $password])) {
17             // Authentication passed...
18             return redirect()->intended('dashboard');
19         }
20     }
21 }
```

The attempt method accepts an array of key / value pairs as its first argument. The values in the array will be used to find the user in your database table. So, in the example above, the user will be retrieved by the value of the email column. If the user is found, the hashed password stored in the database will be compared with the hashed password value passed to the method via the array. If the two hashed passwords match an authenticated session will be started for the user.

The attempt method will return true if authentication was successful. Otherwise, false will be returned.

The intended method on the redirector will redirect the user to the URL they were attempting to access before being caught by the authentication filter. A fallback URI may be given to this method in case the intended destination is not available.

Specifying Additional Conditions

If you wish, you also may add extra conditions to the authentication query in addition to the user's e-mail and password. For example, we may verify that user is marked as “active”:

```
1  if (Auth::attempt(['email' => $email, 'password' => $password, 'active' => 1])) {  
2      // The user is active, not suspended, and exists.  
3  }
```



Note: In these examples, email is not a required option, it is merely used as an example. You should use whatever column name corresponds to a “username” in your database.

Accessing Specific Guard Instances

You may specify which guard instance you would like to utilize using the `guard` method on the Auth facade. This allows you to manage authentication for separate parts of your application using entirely separate authenticatable models or user tables.

The guard name passed to the `guard` method should correspond to one of the guards configured in your `auth.php` configuration file:

```
1  if (Auth::guard('admin')->attempt($credentials)) {  
2      //  
3  }
```

Logging Out

To log users out of your application, you may use the `logout` method on the Auth facade. This will clear the authentication information in the user's session:

```
1  Auth::logout();
```

Remembering Users

If you would like to provide “remember me” functionality in your application, you may pass a boolean value as the second argument to the `attempt` method, which will keep the user authenticated indefinitely, or until they manually logout. Of course, your `users` table must include the string `remember_token` column, which will be used to store the “remember me” token.

```
1 if (Auth::attempt(['email' => $email, 'password' => $password], $remember)) {  
2     // The user is being remembered...  
3 }
```

If you are “remembering” users, you may use the `viaRemember` method to determine if the user was authenticated using the “remember me” cookie:

```
1 if (Auth::viaRemember()) {  
2     //  
3 }
```

Other Authentication Methods

Authenticate A User Instance

If you need to log an existing user instance into your application, you may call the `login` method with the user instance. The given object must be an implementation of the `Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\Authenticatable` [contract](#). Of course, the `App\User` model included with Laravel already implements this interface:

```
1 Auth::login($user);  
2  
3 // Login and "remember" the given user...  
4 Auth::login($user, true);
```

Of course, you may specify the guard instance you would like to use:

```
1 Auth::guard('admin')->login($user);
```

Authenticate A User By ID

To log a user into the application by their ID, you may use the `loginUsingId` method. This method simply accepts the primary key of the user you wish to authenticate:

```
1 Auth::loginUsingId(1);
2
3 // Login and "remember" the given user...
4 Auth::loginUsingId(1, true);
```

Authenticate A User Once

You may use the `once` method to log a user into the application for a single request. No sessions or cookies will be utilized, which may be helpful when building a stateless API. The `once` method has the same signature as the `attempt` method:

```
1 if (Auth::once($credentials)) {
2     //
3 }
```

HTTP Basic Authentication

[HTTP Basic Authentication](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basic_access_authentication)¹⁵⁵ provides a quick way to authenticate users of your application without setting up a dedicated “login” page. To get started, attach the `auth.basic` [middleware](#) to your route. The `auth.basic` middleware is included with the Laravel framework, so you do not need to define it:

¹⁵⁵http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basic_access_authentication


```
1 Route::get('profile', ['middleware' => 'auth.basic', function() {  
2     // Only authenticated users may enter...  
3 }]);
```

Once the middleware has been attached to the route, you will automatically be prompted for credentials when accessing the route in your browser. By default, the `auth.basic` middleware will use the email column on the user record as the “username”.

A Note On FastCGI

If you are using PHP FastCGI, HTTP Basic authentication may not work correctly out of the box. The following lines should be added to your `.htaccess` file:

```
1 RewriteCond %{HTTP:Authorization} ^(.+)$  
2 RewriteRule .* - [E=HTTP_AUTHORIZATION:%{HTTP:Authorization}]
```

Stateless HTTP Basic Authentication

You may also use HTTP Basic Authentication without setting a user identifier cookie in the session, which is particularly useful for API authentication. To do so, [define a middleware](#) that calls the `onceBasic` method. If no response is returned by the `onceBasic` method, the request may be passed further into the application:

```
1 <?php  
2  
3 namespace Illuminate\Auth\Middleware;  
4  
5 use Auth;  
6 use Closure;  
7  
8 class AuthenticateOnceWithBasicAuth  
9 {  
10     /**  
11      * Handle an incoming request.  
12      *  
13      * @param  \Illuminate\Http\Request  $request  
14      * @param  \Closure  $next  
15      * @return mixed
```

```
16      */
17      public function handle($request, Closure $next)
18      {
19          return Auth::onceBasic() ?: $next($request);
20      }
21
22 }
```

Next, [register the route middleware](#) and attach it to a route:

```
1 Route::get('api/user', ['middleware' => 'auth.basic.once', function() {
2     // Only authenticated users may enter...
3 }]);
```

Resetting Passwords



Note: Before using the password reset features of Laravel, your user must use the `Illuminate\Notifications\Notifiable` trait.

Database Considerations

Most web applications provide a way for users to reset their forgotten passwords. Rather than forcing you to re-implement this on each application, Laravel provides convenient methods for sending password reminders and performing password resets.

To get started, verify that your `App\User` model implements the `Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\CanResetPassword` contract. Of course, the `App\User` model included with the framework already implements this interface, and uses the `Illuminate\Auth\Passwords\CanResetPassword` trait to include the methods needed to implement the interface.

Generating The Reset Token Table Migration

Next, a table must be created to store the password reset tokens. The migration for this table is included with Laravel out of the box, and resides in the `database/migrations` directory. So, all you need to do is migrate:

```
1 php artisan migrate
```

Routing

Laravel includes an `Auth\PasswordController` that contains the logic necessary to reset user passwords. All of the routes needed to perform password resets may be generated using the `make:auth` Artisan command:

```
1 php artisan make:auth
```

Views

Again, Laravel will generate all of the necessary views for password reset when the `make:auth` command is executed. These views are placed in `resources/views/auth/passwords`. You are free to customize them as needed for your application.

After Resetting Passwords

Once you have defined the routes and views to reset your user's passwords, you may simply access the route in your browser at `/password/reset`. The `PasswordController` included with the framework already includes the logic to send the password reset link e-mails as well as update passwords in the database.

After the password is reset, the user will automatically be logged into the application and redirected to `/home`. You can customize the post password reset redirect location by defining a `redirectTo` property on the `PasswordController`:

```
1 protected $redirectTo = '/dashboard';
```



Note: By default, password reset tokens expire after one hour. You may change this via the password reset expire option in your `config/auth.php` file.

Customization

Authentication Guard Customization

In your `auth.php` configuration file, you may configure multiple “guards”, which may be used to define authentication behavior for multiple user tables. You can customize the included `PasswordController` to use the guard of your choice by adding a `$guard` property to the controller:

```
1  /**
2   * The authentication guard that should be used.
3   *
4   * @var string
5   */
6  protected $guard = 'admins';
```

Password Broker Customization

In your `auth.php` configuration file, you may configure multiple password “brokers”, which may be used to reset passwords on multiple user tables. You can customize the included `PasswordController` to use the broker of your choice by overriding the `broker` method:

```
1  /**
2   * Get the broker to be used during password reset.
3   *
4   * @return PasswordBroker
5   */
6  protected function broker()
7  {
8      return Password::broker('name');
9  }
```

Adding Custom Guards

You may define your own authentication guards using the `extend` method on the `Auth` facade. You should place this call to `provider` within a [service provider](#):

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Providers;
4
5  use Auth;
6  use App\Services\Auth\JwtGuard;
7  use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
8
9  class AuthServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
10 {
11     /**
12      * Perform post-registration booting of services.
13      *
14      * @return void
15      */
16     public function boot()
17     {
18         Auth::extend('jwt', function($app, $name, array $config) {
19             // Return an instance of Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\Guard...
20
21             return new JwtGuard(Auth::createUserProvider($config['provider']));
22         });
23     }
24
25     /**
26      * Register bindings in the container.
27      *
28      * @return void
29      */
30     public function register()
31     {
32         //
33     }
34 }
```

As you can see in the example above, the callback passed to the extend method should return an implementation of `Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\Guard`. This interface contains a few methods you will need to implement to define a custom guard.

Once your custom guard has been defined, you may use the guard in your guards configuration:

```
1 'guards' => [  
2     'api' => [  
3         'driver' => 'jwt',  
4         'provider' => 'users',  
5     ],  
6 ],
```

Adding Custom User Providers

If you are not using a traditional relational database to store your users, you will need to extend Laravel with your own authentication user provider. We will use the provider method on the Auth facade to define a custom user provider. You should place this call to provider within a [service provider](#):

```
1 <?php  
2  
3 namespace App\Providers;  
4  
5 use Auth;  
6 use App\Extensions\RiakUserProvider;  
7 use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProviders;  
8  
9 class AuthServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider  
10 {  
11     /**  
12      * Perform post-registration booting of services.  
13      *  
14      * @return void  
15      */  
16     public function boot()  
17     {  
18         Auth::provider('riak', function($app, array $config) {  
19             // Return an instance of Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\UserProvider...  
20             return new RiakUserProvider($app['riak.connection']);  
21         });  
22     }  
23  
24     /**  
25      * Register bindings in the container.  
26      */
```

```
27      * @return void
28      */
29      public function register()
30      {
31          //
32      }
33  }
```

After you have registered the provider with the `provider` method, you may switch to the new user provider in your `config/auth.php` configuration file. First, define a provider that uses your new driver:

```
1  'providers' => [
2      'users' => [
3          'driver' => 'riak',
4      ],
5  ],
```

Then, you may use this provider in your guards configuration:

```
1  'guards' => [
2      'web' => [
3          'driver' => 'session',
4          'provider' => 'users',
5      ],
6  ],
```

The User Provider Contract

The `Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\UserProvider` implementations are only responsible for fetching a `Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\Authenticatable` implementation out of a persistent storage system, such as MySQL, Riak, etc. These two interfaces allow the Laravel authentication mechanisms to continue functioning regardless of how the user data is stored or what type of class is used to represent it.

Let's take a look at the `Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\UserProvider` contract:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace Illuminate\Contracts\Auth;
4
5  interface UserProvider {
6
7      public function retrieveById($identifier);
8      public function retrieveByToken($identifier, $token);
9      public function updateRememberToken(Authenticatable $user, $token);
10     public function retrieveByCredentials(array $credentials);
11     public function validateCredentials(Authenticatable $user, array $credential\
12 s);
13
14 }
```

The `retrieveById` function typically receives a key representing the user, such as an auto-incrementing ID from a MySQL database. The `Authenticatable` implementation matching the ID should be retrieved and returned by the method.

The `retrieveByToken` function retrieves a user by their unique `$identifier` and “remember me” `$token`, stored in a field `remember_token`. As with the previous method, the `Authenticatable` implementation should be returned.

The `updateRememberToken` method updates the `$user` field `remember_token` with the new `$token`. The new token can be either a fresh token, assigned on a successful “remember me” login attempt, or a null when the user is logged out.

The `retrieveByCredentials` method receives the array of credentials passed to the `Auth::attempt` method when attempting to sign into an application. The method should then “query” the underlying persistent storage for the user matching those credentials. Typically, this method will run a query with a “where” condition on `$credentials['username']`. The method should then return an implementation of `UserInterface`. **This method should not attempt to do any password validation or authentication.**

The `validateCredentials` method should compare the given `$user` with the `$credentials` to authenticate the user. For example, this method might compare the `$user->getAuthPassword()` string to a `Hash::make` of `$credentials['password']`. This method should only validate the user’s credentials and return a boolean.

The Authenticatable Contract

Now that we have explored each of the methods on the `UserProvider`, let’s take a look at the `Authenticatable` contract. Remember, the provider should return implementations of this interface from the `retrieveById` and `retrieveByCredentials` methods:


```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace Illuminate\Contracts\Auth;
4
5  interface Authenticatable {
6
7      public function getAuthIdentifierName();
8      public function getAuthIdentifier();
9      public function getAuthPassword();
10     public function getRememberToken();
11     public function setRememberToken($value);
12     public function getRememberTokenName();
13
14 }
```

This interface is simple. The `getAuthIdentifierName` method should return the name of the “primary key” field of the user and the `getAuthIdentifier` method should return the “primary key” of the user. In a MySQL back-end, again, this would be the auto-incrementing primary key. The `getAuthPassword` should return the user’s hashed password. This interface allows the authentication system to work with any `User` class, regardless of what ORM or storage abstraction layer you are using. By default, Laravel includes a `User` class in the `app` directory which implements this interface, so you may consult this class for an implementation example.

Events

Laravel raises a variety of [events](#) during the authentication process. You may attach listeners to these events in your `EventServiceProvider`:

```
1  /**
2   * The event listener mappings for the application.
3   *
4   * @var array
5   */
6  protected $listen = [
7      'Illuminate\Auth\Events\Attempting' => [
8          'App\Listeners\LogAuthenticationAttempt',
9      ],
10
11     'Illuminate\Auth\Events>Login' => [
12         'App\Listeners\LogSuccessfulLogin',
```

```
13     ],
14
15     'Illuminate\Auth\Events\Logout' => [
16         'App\Listeners\LogSuccessfulLogout',
17     ],
18
19     'Illuminate\Auth\Events\Lockout' => [
20         'App\Listeners\LogLockout',
21     ],
22 ];
```

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Introduction

In addition to providing [authentication](#) services out of the box, Laravel also provides a simple way to organize authorization logic and control access to resources. There are a variety of methods and helpers to assist you in organizing your authorization logic, and we'll cover each of them in this document.

Defining Abilities

The simplest way to determine if a user may perform a given action is to define an “ability” using the `Illuminate\Auth\Access\Gate` class. The `AuthServiceProvider` which ships with Laravel serves as a convenient location to define all of the abilities for your application. For example, let's define an `update-post` ability which receives the current `User` and a `Post` [model](#). Within our ability, we will determine if the user's `id` matches the post's `user_id`:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Providers;
4
5  use Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\Access\Gate as GateContract;
6  use Illuminate\Foundation\Support\Providers\AuthServiceProvider as ServiceProvider;
7  er;
8
9  class AuthServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
10 {
11     /**
12      * Register any application authentication / authorization services.
13      *
14      * @param  \Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\Access\Gate  $gate
```

```
15  * @return void
16  */
17  public function boot(GateContract $gate)
18  {
19      $this->registerPolicies($gate);
20
21      $gate->define('update-post', function ($user, $post) {
22          return $user->id === $post->user_id;
23      });
24  }
25  }
```

Note that we did not check if the given `$user` is not NULL. The Gate will automatically return false for **all abilities** when there is not an authenticated user or a specific user has not been specified using the `forUser` method.

Class Based Abilities

In addition to registering Closures as authorization callbacks, you may register class methods by passing a string containing the class name and the method. When needed, the class will be resolved via the [service container](#):

```
1  $gate->define('update-post', 'Class@method');
```

 ##### Intercepting Authorization Checks {#authorization-intercepting-authorization-checks}

Sometimes, you may wish to grant all abilities to a specific user. For this situation, use the `before` method to define a callback that is run before all other authorization checks:

```
1  $gate->before(function ($user, $ability) {
2      if ($user->isSuperAdmin()) {
3          return true;
4      }
5  });
```

If the `before` callback returns a non-null result that result will be considered the result of the check.

You may use the `after` method to define a callback to be executed after every authorization check. However, you may not modify the result of the authorization check from an `after` callback:

```
1  $gate->after(function ($user, $ability, $result, $arguments) {  
2      //  
3  });
```

Checking Abilities

Via The Gate Facade

Once an ability has been defined, we may “check” it in a variety of ways. First, we may use the `check`, `allows`, or `denies` methods on the Gate [facade](#). All of these methods receive the name of the ability and the arguments that should be passed to the ability’s callback. You do **not** need to pass the current user to these methods, since the Gate will automatically prepend the current user to the arguments passed to the callback. So, when checking the `update-post` ability we defined earlier, we only need to pass a `Post` instance to the `denies` method:

```
1  <?php  
2  
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;  
4  
5  use Gate;  
6  use App\User;  
7  use App\Post;  
8  use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;  
9  
10 class PostController extends Controller  
11 {  
12     /**  
13      * Update the given post.  
14      *  
15      * @param int $id  
16      * @return Response  
17      */  
18     public function update($id)  
19     {  
20         $post = Post::findOrFail($id);  
21     }
```

```
22         if (Gate::denies('update-post', $post)) {  
23             abort(403);  
24         }  
25  
26         // Update Post...  
27     }  
28 }
```

Of course, the `allows` method is simply the inverse of the `denies` method, and returns true if the action is authorized. The `check` method is an alias of the `allows` method.

Checking Abilities For Specific Users

If you would like to use the Gate facade to check if a user **other than the currently authenticated user** has a given ability, you may use the `forUser` method:

```
1  if (Gate::forUser($user)->allows('update-post', $post)) {  
2      //  
3  }
```

Passing Multiple Arguments

Of course, ability callbacks may receive multiple arguments:

```
1  Gate::define('delete-comment', function ($user, $post, $comment) {  
2      //  
3  });
```

If your ability needs multiple arguments, simply pass an array of arguments to the Gate methods:

```
1  if (Gate::allows('delete-comment', [$post, $comment])) {  
2      //  
3  }
```

Via The User Model

Alternatively, you may check abilities via the User model instance. By default, Laravel's `App\User` model uses an `Authorizable` trait which provides two methods: `can` and `cannot`. These methods may be used similarly to the `allows` and `denies` methods present on the Gate facade. So, using our previous example, we may modify our code like so:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use App\Post;
6  use Illuminate\Http\Request;
7  use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
8
9  class PostController extends Controller
10 {
11     /**
12      * Update the given post.
13      *
14      * @param  \Illuminate\Http\Request  $request
15      * @param  int  $id
16      * @return Response
17      */
18     public function update(Request $request, $id)
19     {
20         $post = Post::findOrFail($id);
21
22         if ($request->user()->cannot('update-post', $post)) {
23             abort(403);
24         }
25
26         // Update Post...
27     }
28 }
```

Of course, the `can` method is simply the inverse of the `cannot` method:

```
1  if ($request->user()->can('update-post', $post)) {
```

```
2          // Update Post...
3      }
```

Within Blade Templates

For convenience, Laravel provides the `@can` Blade directive to quickly check if the currently authenticated user has a given ability. For example:

```
1  <a href="/post/{{ $post->id }}">View Post</a>
2
3  @can('update-post', $post)
4      <a href="/post/{{ $post->id }}/edit">Edit Post</a>
5  @endcan
```

You may also combine the `@can` directive with `@else` directive:

```
1  @can('update-post', $post)
2      <!-- The Current User Can Update The Post -->
3  @else
4      <!-- The Current User Can't Update The Post -->
5  @endcan
```

Within Form Requests

You may also choose to utilize your Gate defined abilities from a [form request's](#) `authorize` method. For example:


```
1  /**
2   * Determine if the user is authorized to make this request.
3   *
4   * @return bool
5   */
6  public function authorize()
7  {
8      $postId = $this->route('post');
9
10     return Gate::allows('update', Post::findOrFail($postId));
11 }
```

Policies

Creating Policies

Since defining all of your authorization logic in the `AuthServiceProvider` could become cumbersome in large applications, Laravel allows you to split your authorization logic into “Policy” classes. Policies are plain PHP classes that group authorization logic based on the resource they authorize.

First, let’s generate a policy to manage authorization for our `Post` model. You may generate a policy using the `make:policy` [artisan command](#). The generated policy will be placed in the `app/Policies` directory:

```
1  php artisan make:policy PostPolicy
```

Registering Policies

Once the policy exists, we need to register it with the `Gate` class. The `AuthServiceProvider` contains a `policies` property which maps various entities to the policies that manage them. So, we will specify that the `Post` model’s policy is the `PostPolicy` class:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Providers;
4
5  use App\Post;
6  use App\Policies\PostPolicy;
7  use Illuminate\Foundation\Support\Providers\AuthServiceProvider as ServiceProvider;
8  er;
9
10 class AuthServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
11 {
12     /**
13      * The policy mappings for the application.
14      *
15      * @var array
16      */
17     protected $policies = [
18         Post::class => PostPolicy::class,
19     ];
20
21     /**
22      * Register any application authentication / authorization services.
23      *
24      * @param  \Illuminate\Contracts\Auth\Access\Gate  $gate
25      * @return void
26      */
27     public function boot(GateContract $gate)
28     {
29         $this->registerPolicies($gate);
30     }
31 }
```

Writing Policies

Once the policy has been generated and registered, we can add methods for each ability it authorizes. For example, let's define an update method on our PostPolicy, which will determine if the given User can “update” a Post:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Policies;
4
5  use App\User;
6  use App\Post;
7
8  class PostPolicy
9  {
10     /**
11      * Determine if the given post can be updated by the user.
12      *
13      * @param \App\User $user
14      * @param \App\Post $post
15      * @return bool
16      */
17     public function update(User $user, Post $post)
18     {
19         return $user->id === $post->user_id;
20     }
21 }
```

You may continue to define additional methods on the policy as needed for the various abilities it authorizes. For example, you might define `view` or `delete` methods to authorize various `Post` actions.

When defining policy methods that will not receive any model instance, such as a `create` method, you should suffix the methods with `Any` like so:

```
1  /**
2   * Determine if the given user can create posts.
3   *
4   * @param \App\User $user
5   * @return bool
6   */
7  public function createAny(User $user)
8  {
9      //
10 }
```

This convention will be respected by the Gate when [checking policy methods](#).



Note: All policies are resolved via the Laravel [service container](#), meaning you may type-hint any needed dependencies in the policy's constructor and they will be automatically injected.

Intercepting All Checks

Sometimes, you may wish to grant all abilities to a specific user on a policy. For this situation, define a `before` method on the policy. This method will be run before all other authorization checks on the policy:

```
1 public function before($user, $ability)
2 {
3     if ($user->isSuperAdmin()) {
4         return true;
5     }
6 }
```

If the `before` method returns a non-null result that result will be considered the result of the check.

Checking Policies

Policy methods are called in exactly the same way as Closure based authorization callbacks. You may use the Gate facade, the User model, the `@can` Blade directive, or the policy helper.

Via The Gate Facade

The Gate will automatically determine which policy to use by examining the class of the arguments passed to its methods. So, if we pass a `Post` instance to the `denies` method, the Gate will utilize the corresponding `PostPolicy` to authorize actions:

```
1 <?php
2
3 namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5 use Gate;
6 use App\User;
7 use App\Post;
8 use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
9
10 class PostController extends Controller
```

```
11 {
12     /**
13      * Update the given post.
14      *
15      * @param int $id
16      * @return Response
17      */
18     public function update($id)
19     {
20         $post = Post::findOrFail($id);
21
22         if (Gate::denies('update', $post)) {
23             abort(403);
24         }
25
26         // Update Post...
27     }
28 }
```

When checking policy methods that do not receive a model, such as a view method. You should pass the model name to the check method:

```
1 Gate::check('view', Post::class);
```

When a model class name is passed to the Gate instead of a model instance, the Gate will suffix the ability being checked with Any. So, in the example above, the Gate will call the viewAny method of the policy.

Via The User Model

The User model's can and cannot methods will also automatically utilize policies when they are available for the given arguments. These methods provide a convenient way to authorize actions for any User instance retrieved by your application:

```
1 if ($user->can('update', $post)) {  
2     //  
3 }  
4  
5 if ($user->cannot('update', $post)) {  
6     //  
7 }
```

Within Blade Templates

Likewise, the @can Blade directive will utilize policies when they are available for the given arguments:

```
1 @can('update', $post)  
2     <!-- The Current User Can Update The Post -->  
3 @endcan
```

Via The Policy Helper

The global policy helper function may be used to retrieve the Policy class for a given class instance. For example, we may pass a Post instance to the policy helper to get an instance of our corresponding PostPolicy class:

```
1 if (policy($post)->update($user, $post)) {  
2     //  
3 }
```

Controller Authorization

By default, the base App\Http\Controllers\Controller class included with Laravel uses the AuthorizesRequests trait. This trait provides the authorize method, which may be used to quickly authorize a given action and throw a AuthorizationException if the action is not authorized.

The authorize method shares the same signature as the various other authorization methods such as Gate::allows and \$user->can(). So, let's use the authorize method to quickly authorize a request to update a Post:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use App\Post;
6  use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
7
8  class PostController extends Controller
9  {
10     /**
11      * Update the given post.
12      *
13      * @param int $id
14      * @return Response
15      */
16     public function update($id)
17     {
18         $post = Post::findOrFail($id);
19
20         $this->authorize('update', $post);
21
22         // Update Post...
23     }
24 }
```

If the action is authorized, the controller will continue executing normally; however, if the `authorize` method determines that the action is not authorized, an `AuthorizationException` will automatically be thrown which generates a HTTP response with a 403 Not Authorized status code. As you can see, the `authorize` method is a convenient, fast way to authorize an action or throw an exception with a single line of code.

The `AuthorizesRequests` trait also provides the `authorizeForUser` method to authorize an action on a user that is not the currently authenticated user:

```
1  $this->authorizeForUser($user, 'update', $post);
```

Automatically Determining Policy Methods

Frequently, a policy's methods will correspond to the methods on a controller. For example, in the `update` method above, the controller method and the policy method share the same name: `update`.

For this reason, Laravel allows you to simply pass the instance arguments to the `authorize` method, and the ability being authorized will automatically be determined based on the name of the calling function. In this example, since `authorize` is called from the controller's `update` method, the `update` method will also be called on the `PostPolicy`:

```
1  /**
2   * Update the given post.
3   *
4   * @param int $id
5   * @return Response
6   */
7  public function update($id)
8  {
9      $post = Post::findOrFail($id);
10
11     $this->authorize($post);
12
13     // Update Post...
14 }
```

Remember, for resource controller methods that do not relate to a particular model instance, such as `create`, the `Any` version of the policy method would be called. For example:

```
1  /**
2   * Show the form to create a new post.
3   *
4   * @return Response
5   */
6  public function create()
7  {
8      $this->authorize();
9
10     // Show Create Post Form...
11 }
```

In this example, the `createAny` method would be called on the policy:


```
1  /**
2   * Determine if the given user can create posts.
3   *
4   * @param \App\User $user
5   * @return bool
6   */
7  public function createAny(User $user)
8  {
9      //
10 }
```

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Introduction

Artisan is the name of the command-line interface included with Laravel. It provides a number of helpful commands for your use while developing your application. It is driven by the powerful Symfony Console component. To view a list of all available Artisan commands, you may use the `list` command:

```
1 php artisan list
```

Every command also includes a “help” screen which displays and describes the command’s available arguments and options. To view a help screen, simply precede the name of the command with `help`:

```
1 php artisan help migrate
```

Writing Commands

In addition to the commands provided with Artisan, you may also build your own custom commands for working with your application. You may store your custom commands in the `app/Console/Commands` directory; however, you are free to choose your own storage location as long as your commands can be autoloaded based on your `composer.json` settings.

To create a new command, you may use the `make:command` Artisan command, which will generate a command stub to help you get started:

```
1 php artisan make:command SendEmails
```

The command above would generate a class at `app/Console/Commands/SendEmails.php`. When creating the command, the `--command` option may be used to assign the terminal command name:

```
1 php artisan make:command SendEmails --command=emails:send
```

Command Structure

Once your command is generated, you should fill out the signature and description properties of the class, which will be used when displaying your command on the `list` screen.

The `handle` method will be called when your command is executed. You may place any command logic in this method. Let's take a look at an example command.

Note that we are able to inject any dependencies we need into the command's constructor. The Laravel [service container](#) will automatically inject all dependencies type-hinted in the constructor. For greater code reusability, it is good practice to keep your console commands light and let them defer to application services to accomplish their tasks.

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Console\Commands;
4
5  use App\User;
6  use App\DripEmailer;
7  use Illuminate\Console\Command;
8
9  class SendEmails extends Command
10 {
11     /**
12      * The name and signature of the console command.
13      *
14      * @var string
15      */
16     protected $signature = 'email:send {user}';
17
18     /**
19      * The console command description.
```

```
20      *
21      * @var string
22      */
23      protected $description = 'Send drip e-mails to a user';
24
25      /**
26       * The drip e-mail service.
27       *
28       * @var DripMailer
29       */
30      protected $drip;
31
32      /**
33       * Create a new command instance.
34       *
35       * @param DripMailer $drip
36       * @return void
37       */
38      public function __construct(DripMailer $drip)
39      {
40          parent::__construct();
41
42          $this->drip = $drip;
43      }
44
45      /**
46       * Execute the console command.
47       *
48       * @return mixed
49       */
50      public function handle()
51      {
52          $this->drip->send(User::find($this->argument('user')));
53      }
54  }
```

Command I/O

Defining Input Expectations

When writing console commands, it is common to gather input from the user through arguments or options. Laravel makes it very convenient to define the input you expect from the user using the `signature` property on your commands. The `signature` property allows you to define the name, arguments, and options for the command in a single, expressive, route-like syntax.

All user supplied arguments and options are wrapped in curly braces. In the following example, the command defines one **required** argument: `user`:

```
1  /**
2   * The name and signature of the console command.
3   *
4   * @var string
5   */
6  protected $signature = 'email:send {user}';
```

You may also make arguments optional and define default values for optional arguments:

```
1  // Optional argument...
2  email:send {user?}
3
4  // Optional argument with default value...
5  email:send {user=foo}
```

Options, like arguments, are also a form of user input. However, they are prefixed by two hyphens (`--`) when they are specified on the command line. We can define options in the signature like so:

```
1  /**
2   * The name and signature of the console command.
3   *
4   * @var string
5   */
6  protected $signature = 'email:send {user} {--queue}';
```

In this example, the `--queue` switch may be specified when calling the Artisan command. If the `--queue` switch is passed, the value of the option will be `true`. Otherwise, the value will be `false`:

```
1 php artisan email:send 1 --queue
```

You may also specify that the option should be assigned a value by the user by suffixing the option name with a `=` sign, indicating that a value should be provided:

```
1 /**
2  * The name and signature of the console command.
3  *
4  * @var string
5  */
6 protected $signature = 'email:send {user} {--queue=}';
```

In this example, the user may pass a value for the option like so:

```
1 php artisan email:send 1 --queue=default
```

You may also assign default values to options:

```
1 email:send {user} {--queue=default}
```

To assign a shortcut when defining an option, you may specify it before the option name and use a `|` delimiter to separate the shortcut from the full option name:

```
1 email:send {user} {--Q|queue}
```

If you would like to define arguments or options to expect array inputs, you may use the `*` character:

```
1 email:send {user*}
2
3 email:send {user} {--id=*}
```

Input Descriptions

You may assign descriptions to input arguments and options by separating the parameter from the description using a colon:

```
1 /**
2  * The name and signature of the console command.
3  *
4  * @var string
5  */
6 protected $signature = 'email:send
7                        {user : The ID of the user}
8                        {--queue= : Whether the job should be queued}';
```

Retrieving Input

While your command is executing, you will obviously need to access the values for the arguments and options accepted by your command. To do so, you may use the argument and option methods:

```
1 /**
2  * Execute the console command.
3  *
4  * @return mixed
5  */
6 public function handle()
7 {
8     $userId = $this->argument('user');
9
10    //
11 }
```

If you need to retrieve all of the arguments as an array, call `argument` with no parameters:

```
1 $arguments = $this->argument();
```

Options may be retrieved just as easily as arguments using the `option` method. Like the `argument` method, you may call `option` without any parameters in order to retrieve all of the options as an array:

```
1 // Retrieve a specific option...
2 $queueName = $this->option('queue');
3
4 // Retrieve all options...
5 $options = $this->option();
```

If the argument or option does not exist, `null` will be returned.

Prompting For Input

In addition to displaying output, you may also ask the user to provide input during the execution of your command. The `ask` method will prompt the user with the given question, accept their input, and then return the user's input back to your command:

```
1 /**
2  * Execute the console command.
3  *
4  * @return mixed
5  */
6 public function handle()
7 {
8     $name = $this->ask('What is your name?');
9 }
```

The `secret` method is similar to `ask`, but the user's input will not be visible to them as they type in the console. This method is useful when asking for sensitive information such as a password:

```
1 $password = $this->secret('What is the password?');
```


Asking For Confirmation

If you need to ask the user for a simple confirmation, you may use the `confirm` method. By default, this method will return `false`. However, if the user enters `y` in response to the prompt, the method will return `true`.

```
1  if ($this->confirm('Do you wish to continue? [y|N]')) {  
2      //  
3  }
```

Giving The User A Choice

The `anticipate` method can be used to provide autocompletion for possible choices. The user can still choose any answer, regardless of the auto-completion hints:

```
1  $name = $this->anticipate('What is your name?', ['Taylor', 'Dayle']);
```

If you need to give the user a predefined set of choices, you may use the `choice` method. The user chooses the index of the answer, but the value of the answer will be returned to you. You may set the default value to be returned if nothing is chosen:

```
1  $name = $this->choice('What is your name?', ['Taylor', 'Dayle'], $default);
```

Writing Output

To send output to the console, use the `line`, `info`, `comment`, `question` and `error` methods. Each of these methods will use the appropriate ANSI colors for their purpose.

To display an information message to the user, use the `info` method. Typically, this will display in the console as green text:

```
1  /**
2   * Execute the console command.
3   *
4   * @return mixed
5   */
6  public function handle()
7  {
8      $this->info('Display this on the screen');
9  }
```

To display an error message, use the `error` method. Error message text is typically displayed in red:

```
1  $this->error('Something went wrong!');
```

If you want to display plain console output, use the `line` method. The `line` method does not receive any unique coloration:

```
1  $this->line('Display this on the screen');
```

Table Layouts

The `table` method makes it easy to correctly format multiple rows / columns of data. Just pass in the headers and rows to the method. The width and height will be dynamically calculated based on the given data:

```
1  $headers = ['Name', 'Email'];
2
3  $users = App\User::all(['name', 'email'])->toArray();
4
5  $this->table($headers, $users);
```

Progress Bars

For long running tasks, it could be helpful to show a progress indicator. Using the output object, we can start, advance and stop the Progress Bar. You have to define the number of steps when you start

the progress, then advance the Progress Bar after each step:

```
1  $users = App\User::all();
2
3  $bar = $this->output->createProgressBar(count($users));
4
5  foreach ($users as $user) {
6      $this->performTask($user);
7
8      $bar->advance();
9  }
10
11 $bar->finish();
```

For more advanced options, check out the [Symfony Progress Bar component documentation](http://symfony.com/doc/2.7/components/console/helpers/progressbar.html)¹⁵⁶.

Registering Commands

Once your command is finished, you need to register it with Artisan so it will be available for use. This is done within the `app/Console/Kernel.php` file.

Within this file, you will find a list of commands in the `commands` property. To register your command, simply add the class name to the list. When Artisan boots, all the commands listed in this property will be resolved by the [service container](#) and registered with Artisan:

```
1  protected $commands = [
2      Commands\SendEmails::class
3  ];
```

Calling Commands Via Code

Sometimes you may wish to execute an Artisan command outside of the CLI. For example, you may wish to fire an Artisan command from a route or controller. You may use the `call` method on the Artisan facade to accomplish this. The `call` method accepts the name of the command as the first argument, and an array of command parameters as the second argument. The exit code will be returned:

¹⁵⁶<http://symfony.com/doc/2.7/components/console/helpers/progressbar.html>

```
1 Route::get('/foo', function () {  
2     $exitCode = Artisan::call('email:send', [  
3         'user' => 1, '--queue' => 'default'  
4     ]);  
5  
6     //  
7 });
```

Using the `queue` method on the Artisan facade, you may even queue Artisan commands so they are processed in the background by your [queue workers](#):

```
1 Route::get('/foo', function () {  
2     Artisan::queue('email:send', [  
3         'user' => 1, '--queue' => 'default'  
4     ]);  
5  
6     //  
7 });
```

If you need to specify the value of an option that does not accept string values, such as the `--force` flag on the `migrate:refresh` command, you may pass a boolean `true` or `false`:

```
1 $exitCode = Artisan::call('migrate:refresh', [  
2     '--force' => true,  
3 ]);
```

Calling Commands From Other Commands

Sometimes you may wish to call other commands from an existing Artisan command. You may do so using the `call` method. This `call` method accepts the command name and an array of command parameters:

```
1  /**
2   * Execute the console command.
3   *
4   * @return mixed
5   */
6  public function handle()
7  {
8      $this->call('email:send', [
9          'user' => 1, '--queue' => 'default'
10     ]);
11
12     //
13 }
```

If you would like to call another console command and suppress all of its output, you may use the `callSilent` method. The `callSilent` method has the same signature as the `call` method:

```
1  $this->callSilent('email:send', [
2      'user' => 1, '--queue' => 'default'
3  ]);
```

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Introduction

Laravel Cashier provides an expressive, fluent interface to [Stripe's](#)¹⁵⁷ and [Braintree's](#)¹⁵⁸ subscription billing services. It handles almost all of the boilerplate subscription billing code you are dreading writing. In addition to basic subscription management, Cashier can handle coupons, swapping subscription, subscription “quantities”, cancellation grace periods, and even generate invoice PDFs.

Stripe Configuration

Composer

First, add the Cashier package for Stripe to your `composer.json` file and run the `composer update` command:

```
1 "laravel/cashier": "~6.0"
```

¹⁵⁷<https://stripe.com>

¹⁵⁸<https://braintreepayments.com>

Service Provider

Next, register the `Laravel\Cashier\CashierServiceProvider` [service provider](#) in your app configuration file.

Database Migrations

Before using Cashier, we'll also need to prepare the database. We need to add several columns to your users table and create a new subscriptions table to hold all of our customer's subscriptions:

```
1 Schema::table('users', function ($table) {
2     $table->string('stripe_id')->nullable();
3     $table->string('card_brand')->nullable();
4     $table->string('card_last_four')->nullable();
5     $table->timestamp('trial_ends_at')->nullable();
6 });
7
8 Schema::create('subscriptions', function ($table) {
9     $table->increments('id');
10    $table->integer('user_id');
11    $table->string('name');
12    $table->string('stripe_id');
13    $table->string('stripe_plan');
14    $table->integer('quantity');
15    $table->timestamp('trial_ends_at')->nullable();
16    $table->timestamp('ends_at')->nullable();
17    $table->timestamps();
18 });
```

Once the migrations have been created, simply run the `migrate` Artisan command.

Model Setup

Next, add the `Billable` trait to your model definition:

```
1 use Laravel\Cashier\Billable;
2
3 class User extends Authenticatable
4 {
5     use Billable;
```

```
6 }
```

Provider Keys

Next, you should configure your Stripe key in your `services.php` configuration file:

```
1 'stripe' => [  
2     'model' => App\User::class,  
3     'secret' => env('STRIPE_SECRET'),  
4 ],
```

Braintree Configuration

Braintree Caveats

For many operations, the Stripe and Braintree implementations of Cashier function the same. Both services provide subscription billing with credit cards but Braintree also supports payments via PayPal. However, Braintree also lacks some features that are supported by Stripe. You should keep the following in mind when deciding to use Stripe or Braintree:

<div class="content-list" markdown="1"> - Braintree supports PayPal while Stripe does not. - Braintree does not support the increment and decrement methods on subscriptions. This is a Braintree limitation, not a Cashier limitation. - Braintree does not support percentage based discounts. This is a Braintree limitation, not a Cashier limitation. </div>

Composer

First, add the Cashier package for Braintree to your `composer.json` file and run the `composer update` command:

```
1 "laravel/cashier-braintree": "~1.0"
```

Service Provider

Next, register the `Laravel\Cashier\CashierServiceProvider` [service provider](#) in your app configuration file.

Plan Credit Coupon

Before using Cashier with Braintree, you will need to define a plan-credit discount in your Braintree control panel. This discount will be used to properly prorate subscriptions that change from yearly to monthly billing, or from monthly to yearly billing. The discount amount configured in the Braintree control panel can be any value you wish, as Cashier will simply override the defined amount with our own custom amount each time we apply the coupon.

Database Migrations

Before using Cashier, we'll also need to prepare the database. We need to add several columns to your users table and create a new subscriptions table to hold all of our customer's subscriptions:

```
1 Schema::table('users', function ($table) {
2     $table->string('braintree_id')->nullable();
3     $table->string('paypal_email')->nullable();
4     $table->string('card_brand')->nullable();
5     $table->string('card_last_four')->nullable();
6     $table->timestamp('trial_ends_at')->nullable();
7 });
8
9 Schema::create('subscriptions', function ($table) {
10     $table->increments('id');
11     $table->integer('user_id');
12     $table->string('name');
13     $table->string('braintree_id');
14     $table->string('braintree_plan');
15     $table->integer('quantity');
16     $table->timestamp('trial_ends_at')->nullable();
17     $table->timestamp('ends_at')->nullable();
18     $table->timestamps();
19 });
```

Once the migrations have been created, simply run the migrate Artisan command.

Model Setup

Next, add the Billable trait to your model definition:

```
1 use Laravel\Cashier\Billable;
2
3 class User extends Authenticatable
4 {
5     use Billable;
6 }
```

Provider Keys

Next, You should configure the following options in your `services.php` file:

```
1 'braintree' => [
2     'model' => App\User::class,
3     'environment' => env('BRAINTREE_ENV'),
4     'merchant_id' => env('BRAINTREE_MERCHANT_ID'),
5     'public_key' => env('BRAINTREE_PUBLIC_KEY'),
6     'private_key' => env('BRAINTREE_PRIVATE_KEY'),
7 ],
```

Then you should add the following Braintree SDK calls to your `AppServiceProvider` service provider's boot method:

```
1 \Braintree_Configuration::environment(env('BRAINTREE_ENV'));
2 \Braintree_Configuration::merchantId(env('BRAINTREE_MERCHANT_ID'));
3 \Braintree_Configuration::publicKey(env('BRAINTREE_PUBLIC_KEY'));
4 \Braintree_Configuration::privateKey(env('BRAINTREE_PRIVATE_KEY'));
```

Subscriptions

Creating Subscriptions

To create a subscription, first retrieve an instance of your billable model, which typically will be an instance of `App\User`. Once you have retrieved the model instance, you may use the `newSubscription` method to create the model's subscription:

```
1 $user = User::find(1);
2
3 $user->newSubscription('main', 'monthly')->create($creditCardToken);
```

The first argument passed to the `newSubscription` method should be the name of the subscription. If your application only offers a single subscription, you might call this `main` or `primary`. The second argument is the specific Stripe / Braintree plan the user is subscribing to. This value should correspond to the plan's identifier in Stripe or Braintree.

The `create` method will automatically create the subscription, as well as update your database with the customer ID and other relevant billing information.

Additional User Details

If you would like to specify additional customer details, you may do so by passing them as the second argument to the `create` method:

```
1 $user->newSubscription('main', 'monthly')->create($creditCardToken, [
2     'email' => $email,
3 ]);
```

To learn more about the additional fields supported by Stripe or Braintree, check out Stripe's [documentation on customer creation](https://stripe.com/docs/api#create_customer)¹⁵⁹ or the corresponding [Braintree documentation](https://developers.braintreepayments.com/reference/request/customer/create/php)¹⁶⁰.

Coupons

If you would like to apply a coupon when creating the subscription, you may use the `withCoupon` method:

```
1 $user->newSubscription('main', 'monthly')
2     ->withCoupon('code')
3     ->create($creditCardToken);
```

¹⁵⁹https://stripe.com/docs/api#create_customer

¹⁶⁰<https://developers.braintreepayments.com/reference/request/customer/create/php>

Checking Subscription Status

Once a user is subscribed to your application, you may easily check their subscription status using a variety of convenient methods. First, the `subscribed` method returns `true` if the user has an active subscription, even if the subscription is currently within its trial period:

```
1 if ($user->subscribed('main')) {  
2     //  
3 }
```

The `subscribed` method also makes a great candidate for a [route middleware](#), allowing you to filter access to routes and controllers based on the user's subscription status:

```
1 public function handle($request, Closure $next)  
2 {  
3     if ($request->user() && ! $request->user()->subscribed('main')) {  
4         // This user is not a paying customer...  
5         return redirect('billing');  
6     }  
7  
8     return $next($request);  
9 }
```

If you would like to determine if a user is still within their trial period, you may use the `onTrial` method. This method can be useful for displaying a warning to the user that they are still on their trial period:

```
1 if ($user->subscription('main')->onTrial()) {  
2     //  
3 }
```

The `subscribedToPlan` method may be used to determine if the user is subscribed to a given plan based on a given Stripe / Braintree plan ID. In this example, we will determine if the user's main subscription is actively subscribed to the `monthly` plan:

```
1 if ($user->subscribedToPlan('monthly', 'main')) {  
2     //  
3 }
```

Cancelled Subscription Status

To determine if the user was once an active subscriber, but has cancelled their subscription, you may use the cancelled method:

```
1 if ($user->subscription('main')->cancelled()) {  
2     //  
3 }
```

You may also determine if a user has cancelled their subscription, but are still on their “grace period” until the subscription fully expires. For example, if a user cancels a subscription on March 5th that was originally scheduled to expire on March 10th, the user is on their “grace period” until March 10th. Note that the subscribed method still returns true during this time.

```
1 if ($user->subscription('main')->onGracePeriod()) {  
2     //  
3 }
```

Changing Plans

After a user is subscribed to your application, they may occasionally want to change to a new subscription plan. To swap a user to a new subscription, use the swap method. For example, we may easily switch a user to the premium subscription:

```
1 $user = App\User::find(1);  
2  
3 $user->subscription('main')->swap('provider-plan-id');
```

If the user is on trial, the trial period will be maintained. Also, if a “quantity” exists for the subscription, that quantity will also be maintained:

```
1 $user->subscription('main')->swap('provider-plan-id');
```

If you would like to swap plans but skip the trial period on the plan you are swapping to, you may use the `skipTrial` method:

```
1 $user->subscription('main')
2     ->skipTrial()
3     ->swap('provider-plan-id');
```

Subscription Quantity



Note: Subscription quantities are only supported by the Stripe edition of Cashier. Braintree does not have an equivalent to Stripe’s “quantity”.

Sometimes subscriptions are affected by “quantity”. For example, your application might charge \$10 per month **per user** on an account. To easily increment or decrement your subscription quantity, use the `incrementQuantity` and `decrementQuantity` methods:

```
1 $user = User::find(1);
2
3 $user->subscription('main')->incrementQuantity();
4
5 // Add five to the subscription's current quantity...
6 $user->subscription('main')->incrementQuantity(5);
7
8 $user->subscription('main')->decrementQuantity();
9
10 // Subtract five to the subscription's current quantity...
11 $user->subscription('main')->decrementQuantity(5);
```

Alternatively, you may set a specific quantity using the `updateQuantity` method:

```
1 $user->subscription('main')->updateQuantity(10);
```

For more information on subscription quantities, consult the [Stripe documentation](#)¹⁶¹.

Subscription Taxes

With Cashier, it's easy to provide the `tax_percent` value sent to Stripe / Braintree. To specify the tax percentage a user pays on a subscription, implement the `taxPercentage` method on your billable model, and return a numeric value between 0 and 100, with no more than 2 decimal places.

```
1 public function taxPercentage() {  
2     return 20;  
3 }
```

This enables you to apply a tax rate on a model-by-model basis, which may be helpful for a user base that spans multiple countries.

Cancelling Subscriptions

To cancel a subscription, simply call the `cancel` method on the user's subscription:

```
1 $user->subscription('main')->cancel();
```

When a subscription is cancelled, Cashier will automatically set the `ends_at` column in your database. This column is used to know when the `subscribed` method should begin returning `false`. For example, if a customer cancels a subscription on March 1st, but the subscription was not scheduled to end until March 5th, the `subscribed` method will continue to return `true` until March 5th.

You may determine if a user has cancelled their subscription but are still on their "grace period" using the `onGracePeriod` method:

¹⁶¹<https://stripe.com/docs/guides/subscriptions#setting-quantities>

```
1 if ($user->subscription('main')->onGracePeriod()) {  
2     //  
3 }
```

Resuming Subscriptions

If a user has cancelled their subscription and you wish to resume it, use the `resume` method. The user **must** still be on their grace period in order to resume a subscription:

```
1 $user->subscription('main')->resume();
```

If the user cancels a subscription and then resumes that subscription before the subscription has fully expired, they will not be billed immediately. Instead, their subscription will simply be re-activated, and they will be billed on the original billing cycle.

Subscription Trials

With Credit Card Up Front

If you would like to offer trial periods to your customers while still collecting payment method information up front, You should use the `trialDays` method when creating your subscriptions:

```
1 $user = User::find(1);  
2  
3 $user->newSubscription('main', 'monthly')  
4     ->trialDays(10)  
5     ->create($creditCardToken);
```

This method will set the trial period ending date on the subscription record within the database, as well as instruct Stripe / Braintree to not begin billing the customer until after this date.



Note: If the customer's subscription is not cancelled before the trial ending date they will be charged as soon as the trial expires, so you should notify your users of their trial ending date.

You may determine if the user is within their trial period using either the `onTrial` method of the user instance, or the `onTrial` method of the subscription instance. The two examples below are essentially identical in purpose:

```
1  if ($user->onTrial('main')) {  
2      //  
3  }  
4  
5  if ($user->subscription('main')->onTrial()) {  
6      //  
7  }
```

Without Credit Card Up Front

If you would like to offer trial periods without collecting the user's payment method information up front, you may simply set the `trial_ends_at` column on the user record to your desired trial ending date. For example, this is typically done during user registration:

```
1  $user = User::create([  
2      // Populate other user properties...  
3      'trial_ends_at' => Carbon::now()->addDays(10),  
4  ]);
```

Cashier refers to this type of trial as a “generic trial”, since it is not attached to any existing subscription. The `onTrial` method on the `User` instance will return `true` if the current date is not past the value of `trial_ends_at`:

```
1  if ($user->onTrial()) {  
2      // User is within their trial period...  
3  }
```

You may also use the `onGenericTrial` method if you wish to know specifically that the user is within their “generic” trial period and has not created an actual subscription yet:

```
1 if ($user->onGenericTrial()) {  
2     // User is within their "generic" trial period...  
3 }
```

Once you are ready to create an actual subscription for the user, you may use the `newSubscription` method as usual:

```
1 $user = User::find(1);  
2  
3 $user->newSubscription('main', 'monthly')->create($creditCardToken);
```

Handling Stripe Webhooks

Failed Subscriptions

What if a customer's credit card expires? No worries - Cashier includes a Webhook controller that can easily cancel the customer's subscription for you. Just point a route to the controller:

```
1 Route::post(  
2     'stripe/webhook',  
3     '\Laravel\Cashier\Http\Controllers\WebhookController@handleWebhook'  
4 );
```

That's it! Failed payments will be captured and handled by the controller. The controller will cancel the customer's subscription when Stripe determines the subscription has failed (normally after three failed payment attempts). Don't forget: you will need to configure the webhook URI in your Stripe control panel settings.

Since Stripe webhooks need to bypass Laravel's [CSRF verification](#), be sure to list the URI as an exception in your `VerifyCsrfToken` middleware or list the route outside of the web middleware group:

```
1 protected $except = [  
2     'stripe/*',  
3 ];
```

Other Webhooks

If you have additional Stripe webhook events you would like to handle, simply extend the Webhook controller. Your method names should correspond to Cashier's expected convention, specifically, methods should be prefixed with `handle` and the "camel case" name of the Stripe webhook you wish to handle. For example, if you wish to handle the `invoice.payment_succeeded` webhook, you should add a `handleInvoicePaymentSucceeded` method to the controller.

```
1 <?php  
2  
3 namespace App\Http\Controllers;  
4  
5 use Laravel\Cashier\Http\Controllers\WebhookController as BaseController;  
6  
7 class WebhookController extends BaseController  
8 {  
9     /**  
10      * Handle a Stripe webhook.  
11      *  
12      * @param array $payload  
13      * @return Response  
14      */  
15     public function handleInvoicePaymentSucceeded($payload)  
16     {  
17         // Handle The Event  
18     }  
19 }
```

Handling Braintree Webhooks

Failed Subscriptions

What if a customer's credit card expires? No worries - Cashier includes a Webhook controller that can easily cancel the customer's subscription for you. Just point a route to the controller:

```
1 Route::post(
2     'braintree/webhook',
3     '\Laravel\Cashier\Http\Controllers\WebhookController@handleWebhook'
4 );
```

That's it! Failed payments will be captured and handled by the controller. The controller will cancel the customer's subscription when Braintree determines the subscription has failed (normally after three failed payment attempts). Don't forget: you will need to configure the webhook URI in your Braintree control panel settings.

Since Braintree webhooks need to bypass Laravel's [CSRF verification](#), be sure to list the URI as an exception in your `VerifyCsrfToken` middleware or list the route outside of the web middleware group:

```
1 protected $except = [
2     'braintree/*',
3 ];
```

Other Webhooks

If you have additional Braintree webhook events you would like to handle, simply extend the Webhook controller. Your method names should correspond to Braintree's expected convention, specifically, methods should be prefixed with `handle` and the "camel case" name of the Braintree webhook you wish to handle. For example, if you wish to handle the `dispute_opened` webhook, you should add a `handleDisputeOpened` method to the controller.

```
1 <?php
2
3 namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5 use Braintree\WebhookNotification;
6 use Laravel\Cashier\Http\Controllers\WebhookController as BaseController;
7
8 class WebhookController extends BaseController
9 {
10     /**
11      * Handle a Braintree webhook.
12      *
```

```
13     * @param WebhookNotification $webhook
14     * @return Response
15     */
16     public function handleDisputeOpened(WebhookNotification $notification)
17     {
18         // Handle The Event
19     }
20 }
```

Single Charges

Simple Charge



Note: When using Stripe, the charge method accepts the amount you would like to charge in the **lowest denominator of the currency used by your application**. However, when using Braintree, you should pass the full dollar amount to the charge method:

If you would like to make a “one off” charge against a subscribed customer’s credit card, you may use the charge method on a billable model instance.

```
1 // Stripe Accepts Charges In Cents...
2 $user->charge(100);
3
4 // Braintree Accepts Charges In Dollars...
5 $user->charge(1);
```

The charge method accepts an array as its second argument, allowing you to pass any options you wish to the underlying Stripe / Braintree charge creation:

```
1 $user->charge(100, [
2     'custom_option' => $value,
3 ]);
```

The charge method will throw an exception if the charge fails. If the charge is successful, the full Stripe / Braintree response will be returned from the method:

```
1 try {  
2     $response = $user->charge(100);  
3 } catch (Exception $e) {  
4     //  
5 }
```

Charge With Invoice

Sometimes you may need to make a one-time charge but also generate an invoice for the charge so that you may offer a PDF receipt to your customer. The `invoiceFor` method lets you do just that. For example, let's invoice the customer \$5.00 for a "One Time Fee":

```
1 // Stripe Accepts Charges In Cents...  
2 $user->invoiceFor('One Time Fee', 500);  
3  
4 // Braintree Accepts Charges In Dollars...  
5 $user->invoiceFor('One Time Fee', 5);
```

The invoice will be charged immediately against the user's credit card. The `invoiceFor` method also accepts an array as its third argument, allowing you to pass any options you wish to the underlying Stripe / Braintree charge creation:

```
1 $user->invoiceFor('One Time Fee', 500, [  
2     'custom-option' => $value,  
3 ]);
```



Note: The `invoiceFor` method will create a Stripe invoice which will retry failed billing attempts. If you do not want invoices to retry failed charges, you will need to close them using the Stripe API after the first failed charge.

Invoices

You may easily retrieve an array of a billable model's invoices using the `invoices` method:

```
1 $invoices = $user->invoices();
```

When listing the invoices for the customer, you may use the invoice's helper methods to display the relevant invoice information. For example, you may wish to list every invoice in a table, allowing the user to easily download any of them:

```
1 <table>
2     @foreach ($invoices as $invoice)
3         <tr>
4             <td>{{ $invoice->date()->toFormattedDateString() }}</td>
5             <td>{{ $invoice->total() }}</td>
6             <td><a href="/user/invoice/{{ $invoice->id }}">Download</a></td>
7         </tr>
8     @endforeach
9 </table>
```

Generating Invoice PDFs

Before generating invoice PDFs, you need to install the dompdf PHP library:

```
1 composer require dompdf/dompdf
```

From within a route or controller, use the `downloadInvoice` method to generate a PDF download of the invoice. This method will automatically generate the proper HTTP response to send the download to the browser:

```
1 Route::get('user/invoice/{invoice}', function ($invoiceId) {
2     return Auth::user()->downloadInvoice($invoiceId, [
3         'vendor' => 'Your Company',
4         'product' => 'Your Product',
5     ]);
6 });
```

Cache

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Configuration

Laravel provides a unified API for various caching systems. The cache configuration is located at `config/cache.php`. In this file you may specify which cache driver you would like used by default throughout your application. Laravel supports popular caching backends like [Memcached](#)¹⁶² and [Redis](#)¹⁶³ out of the box.

The cache configuration file also contains various other options, which are documented within the file, so make sure to read over these options. By default, Laravel is configured to use the `file` cache driver, which stores the serialized, cached objects in the filesystem. For larger applications, it is recommended that you use an in-memory cache such as Memcached or APC. You may even configure multiple cache configurations for the same driver.

Cache Prerequisites

Database

When using the database cache driver, you will need to setup a table to contain the cache items. You'll find an example Schema declaration for the table below:

```
1 Schema::create('cache', function($table) {
2     $table->string('key')->unique();
3     $table->text('value');
4     $table->integer('expiration');
5 });
```

¹⁶²<http://memcached.org>

¹⁶³<http://redis.io>

You may also use the `php artisan cache:table` Artisan command to generate a migration with the proper schema.

Memcached

Using the Memcached cache requires the [Memcached PECL package](http://pecl.php.net/package/memcached)¹⁶⁴ to be installed.

The default [configuration](#) uses TCP/IP based on [Memcached::addServer](http://php.net/manual/en/memcached.addserver.php)¹⁶⁵:

```
1 'memcached' => [  
2     [  
3         'host' => '127.0.0.1',  
4         'port' => 11211,  
5         'weight' => 100  
6     ],  
7 ],
```

You may also set the `host` option to a UNIX socket path. If you do this, the `port` option should be set to `0`:

```
1 'memcached' => [  
2     [  
3         'host' => '/var/run/memcached/memcached.sock',  
4         'port' => 0,  
5         'weight' => 100  
6     ],  
7 ],
```

Redis

Before using a Redis cache with Laravel, you will need to install the `redis/redis` package (~1.0) via Composer.

For more information on configuring Redis, consult its [Laravel documentation page](#).

¹⁶⁴<http://pecl.php.net/package/memcached>

¹⁶⁵<http://php.net/manual/en/memcached.addserver.php>

Cache Usage

Obtaining A Cache Instance

The `Illuminate\Contracts\Cache\Factory` and `Illuminate\Contracts\Cache\Repository` [contracts](#) provide access to Laravel's cache services. The Factory contract provides access to all cache drivers defined for your application. The Repository contract is typically an implementation of the default cache driver for your application as specified by your cache configuration file.

However, you may also use the Cache facade, which is what we will use throughout this documentation. The Cache facade provides convenient, terse access to the underlying implementations of the Laravel cache contracts.

For example, let's import the Cache facade into a controller:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use Cache;
6
7  class UserController extends Controller
8  {
9      /**
10       * Show a list of all users of the application.
11       *
12       * @return Response
13       */
14     public function index()
15     {
16         $value = Cache::get('key');
17
18         //
19     }
20 }
```

Accessing Multiple Cache Stores

Using the Cache facade, you may access various cache stores via the `store` method. The key passed to the `store` method should correspond to one of the stores listed in the `stores` configuration array in your cache configuration file:

```
1 $value = Cache::store('file')->get('foo');  
2  
3 Cache::store('redis')->put('bar', 'baz', 10);
```

Retrieving Items From The Cache

The `get` method on the Cache facade is used to retrieve items from the cache. If the item does not exist in the cache, `null` will be returned. If you wish, you may pass a second argument to the `get` method specifying the custom default value you wish to be returned if the item doesn't exist:

```
1 $value = Cache::get('key');  
2  
3 $value = Cache::get('key', 'default');
```

You may even pass a Closure as the default value. The result of the Closure will be returned if the specified item does not exist in the cache. Passing a Closure allows you to defer the retrieval of default values from a database or other external service:

```
1 $value = Cache::get('key', function() {  
2     return DB::table(...)->get();  
3 });
```

Checking For Item Existence

The `has` method may be used to determine if an item exists in the cache:

```
1 if (Cache::has('key')) {  
2     //  
3 }
```

Incrementing / Decrementing Values

The `increment` and `decrement` methods may be used to adjust the value of integer items in the cache. Both of these methods optionally accept a second argument indicating the amount by which

to increment or decrement the item's value:

```
1  Cache::increment('key');
2
3  Cache::increment('key', $amount);
4
5  Cache::decrement('key');
6
7  Cache::decrement('key', $amount);
```

Retrieve Or Update

Sometimes you may wish to retrieve an item from the cache, but also store a default value if the requested item doesn't exist. For example, you may wish to retrieve all users from the cache or, if they don't exist, retrieve them from the database and add them to the cache. You may do this using the `Cache::remember` method:

```
1  $value = Cache::remember('users', $minutes, function() {
2      return DB::table('users')->get();
3  });
```

If the item does not exist in the cache, the Closure passed to the `remember` method will be executed and its result will be placed in the cache.

You may also combine the `remember` and `forever` methods:

```
1  $value = Cache::rememberForever('users', function() {
2      return DB::table('users')->get();
3  });
```

Retrieve And Delete

If you need to retrieve an item from the cache and then delete it, you may use the `pull` method. Like the `get` method, `null` will be returned if the item does not exist in the cache:

```
1 $value = Cache::pull('key');
```

Storing Items In The Cache

You may use the `put` method on the `Cache` facade to store items in the cache. When you place an item in the cache, you will need to specify the number of minutes for which the value should be cached:

```
1 Cache::put('key', 'value', $minutes);
```

Instead of passing the number of minutes until the item expires, you may also pass a PHP `DateTime` instance representing the expiration time of the cached item:

```
1 $expiresAt = Carbon::now()->addMinutes(10);  
2  
3 Cache::put('key', 'value', $expiresAt);
```

The `add` method will only add the item to the cache if it does not already exist in the cache store. The method will return `true` if the item is actually added to the cache. Otherwise, the method will return `false`:

```
1 Cache::add('key', 'value', $minutes);
```

The `forever` method may be used to store an item in the cache permanently. These values must be manually removed from the cache using the `forget` method:

```
1 Cache::forever('key', 'value');
```

Removing Items From The Cache

You may remove items from the cache using the `forget` method on the `Cache` facade:

```
1 Cache::forget('key');
```

You may clear the entire cache using the `flush` method:

```
1 Cache::flush();
```

Flushing the cache **does not** respect the cache prefix and will remove all entries from the cache. Consider this carefully when clearing a cache which is shared by other applications.

Cache Tags



Note: Cache tags are not supported when using the file or database cache drivers. Furthermore, when using multiple tags with caches that are stored “forever”, performance will be best with a driver such as memcached, which automatically purges stale records.

Storing Tagged Cache Items

Cache tags allow you to tag related items in the cache and then flush all cached values that have been assigned a given tag. You may access a tagged cache by passing in an ordered array of tag names. For example, let’s access a tagged cache and put value in the cache:

```
1 Cache::tags(['people', 'artists'])->put('John', $john, $minutes);  
2  
3 Cache::tags(['people', 'authors'])->put('Anne', $anne, $minutes);
```

However, you are not limited to the `put` method. You may use any cache storage method while working with tags.

Accessing Tagged Cache Items

To retrieve a tagged cache item, pass the same ordered list of tags to the `tags` method:

```
1 $john = Cache::tags(['people', 'artists']->get('John');
2
3 $anne = Cache::tags(['people', 'authors']->get('Anne');
```

You may flush all items that are assigned a tag or list of tags. For example, this statement would remove all caches tagged with either people, authors, or both. So, both Anne and John would be removed from the cache:

```
1 Cache::tags(['people', 'authors']->flush();
```

In contrast, this statement would remove only caches tagged with authors, so Anne would be removed, but not John.

```
1 Cache::tags('authors')->flush();
```

Adding Custom Cache Drivers

To extend the Laravel cache with a custom driver, we will use the `extend` method on the Cache facade, which is used to bind a custom driver resolver to the manager. Typically, this is done within a [service provider](#).

For example, to register a new cache driver named “mongo”:

```
1 <?php
2
3 namespace App\Providers;
4
5 use Cache;
6 use App\Extensions\MongoStore;
7 use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
8
9 class CacheServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
10 {
11     /**
12      * Perform post-registration booting of services.
```

```

13      *
14      * @return void
15      */
16      public function boot()
17      {
18          Cache::extend('mongo', function($app) {
19              return Cache::repository(new MongoStore);
20          });
21      }
22
23      /**
24       * Register bindings in the container.
25       *
26       * @return void
27       */
28      public function register()
29      {
30          //
31      }
32  }

```

The first argument passed to the `extend` method is the name of the driver. This will correspond to your driver option in the `config/cache.php` configuration file. The second argument is a Closure that should return an `Illuminate\Cache\Repository` instance. The Closure will be passed an `$app` instance, which is an instance of the [service container](#).

The call to `Cache::extend` could be done in the `boot` method of the default `App\Providers\AppServiceProvider` that ships with fresh Laravel applications, or you may create your own service provider to house the extension - just don't forget to register the provider in the `config/app.php` provider array.

To create our custom cache driver, we first need to implement the `Illuminate\Contracts\Cache\Store` [contract](#) contract. So, our MongoDB cache implementation would look something like this:

```

1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Extensions;
4
5  class MongoStore implements \Illuminate\Contracts\Cache\Store
6  {
7      public function get($key) {}
8      public function put($key, $value, $minutes) {}
9      public function increment($key, $value = 1) {}

```



```
10     public function decrement($key, $value = 1) {}
11     public function forever($key, $value) {}
12     public function forget($key) {}
13     public function flush() {}
14     public function getPrefix() {}
15 }
```

We just need to implement each of these methods using a MongoDB connection. Once our implementation is complete, we can finish our custom driver registration:

```
1  Cache::extend('mongo', function($app) {
2      return Cache::repository(new MongoStore);
3  });
```

Once your extension is complete, simply update your `config/cache.php` configuration file's driver option to the name of your extension.

If you're wondering where to put your custom cache driver code, consider making it available on Packagist! Or, you could create an `Extensions` namespace within your app directory. However, keep in mind that Laravel does not have a rigid application structure and you are free to organize your application according to your preferences.

Events

To execute code on every cache operation, you may listen for the [events](#) fired by the cache. Typically, you should place these event listeners within your `EventServiceProvider`:

```
1  /**
2   * The event listener mappings for the application.
3   *
4   * @var array
5   */
6  protected $listen = [
7      'Illuminate\Cache\Events\CacheHit' => [
8          'App\Listeners\LogCacheHit',
9      ],
10
11      'Illuminate\Cache\Events\CacheMissed' => [
```

```
12         'App\Listeners\LogCacheMissed',
13     ],
14
15     'Illuminate\Cache\Events\KeyForgotten' => [
16         'App\Listeners\LogKeyForgotten',
17     ],
18
19     'Illuminate\Cache\Events\KeyWritten' => [
20         'App\Listeners\LogKeyWritten',
21     ],
22 ];
```

Collections

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Introduction

The `Illuminate\Support\Collection` class provides a fluent, convenient wrapper for working with arrays of data. For example, check out the following code. We'll use the `collect` helper to create a new collection instance from the array, run the `strtoupper` function on each element, and then remove all empty elements:

```
1 $collection = collect(['taylor', 'abigail', null])->map(function ($name) {  
2     return strtoupper($name);  
3 })  
4 ->reject(function ($name) {  
5     return empty($name);  
6 });
```

As you can see, the `Collection` class allows you to chain its methods to perform fluent mapping and reducing of the underlying array. In general, every `Collection` method returns an entirely new `Collection` instance.

Creating Collections

As mentioned above, the `collect` helper returns a new `Illuminate\Support\Collection` instance for the given array. So, creating a collection is as simple as:

```
1 $collection = collect([1, 2, 3]);
```

By default, collections of [Eloquent](#) models are always returned as `Collection` instances; however, feel free to use the `Collection` class wherever it is convenient for your application.

Available Methods

For the remainder of this documentation, we'll discuss each method available on the `Collection` class. Remember, all of these methods may be chained for fluently manipulating the underlying array. Furthermore, almost every method returns a new `Collection` instance, allowing you to preserve the original copy of the collection when necessary.

You may select any method from this table to see an example of its usage:

```
<style> A> #collection-method-list > p { A> column-count: 3; -moz-column-count: 3; -webkit-column-count: 3; A> column-gap: 2em; -moz-column-gap: 2em; -webkit-column-gap: 2em; A> } A> A> #collection-method-list a { A> display: block; A> }
```

```
</style>
```

```
<div id="collection-method-list" markdown="1">
```

all avg chunk collapse combine contains count diff diffKeys each every except filter first flatMap flatten flip forget forPage get groupBy has implode intersect isEmpty keyBy keys last map max merge min only pluck pop prepend pull push put random reduce reject reverse search shift shuffle slice sort sortBy sortByDesc splice sum take toArray toJson transform union unique values where whereStrict whereIn whereInLoose zip

```
</div>
```

Method Listing

```
<style> A> #collection-method code { A> font-size: 14px; A> } A> A> #collection-method:not(.first-collection-method) { A> margin-top: 50px; A> }
```

```
</style>
```

all() {#collection-method .first-collection-method}

The `all` method simply returns the underlying array represented by the collection:

```
1 collect([1, 2, 3])->all();
2
3 // [1, 2, 3]
```

avg() {#collection-method}

The `avg` method returns the average of all items in the collection:

```
1 collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])->avg();
2
3 // 3
```

If the collection contains nested arrays or objects, you should pass a key to use for determining which values to calculate the average:

```
1 $collection = collect([
2     ['name' => 'JavaScript: The Good Parts', 'pages' => 176],
3     ['name' => 'JavaScript: The Definitive Guide', 'pages' => 1096],
4 ]);
5
6 $collection->avg('pages');
7
8 // 636
```

chunk() {#collection-method}

The chunk method breaks the collection into multiple, smaller collections of a given size:

```
1 $collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]);
2
3 $chunks = $collection->chunk(4);
4
5 $chunks->toArray();
6
7 // [[1, 2, 3, 4], [5, 6, 7]]
```

This method is especially useful in [views](#) when working with a grid system such as [Bootstrap](#)¹⁶⁶. Imagine you have a collection of [Eloquent](#) models you want to display in a grid:

¹⁶⁶<http://getbootstrap.com/css/#grid>

```
1 @foreach ($products->chunk(3) as $chunk)
2     <div class="row">
3         @foreach ($chunk as $product)
4             <div class="col-xs-4">{{ $product->name }}</div>
5         @endforeach
6     </div>
7 @endforeach
```

`collapse()` {#collection-method}

The collapse method collapses a collection of arrays into a flat collection:

```
1 $collection = collect([[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]);
2
3 $collapsed = $collection->collapse();
4
5 $collapsed->all();
6
7 // [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

`combine()` {#collection-method}

The combine method combines the keys of the collection with the values of another array or collection:

```
1 $collection = collect(['name', 'age']);
2
3 $combined = $collection->combine(['George', 29]);
4
5 $combined->all();
6
7 // ['name' => 'George', 'age' => 29]
```

`contains()` {#collection-method}

The contains method determines whether the collection contains a given item:

```
1 $collection = collect(['name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 100]);
2
3 $collection->contains('Desk');
4
5 // true
6
7 $collection->contains('New York');
8
9 // false
```

You may also pass a key / value pair to the contains method, which will determine if the given pair exists in the collection:

```
1 $collection = collect([
2     ['product' => 'Desk', 'price' => 200],
3     ['product' => 'Chair', 'price' => 100],
4 ]);
5
6 $collection->contains('product', 'Bookcase');
7
8 // false
```

Finally, you may also pass a callback to the contains method to perform your own truth test:

```
1 $collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
2
3 $collection->contains(function ($value, $key) {
4     return $value > 5;
5 });
6
7 // false
```

count() {#collection-method}

The count method returns the total number of items in the collection:

```
1 $collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4]);
2
3 $collection->count();
4
5 // 4
```

diff() {#collection-method}

The `diff` method compares the collection against another collection or a plain PHP array based on its values:

```
1 $collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
2
3 $diff = $collection->diff([2, 4, 6, 8]);
4
5 $diff->all();
6
7 // [1, 3, 5]
```

diffKeys() {#collection-method}

The `diffKeys` method compares the collection against another collection or a plain PHP array based on its keys:

```
1 $collection = collect([
2     'one' => 10,
3     'two' => 20,
4     'three' => 30,
5     'four' => 40,
6     'five' => 50,
7 ]);
8
9 $diff = $collection->diffKeys([
10     'two' => 2,
11     'four' => 4,
12     'six' => 6,
13     'eight' => 8,
14 ]);
```



```
15
16 $diff->all();
17
18 // ['one' => 10, 'three' => 30, 'five' => 50]
```

each() {#collection-method}

The each method iterates over the items in the collection and passes each item to a given callback:

```
1 $collection = $collection->each(function ($item, $key) {
2     //
3 });
```

Return false from your callback to break out of the loop:

```
1 $collection = $collection->each(function ($item, $key) {
2     if (/* some condition */) {
3         return false;
4     }
5 });
```

every() {#collection-method}

The every method creates a new collection consisting of every n-th element:

```
1 $collection = collect(['a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', 'f']);
2
3 $collection->every(4);
4
5 // ['a', 'e']
```

You may optionally pass offset as the second argument:

```
1 $collection->every(4, 1);
2
3 // ['b', 'f']
```

except() {#collection-method}

The `except` method returns all items in the collection except for those with the specified keys:

```
1 $collection = collect(['product_id' => 1, 'name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 100, 'dis\
2 count' => false]);
3
4 $filtered = $collection->except(['price', 'discount']);
5
6 $filtered->all();
7
8 // ['product_id' => 1, 'name' => 'Desk']
```

For the inverse of `except`, see the [only](#) method.

filter() {#collection-method}

The `filter` method filters the collection by a given callback, keeping only those items that pass a given truth test:

```
1 $collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4]);
2
3 $filtered = $collection->filter(function ($value, $key) {
4     return $value > 2;
5 });
6
7 $filtered->all();
8
9 // [3, 4]
```

For the inverse of `filter`, see the [reject](#) method.

first() {#collection-method}

The `first` method returns the first element in the collection that passes a given truth test:

```
1 collect([1, 2, 3, 4])->first(function ($value, $key) {  
2     return $value > 2;  
3 });  
4  
5 // 3
```

You may also call the `first` method with no arguments to get the first element in the collection. If the collection is empty, `null` is returned:

```
1 collect([1, 2, 3, 4])->first();  
2  
3 // 1
```

flatMap() {#collection-method}

The `flatMap` method iterates through the collection and passes each value to the given callback. The callback is free to modify the item and return it, thus forming a new collection of modified items. Then, the array is flattened by a level:

```
1 $collection = collect([  
2     ['name' => 'Sally'],  
3     ['school' => 'Arkansas'],  
4     ['age' => 28]  
5 ]);  
6  
7 $flattened = $collection->flatMap(function ($values) {  
8     return array_map('strtoupper', $values);  
9 });  
10  
11 $flattened->all();  
12  
13 // ['name' => 'SALLY', 'school' => 'ARKANSAS', 'age' => '28'];
```

flatten() {#collection-method}

The `flatten` method flattens a multi-dimensional collection into a single dimension:

```
1 $collection = collect(['name' => 'taylor', 'languages' => ['php', 'javascript']]\n2 );\n3\n4 $flattened = $collection->flatten();\n5\n6 $flattened->all();\n7\n8 // ['taylor', 'php', 'javascript'];
```

You may optionally pass the function a “depth” argument:

```
1 $collection = collect([\n2     'Apple' => [\n3         ['name' => 'iPhone 6S', 'brand' => 'Apple'],\n4     ],\n5     'Samsung' => [\n6         ['name' => 'Galaxy S7', 'brand' => 'Samsung']\n7     ],\n8 ];\n9\n10 $products = $collection->flatten(1);\n11\n12 $products->values()->all();\n13\n14 /*\n15     [\n16         ['name' => 'iPhone 6S', 'brand' => 'Apple'],\n17         ['name' => 'Galaxy S7', 'brand' => 'Samsung'],\n18     ]\n19 */
```

Here, calling `flatten` without providing the depth would have also flattened the nested arrays, resulting in `['iPhone 6S', 'Apple', 'Galaxy S7', 'Samsung']`. Providing a depth allows you to restrict the levels of nested arrays that will be flattened.

flip() {#collection-method}

The flip method swaps the collection's keys with their corresponding values:

```
1 $collection = collect(['name' => 'taylor', 'framework' => 'laravel']);
2
3 $flipped = $collection->flip();
4
5 $flipped->all();
6
7 // ['taylor' => 'name', 'laravel' => 'framework']
```

forget() {#collection-method}

The forget method removes an item from the collection by its key:

```
1 $collection = collect(['name' => 'taylor', 'framework' => 'laravel']);
2
3 $collection->forget('name');
4
5 $collection->all();
6
7 // ['framework' => 'laravel']
```



Note: Unlike most other collection methods, forget does not return a new modified collection; it modifies the collection it is called on.

forPage() {#collection-method}

The forPage method returns a new collection containing the items that would be present on a given page number:

```
1 $collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]);
2
3 $chunk = $collection->forPage(2, 3);
4
5 $chunk->all();
6
7 // [4, 5, 6]
```

The method requires the page number and the number of items to show per page, respectively.

get() {#collection-method}

The get method returns the item at a given key. If the key does not exist, null is returned:

```
1 $collection = collect(['name' => 'taylor', 'framework' => 'laravel']);
2
3 $value = $collection->get('name');
4
5 // taylor
```

You may optionally pass a default value as the second argument:

```
1 $collection = collect(['name' => 'taylor', 'framework' => 'laravel']);
2
3 $value = $collection->get('foo', 'default-value');
4
5 // default-value
```

You may even pass a callback as the default value. The result of the callback will be returned if the specified key does not exist:

```
1 $collection->get('email', function () {
2     return 'default-value';
3 });
4
```

```
5 // default-value
```

groupBy() {#collection-method}

The `groupBy` method groups the collection's items by a given key:

```
1 $collection = collect([
2     ['account_id' => 'account-x10', 'product' => 'Chair'],
3     ['account_id' => 'account-x10', 'product' => 'Bookcase'],
4     ['account_id' => 'account-x11', 'product' => 'Desk'],
5 ]);
6
7 $grouped = $collection->groupBy('account_id');
8
9 $grouped->toArray();
10
11 /*
12     [
13         'account-x10' => [
14             ['account_id' => 'account-x10', 'product' => 'Chair'],
15             ['account_id' => 'account-x10', 'product' => 'Bookcase'],
16         ],
17         'account-x11' => [
18             ['account_id' => 'account-x11', 'product' => 'Desk'],
19         ],
20     ]
21 */
```

In addition to passing a string key, you may also pass a callback. The callback should return the value you wish to key the group by:

```
1 $grouped = $collection->groupBy(function ($item, $key) {
2     return substr($item['account_id'], -3);
3 });
4
5 $grouped->toArray();
6
7 /*
8     [
9         'x10' => [
10             ['account_id' => 'account-x10', 'product' => 'Chair'],
11             ['account_id' => 'account-x10', 'product' => 'Bookcase'],
12         ],
13         'x11' => [
14             ['account_id' => 'account-x11', 'product' => 'Desk'],
15         ],
16     ]
17 */
```

has() {#collection-method}

The has method determines if a given key exists in the collection:

```
1 $collection = collect(['account_id' => 1, 'product' => 'Desk']);
2
3 $collection->has('email');
4
5 // false
```

implode() {#collection-method}

The implode method joins the items in a collection. Its arguments depend on the type of items in the collection.

If the collection contains arrays or objects, you should pass the key of the attributes you wish to join, and the “glue” string you wish to place between the values:


```
1 $collection = collect([
2     ['account_id' => 1, 'product' => 'Desk'],
3     ['account_id' => 2, 'product' => 'Chair'],
4 ]);
5
6 $collection->implode('product', ', ');
7
8 // Desk, Chair
```

If the collection contains simple strings or numeric values, simply pass the “glue” as the only argument to the method:

```
1 collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])->implode('-');
2
3 // '1-2-3-4-5'
```

intersect() {#collection-method}

The intersect method removes any values that are not present in the given array or collection:

```
1 $collection = collect(['Desk', 'Sofa', 'Chair']);
2
3 $intersect = $collection->intersect(['Desk', 'Chair', 'Bookcase']);
4
5 $intersect->all();
6
7 // [0 => 'Desk', 2 => 'Chair']
```

As you can see, the resulting collection will preserve the original collection’s keys.

isEmpty() {#collection-method}

The isEmpty method returns true if the collection is empty; otherwise, false is returned:

```
1 collect([])->isEmpty();
2
3 // true
```

keyBy() {#collection-method}

Keys the collection by the given key:

```
1 $collection = collect([
2     ['product_id' => 'prod-100', 'name' => 'desk'],
3     ['product_id' => 'prod-200', 'name' => 'chair'],
4 ]);
5
6 $keyed = $collection->keyBy('product_id');
7
8 $keyed->all();
9
10 /*
11     [
12         'prod-100' => ['product_id' => 'prod-100', 'name' => 'Desk'],
13         'prod-200' => ['product_id' => 'prod-200', 'name' => 'Chair'],
14     ]
15 */
```

If multiple items have the same key, only the last one will appear in the new collection.

You may also pass your own callback, which should return the value to key the collection by:

```
1 $keyed = $collection->keyBy(function ($item) {
2     return strtoupper($item['product_id']);
3 });
4
5 $keyed->all();
6
7 /*
8     [
9         'PROD-100' => ['product_id' => 'prod-100', 'name' => 'Desk'],
10         'PROD-200' => ['product_id' => 'prod-200', 'name' => 'Chair'],
11     ]
```

```
12 */
```

keys() {#collection-method}

The `keys` method returns all of the collection's keys:

```
1 $collection = collect([
2     'prod-100' => ['product_id' => 'prod-100', 'name' => 'Desk'],
3     'prod-200' => ['product_id' => 'prod-200', 'name' => 'Chair'],
4 ]);
5
6 $keys = $collection->keys();
7
8 $keys->all();
9
10 // ['prod-100', 'prod-200']
```

last() {#collection-method}

The `last` method returns the last element in the collection that passes a given truth test:

```
1 collect([1, 2, 3, 4])->last(function ($value, $key) {
2     return $value < 3;
3 });
4
5 // 2
```

You may also call the `last` method with no arguments to get the last element in the collection. If the collection is empty, `null` is returned:

```
1 collect([1, 2, 3, 4])->last();
2
3 // 4
```

map() {#collection-method}

The `map` method iterates through the collection and passes each value to the given callback. The callback is free to modify the item and return it, thus forming a new collection of modified items:

```
1 $collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
2
3 $multiplied = $collection->map(function ($item, $key) {
4     return $item * 2;
5 });
6
7 $multiplied->all();
8
9 // [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
```



Note: Like most other collection methods, `map` returns a new collection instance; it does not modify the collection it is called on. If you want to transform the original collection, use the `transform` method.

max() {#collection-method}

The `max` method return the maximum value of a given key:

```
1 $max = collect(['foo' => 10], ['foo' => 20])->max('foo');
2
3 // 20
4
5 $max = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])->max();
6
7 // 5
```

merge() {#collection-method}

The `merge` method merges the given array into the collection. Any string key in the array matching a string key in the collection will overwrite the value in the collection:

```
1 $collection = collect(['product_id' => 1, 'name' => 'Desk']);
2
3 $merged = $collection->merge(['price' => 100, 'discount' => false]);
4
5 $merged->all();
6
7 // ['product_id' => 1, 'name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 100, 'discount' => false]
```

If the given array's keys are numeric, the values will be appended to the end of the collection:

```
1 $collection = collect(['Desk', 'Chair']);
2
3 $merged = $collection->merge(['Bookcase', 'Door']);
4
5 $merged->all();
6
7 // ['Desk', 'Chair', 'Bookcase', 'Door']
```

min() {#collection-method}

The min method return the minimum value of a given key:

```
1 $min = collect(['foo' => 10], ['foo' => 20])->min('foo');
2
3 // 10
4
5 $min = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])->min();
6
7 // 1
```

only() {#collection-method}

The only method returns the items in the collection with the specified keys:

```
1 $collection = collect(['product_id' => 1, 'name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 100, 'dis\
2 count' => false]);
3
4 $filtered = $collection->only(['product_id', 'name']);
5
6 $filtered->all();
7
8 // ['product_id' => 1, 'name' => 'Desk']
```

For the inverse of only, see the [except](#) method.

pluck() {#collection-method}

The pluck method retrieves all of the collection values for a given key:

```
1 $collection = collect([
2     ['product_id' => 'prod-100', 'name' => 'Desk'],
3     ['product_id' => 'prod-200', 'name' => 'Chair'],
4 ]);
5
6 $plucked = $collection->pluck('name');
7
8 $plucked->all();
9
10 // ['Desk', 'Chair']
```

You may also specify how you wish the resulting collection to be keyed:

```
1 $plucked = $collection->pluck('name', 'product_id');
2
3 $plucked->all();
4
5 // ['prod-100' => 'Desk', 'prod-200' => 'Chair']
```

pop() {#collection-method}

The pop method removes and returns the last item from the collection:

```
1 $collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
2
3 $collection->pop();
4
5 // 5
6
7 $collection->all();
8
9 // [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

prepend() {#collection-method}

The prepend method adds an item to the beginning of the collection:

```
1 $collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
2
3 $collection->prepend(0);
4
5 $collection->all();
6
7 // [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

You can optionally pass a second argument to set the key of the prepended item:

```
1 $collection = collect(['one' => 1, 'two' => 2]);
2
3 $collection->prepend(0, 'zero');
4
5 $collection->all();
6
7 // ['zero' => 0, 'one' => 1, 'two' => 2]
```

pull() {#collection-method}

The pull method removes and returns an item from the collection by its key:

```
1 $collection = collect(['product_id' => 'prod-100', 'name' => 'Desk']);
2
3 $collection->pull('name');
4
5 // 'Desk'
6
7 $collection->all();
8
9 // ['product_id' => 'prod-100']
```

push() {#collection-method}

The push method appends an item to the end of the collection:

```
1 $collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4]);
2
3 $collection->push(5);
4
5 $collection->all();
6
7 // [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

put() {#collection-method}

The put method sets the given key and value in the collection:

```
1 $collection = collect(['product_id' => 1, 'name' => 'Desk']);
2
3 $collection->put('price', 100);
4
5 $collection->all();
6
7 // ['product_id' => 1, 'name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 100]
```


random() {#collection-method}

The random method returns a random item from the collection:

```
1 $collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
2
3 $collection->random();
4
5 // 4 - (retrieved randomly)
```

You may optionally pass an integer to random. If that integer is more than 1, a collection of items is returned:

```
1 $random = $collection->random(3);
2
3 $random->all();
4
5 // [2, 4, 5] - (retrieved randomly)
```

reduce() {#collection-method}

The reduce method reduces the collection to a single value, passing the result of each iteration into the subsequent iteration:

```
1 $collection = collect([1, 2, 3]);
2
3 $total = $collection->reduce(function ($carry, $item) {
4     return $carry + $item;
5 });
6
7 // 6
```

The value for \$carry on the first iteration is null; however, you may specify its initial value by passing a second argument to reduce:

```
1 $collection->reduce(function ($carry, $item) {  
2     return $carry + $item;  
3 }, 4);  
4  
5 // 10
```

reject() {#collection-method}

The reject method filters the collection using the given callback. The callback should return true for any items it wishes to remove from the resulting collection:

```
1 $collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4]);  
2  
3 $filtered = $collection->reject(function ($value, $key) {  
4     return $value > 2;  
5 });  
6  
7 $filtered->all();  
8  
9 // [1, 2]
```

For the inverse of the reject method, see the [filter](#) method.

reverse() {#collection-method}

The reverse method reverses the order of the collection's items:

```
1 $collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);  
2  
3 $reversed = $collection->reverse();  
4  
5 $reversed->all();  
6  
7 // [5, 4, 3, 2, 1]
```

search() {#collection-method}

The `search` method searches the collection for the given value and returns its key if found. If the item is not found, `false` is returned.

```
1 $collection = collect([2, 4, 6, 8]);
2
3 $collection->search(4);
4
5 // 1
```

The search is done using a “loose” comparison. To use strict comparison, pass `true` as the second argument to the method:

```
1 $collection->search('4', true);
2
3 // false
```

Alternatively, you may pass in your own callback to search for the first item that passes your truth test:

```
1 $collection->search(function ($item, $key) {
2     return $item > 5;
3 });
4
5 // 2
```

shift() {#collection-method}

The `shift` method removes and returns the first item from the collection:

```
1 $collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
2
3 $collection->shift();
4
5 // 1
6
7 $collection->all();
8
9 // [2, 3, 4, 5]
```

shuffle() {#collection-method}

The `shuffle` method randomly shuffles the items in the collection:

```
1 $collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
2
3 $shuffled = $collection->shuffle();
4
5 $shuffled->all();
6
7 // [3, 2, 5, 1, 4] // (generated randomly)
```

slice() {#collection-method}

The `slice` method returns a slice of the collection starting at the given index:

```
1 $collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]);
2
3 $slice = $collection->slice(4);
4
5 $slice->all();
6
7 // [5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]
```

If you would like to limit the size of the returned slice, pass the desired size as the second argument to the method:

```
1 $slice = $collection->slice(4, 2);
2
3 $slice->all();
4
5 // [5, 6]
```

The returned slice will have new, numerically indexed keys. If you wish to preserve the original keys, pass true as the third argument to the method.

sort() {#collection-method}

The sort method sorts the collection:

```
1 $collection = collect([5, 3, 1, 2, 4]);
2
3 $sorted = $collection->sort();
4
5 $sorted->values()->all();
6
7 // [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

The sorted collection keeps the original array keys. In this example we used the `values` method to reset the keys to consecutively numbered indexes.

For sorting a collection of nested arrays or objects, see the `sortBy` and `sortByDesc` methods.

If your sorting needs are more advanced, you may pass a callback to `sort` with your own algorithm. Refer to the PHP documentation on `usort`¹⁶⁷, which is what the collection's `sort` method calls under the hood.

sortBy() {#collection-method}

The `sortBy` method sorts the collection by the given key:

¹⁶⁷<http://php.net/manual/en/function.usort.php#refsect1-function.usort-parameters>

```
1 $collection = collect([
2     ['name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 200],
3     ['name' => 'Chair', 'price' => 100],
4     ['name' => 'Bookcase', 'price' => 150],
5 ]);
6
7 $sorted = $collection->sortBy('price');
8
9 $sorted->values()->all();
10
11 /*
12     [
13         ['name' => 'Chair', 'price' => 100],
14         ['name' => 'Bookcase', 'price' => 150],
15         ['name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 200],
16     ]
17 */
```

The sorted collection keeps the original array keys. In this example we used the `values` method to reset the keys to consecutively numbered indexes.

You can also pass your own callback to determine how to sort the collection values:

```
1 $collection = collect([
2     ['name' => 'Desk', 'colors' => ['Black', 'Mahogany']],
3     ['name' => 'Chair', 'colors' => ['Black']],
4     ['name' => 'Bookcase', 'colors' => ['Red', 'Beige', 'Brown']],
5 ]);
6
7 $sorted = $collection->sortBy(function ($product, $key) {
8     return count($product['colors']);
9 });
10
11 $sorted->values()->all();
12
13 /*
14     [
15         ['name' => 'Chair', 'colors' => ['Black']],
16         ['name' => 'Desk', 'colors' => ['Black', 'Mahogany']],
17         ['name' => 'Bookcase', 'colors' => ['Red', 'Beige', 'Brown']],
18     ]
19 */
```

```
18     ]  
19     */
```

sortByDesc() {#collection-method}

This method has the same signature as the [sortBy](#) method, but will sort the collection in the opposite order.

splice() {#collection-method}

The `splice` method removes and returns a slice of items starting at the specified index:

```
1  $collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);  
2  
3  $chunk = $collection->splice(2);  
4  
5  $chunk->all();  
6  
7  // [3, 4, 5]  
8  
9  $collection->all();  
10  
11 // [1, 2]
```

You may pass a second argument to limit the size of the resulting chunk:

```
1  $collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);  
2  
3  $chunk = $collection->splice(2, 1);  
4  
5  $chunk->all();  
6  
7  // [3]  
8  
9  $collection->all();  
10  
11 // [1, 2, 4, 5]
```

In addition, you can pass a third argument containing the new items to replace the items removed from the collection:

```
1  $collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
2
3  $chunk = $collection->splice(2, 1, [10, 11]);
4
5  $chunk->all();
6
7  // [3]
8
9  $collection->all();
10
11 // [1, 2, 10, 11, 4, 5]
```

sum() {#collection-method}

The `sum` method returns the sum of all items in the collection:

```
1  collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5])->sum();
2
3  // 15
```

If the collection contains nested arrays or objects, you should pass a key to use for determining which values to sum:

```
1  $collection = collect([
2      ['name' => 'JavaScript: The Good Parts', 'pages' => 176],
3      ['name' => 'JavaScript: The Definitive Guide', 'pages' => 1096],
4  ]);
5
6  $collection->sum('pages');
7
8  // 1272
```

In addition, you may pass your own callback to determine which values of the collection to sum:


```
1 $collection = collect([
2     ['name' => 'Chair', 'colors' => ['Black']],
3     ['name' => 'Desk', 'colors' => ['Black', 'Mahogany']],
4     ['name' => 'Bookcase', 'colors' => ['Red', 'Beige', 'Brown']],
5 ]);
6
7 $collection->sum(function ($product) {
8     return count($product['colors']);
9 });
10
11 // 6
```

take() {#collection-method}

The take method returns a new collection with the specified number of items:

```
1 $collection = collect([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
2
3 $chunk = $collection->take(3);
4
5 $chunk->all();
6
7 // [0, 1, 2]
```

You may also pass a negative integer to take the specified amount of items from the end of the collection:

```
1 $collection = collect([0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
2
3 $chunk = $collection->take(-2);
4
5 $chunk->all();
6
7 // [4, 5]
```

toArray() {#collection-method}

The `toArray` method converts the collection into a plain PHP array. If the collection's values are [Eloquent](#) models, the models will also be converted to arrays:

```
1 $collection = collect(['name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 200]);
2
3 $collection->toArray();
4
5 /*
6     [
7         ['name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 200],
8     ]
9 */
```



Note: `toArray` also converts all of its nested objects to an array. If you want to get the underlying array as is, use the [all](#) method instead.

toJson() {#collection-method}

The `toJson` method converts the collection into JSON:

```
1 $collection = collect(['name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 200]);
2
3 $collection->toJson();
4
5 // '{"name":"Desk","price":200}'
```

transform() {#collection-method}

The `transform` method iterates over the collection and calls the given callback with each item in the collection. The items in the collection will be replaced by the values returned by the callback:

```
1 $collection = collect([1, 2, 3, 4, 5]);
2
3 $collection->transform(function ($item, $key) {
4     return $item * 2;
5 });
6
7 $collection->all();
8
9 // [2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
```



Note: Unlike most other collection methods, `transform` modifies the collection itself. If you wish to create a new collection instead, use the `map` method.

`union()` {#collection-method}

The `union` method adds the given array to the collection. If the given array contains keys that are already in the collection, the collection's values will be preferred:

```
1 $collection = collect([1 => ['a'], 2 => ['b']]);
2
3 $union = $collection->union([3 => ['c'], 1 => ['b']]);
4
5 $union->all();
6
7 // [1 => ['a'], 2 => ['b'], 3 => ['c']]
```

`unique()` {#collection-method}

The `unique` method returns all of the unique items in the collection:

```
1 $collection = collect([1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 4, 2]);
2
3 $unique = $collection->unique();
4
5 $unique->values()->all();
6
7 // [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

The returned collection keeps the original array keys. In this example we used the `values` method to reset the keys to consecutively numbered indexes.

When dealing with nested arrays or objects, you may specify the key used to determine uniqueness:

```
1 $collection = collect([
2     ['name' => 'iPhone 6', 'brand' => 'Apple', 'type' => 'phone'],
3     ['name' => 'iPhone 5', 'brand' => 'Apple', 'type' => 'phone'],
4     ['name' => 'Apple Watch', 'brand' => 'Apple', 'type' => 'watch'],
5     ['name' => 'Galaxy S6', 'brand' => 'Samsung', 'type' => 'phone'],
6     ['name' => 'Galaxy Gear', 'brand' => 'Samsung', 'type' => 'watch'],
7 ]);
8
9 $unique = $collection->unique('brand');
10
11 $unique->values()->all();
12
13 /*
14     [
15         ['name' => 'iPhone 6', 'brand' => 'Apple', 'type' => 'phone'],
16         ['name' => 'Galaxy S6', 'brand' => 'Samsung', 'type' => 'phone'],
17     ]
18 */
```

You may also pass your own callback to determine item uniqueness:

```
1 $unique = $collection->unique(function ($item) {
2     return $item['brand'].$item['type'];
3 });
4
5 $unique->values()->all();
6
7 /*
8     [
9         ['name' => 'iPhone 6', 'brand' => 'Apple', 'type' => 'phone'],
10        ['name' => 'Apple Watch', 'brand' => 'Apple', 'type' => 'watch'],
11        ['name' => 'Galaxy S6', 'brand' => 'Samsung', 'type' => 'phone'],
12        ['name' => 'Galaxy Gear', 'brand' => 'Samsung', 'type' => 'watch'],
13    ]
14 */
```

values() {#collection-method}

The values method returns a new collection with the keys reset to consecutive integers:

```
1 $collection = collect([
2     10 => ['product' => 'Desk', 'price' => 200],
3     11 => ['product' => 'Desk', 'price' => 200]
4 ]);
5
6 $values = $collection->values();
7
8 $values->all();
9
10 /*
11     [
12         0 => ['product' => 'Desk', 'price' => 200],
13         1 => ['product' => 'Desk', 'price' => 200],
14     ]
15 */
```

where() {#collection-method}

The where method filters the collection by a given key / value pair:

```
1  $collection = collect([
2      ['product' => 'Desk', 'price' => 200],
3      ['product' => 'Chair', 'price' => 100],
4      ['product' => 'Bookcase', 'price' => 150],
5      ['product' => 'Door', 'price' => 100],
6  ]);
7
8  $filtered = $collection->where('price', 100);
9
10 $filtered->all();
11
12 /*
13 [
14     ['product' => 'Chair', 'price' => 100],
15     ['product' => 'Door', 'price' => 100],
16 ]
17 */
```

The `where` method uses loose comparisons when checking item values. Use the `whereStrict` method to filter using “strict” comparisons.

`whereStrict()` {#collection-method}

This method has the same signature as the `where` method; however, all values are compared using “strict” comparisons.

`whereIn()` {#collection-method}

The `whereIn` method filters the collection by a given key / value contained within the given array.

```
1  $collection = collect([
2      ['product' => 'Desk', 'price' => 200],
3      ['product' => 'Chair', 'price' => 100],
4      ['product' => 'Bookcase', 'price' => 150],
5      ['product' => 'Door', 'price' => 100],
6  ]);
7
8  $filtered = $collection->whereIn('price', [150, 200]);
9
10 $filtered->all();
11
```

```
12  /*
13  [
14      ['product' => 'Bookcase', 'price' => 150],
15      ['product' => 'Desk', 'price' => 200],
16  ]
17  */
```

The `whereIn` method uses strict comparisons when checking item values. Use the `whereInLoose` method to filter using “loose” comparisons.

`whereInLoose()` {#collection-method}

This method has the same signature as the `whereIn` method; however, all values are compared using “loose” comparisons.

`zip()` {#collection-method}

The `zip` method merges together the values of the given array with the values of the collection at the corresponding index:

```
1  $collection = collect(['Chair', 'Desk']);
2
3  $zipped = $collection->zip([100, 200]);
4
5  $zipped->all();
6
7  // [['Chair', 100], ['Desk', 200]]
```

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Introduction

Laravel Elixir provides a clean, fluent API for defining basic [Gulp](#)¹⁶⁸ tasks for your Laravel application. Elixir supports several common CSS and JavaScript pre-processors, and even testing tools. Using method chaining, Elixir allows you to fluently define your asset pipeline. For example:

```
1 elixir(function(mix) {  
2   A>      mix.sass('app.scss')  
3   A>      .coffee('app.coffee');  
4  
5   });
```

If you've ever been confused about how to get started with Gulp and asset compilation, you will love Laravel Elixir. However, you are not required to use it while developing your application. You are free to use any asset pipeline tool you wish, or even none at all.

Installation & Setup

Installing Node

Before triggering Elixir, you must first ensure that Node.js is installed on your machine.

¹⁶⁸<http://gulpjs.com>


```
1 node -v
```

By default, Laravel Homestead includes everything you need; however, if you aren't using Vagrant, then you can easily install Node by visiting [their download page](#)¹⁶⁹.

Gulp

Next, you'll want to pull in [Gulp](#)¹⁷⁰ as a global NPM package:

```
1 npm install --global gulp
```

If you use a version control system, you may wish to run the `npm shrinkwrap` to lock your NPM requirements:

```
1 npm shrinkwrap
```

Once you have run this command, feel free to commit the `npm-shrinkwrap.json`¹⁷¹ into source control.

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The only remaining step is to install Elixir! Within a fresh installation of Laravel, you'll find a `package.json` file in the root. Think of this like your `composer.json` file, except it defines Node dependencies instead of PHP. You may install the dependencies it references by running:

```
1 npm install
```

If you are developing on a Windows system or you are running your VM on a Windows host system, you may need to run the `npm install` command with the `--no-bin-links` switch enabled:

¹⁶⁹<http://nodejs.org/en/download/>

¹⁷⁰<http://gulpjs.com>

¹⁷¹<https://docs.npmjs.com/cli/shrinkwrap>

```
1 npm install --no-bin-links
```

Running Elixir

Elixir is built on top of [Gulp](#)¹⁷², so to run your Elixir tasks you only need to run the `gulp` command in your terminal. Adding the `--production` flag to the command will instruct Elixir to minify your CSS and JavaScript files:

```
1 // Run all tasks...
2 gulp
3
4 // Run all tasks and minify all CSS and JavaScript...
5 gulp --production
```

Watching Assets For Changes

Since it is inconvenient to run the `gulp` command on your terminal after every change to your assets, you may use the `gulp watch` command. This command will continue running in your terminal and watch your assets for any changes. When changes occur, new files will automatically be compiled:

```
1 gulp watch
```

Working With Stylesheets

The `gulpfile.js` file in your project's root directory contains all of your Elixir tasks. Elixir tasks can be chained together to define exactly how your assets should be compiled.

Less

To compile [Less](#)¹⁷³ into CSS, you may use the `less` method. The `less` method assumes that your Less files are stored in `resources/assets/less`. By default, the task will place the compiled CSS for this example in `public/css/app.css`:

¹⁷²<http://gulpjs.com>

¹⁷³<http://lesscss.org/>

```
1 elixir(function(mix) {  
2   A>      mix.less('app.less');  
3  
4   });
```

You may also combine multiple Less files into a single CSS file. Again, the resulting CSS will be placed in `public/css/app.css`:

```
1 elixir(function(mix) {  
2   A>      mix.less([  
3   A>        'app.less',  
4   A>        'controllers.less'  
5   A>      ]);  
6  
7   });
```

If you wish to customize the output location of the compiled CSS, you may pass a second argument to the `less` method:

```
1 elixir(function(mix) {  
2   A>      mix.less('app.less', 'public/stylesheets');  
3  
4   });  
5  
6   // Specifying a specific output filename...  
7   elixir(function(mix) {  
8   A>      mix.less('app.less', 'public/stylesheets/style.css');  
9  
10  });
```

Sass

The `sass` method allows you to compile [Sass](http://sass-lang.com/)¹⁷⁴ into CSS. Assuming your Sass files are stored at `resources/assets/sass`, you may use the method like so:

¹⁷⁴<http://sass-lang.com/>

```
1 elixir(function(mix) {
2   A>      mix.sass('app.scss');
3
4 });
```

Again, like the `less` method, you may compile multiple Sass files into a single CSS file, and even customize the output directory of the resulting CSS:

```
1 elixir(function(mix) {
2   A>      mix.sass([
3   A>          'app.scss',
4   A>          'controllers.scss'
5   A>      ], 'public/assets/css');
6
7 });
```

Plain CSS

If you would just like to combine some plain CSS stylesheets into a single file, you may use the `styles` method. Paths passed to this method are relative to the `resources/assets/css` directory and the resulting CSS will be placed in `public/css/all.css`:

```
1 elixir(function(mix) {
2   A>      mix.styles([
3   A>          'normalize.css',
4   A>          'main.css'
5   A>      ]);
6
7 });
```

Of course, you may also output the resulting file to a custom location by passing a second argument to the `styles` method:

```
1 elixir(function(mix) {
2   A>      mix.styles([
3   A>          'normalize.css',
4   A>          'main.css'
5   A>      ], 'public/assets/css');
6
7 });
```

Source Maps

Source maps are enabled out of the box. So, for each file that is compiled you will find a companion `*.css.map` file in the same directory. This mapping allows you to trace your compiled stylesheet selectors back to your original Sass or Less while debugging in your browser.

If you do not want source maps generated for your CSS, you may disable them using a simple configuration option:

```
1 elixir.config.sourcemaps = false;
2
3 elixir(function(mix) {
4   A>      mix.sass('app.scss');
5
6 });
```

Working With Scripts

Elixir also provides several functions to help you work with your JavaScript files, such as compiling ECMAScript 6, compiling CoffeeScript, Browserify, minification, and simply concatenating plain JavaScript files.

CoffeeScript

The `coffee` method may be used to compile [CoffeeScript](http://coffeescript.org/)¹⁷⁵ into plain JavaScript. The `coffee` function accepts a string or array of CoffeeScript files relative to the `resources/assets/coffee` directory and generates a single `app.js` file in the `public/js` directory:

```
1 elixir(function(mix) {
2   A>      mix.coffee(['app.coffee', 'controllers.coffee']);
3
4 });
```

Browserify

Elixir also ships with a `browserify` method, which gives you all the benefits of requiring modules in the browser and using ECMAScript 6 and JSX.

This task assumes that your scripts are stored in `resources/assets/js` and will place the resulting file in `public/js/main.js`. You may pass a custom output location as an optional second argument:

¹⁷⁵<http://coffeescript.org/>

```
1  elixir(function(mix) {
2    A>      mix.browserify('main.js');
3
4  });
5
6  // Specifying a specific output filename...
7  elixir(function(mix) {
8    A>      mix.browserify('main.js', 'public/javascripts/main.js');
9
10 });
```

While Browserify ships with the Partialify and Babelify transformers, you're free to install and add more if you wish:

```
1  npm install aliasify --save-dev
```

```
1  elixir.config.js.browserify.transformers.push({
2    A>      name: 'aliasify',
3    A>      options: {}
4  });
5
6
7  elixir(function(mix) {
8    A>      mix.browserify('main.js');
9
10 });
```

Babel

The `babel` method may be used to compile [ECMAScript 6 and 7¹⁷⁶](https://babeljs.io/docs/learn-es2015/) and [JSX¹⁷⁷](https://facebook.github.io/react/docs/jsx-in-depth.html) into plain JavaScript. This function accepts an array of files relative to the `resources/assets/js` directory, and generates a single `all.js` file in the `public/js` directory:

¹⁷⁶<https://babeljs.io/docs/learn-es2015/>

¹⁷⁷<https://facebook.github.io/react/docs/jsx-in-depth.html>

```
1 elixir(function(mix) {
2   A>      mix.babel([
3   A>          'order.js',
4   A>          'product.js',
5   A>          'react-component.jsx'
6   A>      ]);
7
8 });
```

To choose a different output location, simply specify your desired path as the second argument. The signature and functionality of this method are identical to `mix.scripts()`, excluding the Babel compilation.

Scripts

If you have multiple JavaScript files that you would like to combine into a single file, you may use the `scripts` method.

The `scripts` method assumes all paths are relative to the `resources/assets/js` directory, and will place the resulting JavaScript in `public/js/all.js` by default:

```
1 elixir(function(mix) {
2   A>      mix.scripts([
3   A>          'jquery.js',
4   A>          'app.js'
5   A>      ]);
6
7 });
```

If you need to combine multiple sets of scripts into different files, you may make multiple calls to the `scripts` method. The second argument given to the method determines the resulting file name for each concatenation:

```
1 elixir(function(mix) {
2   A>      mix.scripts(['app.js', 'controllers.js'], 'public/js/app.js')
3   A>      .scripts(['forum.js', 'threads.js'], 'public/js/forum.js');
4
5 });
```

If you need to combine all of the scripts in a given directory, you may use the `scriptsIn` method. The resulting JavaScript will be placed in `public/js/all.js`:

```
1 elixir(function(mix) {  
2 A>     mix.scriptsIn('public/js/some/directory');  
3  
4 });
```

Copying Files & Directories

The `copy` method may be used to copy files and directories to new locations. All operations are relative to the project's root directory:

```
1 elixir(function(mix) {  
2 A>     mix.copy('vendor/foo/bar.css', 'public/css/bar.css');  
3  
4 });  
5  
6 elixir(function(mix) {  
7 A>     mix.copy('vendor/package/views', 'resources/views');  
8  
9 });
```

Versioning / Cache Busting

Many developers suffix their compiled assets with a timestamp or unique token to force browsers to load the fresh assets instead of serving stale copies of the code. Elixir can handle this for you using the `version` method.

The `version` method accepts a file name relative to the `public` directory, and will append a unique hash to the filename, allowing for cache-busting. For example, the generated file name will look something like: `all-16d570a7.css`:

```
1 elixir(function(mix) {  
2 A>     mix.version('css/all.css');  
3  
4 });
```

After generating the versioned file, you may use Laravel's global `elixir` PHP helper function within your `views` to load the appropriately hashed asset. The `elixir` function will automatically determine the name of the hashed file:


```
1 <link rel="stylesheet" href="{{ elixir('css/all.css') }}">
```

Versioning Multiple Files

You may pass an array to the version method to version multiple files:

```
1 elixir(function(mix) {  
2 A>     mix.version(['css/all.css', 'js/app.js']);  
3  
4 });
```

Once the files have been versioned, you may use the `elixir` helper function to generate links to the proper hashed files. Remember, you only need to pass the name of the un-hashed file to the `elixir` helper function. The helper will use the un-hashed name to determine the current hashed version of the file:

```
1 <link rel="stylesheet" href="{{ elixir('css/all.css') }}">  
2  
3 <script src="{{ elixir('js/app.js') }}"></script>
```

BrowserSync

BrowserSync automatically refreshes your web browser after you make changes to your front-end resources. You can use the `browserSync` method to instruct Elixir to start a BrowserSync server when you run the `gulp watch` command:

```
1 elixir(function(mix) {  
2 A>     mix.browserSync();  
3  
4 });
```

Once you run `gulp watch`, access your web application using port 3000 to enable browser syncing: `http://homestead.app:3000`. If you're using a domain other than `homestead.app` for local development, you may pass an array of `options`¹⁷⁸ as the first argument to the `browserSync` method:

¹⁷⁸<http://www.browsersync.io/docs/options/>

```
1 elixir(function(mix) {  
2   A>      mix.browserSync({  
3   A>          proxy: 'project.app'  
4   A>      });  
5  
6 });
```

Calling Existing Gulp Tasks

If you need to call an existing Gulp task from Elixir, you may use the `task` method. As an example, imagine that you have a Gulp task that simply speaks a bit of text when called:

```
1 gulp.task('speak', function() {  
2   A>      var message = 'Tea...Earl Grey...Hot';  
3   A>  
4   A>      gulp.src('').pipe(shell('say ' + message));  
5  
6 });
```

If you wish to call this task from Elixir, use the `mix.task` method and pass the name of the task as the only argument to the method:

```
1 elixir(function(mix) {  
2   A>      mix.task('speak');  
3  
4 });
```

Custom Watchers

If you need to register a watcher to run your custom task each time some files are modified, pass a regular expression as the second argument to the `task` method:

```
1 elixir(function(mix) {  
2   A>      mix.task('speak', 'app/**/*.php');  
3  
4 });
```

Writing Elixir Extensions

If you need more flexibility than Elixir's `task` method can provide, you may create custom Elixir extensions. Elixir extensions allow you to pass arguments to your custom tasks. For example, you could write an extension like so:

```
1 // File: elixir-extensions.js
2
3 var gulp = require('gulp');
4 var shell = require('gulp-shell');
5 var Elixir = require('laravel-elixir');
6
7 var Task = Elixir.Task;
8
9 Elixir.extend('speak', function(message) {
10
11     A>     new Task('speak', function() {
12     A>         return gulp.src('').pipe(shell('say ' + message));
13     A>     });
14
15 });
16
17 // mix.speak('Hello World');
```

That's it! Notice that your Gulp-specific logic should be placed within the function passed as the second argument to the Task constructor. You may either place this at the top of your Gulpfile, or instead extract it to a custom tasks file. For example, if you place your extensions in `elixir-extensions.js`, you may require the file from your main Gulpfile like so:

```
1 // File: Gulpfile.js
2
3 var elixir = require('laravel-elixir');
4
5 require('./elixir-extensions')
6
7 elixir(function(mix) {
8     A>     mix.speak('Tea, Earl Grey, Hot');
9
10 });
```

Custom Watchers

If you would like your custom task to be re-triggered while running `gulp watch`, you may register a watcher:

```
1 new Task('speak', function() {  
2 A>     return gulp.src('').pipe(shell('say ' + message));  
3  
4 })  
5 .watch('./app/**');
```

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Configuration

Before using Laravel's encrypter, you should set the key option of your `config/app.php` configuration file to a 32 character, random string. If this value is not properly set, all values encrypted by Laravel will be insecure.

Basic Usage

Encrypting A Value

You may encrypt a value using the `Crypt` [facade](#). All encrypted values are encrypted using OpenSSL and the AES-256-CBC cipher. Furthermore, all encrypted values are signed with a message authentication code (MAC) to detect any modifications to the encrypted string.

For example, we may use the `encrypt` method to encrypt a secret and store it on an [Eloquent model](#):

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use Crypt;
6  use App\User;
7  use Illuminate\Http\Request;
8  use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
9
10 class UserController extends Controller
11 {
12     /**
13      * Store a secret message for the user.
14      *
15      * @param Request $request
16      * @param int $id
17      * @return Response
18      */
```

```
19     public function storeSecret(Request $request, $id)
20     {
21         $user = User::findOrFail($id);
22
23         $user->fill([
24             'secret' => Crypt::encrypt($request->secret)
25         ]->save();
26     }
27 }
```



Note: Encrypted values are passed through `serialize` during encryption, which allows for “encryption” of objects and arrays. Thus, non-PHP clients receiving encrypted values will need to unserialize the data.

Decrypting A Value

Of course, you may decrypt values using the `decrypt` method on the `Crypt` facade. If the value can not be properly decrypted, such as when the MAC is invalid, an `Illuminate\Contracts\Encryption\DecryptException` will be thrown:

```
1     use Illuminate\Contracts\Encryption\DecryptException;
2
3     try {
4         $decrypted = Crypt::decrypt($encryptedValue);
5     } catch (DecryptException $e) {
6         //
7     }
```

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Introduction

When you start a new Laravel project, error and exception handling is already configured for you. In addition, Laravel is integrated with the [Monolog](#)¹⁷⁹ logging library, which provides support for a variety of powerful log handlers.

Configuration

Error Detail

The amount of error detail your application displays through the browser is controlled by the debug configuration option in your `config/app.php` configuration file. By default, this configuration option is set to respect the `APP_DEBUG` environment variable, which is stored in your `.env` file.

For local development, you should set the `APP_DEBUG` environment variable to `true`. In your production environment, this value should always be `false`.

Log Modes

Out of the box, Laravel supports `single`, `daily`, `syslog` and `errorlog` logging modes. For example, if you wish to use daily log files instead of a single file, you should simply set the `log` value in your `config/app.php` configuration file:

```
1 'log' => 'daily'
```

When using the `daily` log mode, Laravel will only retain five days of log files by default. If you want to adjust the number of retained files, you may add an optional `log_max_files` configuration value to your `app.php` configuration file:

¹⁷⁹<https://github.com/Seldaek/monolog>

```
1 'log_max_files' => 30
```

Custom Monolog Configuration

If you would like to have complete control over how Monolog is configured for your application, you may use the application's `configureMonologUsing` method. You should place a call to this method in your `bootstrap/app.php` file right before the `$app` variable is returned by the file:

```
1 $app->configureMonologUsing(function($monolog) {  
2     $monolog->pushHandler(...);  
3 });  
4  
5 return $app;
```

By default, Laravel writes all log levels. In your production environment, you may wish to configure the default log level by adding the `log_level` option to your `app.php` configuration file. Laravel will then log all levels greater than or equal to the specified severity level. For example, a default `log_level` of `error` will log **error**, **critical**, **alert**, and **emergency** messages:

```
1 'log_level' => env('APP_LOG_LEVEL', 'debug'),
```

The Exception Handler

All exceptions are handled by the `App\Exceptions\Handler` class. This class contains two methods: `report` and `render`. We'll examine each of these methods in detail.

The Report Method

The `report` method is used to log exceptions or send them to an external service like [BugSnag](https://bugsnag.com)¹⁸⁰ or [Sentry](https://github.com/getsentry/sentry-laravel)¹⁸¹. By default, the `report` method simply passes the exception to the base class where the exception is logged. However, you are free to log exceptions however you wish.

For example, if you need to report different types of exceptions in different ways, you may use the PHP `instanceof` comparison operator:

¹⁸⁰<https://bugsnag.com>

¹⁸¹<https://github.com/getsentry/sentry-laravel>


```
1  /**
2   * Report or log an exception.
3   *
4   * This is a great spot to send exceptions to Sentry, Bugsnag, etc.
5   *
6   * @param \Exception $e
7   * @return void
8   */
9  public function report(Exception $e)
10 {
11     if ($e instanceof CustomException) {
12         //
13     }
14
15     return parent::report($e);
16 }
```

Ignoring Exceptions By Type

The `$dontReport` property of the exception handler contains an array of exception types that will not be logged. By default, exceptions resulting from 404 errors are not written to your log files. You may add other exception types to this array as needed.

The Render Method

The render method is responsible for converting a given exception into an HTTP response that should be sent back to the browser. By default, the exception is passed to the base class which generates a response for you. However, you are free to check the exception type or return your own custom response:

```
1  /**
2   * Render an exception into an HTTP response.
3   *
4   * @param \Illuminate\Http\Request $request
5   * @param \Exception $e
6   * @return \Illuminate\Http\Response
7   */
8  public function render($request, Exception $e)
9  {
10     if ($e instanceof CustomException) {
```

```
11         return response()->view('errors.custom', [], 500);
12     }
13
14     return parent::render($request, $e);
15 }
```

HTTP Exceptions

Some exceptions describe HTTP error codes from the server. For example, this may be a “page not found” error (404), an “unauthorized error” (401) or even a developer generated 500 error. In order to generate such a response from anywhere in your application, use the following:

```
1 abort(404);
```

The `abort` method will immediately raise an exception which will be rendered by the exception handler. Optionally, you may provide the response text:

```
1 abort(403, 'Unauthorized action.');
```

This method may be used at any time during the request’s lifecycle.

Custom HTTP Error Pages

Laravel makes it easy to return custom error pages for various HTTP status codes. For example, if you wish to customize the error page for 404 HTTP status codes, create a `resources/views/errors/404.blade.php`. This file will be served on all 404 errors generated by your application.

The views within this directory should be named to match the HTTP status code they correspond to.

Logging

The Laravel logging facilities provide a simple layer on top of the powerful [Monolog](https://github.com/seldaek/monolog)¹⁸² library. By default, Laravel is configured to create a log file for your application in the `storage/logs` directory. You may write information to the logs using the Log [facade](#):

¹⁸²<http://github.com/seldaek/monolog>

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use Log;
6  use App\User;
7  use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
8
9  class UserController extends Controller
10 {
11     /**
12      * Show the profile for the given user.
13      *
14      * @param int $id
15      * @return Response
16      */
17     public function showProfile($id)
18     {
19         Log::info('Showing user profile for user: '.$id);
20
21         return view('user.profile', ['user' => User::findOrFail($id)]);
22     }
23 }
```

The logger provides the eight logging levels defined in RFC 5424¹⁸³: **emergency**, **alert**, **critical**, **error**, **warning**, **notice**, **info** and **debug**.

```
1  Log::emergency($error);
2  Log::alert($error);
3  Log::critical($error);
4  Log::error($error);
5  Log::warning($error);
6  Log::notice($error);
7  Log::info($error);
8  Log::debug($error);
```

¹⁸³<http://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc5424>

Contextual Information

An array of contextual data may also be passed to the log methods. This contextual data will be formatted and displayed with the log message:

```
1 Log::info('User failed to login.', ['id' => $user->id]);
```

Accessing The Underlying Monolog Instance

Monolog has a variety of additional handlers you may use for logging. If needed, you may access the underlying Monolog instance being used by Laravel:

```
1 $monolog = Log::getMonolog();
```

Events

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Introduction

Laravel's events provides a simple observer implementation, allowing you to subscribe and listen for events in your application. Event classes are typically stored in the `app/Events` directory, while their listeners are stored in `app/Listeners`.

Registering Events / Listeners

The `EventServiceProvider` included with your Laravel application provides a convenient place to register all event listeners. The `listen` property contains an array of all events (keys) and their listeners (values). Of course, you may add as many events to this array as your application requires. For example, let's add our `PodcastWasPurchased` event:

```
1  /**
2   * The event listener mappings for the application.
3   *
4   * @var array
5   */
6  protected $listen = [
7      'App\Events\PodcastWasPurchased' => [
8          'App\Listeners\EmailPurchaseConfirmation',
9      ],
10 ];
```

Generating Event / Listener Classes

Of course, manually creating the files for each event and listener is cumbersome. Instead, simply add listeners and events to your `EventServiceProvider` and use the `event:generate` command. This command will generate any events or listeners that are listed in your `EventServiceProvider`. Of course, events and listeners that already exist will be left untouched:

```
1 php artisan event:generate
```

Registering Events Manually

Typically, events should be registered via the `EventServiceProvider $listen` array; however, you may also register events manually with the event dispatcher using either the `Event` facade or the `Illuminate\Contracts\Events\Dispatcher` contract implementation:

```
1  /**
2   * Register any other events for your application.
3   *
4   * @param  \Illuminate\Contracts\Events\Dispatcher $events
5   * @return void
6   */
7  public function boot(DispatcherContract $events)
8  {
9      parent::boot($events);
10
11      $events->listen('event.name', function ($foo, $bar) {
12          //
13      });
14  }
```

Wildcard Event Listeners

You may even register listeners using the `*` as a wildcard, allowing you to catch multiple events on the same listener. Wildcard listeners receive the entire event data array as a single argument:

```
1 $events->listen('event.*', function (array $data) {  
2     //  
3 });
```

Defining Events

An event class is simply a data container which holds the information related to the event. For example, let's assume our generated PodcastWasPurchased event receives an [Eloquent ORM](#) object:

```
1 <?php  
2  
3 namespace App\Events;  
4  
5 use App\Podcast;  
6 use App\Events\Event;  
7 use Illuminate\Queue\SerializesModels;  
8  
9 class PodcastWasPurchased extends Event  
10 {  
11     use SerializesModels;  
12  
13     public $podcast;  
14  
15     /**  
16      * Create a new event instance.  
17      *  
18      * @param Podcast $podcast  
19      * @return void  
20      */  
21     public function __construct(Podcast $podcast)  
22     {  
23         $this->podcast = $podcast;  
24     }  
25 }
```

As you can see, this event class contains no logic. It is simply a container for the Podcast object that was purchased. The `SerializesModels` trait used by the event will gracefully serialize any Eloquent models if the event object is serialized using PHP's `serialize` function.

Defining Listeners

Next, let's take a look at the listener for our example event. Event listeners receive the event instance in their `handle` method. The `event:generate` command will automatically import the proper event class and type-hint the event on the `handle` method. Within the `handle` method, you may perform any logic necessary to respond to the event.

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Listeners;
4
5  use App\Events\PodcastWasPurchased;
6
7  class EmailPurchaseConfirmation
8  {
9      /**
10       * Create the event listener.
11       *
12       * @return void
13       */
14     public function __construct()
15     {
16         //
17     }
18
19     /**
20      * Handle the event.
21      *
22      * @param PodcastWasPurchased $event
23      * @return void
24      */
25     public function handle(PodcastWasPurchased $event)
26     {
27         // Access the podcast using $event->podcast...
28     }
29 }
```

Your event listeners may also type-hint any dependencies they need on their constructors. All event listeners are resolved via the Laravel [service container](#), so dependencies will be injected automatically:


```
1 use Illuminate\Contracts\Mail\Mailer;
2
3 public function __construct(Mailer $mailer)
4 {
5     $this->mailer = $mailer;
6 }
```

Stopping The Propagation Of An Event

Sometimes, you may wish to stop the propagation of an event to other listeners. You may do so by returning false from your listener's handle method.

Queued Event Listeners

Need to [queue](#) an event listener? It couldn't be any easier. Simply add the ShouldQueue interface to the listener class. Listeners generated by the event:generate Artisan command already have this interface imported into the current namespace, so you can use it immediately:

```
1 <?php
2
3 namespace App\Listeners;
4
5 use App\Events\PodcastWasPurchased;
6 use Illuminate\Contracts\Queue\ShouldQueue;
7
8 class EmailPurchaseConfirmation implements ShouldQueue
9 {
10     //
11 }
```

That's it! Now, when this listener is called for an event, it will be queued automatically by the event dispatcher using Laravel's [queue system](#). If no exceptions are thrown when the listener is executed by the queue, the queued job will automatically be deleted after it has processed.

Manually Accessing The Queue

If you need to access the underlying queue job's delete and release methods manually, you may do so. The Illuminate\Queue\InteractsWithQueue trait, which is imported by default on generated listeners, gives you access to these methods:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Listeners;
4
5  use App\Events\PodcastWasPurchased;
6  use Illuminate\Queue\InteractsWithQueue;
7  use Illuminate\Contracts\Queue\ShouldQueue;
8
9  class EmailPurchaseConfirmation implements ShouldQueue
10 {
11     use InteractsWithQueue;
12
13     public function handle(PodcastWasPurchased $event)
14     {
15         if (true) {
16             $this->release(30);
17         }
18     }
19 }
```

Firing Events

To fire an event, you may use the Event [facade](#), passing an instance of the event to the `fire` method. The `fire` method will dispatch the event to all of its registered listeners:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use Event;
6  use App\Podcast;
7  use App\Events\PodcastWasPurchased;
8  use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
9
10 class UserController extends Controller
11 {
12     /**
13      * Show the profile for the given user.
14      *
15      * @param int $userId
```

```
16      * @param int $podcastId
17      * @return Response
18      */
19      public function purchasePodcast($userId, $podcastId)
20      {
21          $podcast = Podcast::findOrFail($podcastId);
22
23          // Purchase podcast logic...
24
25          Event::fire(new PodcastWasPurchased($podcast));
26      }
27  }
```

Alternatively, you may use the global event helper function to fire events:

```
1  event(new PodcastWasPurchased($podcast));
```

Broadcasting Events

In many modern web applications, web sockets are used to implement real-time, live-updating user interfaces. When some data is updated on the server, a message is typically sent over a websocket connection to be handled by the client.

To assist you in building these types of applications, Laravel makes it easy to “broadcast” your events over a websocket connection. Broadcasting your Laravel events allows you to share the same event names between your server-side code and your client-side JavaScript framework.

Configuration

All of the event broadcasting configuration options are stored in the `config/broadcasting.php` configuration file. Laravel supports several broadcast drivers out of the box: [Pusher](#)¹⁸⁴, [Redis](#), and a `log` driver for local development and debugging. A configuration example is included for each of these drivers.

Broadcast Prerequisites

The following dependencies are needed for event broadcasting:

¹⁸⁴<https://pusher.com>

- Pusher: `pusher/pusher-php-server ~2.0`
- Redis: `redis/predis ~1.0`

Queue Prerequisites

Before broadcasting events, you will also need to configure and run a [queue listener](#). All event broadcasting is done via queued jobs so that the response time of your application is not seriously affected.

Marking Events For Broadcast

To inform Laravel that a given event should be broadcast, implement the `Illuminate\Contracts\Broadcasting\ShouldBroadcast` interface on the event class. The `ShouldBroadcast` interface requires you to implement a single method: `broadcastOn`. The `broadcastOn` method should return an array of “channel” names that the event should be broadcast on:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Events;
4
5  use App\User;
6  use App\Events\Event;
7  use Illuminate\Queue\SerializesModels;
8  use Illuminate\Contracts\Broadcasting\ShouldBroadcast;
9
10 class ServerCreated extends Event implements ShouldBroadcast
11 {
12     use SerializesModels;
13
14     public $user;
15
16     /**
17      * Create a new event instance.
18      *
19      * @return void
20      */
21     public function __construct(User $user)
22     {
23         $this->user = $user;
24     }
25
26     /**
27      * Get the channels the event should be broadcast on.
28      *
```

```
29      * @return array
30      */
31      public function broadcastOn()
32      {
33          return ['user.'. $this->user->id];
34      }
35  }
```

Then, you only need to [fire the event](#) as you normally would. Once the event has been fired, a [queued job](#) will automatically broadcast the event over your specified broadcast driver.

Broadcast Data

When an event is broadcast, all of its `public` properties are automatically serialized and broadcast as the event's payload, allowing you to access any of its public data from your JavaScript application. So, for example, if your event has a single public `$user` property that contains an Eloquent model, the broadcast payload would be:

```
1  {
2      "user": {
3          "id": 1,
4          "name": "Jonathan Banks"
5          ...
6      }
7  }
```

However, if you wish to have even more fine-grained control over your broadcast payload, you may add a `broadcastWith` method to your event. This method should return the array of data that you wish to broadcast with the event:

```
1  /**
2   * Get the data to broadcast.
3   *
4   * @return array
5   */
6  public function broadcastWith()
7  {
```

```
8     return ['user' => $this->user->id];
9 }
```

Event Broadcasting Customizations

Customizing The Event Name

By default, the broadcast event name will be the fully qualified class name of the event. So, if the event's class name is `App\Events\ServerCreated`, the broadcast event would be `App\Events\ServerCreated`. You can customize this broadcast event name using by defining a `broadcastAs` method on your event class:

```
1  /**
2   * Get the broadcast event name.
3   *
4   * @return string
5   */
6  public function broadcastAs()
7  {
8      return 'app.server-created';
9  }
```

Customizing The Queue

By default, each event to be broadcast is placed on the default queue for the default queue connection in your `queue.php` configuration file. You may customize the queue used by the event broadcaster by adding an `onQueue` method to your event class. This method should return the name of the queue you wish to use:

```
1  /**
2   * Set the name of the queue the event should be placed on.
3   *
4   * @return string
5   */
6  public function onQueue()
7  {
```

```
8     return 'your-queue-name';  
9 }
```

Consuming Event Broadcasts

Pusher

You may conveniently consume events broadcast using the [Pusher](https://pusher.com)¹⁸⁵ driver using Pusher's JavaScript SDK. For example, let's consume the `App\Events\ServerCreated` event from our previous examples:

```
1  this.pusher = new Pusher('pusher-key');  
2  
3  this.pusherChannel = this.pusher.subscribe('user.' + USER_ID);  
4  
5  this.pusherChannel.bind('App\\Events\\ServerCreated', function(message) {  
6      console.log(message.user);  
7  });
```

Redis

If you are using the Redis broadcaster, you will need to write your own Redis pub/sub consumer to receive the messages and broadcast them using the websocket technology of your choice. For example, you may choose to use the popular [Socket.io](http://socket.io)¹⁸⁶ library which is written in Node.

Using the `socket.io` and `ioredis` Node libraries, you can quickly write an event broadcaster to publish all events that are broadcast by your Laravel application:

```
1  var app = require('http').createServer(handler);  
2  var io = require('socket.io')(app);  
3  
4  var Redis = require('ioredis');  
5  var redis = new Redis();  
6  
7  app.listen(6001, function() {  
8      console.log('Server is running!');  
9  });
```

¹⁸⁵<https://pusher.com>

¹⁸⁶<http://socket.io>

```
10
11 function handler(req, res) {
12     res.writeHead(200);
13     res.end('');
14 }
15
16 io.on('connection', function(socket) {
17     //
18 });
19
20 redis.psubscribe('*', function(err, count) {
21     //
22 });
23
24 redis.on('pmessage', function(subscribed, channel, message) {
25     message = JSON.parse(message);
26     io.emit(channel + ':' + message.event, message.data);
27 });
```

Event Subscribers

Event subscribers are classes that may subscribe to multiple events from within the class itself, allowing you to define several event handlers within a single class. Subscribers should define a subscribe method, which will be passed an event dispatcher instance:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Listeners;
4
5  class UserEventListener
6  {
7      /**
8       * Handle user login events.
9       */
10     public function onUserLogin($event) {}
11
12     /**
13      * Handle user logout events.
14      */
15     public function onUserLogout($event) {}
```



```
16
17     /**
18      * Register the listeners for the subscriber.
19      *
20      * @param Illuminate\Events\Dispatcher $events
21      */
22     public function subscribe($events)
23     {
24         $events->listen(
25             'App\Events\UserLoggedIn',
26             'App\Listeners\UserEventListener@onUserLogin'
27         );
28
29         $events->listen(
30             'App\Events\UserLoggedOut',
31             'App\Listeners\UserEventListener@onUserLogout'
32         );
33     }
34
35 }
```

Registering An Event Subscriber

Once the subscriber has been defined, it may be registered with the event dispatcher. You may register subscribers using the `$subscribe` property on the `EventServiceProvider`. For example, let's add the `UserEventListener`.

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Providers;
4
5  use Illuminate\Contracts\Events\Dispatcher as DispatcherContract;
6  use Illuminate\Foundation\Support\Providers\EventServiceProvider as ServiceProvider;
7
8  class EventServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
9  {
10
11     /**
12      * The event listener mappings for the application.
13      *
14      * @var array
```

```
15         */
16     protected $listen = [
17         //
18     ];
19
20     /**
21      * The subscriber classes to register.
22      *
23      * @var array
24      */
25     protected $subscribe = [
26         'App\Listeners\UserEventListener',
27     ];
28 }
```

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Introduction

Laravel provides a powerful filesystem abstraction thanks to the wonderful [Flysystem](#)¹⁸⁷ PHP package by Frank de Jonge. The Laravel Flysystem integration provides simple to use drivers for working with local filesystems, Amazon S3, and Rackspace Cloud Storage. Even better, it's amazingly simple to switch between these storage options as the API remains the same for each system.

Configuration

The filesystem configuration file is located at `config/filesystems.php`. Within this file you may configure all of your “disks”. Each disk represents a particular storage driver and storage location. Example configurations for each supported driver is included in the configuration file. So, simply modify the configuration to reflect your storage preferences and credentials.

Of course, you may configure as many disks as you like, and may even have multiple disks that use the same driver.

The Public Disk

The `public` disk is meant for files that are going to be publicly accessible. By default, the `public` disk uses the `local` driver and stores these files in `storage/app/public`. To make them accessible from the web, you should create a symbolic link from `public/storage` to `storage/app/public`. This convention will keep your publicly accessible files in one directory that can be easily shared across deployments when using zero down-time deployment systems like [Envoyer](#)¹⁸⁸.

Of course, once a file has been stored and the symbolic link has been created, you can create an URL to the files using the `asset` helper:

¹⁸⁷<https://github.com/thephpleague/flysystem>

¹⁸⁸<https://envoyer.io>

```
1 echo asset('storage/file.txt');
```

The Local Driver

When using the `local` driver, note that all file operations are relative to the root directory defined in your configuration file. By default, this value is set to the `storage/app` directory. Therefore, the following method would store a file in `storage/app/file.txt`:

```
1 Storage::disk('local')->put('file.txt', 'Contents');
```

Other Driver Prerequisites

Before using the S3 or Rackspace drivers, you will need to install the appropriate package via Composer:

- Amazon S3: `league/flysystem-aws-s3-v3 ~1.0`
- Rackspace: `league/flysystem-rackspace ~1.0`

FTP Driver Configuration

Laravel's Flysystem integrations works great with FTP; however, a sample configuration is not included with the framework's default `filesystems.php` configuration file. If you need to configure a FTP filesystem, you may use the example configuration below:

```
1 'ftp' => [  
2     'driver' => 'ftp',  
3     'host' => 'ftp.example.com',  
4     'username' => 'your-username',  
5     'password' => 'your-password',  
6  
7     // Optional FTP Settings...  
8     // 'port' => 21,  
9     // 'root' => '',  
10    // 'passive' => true,  
11    // 'ssl' => true,  
12    // 'timeout' => 30,
```

```
13 ],
```

Rackspace Driver Configuration

Laravel's Flysystem integrations works great with Rackspace; however, a sample configuration is not included with the framework's default `filesystems.php` configuration file. If you need to configure a Rackspace filesystem, you may use the example configuration below:

```
1 'rackspace' => [  
2     'driver'     => 'rackspace',  
3     'username'   => 'your-username',  
4     'key'        => 'your-key',  
5     'container' => 'your-container',  
6     'endpoint'   => 'https://identity.api.rackspacecloud.com/v2.0/',  
7     'region'     => 'IAD',  
8     'url_type'   => 'publicURL',  
9 ],
```

Basic Usage

Obtaining Disk Instances

The Storage facade may be used to interact with any of your configured disks. For example, you may use the `put` method on the facade to store an avatar on the default disk. If you call methods on the Storage facade without first calling the `disk` method, the method call will automatically be passed to the default disk:

```
1 <?php  
2  
3 namespace App\Http\Controllers;  
4  
5 use Storage;  
6 use Illuminate\Http\Request;  
7 use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;  
8  
9 class UserController extends Controller  
10 {
```

```
11      /**
12       * Update the avatar for the given user.
13       *
14       * @param Request $request
15       * @param int $id
16       * @return Response
17       */
18     public function updateAvatar(Request $request, $id)
19     {
20         $user = User::findOrFail($id);
21
22         Storage::put(
23             'avatars/' . $user->id,
24             file_get_contents($request->file('avatar')->getRealPath())
25         );
26     }
27 }
```

When using multiple disks, you may access a particular disk using the `disk` method on the Storage facade. Of course, you may continue to chain methods to execute methods on the disk:

```
1 $disk = Storage::disk('s3');
2
3 $contents = Storage::disk('local')->get('file.jpg')
```

Retrieving Files

The `get` method may be used to retrieve the contents of a given file. The raw string contents of the file will be returned by the method:

```
1 $contents = Storage::get('file.jpg');
```

The `exists` method may be used to determine if a given file exists on the disk:

```
1 $exists = Storage::disk('s3')->exists('file.jpg');
```

File URLs

When using the `local` or `s3` drivers, you may use the `url` method to get the URL for the given file. If you are using the `local` driver, this will typically just prepend `/storage` to the given path and return a relative URL to the file. If you are using the `s3` driver, the fully qualified remote URL will be returned.

```
1 $url = Storage::url('file1.jpg');
```



Note: When using the `local` driver, be sure to [create a symbolic link at `public/storage`](#) which points to the `storage/app/public` directory.

File Meta Information

The `size` method may be used to get the size of the file in bytes:

```
1 $size = Storage::size('file1.jpg');
```

The `lastModified` method returns the UNIX timestamp of the last time the file was modified:

```
1 $time = Storage::lastModified('file1.jpg');
```

Storing Files

The `put` method may be used to store a file on disk. You may also pass a PHP resource to the `put` method, which will use Flysystem's underlying stream support. Using streams is greatly recommended when dealing with large files:

```
1 Storage::put('file.jpg', $contents);
2
3 Storage::put('file.jpg', $resource);
```

The copy method may be used to copy an existing file to a new location on the disk:

```
1 Storage::copy('old/file1.jpg', 'new/file1.jpg');
```

The move method may be used to rename or move an existing file to a new location:

```
1 Storage::move('old/file1.jpg', 'new/file1.jpg');
```

Prepending / Appending To Files

The prepend and append methods allow you to easily insert content at the beginning or end of a file:

```
1 Storage::prepend('file.log', 'Prepended Text');
2
3 Storage::append('file.log', 'Appended Text');
```

File Visibility

File visibility can be retrieved and set via the `getVisibility` and `setVisibility` methods. Visibility is the abstraction of file permissions across multiple platforms:

```
1 Storage::getVisibility('file.jpg');
2
3 Storage::setVisibility('file.jpg', 'public')
```

Additionally, you can set the visibility when setting the file via the `put` method. The valid visibility values are `public` and `private`:


```
1 Storage::put('file.jpg', $contents, 'public');
```

Deleting Files

The `delete` method accepts a single filename or an array of files to remove from the disk:

```
1 Storage::delete('file.jpg');  
2  
3 Storage::delete(['file1.jpg', 'file2.jpg']);
```

Directories

Get All Files Within A Directory

The `files` method returns an array of all of the files in a given directory. If you would like to retrieve a list of all files within a given directory including all sub-directories, you may use the `allFiles` method:

```
1 $files = Storage::files($directory);  
2  
3 $files = Storage::allFiles($directory);
```

Get All Directories Within A Directory

The `directories` method returns an array of all the directories within a given directory. Additionally, you may use the `allDirectories` method to get a list of all directories within a given directory and all of its sub-directories:

```
1 $directories = Storage::directories($directory);  
2  
3 // Recursive...  
4 $directories = Storage::allDirectories($directory);
```

Create A Directory

The `makeDirectory` method will create the given directory, including any needed sub-directories:

```
1 Storage::makeDirectory($directory);
```

Delete A Directory

Finally, the `deleteDirectory` may be used to remove a directory, including all of its files, from the disk:

```
1 Storage::deleteDirectory($directory);
```

Custom Filesystems

Laravel's Flysystem integration provides drivers for several “drivers” out of the box; however, Flysystem is not limited to these and has adapters for many other storage systems. You can create a custom driver if you want to use one of these additional adapters in your Laravel application.

In order to set up the custom filesystem you will need to create a [service provider](#) such as `DropboxServiceProvider`. In the provider's `boot` method, you may use the Storage facade's `extend` method to define the custom driver:

```
1 <?php
2
3 namespace App\Providers;
4
5 use Storage;
6 use League\Flysystem\Filesystem;
7 use Dropbox\Client as DropboxClient;
8 use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
9 use League\Flysystem\Dropbox\DropboxAdapter;
10
11 class DropboxServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
12 {
13     /**
14      * Perform post-registration booting of services.
15      *
```

```
16      * @return void
17      */
18      public function boot()
19      {
20          Storage::extend('dropbox', function($app, $config) {
21              $client = new DropboxClient(
22                  $config['accessToken'], $config['clientIdentifier']
23              );
24
25              return new Filesystem(new DropboxAdapter($client));
26          });
27      }
28
29      /**
30       * Register bindings in the container.
31       *
32       * @return void
33       */
34      public function register()
35      {
36          //
37      }
38  }
```

The first argument of the extend method is the name of the driver and the second is a Closure that receives the `$app` and `$config` variables. The resolver Closure must return an instance of `League\Flysystem\Filesystem`. The `$config` variable contains the values defined in `config/filesystems.php` for the specified disk.

Once you have created the service provider to register the extension, you may use the dropbox driver in your `config/filesystem.php` configuration file.

Hashing

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Introduction

The Laravel Hash [facade](#) provides secure Bcrypt hashing for storing user passwords. If you are using the `AuthController` controller that is included with your Laravel application, it will automatically use Bcrypt for registration and authentication.

Bcrypt is a great choice for hashing passwords because its “work factor” is adjustable, which means that the time it takes to generate a hash can be increased as hardware power increases.

Basic Usage

You may hash a password by calling the `make` method on the Hash facade:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use Hash;
6  use App\User;
7  use Illuminate\Http\Request;
8  use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
9
10 class UserController extends Controller
11 {
12     /**
13      * Update the password for the user.
14      *
15      * @param Request $request
16      * @param int $id
17      * @return Response
18      */
19     public function updatePassword(Request $request, $id)
20     {
21         $user = User::findOrFail($id);
```

```
22
23     // Validate the new password length...
24
25     $user->fill([
26         'password' => Hash::make($request->newPassword)
27     ]->save();
28 }
29 }
```

Alternatively, you may also use the global `bcrypt` helper function:

```
1  bcrypt('plain-text');
```

Verifying A Password Against A Hash

The `check` method allows you to verify that a given plain-text string corresponds to a given hash. However, if you are using the `AuthController` [included with Laravel](#), you will probably not need to use this directly, as the included authentication controller automatically calls this method:

```
1  if (Hash::check('plain-text', $hashedPassword)) {
2      // The passwords match...
3  }
```

Checking If A Password Needs To Be Rehashed

The `needsRehash` function allows you to determine if the work factor used by the hasher has changed since the password was hashed:

```
1  if (Hash::needsRehash($hashed)) {
2      $hashed = Hash::make('plain-text');
3  }
```

Helper Functions

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Introduction

Laravel includes a variety of “helper” PHP functions. Many of these functions are used by the framework itself; however, you are free to use them in your own applications if you find them convenient.

Available Methods

```
<style> A> .collection-method-list > p { A> column-count: 3; -moz-column-count: 3; -webkit-column-count: 3; A> column-gap: 2em; -moz-column-gap: 2em; -webkit-column-gap: 2em; A> } A> A> .collection-method-list a { A> display: block; A> }
</style>
```

Arrays

```
<div class="collection-method-list" markdown="1">
array_add array_collapse array_divide array_dot array_except array_first array_flatten array_for-
get array_get array_has array_only array_pluck array_pull array_set array_sort array_sort_recur-
sive array_where head last </div>
```

Paths

```
<div class="collection-method-list" markdown="1">
app_path base_path config_path database_path elixir public_path resource_path storage_path
</div>
```

Strings

```
<div class="collection-method-list" markdown="1">
camel_case class_basename e ends_with snake_case str_limit starts_with str_contains str_finish
str_is str_plural str_random str_singular str_slug studly_case trans trans_choice
</div>
```

URLs

```
<div class="collection-method-list" markdown="1">
action asset secure_asset route url
</div>
```

Miscellaneous

```
<div class="collection-method-list" markdown="1">
auth back bcrypt collect config csrf_field csrf_token dd dispatch env event factory method_field old
redirect request response session value view with
</div>
```

Method Listing

```
<style> A> #collection-method code { A> font-size: 14px; A> } A> A> #collection-method:not(.first-
collection-method) { A> margin-top: 50px; A> }
</style>
```

Arrays

`array_add()` **{#collection-method .first-collection-method}**

The `array_add` function adds a given key / value pair to the array if the given key doesn't already exist in the array:

```
1 $array = array_add(['name' => 'Desk'], 'price', 100);
2
3 // ['name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 100]
```

`array_collapse()` **{#collection-method}**

The `array_collapse` function collapses an array of arrays into a single array:

```
1 $array = array_collapse([[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6], [7, 8, 9]]);
2
3 // [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

array_divide() {#collection-method}

The `array_divide` function returns two arrays, one containing the keys, and the other containing the values of the original array:

```
1 list($keys, $values) = array_divide(['name' => 'Desk']);
2
3 // $keys: ['name']
4
5 // $values: ['Desk']
```

array_dot() {#collection-method}

The `array_dot` function flattens a multi-dimensional array into a single level array that uses “dot” notation to indicate depth:

```
1 $array = array_dot(['foo' => ['bar' => 'baz']]);
2
3 // ['foo.bar' => 'baz'];
```

array_except() {#collection-method}

The `array_except` function removes the given key / value pairs from the array:

```
1 $array = ['name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 100];
2
3 $array = array_except($array, ['price']);
4
5 // ['name' => 'Desk']
```


`array_first()` {#collection-method}

The `array_first` function returns the first element of an array passing a given truth test:

```
1  $array = [100, 200, 300];
2
3  $value = array_first($array, function ($key, $value) {
4      return $value >= 150;
5  });
6
7  // 200
```

A default value may also be passed as the third parameter to the method. This value will be returned if no value passes the truth test:

```
1  $value = array_first($array, $callback, $default);
```

`array_flatten()` {#collection-method}

The `array_flatten` function will flatten a multi-dimensional array into a single level.

```
1  $array = ['name' => 'Joe', 'languages' => ['PHP', 'Ruby']];
2
3  $array = array_flatten($array);
4
5  // ['Joe', 'PHP', 'Ruby'];
```

`array_forget()` {#collection-method}

The `array_forget` function removes a given key / value pair from a deeply nested array using “dot” notation:

```
1 $array = ['products' => ['desk' => ['price' => 100]]];
2
3 array_forget($array, 'products.desk');
4
5 // ['products' => []]
```

array_get() {#collection-method}

The `array_get` function retrieves a value from a deeply nested array using “dot” notation:

```
1 $array = ['products' => ['desk' => ['price' => 100]]];
2
3 $value = array_get($array, 'products.desk');
4
5 // ['price' => 100]
```

The `array_get` function also accepts a default value, which will be returned if the specific key is not found:

```
1 $value = array_get($array, 'names.john', 'default');
```

array_has() {#collection-method}

The `array_has` function checks that a given item exists in an array using “dot” notation:

```
1 $array = ['products' => ['desk' => ['price' => 100]]];
2
3 $hasDesk = array_has($array, 'products.desk');
4
5 // true
```

array_only() {#collection-method}

The `array_only` function will return only the specified key / value pairs from the given array:

```
1 $array = ['name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 100, 'orders' => 10];
2
3 $array = array_only($array, ['name', 'price']);
4
5 // ['name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 100]
```

array_pluck() {#collection-method}

The `array_pluck` function will pluck a list of the given key / value pairs from the array:

```
1 $array = [
2     ['developer' => ['id' => 1, 'name' => 'Taylor']],
3     ['developer' => ['id' => 2, 'name' => 'Abigail']],
4 ];
5
6 $array = array_pluck($array, 'developer.name');
7
8 // ['Taylor', 'Abigail'];
```

You may also specify how you wish the resulting list to be keyed:

```
1 $array = array_pluck($array, 'developer.name', 'developer.id');
2
3 // [1 => 'Taylor', 2 => 'Abigail'];
```

array_prepend() {#collection-method}

The `array_prepend` function will push an item onto the beginning of an array:

```
1 $array = ['one', 'two', 'three', 'four'];
2
3 $array = array_prepend($array, 'zero');
4
```

```
5 // $array: ['zero', 'one', 'two', 'three', 'four']
```

array_pull() {#collection-method}

The `array_pull` function returns and removes a key / value pair from the array:

```
1 $array = ['name' => 'Desk', 'price' => 100];
2
3 $name = array_pull($array, 'name');
4
5 // $name: Desk
6
7 // $array: ['price' => 100]
```

array_set() {#collection-method}

The `array_set` function sets a value within a deeply nested array using “dot” notation:

```
1 $array = ['products' => ['desk' => ['price' => 100]]];
2
3 array_set($array, 'products.desk.price', 200);
4
5 // ['products' => ['desk' => ['price' => 200]]]
```

array_sort() {#collection-method}

The `array_sort` function sorts the array by the results of the given Closure:

```
1  $array = [  
2      ['name' => 'Desk'],  
3      ['name' => 'Chair'],  
4  ];  
5  
6  $array = array_values(array_sort($array, function ($value) {  
7      return $value['name'];  
8  }));  
9  
10 /*  
11     [  
12         ['name' => 'Chair'],  
13         ['name' => 'Desk'],  
14     ]  
15 */
```

array_sort_recursive() {#collection-method}

The `array_sort_recursive` function recursively sorts the array using the `sort` function:

```
1  $array = [  
2      [  
3          'Roman',  
4          'Taylor',  
5          'Li',  
6      ],  
7      [  
8          'PHP',  
9          'Ruby',  
10         'JavaScript',  
11     ],  
12 ];  
13  
14 $array = array_sort_recursive($array);  
15  
16 /*  
17     [  
18         [  
19             'Li',  
20             'Roman',  
21             'Taylor',
```

```
22         ],
23         [
24             'JavaScript',
25             'PHP',
26             'Ruby',
27         ]
28     ];
29 */
```

array_where() {#collection-method}

The `array_where` function filters the array using the given Closure:

```
1  $array = [100, '200', 300, '400', 500];
2
3  $array = array_where($array, function ($key, $value) {
4      return is_string($value);
5  });
6
7  // [1 => 200, 3 => 400]
```

head() {#collection-method}

The `head` function simply returns the first element in the given array:

```
1  $array = [100, 200, 300];
2
3  $first = head($array);
4
5  // 100
```

last() {#collection-method}

The `last` function returns the last element in the given array:

```
1 $array = [100, 200, 300];
2
3 $last = last($array);
4
5 // 300
```

Paths

`app_path()` **{#collection-method}**

The `app_path` function returns the fully qualified path to the app directory:

```
1 $path = app_path();
```

You may also use the `app_path` function to generate a fully qualified path to a given file relative to the application directory:

```
1 $path = app_path('Http/Controllers/Controller.php');
```

`base_path()` **{#collection-method}**

The `base_path` function returns the fully qualified path to the project root:

```
1 $path = base_path();
```

You may also use the `base_path` function to generate a fully qualified path to a given file relative to the application directory:

```
1 $path = base_path('vendor/bin');
```

config_path() {#collection-method}

The `config_path` function returns the fully qualified path to the application configuration directory:

```
1 $path = config_path();
```

database_path() {#collection-method}

The `database_path` function returns the fully qualified path to the application's database directory:

```
1 $path = database_path();
```

elixir() {#collection-method}

The `elixir` function gets the path to the versioned [Elixir](#) file:

```
1 elixir($file);
```

public_path() {#collection-method}

The `public_path` function returns the fully qualified path to the public directory:

```
1 $path = public_path();
```

resource_path() {#collection-method}

The `resource_path` function returns the fully qualified path to the resources directory:

```
1 $path = resource_path();
```


You may also use the `resource_path` function to generate a fully qualified path to a given file relative to the storage directory:

```
1 $path = resource_path('assets/sass/app.scss');
```

`storage_path()` **{#collection-method}**

The `storage_path` function returns the fully qualified path to the storage directory:

```
1 $path = storage_path();
```

You may also use the `storage_path` function to generate a fully qualified path to a given file relative to the storage directory:

```
1 $path = storage_path('app/file.txt');
```

Strings

`camel_case()` **{#collection-method}**

The `camel_case` function converts the given string to camelCase:

```
1 $camel = camel_case('foo_bar');  
2  
3 // fooBar
```

`class_basename()` **{#collection-method}**

The `class_basename` returns the class name of the given class with the class' namespace removed:

```
1 $class = class_basename('Foo\Bar\Baz');
2
3 // Baz
```

e() {#collection-method}

The e function runs htmlentities over the given string:

```
1 echo e('<html>foo</html>');
2
3 // &lt;html&gt;foo&lt;/html&gt;
```

ends_with() {#collection-method}

The ends_with function determines if the given string ends with the given value:

```
1 $value = ends_with('This is my name', 'name');
2
3 // true
```

snake_case() {#collection-method}

The snake_case function converts the given string to snake_case:

```
1 $snake = snake_case('fooBar');
2
3 // foo_bar
```

str_limit() {#collection-method}

The str_limit function limits the number of characters in a string. The function accepts a string as its first argument and the maximum number of resulting characters as its second argument:

```
1 $value = str_limit('The PHP framework for web artisans.', 7);
2
3 // The PHP...
```

starts_with() {#collection-method}

The `starts_with` function determines if the given string begins with the given value:

```
1 $value = starts_with('This is my name', 'This');
2
3 // true
```

str_contains() {#collection-method}

The `str_contains` function determines if the given string contains the given value:

```
1 $value = str_contains('This is my name', 'my');
2
3 // true
```

str_finish() {#collection-method}

The `str_finish` function adds a single instance of the given value to a string:

```
1 $string = str_finish('this/string', '/');
2
3 // this/string/
```

str_is() {#collection-method}

The `str_is` function determines if a given string matches a given pattern. Asterisks may be used to indicate wildcards:

```
1 $value = str_is('foo*', 'foobar');
2
3 // true
4
5 $value = str_is('baz*', 'foobar');
6
7 // false
```

str_plural() {#collection-method}

The `str_plural` function converts a string to its plural form. This function currently only supports the English language:

```
1 $plural = str_plural('car');
2
3 // cars
4
5 $plural = str_plural('child');
6
7 // children
```

You may provide an integer as a second argument to the function to retrieve the singular or plural form of the string:

```
1 $plural = str_plural('child', 2);
2
3 // children
4
5 $plural = str_plural('child', 1);
6
7 // child
```

str_random() {#collection-method}

The `str_random` function generates a random string of the specified length:

```
1 $string = str_random(40);
```

str_singular() {#collection-method}

The `str_singular` function converts a string to its singular form. This function currently only supports the English language:

```
1 $singular = str_singular('cars');
2
3 // car
```

str_slug() {#collection-method}

The `str_slug` function generates a URL friendly “slug” from the given string:

```
1 $title = str_slug('Laravel 5 Framework', '-');
2
3 // laravel-5-framework
```

studly_case() {#collection-method}

The `studly_case` function converts the given string to StudlyCase:

```
1 $value = studly_case('foo_bar');
2
3 // FooBar
```

trans() {#collection-method}

The `trans` function translates the given language line using your [localization files](#):

```
1 echo trans('validation.required');
```

trans_choice() {#collection-method}

The `trans_choice` function translates the given language line with inflection:

```
1 $value = trans_choice('foo.bar', $count);
```

URLs

action() {#collection-method}

The `action` function generates a URL for the given controller action. You do not need to pass the full namespace to the controller. Instead, pass the controller class name relative to the `App\Http\Controllers` namespace:

```
1 $url = action('HomeController@getIndex');
```

If the method accepts route parameters, you may pass them as the second argument to the method:

```
1 $url = action('UserController@profile', ['id' => 1]);
```

asset() {#collection-method}

Generate a URL for an asset using the current scheme of the request (HTTP or HTTPS):

```
1 $url = asset('img/photo.jpg');
```

secure_asset() {#collection-method}

Generate a URL for an asset using HTTPS:

```
1 echo secure_asset('foo/bar.zip', $title, $attributes = []);
```

route() {#collection-method}

The route function generates a URL for the given named route:

```
1 $url = route('routeName');
```

If the route accepts parameters, you may pass them as the second argument to the method:

```
1 $url = route('routeName', ['id' => 1]);
```

url() {#collection-method}

The url function generates a fully qualified URL to the given path:

```
1 echo url('user/profile');  
2  
3 echo url('user/profile', [1]);
```

If no path is provided, a Illuminate\Routing\UrlGenerator instance is returned:

```
1 echo url()->current();  
2 echo url()->full();  
3 echo url()->previous();
```

Miscellaneous

`auth()` {#collection-method}

The `auth` function returns an authenticator instance. You may use it instead of the `Auth` facade for convenience:

```
1 $user = auth()->user();
```

`back()` {#collection-method}

The `back()` function generates a redirect response to the user's previous location:

```
1 return back();
```

`bcrypt()` {#collection-method}

The `bcrypt` function hashes the given value using `Bcrypt`. You may use it as an alternative to the `Hash` facade:

```
1 $password = bcrypt('my-secret-password');
```

`collect()` {#collection-method}

The `collect` function creates a [collection](#) instance from the supplied items:

```
1 $collection = collect(['taylor', 'abigail']);
```

`config()` {#collection-method}

The `config` function gets the value of a configuration variable. The configuration values may be accessed using “dot” syntax, which includes the name of the file and the option you wish to access. A default value may be specified and is returned if the configuration option does not exist:


```
1 $value = config('app.timezone');
2
3 $value = config('app.timezone', $default);
```

The `config` helper may also be used to set configuration variables at runtime by passing an array of key / value pairs:

```
1 config(['app.debug' => true]);
```

`csrf_field()` {#collection-method}

The `csrf_field` function generates an HTML hidden input field containing the value of the CSRF token. For example, using [Blade syntax](#):

```
1 {{ csrf_field() }}
```

`csrf_token()` {#collection-method}

The `csrf_token` function retrieves the value of the current CSRF token:

```
1 $token = csrf_token();
```

`dd()` {#collection-method}

The `dd` function dumps the given variable and ends execution of the script:

```
1 dd($value);
```

If you do not want to halt the execution of your script, use the `dump` function instead:

```
1 dump($value);
```

dispatch() {#collection-method}

The dispatch function pushes a new job onto the Laravel [job queue](#):

```
1 dispatch(new App\Jobs\SendEmails);
```

env() {#collection-method}

The env function gets the value of an environment variable or returns a default value:

```
1 $env = env('APP_ENV');  
2  
3 // Return a default value if the variable doesn't exist...  
4 $env = env('APP_ENV', 'production');
```

event() {#collection-method}

The event function dispatches the given [event](#) to its listeners:

```
1 event(new UserRegistered($user));
```

factory() {#collection-method}

The factory function creates a model factory builder for a given class, name, and amount. It can be used while [testing](#) or [seeding](#):

```
1 $user = factory(App\User::class)->make();
```

method_field() {#collection-method}

The `method_field` function generates an HTML hidden input field containing the spoofed value of the form's HTTP verb. For example, using [Blade syntax](#):

```
1 <form method="POST">
2     {{ method_field('DELETE') }}
3 </form>
```

old() {#collection-method}

The `old` function [retrieves](#) an old input value flashed into the session:

```
1 $value = old('value');
2
3 $value = old('value', 'default');
```

redirect() {#collection-method}

The `redirect` function returns an instance of the redirector to do [redirects](#):

```
1 return redirect('/home');
```

request() {#collection-method}

The `request` function returns the current [request](#) instance or obtains an input item:

```
1 $request = request();
2
3 $value = request('key', $default = null)
```

response() {#collection-method}

The response function creates a [response](#) instance or obtains an instance of the response factory:

```
1 return response('Hello World', 200, $headers);
2
3 return response()->json(['foo' => 'bar'], 200, $headers);
```

session() {#collection-method}

The session function may be used to get / set a session value:

```
1 $value = session('key');
```

You may set values by passing an array of key / value pairs to the function:

```
1 session(['chairs' => 7, 'instruments' => 3]);
```

The session store will be returned if no value is passed to the function:

```
1 $value = session()->get('key');
2
3 session()->put('key', $value);
```

value() {#collection-method}

The value function's behavior will simply return the value it is given. However, if you pass a Closure to the function, the Closure will be executed then its result will be returned:

```
1 $value = value(function() { return 'bar'; });
```

view() {#collection-method}

The view function retrieves a [view](#) instance:

```
1 return view('auth.login');
```

with() {#collection-method}

The with function returns the value it is given. This function is primarily useful for method chaining where it would otherwise be impossible:

```
1 $value = with(new Foo)->work();
```

Localization

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Introduction

Laravel's localization features provide a convenient way to retrieve strings in various languages, allowing you to easily support multiple languages within your application.

Language strings are stored in files within the `resources/lang` directory. Within this directory there should be a subdirectory for each language supported by the application:

```
1 /resources
2   /lang
3     /en
4       messages.php
5     /es
6       messages.php
```

All language files simply return an array of keyed strings. For example:

```
1 <?php
2
3 return [
4     'welcome' => 'Welcome to our application'
5 ];
```

Configuring The Locale

The default language for your application is stored in the `config/app.php` configuration file. Of course, you may modify this value to suit the needs of your application. You may also change the active language at runtime using the `setLocale` method on the App facade:

```
1 Route::get('welcome/{locale}', function ($locale) {  
2     App::setLocale($locale);  
3  
4     //  
5 });
```

You may also configure a “fallback language”, which will be used when the active language does not contain a given language line. Like the default language, the fallback language is also configured in the `config/app.php` configuration file:

```
1 'fallback_locale' => 'en',
```

You may check if a given locale is currently being used by calling the `isLocale` method on the App [facade](#):

```
1 if (App::isLocale('en')) {  
2     //  
3 }
```

To retrieve the current application locale, call the `getLocale` method on the App [facade](#):

```
1 return App::getLocale();
```

Basic Usage

You may retrieve lines from language files using the `trans` helper function. The `trans` method accepts the file and key of the language line as its first argument. For example, let’s retrieve the language line `welcome` in the `resources/lang/messages.php` language file:

```
1 echo trans('messages.welcome');
```

Of course if you are using the [Blade templating engine](#), you may use the `{{ }}` syntax to echo the language line or use the `@lang` directive:

```
1  {{ trans('messages.welcome') }}
2
3  @lang('messages.welcome')
```

If the specified language line does not exist, the `trans` function will simply return the language line key. So, using the example above, the `trans` function would return `messages.welcome` if the language line does not exist.

Replacing Parameters In Language Lines

If you wish, you may define place-holders in your language lines. All place-holders are prefixed with a `:`. For example, you may define a welcome message with a place-holder name:

```
1  'welcome' => 'Welcome, :name',
```

To replace the place-holders when retrieving a language line, pass an array of replacements as the second argument to the `trans` function:

```
1  echo trans('messages.welcome', ['name' => 'dayle']);
```

If your place-holder contains all capital letters, or only has its first letter capitalized, the translated value will be capitalized accordingly:

```
1  'welcome' => 'Welcome, :NAME', // Welcome, DAYLE
2  'goodbye' => 'Goodbye, :Name', // Goodbye, Dayle
```

Pluralization

Pluralization is a complex problem, as different languages have a variety of complex rules for pluralization. By using a “pipe” character, you may distinguish a singular and plural form of a string:


```
1 'apples' => 'There is one apple|There are many apples',
```

Then, you may use the `trans_choice` function to retrieve the line for a given “count”. In this example, since the count is greater than one, the plural form of the language line is returned:

```
1 echo trans_choice('messages.apples', 10);
```

Since the Laravel translator is powered by the Symfony Translation component, you may create even more complex pluralization rules:

```
1 'apples' => '{0} There are none|[1,19] There are some|[20,Inf] There are many',
```

Overriding Vendor Language Files

Some packages may ship with their own language files. Instead of hacking the package’s core files to tweak these lines, you may override them by placing your own files in the `resources/lang/vendor/{package}/{locale}` directory.

So, for example, if you need to override the English language lines in `messages.php` for a package named `skyrim/hearthfire`, you would place a language file at: `resources/lang/vendor/hearthfire/en/messages.php`. In this file you should only define the language lines you wish to override. Any language lines you don’t override will still be loaded from the package’s original language files.

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Introduction

Laravel provides a clean, simple API over the popular [SwiftMailer](#)¹⁸⁹ library. Laravel provides drivers for SMTP, Mailgun, Mandrill, SparkPost, Amazon SES, PHP's `mail` function, and `sendmail`, allowing you to quickly get started sending mail through a local or cloud based service of your choice.

Driver Prerequisites

The API based drivers such as Mailgun and Mandrill are often simpler and faster than SMTP servers. All of the API drivers require that the Guzzle HTTP library be installed for your application. You may install Guzzle to your project by adding the following line to your `composer.json` file:

```
1 "guzzlehttp/guzzle": "~5.3|~6.0"
```

Mailgun Driver

To use the Mailgun driver, first install Guzzle, then set the driver option in your `config/mail.php` configuration file to `mailgun`. Next, verify that your `config/services.php` configuration file contains the following options:

```
1 'mailgun' => [  
2     'domain' => 'your-mailgun-domain',  
3     'secret' => 'your-mailgun-key',  
4 ],
```

¹⁸⁹<http://swiftmailer.org>

Mandrill Driver

To use the Mandrill driver, first install Guzzle, then set the driver option in your `config/mail.php` configuration file to `mandrill`. Next, verify that your `config/services.php` configuration file contains the following options:

```
1 'mandrill' => [  
2     'secret' => 'your-mandrill-key',  
3 ],
```

SparkPost Driver

To use the SparkPost driver, first install Guzzle, then set the driver option in your `config/mail.php` configuration file to `sparkpost`. Next, verify that your `config/services.php` configuration file contains the following options:

```
1 'sparkpost' => [  
2     'secret' => 'your-sparkpost-key',  
3 ],
```

SES Driver

To use the Amazon SES driver, install the Amazon AWS SDK for PHP. You may install this library by adding the following line to your `composer.json` file's `require` section:

```
1 "aws/aws-sdk-php": "~3.0"
```

Next, set the driver option in your `config/mail.php` configuration file to `ses`. Then, verify that your `config/services.php` configuration file contains the following options:

```
1 'ses' => [  
2     'key' => 'your-ses-key',  
3     'secret' => 'your-ses-secret',  
4     'region' => 'ses-region', // e.g. us-east-1  
5 ],
```

Sending Mail

Laravel allows you to store your e-mail messages in [views](#). For example, to organize your e-mails, you could create an `emails` directory within your `resources/views` directory:

To send a message, use the `send` method on the Mail [facade](#). The `send` method accepts three arguments. First, the name of a [view](#) that contains the e-mail message. Secondly, an array of data you wish to pass to the view. Lastly, a `Closure` callback which receives a message instance, allowing you to customize the recipients, subject, and other aspects of the mail message:

```
1 <?php  
2  
3 namespace App\Http\Controllers;  
4  
5 use Mail;  
6 use App\User;  
7 use Illuminate\Http\Request;  
8 use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;  
9  
10 class UserController extends Controller  
11 {  
12     /**  
13      * Send an e-mail reminder to the user.  
14      *  
15      * @param Request $request  
16      * @param int $id  
17      * @return Response  
18      */  
19     public function sendEmailReminder(Request $request, $id)  
20     {  
21         $user = User::findOrFail($id);  
22  
23         Mail::send('emails.reminder', ['user' => $user], function ($m) use ($user)  
24     r) {
```

```
25         $m->from('hello@app.com', 'Your Application');
26
27         $m->to($user->email, $user->name)->subject('Your Reminder!');
28     });
29 }
30 }
```

Since we are passing an array containing the user key in the example above, we could display the user's name within our e-mail view using the following PHP code:

```
1 <?php echo $user->name; ?>
```



Note: A `$message` variable is always passed to e-mail views, and allows the [inline embedding of attachments](#). So, you should avoid passing a message variable in your view payload.

Building The Message

As previously discussed, the third argument given to the `send` method is a Closure allowing you to specify various options on the e-mail message itself. Using this Closure you may specify other attributes of the message, such as carbon copies, blind carbon copies, etc:

```
1 Mail::send('emails.welcome', $data, function ($message) {
2     $message->from('us@example.com', 'Laravel');
3
4     $message->to('foo@example.com')->cc('bar@example.com');
5 });
```

Here is a list of the available methods on the `$message` message builder instance:

```
1 $message->from($address, $name = null);
2 $message->sender($address, $name = null);
3 $message->to($address, $name = null);
4 $message->cc($address, $name = null);
5 $message->bcc($address, $name = null);
6 $message->replyTo($address, $name = null);
7 $message->subject($subject);
8 $message->priority($level);
9 $message->attach($pathToFile, array $options = []);
10
11 // Attach a file from a raw $data string...
12 $message->attachData($data, $name, array $options = []);
13
14 // Get the underlying SwiftMailer message instance...
15 $message->getSwiftMessage();
```



Note: The message instance passed to a `Mail::send` Closure extends the `SwiftMailer` message class, allowing you to call any method on that class to build your e-mail messages.

Mailing Plain Text

By default, the view given to the `send` method is assumed to contain HTML. However, by passing an array as the first argument to the `send` method, you may specify a plain text view to send in addition to the HTML view:

```
1 Mail::send(['html.view', 'text.view'], $data, $callback);
```

Or, if you only need to send a plain text e-mail, you may specify this using the `text` key in the array:

```
1 Mail::send(['text' => 'view'], $data, $callback);
```

Mailing Raw Strings

You may use the `raw` method if you wish to e-mail a raw string directly:

```
1 Mail::raw('Text to e-mail', function ($message) {  
2     //  
3 });
```

Attachments

To add attachments to an e-mail, use the `attach` method on the `$message` object passed to your Closure. The `attach` method accepts the full path to the file as its first argument:

```
1 Mail::send('emails.welcome', $data, function ($message) {  
2     //  
3  
4     $message->attach($pathToFile);  
5 });
```

When attaching files to a message, you may also specify the display name and / or MIME type by passing an array as the second argument to the `attach` method:

```
1 $message->attach($pathToFile, ['as' => $display, 'mime' => $mime]);
```

The `attachData` method may be used to attach a raw string of bytes as an attachment. For example, you might use this method if you have generated a PDF in memory and want to attach it to the e-mail without writing it to disk:

```
1 $message->attachData($pdf, 'invoice.pdf');  
2  
3 $message->attachData($pdf, 'invoice.pdf', ['mime' => $mime]);
```

Inline Attachments

Embedding An Image In An E-Mail View

Embedding inline images into your e-mails is typically cumbersome; however, Laravel provides a convenient way to attach images to your e-mails and retrieving the appropriate CID. To embed an

inline image, use the `embed` method on the `$message` variable within your e-mail view. Remember, Laravel automatically makes the `$message` variable available to all of your e-mail views:

```
1 <body>
2     Here is an image:
3
4     
5 </body>
```

Embedding Raw Data In An E-Mail View

If you already have a raw data string you wish to embed into an e-mail message, you may use the `embedData` method on the `$message` variable:

```
1 <body>
2     Here is an image from raw data:
3
4     
5 </body>
```

Queueing Mail

Queueing A Mail Message

Since sending e-mail messages can drastically lengthen the response time of your application, many developers choose to queue e-mail messages for background sending. Laravel makes this easy using its built-in [unified queue API](#). To queue a mail message, use the `queue` method on the `Mail` facade:

```
1 Mail::queue('emails.welcome', $data, function ($message) {
2     //
3 });
```

This method will automatically take care of pushing a job onto the queue to send the mail message in the background. Of course, you will need to [configure your queues](#) before using this feature.

Delayed Message Queueing

If you wish to delay the delivery of a queued e-mail message, you may use the `later` method. To get started, simply pass the number of seconds by which you wish to delay the sending of the message as the first argument to the method:

```
1 Mail::later(5, 'emails.welcome', $data, function ($message) {  
2     //  
3 });
```

Pushing To Specific Queues

If you wish to specify a specific queue on which to push the message, you may do so using the `queueOn` and `laterOn` methods:

```
1 Mail::queueOn('queue-name', 'emails.welcome', $data, function ($message) {  
2     //  
3 });  
4  
5 Mail::laterOn('queue-name', 5, 'emails.welcome', $data, function ($message) {  
6     //  
7 });
```

Mail & Local Development

When developing an application that sends e-mail, you probably don't want to actually send e-mails to live e-mail addresses. Laravel provides several ways to “disable” the actual sending of e-mail messages.

Log Driver

One solution is to use the `log` mail driver during local development. This driver will write all e-mail messages to your log files for inspection. For more information on configuring your application per environment, check out the [configuration documentation](#).

Universal To

Another solution provided by Laravel is to set a universal recipient of all e-mails sent by the framework. This way, all the emails generated by your application will be sent to a specific address, instead of the address actually specified when sending the message. This can be done via the `to` option in your `config/mail.php` configuration file:

```
1 'to' => [  
2     'address' => 'dev@domain.com',  
3     'name' => 'Dev Example'  
4 ],
```

Mailtrap

Finally, you may use a service like [Mailtrap](https://mailtrap.io)¹⁹⁰ and the `smtp` driver to send your e-mail messages to a “dummy” mailbox where you may view them in a true e-mail client. This approach has the benefit of allowing you to actually inspect the final e-mails in Mailtrap’s message viewer.

Events

Laravel fires an event just before sending mail messages. Remember, this event is fired when the mail is *sent*, not when it is queued. You may register an event listener in your `EventServiceProvider`:

```
1 /**  
2  * The event listener mappings for the application.  
3  *  
4  * @var array  
5  */  
6 protected $listen = [  
7     'Illuminate\Mail\Events\MessageSending' => [  
8         'App\Listeners\LogSentMessage',  
9     ],  
10 ];
```

¹⁹⁰<https://mailtrap.io>

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Introduction

Packages are the primary way of adding functionality to Laravel. Packages might be anything from a great way to work with dates like [Carbon](#)¹⁹¹, or an entire BDD testing framework like [Behat](#)¹⁹².

Of course, there are different types of packages. Some packages are stand-alone, meaning they work with any framework, not just Laravel. Both Carbon and Behat are examples of stand-alone packages. Any of these packages may be used with Laravel by simply requesting them in your `composer.json` file.

On the other hand, other packages are specifically intended for use with Laravel. These packages may have routes, controllers, views, and configuration specifically intended to enhance a Laravel application. This guide primarily covers the development of those packages that are Laravel specific.

Service Providers

[Service providers](#) are the connection points between your package and Laravel. A service provider is responsible for binding things into Laravel's [service container](#) and informing Laravel where to load package resources such as views, configuration, and localization files.

A service provider extends the `Illuminate\Support\ServiceServiceProvider` class and contains two methods: `register` and `boot`. The base `ServiceProvider` class is located in the `illuminate/support` Composer package, which you should add to your own package's dependencies.

To learn more about the structure and purpose of service providers, check out [their documentation](#).

¹⁹¹<https://github.com/briannesbitt/Carbon>

¹⁹²<https://github.com/Behat/Behat>

Routing

To define routes for your package, simply require the routes file from within your package service provider's `boot` method. From within your routes file, you may use the Route facade to [register routes](#) just as you would within a typical Laravel application:

```
1  /**
2   * Perform post-registration booting of services.
3   *
4   * @return void
5   */
6  public function boot()
7  {
8      if (! $this->app->routesAreCached()) {
9          require __DIR__.'/../routes.php';
10     }
11 }
```

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Views

To register your package's [views](#) with Laravel, you need to tell Laravel where the views are located. You may do this using the service provider's `loadViewsFrom` method. The `loadViewsFrom` method accepts two arguments: the path to your view templates and your package's name. For example, if your package name is "courier", add the following to your service provider's `boot` method:

```
1  /**
2   * Perform post-registration booting of services.
3   *
4   * @return void
5   */
6  public function boot()
7  {
8      $this->loadViewsFrom(__DIR__.'/path/to/views', 'courier');
9  }
```

Package views are referenced using a double-colon `package::view` syntax. So, you may load the `admin` view from the `courier` package like so:

```
1 Route::get('admin', function () {  
2     return view('courier::admin');  
3 });
```

Overriding Package Views

When you use the `loadViewsFrom` method, Laravel actually registers **two** locations for your views: one in the application's `resources/views/vendor` directory and one in the directory you specify. So, using our `courier` example: when requesting a package view, Laravel will first check if a custom version of the view has been provided by the developer in `resources/views/vendor/courier`. Then, if the view has not been customized, Laravel will search the package view directory you specified in your call to `loadViewsFrom`. This makes it easy for end-users to customize / override your package's views.

Publishing Views

If you would like to make your views available for publishing to the application's `resources/views/vendor` directory, you may use the service provider's `publishes` method. The `publishes` method accepts an array of package view paths and their corresponding publish locations.

```
1 /**  
2  * Perform post-registration booting of services.  
3  *  
4  * @return void  
5  */  
6 public function boot()  
7 {  
8     $this->loadViewsFrom(__DIR__.'/path/to/views', 'courier');  
9  
10    $this->publishes([  
11        __DIR__.'/path/to/views' => resource_path('views/vendor/courier'),  
12    ]);  
13 }
```

Now, when users of your package execute Laravel's `vendor:publish` Artisan command, your package's views will be copied to the specified location.

Translations

If your package contains [translation files](#), you may use the `loadTranslationsFrom` method to inform Laravel how to load them. For example, if your package is named “courier”, you should add the following to your service provider’s boot method:

```
1  /**
2   * Perform post-registration booting of services.
3   *
4   * @return void
5   */
6  public function boot()
7  {
8      $this->loadTranslationsFrom(__DIR__.'/path/to/translations', 'courier');
9  }
```

Package translations are referenced using a double-colon `package::file.line` syntax. So, you may load the courier package’s welcome line from the messages file like so:

```
1  echo trans('courier::messages.welcome');
```

Publishing Translations

If you would like to publish your package’s translations to the application’s `resources/lang/vendor` directory, you may use the service provider’s `publishes` method. The `publishes` method accepts an array of package paths and their corresponding publish locations. For example, to publish the translation files for our example courier package:

```
1  /**
2   * Perform post-registration booting of services.
3   *
4   * @return void
5   */
6  public function boot()
7  {
8      $this->loadTranslationsFrom(__DIR__.'/path/to/translations', 'courier');
9
10     $this->publishes([
```

```
11         __DIR__.' /path/to/translations' => resource_path('lang/vendor/courier'),
12     ]);
13 }
```

Now, when users of your package execute Laravel's `vendor:publish` Artisan command, your package's translations will be published to the specified location.

Configuration

Typically, you will want to publish your package's configuration file to the application's own `config` directory. This will allow users of your package to easily override your default configuration options. To publish a configuration file, just use the `publishes` method from the `boot` method of your service provider:

```
1  /**
2   * Perform post-registration booting of services.
3   *
4   * @return void
5   */
6  public function boot()
7  {
8      $this->publishes([
9          __DIR__.' /path/to/config/courier.php' => config_path('courier.php'),
10     ]);
11 }
```

Now, when users of your package execute Laravel's `vendor:publish` command, your file will be copied to the specified location. Of course, once your configuration has been published, it can be accessed like any other configuration file:

```
1  $value = config('courier.option');
```

Default Package Configuration

You may also choose to merge your own package configuration file with the application's copy. This allows your users to include only the options they actually want to override in the published copy

of the configuration. To merge the configurations, use the `mergeConfigFrom` method within your service provider's `register` method:

```
1  /**
2   * Register bindings in the container.
3   *
4   * @return void
5   */
6  public function register()
7  {
8      $this->mergeConfigFrom(
9          __DIR__ . '/path/to/config/courier.php', 'courier'
10     );
11 }
```

Public Assets

Your packages may have assets such as JavaScript, CSS, and images. To publish these assets to the application's public directory, use the service provider's `publishes` method. In this example, we will also add a public asset group tag, which may be used to publish groups of related assets:

```
1  /**
2   * Perform post-registration booting of services.
3   *
4   * @return void
5   */
6  public function boot()
7  {
8      $this->publishes([
9          __DIR__ . '/path/to/assets' => public_path('vendor/courier'),
10     ], 'public');
11 }
```

Now, when your package's users execute the `vendor:publish` command, your assets will be copied to the specified location. Since you typically will need to overwrite the assets every time the package is updated, you may use the `--force` flag:


```
1  php artisan vendor:publish --tag=public --force
```

If you would like to make sure your public assets are always up-to-date, you can add this command to the `post-update-cmd` list in your `composer.json` file.

Publishing File Groups

You may want to publish groups of package assets and resources separately. For instance, you might want your users to be able to publish your package's configuration files without being forced to publish your package's assets at the same time. You may do this by "tagging" them when calling the `publishes` method. For example, let's define two publish groups in the `boot` method of a package service provider:

```
1  /**
2   * Perform post-registration booting of services.
3   *
4   * @return void
5   */
6  public function boot()
7  {
8      $this->publishes([
9          __DIR__ . '/../config/package.php' => config_path('package.php')
10     ], 'config');
11
12     $this->publishes([
13         __DIR__ . '/../database/migrations/' => database_path('migrations')
14     ], 'migrations');
15 }
```

Now your users may publish these groups separately by referencing their tag name when using the `vendor:publish` Artisan command:

```
1  php artisan vendor:publish --provider="Vendor\Providers\PackageServiceProvider" \
2  --tag="config"
```

Pagination

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Introduction

In other frameworks, pagination can be very painful. Laravel makes it a breeze. Laravel can quickly generate an intelligent “range” of links based on the current page, and the generated HTML is compatible with the [Bootstrap CSS framework](#)¹⁹³.

Basic Usage

Paginating Query Builder Results

There are several ways to paginate items. The simplest is by using the `paginate` method on the [query builder](#) or an [Eloquent query](#). The `paginate` method provided by Laravel automatically takes care of setting the proper limit and offset based on the current page being viewed by the user. By default, the current page is detected by the value of the `?page` query string argument on the HTTP request. Of course, this value is automatically detected by Laravel, and is also automatically inserted into links generated by the paginator.

First, let’s take a look at calling the `paginate` method on a query. In this example, the only argument passed to `paginate` is the number of items you would like displayed “per page”. In this case, let’s specify that we would like to display 15 items per page:

¹⁹³<http://getbootstrap.com/>

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use DB;
6  use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
7
8  class UserController extends Controller
9  {
10     /**
11      * Show all of the users for the application.
12      *
13      * @return Response
14      */
15     public function index()
16     {
17         $users = DB::table('users')->paginate(15);
18
19         return view('user.index', ['users' => $users]);
20     }
21 }
```



Note: Currently, pagination operations that use a `groupBy` statement cannot be executed efficiently by Laravel. If you need to use a `groupBy` with a paginated result set, it is recommended that you query the database and create a paginator manually.

“Simple Pagination”

If you only need to display simple “Next” and “Previous” links in your pagination view, you have the option of using the `simplePaginate` method to perform a more efficient query. This is very useful for large datasets if you do not need to display a link for each page number when rendering your view:

```
1  $users = DB::table('users')->simplePaginate(15);
```

Paginating Eloquent Results

You may also paginate [Eloquent](#) queries. In this example, we will paginate the `User` model with 15 items per page. As you can see, the syntax is nearly identical to paginating query builder results:

```
1 $users = App\User::paginate(15);
```

Of course, you may call `paginate` after setting other constraints on the query, such as `where` clauses:

```
1 $users = User::where('votes', '>', 100)->paginate(15);
```

You may also use the `simplePaginate` method when paginating Eloquent models:

```
1 $users = User::where('votes', '>', 100)->simplePaginate(15);
```

Manually Creating A Paginator

Sometimes you may wish to create a pagination instance manually, passing it an array of items. You may do so by creating either an `Illuminate\Pagination\Paginator` or `Illuminate\Pagination\LengthAwarePaginator` instance, depending on your needs.

The `Paginator` class does not need to know the total number of items in the result set; however, because of this, the class does not have methods for retrieving the index of the last page. The `LengthAwarePaginator` accepts almost the same arguments as the `Paginator`; however, it does require a count of the total number of items in the result set.

In other words, the `Paginator` corresponds to the `simplePaginate` method on the query builder and Eloquent, while the `LengthAwarePaginator` corresponds to the `paginate` method.

When manually creating a paginator instance, you should manually “slice” the array of results you pass to the paginator. If you’re unsure how to do this, check out the [array_slice](#)¹⁹⁴ PHP function.

Displaying Results In A View

When you call the `paginate` or `simplePaginate` methods on a query builder or Eloquent query, you will receive a paginator instance. When calling the `paginate` method, you will receive an instance

¹⁹⁴<http://php.net/manual/en/function.array-slice.php>

of `Illuminate\Pagination\LengthAwarePaginator`. When calling the `simplePaginate` method, you will receive an instance of `Illuminate\Pagination\Paginator`. These objects provide several methods that describe the result set. In addition to these helpers methods, the paginator instances are iterators and may be looped as an array.

So, once you have retrieved the results, you may display the results and render the page links using [Blade](#):

```
1 <div class="container">
2     @foreach ($users as $user)
3         {{ $user->name }}
4     @endforeach
5 </div>
6
7 {{ $users->links() }}
```

The `links` method will render the links to the rest of the pages in the result set. Each of these links will already contain the proper `?page` query string variable. Remember, the HTML generated by the `links` method is compatible with the [Bootstrap CSS framework](#)¹⁹⁵.

Customizing The Paginator URI

The `setPath` method allows you to customize the URI used by the paginator when generating links. For example, if you want the paginator to generate links like `http://example.com/custom/url?page=N`, you should pass `custom/url` to the `setPath` method:

```
1 Route::get('users', function () {
2     $users = App\User::paginate(15);
3
4     $users->setPath('custom/url');
5
6     //
7 });
```

Appending To Pagination Links

You may add to the query string of pagination links using the `appends` method. For example, to append `&sort=votes` to each pagination link, you should make the following call to `appends`:

¹⁹⁵<https://getbootstrap.com>

```
1 {{ $users->appends(['sort' => 'votes'])->links() }}
```

If you wish to append a “hash fragment” to the paginator’s URLs, you may use the `fragment` method. For example, to append `#foo` to the end of each pagination link, make the following call to the `fragment` method:

```
1 {{ $users->fragment('foo')->links() }}
```

Additional Helper Methods

You may also access additional pagination information via the following methods on paginator instances:

- `$results->count()`
- `$results->currentPage()`
- `$results->firstItem()`
- `$results->hasMorePages()`
- `$results->lastItem()`
- `$results->lastPage()` (Not available when using `simplePaginate`)
- `$results->nextPageUrl()`
- `$results->perPage()`
- `$results->previousPageUrl()`
- `$results->total()` (Not available when using `simplePaginate`)
- `$results->url($page)`

Converting Results To JSON

The Laravel paginator result classes implement the `Illuminate\Contracts\Support\JsonableInterface` contract and expose the `toJson` method, so it’s very easy to convert your pagination results to JSON.

You may also convert a paginator instance to JSON by simply returning it from a route or controller action:

```
1 Route::get('users', function () {  
2     return App\User::paginate();  
3 });
```

The JSON from the paginator will include meta information such as `total`, `current_page`, `last_page`, and more. The actual result objects will be available via the `data` key in the JSON array. Here is an example of the JSON created by returning a paginator instance from a route:

Example Paginator JSON

```
1 {  
2     "total": 50,  
3     "per_page": 15,  
4     "current_page": 1,  
5     "last_page": 4,  
6     "next_page_url": "http://laravel.app?page=2",  
7     "prev_page_url": null,  
8     "from": 1,  
9     "to": 15,  
10    "data": [  
11        {  
12            // Result Object  
13        },  
14        {  
15            // Result Object  
16        }  
17    ]  
18 }
```

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Introduction

The Laravel queue service provides a unified API across a variety of different queue back-ends. Queues allow you to defer the processing of a time consuming task, such as sending an e-mail, until a later time which drastically speeds up web requests to your application.

Configuration

The queue configuration file is stored in `config/queue.php`. In this file you will find connection configurations for each of the queue drivers that are included with the framework, which includes a database, [Beanstalkd](#)¹⁹⁶, [Amazon SQS](#)¹⁹⁷, [Redis](#)¹⁹⁸, and synchronous (for local use) driver.

A null queue driver is also included which simply discards queued jobs.

Driver Prerequisites

Database

In order to use the database queue driver, you will need a database table to hold the jobs. To generate a migration that creates this table, run the `queue:table` Artisan command. Once the migration is created, you may migrate your database using the `migrate` command:

¹⁹⁶<http://kr.github.com/beanstalkd>

¹⁹⁷<http://aws.amazon.com/sqs>

¹⁹⁸<http://redis.io>


```
1  php artisan queue:table
2
3  php artisan migrate
```

Other Queue Dependencies

The following dependencies are needed for the listed queue drivers:

- Amazon SQS: `aws/aws-sdk-php ~3.0`
- Beanstalkd: `pda/pheanstalk ~3.0`
- Redis: `redis/redis ~1.0`

Writing Job Classes

Generating Job Classes

By default, all of the queueable jobs for your application are stored in the `app/Jobs` directory. You may generate a new queued job using the Artisan CLI:

```
1  php artisan make:job SendReminderEmail
```

This command will generate a new class in the `app/Jobs` directory, and the class will implement the `Illuminate\Contracts\Queue\ShouldQueue` interface, indicating to Laravel that the job should be pushed onto the queue instead of run synchronously.

Job Class Structure

Job classes are very simple, normally containing only a `handle` method which is called when the job is processed by the queue. To get started, let's take a look at an example job class:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Jobs;
4
5  use App\User;
6  use App\Jobs\Job;
7  use Illuminate\Contracts\Mail\Mailer;
8  use Illuminate\Queue\SerializesModels;
9  use Illuminate\Queue\InteractsWithQueue;
10 use Illuminate\Contracts\Queue\ShouldQueue;
11
12 class SendReminderEmail extends Job implements ShouldQueue
13 {
14     use InteractsWithQueue, SerializesModels;
15
16     protected $user;
17
18     /**
19      * Create a new job instance.
20      *
21      * @param User $user
22      * @return void
23      */
24     public function __construct(User $user)
25     {
26         $this->user = $user;
27     }
28
29     /**
30      * Execute the job.
31      *
32      * @param Mailer $mailer
33      * @return void
34      */
35     public function handle(Mailer $mailer)
36     {
37         $mailer->send('emails.reminder', ['user' => $this->user], function ($m) {
38             //
39         });
40
41         $this->user->reminders()->create(...);
42     }
43 }
```

In this example, note that we were able to pass an [Eloquent model](#) directly into the queued job's constructor. Because of the `SerializesModels` trait that the job is using, Eloquent models will be gracefully serialized and unserialized when the job is processing. If your queued job accepts an Eloquent model in its constructor, only the identifier for the model will be serialized onto the queue. When the job is actually handled, the queue system will automatically re-retrieve the full model instance from the database. It's all totally transparent to your application and prevents issues that can arise from serializing full Eloquent model instances.

The `handle` method is called when the job is processed by the queue. Note that we are able to type-hint dependencies on the `handle` method of the job. The Laravel [service container](#) automatically injects these dependencies.

When Things Go Wrong

If an exception is thrown while the job is being processed, it will automatically be released back onto the queue so it may be attempted again. The job will continue to be released until it has been attempted the maximum number of times allowed by your application. The number of maximum attempts is defined by the `--tries` switch used on the `queue:listen` or `queue:work` Artisan jobs. More information on running the queue listener [can be found below](#).

Manually Releasing Jobs

If you would like to release the job manually, the `InteractsWithQueue` trait, which is already included in your generated job class, provides access to the `queue job release` method. The `release` method accepts one argument: the number of seconds you wish to wait until the job is made available again:

```
1 public function handle(Mailer $mailer)
2 {
3     if (condition) {
4         $this->release(10);
5     }
6 }
```

Checking The Number Of Run Attempts

As noted above, if an exception occurs while the job is being processed, it will automatically be released back onto the queue. You may check the number of attempts that have been made to run the job using the `attempts` method:

```
1 public function handle(Mailer $mailer)
2 {
3     if ($this->attempts() > 3) {
4         //
5     }
6 }
```

Pushing Jobs Onto The Queue

The default Laravel controller located in `app/Http/Controllers/Controller.php` uses a `DispatchesJobs` trait. This trait provides several methods allowing you to conveniently push jobs onto the queue, such as the `dispatch` method:

```
1 <?php
2
3 namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5 use App\User;
6 use Illuminate\Http\Request;
7 use App\Jobs\SendReminderEmail;
8 use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
9
10 class UserController extends Controller
11 {
12     /**
13      * Send a reminder e-mail to a given user.
14      *
15      * @param Request $request
16      * @param int $id
17      * @return Response
18      */
19     public function sendReminderEmail(Request $request, $id)
20     {
21         $user = User::findOrFail($id);
22
23         $this->dispatch(new SendReminderEmail($user));
24     }
25 }
```

The DispatchesJobs Trait

Of course, sometimes you may wish to dispatch a job from somewhere in your application besides a route or controller. For that reason, you can include the `DispatchesJobs` trait on any of the classes in your application to gain access to its various dispatch methods. For example, here is a sample class that uses the trait:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Foundation\Bus\DispatchesJobs;
6
7  class ExampleClass
8  {
9      use DispatchesJobs;
10 }
```

The dispatch Function

Or, you may use the `dispatch` global function:

```
1  Route::get('/job', function () {
2      dispatch(new App\Jobs\PerformTask);
3
4      return 'Done!';
5  });
```

Specifying The Queue For A Job

You may also specify the queue a job should be sent to.

By pushing jobs to different queues, you may “categorize” your queued jobs, and even prioritize how many workers you assign to various queues. This does not push jobs to different queue “connections” as defined by your queue configuration file, but only to specific queues within a single connection. To specify the queue, use the `onQueue` method on the job instance. The `onQueue` method is provided by the `Illuminate\Bus\Queueable` trait, which is already included on the `App\Jobs\Job` base class:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use App\User;
6  use Illuminate\Http\Request;
7  use App\Jobs\SendReminderEmail;
8  use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
9
10 class UserController extends Controller
11 {
12     /**
13      * Send a reminder e-mail to a given user.
14      *
15      * @param Request $request
16      * @param int $id
17      * @return Response
18      */
19     public function sendReminderEmail(Request $request, $id)
20     {
21         $user = User::findOrFail($id);
22
23         $job = (new SendReminderEmail($user))->onQueue('emails');
24
25         $this->dispatch($job);
26     }
27 }
```



Note: The `DispatchesJobs` trait pushes jobs to queues within the default queue connection.

Specifying The Queue Connection For A Job

If you are working with multiple queue connections, you may specify which connection to push a job to. To specify the connection, use the `onConnection` method on the job instance. The `onConnection` method is provided by the `Illuminate\Bus\Queueable` trait, which is already included on the `App\Jobs\Job` base class:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use App\User;
6  use Illuminate\Http\Request;
7  use App\Jobs\SendReminderEmail;
8  use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
9
10 class UserController extends Controller
11 {
12     /**
13      * Send a reminder e-mail to a given user.
14      *
15      * @param Request $request
16      * @param int $id
17      * @return Response
18      */
19     public function sendReminderEmail(Request $request, $id)
20     {
21         $user = User::findOrFail($id);
22
23         $job = (new SendReminderEmail($user))->onConnection('alternate');
24
25         $this->dispatch($job);
26     }
27 }
```

Of course, you can also chain the `onConnection` and `onQueue` methods to specify the connection and the queue for a job:

```
1  public function sendReminderEmail(Request $request, $id)
2  {
3      $user = User::findOrFail($id);
4
5      $job = (new SendReminderEmail($user))
6              ->onConnection('alternate')
7              ->onQueue('emails');
8
9      $this->dispatch($job);
10 }
```

```
11 }
```

Delayed Jobs

Sometimes you may wish to delay the execution of a queued job. For instance, you may wish to queue a job that sends a customer a reminder e-mail 5 minutes after sign-up. You may accomplish this using the `delay` method on your job class, which is provided by the `Illuminate\Bus\Queueable` trait:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use App\User;
6  use Illuminate\Http\Request;
7  use App\Jobs\SendReminderEmail;
8  use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
9
10 class UserController extends Controller
11 {
12     /**
13      * Send a reminder e-mail to a given user.
14      *
15      * @param Request $request
16      * @param int $id
17      * @return Response
18      */
19     public function sendReminderEmail(Request $request, $id)
20     {
21         $user = User::findOrFail($id);
22
23         $job = (new SendReminderEmail($user))->delay(60 * 5);
24
25         $this->dispatch($job);
26     }
27 }
```

In this example, we're specifying that the job should be delayed in the queue for 5 minutes before being made available to workers.



Note: The Amazon SQS service has a maximum delay time of 15 minutes.

Job Events

Job Lifecycle Events

The `Queue::before` and `Queue::after` methods allow you to register a callback to be executed before a queued job is started or when it executes successfully. The callbacks are great opportunity to perform additional logging, queue a subsequent job, or increment statistics for a dashboard. For example, we may attach a callback to this event from the `AppServiceProvider` that is included with Laravel:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Providers;
4
5  use Queue;
6  use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
7  use Illuminate\Queue\Events\JobProcessed;
8
9  class AppServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
10 {
11     /**
12      * Bootstrap any application services.
13      *
14      * @return void
15      */
16     public function boot()
17     {
18         Queue::after(function (JobProcessed $event) {
19             // $event->connectionName
20             // $event->job
21             // $event->data
22         });
23     }
24
25     /**
26      * Register the service provider.
27      *
28      * @return void
29      */
```

```
30     public function register()  
31     {  
32         //  
33     }  
34 }
```

Running The Queue Listener

Starting The Queue Listener

Laravel includes an Artisan command that will run new jobs as they are pushed onto the queue. You may run the listener using the `queue:listen` command:

```
1  php artisan queue:listen
```

You may also specify which queue connection the listener should utilize:

```
1  php artisan queue:listen connection-name
```

Note that once this task has started, it will continue to run until it is manually stopped. You may use a process monitor such as [Supervisor](http://supervisord.org/)¹⁹⁹ to ensure that the queue listener does not stop running.

Queue Priorities

You may pass a comma-delimited list of queue connections to the `listen` job to set queue priorities:

```
1  php artisan queue:listen --queue=high,low
```

In this example, jobs on the high queue will always be processed before moving onto jobs from the low queue.

¹⁹⁹<http://supervisord.org/>

Specifying The Job Timeout Parameter

You may also set the length of time (in seconds) each job should be allowed to run:

```
1 php artisan queue:listen --timeout=60
```

Specifying Queue Sleep Duration

In addition, you may specify the number of seconds to wait before polling for new jobs:

```
1 php artisan queue:listen --sleep=5
```

Note that the queue only “sleeps” if no jobs are on the queue. If more jobs are available, the queue will continue to work them without sleeping.

Processing The First Job On The Queue

To process only the first job on the queue, you may use the `queue:work` command:

```
1 php artisan queue:work
```

Supervisor Configuration

Supervisor is a process monitor for the Linux operating system, and will automatically restart your `queue:listen` or `queue:work` commands if they fail. To install Supervisor on Ubuntu, you may use the following command:

```
1 sudo apt-get install supervisor
```

Supervisor configuration files are typically stored in the `/etc/supervisor/conf.d` directory. Within this directory, you may create any number of configuration files that instruct supervisor how your processes should be monitored. For example, let’s create a `laravel-worker.conf` file that starts and monitors a `queue:work` process:

```
1  [program:laravel-worker]
2  process_name=%(program_name)s_%(process_num)02d
3  command=php /home/forgelaravel.com/artisan queue:work sqs --sleep=3 --tries=3 --dae\
4  mon
5  autostart=true
6  autorestart=true
7  user=forge
8  numprocs=8
9  redirect_stderr=true
10 stdout_logfile=/home/forgelaravel.com/worker.log
```

In this example, the `numprocs` directive will instruct Supervisor to run 8 `queue:work` processes and monitor all of them, automatically restarting them if they fail. Of course, you should change the `queue:work sqs` portion of the command directive to reflect your chosen queue driver.

Once the configuration file has been created, you may update the Supervisor configuration and start the processes using the following commands:

```
1  sudo supervisorctl reread
2
3  sudo supervisorctl update
4
5  sudo supervisorctl start laravel-worker:*
```

For more information on configuring and using Supervisor, consult the [Supervisor documentation](http://supervisord.org/index.html)²⁰⁰. Alternatively, you may use [Laravel Forge](https://forge.laravel.com)²⁰¹ to automatically configure and manage your Supervisor configuration from a convenient web interface.

Daemon Queue Listener

The `queue:work` Artisan command includes a `--daemon` option for forcing the queue worker to continue processing jobs without ever re-booting the framework. This results in a significant reduction of CPU usage when compared to the `queue:listen` command:

To start a queue worker in daemon mode, use the `--daemon` flag:

²⁰⁰<http://supervisord.org/index.html>

²⁰¹<https://forge.laravel.com>

```
1 php artisan queue:work connection-name --daemon
2
3 php artisan queue:work connection-name --daemon --sleep=3
4
5 php artisan queue:work connection-name --daemon --sleep=3 --tries=3
```

As you can see, the `queue:work` job supports most of the same options available to `queue:listen`. You may use the `php artisan help queue:work job` to view all of the available options.

Coding Considerations For Daemon Queue Listeners

Daemon queue workers do not restart the framework before processing each job. Therefore, you should be careful to free any heavy resources before your job finishes. For example, if you are doing image manipulation with the GD library, you should free the memory with `imagedestroy` when you are done.

Deploying With Daemon Queue Listeners

Since daemon queue workers are long-lived processes, they will not pick up changes in your code without being restarted. So, the simplest way to deploy an application using daemon queue workers is to restart the workers during your deployment script. You may gracefully restart all of the workers by including the following command in your deployment script:

```
1 php artisan queue:restart
```

This command will gracefully instruct all queue workers to “die” after they finish processing their current job so that no existing jobs are lost. Remember, the queue workers will die when the `queue:restart` command is executed, so you should be running a process manager such as Supervisor which automatically restarts the queue workers.



Note: This command relies on the cache system to schedule the restart. By default, APCu does not work for CLI jobs. If you are using APCu, add `apc.enable_cli=1` to your APCu configuration.

Dealing With Failed Jobs

Since things don’t always go as planned, sometimes your queued jobs will fail. Don’t worry, it happens to the best of us! Laravel includes a convenient way to specify the maximum number

of times a job should be attempted. After a job has exceeded this amount of attempts, it will be inserted into a `failed_jobs` table. The name of the table can be configured via the `config/queue.php` configuration file.

To create a migration for the `failed_jobs` table, you may use the `queue:failed-table` command:

```
1 php artisan queue:failed-table
```

When running your [queue listener](#), you may specify the maximum number of times a job should be attempted using the `--tries` switch on the `queue:listen` command:

```
1 php artisan queue:listen connection-name --tries=3
```

Failed Job Events

If you would like to register an event that will be called when a queued job fails, you may use the `Queue::failing` method. This event is a great opportunity to notify your team via e-mail or [HipChat](#)²⁰². For example, we may attach a callback to this event from the `AppServiceProvider` that is included with Laravel:

```
1 <?php
2
3 namespace App\Providers;
4
5 use Queue;
6 use Illuminate\Queue\Events\JobFailed;
7 use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
8
9 class AppServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
10 {
11     /**
12      * Bootstrap any application services.
13      *
14      * @return void
15      */
16     public function boot()
17     {
```

²⁰²<https://www.hipchat.com>

```
18     Queue::failing(function (JobFailed $event) {
19         // $event->connectionName
20         // $event->job
21         // $event->data
22     });
23 }
24
25 /**
26  * Register the service provider.
27  *
28  * @return void
29  */
30 public function register()
31 {
32     //
33 }
34 }
```

Failed Method On Job Classes

For more granular control, you may define a failed method directly on a queue job class, allowing you to perform job specific actions when a failure occurs:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Jobs;
4
5  use App\Jobs\Job;
6  use Illuminate\Contracts\Mail\Mailer;
7  use Illuminate\Queue\SerializesModels;
8  use Illuminate\Queue\InteractsWithQueue;
9  use Illuminate\Contracts\Queue\ShouldQueue;
10
11 class SendReminderEmail extends Job implements ShouldQueue
12 {
13     use InteractsWithQueue, SerializesModels;
14
15     /**
16      * Execute the job.
17      *
18      * @param Mailer $mailer
```

```
19      * @return void
20      */
21      public function handle(Mailer $mailer)
22      {
23          //
24      }
25
26      /**
27       * Handle a job failure.
28       *
29       * @return void
30       */
31      public function failed()
32      {
33          // Called when the job is failing...
34      }
35  }
```

Retrying Failed Jobs

To view all of your failed jobs that have been inserted into your `failed_jobs` database table, you may use the `queue:failed` Artisan command:

```
1  php artisan queue:failed
```

The `queue:failed` command will list the job ID, connection, queue, and failure time. The job ID may be used to retry the failed job. For instance, to retry a failed job that has an ID of 5, the following command should be issued:

```
1  php artisan queue:retry 5
```

To retry all of your failed jobs, use `queue:retry` with `all` as the ID:

```
1  php artisan queue:retry all
```


If you would like to delete a failed job, you may use the `queue:forget` command:

```
1 php artisan queue:forget 5
```

To delete all of your failed jobs, you may use the `queue:flush` command:

```
1 php artisan queue:flush
```

Redis

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Introduction

[Redis](#)²⁰³ is an open source, advanced key-value store. It is often referred to as a data structure server since keys can contain [strings](#)²⁰⁴, [hashes](#)²⁰⁵, [lists](#)²⁰⁶, [sets](#)²⁰⁷, and [sorted sets](#)²⁰⁸. Before using Redis with Laravel, you will need to install the `redis/redis` package (~1.0) via Composer.

Configuration

The Redis configuration for your application is located in the `config/database.php` configuration file. Within this file, you will see a `redis` array containing the Redis servers used by your application:

```
1  'redis' => [  
2  
3      'cluster' => false,  
4  
5      'default' => [  
6          'host'      => '127.0.0.1',  
7          'port'      => 6379,  
8          'database' => 0,  
9      ],  
10  
11 ],
```

²⁰³<http://redis.io>

²⁰⁴<http://redis.io/topics/data-types#strings>

²⁰⁵<http://redis.io/topics/data-types#hashes>

²⁰⁶<http://redis.io/topics/data-types#lists>

²⁰⁷<http://redis.io/topics/data-types#sets>

²⁰⁸<http://redis.io/topics/data-types#sorted-sets>

The default server configuration should suffice for development. However, you are free to modify this array based on your environment. Simply give each Redis server a name, and specify the host and port used by the server.

The `cluster` option will tell the Laravel Redis client to perform client-side sharding across your Redis nodes, allowing you to pool nodes and create a large amount of available RAM. However, note that client-side sharding does not handle failover; therefore, is primarily suited for cached data that is available from another primary data store.

Additionally, you may define an `options` array value in your Redis connection definition, allowing you to specify a set of Predis [client options](#)²⁰⁹.

If your Redis server requires authentication, you may supply a password by adding a password configuration item to your Redis server configuration array.



Note: If you have the Redis PHP extension installed via PECL, you will need to rename the alias for Redis in your `config/app.php` file.

Basic Usage

You may interact with Redis by calling various methods on the Redis [facade](#). The Redis facade supports dynamic methods, meaning you may call any [Redis command](#)²¹⁰ on the facade and the command will be passed directly to Redis. In this example, we will call the `GET` command on Redis by calling the `get` method on the Redis facade:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use Redis;
6  use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
7
8  class UserController extends Controller
9  {
10     /**
11      * Show the profile for the given user.
12      *
13      * @param int $id
14      * @return Response
15      */
```

²⁰⁹<https://github.com/nrk/predis/wiki/Client-Options>

²¹⁰<http://redis.io/commands>

```
16     public function showProfile($id)
17     {
18         $user = Redis::get('user:profile:'.$id);
19
20         return view('user.profile', ['user' => $user]);
21     }
22 }
```

Of course, as mentioned above, you may call any of the Redis commands on the Redis facade. Laravel uses magic methods to pass the commands to the Redis server, so simply pass the arguments the Redis command expects:

```
1  Redis::set('name', 'Taylor');
2
3  $values = Redis::lrange('names', 5, 10);
```

Alternatively, you may also pass commands to the server using the `command` method, which accepts the name of the command as its first argument, and an array of values as its second argument:

```
1  $values = Redis::command('lrange', ['name', 5, 10]);
```

Using Multiple Redis Connections

You may get a Redis instance by calling the `Redis::connection` method:

```
1  $redis = Redis::connection();
```

This will give you an instance of the default Redis server. If you are not using server clustering, you may pass the server name to the `connection` method to get a specific server as defined in your Redis configuration:

```
1  $redis = Redis::connection('other');
```

Pipelining Commands

Pipelining should be used when you need to send many commands to the server in one operation. The `pipeline` method accepts one argument: a `Closure` that receives a `Redis` instance. You may issue all of your commands to this `Redis` instance and they will all be executed within a single operation:

```
1  Redis::pipeline(function ($pipe) {  
2      for ($i = 0; $i < 1000; $i++) {  
3          $pipe->set("key:$i", $i);  
4      }  
5  });
```

Pub / Sub

Laravel also provides a convenient interface to the Redis `publish` and `subscribe` commands. These Redis commands allow you to listen for messages on a given “channel”. You may publish messages to the channel from another application, or even using another programming language, allowing easy communication between applications / processes.

First, let’s setup a listener on a channel via Redis using the `subscribe` method. We will place this method call within an [Artisan command](#) since calling the `subscribe` method begins a long-running process:

```
1  <?php  
2  
3  namespace App\Console\Commands;  
4  
5  use Redis;  
6  use Illuminate\Console\Command;  
7  
8  class RedisSubscribe extends Command  
9  {  
10     /**  
11      * The name and signature of the console command.  
12      *  
13      * @var string  
14      */  
15     protected $signature = 'redis:subscribe';  
16  
17     /**
```

```
18      * The console command description.
19      *
20      * @var string
21      */
22      protected $description = 'Subscribe to a Redis channel';
23
24      /**
25       * Execute the console command.
26       *
27       * @return mixed
28       */
29      public function handle()
30      {
31          Redis::subscribe(['test-channel'], function($message) {
32              echo $message;
33          });
34      }
35  }
```

Now, we may publish messages to the channel using the publish method:

```
1  Route::get('publish', function () {
2      // Route logic...
3
4      Redis::publish('test-channel', json_encode(['foo' => 'bar']));
5  });
```

Wildcard Subscriptions

Using the `psubscribe` method, you may subscribe to a wildcard channel, which is useful for catching all messages on all channels. The `$channel` name will be passed as the second argument to the provided callback Closure:

```
1 Redis::psubscribe(['*'], function($message, $channel) {  
2     echo $message;  
3 });  
4  
5 Redis::psubscribe(['users.*'], function($message, $channel) {  
6     echo $message;  
7 });
```

Session

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Introduction

Since HTTP driven applications are stateless, sessions provide a way to store information about the user across requests. Laravel ships with a variety of session back-ends available for use through a clean, unified API. Support for popular back-ends such as [Memcached](#)²¹¹, [Redis](#)²¹², and databases is included out of the box.

Configuration

The session configuration file is stored at `config/session.php`. Be sure to review the well documented options available to you in this file. By default, Laravel is configured to use the `file` session driver, which will work well for many applications. In production applications, you may consider using the `memcached` or `redis` drivers for even faster session performance.

The session driver defines where session data will be stored for each request. Laravel ships with several great drivers out of the box:

<div class="content-list" markdown="1"> - `file` - sessions are stored in `storage/framework/sessions`. - `cookie` - sessions are stored in secure, encrypted cookies. - `database` - sessions are stored in a database used by your application. - `memcached` / `redis` - sessions are stored in one of these fast, cache based stores. - `array` - sessions are stored in a simple PHP array and will not be persisted across requests. </div>



Note: The array driver is typically used for running [tests](#) to prevent session data from persisting.

²¹¹<http://memcached.org>

²¹²<http://redis.io>

Driver Prerequisites

Database

When using the database session driver, you will need to setup a table to contain the session items. Below is an example Schema declaration for the table:

```
1 Schema::create('sessions', function ($table) {  
2     $table->string('id')->unique();  
3     $table->integer('user_id')->nullable();  
4     $table->string('ip_address', 45)->nullable();  
5     $table->text('user_agent')->nullable();  
6     $table->text('payload');  
7     $table->integer('last_activity');  
8 });
```

You may use the `session:table` Artisan command to generate this migration for you!

```
1 php artisan session:table  
2  
3 composer dump-autoload  
4  
5 php artisan migrate
```

Redis

Before using Redis sessions with Laravel, you will need to install the `redis/redis` package (~1.0) via Composer.

Other Session Considerations

The Laravel framework uses the `flash` session key internally, so you should not add an item to the session by that name.

If you need all stored session data to be encrypted, set the `encrypt` configuration option to `true`.

Basic Usage

Accessing The Session

First, let's access the session. We can access the session instance via the HTTP request, which can be type-hinted on a controller method. Remember, controller method dependencies are injected via the Laravel [service container](#):

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use Illuminate\Http\Request;
6  use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
7
8  class UserController extends Controller
9  {
10     /**
11      * Show the profile for the given user.
12      *
13      * @param Request $request
14      * @param int $id
15      * @return Response
16      */
17     public function showProfile(Request $request, $id)
18     {
19         $value = $request->session()->get('key');
20
21         //
22     }
23 }
```

When you retrieve a value from the session, you may also pass a default value as the second argument to the `get` method. This default value will be returned if the specified key does not exist in the session. If you pass a Closure as the default value to the `get` method, the Closure will be executed and its result returned:

```
1 $value = $request->session()->get('key', 'default');
2
3 $value = $request->session()->get('key', function() {
4     return 'default';
5 });
```

If you would like to retrieve all data from the session, you may use the `all` method:

```
1 $data = $request->session()->all();
```

You may also use the global session PHP function to retrieve and store data in the session:

```
1 Route::get('home', function () {
2     // Retrieve a piece of data from the session...
3     $value = session('key');
4
5     // Store a piece of data in the session...
6     session(['key' => 'value']);
7 });
```

Determining If An Item Exists In The Session

To determine if a value is present in the session, you may use the `has` method. The `has` method returns true if the value is present and is not null:

```
1 if ($request->session()->has('users')) {
2     //
3 }
```

To determine if a value is present in the session, regardless of its value, you may use the `exists` method. The `exists` method returns true if the value is present:

```
1 if ($request->session()->exists('users')) {  
2     //  
3 }
```

Storing Data In The Session

Once you have access to the session instance, you may call a variety of functions to interact with the underlying data. For example, the `put` method stores a new piece of data in the session:

```
1 $request->session()->put('key', 'value');
```

Pushing To Array Session Values

The `push` method may be used to push a new value onto a session value that is an array. For example, if the `user.teams` key contains an array of team names, you may push a new value onto the array like so:

```
1 $request->session()->push('user.teams', 'developers');
```

Retrieving And Deleting An Item

The `pull` method will retrieve and delete an item from the session:

```
1 $value = $request->session()->pull('key', 'default');
```

Deleting Items From The Session

The `forget` method will remove a piece of data from the session. If you would like to remove all data from the session, you may use the `flush` method:

```
1 $request->session()->forget('key');  
2  
3 $request->session()->flush();
```

Regenerating The Session ID

If you need to regenerate the session ID, you may use the `regenerate` method:

```
1 $request->session()->regenerate();
```

Flash Data

Sometimes you may wish to store items in the session only for the next request. You may do so using the `flash` method. Data stored in the session using this method will only be available during the subsequent HTTP request, and then will be deleted. Flash data is primarily useful for short-lived status messages:

```
1 $request->session()->flash('status', 'Task was successful!');
```

If you need to keep your flash data around for even more requests, you may use the `reflash` method, which will keep all of the flash data around for an additional request. If you only need to keep specific flash data around, you may use the `keep` method:

```
1 $request->session()->reflash();  
2  
3 $request->session()->keep(['username', 'email']);
```

Adding Custom Session Drivers

To add additional drivers to Laravel's session back-end, you may use the `extend` method on the Session [facade](#). You can call the `extend` method from the `boot` method of a [service provider](#):

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Providers;
4
5  use Session;
6  use App\Extensions\MongoSessionStore;
7  use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
8
9  class SessionServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
10 {
11     /**
12      * Perform post-registration booting of services.
13      *
14      * @return void
15      */
16     public function boot()
17     {
18         Session::extend('mongo', function($app) {
19             // Return implementation of SessionHandlerInterface...
20             return new MongoSessionStore;
21         });
22     }
23
24     /**
25      * Register bindings in the container.
26      *
27      * @return void
28      */
29     public function register()
30     {
31         //
32     }
33 }
```

Note that your custom session driver should implement the `SessionHandlerInterface`. This interface contains just a few simple methods we need to implement. A stubbed MongoDB implementation looks something like this:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Extensions;
4
5  class MongoHandler implements SessionHandlerInterface
6  {
7      public function open($savePath, $sessionName) {}
8      public function close() {}
9      public function read($sessionId) {}
10     public function write($sessionId, $data) {}
11     public function destroy($sessionId) {}
12     public function gc($lifetime) {}
13 }
```

Since these methods are not as readily understandable as the cache StoreInterface, let's quickly cover what each of the methods do:

<div class="content-list" markdown="1"> - The open method would typically be used in file based session store systems. Since Laravel ships with a file session driver, you will almost never need to put anything in this method. You can leave it as an empty stub. It is simply a fact of poor interface design (which we'll discuss later) that PHP requires us to implement this method. - The close method, like the open method, can also usually be disregarded. For most drivers, it is not needed. - The read method should return the string version of the session data associated with the given \$sessionId. There is no need to do any serialization or other encoding when retrieving or storing session data in your driver, as Laravel will perform the serialization for you. - The write method should write the given \$data string associated with the \$sessionId to some persistent storage system, such as MongoDB, Dynamo, etc. - The destroy method should remove the data associated with the \$sessionId from persistent storage. - The gc method should destroy all session data that is older than the given \$lifetime, which is a UNIX timestamp. For self-expiring systems like Memcached and Redis, this method may be left empty. </div>

Once the session driver has been registered, you may use the mongo driver in your config/session.php configuration file.

Envoy Task Runner

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Introduction

[Laravel Envoy](#)²¹³ provides a clean, minimal syntax for defining common tasks you run on your remote servers. Using a Blade style syntax, you can easily setup tasks for deployment, Artisan commands, and more. Currently, Envoy only supports the Mac and Linux operating systems.

Installation

First, install Envoy using the Composer global command:

```
1 composer global require "laravel/envoy=~1.0"
```

Make sure to place the `~/composer/vendor/bin` directory in your PATH so the envoy executable is found when you run the envoy command in your terminal.

Updating Envoy

You may also use Composer to keep your Envoy installation up to date:

```
1 composer global update
```

²¹³<https://github.com/laravel/envoy>

Writing Tasks

All of your Envoy tasks should be defined in an `Envoy.blade.php` file in the root of your project. Here's an example to get you started:

```
1 @servers(['web' => 'user@192.168.1.1'])
2
3 @task('foo', ['on' => 'web'])
4     ls -la
5 @endtask
```

As you can see, an array of `@servers` is defined at the top of the file, allowing you to reference these servers in the `on` option of your task declarations. Within your `@task` declarations, you should place the Bash code that will be run on your server when the task is executed.

Local Tasks

You can define a script to run locally by defining a server reference to the local host:

```
1 @servers(['localhost' => '127.0.0.1'])
```

Bootstrapping

Sometimes, you may need to execute some PHP code before evaluating your Envoy tasks. You may use the `@setup` directive to declare variables and do general PHP work inside the Envoy file:

```
1 @setup
2     $now = new DateTime();
3
4     $environment = isset($env) ? $env : "testing";
5 @endsetup
```

You may also use `@include` to include any outside PHP files:

```
1 @include('vendor/autoload.php')
```

Confirming Tasks

If you would like to be prompted for confirmation before running a given task on your servers, you may add the `confirm` directive to your task declaration:

```
1 @task('deploy', ['on' => 'web', 'confirm' => true])
2     cd site
3     git pull origin {{ $branch }}
4     php artisan migrate
5 @endtask
```

Task Variables

If needed, you may pass variables into the Envoy file using command line switches, allowing you to customize your tasks:

```
1 envoy run deploy --branch=master
```

You may use the options in your tasks via Blade's “echo” syntax:

```
1 @servers(['web' => '192.168.1.1'])
2
3 @task('deploy', ['on' => 'web'])
4     cd site
5     git pull origin {{ $branch }}
6     php artisan migrate
7 @endtask
```

Multiple Servers

You may easily run a task across multiple servers. First, add additional servers to your `@servers` declaration. Each server should be assigned a unique name. Once you have defined your additional

servers, simply list the servers in the task declaration's on array:

```
1 @servers(['web-1' => '192.168.1.1', 'web-2' => '192.168.1.2'])
2
3 @task('deploy', ['on' => ['web-1', 'web-2']])
4     cd site
5     git pull origin {{ $branch }}
6     php artisan migrate
7 @endtask
```

By default, the task will be executed on each server serially. Meaning, the task will finish running on the first server before proceeding to execute on the next server.

Parallel Execution

If you would like to run a task across multiple servers in parallel, add the `parallel` option to your task declaration:

```
1 @servers(['web-1' => '192.168.1.1', 'web-2' => '192.168.1.2'])
2
3 @task('deploy', ['on' => ['web-1', 'web-2'], 'parallel' => true])
4     cd site
5     git pull origin {{ $branch }}
6     php artisan migrate
7 @endtask
```

Task Macros

Macros allow you to define a set of tasks to be run in sequence using a single command. For instance, a `deploy` macro may run the `git` and `composer` tasks:

```
1 @servers(['web' => '192.168.1.1'])
2
3 @macro('deploy')
4     git
5     composer
6 @endmacro
7
8 @task('git')
9     git pull origin master
10 @endtask
11
12 @task('composer')
13     composer install
14 @endtask
```

Once the macro has been defined, you may run it via single, simple command:

```
1 envoy run deploy
```

Running Tasks

To run a task from your `Envoy.blade.php` file, execute Envoy's `run` command, passing the command the name of the task or macro you would like to execute. Envoy will run the task and display the output from the servers as the task is running:

```
1 envoy run task
```

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HipChat

After running a task, you may send a notification to your team's HipChat room using Envoy's `@hipchat` directive. The directive accepts an API token, the name of the room, and the username to be displayed as the sender of the message:

```

1  @servers(['web' => '192.168.1.1'])
2
3  @task('foo', ['on' => 'web'])
4      ls -la
5  @endtask
6
7  @after
8      @hipchat('token', 'room', 'Envoy')
9  @endafter

```

If you wish, you may also pass a custom message to send to the HipChat room. Any variables available to your Envoy tasks will also be available when constructing the message:

```

1  @after
2      @hipchat('token', 'room', 'Envoy', "$task ran in the $env environment.")
3  @endafter

```

Slack

In addition to HipChat, Envoy also supports sending notifications to [Slack](https://slack.com)²¹⁴. The `@slack` directive accepts a Slack hook URL, a channel name, and the message you wish to send to the channel:

```

1  @after
2      @slack('hook', 'channel', 'message')
3  @endafter

```

You may retrieve your webhook URL by creating an Incoming WebHooks integration on Slack's website. The `hook` argument should be the entire webhook URL provided by the Incoming Webhooks Slack Integration. For example:

```

1  https://hooks.slack.com/services/ZZZZZZZZ/YYYYYYYY/XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

```

You may provide one of the following as the channel argument:

²¹⁴<https://slack.com>

- To send the notification to a channel: #channel
- To send the notification to a user: @user

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Introduction

In the past, developers have generated a Cron entry for each task they need to schedule. However, this is a headache. Your task schedule is no longer in source control, and you must SSH into your server to add the Cron entries. The Laravel command scheduler allows you to fluently and expressively define your command schedule within Laravel itself, and only a single Cron entry is needed on your server.

Your task schedule is defined in the `app/Console/Kernel.php` file's `schedule` method. To help you get started, a simple example is included with the method. You are free to add as many scheduled tasks as you wish to the `Schedule` object.

Starting The Scheduler

Here is the only Cron entry you need to add to your server:

```
1 * * * * * php /path/to/artisan schedule:run >> /dev/null 2>&1
```

This Cron will call the Laravel command scheduler every minute. Then, Laravel evaluates your scheduled tasks and runs the tasks that are due.

Defining Schedules

You may define all of your scheduled tasks in the `schedule` method of the `App\Console\Kernel` class. To get started, let's look at an example of scheduling a task. In this example, we will schedule a `Closure` to be called every day at midnight. Within the `Closure` we will execute a database query to clear a table:

```

1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Console;
4
5  use DB;
6  use Illuminate\Console\Scheduling\Schedule;
7  use Illuminate\Foundation\Console\Kernel as ConsoleKernel;
8
9  class Kernel extends ConsoleKernel
10 {
11     /**
12      * The Artisan commands provided by your application.
13      *
14      * @var array
15      */
16     protected $commands = [
17         \App\Console\Commands\Inspire::class,
18     ];
19
20     /**
21      * Define the application's command schedule.
22      *
23      * @param  \Illuminate\Console\Scheduling\Schedule  $schedule
24      * @return void
25      */
26     protected function schedule(Schedule $schedule)
27     {
28         $schedule->call(function () {
29             DB::table('recent_users')->delete();
30         })->daily();
31     }
32 }

```

In addition to scheduling Closure calls, you may also schedule [Artisan commands](#) and operating system commands. For example, you may use the `command` method to schedule an Artisan command:

```

1  $schedule->command('emails:send --force')->daily();

```

The `exec` command may be used to issue a command to the operating system:


```
1 $schedule->exec('node /home/forge/script.js')->daily();
```

Schedule Frequency Options

Of course, there are a variety of schedules you may assign to your task:

Method | Description ———— | ———— ->cron('* * * * *'); | Run the task on a custom Cron schedule ->everyMinute(); | Run the task every minute ->everyFiveMinutes(); | Run the task every five minutes ->everyTenMinutes(); | Run the task every ten minutes ->everyThirtyMinutes(); | Run the task every thirty minutes ->hourly(); | Run the task every hour ->daily(); | Run the task every day at midnight ->dailyAt('13:00'); | Run the task every day at 13:00 ->twiceDaily(1, 13); | Run the task daily at 1:00 & 13:00 ->weekly(); | Run the task every week ->monthly(); | Run the task every month ->monthlyOn(4, '15:00'); | Run the task every month on the 4th at 15:00 ->quarterly(); | Run the task every quarter ->yearly(); | Run the task every year ->timezone('America/New_York'); | Set the timezone

These methods may be combined with additional constraints to create even more finely tuned schedules that only run on certain days of the week. For example, to schedule a command to run weekly on Monday:

```
1 // Run once per week on Monday at 1 PM...
2 $schedule->call(function () {
3     //
4 })->weekly()->mondays()->at('13:00');
5
6 // Run hourly from 8 AM to 5 PM on weekdays...
7 $schedule->command('foo')
8     ->weekdays()
9     ->hourly()
10    ->timezone('America/Chicago')
11    ->when(function () {
12        return date('H') >= 8 && date('H') <= 17;
13    });
```

Below is a list of the additional schedule constraints:

Method | Description ———— | ———— ->weekdays(); | Limit the task to weekdays ->sundays(); | Limit the task to Sunday ->mondays(); | Limit the task to Monday ->tuesdays(); | Limit the task to Tuesday ->wednesdays(); | Limit the task to Wednesday ->thursdays(); | Limit the task

to Thursday ->fridays(); | Limit the task to Friday ->saturdays(); | Limit the task to Saturday ->when(Closure); | Limit the task based on a truth test

Truth Test Constraints

The when method may be used to limit the execution of a task based on the result of a given truth test. In other words, if the given Closure returns true, the task will execute as long as no other constraining conditions prevent the task from running:

```
1 $schedule->command('emails:send')->daily()->when(function () {  
2     return true;  
3 });
```

The skip method may be seen as the inverse of when. If the skip method returns true, the scheduled task will not be executed:

```
1 $schedule->command('emails:send')->daily()->skip(function () {  
2     return true;  
3 });
```

When using chained when methods, the scheduled command will only execute if all when conditions return true.

Preventing Task Overlaps

By default, scheduled tasks will be run even if the previous instance of the task is still running. To prevent this, you may use the withoutOverlapping method:

```
1 $schedule->command('emails:send')->withoutOverlapping();
```

In this example, the emails:send Artisan command will be run every minute if it is not already running. The withoutOverlapping method is especially useful if you have tasks that vary drastically in their execution time, preventing you from predicting exactly how long a given task will take.

Task Output

The Laravel scheduler provides several convenient methods for working with the output generated by scheduled tasks. First, using the `sendOutputTo` method, you may send the output to a file for later inspection:

```
1 $schedule->command('emails:send')
2     ->daily()
3     ->sendOutputTo($filePath);
```

If you would like to append the output to a given file, you may use the `appendOutputTo` method:

```
1 $schedule->command('emails:send')
2     ->daily()
3     ->appendOutputTo($filePath);
```

Using the `emailOutputTo` method, you may e-mail the output to an e-mail address of your choice. Note that the output must first be sent to a file using the `sendOutputTo` method. Also, before e-mailing the output of a task, you should configure Laravel's [e-mail services](#):

```
1 $schedule->command('foo')
2     ->daily()
3     ->sendOutputTo($filePath)
4     ->emailOutputTo('foo@example.com');
```



Note: The `emailOutputTo` and `sendOutputTo` methods are exclusive to the `command` method and are not supported for `call`.

Task Hooks

Using the `before` and `after` methods, you may specify code to be executed before and after the scheduled task is complete:

```
1 $schedule->command('emails:send')
2     ->daily()
3     ->before(function () {
4         // Task is about to start...
5     })
6     ->after(function () {
7         // Task is complete...
8     });
```

Pinging URLs

Using the `pingBefore` and `thenPing` methods, the scheduler can automatically ping a given URL before or after a task is complete. This method is useful for notifying an external service, such as [Laravel Envoyer](https://envoyer.io)²¹⁵, that your scheduled task is commencing or complete:

```
1 $schedule->command('emails:send')
2     ->daily()
3     ->pingBefore($url)
4     ->thenPing($url);
```

Using either the `pingBefore($url)` or `thenPing($url)` feature requires the Guzzle HTTP library. You can add Guzzle to your project by adding the following line to your `composer.json` file:

```
1 "guzzlehttp/guzzle": "~5.3|~6.0"
```

²¹⁵<https://envoyer.io>

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Introduction

Laravel is built with testing in mind. In fact, support for testing with PHPUnit is included out of the box, and a `phpunit.xml` file is already setup for your application. The framework also ships with convenient helper methods allowing you to expressively test your applications.

An `ExampleTest.php` file is provided in the `tests` directory. After installing a new Laravel application, simply run `phpunit` on the command line to run your tests.

Test Environment

When running tests, Laravel will automatically set the configuration environment to `testing`. Laravel automatically configures the session and cache to the `array` driver while testing, meaning no session or cache data will be persisted while testing.

You are free to create other testing environment configurations as necessary. The testing environment variables may be configured in the `phpunit.xml` file, but make sure to clear your configuration cache using the `config:clear` Artisan command before running your tests!

Defining & Running Tests

To create a new test case, use the `make:test` Artisan command:

```
1 php artisan make:test UserTest
```

This command will place a new `UserTest` class within your `tests` directory. You may then define test methods as you normally would using PHPUnit. To run your tests, simply execute the `phpunit` command from your terminal:

```
1  <?php
2
3  use Illuminate\Foundation\Testing\WithoutMiddleware;
4  use Illuminate\Foundation\Testing\DatabaseMigrations;
5  use Illuminate\Foundation\Testing\DatabaseTransactions;
6
7  class UserTest extends TestCase
8  {
9      /**
10       * A basic test example.
11       *
12       * @return void
13       */
14     public function testExample()
15     {
16         $this->assertTrue(true);
17     }
18 }
```



Note: If you define your own `setUp` method within a test class, be sure to call `parent::setUp`.

Application Testing

Laravel provides a very fluent API for making HTTP requests to your application, examining the output, and even filling out forms. For example, take a look at the `ExampleTest.php` file included in your tests directory:

```
1  <?php
2
3  use Illuminate\Foundation\Testing\WithoutMiddleware;
4  use Illuminate\Foundation\Testing\DatabaseTransactions;
5
6  class ExampleTest extends TestCase
7  {
8      /**
9       * A basic functional test example.
10      *
```

```
11     * @return void
12     */
13     public function testBasicExample()
14     {
15         $this->visit('/')
16             ->see('Laravel 5')
17             ->dontSee('Rails');
18     }
19 }
```

The `visit` method makes a GET request into the application. The `see` method asserts that we should see the given text in the response returned by the application. The `dontSee` method asserts that the given text is not returned in the application response. This is the most basic application test available in Laravel.

Interacting With Your Application

Of course, you can do much more than simply assert that text appears in a given response. Let's take a look at some examples of clicking links and filling out forms:

Clicking Links

In this test, we will make a request to the application, “click” a link in the returned response, and then assert that we landed on a given URI. For example, let's assume there is a link in our response that has a text value of “About Us”:

```
1 <a href="/about-us">About Us</a>
```

Now, let's write a test that clicks the link and asserts the user lands on the correct page:

```
1 public function testBasicExample()
2 {
3     $this->visit('/')
4         ->click('About Us')
5         ->seePageIs('/about-us');
6 }
```

Working With Forms

Laravel also provides several methods for testing forms. The `type`, `select`, `check`, `attach`, and `press` methods allow you to interact with all of your form's inputs. For example, let's imagine this form exists on the application's registration page:

```

1  <form action="/register" method="POST">
2      {{ csrf_field() }}
3
4      <div>
5          Name: <input type="text" name="name">
6      </div>
7
8      <div>
9          <input type="checkbox" value="yes" name="terms"> Accept Terms
10     </div>
11
12     <div>
13         <input type="submit" value="Register">
14     </div>
15 </form>

```

We can write a test to complete this form and inspect the result:

```

1  public function testNewUserRegistration()
2  {
3      $this->visit('/register')
4          ->type('Taylor', 'name')
5          ->check('terms')
6          ->press('Register')
7          ->seePageIs('/dashboard');
8  }

```

Of course, if your form contains other inputs such as radio buttons or drop-down boxes, you may easily fill out those types of fields as well. Here is a list of each form manipulation method:

Method | Description ———— | ———— `$this->type($text, $elementName)` | “Type” text into a given field. `$this->select($value, $elementName)` | “Select” a radio button or drop-down field. `$this->check($elementName)` | “Check” a checkbox field. `$this->uncheck($elementName)` | “Uncheck” a checkbox field. `$this->attach($pathToFile, $elementName)` | “Attach” a file to the form. `$this->press($buttonTextOrElementName)` | “Press” a button with the given text or name.

Working With Attachments

If your form contains file input types, you may attach files to the form using the `attach` method:

```
1 public function testPhotoCanBeUploaded()
2 {
3     $this->visit('/upload')
4         ->type('File Name', 'name')
5         ->attach($absolutePathToFile, 'photo')
6         ->press('Upload')
7         ->see('Upload Successful!');
8 }
```

Testing JSON APIs

Laravel also provides several helpers for testing JSON APIs and their responses. For example, the `get`, `post`, `put`, `patch`, and `delete` methods may be used to issue requests with various HTTP verbs. You may also easily pass data and headers to these methods. To get started, let's write a test to make a POST request to `/user` and assert that a given array was returned in JSON format:

```
1 <?php
2
3 class ExampleTest extends TestCase
4 {
5     /**
6      * A basic functional test example.
7      *
8      * @return void
9      */
10    public function testBasicExample()
11    {
12        $this->json('POST', '/user', ['name' => 'Sally'])
13            ->seeJson([
14                'created' => true,
15            ]);
16    }
17 }
```

The `seeJson` method converts the given array into JSON, and then verifies that the JSON fragment

occurs **anywhere** within the entire JSON response returned by the application. So, if there are other properties in the JSON response, this test will still pass as long as the given fragment is present.

Verify Exact JSON Match

If you would like to verify that the given array is an **exact** match for the JSON returned by the application, you should use the `seeJsonEquals` method:

```
1  <?php
2
3  class ExampleTest extends TestCase
4  {
5      /**
6       * A basic functional test example.
7       *
8       * @return void
9       */
10     public function testBasicExample()
11     {
12         $this->json('POST', '/user', ['name' => 'Sally'])
13             ->seeJsonEquals([
14                 'created' => true,
15             ]);
16     }
17 }
```

Verify Structural JSON Match

It is also possible to verify that a JSON response adheres to a specific structure. For this, you should use the `seeJsonStructure` method and pass it a list of (nested) keys:

```
1  <?php
2
3  class ExampleTest extends TestCase
4  {
5      /**
6       * A basic functional test example.
7       *
8       * @return void
9       */
10     public function testBasicExample()
```

```

11     {
12         $this->get('/user/1')
13         ->seeJsonStructure([
14             'name',
15             'pet' => [
16                 'name', 'age'
17             ]
18         ]);
19     }
20 }

```

The above example illustrates an expectation of receiving a name and a nested pet object with its own name and age. `seeJsonStructure` will not fail if additional keys are present in the response. For example, the test would still pass if the pet had a weight attribute.

You may use the `*` to assert that the returned JSON structure has a list where each list item contains at least the attributes found in the set of values:

```

1  <?php
2
3  class ExampleTest extends TestCase
4  {
5      /**
6       * A basic functional test example.
7       *
8       * @return void
9       */
10     public function testBasicExample()
11     {
12         // Assert that each user in the list has at least an id, name and email \
13 attribute.
14         $this->get('/users')
15         ->seeJsonStructure([
16             '*' => [
17                 'id', 'name', 'email'
18             ]
19         ]);
20     }
21 }

```

You may also nest the `*` notation. In this case, we will assert that each user in the JSON response

contains a given set of attributes and that each pet on each user also contains a given set of attributes:

```
1  $this->get('/users')
2      ->seeJsonStructure([
3          '*' => [
4              'id', 'name', 'email', 'pets' => [
5                  '*' => [
6                      'name', 'age'
7                  ]
8              ]
9          ]
10     ]);
```

Sessions / Authentication

Laravel provides several helpers for working with the session during testing. First, you may set the session data to a given array using the `withSession` method. This is useful for loading the session with data before testing a request to your application:

```
1  <?php
2
3  class ExampleTest extends TestCase
4  {
5      public function testApplication()
6      {
7          $this->withSession(['foo' => 'bar'])
8              ->visit('/');
9      }
10 }
```

Of course, one common use of the session is for maintaining user state, such as the authenticated user. The `actingAs` helper method provides a simple way to authenticate a given user as the current user. For example, we may use a [model factory](#) to generate and authenticate a user:

```
1  <?php
2
3  class ExampleTest extends TestCase
4  {
5      public function testApplication()
6      {
7          $user = factory(App\User::class)->create();
8
9          $this->actingAs($user)
10             ->withSession(['foo' => 'bar'])
11             ->visit('/')
12             ->see('Hello, '.$user->name);
13     }
14 }
```

You may also specify which guard should be used to authenticate the given user by passing the guard name as the second argument to the `actingAs` method:

```
1  $this->actingAs($user, 'backend')
```

Disabling Middleware

When testing your application, you may find it convenient to disable [middleware](#) for some of your tests. This will allow you to test your routes and controller in isolation from any middleware concerns. Laravel includes a simple `WithoutMiddleware` trait that you can use to automatically disable all middleware for the test class:

```
1  <?php
2
3  use Illuminate\Foundation\Testing\WithoutMiddleware;
4  use Illuminate\Foundation\Testing\DatabaseTransactions;
5
6  class ExampleTest extends TestCase
7  {
8      use WithoutMiddleware;
9  }
```

```
10    //
11 }
```

If you would like to only disable middleware for a few test methods, you may call the `withoutMiddleware` method from within the test methods:

```
1  <?php
2
3  class ExampleTest extends TestCase
4  {
5      /**
6       * A basic functional test example.
7       *
8       * @return void
9       */
10     public function testBasicExample()
11     {
12         $this->withoutMiddleware();
13
14         $this->visit('/')
15             ->see('Laravel 5');
16     }
17 }
```

Custom HTTP Requests

If you would like to make a custom HTTP request into your application and get the full `Illuminate\Http\Response` object, you may use the `call` method:

```
1  public function testApplication()
2  {
3      $response = $this->call('GET', '/');
4
5      $this->assertEquals(200, $response->status());
6  }
```

If you are making POST, PUT, or PATCH requests you may pass an array of input data with the request. Of course, this data will be available in your routes and controller via the [Request instance](#):

```
1 $response = $this->call('POST', '/user', ['name' => 'Taylor']);
```

PHPUnit Assertions

Laravel provides several additional assertion methods for [PHPUnit](#)²¹⁶ tests:

Method | Description ———— | ———— ->assertResponseOk(); | Assert that the client response has an OK status code. ->assertResponseStatus(\$code); | Assert that the client response has a given code. ->assertViewHas(\$key, \$value = null); | Assert that the response view has a given piece of bound data. ->assertViewHasAll(array \$bindings); | Assert that the view has a given list of bound data. ->assertViewMissing(\$key); | Assert that the response view is missing a piece of bound data. ->assertRedirectedTo(\$uri, \$with = []); | Assert whether the client was redirected to a given URI. ->assertRedirectedToRoute(\$name, \$parameters = [], \$with = []); | Assert whether the client was redirected to a given route. ->assertRedirectedToAction(\$name, \$parameters = [], \$with = []); | Assert whether the client was redirected to a given action. ->assertSessionHas(\$key, \$value = null); | Assert that the session has a given value. ->assertSessionHasAll(array \$bindings); | Assert that the session has a given list of values. ->assertSessionHasErrors(\$bindings = [], \$format = null); | Assert that the session has errors bound. ->assertHasOldInput(); | Assert that the session has old input. ->assertSessionMissing(\$key); | Assert that the session is missing a given key.

Working With Databases

Laravel also provides a variety of helpful tools to make it easier to test your database driven applications. First, you may use the `seeInDatabase` helper to assert that data exists in the database matching a given set of criteria. For example, if we would like to verify that there is a record in the users table with the email value of `sally@example.com`, we can do the following:

```
1 public function testDatabase()
2 {
3     // Make call to application...
4
5     $this->seeInDatabase('users', ['email' => 'sally@example.com']);
```

²¹⁶<https://phpunit.de/>

```
6    }
```

Of course, the `seeInDatabase` method and other helpers like it are for convenience. You are free to use any of PHPUnit's built-in assertion methods to supplement your tests.

Resetting The Database After Each Test

It is often useful to reset your database after each test so that data from a previous test does not interfere with subsequent tests.

Using Migrations

One option is to rollback the database after each test and migrate it before the next test. Laravel provides a simple `DatabaseMigrations` trait that will automatically handle this for you. Simply use the trait on your test class:

```
1  <?php
2
3  use Illuminate\Foundation\Testing\WithoutMiddleware;
4  use Illuminate\Foundation\Testing\DatabaseMigrations;
5  use Illuminate\Foundation\Testing\DatabaseTransactions;
6
7  class ExampleTest extends TestCase
8  {
9      use DatabaseMigrations;
10
11      /**
12       * A basic functional test example.
13       *
14       * @return void
15       */
16      public function testBasicExample()
17      {
18          $this->visit('/')
19              ->see('Laravel 5');
20      }
21  }
```


Using Transactions

Another option is to wrap every test case in a database transaction. Again, Laravel provides a convenient DatabaseTransactions trait that will automatically handle this:

```
1  <?php
2
3  use Illuminate\Foundation\Testing\WithoutMiddleware;
4  use Illuminate\Foundation\Testing\DatabaseMigrations;
5  use Illuminate\Foundation\Testing\DatabaseTransactions;
6
7  class ExampleTest extends TestCase
8  {
9      use DatabaseTransactions;
10
11      /**
12       * A basic functional test example.
13       *
14       * @return void
15       */
16      public function testBasicExample()
17      {
18          $this->visit('/')
19              ->see('Laravel 5');
20      }
21  }
```



Note: This trait will only wrap the default database connection in a transaction.

Model Factories

When testing, it is common to need to insert a few records into your database before executing your test. Instead of manually specifying the value of each column when you create this test data, Laravel allows you to define a default set of attributes for each of your [Eloquent models](#) using “factories”. To get started, take a look at the database/factories/ModelFactory.php file in your application. Out of the box, this file contains one factory definition:

```
1 $factory->define(App\User::class, function (Faker\Generator $faker) {  
2     return [  
3         'name' => $faker->name,  
4         'email' => $faker->email,  
5         'password' => bcrypt(str_random(10)),  
6         'remember_token' => str_random(10),  
7     ];  
8 });
```

Within the Closure, which serves as the factory definition, you may return the default test values of all attributes on the model. The Closure will receive an instance of the [Faker²¹⁷](#) PHP library, which allows you to conveniently generate various kinds of random data for testing.

Of course, you are free to add your own additional factories to the `ModelFactory.php` file. You may also create additional factory files for each model for better organization. For example, you could create `UserFactory.php` and `CommentFactory.php` files within your `database/factories` directory.

Multiple Factory Types

Sometimes you may wish to have multiple factories for the same Eloquent model class. For example, perhaps you would like to have a factory for “Administrator” users in addition to normal users. You may define these factories using the `defineAs` method:

```
1 $factory->defineAs(App\User::class, 'admin', function ($faker) {  
2     return [  
3         'name' => $faker->name,  
4         'email' => $faker->email,  
5         'password' => str_random(10),  
6         'remember_token' => str_random(10),  
7         'admin' => true,  
8     ];  
9 });
```

Instead of duplicating all of the attributes from your base user factory, you may use the `raw` method to retrieve the base attributes. Once you have the attributes, simply supplement them with any additional values you require:

²¹⁷<https://github.com/fzaninotto/Faker>

```
1 $factory->defineAs(App\User::class, 'admin', function ($faker) use ($factory) {  
2     $user = $factory->raw(App\User::class);  
3  
4     return array_merge($user, ['admin' => true]);  
5 });
```

Using Factories In Tests

Once you have defined your factories, you may use them in your tests or database seed files to generate model instances using the global `factory` function. So, let's take a look at a few examples of creating models. First, we'll use the `make` method, which creates models but does not save them to the database:

```
1 public function testDatabase()  
2 {  
3     $user = factory(App\User::class)->make();  
4  
5     // Use model in tests...  
6 }
```

If you would like to override some of the default values of your models, you may pass an array of values to the `make` method. Only the specified values will be replaced while the rest of the values remain set to their default values as specified by the factory:

```
1 $user = factory(App\User::class)->make([  
2     'name' => 'Abigail',  
3     ]);
```

You may also create a Collection of many models or create models of a given type:

```
1 // Create three App\User instances...
2 $users = factory(App\User::class, 3)->make();
3
4 // Create an App\User "admin" instance...
5 $user = factory(App\User::class, 'admin')->make();
6
7 // Create three App\User "admin" instances...
8 $users = factory(App\User::class, 'admin', 3)->make();
```

Persisting Factory Models

The create method not only creates the model instances, but also saves them to the database using Eloquent's save method:

```
1 public function testDatabase()
2 {
3     $user = factory(App\User::class)->create();
4
5     // Use model in tests...
6 }
```

Again, you may override attributes on the model by passing an array to the create method:

```
1 $user = factory(App\User::class)->create([
2     'name' => 'Abigail',
3     ]);
```

Adding Relations To Models

You may even persist multiple models to the database. In this example, we'll even attach a relation to the created models. When using the create method to create multiple models, an Eloquent [collection instance](#) is returned, allowing you to use any of the convenient functions provided by the collection, such as each:

```

1  $users = factory(App\User::class, 3)
2      ->create()
3      ->each(function ($u) {
4          $u->posts()->save(factory(App\Post::class)->make());
5      });

```

Relations & Attribute Closures

You may also attach relationships to models using Closure attributes in your factory definitions. For example, if you would like to create a new User instance when creating a Post, you may do the following:

```

1  $factory->define(App\Post::class, function ($faker) {
2      return [
3          'title' => $faker->title,
4          'content' => $faker->paragraph,
5          'user_id' => function () {
6              return factory(App\User::class)->create()->id;
7          }
8      ];
9  });

```

These Closures also receive the evaluated attribute array of the factory that contains them:

```

1  $factory->define(App\Post::class, function ($faker) {
2      return [
3          'title' => $faker->title,
4          'content' => $faker->paragraph,
5          'user_id' => function () {
6              return factory(App\User::class)->create()->id;
7          },
8          'user_type' => function (array $post) {
9              return App\User::find($post['user_id']->type);
10         }
11     ];
12 });

```

Mocking

Mocking Events

If you are making heavy use of Laravel's event system, you may wish to silence or mock certain events while testing. For example, if you are testing user registration, you probably do not want all of a `UserRegistered` event's handlers firing, since these may send "welcome" e-mails, etc.

Laravel provides a convenient `expectsEvents` method that verifies the expected events are fired, but prevents any handlers for those events from running:

```
1  <?php
2
3  class ExampleTest extends TestCase
4  {
5      public function testUserRegistration()
6      {
7          $this->expectsEvents(App\Events\UserRegistered::class);
8
9          // Test user registration...
10     }
11 }
```

You may use the `doesntExpectEvents` method to verify that the given events are **not** fired:

```
1  <?php
2
3  class ExampleTest extends TestCase
4  {
5      public function testPodcastPurchase()
6      {
7          $this->expectsEvents(App\Events\PodcastWasPurchased::class);
8
9          $this->doesntExpectEvents(App\Events\PaymentWasDeclined::class);
10
11         // Test purchasing podcast...
12     }
13 }
```

If you would like to prevent all event handlers from running, you may use the `withoutEvents`

method:

```
1  <?php
2
3  class ExampleTest extends TestCase
4  {
5      public function testUserRegistration()
6      {
7          $this->withoutEvents();
8
9          // Test user registration code...
10     }
11 }
```

Mocking Jobs

Sometimes, you may wish to simply test that specific jobs are dispatched by your controllers when making requests to your application. This allows you to test your routes / controllers in isolation - set apart from your job's logic. Of course, you can then test the job itself in a separate test class.

Laravel provides a convenient `expectsJobs` method that will verify that the expected jobs are dispatched, but the job itself will not be executed:

```
1  <?php
2
3  class ExampleTest extends TestCase
4  {
5      public function testPurchasePodcast()
6      {
7          $this->expectsJobs(App\Jobs\PurchasePodcast::class);
8
9          // Test purchase podcast code...
10     }
11 }
```



Note: This method only detects jobs that are dispatched via the `DispatchesJobs` trait's dispatch methods or the dispatch helper function. It does not detect jobs that are sent directly to `Queue::push`.

Mocking Facades

When testing, you may often want to mock a call to a Laravel [facade](#). For example, consider the following controller action:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use Cache;
6
7  class UserController extends Controller
8  {
9      /**
10       * Show a list of all users of the application.
11       *
12       * @return Response
13       */
14     public function index()
15     {
16         $value = Cache::get('key');
17
18         //
19     }
20 }
```

We can mock the call to the Cache facade by using the `shouldReceive` method, which will return an instance of a [Mockery](#)²¹⁸ mock. Since facades are actually resolved and managed by the Laravel [service container](#), they have much more testability than a typical static class. For example, let's mock our call to the Cache facade:

```
1  <?php
2
3  class FooTest extends TestCase
4  {
5      public function testGetIndex()
6      {
7          Cache::shouldReceive('get')
8              ->once()
9              ->with('key')
```

²¹⁸<https://github.com/padraic/mockery>


```
10         ->andReturn('value');
11
12     $this->visit('/users')->see('value');
13 }
14 }
```



Note: You should not mock the Request facade. Instead, pass the input you desire into the HTTP helper methods such as `call` and `post` when running your test.

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Introduction

Laravel provides several different approaches to validate your application's incoming data. By default, Laravel's base controller class uses a `ValidatesRequests` trait which provides a convenient method to validate incoming HTTP request with a variety of powerful validation rules.

Validation Quickstart

To learn about Laravel's powerful validation features, let's look at a complete example of validating a form and displaying the error messages back to the user.

Defining The Routes

First, let's assume we have the following routes defined in our `app/Http/routes.php` file:

```
1 // Display a form to create a blog post...
2 Route::get('post/create', 'PostController@create');
3
4 // Store a new blog post...
5 Route::post('post', 'PostController@store');
```

Of course, the `GET` route will display a form for the user to create a new blog post, while the `POST` route will store the new blog post in the database.

Creating The Controller

Next, let's take a look at a simple controller that handles these routes. We'll leave the store method empty for now:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use Illuminate\Http\Request;
6  use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
7
8  class PostController extends Controller
9  {
10     /**
11      * Show the form to create a new blog post.
12      *
13      * @return Response
14      */
15     public function create()
16     {
17         return view('post.create');
18     }
19
20     /**
21      * Store a new blog post.
22      *
23      * @param Request $request
24      * @return Response
25      */
26     public function store(Request $request)
27     {
28         // Validate and store the blog post...
29     }
30 }
```

Writing The Validation Logic

Now we are ready to fill in our store method with the logic to validate the new blog post. If you examine your application's base controller (App\Http\Controllers\Controller) class, you will see that the class uses a ValidatesRequests trait. This trait provides a convenient validate method in all of your controllers.

The `validate` method accepts an incoming HTTP request and a set of validation rules. If the validation rules pass, your code will keep executing normally; however, if validation fails, an exception will be thrown and the proper error response will automatically be sent back to the user. In the case of a traditional HTTP request, a redirect response will be generated, while a JSON response will be sent for AJAX requests.

To get a better understanding of the `validate` method, let's jump back into the `store` method:

```
1  /**
2   * Store a new blog post.
3   *
4   * @param Request $request
5   * @return Response
6   */
7  public function store(Request $request)
8  {
9      $this->validate($request, [
10         'title' => 'required|unique:posts|max:255',
11         'body' => 'required',
12     ]);
13
14     // The blog post is valid, store in database...
15 }
```

As you can see, we simply pass the incoming HTTP request and desired validation rules into the `validate` method. Again, if the validation fails, the proper response will automatically be generated. If the validation passes, our controller will continue executing normally.

Stopping On First Validation Failure

Sometimes you may wish to stop running validation rules on an attribute after the first validation failure. To do so, assign the `bail` rule to the attribute:

```
1  $this->validate($request, [
2      'title' => 'bail|required|unique:posts|max:255',
3      'body' => 'required',
4  ]);
```

In this example, if the `required` rule on the `title` attribute fails, the `unique` rule will not be checked. Rules will be validated in the order they are assigned.

A Note On Nested Attributes

If your HTTP request contains “nested” parameters, you may specify them in your validation rules using “dot” syntax:

```
1 $this->validate($request, [  
2     'title' => 'required|unique:posts|max:255',  
3     'author.name' => 'required',  
4     'author.description' => 'required',  
5 ]);
```

Displaying The Validation Errors

So, what if the incoming request parameters do not pass the given validation rules? As mentioned previously, Laravel will automatically redirect the user back to their previous location. In addition, all of the validation errors will automatically be [flushed to the session](#).

Again, notice that we did not have to explicitly bind the error messages to the view in our GET route. This is because Laravel will check for errors in the session data, and automatically bind them to the view if they are available. The `$errors` variable will be an instance of `Illuminate\Support\MessageBag`. For more information on working with this object, [check out its documentation](#).



Note: The `$errors` variable is bound to the view by the `Illuminate\View\Middleware\ShareErrorsFromSession` middleware, which is provided by the web middleware group. **When this middleware is applied an `$errors` variable will always be available in your views**, allowing you to conveniently assume the `$errors` variable is always defined and can be safely used.

So, in our example, the user will be redirected to our controller’s create method when validation fails, allowing us to display the error messages in the view:

```
1 <!-- /resources/views/post/create.blade.php -->
2
3 <h1>Create Post</h1>
4
5 @if (count($errors) > 0)
6     <div class="alert alert-danger">
7         <ul>
8             @foreach ($errors->all() as $error)
9                 <li>{{ $error }}</li>
10            @endforeach
11        </ul>
12    </div>
13 @endif
14
15 <!-- Create Post Form -->
```

Customizing The Flashd Error Format

If you wish to customize the format of the validation errors that are flashed to the session when validation fails, override the `formatValidationErrors` on your base controller. Don't forget to import the `Illuminate\Contracts\Validation\Validator` class at the top of the file:

```
1 <?php
2
3 namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5 use Illuminate\Foundation\Bus\DispatchesJobs;
6 use Illuminate\Contracts\Validation\Validator;
7 use Illuminate\Routing\Controller as BaseController;
8 use Illuminate\Foundation\Validation\ValidatesRequests;
9
10 abstract class Controller extends BaseController
11 {
12     use DispatchesJobs, ValidatesRequests;
13
14     /**
15      * {@inheritdoc}
16      */
17     protected function formatValidationErrors(Validator $validator)
18     {
19         return $validator->errors()->all();
20     }
21 }
```

```
20     }  
21 }
```

AJAX Requests & Validation

In this example, we used a traditional form to send data to the application. However, many applications use AJAX requests. When using the `validate` method during an AJAX request, Laravel will not generate a redirect response. Instead, Laravel generates a JSON response containing all of the validation errors. This JSON response will be sent with a 422 HTTP status code.

Validating Arrays

Validating array form input fields doesn't have to be a pain. For example, to validate that each e-mail in a given array input field is unique, you may do the following:

```
1 $validator = Validator::make($request->all(), [  
2     'person.*.email' => 'email|unique:users',  
3     'person.*.first_name' => 'required_with:person.*.last_name',  
4 ]);
```

Likewise, you may use the `*` character when specifying your validation messages in your language files, making it a breeze to use a single validation message for array based fields:

```
1 'custom' => [  
2     'person.*.email' => [  
3         'unique' => 'Each person must have a unique e-mail address',  
4     ]  
5 ],
```

Other Validation Approaches

Manually Creating Validators

If you do not want to use the `ValidatesRequests` trait's `validate` method, you may create a validator instance manually using the `Validator` [facade](#). The `make` method on the facade generates a new validator instance:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use Validator;
6  use Illuminate\Http\Request;
7  use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
8
9  class PostController extends Controller
10 {
11     /**
12      * Store a new blog post.
13      *
14      * @param Request $request
15      * @return Response
16      */
17     public function store(Request $request)
18     {
19         $validator = Validator::make($request->all(), [
20             'title' => 'required|unique:posts|max:255',
21             'body' => 'required',
22         ]);
23
24         if ($validator->fails()) {
25             return redirect('post/create')
26                 ->withErrors($validator)
27                 ->withInput();
28         }
29
30         // Store the blog post...
31     }
32 }
```

The first argument passed to the `make` method is the data under validation. The second argument is the validation rules that should be applied to the data.

After checking if the request failed to pass validation, you may use the `withErrors` method to flash the error messages to the session. When using this method, the `$errors` variable will automatically be shared with your views after redirection, allowing you to easily display them back to the user. The `withErrors` method accepts a validator, a `MessageBag`, or a PHP array.

Named Error Bags

If you have multiple forms on a single page, you may wish to name the `MessageBag` of errors, allowing you to retrieve the error messages for a specific form. Simply pass a name as the second argument to `withErrors`:

```
1 return redirect('register')
2     ->withErrors($validator, 'login');
```

You may then access the named `MessageBag` instance from the `$errors` variable:

```
1 {{ $errors->login->first('email') }}
```

After Validation Hook

The validator also allows you to attach callbacks to be run after validation is completed. This allows you to easily perform further validation and even add more error messages to the message collection. To get started, use the `after` method on a validator instance:

```
1 $validator = Validator::make(...);
2
3 $validator->after(function($validator) {
4     if ($this->somethingElseIsInvalid()) {
5         $validator->errors()->add('field', 'Something is wrong with this field!');
6     };
7 }
8 });
9
10 if ($validator->fails()) {
11     //
12 }
```

Form Request Validation

For more complex validation scenarios, you may wish to create a “form request”. Form requests are custom request classes that contain validation logic. To create a form request class, use the `make:request` Artisan CLI command:

```
1 php artisan make:request StoreBlogPostRequest
```

The generated class will be placed in the `app/Http/Requests` directory. Let's add a few validation rules to the `rules` method:

```
1 /**
2  * Get the validation rules that apply to the request.
3  *
4  * @return array
5  */
6 public function rules()
7 {
8     return [
9         'title' => 'required|unique:posts|max:255',
10        'body' => 'required',
11    ];
12 }
```

So, how are the validation rules evaluated? All you need to do is type-hint the request on your controller method. The incoming form request is validated before the controller method is called, meaning you do not need to clutter your controller with any validation logic:

```
1 /**
2  * Store the incoming blog post.
3  *
4  * @param StoreBlogPostRequest $request
5  * @return Response
6  */
7 public function store(StoreBlogPostRequest $request)
8 {
9     // The incoming request is valid...
10 }
```

If validation fails, a redirect response will be generated to send the user back to their previous location. The errors will also be flashed to the session so they are available for display. If the request was an AJAX request, a HTTP response with a 422 status code will be returned to the user including a JSON representation of the validation errors.

Authorizing Form Requests

The form request class also contains an `authorize` method. Within this method, you may check if the authenticated user actually has the authority to update a given resource. For example, if a user is attempting to update a blog post comment, do they actually own that comment? For example:

```
1  /**
2   * Determine if the user is authorized to make this request.
3   *
4   * @return bool
5   */
6  public function authorize()
7  {
8      $commentId = $this->route('comment');
9
10     return Comment::where('id', $commentId)
11         ->where('user_id', Auth::id())->exists();
12 }
```

Note the call to the `route` method in the example above. This method grants you access to the URI parameters defined on the route being called, such as the `{comment}` parameter in the example below:

```
1  Route::post('comment/{comment}');
```

If the `authorize` method returns `false`, a HTTP response with a 403 status code will automatically be returned and your controller method will not execute.

If you plan to have authorization logic in another part of your application, simply return `true` from the `authorize` method:

```
1  /**
2   * Determine if the user is authorized to make this request.
3   *
4   * @return bool
5   */
6  public function authorize()
7  {
8      return true;
9  }
```

Customizing The Flashed Error Format

If you wish to customize the format of the validation errors that are flashed to the session when validation fails, override the `formatErrors` on your base request (`App\Http\Requests\Request`). Don't forget to import the `Illuminate\Contracts\Validation\Validator` class at the top of the file:

```
1  /**
2   * {@inheritdoc}
3   */
4  protected function formatErrors(Validator $validator)
5  {
6      return $validator->errors()->all();
7  }
```

Customizing The Error Messages

You may customize the error messages used by the form request by overriding the `messages` method. This method should return an array of attribute / rule pairs and their corresponding error messages:

```
1  /**
2   * Get the error messages for the defined validation rules.
3   *
4   * @return array
5   */
6  public function messages()
7  {
8      return [
9          'title.required' => 'A title is required',
10         'body.required'  => 'A message is required',
11     ];
12 }
```

Working With Error Messages

After calling the `errors` method on a `Validator` instance, you will receive an `Illuminate\Support\MessageBag` instance, which has a variety of convenient methods for working with error messages.

Retrieving The First Error Message For A Field

To retrieve the first error message for a given field, use the `first` method:

```
1 $messages = $validator->errors();
2
3 echo $messages->first('email');
```

Retrieving All Error Messages For A Field

If you wish to simply retrieve an array of all of the messages for a given field, use the `get` method:

```
1 foreach ($messages->get('email') as $message) {
2     //
3 }
```

Retrieving All Error Messages For All Fields

To retrieve an array of all messages for all fields, use the `all` method:

```
1 foreach ($messages->all() as $message) {
2     //
3 }
```

Determining If Messages Exist For A Field

```
1 if ($messages->has('email')) {
2     //
3 }
```

Retrieving An Error Message With A Format

```
1 echo $messages->first('email', '<p>:message</p>');
```

Retrieving All Error Messages With A Format

```
1 foreach ($messages->all('<li>:message</li>') as $message) {  
2     //  
3 }
```

Custom Error Messages

If needed, you may use custom error messages for validation instead of the defaults. There are several ways to specify custom messages. First, you may pass the custom messages as the third argument to the `Validator::make` method:

```
1 $messages = [  
2     'required' => 'The :attribute field is required.',  
3 ];  
4  
5 $validator = Validator::make($input, $rules, $messages);
```

In this example, the `:attribute` place-holder will be replaced by the actual name of the field under validation. You may also utilize other place-holders in validation messages. For example:

```
1 $messages = [  
2     'same'      => 'The :attribute and :other must match.',  
3     'size'      => 'The :attribute must be exactly :size.',  
4     'between'   => 'The :attribute must be between :min - :max.',  
5     'in'        => 'The :attribute must be one of the following types: :values',  
6 ];
```

Specifying A Custom Message For A Given Attribute

Sometimes you may wish to specify a custom error messages only for a specific field. You may do so using “dot” notation. Specify the attribute’s name first, followed by the rule:

```

1 $messages = [
2     'email.required' => 'We need to know your e-mail address!',
3 ];

```

Specifying Custom Messages In Language Files

In many cases, you may wish to specify your attribute specific custom messages in a language file instead of passing them directly to the Validator. To do so, add your messages to custom array in the `resources/lang/xx/validation.php` language file.

```

1 'custom' => [
2     'email' => [
3         'required' => 'We need to know your e-mail address!',
4     ],
5 ],

```

Available Validation Rules

Below is a list of all available validation rules and their function:

```

<style> A> .collection-method-list > p { A> column-count: 3; -moz-column-count: 3; -webkit-column-count: 3; A> column-gap: 2em; -moz-column-gap: 2em; -webkit-column-gap: 2em; A> } A>
A> .collection-method-list a { A> display: block; A> }

```

```

</style>

```

```

<div class="collection-method-list" markdown="1">

```

Accepted Active URL After (Date) Alpha Alpha Dash Alpha Numeric Array Before (Date) Between Boolean Confirmed Date Date Format Different Digits Digits Between Dimensions (Image Files) Distinct E-Mail Exists (Database) File Filled Image (File) In In Array Integer IP Address JSON Max MIME Types MIME Type By File Extension Min Nullable Not In Numeric Present Regular Expression Required Required If Required Unless Required Required With Required With All Required Without Required Without All Same Size String Timezone Unique (Database) URL

```

</div>

```

accepted

The field under validation must be *yes*, *on*, *1*, or *true*. This is useful for validating “Terms of Service” acceptance.

active_url

The field under validation must be a valid URL according to the `checkdnsrr` PHP function.

after:date

The field under validation must be a value after a given date. The dates will be passed into the `strtotime` PHP function:

```
1 'start_date' => 'required|date|after:tomorrow'
```

Instead of passing a date string to be evaluated by `strtotime`, you may specify another field to compare against the date:

```
1 'finish_date' => 'required|date|after:start_date'
```

alpha

The field under validation must be entirely alphabetic characters.

alpha_dash

The field under validation may have alpha-numeric characters, as well as dashes and underscores.

alpha_num

The field under validation must be entirely alpha-numeric characters.

array

The field under validation must be a PHP array.

before:date

The field under validation must be a value preceding the given date. The dates will be passed into the PHP `strtotime` function.

between:*min,max*

The field under validation must have a size between the given *min* and *max*. Strings, numerics, and files are evaluated in the same fashion as the [size](#) rule.

boolean

The field under validation must be able to be cast as a boolean. Accepted input are `true`, `false`, `1`, `0`, `"1"`, and `"0"`.

confirmed

The field under validation must have a matching field of `foo_confirmation`. For example, if the field under validation is `password`, a matching `password_confirmation` field must be present in the input.

date

The field under validation must be a valid date according to the `strtotime` PHP function.

date_format:*format*

The field under validation must match the given *format*. The format will be evaluated using the PHP `date_parse_from_format` function. You should use **either** `date` or `date_format` when validating a field, not both.

different:*field*

The field under validation must have a different value than *field*.

digits:*value*

The field under validation must be *numeric* and must have an exact length of *value*.

digits_between:*min,max*

The field under validation must have a length between the given *min* and *max*.

dimensions

The file under validation must be an image meeting the dimension constraints as specified by the rule's parameters:

```
1  'avatar' => 'dimensions:min_width=100,min_height=200'
```

Available constraints are: *min_width*, *max_width*, *min_height*, *max_height*, *width*, *height*, *ratio*.

distinct

When working with arrays, the field under validation must not have any duplicate values.

```
1  'foo.*.id' => 'distinct'
```

email

The field under validation must be formatted as an e-mail address.

exists:table,column

The field under validation must exist on a given database table.

Basic Usage Of Exists Rule

```
1  'state' => 'exists:states'
```

Specifying A Custom Column Name

```
1  'state' => 'exists:states,abbreviation'
```

You may also specify more conditions that will be added as “where” clauses to the query:

```
1  'email' => 'exists:staff,email,account_id,1'
```

These conditions may be negated using the ! sign:

```
1 'email' => 'exists:staff,email,role,!admin'
```

You may also pass NULL or NOT_NULL to the “where” clause:

```
1 'email' => 'exists:staff,email,deleted_at,NULL'
2
3 'email' => 'exists:staff,email,deleted_at,NOT_NULL'
```

Occasionally, you may need to specify a specific database connection to be used for the `exists` query. You can accomplish this by prepending the connection name to the table name using “dot” syntax:

```
1 'email' => 'exists:connection.staff,email'
```

file

The field under validation must be a successfully uploaded file.

filled

The field under validation must not be empty when it is present.

image

The file under validation must be an image (jpeg, png, bmp, gif, or svg)

in:foo,bar,...

The field under validation must be included in the given list of values.

in_array:anotherfield

The field under validation must exist in *anotherfield*’s values.

integer

The field under validation must be an integer.

ip

The field under validation must be an IP address.

json

The field under validation must be a valid JSON string.

max: *value*

The field under validation must be less than or equal to a maximum *value*. Strings, numerics, and files are evaluated in the same fashion as the [size](#) rule.

mimetypes: *text/plain*,...

The file under validation must match one of the given MIME types:

```
1 'video' => 'mimetypes:video/avi,video/mpeg,video/quicktime'
```

To determine the MIME type of the uploaded file, the file's contents will be read and the framework will attempt to guess the MIME type, which may be different from the client provided MIME type.

mimes: *foo,bar*,...

The file under validation must have a MIME type corresponding to one of the listed extensions.

Basic Usage Of MIME Rule

```
1 'photo' => 'mimes:jpeg,bmp,png'
```

Even though you only need to specify the extensions, this rule actually validates against the MIME type of the file by reading the file's contents and guessing its MIME type.

A full listing of MIME types and their corresponding extensions may be found at the following location: <http://svn.apache.org/repos/asf/httpd/httpd/trunk/docs/conf/mime.types>²¹⁹

min: *value*

The field under validation must have a minimum *value*. Strings, numerics, and files are evaluated in the same fashion as the [size](#) rule.

²¹⁹<http://svn.apache.org/repos/asf/httpd/httpd/trunk/docs/conf/mime.types>

nullable

The field under validation may be `null`. This is particularly useful when validating primitive such as strings and integers that can contain `null` values.

not_in:foo,bar,...

The field under validation must not be included in the given list of values.

numeric

The field under validation must be numeric.

present

The field under validation must be present in the input data but can be empty.

regex:pattern

The field under validation must match the given regular expression.

Note: When using the `regex` pattern, it may be necessary to specify rules in an array instead of using pipe delimiters, especially if the regular expression contains a pipe character.

required

The field under validation must be present in the input data and not empty. A field is considered “empty” if one of the following conditions are true:

- The value is `null`.
- The value is an empty string.
- The value is an empty array or empty `Countable` object.
- The value is an uploaded file with no path.

required_if:anotherfield,value,...

The field under validation must be present and not empty if the *anotherfield* field is equal to any *value*.

required_unless:anotherfield,value,...

The field under validation must be present and not empty unless the *anotherfield* field is equal to any *value*.

required_with:foo,bar,...

The field under validation must be present and not empty *only if* any of the other specified fields are present.

required_with_all:foo,bar,...

The field under validation must be present and not empty *only if* all of the other specified fields are present.

required_without:foo,bar,...

The field under validation must be present and not empty *only when* any of the other specified fields are not present.

required_without_all:foo,bar,...

The field under validation must be present and not empty *only when* all of the other specified fields are not present.

same:field

The given *field* must match the field under validation.

size:value

The field under validation must have a size matching the given *value*. For string data, *value* corresponds to the number of characters. For numeric data, *value* corresponds to a given integer value. For an array, *size* corresponds to the count of the array. For files, *size* corresponds to the file size in kilobytes.

string

The field under validation must be a string. If you would like to allow the field to also be `null`, you should assign the `nullable` rule to the field.

timezone

The field under validation must be a valid timezone identifier according to the `timezone_identifiers_list` PHP function.

unique:table,column,except,idColumn

The field under validation must be unique on a given database table. If the `column` option is not specified, the field name will be used.

Specifying A Custom Column Name:

```
1 'email' => 'unique:users,email_address'
```

Custom Database Connection

Occasionally, you may need to set a custom connection for database queries made by the Validator. As seen above, setting `unique:users` as a validation rule will use the default database connection to query the database. To override this, specify the connection followed by the table name using “dot” syntax:

```
1 'email' => 'unique:connection.users,email_address'
```

Forcing A Unique Rule To Ignore A Given ID:

Sometimes, you may wish to ignore a given ID during the unique check. For example, consider an “update profile” screen that includes the user’s name, e-mail address, and location. Of course, you will want to verify that the e-mail address is unique. However, if the user only changes the name field and not the e-mail field, you do not want a validation error to be thrown because the user is already the owner of the e-mail address. You only want to throw a validation error if the user provides an e-mail address that is already used by a different user. To tell the unique rule to ignore the user’s ID, you may pass the ID as the third parameter:

```
1 'email' => 'unique:users,email_address, '.$user->id
```

If your table uses a primary key column name other than `id`, you may specify it as the fourth parameter:

```
1 'email' => 'unique:users,email_address, '.$user->id.',user_id'
```

Adding Additional Where Clauses:

You may also specify more conditions that will be added as “where” clauses to the query:

```
1 'email' => 'unique:users,email_address,NULL,id,account_id,1'
```

In the rule above, only rows with an `account_id` of 1 would be included in the unique check.

url

The field under validation must be a valid URL.

Conditionally Adding Rules

In some situations, you may wish to run validation checks against a field **only** if that field is present in the input array. To quickly accomplish this, add the `sometimes` rule to your rule list:

```
1 $v = Validator::make($data, [  
2     'email' => 'sometimes|required|email',  
3 ]);
```

In the example above, the `email` field will only be validated if it is present in the `$data` array.

Complex Conditional Validation

Sometimes you may wish to add validation rules based on more complex conditional logic. For example, you may wish to require a given field only if another field has a greater value than 100. Or, you may need two fields to have a given value only when another field is present. Adding these validation rules doesn't have to be a pain. First, create a `Validator` instance with your *static rules* that never change:

```
1 $v = Validator::make($data, [  
2     'email' => 'required|email',  
3     'games' => 'required|numeric',  
4 ]);
```

Let's assume our web application is for game collectors. If a game collector registers with our application and they own more than 100 games, we want them to explain why they own so many

games. For example, perhaps they run a game re-sell shop, or maybe they just enjoy collecting. To conditionally add this requirement, we can use the `sometimes` method on the `Validator` instance.

```
1 $v->sometimes('reason', 'required|max:500', function($input) {  
2     return $input->games >= 100;  
3 });
```

The first argument passed to the `sometimes` method is the name of the field we are conditionally validating. The second argument is the rules we want to add. If the Closure passed as the third argument returns `true`, the rules will be added. This method makes it a breeze to build complex conditional validations. You may even add conditional validations for several fields at once:

```
1 $v->sometimes(['reason', 'cost'], 'required', function($input) {  
2     return $input->games >= 100;  
3 });
```



Note: The `$input` parameter passed to your Closure will be an instance of `Illuminate\Support\Fluent` and may be used to access your input and files.

Custom Validation Rules

Laravel provides a variety of helpful validation rules; however, you may wish to specify some of your own. One method of registering custom validation rules is using the `extend` method on the `Validator` facade. Let's use this method within a [service provider](#) to register a custom validation rule:

```
1 <?php  
2  
3 namespace App\Providers;  
4  
5 use Validator;  
6 use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;  
7  
8 class AppServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider  
9 {  
10     /**
```

```
11      * Bootstrap any application services.
12      *
13      * @return void
14      */
15      public function boot()
16      {
17          Validator::extend('foo', function($attribute, $value, $parameters, $valid\
18 dator) {
19              return $value == 'foo';
20          });
21      }
22
23      /**
24       * Register the service provider.
25       *
26       * @return void
27       */
28      public function register()
29      {
30          //
31      }
32  }
```

The custom validator Closure receives four arguments: the name of the `$attribute` being validated, the `$value` of the attribute, an array of `$parameters` passed to the rule, and the `Validator` instance.

You may also pass a class and method to the `extend` method instead of a Closure:

```
1 Validator::extend('foo', 'FooValidator@validate');
```

Defining The Error Message

You will also need to define an error message for your custom rule. You can do so either using an inline custom message array or by adding an entry in the validation language file. This message should be placed in the first level of the array, not within the `custom` array, which is only for attribute-specific error messages:

```
1 "foo" => "Your input was invalid!",
2
3 "accepted" => "The :attribute must be accepted.",
4
5 // The rest of the validation error messages...
```

When creating a custom validation rule, you may sometimes need to define custom place-holder replacements for error messages. You may do so by creating a custom Validator as described above then making a call to the `replacer` method on the Validator facade. You may do this within the `boot` method of a [service provider](#):

```
1 /**
2  * Bootstrap any application services.
3  *
4  * @return void
5  */
6 public function boot()
7 {
8     Validator::extend(...);
9
10    Validator::replacer('foo', function($message, $attribute, $rule, $parameters\
11 ) {
12        return str_replace(...);
13    });
14 }
```

Implicit Extensions

By default, when an attribute being validated is not present or contains an empty value as defined by the [required](#) rule, normal validation rules, including custom extensions, are not run. For example, the [unique](#) rule will not be run against a `null` value:

```
1 $rules = ['name' => 'unique'];
2
3 $input = ['name' => null];
4
```

```
5 Validator::make($input, $rules)->passes(); // true
```

For a rule to run even when an attribute is empty, the rule must imply that the attribute is required. To create such an “implicit” extension, use the `Validator::extendImplicit()` method:

```
1 Validator::extendImplicit('foo', function($attribute, $value, $parameters, $valid\
2 dator) {
3     return $value == 'foo';
4 });
```



Note: An “implicit” extension only *implies* that the attribute is required. Whether it actually invalidates a missing or empty attribute is up to you.

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Introduction

Laravel makes connecting with databases and running queries extremely simple across a variety of database back-ends using either raw SQL, the [fluent query builder](#), and the [Eloquent ORM](#). Currently, Laravel supports four database systems:

- MySQL
- Postgres
- SQLite
- SQL Server

Configuration

Laravel makes connecting with databases and running queries extremely simple. The database configuration for your application is located at `config/database.php`. In this file you may define all of your database connections, as well as specify which connection should be used by default. Examples for all of the supported database systems are provided in this file.

By default, Laravel's sample [environment configuration](#) is ready to use with [Laravel Homestead](#), which is a convenient virtual machine for doing Laravel development on your local machine. Of course, you are free to modify this configuration as needed for your local database.

SQLite Configuration

After creating a new SQLite database using a command such as `touch database/database.sqlite`, you can easily configure your environment variables to point to this newly created database by using the database's absolute path:

```
1 DB_CONNECTION=sqlite
2 DB_DATABASE=/absolute/path/to/database.sqlite
```

SQL Server Configuration

Laravel supports SQL Server out of the box; however, you will need to add the connection configuration for the database:

```
1 'sqlsrv' => [
2     'driver' => 'sqlsrv',
3     'host' => env('DB_HOST', 'localhost'),
4     'database' => env('DB_DATABASE', 'forge'),
5     'username' => env('DB_USERNAME', 'forge'),
6     'password' => env('DB_PASSWORD', ''),
7     'charset' => 'utf8',
8     'prefix' => '',
9 ],
```

Read / Write Connections

Sometimes you may wish to use one database connection for SELECT statements, and another for INSERT, UPDATE, and DELETE statements. Laravel makes this a breeze, and the proper connections will always be used whether you are using raw queries, the query builder, or the Eloquent ORM.

To see how read / write connections should be configured, let's look at this example:

```
1 'mysql' => [
2     'read' => [
3         'host' => '192.168.1.1',
4     ],
5     'write' => [
6         'host' => '196.168.1.2'
7     ],
8     'driver' => 'mysql',
9     'database' => 'database',
10    'username' => 'root',
11    'password' => '',
12    'charset' => 'utf8',
```

```

13     'collation' => 'utf8_unicode_ci',
14     'prefix'    => '',
15 ],

```

Note that two keys have been added to the configuration array: `read` and `write`. Both of these keys have array values containing a single key: `host`. The rest of the database options for the `read` and `write` connections will be merged from the main `mysql` array.

So, we only need to place items in the `read` and `write` arrays if we wish to override the values in the main array. So, in this case, `192.168.1.1` will be used as the “read” connection, while `192.168.1.2` will be used as the “write” connection. The database credentials, prefix, character set, and all other options in the main `mysql` array will be shared across both connections.

Running Raw SQL Queries

Once you have configured your database connection, you may run queries using the DB facade. The DB facade provides methods for each type of query: `select`, `update`, `insert`, `delete`, and `statement`.

Running A Select Query

To run a basic query, we can use the `select` method on the DB facade:

```

1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use DB;
6  use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
7
8  class UserController extends Controller
9  {
10     /**
11      * Show a list of all of the application's users.
12      *
13      * @return Response
14      */
15     public function index()
16     {
17         $users = DB::select('select * from users where active = ?', [1]);
18
19         return view('user.index', ['users' => $users]);

```

```
20     }  
21 }
```

The first argument passed to the `select` method is the raw SQL query, while the second argument is any parameter bindings that need to be bound to the query. Typically, these are the values of the `where` clause constraints. Parameter binding provides protection against SQL injection.

The `select` method will always return an array of results. Each result within the array will be a PHP `stdClass` object, allowing you to access the values of the results:

```
1 foreach ($users as $user) {  
2     echo $user->name;  
3 }
```

Using Named Bindings

Instead of using `?` to represent your parameter bindings, you may execute a query using named bindings:

```
1 $results = DB::select('select * from users where id = :id', ['id' => 1]);
```

Running An Insert Statement

To execute an insert statement, you may use the `insert` method on the DB facade. Like `select`, this method takes the raw SQL query as its first argument, and bindings as the second argument:

```
1 DB::insert('insert into users (id, name) values (?, ?)', [1, 'Dayle']);
```

Running An Update Statement

The `update` method should be used to update existing records in the database. The number of rows affected by the statement will be returned by the method:


```
1 $affected = DB::update('update users set votes = 100 where name = ?', ['John']);
```

Running A Delete Statement

The delete method should be used to delete records from the database. Like update, the number of rows deleted will be returned:

```
1 $deleted = DB::delete('delete from users');
```

Running A General Statement

Some database statements should not return any value. For these types of operations, you may use the statement method on the DB facade:

```
1 DB::statement('drop table users');
```

Listening For Query Events

If you would like to receive each SQL query executed by your application, you may use the listen method. This method is useful for logging queries or debugging. You may register your query listener in a [service provider](#):

```
1 <?php
2
3 namespace App\Providers;
4
5 use DB;
6 use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
7
8 class AppServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
9 {
10     /**
11      * Bootstrap any application services.
12      *
13      * @return void
```

```
14      */
15      public function boot()
16      {
17          DB::listen(function ($query) {
18              // $query->sql
19              // $query->bindings
20              // $query->time
21          });
22      }
23
24      /**
25       * Register the service provider.
26       *
27       * @return void
28       */
29      public function register()
30      {
31          //
32      }
33  }
```

Database Transactions

To run a set of operations within a database transaction, you may use the `transaction` method on the DB facade. If an exception is thrown within the transaction Closure, the transaction will automatically be rolled back. If the Closure executes successfully, the transaction will automatically be committed. You don't need to worry about manually rolling back or committing while using the `transaction` method:

```
1  DB::transaction(function () {
2      DB::table('users')->update(['votes' => 1]);
3
4      DB::table('posts')->delete();
5  });
```

Manually Using Transactions

If you would like to begin a transaction manually and have complete control over rollbacks and commits, you may use the `beginTransaction` method on the DB facade:

```
1 DB::beginTransaction();
```

You can rollback the transaction via the `rollBack` method:

```
1 DB::rollBack();
```

Lastly, you can commit a transaction via the `commit` method:

```
1 DB::commit();
```



Note: Using the DB facade's transaction methods also controls transactions for the [query builder](#) and [Eloquent ORM](#).

Using Multiple Database Connections

When using multiple connections, you may access each connection via the `connection` method on the DB facade. The name passed to the `connection` method should correspond to one of the connections listed in your `config/database.php` configuration file:

```
1 $users = DB::connection('foo')->select(...);
```

You may also access the raw, underlying PDO instance using the `getPdo` method on a connection instance:

```
1 $pdo = DB::connection()->getPdo();
```

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Introduction

The database query builder provides a convenient, fluent interface to creating and running database queries. It can be used to perform most database operations in your application, and works on all supported database systems.



Note: The Laravel query builder uses PDO parameter binding to protect your application against SQL injection attacks. There is no need to clean strings being passed as bindings.

Retrieving Results

Retrieving All Rows From A Table

To begin a fluent query, use the `table` method on the DB facade. The `table` method returns a fluent query builder instance for the given table, allowing you to chain more constraints onto the query and then finally get the results. In this example, let's just get all records from a table:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use DB;
6  use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
7
8  class UserController extends Controller
9  {
10     /**
11      * Show a list of all of the application's users.
12      *
13      * @return Response
14      */
15     public function index()
16     {
17         $users = DB::table('users')->get();
18
19         return view('user.index', ['users' => $users]);
20     }
21 }
```

Like [raw queries](#), the `get` method returns an `Illuminate\Support\Collection` containing the results where each result is an instance of the PHP `stdClass` object. You may access each column's value by accessing the column as a property of the object:

```
1  foreach ($users as $user) {
2      echo $user->name;
3  }
```

Retrieving A Single Row / Column From A Table

If you just need to retrieve a single row from the database table, you may use the first method. This method will return a single `stdClass` object:

```
1 $user = DB::table('users')->where('name', 'John')->first();
2
3 echo $user->name;
```

If you don't even need an entire row, you may extract a single value from a record using the `value` method. This method will return the value of the column directly:

```
1 $email = DB::table('users')->where('name', 'John')->value('email');
```

Chunking Results From A Table

If you need to work with thousands of database records, consider using the `chunk` method. This method retrieves a small “chunk” of the results at a time, and feeds each chunk into a `Closure` for processing. This method is very useful for writing [Artisan commands](#) that process thousands of records. For example, let's work with the entire `users` table in chunks of 100 records at a time:

```
1 DB::table('users')->orderBy('id')->chunk(100, function($users) {
2     foreach ($users as $user) {
3         //
4     }
5 });
```

You may stop further chunks from being processed by returning `false` from the `Closure`:

```
1 DB::table('users')->orderBy('id')->chunk(100, function($users) {
2     // Process the records...
3
4     return false;
5 });
```

Retrieving A List Of Column Values

If you would like to retrieve an array containing the values of a single column, you may use the `pluck` method. In this example, we'll retrieve an array of role titles:

```
1 $titles = DB::table('roles')->pluck('title');
2
3 foreach ($titles as $title) {
4     echo $title;
5 }
```

You may also specify a custom key column for the returned array:

```
1 $roles = DB::table('roles')->pluck('title', 'name');
2
3 foreach ($roles as $name => $title) {
4     echo $title;
5 }
```

Aggregates

The query builder also provides a variety of aggregate methods, such as count, max, min, avg, and sum. You may call any of these methods after constructing your query:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')->count();
2
3 $price = DB::table('orders')->max('price');
```

Of course, you may combine these methods with other clauses to build your query:

```
1 $price = DB::table('orders')
2     ->where('finalized', 1)
3     ->avg('price');
```

Selects

Specifying A Select Clause

Of course, you may not always want to select all columns from a database table. Using the `select` method, you can specify a custom select clause for the query:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')->select('name', 'email as user_email')->get();
```

The `distinct` method allows you to force the query to return distinct results:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')->distinct()->get();
```

If you already have a query builder instance and you wish to add a column to its existing select clause, you may use the `addSelect` method:

```
1 $query = DB::table('users')->select('name');  
2  
3 $users = $query->addSelect('age')->get();
```

Raw Expressions

Sometimes you may need to use a raw expression in a query. These expressions will be injected into the query as strings, so be careful not to create any SQL injection points! To create a raw expression, you may use the `DB::raw` method:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')  
2         ->select(DB::raw('count(*) as user_count, status'))  
3         ->where('status', '<>', 1)  
4         ->groupBy('status')  
5         ->get();
```


Joins

Inner Join Statement

The query builder may also be used to write join statements. To perform a basic SQL “inner join”, you may use the `join` method on a query builder instance. The first argument passed to the `join` method is the name of the table you need to join to, while the remaining arguments specify the column constraints for the join. Of course, as you can see, you can join to multiple tables in a single query:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')
2         ->join('contacts', 'users.id', '=', 'contacts.user_id')
3         ->join('orders', 'users.id', '=', 'orders.user_id')
4         ->select('users.*', 'contacts.phone', 'orders.price')
5         ->get();
```

Left Join Statement

If you would like to perform a “left join” instead of an “inner join”, use the `leftJoin` method. The `leftJoin` method has the same signature as the `join` method:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')
2         ->leftJoin('posts', 'users.id', '=', 'posts.user_id')
3         ->get();
```

Cross Join Statement

To perform a “cross join” use the `crossJoin` method with the name of the table you wish to cross join to. Cross joins generate a cartesian product between the first table and the joined table:

```
1 $users = DB::table('sizes')
2         ->crossJoin('colours')
3         ->get();
```

Advanced Join Statements

You may also specify more advanced join clauses. To get started, pass a Closure as the second argument into the join method. The Closure will receive a JoinClause object which allows you to specify constraints on the join clause:

```
1 DB::table('users')
2     ->join('contacts', function ($join) {
3         $join->on('users.id', '=', 'contacts.user_id')->orOn(...);
4     })
5     ->get();
```

If you would like to use a “where” style clause on your joins, you may use the where and orWhere methods on a join. Instead of comparing two columns, these methods will compare the column against a value:

```
1 DB::table('users')
2     ->join('contacts', function ($join) {
3         $join->on('users.id', '=', 'contacts.user_id')
4             ->where('contacts.user_id', '>', 5);
5     })
6     ->get();
```

Unions

The query builder also provides a quick way to “union” two queries together. For example, you may create an initial query, and then use the union method to union it with a second query:

```
1 $first = DB::table('users')
2     ->whereNull('first_name');
3
4 $users = DB::table('users')
5     ->whereNull('last_name')
6     ->union($first)
7     ->get();
```

The `unionAll` method is also available and has the same method signature as `union`.

Where Clauses

Simple Where Clauses

To add where clauses to the query, use the `where` method on a query builder instance. The most basic call to `where` requires three arguments. The first argument is the name of the column. The second argument is an operator, which can be any of the database's supported operators. The third argument is the value to evaluate against the column.

For example, here is a query that verifies the value of the “votes” column is equal to 100:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')->where('votes', '=', 100)->get();
```

For convenience, if you simply want to verify that a column is equal to a given value, you may pass the value directly as the second argument to the `where` method:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')->where('votes', 100)->get();
```

Of course, you may use a variety of other operators when writing a where clause:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')
2         ->where('votes', '>=', 100)
3         ->get();
4
5 $users = DB::table('users')
6         ->where('votes', '<>', 100)
7         ->get();
8
9 $users = DB::table('users')
10        ->where('name', 'like', 'T%')
11        ->get();
```

You may also pass an array of conditions to the `where` function:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')->where([
2     ['status', '1'],
3     ['subscribed', '<>', '1'],
4 ])->get();
```

Or Statements

You may chain where constraints together, as well as add or clauses to the query. The `orWhere` method accepts the same arguments as the `where` method:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')
2         ->where('votes', '>', 100)
3         ->orWhere('name', 'John')
4         ->get();
```

Additional Where Clauses

whereBetween

The `whereBetween` method verifies that a column's value is between two values:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')
2         ->whereBetween('votes', [1, 100])->get();
```

whereNotBetween

The `whereNotBetween` method verifies that a column's value lies outside of two values:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')
2         ->whereNotBetween('votes', [1, 100])
3         ->get();
```

whereIn / whereNotIn

The `whereIn` method verifies that a given column's value is contained within the given array:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')
2         ->whereIn('id', [1, 2, 3])
3         ->get();
```

The `whereNotIn` method verifies that the given column's value is **not** contained in the given array:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')
2         ->whereNotIn('id', [1, 2, 3])
3         ->get();
```

whereNull / whereNotNull

The `whereNull` method verifies that the value of the given column is NULL:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')
2         ->whereNull('updated_at')
3         ->get();
```

The `whereNotNull` method verifies that the column's value is **not** NULL:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')
2         ->whereNotNull('updated_at')
3         ->get();
```

whereColumn

The `whereColumn` method may be used to verify that two columns are equal:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')
2         ->whereColumn('first_name', 'last_name');
```

You may also pass a comparison operator to the method:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')
2         ->whereColumn('updated_at', '>', 'created_at');
```

The `whereColumn` method can also be passed an array of multiple conditions. These conditions will be joined using the `and` operator:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')
2         ->whereColumn([
3             ['first_name', 'last_name'],
4             ['updated_at', '>', 'created_at']
5         ]);
```

whereDate / whereMonth / whereDay / whereYear

The `whereDate` method may be used compare a column's value against a date:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')
2         ->whereDate('created_at', '2016-10-10');
```

The `whereMonth` method may be used compare a column's value against a specific month of an year:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')
2         ->whereMonth('created_at', '10');
```

The `whereDay` method may be used compare a column's value against a specific day of a month:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')
2         ->whereDay('created_at', '10');
```

The `whereYear` method may be used compare a column's value against a specific year:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')
2     ->whereYear('created_at', '2016');
```

Advanced Where Clauses

Parameter Grouping

Sometimes you may need to create more advanced where clauses such as “where exists” or nested parameter groupings. The Laravel query builder can handle these as well. To get started, let’s look at an example of grouping constraints within parenthesis:

```
1 DB::table('users')
2     ->where('name', '=', 'John')
3     ->orWhere(function ($query) {
4         $query->where('votes', '>', 100)
5         ->where('title', '<>', 'Admin');
6     })
7     ->get();
```

As you can see, passing a Closure into the `orWhere` method instructs the query builder to begin a constraint group. The Closure will receive a query builder instance which you can use to set the constraints that should be contained within the parenthesis group. The example above will produce the following SQL:

```
1 select * from users where name = 'John' or (votes > 100 and title <> 'Admin')
```

Exists Statements

The `whereExists` method allows you to write where exists SQL clauses. The `whereExists` method accepts a Closure argument, which will receive a query builder instance allowing you to define the query that should be placed inside of the “exists” clause:

```
1 DB::table('users')
2     ->whereExists(function ($query) {
3         $query->select(DB::raw(1))
4             ->from('orders')
5             ->whereRaw('orders.user_id = users.id');
6     })
7     ->get();
```

The query above will produce the following SQL:

```
1 select * from users
2 where exists (
3     select 1 from orders where orders.user_id = users.id
4 )
```

JSON Where Clauses

Laravel supports querying JSON column types on databases that provide support for JSON column types. Currently, this includes MySQL 5.7 and Postgres. To query a JSON column, use the `->` operator:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')
2     ->where('options->language', 'en')
3     ->get();
4
5 $users = DB::table('users')
6     ->where('preferences->dining->meal', 'salad')
7     ->get();
```

Ordering, Grouping, Limit, & Offset

orderBy

The `orderBy` method allows you to sort the result of the query by a given column. The first argument to the `orderBy` method should be the column you wish to sort by, while the second argument controls the direction of the sort and may be either `asc` or `desc`:


```
1 $users = DB::table('users')
2         ->orderBy('name', 'desc')
3         ->get();
```

inRandomOrder

The `inRandomOrder` method may be used to sort the query results randomly. For example, you may use this method to fetch a random user:

```
1 $randomUser = DB::table('users')
2             ->inRandomOrder()
3             ->first();
```

groupBy / having / havingRaw

The `groupBy` and `having` methods may be used to group the query results. The `having` method's signature is similar to that of the `where` method:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')
2         ->groupBy('account_id')
3         ->having('account_id', '>', 100)
4         ->get();
```

The `havingRaw` method may be used to set a raw string as the value of the `having` clause. For example, we can find all of the departments with sales greater than \$2,500:

```
1 $users = DB::table('orders')
2         ->select('department', DB::raw('SUM(price) as total_sales'))
3         ->groupBy('department')
4         ->havingRaw('SUM(price) > 2500')
5         ->get();
```

skip / take

To limit the number of results returned from the query, or to skip a given number of results in the query (OFFSET), you may use the `skip` and `take` methods:

```
1 $users = DB::table('users')->skip(10)->take(5)->get();
```

Conditional Statements

Sometimes you may want statements to apply to a query only when something else is true. For instance you may only want to apply a `where` statement if a given input value is present on the incoming request. You may accomplish this using the `when` method:

```
1 $role = $request->input('role');
2
3 $users = DB::table('users')
4     ->when($role, function ($query) use ($role) {
5         return $query->where('role_id', $role);
6     })
7     ->get();
```

The `when` method only executes the given Closure when the first parameter is `true`. If the first parameter is `false`, the Closure will not be executed.

Inserts

The query builder also provides an `insert` method for inserting records into the database table. The `insert` method accepts an array of column names and values to insert:

```
1 DB::table('users')->insert(
2     ['email' => 'john@example.com', 'votes' => 0]
3 );
```

You may even insert several records into the table with a single call to `insert` by passing an array of arrays. Each array represents a row to be inserted into the table:

```
1 DB::table('users')->insert([
2     ['email' => 'taylor@example.com', 'votes' => 0],
3     ['email' => 'dayle@example.com', 'votes' => 0]
4 ]);
```

Auto-Incrementing IDs

If the table has an auto-incrementing id, use the `insertGetId` method to insert a record and then retrieve the ID:

```
1 $id = DB::table('users')->insertGetId(
2     ['email' => 'john@example.com', 'votes' => 0]
3 );
```



Note: When using PostgreSQL the `insertGetId` method expects the auto-incrementing column to be named `id`. If you would like to retrieve the ID from a different “sequence”, you may pass the sequence name as the second parameter to the `insertGetId` method.

Updates

Of course, in addition to inserting records into the database, the query builder can also update existing records using the `update` method. The `update` method, like the `insert` method, accepts an array of column and value pairs containing the columns to be updated. You may constrain the update query using `where` clauses:

```
1 DB::table('users')
2     ->where('id', 1)
3     ->update(['votes' => 1]);
```

Updating JSON Columns

When updating a JSON column, you should use `->` syntax to access the appropriate key in the JSON object:

```
1 DB::table('users')
2     ->where('id', 1)
3     ->update(['options->enabled' => true]);
```

Increment / Decrement

The query builder also provides convenient methods for incrementing or decrementing the value of a given column. This is simply a short-cut, providing a more expressive and terse interface compared to manually writing the update statement.

Both of these methods accept at least one argument: the column to modify. A second argument may optionally be passed to control the amount by which the column should be incremented / decremented.

```
1 DB::table('users')->increment('votes');
2
3 DB::table('users')->increment('votes', 5);
4
5 DB::table('users')->decrement('votes');
6
7 DB::table('users')->decrement('votes', 5);
```

You may also specify additional columns to update during the operation:

```
1 DB::table('users')->increment('votes', 1, ['name' => 'John']);
```

Deletes

Of course, the query builder may also be used to delete records from the table via the `delete` method:

```
1 DB::table('users')->delete();
```

You may constrain delete statements by adding `where` clauses before calling the `delete` method:

```
1 DB::table('users')->where('votes', '>', 100)->delete();
```

If you wish to truncate the entire table, which will remove all rows and reset the auto-incrementing ID to zero, you may use the truncate method:

```
1 DB::table('users')->truncate();
```

Pessimistic Locking

The query builder also includes a few functions to help you do “pessimistic locking” on your select statements. To run the statement with a “shared lock”, you may use the `sharedLock` method on a query. A shared lock prevents the selected rows from being modified until your transaction commits:

```
1 DB::table('users')->where('votes', '>', 100)->sharedLock()->get();
```

Alternatively, you may use the `lockForUpdate` method. A “for update” lock prevents the rows from being modified or from being selected with another shared lock:

```
1 DB::table('users')->where('votes', '>', 100)->lockForUpdate()->get();
```

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Introduction

Migrations are like version control for your database, allowing a team to easily modify and share the application's database schema. Migrations are typically paired with Laravel's schema builder to easily build your application's database schema.

The Laravel Schema [facade](#) provides database agnostic support for creating and manipulating tables. It shares the same expressive, fluent API across all of Laravel's supported database systems.

Generating Migrations

To create a migration, use the `make:migration` [Artisan command](#):

```
1 php artisan make:migration create_users_table
```

The new migration will be placed in your `database/migrations` directory. Each migration file name contains a timestamp which allows Laravel to determine the order of the migrations.

The `--table` and `--create` options may also be used to indicate the name of the table and whether the migration will be creating a new table. These options simply pre-fill the generated migration stub file with the specified table:

```
1  php artisan make:migration add_votes_to_users_table --table=users
2
3  php artisan make:migration create_users_table --create=users
```

If you would like to specify a custom output path for the generated migration, you may use the `--path` option when executing the `make:migration` command. The provided path should be relative to your application's base path.

Migration Structure

A migration class contains two methods: `up` and `down`. The `up` method is used to add new tables, columns, or indexes to your database, while the `down` method should simply reverse the operations performed by the `up` method.

Within both of these methods you may use the Laravel schema builder to expressively create and modify tables. To learn about all of the methods available on the Schema builder, [check out its documentation](#). For example, let's look at a sample migration that creates a `flights` table:

```
1  <?php
2
3  use Illuminate\Database\Schema\Blueprint;
4  use Illuminate\Database\Migrations\Migration;
5
6  class CreateFlightsTable extends Migration
7  {
8      /**
9       * Run the migrations.
10      *
11      * @return void
12      */
13     public function up()
14     {
15         Schema::create('flights', function (Blueprint $table) {
16             $table->increments('id');
17             $table->string('name');
18             $table->string('airline');
19             $table->timestamps();
20         });
21     }
22
23     /**
```

```
24      * Reverse the migrations.
25      *
26      * @return void
27      */
28      public function down()
29      {
30          Schema::drop('flights');
31      }
32  }
```

Running Migrations

To run all outstanding migrations for your application, use the `migrate` Artisan command. If you are using the [Homestead virtual machine](#), you should run this command from within your VM:

```
1  php artisan migrate
```

If you receive a “class not found” error when running migrations, try running the `composer dump-autoload` command and re-issuing the `migrate` command.

Forcing Migrations To Run In Production

Some migration operations are destructive, meaning they may cause you to lose data. In order to protect you from running these commands against your production database, you will be prompted for confirmation before these commands are executed. To force the commands to run without a prompt, use the `--force` flag:

```
1  php artisan migrate --force
```

Rolling Back Migrations

To rollback the latest migration “operation”, you may use the `rollback` command. Note that this rolls back the last “batch” of migrations that ran, which may include multiple migration files:


```
1 php artisan migrate:rollback
```

You may rollback a limited number of migrations by providing the `step` option to the `rollback` command. For example, the following command will rollback the last 5 migrations:

```
1 php artisan migrate:rollback --step=5
```

The `migrate:reset` command will roll back all of your application's migrations:

```
1 php artisan migrate:reset
```

Rollback / Migrate In Single Command

The `migrate:refresh` command will first roll back all of your database migrations, and then run the `migrate` command. This command effectively re-creates your entire database:

```
1 php artisan migrate:refresh
2
3 php artisan migrate:refresh --seed
```

You may rollback & re-migrate a limited number of migrations by providing the `step` option to the `refresh` command. For example, the following command will rollback & re-migrate the last 5 migrations:

```
1 php artisan migrate:refresh --step=5
```

Writing Migrations

Creating Tables

To create a new database table, use the `create` method on the Schema facade. The `create` method accepts two arguments. The first is the name of the table, while the second is a Closure which receives a Blueprint object used to define the new table:

```
1 Schema::create('users', function (Blueprint $table) {  
2     $table->increments('id');  
3 });
```

Of course, when creating the table, you may use any of the schema builder's [column methods](#) to define the table's columns.

Checking For Table / Column Existence

You may easily check for the existence of a table or column using the `hasTable` and `hasColumn` methods:

```
1 if (Schema::hasTable('users')) {  
2     //  
3 }  
4  
5 if (Schema::hasColumn('users', 'email')) {  
6     //  
7 }
```

Connection & Storage Engine

If you want to perform a schema operation on a database connection that is not your default connection, use the `connection` method:

```
1 Schema::connection('foo')->create('users', function ($table) {  
2     $table->increments('id');  
3 });
```

To set the storage engine for a table, set the `engine` property on the schema builder:

```
1 Schema::create('users', function ($table) {  
2     $table->engine = 'InnoDB';  
3  
4     $table->increments('id');  
5 });
```

Renaming / Dropping Tables

To rename an existing database table, use the `rename` method:

```
1 Schema::rename($from, $to);
```

To drop an existing table, you may use the `drop` or `dropIfExists` methods:

```
1 Schema::drop('users');  
2  
3 Schema::dropIfExists('users');
```

Renaming Tables With Foreign Keys

Before renaming a table, you should verify that any foreign key constraints on the table have an explicit name in your migration files instead of letting Laravel assign a convention based name. Otherwise, the foreign key constraint name will refer to the old table name.

Creating Columns

To update an existing table, we will use the `table` method on the Schema facade. Like the `create` method, the `table` method accepts two arguments: the name of the table and a Closure that receives a Blueprint instance we can use to add columns to the table:

```

1 Schema::table('users', function ($table) {
2     $table->string('email');
3 });

```

Available Column Types

Of course, the schema builder contains a variety of column types that you may use when building your tables:

Command | Description ———— | ———— \$table->bigIncrements('id'); | Incrementing ID (primary key) using a “UNSIGNED BIG INTEGER” equivalent. \$table->bigInteger('votes'); | BIGINT equivalent for the database. \$table->binary('data'); | BLOB equivalent for the database. \$table->boolean('confirmed'); | BOOLEAN equivalent for the database. \$table->char('name', 4); | CHAR equivalent with a length. \$table->date('created_at'); | DATE equivalent for the database. \$table->dateTime('created_at'); | DATETIME equivalent for the database. \$table->dateTimeTz('created_at'); | DATETIME (with timezone) equivalent for the database. \$table->decimal('amount', 5, 2); | DECIMAL equivalent with a precision and scale. \$table->double('column', 15, 8); | DOUBLE equivalent with precision, 15 digits in total and 8 after the decimal point. \$table->enum('choices', ['foo', 'bar']); | ENUM equivalent for the database. \$table->float('amount'); | FLOAT equivalent for the database. \$table->increments('id'); | Incrementing ID (primary key) using a “UNSIGNED INTEGER” equivalent. \$table->integer('votes'); | INTEGER equivalent for the database. \$table->ipAddress('visitor'); | IP address equivalent for the database. \$table->json('options'); | JSON equivalent for the database. \$table->jsonb('options'); | JSONB equivalent for the database. \$table->longText('description'); | LONGTEXT equivalent for the database. \$table->macAddress('device'); | MAC address equivalent for the database. \$table->mediumInteger('numbers'); | MEDIUMINT equivalent for the database. \$table->mediumText('description'); | MEDIUMTEXT equivalent for the database. \$table->morphs('taggable'); | Adds INTEGER taggable_id and STRING taggable_type. \$table->nullableTimestamps(); | Same as timestamps(), except allows NULLs. \$table->rememberToken(); | Adds remember_token as VARCHAR(100) NULL. \$table->smallInteger('votes'); | SMALLINT equivalent for the database. \$table->softDeletes(); | Adds deleted_at column for soft deletes. \$table->string('email'); | VARCHAR equivalent column. \$table->string('name', 100); | VARCHAR equivalent with a length. \$table->text('description'); | TEXT equivalent for the database. \$table->time('sunrise'); | TIME equivalent for the database. \$table->timeTz('sunrise'); | TIME (with timezone) equivalent for the database. \$table->tinyInteger('numbers'); | TINYINT equivalent for the database. \$table->timestamp('added_on'); | TIMESTAMP equivalent for the database. \$table->timestampTz('added_on'); | TIMESTAMP equivalent for the database. \$table->timestamps(); | Adds created_at and updated_at columns. \$table->uuid('id'); | UUID equivalent for the database.

Column Modifiers

In addition to the column types listed above, there are several other column “modifiers” which you may use while adding the column. For example, to make the column “nullable”, you may use the `nullable` method:

```
1 Schema::table('users', function ($table) {
2     $table->string('email')->nullable();
3 });
```

Below is a list of all the available column modifiers. This list does not include the [index modifiers](#):

Modifier | Description ----- | -----
 ->first() | Place the column “first” in the table (MySQL Only)
 ->after('column') | Place the column “after” another column (MySQL Only)
 ->nullable() | Allow NULL values to be inserted into the column
 ->default(\$value) | Specify a “default” value for the column
 ->unsigned() | Set integer columns to UNSIGNED
 ->comment('my comment') | Add a comment to a column

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Prerequisites

Before modifying a column, be sure to add the `doctrine/dbal` dependency to your `composer.json` file. The Doctrine DBAL library is used to determine the current state of the column and create the SQL queries needed to make the specified adjustments to the column.

Updating Column Attributes

The `change` method allows you to modify an existing column to a new type, or modify the column’s attributes. For example, you may wish to increase the size of a string column. To see the `change` method in action, let’s increase the size of the `name` column from 25 to 50:

```
1 Schema::table('users', function ($table) {
2     $table->string('name', 50)->change();
3 });
```

We could also modify a column to be nullable:

```
1 Schema::table('users', function ($table) {  
2     $table->string('name', 50)->nullable()->change();  
3 });
```



Note: Modifying any column in a table that also has a column of type enum is not currently supported.

Renaming Columns

To rename a column, you may use the `renameColumn` method on the Schema builder. Before renaming a column, be sure to add the `doctrine/dbal` dependency to your `composer.json` file:

```
1 Schema::table('users', function ($table) {  
2     $table->renameColumn('from', 'to');  
3 });
```



Note: Renaming any column in a table that also has a column of type enum is not currently supported.

Dropping Columns

To drop a column, use the `dropColumn` method on the Schema builder:

```
1 Schema::table('users', function ($table) {  
2     $table->dropColumn('votes');  
3 });
```

You may drop multiple columns from a table by passing an array of column names to the `dropColumn` method:

```
1 Schema::table('users', function ($table) {  
2     $table->dropColumn(['votes', 'avatar', 'location']);  
3 });
```



Note: Before dropping columns from a SQLite database, you will need to add the doctrine/dbal dependency to your `composer.json` file and run the `composer update` command in your terminal to install the library.



Note: Dropping or modifying multiple columns within a single migration while using a SQLite database is not supported.

Creating Indexes

The schema builder supports several types of indexes. First, let's look at an example that specifies a column's values should be unique. To create the index, we can simply chain the `unique` method onto the column definition:

```
1 $table->string('email')->unique();
```

Alternatively, you may create the index after defining the column. For example:

```
1 $table->unique('email');
```

You may even pass an array of columns to an index method to create a compound index:

```
1 $table->index(['account_id', 'created_at']);
```

Laravel will automatically generate a reasonable index name, but you may pass a second argument to the method to specify the name yourself:

```
1 $table->index('email', 'my_index_name');
```

Available Index Types

Command | Description ———— | ———— \$table->primary('id'); | Add a primary key. \$table->primary(['first', 'last']); | Add composite keys. \$table->unique('email'); | Add a unique index. \$table->unique('state', 'my_index_name'); | Add a custom index name. \$table->index('state'); | Add a basic index.

Dropping Indexes

To drop an index, you must specify the index’s name. By default, Laravel automatically assigns a reasonable name to the indexes. Simply concatenate the table name, the name of the indexed column, and the index type. Here are some examples:

Command | Description ———— | ———— \$table->dropPrimary('users_id_primary'); | Drop a primary key from the “users” table. \$table->dropUnique('users_email_unique'); | Drop a unique index from the “users” table. \$table->dropIndex('geo_state_index'); | Drop a basic index from the “geo” table.

If you pass an array of columns into a method that drops indexes, the conventional index name will be generated based on the table name, columns and key type.

```
1 Schema::table('geo', function ($table) {
2     $table->dropIndex(['state']); // Drops index 'geo_state_index'
3 });
```

Foreign Key Constraints

Laravel also provides support for creating foreign key constraints, which are used to force referential integrity at the database level. For example, let’s define a `user_id` column on the `posts` table that references the `id` column on a `users` table:


```
1 Schema::table('posts', function ($table) {
2     $table->integer('user_id')->unsigned();
3
4     $table->foreign('user_id')->references('id')->on('users');
5 });
```

You may also specify the desired action for the “on delete” and “on update” properties of the constraint:

```
1 $table->foreign('user_id')
2     ->references('id')->on('users')
3     ->onDelete('cascade');
```

To drop a foreign key, you may use the `dropForeign` method. Foreign key constraints use the same naming convention as indexes. So, we will concatenate the table name and the columns in the constraint then suffix the name with “_foreign”:

```
1 $table->dropForeign('posts_user_id_foreign');
```

Or you may pass an array value which will automatically use the conventional constraint name when dropping:

```
1 $table->dropForeign(['user_id']);
```

You may enable or disable foreign key constraints within your migrations by using the following methods:

```
1 Schema::enableForeignKeyConstraints();
2
3 Schema::disableForeignKeyConstraints();
```

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Introduction

Laravel includes a simple method of seeding your database with test data using seed classes. All seed classes are stored in `database/seeds`. Seed classes may have any name you wish, but probably should follow some sensible convention, such as `UsersTableSeeder`, etc. By default, a `DatabaseSeeder` class is defined for you. From this class, you may use the `call` method to run other seed classes, allowing you to control the seeding order.

Writing Seeders

To generate a seeder, you may issue the `make:seeder` [Artisan command](#). All seeders generated by the framework will be placed in the `database/seeds` directory:

```
1 php artisan make:seeder UsersTableSeeder
```

A seeder class only contains one method by default: `run`. This method is called when the `db:seed` [Artisan command](#) is executed. Within the `run` method, you may insert data into your database however you wish. You may use the [query builder](#) to manually insert data or you may use [Eloquent model factories](#).

As an example, let's modify the `DatabaseSeeder` class which is included with a default installation of Laravel. Let's add a database insert statement to the `run` method:

```
1  <?php
2
3  use Illuminate\Database\Seeder;
4  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
5
6  class DatabaseSeeder extends Seeder
7  {
8      /**
9       * Run the database seeds.
10      *
11      * @return void
12      */
13     public function run()
14     {
15         DB::table('users')->insert([
16             'name' => str_random(10),
17             'email' => str_random(10).'@gmail.com',
18             'password' => bcrypt('secret'),
19         ]);
20     }
21 }
```

Using Model Factories

Of course, manually specifying the attributes for each model seed is cumbersome. Instead, you can use [model factories](#) to conveniently generate large amounts of database records. First, review the [model factory documentation](#) to learn how to define your factories. Once you have defined your factories, you may use the factory helper function to insert records into your database.

For example, let's create 50 users and attach a relationship to each user:

```
1  /**
2   * Run the database seeds.
3   *
4   * @return void
5   */
6  public function run()
7  {
8      factory(App\User::class, 50)->create()->each(function($u) {
9          $u->posts()->save(factory(App\Post::class)->make());
10     });
11 }
```

```
11 }
```

Calling Additional Seeders

Within the `DatabaseSeeder` class, you may use the `call` method to execute additional seed classes. Using the `call` method allows you to break up your database seeding into multiple files so that no single seeder class becomes overwhelmingly large. Simply pass the name of the seeder class you wish to run:

```
1  /**
2   * Run the database seeds.
3   *
4   * @return void
5   */
6  public function run()
7  {
8      $this->call(UsersTableSeeder::class);
9      $this->call(PostsTableSeeder::class);
10     $this->call(CommentsTableSeeder::class);
11 }
```

Running Seeders

Once you have written your seeder classes, you may use the `db:seed` Artisan command to seed your database. By default, the `db:seed` command runs the `DatabaseSeeder` class, which may be used to call other seed classes. However, you may use the `--class` option to specify a specific seeder class to run individually:

```
1  php artisan db:seed
2
3  php artisan db:seed --class=UsersTableSeeder
```

You may also seed your database using the `migrate:refresh` command, which will also rollback and re-run all of your migrations. This command is useful for completely re-building your database:

```
1  php artisan migrate:refresh --seed
```

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Introduction

The Eloquent ORM included with Laravel provides a beautiful, simple ActiveRecord implementation for working with your database. Each database table has a corresponding “Model” which is used to interact with that table. Models allow you to query for data in your tables, as well as insert new records into the table.

Before getting started, be sure to configure a database connection in `config/database.php`. For more information on configuring your database, check out [the documentation](#).

Defining Models

To get started, let’s create an Eloquent model. Models typically live in the `app` directory, but you are free to place them anywhere that can be auto-loaded according to your `composer.json` file. All Eloquent models extend `Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model` class.

The easiest way to create a model instance is using the `make:model` [Artisan command](#):

```
1 php artisan make:model User
```

If you would like to generate a [database migration](#) when you generate the model, you may use the `--migration` or `-m` option:

```
1  php artisan make:model User --migration
2
3  php artisan make:model User -m
```

Eloquent Model Conventions

Now, let's look at an example `Flight` model class, which we will use to retrieve and store information from our `flights` database table:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class Flight extends Model
8  {
9      //
10 }
```

Table Names

Note that we did not tell Eloquent which table to use for our `Flight` model. The “snake case”, plural name of the class will be used as the table name unless another name is explicitly specified. So, in this case, Eloquent will assume the `Flight` model stores records in the `flights` table. You may specify a custom table by defining a `table` property on your model:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class Flight extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10         * The table associated with the model.

```

```
11      *
12      * @var string
13      */
14      protected $table = 'my_flights';
15  }
```

Primary Keys

Eloquent will also assume that each table has a primary key column named `id`. You may define a `$primaryKey` property to override this convention.

In addition, Eloquent assumes that the primary key is an incrementing integer value, which means that by default the primary key will be cast to an `int` automatically. If you wish to use a non-incrementing or a non-numeric primary key you must set the public `$incrementing` property on your model to `false`.

Timestamps

By default, Eloquent expects `created_at` and `updated_at` columns to exist on your tables. If you do not wish to have these columns automatically managed by Eloquent, set the `$timestamps` property on your model to `false`:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class Flight extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10       * Indicates if the model should be timestamped.
11       *
12       * @var bool
13       */
14       public $timestamps = false;
15  }
```

If you need to customize the format of your timestamps, set the `$dateFormat` property on your model. This property determines how date attributes are stored in the database, as well as their format when the model is serialized to an array or JSON:


```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class Flight extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10       * The storage format of the model's date columns.
11       *
12       * @var string
13       */
14     protected $dateFormat = 'U';
15 }
```

Database Connection

By default, all Eloquent models will use the default database connection configured for your application. If you would like to specify a different connection for the model, use the `$connection` property:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class Flight extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10       * The connection name for the model.
11       *
12       * @var string
13       */
14     protected $connection = 'connection-name';
15 }
```

Retrieving Multiple Models

Once you have created a model and [its associated database table](#), you are ready to start retrieving data from your database. Think of each Eloquent model as a powerful [query builder](#) allowing you to fluently query the database table associated with the model. For example:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use App\Flight;
6  use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
7
8  class FlightController extends Controller
9  {
10     /**
11      * Show a list of all available flights.
12      *
13      * @return Response
14      */
15     public function index()
16     {
17         $flights = Flight::all();
18
19         return view('flight.index', ['flights' => $flights]);
20     }
21 }
```

Accessing Column Values

If you have an Eloquent model instance, you may access the column values of the model by accessing the corresponding property. For example, let's loop through each `Flight` instance returned by our query and echo the value of the `name` column:

```
1  foreach ($flights as $flight) {
2      echo $flight->name;
3  }
```

Adding Additional Constraints

The Eloquent `all` method will return all of the results in the model's table. Since each Eloquent model serves as a [query builder](#), you may also add constraints to queries, and then use the `get` method to retrieve the results:

```
1 $flights = App\Flight::where('active', 1)
2         ->orderBy('name', 'desc')
3         ->take(10)
4         ->get();
```



Note: Since Eloquent models are query builders, you should review all of the methods available on the [query builder](#). You may use any of these methods in your Eloquent queries.

Collections

For Eloquent methods like `all` and `get` which retrieve multiple results, an instance of `Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Collection` will be returned. The `Collection` class provides [a variety of helpful methods](#) for working with your Eloquent results. Of course, you may simply loop over this collection like an array:

```
1 foreach ($flights as $flight) {
2     echo $flight->name;
3 }
```

Chunking Results

If you need to process thousands of Eloquent records, use the `chunk` command. The `chunk` method will retrieve a “chunk” of Eloquent models, feeding them to a given `Closure` for processing. Using the `chunk` method will conserve memory when working with large result sets:

```
1 Flight::chunk(200, function ($flights) {  
2     foreach ($flights as $flight) {  
3         //  
4     }  
5 });
```

The first argument passed to the method is the number of records you wish to receive per “chunk”. The Closure passed as the second argument will be called for each chunk that is retrieved from the database.

Retrieving Single Models / Aggregates

Of course, in addition to retrieving all of the records for a given table, you may also retrieve single records using `find` and `first`. Instead of returning a collection of models, these methods return a single model instance:

```
1 // Retrieve a model by its primary key...  
2 $flight = App\Flight::find(1);  
3  
4 // Retrieve the first model matching the query constraints...  
5 $flight = App\Flight::where('active', 1)->first();
```

You may also call the `find` method with an array of primary keys, which will return a collection of the matching records:

```
1 $flights = App\Flight::find([1, 2, 3]);
```

Not Found Exceptions

Sometimes you may wish to throw an exception if a model is not found. This is particularly useful in routes or controllers. The `findOrFail` and `firstOrFail` methods will retrieve the first result of the query. However, if no result is found, a `\Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\ModelNotFoundException` will be thrown:

```
1 $model = App\Flight::findOrFail(1);
2
3 $model = App\Flight::where('legs', '>', 100)->firstOrFail();
```

If the exception is not caught, a 404 HTTP response is automatically sent back to the user, so it is not necessary to write explicit checks to return 404 responses when using these methods:

```
1 Route::get('/api/flights/{id}', function ($id) {
2     return App\Flight::findOrFail($id);
3 });
```

Retrieving Aggregates

Of course, you may also use count, sum, max, and other [aggregate functions](#) provided by the [query builder](#). These methods return the appropriate scalar value instead of a full model instance:

```
1 $count = App\Flight::where('active', 1)->count();
2
3 $max = App\Flight::where('active', 1)->max('price');
```

Inserting & Updating Models

Basic Inserts

To create a new record in the database, simply create a new model instance, set attributes on the model, then call the save method:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Http\Controllers;
4
5  use App\Flight;
6  use Illuminate\Http\Request;
7  use App\Http\Controllers\Controller;
8
9  class FlightController extends Controller
10 {
11     /**
12      * Create a new flight instance.
13      *
14      * @param Request $request
15      * @return Response
16      */
17     public function store(Request $request)
18     {
19         // Validate the request...
20
21         $flight = new Flight;
22
23         $flight->name = $request->name;
24
25         $flight->save();
26     }
27 }
```

In this example, we simply assign the `name` parameter from the incoming HTTP request to the `name` attribute of the `App\Flight` model instance. When we call the `save` method, a record will be inserted into the database. The `created_at` and `updated_at` timestamps will automatically be set when the `save` method is called, so there is no need to set them manually.

Basic Updates

The `save` method may also be used to update models that already exist in the database. To update a model, you should retrieve it, set any attributes you wish to update, and then call the `save` method. Again, the `updated_at` timestamp will automatically be updated, so there is no need to manually set its value:

```
1 $flight = App\Flight::find(1);
2
3 $flight->name = 'New Flight Name';
4
5 $flight->save();
```

Updates can also be performed against any number of models that match a given query. In this example, all flights that are active and have a destination of San Diego will be marked as delayed:

```
1 App\Flight::where('active', 1)
2     ->where('destination', 'San Diego')
3     ->update(['delayed' => 1]);
```

The update method expects an array of column and value pairs representing the columns that should be updated.

Mass Assignment

You may also use the create method to save a new model in a single line. The inserted model instance will be returned to you from the method. However, before doing so, you will need to specify either a `fillable` or `guarded` attribute on the model, as all Eloquent models protect against mass-assignment.

A mass-assignment vulnerability occurs when a user passes an unexpected HTTP parameter through a request, and that parameter changes a column in your database you did not expect. For example, a malicious user might send an `is_admin` parameter through an HTTP request, which is then mapped onto your model's create method, allowing the user to escalate themselves to an administrator.

So, to get started, you should define which model attributes you want to make mass assignable. You may do this using the `$fillable` property on the model. For example, let's make the `name` attribute of our `Flight` model mass assignable:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class Flight extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10       * The attributes that are mass assignable.
11       *
12       * @var array
13       */
14     protected $fillable = ['name'];
15 }
```

Once we have made the attributes mass assignable, we can use the create method to insert a new record in the database. The create method returns the saved model instance:

```
1  $flight = App\Flight::create(['name' => 'Flight 10']);
```

While `$fillable` serves as a “white list” of attributes that should be mass assignable, you may also choose to use `$guarded`. The `$guarded` property should contain an array of attributes that you do not want to be mass assignable. All other attributes not in the array will be mass assignable. So, `$guarded` functions like a “black list”. Of course, you should use either `$fillable` or `$guarded` - not both:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class Flight extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10       * The attributes that aren't mass assignable.
11       *
12       * @var array
```



```
13      */
14      protected $guarded = ['price'];
15  }
```

In the example above, all attributes **except for price** will be mass assignable.

Other Creation Methods

There are two other methods you may use to create models by mass assigning attributes: `firstOrCreate` and `firstOrCreate`. The `firstOrCreate` method will attempt to locate a database record using the given column / value pairs. If the model can not be found in the database, a record will be inserted with the given attributes.

The `firstOrCreate` method, like `firstOrCreate` will attempt to locate a record in the database matching the given attributes. However, if a model is not found, a new model instance will be returned. Note that the model returned by `firstOrCreate` has not yet been persisted to the database. You will need to call `save` manually to persist it:

```
1  // Retrieve the flight by the attributes, or create it if it doesn't exist...
2  $flight = App\Flight::firstOrCreate(['name' => 'Flight 10']);
3
4  // Retrieve the flight by the attributes, or instantiate a new instance...
5  $flight = App\Flight::firstOrCreate(['name' => 'Flight 10']);
```

Deleting Models

To delete a model, call the `delete` method on a model instance:

```
1  $flight = App\Flight::find(1);
2
3  $flight->delete();
```

Deleting An Existing Model By Key

In the example above, we are retrieving the model from the database before calling the `delete` method. However, if you know the primary key of the model, you may delete the model without retrieving it. To do so, call the `destroy` method:

```
1 App\Flight::destroy(1);
2
3 App\Flight::destroy([1, 2, 3]);
4
5 App\Flight::destroy(1, 2, 3);
```

Deleting Models By Query

Of course, you may also run a delete query on a set of models. In this example, we will delete all flights that are marked as inactive:

```
1 $deletedRows = App\Flight::where('active', 0)->delete();
```

Soft Deleting

In addition to actually removing records from your database, Eloquent can also “soft delete” models. When models are soft deleted, they are not actually removed from your database. Instead, a `deleted_at` attribute is set on the model and inserted into the database. If a model has a non-null `deleted_at` value, the model has been soft deleted. To enable soft deletes for a model, use the `Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\SoftDeletes` trait on the model and add the `deleted_at` column to your `$dates` property:

```
1 <?php
2
3 namespace App;
4
5 use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6 use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\SoftDeletes;
7
8 class Flight extends Model
9 {
10     use SoftDeletes;
11
12     /**
13      * The attributes that should be mutated to dates.
14      *
15      * @var array
```

```
16      */
17      protected $dates = ['deleted_at'];
18  }
```

Of course, you should add the `deleted_at` column to your database table. The Laravel [schema builder](#) contains a helper method to create this column:

```
1  Schema::table('flights', function ($table) {
2      $table->softDeletes();
3  });
```

Now, when you call the `delete` method on the model, the `deleted_at` column will be set to the current date and time. And, when querying a model that uses soft deletes, the soft deleted models will automatically be excluded from all query results.

To determine if a given model instance has been soft deleted, use the `trashed` method:

```
1  if ($flight->trashed()) {
2      //
3  }
```

Querying Soft Deleted Models

Including Soft Deleted Models

As noted above, soft deleted models will automatically be excluded from query results. However, you may force soft deleted models to appear in a result set using the `withTrashed` method on the query:

```
1  $flights = App\Flight::withTrashed()
2      ->where('account_id', 1)
3      ->get();
```

The `withTrashed` method may also be used on a [relationship](#) query:

```
1 $flight->history()->withTrashed()->get();
```

Retrieving Only Soft Deleted Models

The `onlyTrashed` method will retrieve **only** soft deleted models:

```
1 $flights = App\Flight::onlyTrashed()  
2         ->where('airline_id', 1)  
3         ->get();
```

Restoring Soft Deleted Models

Sometimes you may wish to “un-delete” a soft deleted model. To restore a soft deleted model into an active state, use the `restore` method on a model instance:

```
1 $flight->restore();
```

You may also use the `restore` method in a query to quickly restore multiple models:

```
1 App\Flight::withTrashed()  
2     ->where('airline_id', 1)  
3     ->restore();
```

Like the `withTrashed` method, the `restore` method may also be used on [relationships](#):

```
1 $flight->history()->restore();
```

Permanently Deleting Models

Sometimes you may need to truly remove a model from your database. To permanently remove a soft deleted model from the database, use the `forceDelete` method:

```
1 // Force deleting a single model instance...
2 $flight->forceDelete();
3
4 // Force deleting all related models...
5 $flight->history()->forceDelete();
```

Query Scopes

Global Scopes

Global scopes allow you to add constraints to **all** queries for a given model. Laravel’s own [soft deleting](#) functionality utilizes global scopes to only pull “non-deleted” models from the database. Writing your own global scopes can provide a convenient, easy way to make sure every query for a given model receives certain constraints.

Writing Global Scopes

Writing a global scope is simple. Define a class that implements the `Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Scope` interface. This interface requires you to implement one method: `apply`. The `apply` method may add where constraints to the query as needed:

```
1 <?php
2
3 namespace App\Scopes;
4
5 use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Scope;
6 use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
7 use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Builder;
8
9 class AgeScope implements Scope
10 {
11     /**
12      * Apply the scope to a given Eloquent query builder.
13      *
14      * @param \Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Builder $builder
15      * @param \Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model $model
16      * @return void
17      */
18     public function apply(Builder $builder, Model $model)
```

```
19     {
20         return $builder->where('age', '>', 200);
21     }
22 }
```

There is not a predefined folder for scopes in a default Laravel application, so feel free to make your own Scopes folder within your Laravel application's app directory.

Applying Global Scopes

To assign a global scope to a model, you should override a given model's `boot` method and use the `addGlobalScope` method:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use App\Scopes\AgeScope;
6  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
7
8  class User extends Model
9  {
10     /**
11      * The "booting" method of the model.
12      *
13      * @return void
14      */
15     protected static function boot()
16     {
17         parent::boot();
18
19         static::addGlobalScope(new AgeScope);
20     }
21 }
```

After adding the scope, a query to `User::all()` will produce the following SQL:

```
1  select * from `users` where `age` > 200
```

Anonymous Global Scopes

Eloquent also allows you to define global scopes using Closures, which is particularly useful for simple scopes that do not warrant a separate class:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Builder;
7
8  class User extends Model
9  {
10     /**
11      * The "booting" method of the model.
12      *
13      * @return void
14      */
15     protected static function boot()
16     {
17         parent::boot();
18
19         static::addGlobalScope('age', function(Builder $builder) {
20             $builder->where('age', '>', 200);
21         });
22     }
23 }
```

The first argument of the `addGlobalScope()` serves as an identifier to remove the scope:

```
1  User::withoutGlobalScope('age')->get();
```

Removing Global Scopes

If you would like to remove a global scope for a given query, you may use the `withoutGlobalScope` method:

```
1 User::withoutGlobalScope(AgeScope::class)->get();
```

If you would like to remove several or even all of the global scopes, you may use the `withoutGlobalScopes` method:

```
1 User::withoutGlobalScopes()->get();
2
3 User::withoutGlobalScopes([FirstScope::class, SecondScope::class])->get();
```

Local Scopes

Local scopes allow you to define common sets of constraints that you may easily re-use throughout your application. For example, you may need to frequently retrieve all users that are considered “popular”. To define a scope, simply prefix an Eloquent model method with `scope`.

Scopes should always return a query builder instance:

```
1 <?php
2
3 namespace App;
4
5 use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7 class User extends Model
8 {
9     /**
10      * Scope a query to only include popular users.
11      *
12      * @return \Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Builder
13      */
14     public function scopePopular($query)
15     {
16         return $query->where('votes', '>', 100);
17     }
18
19     /**
20      * Scope a query to only include active users.
21      *
```



```
22     * @return \Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Builder
23     */
24     public function scopeActive($query)
25     {
26         return $query->where('active', 1);
27     }
28 }
```

Utilizing A Query Scope

Once the scope has been defined, you may call the scope methods when querying the model. However, you do not need to include the scope prefix when calling the method. You can even chain calls to various scopes, for example:

```
1 $users = App\User::popular()->active()->orderBy('created_at')->get();
```

Dynamic Scopes

Sometimes you may wish to define a scope that accepts parameters. To get started, just add your additional parameters to your scope. Scope parameters should be defined after the `$query` argument:

```
1 <?php
2
3 namespace App;
4
5 use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7 class User extends Model
8 {
9     /**
10      * Scope a query to only include users of a given type.
11      *
12      * @return \Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Builder
13      */
14     public function scopeOfType($query, $type)
15     {
16         return $query->where('type', $type);
17     }
18 }
```

```
18 }
```

Now, you may pass the parameters when calling the scope:

```
1 $users = App\User::ofType('admin')->get();
```

Events

Eloquent models fire several events, allowing you to hook into various points in the model's lifecycle using the following methods: `creating`, `created`, `updating`, `updated`, `saving`, `saved`, `deleting`, `deleted`, `restoring`, `restored`. Events allow you to easily execute code each time a specific model class is saved or updated in the database.

Basic Usage

Whenever a new model is saved for the first time, the `creating` and `created` events will fire. If a model already existed in the database and the `save` method is called, the `updating` / `updated` events will fire. However, in both cases, the `saving` / `saved` events will fire.

For example, let's define an Eloquent event listener in a [service provider](#). Within our event listener, we will call the `isValid` method on the given model, and return `false` if the model is not valid. Returning `false` from an Eloquent event listener will cancel the `save` / `update` operation:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App\Providers;
4
5  use App\User;
6  use Illuminate\Support\ServiceProvider;
7
8  class AppServiceProvider extends ServiceProvider
9  {
10     /**
11      * Bootstrap any application services.
12      *
13      * @return void
14      */
15     public function boot()
```

```
16     {
17         User::creating(function ($user) {
18             if ( ! $user->isValid()) {
19                 return false;
20             }
21         });
22     }
23
24     /**
25      * Register the service provider.
26      *
27      * @return void
28      */
29     public function register()
30     {
31         //
32     }
33 }
```

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Introduction

Database tables are often related to one another. For example, a blog post may have many comments, or an order could be related to the user who placed it. Eloquent makes managing and working with these relationships easy, and supports several different types of relationships:

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Defining Relationships

Eloquent relationships are defined as functions on your Eloquent model classes. Since, like Eloquent models themselves, relationships also serve as powerful [query builders](#), defining relationships as functions provides powerful method chaining and querying capabilities. For example:

```
1 $user->posts()->where('active', 1)->get();
```

But, before diving too deep into using relationships, let's learn how to define each type:

One To One

A one-to-one relationship is a very basic relation. For example, a User model might be associated with one Phone. To define this relationship, we place a phone method on the User model. The phone method should return the results of the hasOne method on the base Eloquent model class:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class User extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10       * Get the phone record associated with the user.
11       */
12     public function phone()
13     {
14         return $this->hasOne('App\Phone');
15     }
16 }
```

The first argument passed to the hasOne method is the name of the related model. Once the relationship is defined, we may retrieve the related record using Eloquent's dynamic properties. Dynamic properties allow you to access relationship functions as if they were properties defined on the model:

```
1  $phone = User::find(1)->phone;
```

Eloquent assumes the foreign key of the relationship based on the model name. In this case, the Phone model is automatically assumed to have a user_id foreign key. If you wish to override this convention, you may pass a second argument to the hasOne method:

```
1  return $this->hasOne('App\Phone', 'foreign_key');
```

Additionally, Eloquent assumes that the foreign key should have a value matching the id (or the custom \$primaryKey) column of the parent. In other words, Eloquent will look for the value of the

user's id column in the user_id column of the Phone record. If you would like the relationship to use a value other than id, you may pass a third argument to the hasOne method specifying your custom key:

```
1 return $this->hasOne('App\Phone', 'foreign_key', 'local_key');
```

Defining The Inverse Of The Relation

So, we can access the Phone model from our User. Now, let's define a relationship on the Phone model that will let us access the User that owns the phone. We can define the inverse of a hasOne relationship using the belongsTo method:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class Phone extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10       * Get the user that owns the phone.
11       */
12     public function user()
13     {
14         return $this->belongsTo('App\User');
15     }
16 }
```

In the example above, Eloquent will try to match the user_id from the Phone model to an id on the User model. Eloquent determines the default foreign key name by examining the name of the relationship method and suffixing the method name with _id. However, if the foreign key on the Phone model is not user_id, you may pass a custom key name as the second argument to the belongsTo method:

```
1  /**
2   * Get the user that owns the phone.
3   */
4  public function user()
5  {
6      return $this->belongsTo('App\User', 'foreign_key');
7  }
```

If your parent model does not use `id` as its primary key, or you wish to join the child model to a different column, you may pass a third argument to the `belongsTo` method specifying your parent table's custom key:

```
1  /**
2   * Get the user that owns the phone.
3   */
4  public function user()
5  {
6      return $this->belongsTo('App\User', 'foreign_key', 'other_key');
7  }
```

One To Many

A “one-to-many” relationship is used to define relationships where a single model owns any amount of other models. For example, a blog post may have an infinite number of comments. Like all other Eloquent relationships, one-to-many relationships are defined by placing a function on your Eloquent model:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class Post extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10       * Get the comments for the blog post.
11       */
```

```
12     public function comments()  
13     {  
14         return $this->hasMany('App\Comment');  
15     }  
16 }
```

Remember, Eloquent will automatically determine the proper foreign key column on the `Comment` model. By convention, Eloquent will take the “snake case” name of the owning model and suffix it with `_id`. So, for this example, Eloquent will assume the foreign key on the `Comment` model is `post_id`.

Once the relationship has been defined, we can access the collection of comments by accessing the `comments` property. Remember, since Eloquent provides “dynamic properties”, we can access relationship functions as if they were defined as properties on the model:

```
1 $comments = App\Post::find(1)->comments;  
2  
3 foreach ($comments as $comment) {  
4     //  
5 }
```

Of course, since all relationships also serve as query builders, you can add further constraints to which comments are retrieved by calling the `comments` method and continuing to chain conditions onto the query:

```
1 $comments = App\Post::find(1)->comments()->where('title', 'foo')->first();
```

Like the `hasOne` method, you may also override the foreign and local keys by passing additional arguments to the `hasMany` method:

```
1 return $this->hasMany('App\Comment', 'foreign_key');  
2  
3 return $this->hasMany('App\Comment', 'foreign_key', 'local_key');
```


Defining The Inverse Of The Relation

Now that we can access all of a post's comments, let's define a relationship to allow a comment to access its parent post. To define the inverse of a `hasMany` relationship, define a relationship function on the child model which calls the `belongsTo` method:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class Comment extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10       * Get the post that owns the comment.
11       */
12       public function post()
13       {
14           return $this->belongsTo('App\Post');
15       }
16  }
```

Once the relationship has been defined, we can retrieve the `Post` model for a `Comment` by accessing the `post` “dynamic property”:

```
1  $comment = App\Comment::find(1);
2
3  echo $comment->post->title;
```

In the example above, Eloquent will try to match the `post_id` from the `Comment` model to an `id` on the `Post` model. Eloquent determines the default foreign key name by examining the name of the relationship method and suffixing the method name with `_id`. However, if the foreign key on the `Comment` model is not `post_id`, you may pass a custom key name as the second argument to the `belongsTo` method:

```
1  /**
2   * Get the post that owns the comment.
3   */
4  public function post()
5  {
6      return $this->belongsTo('App\Post', 'foreign_key');
7  }
```

If your parent model does not use `id` as its primary key, or you wish to join the child model to a different column, you may pass a third argument to the `belongsTo` method specifying your parent table's custom key:

```
1  /**
2   * Get the post that owns the comment.
3   */
4  public function post()
5  {
6      return $this->belongsTo('App\Post', 'foreign_key', 'other_key');
7  }
```

Many To Many

Many-to-many relations are slightly more complicated than `hasOne` and `hasMany` relationships. An example of such a relationship is a user with many roles, where the roles are also shared by other users. For example, many users may have the role of “Admin”. To define this relationship, three database tables are needed: `users`, `roles`, and `role_user`. The `role_user` table is derived from the alphabetical order of the related model names, and contains the `user_id` and `role_id` columns.

Many-to-many relationships are defined by writing a method that calls the `belongsToMany` method on the base Eloquent class. For example, let's define the `roles` method on our `User` model:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class User extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10       * The roles that belong to the user.
11       */
12     public function roles()
13     {
14         return $this->belongsToMany('App\Role');
15     }
16 }
```

Once the relationship is defined, you may access the user's roles using the `roles` dynamic property:

```
1  $user = App\User::find(1);
2
3  foreach ($user->roles as $role) {
4      //
5  }
```

Of course, like all other relationship types, you may call the `roles` method to continue chaining query constraints onto the relationship:

```
1  $roles = App\User::find(1)->roles()->orderBy('name')->get();
```

As mentioned previously, to determine the table name of the relationship's joining table, Eloquent will join the two related model names in alphabetical order. However, you are free to override this convention. You may do so by passing a second argument to the `belongsToMany` method:

```
1  return $this->belongsToMany('App\Role', 'role_user');
```

In addition to customizing the name of the joining table, you may also customize the column names of the keys on the table by passing additional arguments to the `belongsToMany` method. The third argument is the foreign key name of the model on which you are defining the relationship, while the fourth argument is the foreign key name of the model that you are joining to:

```
1 return $this->belongsToMany('App\Role', 'role_user', 'user_id', 'role_id');
```

Defining The Inverse Of The Relationship

To define the inverse of a many-to-many relationship, you simply place another call to `belongsToMany` on your related model. To continue our user roles example, let's define the `users` method on the `Role` model:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class Role extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10       * The users that belong to the role.
11       */
12     public function users()
13     {
14         return $this->belongsToMany('App\User');
15     }
16 }
```

As you can see, the relationship is defined exactly the same as its `User` counterpart, with the exception of simply referencing the `App\User` model. Since we're reusing the `belongsToMany` method, all of the usual table and key customization options are available when defining the inverse of many-to-many relationships.

Retrieving Intermediate Table Columns

As you have already learned, working with many-to-many relations requires the presence of an intermediate table. Eloquent provides some very helpful ways of interacting with this table. For

example, let's assume our `User` object has many `Role` objects that it is related to. After accessing this relationship, we may access the intermediate table using the `pivot` attribute on the models:

```
1 $user = App\User::find(1);
2
3 foreach ($user->roles as $role) {
4     echo $role->pivot->created_at;
5 }
```

Notice that each `Role` model we retrieve is automatically assigned a `pivot` attribute. This attribute contains a model representing the intermediate table, and may be used like any other Eloquent model.

By default, only the model keys will be present on the `pivot` object. If your pivot table contains extra attributes, you must specify them when defining the relationship:

```
1 return $this->belongsToMany('App\Role')->withPivot('column1', 'column2');
```

If you want your pivot table to have automatically maintained `created_at` and `updated_at` timestamps, use the `withTimestamps` method on the relationship definition:

```
1 return $this->belongsToMany('App\Role')->withTimestamps();
```

Filtering Relationships Via Intermediate Table Columns

You can also filter the results returned by `belongsToMany` using the `wherePivot` and `wherePivotIn` methods when defining the relationship:

```
1 return $this->belongsToMany('App\Role')->wherePivot('approved', 1);
2
3 return $this->belongsToMany('App\Role')->wherePivotIn('approved', [1, 2]);
```

Has Many Through

The “has-many-through” relationship provides a convenient short-cut for accessing distant relations via an intermediate relation. For example, a `Country` model might have many `Post` models through an intermediate `User` model. In this example, you could easily gather all blog posts for a given country. Let’s look at the tables required to define this relationship:

```
1  countries
2      id - integer
3      name - string
4
5  users
6      id - integer
7      country_id - integer
8      name - string
9
10 posts
11     id - integer
12     user_id - integer
13     title - string
```

Though `posts` does not contain a `country_id` column, the `hasManyThrough` relation provides access to a country’s posts via `$country->posts`. To perform this query, Eloquent inspects the `country_id` on the intermediate `users` table. After finding the matching user IDs, they are used to query the `posts` table.

Now that we have examined the table structure for the relationship, let’s define it on the `Country` model:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class Country extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10       * Get all of the posts for the country.
11       */
12     public function posts()
13     {
```

```
14         return $this->hasManyThrough('App\Post', 'App\User');
15     }
16 }
```

The first argument passed to the `hasManyThrough` method is the name of the final model we wish to access, while the second argument is the name of the intermediate model.

Typical Eloquent foreign key conventions will be used when performing the relationship's queries. If you would like to customize the keys of the relationship, you may pass them as the third and fourth arguments to the `hasManyThrough` method. The third argument is the name of the foreign key on the intermediate model, the fourth argument is the name of the foreign key on the final model, and the fifth argument is the local key:

```
1  class Country extends Model
2  {
3      public function posts()
4      {
5          return $this->hasManyThrough(
6              'App\Post', 'App\User',
7              'country_id', 'user_id', 'id'
8          );
9      }
10 }
```

Polymorphic Relations

Table Structure

Polymorphic relations allow a model to belong to more than one other model on a single association. For example, imagine users of your application can “like” both posts and comments. Using polymorphic relationships, you can use a single `likes` table for both of these scenarios. First, let's examine the table structure required to build this relationship:

```
1  posts
2      id - integer
3      title - string
4      body - text
5
6  comments
7      id - integer
8      post_id - integer
9      body - text
10
11 likes
12     id - integer
13     likeable_id - integer
14     likeable_type - string
```

Two important columns to note are the `likeable_id` and `likeable_type` columns on the `likes` table. The `likeable_id` column will contain the ID value of the post or comment, while the `likeable_type` column will contain the class name of the owning model. The `likeable_type` column is how the ORM determines which “type” of owning model to return when accessing the `likeable` relation.

Model Structure

Next, let’s examine the model definitions needed to build this relationship:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class Like extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10       * Get all of the owning likeable models.
11       */
12     public function likeable()
13     {
14         return $this->morphTo();
15     }
16 }
17
18 class Post extends Model
```



```
19 {
20     /**
21      * Get all of the post's likes.
22      */
23     public function likes()
24     {
25         return $this->morphMany('App\Like', 'likeable');
26     }
27 }
28
29 class Comment extends Model
30 {
31     /**
32      * Get all of the comment's likes.
33      */
34     public function likes()
35     {
36         return $this->morphMany('App\Like', 'likeable');
37     }
38 }
```

Retrieving Polymorphic Relations

Once your database table and models are defined, you may access the relationships via your models. For example, to access all of the likes for a post, we can simply use the `likes` dynamic property:

```
1 $post = App\Post::find(1);
2
3 foreach ($post->likes as $like) {
4     //
5 }
```

You may also retrieve the owner of a polymorphic relation from the polymorphic model by accessing the name of the method that performs the call to `morphTo`. In our case, that is the `likeable` method on the `Like` model. So, we will access that method as a dynamic property:

```
1 $like = App\Like::find(1);
2
3 $likeable = $like->likeable;
```

The `likeable` relation on the `Like` model will return either a `Post` or `Comment` instance, depending on which type of model owns the like.

Custom Polymorphic Types

By default, Laravel will use the fully qualified class name to store the type of the related model. For instance, given the example above where a `Like` may belong to a `Post` or a `Comment`, the default `likeable_type` would be either `App\Post` or `App\Comment`, respectively. However, you may wish to decouple your database from your application's internal structure. In that case, you may define a relationship “morph map” to instruct Eloquent to use the table name associated with each model instead of the class name:

```
1 use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Relations\Relation;
2
3 Relation::morphMap([
4     App\Post::class,
5     App\Comment::class,
6 ]);
```

Or, you may specify a custom string to associate with each model:

```
1 use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Relations\Relation;
2
3 Relation::morphMap([
4     'posts' => App\Post::class,
5     'likes' => App\Like::class,
6 ]);
```

You may register the `morphMap` in the `boot` function of your `AppServiceProvider` or create a separate service provider if you wish.

Many To Many Polymorphic Relations

Table Structure

In addition to traditional polymorphic relations, you may also define “many-to-many” polymorphic relations. For example, a blog `Post` and `Video` model could share a polymorphic relation to a `Tag` model. Using a many-to-many polymorphic relation allows you to have a single list of unique tags that are shared across blog posts and videos. First, let’s examine the table structure:

```
1  posts
2      id - integer
3      name - string
4
5  videos
6      id - integer
7      name - string
8
9  tags
10     id - integer
11     name - string
12
13 taggables
14     tag_id - integer
15     taggable_id - integer
16     taggable_type - string
```

Model Structure

Next, we’re ready to define the relationships on the model. The `Post` and `Video` models will both have a `tags` method that calls the `morphToMany` method on the base Eloquent class:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class Post extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10         * Get all of the tags for the post.
```

```
11     */
12     public function tags()
13     {
14         return $this->morphToMany('App\Tag', 'taggable');
15     }
16 }
```

Defining The Inverse Of The Relationship

Next, on the Tag model, you should define a method for each of its related models. So, for this example, we will define a posts method and a videos method:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class Tag extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10       * Get all of the posts that are assigned this tag.
11       */
12     public function posts()
13     {
14         return $this->morphedByMany('App\Post', 'taggable');
15     }
16
17     /**
18      * Get all of the videos that are assigned this tag.
19      */
20     public function videos()
21     {
22         return $this->morphedByMany('App\Video', 'taggable');
23     }
24 }
```

Retrieving The Relationship

Once your database table and models are defined, you may access the relationships via your models. For example, to access all of the tags for a post, you can simply use the tags dynamic property:

```
1 $post = App\Post::find(1);
2
3 foreach ($post->tags as $tag) {
4     //
5 }
```

You may also retrieve the owner of a polymorphic relation from the polymorphic model by accessing the name of the method that performs the call to `morphedByMany`. In our case, that is the `posts` or `videos` methods on the `Tag` model. So, you will access those methods as dynamic properties:

```
1 $tag = App\Tag::find(1);
2
3 foreach ($tag->videos as $video) {
4     //
5 }
```

Querying Relations

Since all types of Eloquent relationships are defined via functions, you may call those functions to obtain an instance of the relationship without actually executing the relationship queries. In addition, all types of Eloquent relationships also serve as [query builders](#), allowing you to continue to chain constraints onto the relationship query before finally executing the SQL against your database.

For example, imagine a blog system in which a `User` model has many associated `Post` models:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class User extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10       * Get all of the posts for the user.
11       */
12     public function posts()
13     {
14         return $this->hasMany('App\Post');
15     }
16 }
```

You may query the posts relationship and add additional constraints to the relationship like so:

```
1  $user = App\User::find(1);
2
3  $user->posts()->where('active', 1)->get();
```

Note that you are able to use any of the [query builder](#) methods on the relationship!

Relationship Methods Vs. Dynamic Properties

If you do not need to add additional constraints to an Eloquent relationship query, you may simply access the relationship as if it were a property. For example, continuing to use our User and Post example models, we may access all of a user's posts like so:

```
1  $user = App\User::find(1);
2
3  foreach ($user->posts as $post) {
4      //
5  }
```

Dynamic properties are “lazy loading”, meaning they will only load their relationship data when you actually access them. Because of this, developers often use [eager loading](#) to pre-load relationships they know will be accessed after loading the model. Eager loading provides a significant reduction in SQL queries that must be executed to load a model’s relations.

Querying Relationship Existence

When accessing the records for a model, you may wish to limit your results based on the existence of a relationship. For example, imagine you want to retrieve all blog posts that have at least one comment. To do so, you may pass the name of the relationship to the `has` method:

```
1 // Retrieve all posts that have at least one comment...
2 $posts = App\Post::has('comments')->get();
```

You may also specify an operator and count to further customize the query:

```
1 // Retrieve all posts that have three or more comments...
2 $posts = Post::has('comments', '>=', 3)->get();
```

Nested `has` statements may also be constructed using “dot” notation. For example, you may retrieve all posts that have at least one comment and vote:

```
1 // Retrieve all posts that have at least one comment with votes...
2 $posts = Post::has('comments.votes')->get();
```

If you need even more power, you may use the `whereHas` and `orWhereHas` methods to put “where” conditions on your `has` queries. These methods allow you to add customized constraints to a relationship constraint, such as checking the content of a comment:

```
1 // Retrieve all posts with at least one comment containing words like foo%
2 $posts = Post::whereHas('comments', function ($query) {
3     $query->where('content', 'like', 'foo%');
4 }->get();
```

Counting Relationship Results

If you want to count the number of results from a relationship without actually loading them you may use the `withCount` method, which will place a `{relation}_count` column on your resulting models. For example:

```
1 $posts = App\Post::withCount('comments')->get();
2
3 foreach ($posts as $post) {
4     echo $post->comments_count;
5 }
```

You may add retrieve the “counts” for multiple relations as well as add constraints to the queries:

```
1 $posts = Post::withCount(['votes', 'comments' => function ($query) {
2     $query->where('content', 'like', 'foo%');
3 }])->get();
4
5 echo $posts[0]->votes_count;
6 echo $posts[0]->comments_count;
```

Eager Loading

When accessing Eloquent relationships as properties, the relationship data is “lazy loaded”. This means the relationship data is not actually loaded until you first access the property. However, Eloquent can “eager load” relationships at the time you query the parent model. Eager loading alleviates the N + 1 query problem. To illustrate the N + 1 query problem, consider a `Book` model that is related to `Author`:

```
1 <?php
2
3 namespace App;
4
5 use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7 class Book extends Model
8 {
9     /**
```



```
10      * Get the author that wrote the book.
11      */
12      public function author()
13      {
14          return $this->belongsTo('App\Author');
15      }
16  }
```

Now, let's retrieve all books and their authors:

```
1  $books = App\Book::all();
2
3  foreach ($books as $book) {
4      echo $book->author->name;
5  }
```

This loop will execute 1 query to retrieve all of the books on the table, then another query for each book to retrieve the author. So, if we have 25 books, this loop would run 26 queries: 1 for the original book, and 25 additional queries to retrieve the author of each book.

Thankfully, we can use eager loading to reduce this operation to just 2 queries. When querying, you may specify which relationships should be eager loaded using the `with` method:

```
1  $books = App\Book::with('author')->get();
2
3  foreach ($books as $book) {
4      echo $book->author->name;
5  }
```

For this operation, only two queries will be executed:

```
1  select * from books
2
3  select * from authors where id in (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ...)
```

Eager Loading Multiple Relationships

Sometimes you may need to eager load several different relationships in a single operation. To do so, just pass additional arguments to the `with` method:

```
1 $books = App\Book::with('author', 'publisher')->get();
```

Nested Eager Loading

To eager load nested relationships, you may use “dot” syntax. For example, let’s eager load all of the book’s authors and all of the author’s personal contacts in one Eloquent statement:

```
1 $books = App\Book::with('author.contacts')->get();
```

Constraining Eager Loads

Sometimes you may wish to eager load a relationship, but also specify additional query constraints for the eager loading query. Here’s an example:

```
1 $users = App\User::with(['posts' => function ($query) {  
2     $query->where('title', 'like', '%first%');  
3  
4 }])->get();
```

In this example, Eloquent will only eager load posts where the post’s `title` column contains the word `first`. Of course, you may call other [query builder](#) methods to further customize the eager loading operation:

```
1 $users = App\User::with(['posts' => function ($query) {  
2     $query->orderBy('created_at', 'desc');  
3  
4 }])->get();
```

Lazy Eager Loading

Sometimes you may need to eager load a relationship after the parent model has already been retrieved. For example, this may be useful if you need to dynamically decide whether to load related models:

```
1 $books = App\Book::all();
2
3 if ($someCondition) {
4     $books->load('author', 'publisher');
5 }
```

If you need to set additional query constraints on the eager loading query, you may pass a Closure to the load method:

```
1 $books->load(['author' => function ($query) {
2     $query->orderBy('published_date', 'asc');
3 }]);
```

Inserting Related Models

The Save Method

Eloquent provides convenient methods for adding new models to relationships. For example, perhaps you need to insert a new Comment for a Post model. Instead of manually setting the post_id attribute on the Comment, you may insert the Comment directly from the relationship's save method:

```
1 $comment = new App\Comment(['message' => 'A new comment.']);
2
3 $post = App\Post::find(1);
4
5 $post->comments()->save($comment);
```

Notice that we did not access the comments relationship as a dynamic property. Instead, we called the comments method to obtain an instance of the relationship. The save method will automatically add the appropriate post_id value to the new Comment model.

If you need to save multiple related models, you may use the `saveMany` method:

```
1 $post = App\Post::find(1);
2
3 $post->comments()->saveMany([
4     new App\Comment(['message' => 'A new comment.']),
5     new App\Comment(['message' => 'Another comment.']),
6 ]);
```

Save & Many To Many Relationships

When working with a many-to-many relationship, the `save` method accepts an array of additional intermediate table attributes as its second argument:

```
1 App\User::find(1)->roles()->save($role, ['expires' => $expires]);
```

The Create Method

In addition to the `save` and `saveMany` methods, you may also use the `create` method, which accepts an array of attributes, creates a model, and inserts it into the database. Again, the difference between `save` and `create` is that `save` accepts a full Eloquent model instance while `create` accepts a plain PHP array:

```
1 $post = App\Post::find(1);
2
3 $comment = $post->comments()->create([
4     'message' => 'A new comment.',
5 ]);
```

Before using the `create` method, be sure to review the documentation on attribute [mass assignment](#).

Updating “Belongs To” Relationships

When updating a `belongsTo` relationship, you may use the `associate` method. This method will set the foreign key on the child model:

```
1 $account = App\Account::find(10);  
2  
3 $user->account()->associate($account);  
4  
5 $user->save();
```

When removing a `belongsTo` relationship, you may use the `dissociate` method. This method will reset the foreign key as well as the relation on the child model:

```
1 $user->account()->dissociate();  
2  
3 $user->save();
```

Many To Many Relationships

Attaching / Detaching

When working with many-to-many relationships, Eloquent provides a few additional helper methods to make working with related models more convenient. For example, let's imagine a user can have many roles and a role can have many users. To attach a role to a user by inserting a record in the intermediate table that joins the models, use the `attach` method:

```
1 $user = App\User::find(1);  
2  
3 $user->roles()->attach($roleId);
```

When attaching a relationship to a model, you may also pass an array of additional data to be inserted into the intermediate table:

```
1 $user->roles()->attach($roleId, ['expires' => $expires]);
```

Of course, sometimes it may be necessary to remove a role from a user. To remove a many-to-many relationship record, use the `detach` method. The `detach` method will remove the appropriate record out of the intermediate table; however, both models will remain in the database:

```
1 // Detach a single role from the user...
2 $user->roles()->detach($roleId);
3
4 // Detach all roles from the user...
5 $user->roles()->detach();
```

For convenience, attach and detach also accept arrays of IDs as input:

```
1 $user = App\User::find(1);
2
3 $user->roles()->detach([1, 2, 3]);
4
5 $user->roles()->attach([1 => ['expires' => $expires], 2, 3]);
```

Updating A Record On A Pivot Table

If you need to update an existing row in your pivot table, you may use `updateExistingPivot` method:

```
1 $user = App\User::find(1);
2
3 $user->roles()->updateExistingPivot($roleId, $attributes);
```

Syncing For Convenience

You may also use the `sync` method to construct many-to-many associations. The `sync` method accepts an array of IDs to place on the intermediate table. Any IDs that are not in the given array will be removed from the intermediate table. So, after this operation is complete, only the IDs in the array will exist in the intermediate table:

```
1 $user->roles()->sync([1, 2, 3]);
```

You may also pass additional intermediate table values with the IDs:

```
1 $user->roles()->sync([1 => ['expires' => true], 2, 3]);
```

Touching Parent Timestamps

When a model belongsTo or belongsToMany another model, such as a Comment which belongs to a Post, it is sometimes helpful to update the parent's timestamp when the child model is updated. For example, when a Comment model is updated, you may want to automatically “touch” the updated_at timestamp of the owning Post. Eloquent makes it easy. Just add a touches property containing the names of the relationships to the child model:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class Comment extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10       * All of the relationships to be touched.
11       *
12       * @var array
13       */
14     protected $touches = ['post'];
15
16     /**
17      * Get the post that the comment belongs to.
18      */
19     public function post()
20     {
21         return $this->belongsTo('App\Post');
22     }
23 }
```

Now, when you update a Comment, the owning Post will have its updated_at column updated as well:

```
1 $comment = App\Comment::find(1);  
2  
3 $comment->text = 'Edit to this comment!';  
4  
5 $comment->save();
```


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Introduction

All multi-result sets returned by Eloquent are an instance of the `Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Collection` object, including results retrieved via the `get` method or accessed via a relationship. The Eloquent collection object extends the Laravel [base collection](#), so it naturally inherits dozens of methods used to fluently work with the underlying array of Eloquent models.

Of course, all collections also serve as iterators, allowing you to loop over them as if they were simple PHP arrays:

```
1 $users = App\User::where('active', 1)->get();
2
3 foreach ($users as $user) {
4     echo $user->name;
5 }
```

However, collections are much more powerful than arrays and expose a variety of map / reduce operations that may be chained using an intuitive interface. For example, let's remove all inactive models and gather the first name for each remaining user:

```
1 $users = App\User::where('active', 1)->get();
2
3 $names = $users->reject(function ($user) {
4     return $user->active === false;
5 })
6 ->map(function ($user) {
7     return $user->name;
8 });
```



Note: While most Eloquent collection methods return a new instance of an Eloquent collection, the `pluck`, `keys`, `zip`, `collapse`, `flatten` and `flip` methods return a [base collection](#) instance.

Available Methods

The Base Collection

All Eloquent collections extend the base [Laravel collection](#) object; therefore, they inherit all of the powerful methods provided by the base collection class:

```
<style> A> #collection-method-list > p { A> column-count: 3; -moz-column-count: 3; -webkit-column-count: 3; A> column-gap: 2em; -moz-column-gap: 2em; -webkit-column-gap: 2em; A> } A> A> #collection-method-list a { A> display: block; A> }
```

```
</style>
```

```
<div id="collection-method-list" markdown="1">
```

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```
</div>
```

Custom Collections

If you need to use a custom `Collection` object with your own extension methods, you may override the `newCollection` method on your model:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use App\CustomCollection;
6  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
7
8  class User extends Model
9  {
10     /**
11      * Create a new Eloquent Collection instance.
12      *
13      * @param array $models
```

```
14      * @return \Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Collection
15      */
16      public function newCollection(array $models = [])
17      {
18          return new CustomCollection($models);
19      }
20  }
```

Once you have defined a `newCollection` method, you will receive an instance of your custom collection anytime Eloquent returns a `Collection` instance of that model. If you would like to use a custom collection for every model in your application, you should override the `newCollection` method on a model base class that is extended by all of your models.

Eloquent: Mutators

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Introduction

Accessors and mutators allow you to format Eloquent attributes when retrieving them from a model or setting their value. For example, you may want to use the [Laravel encrypter](#) to encrypt a value while it is stored in the database, and then automatically decrypt the attribute when you access it on an Eloquent model.

In addition to custom accessors and mutators, Eloquent can also automatically cast date fields to [Carbon](#)²²⁰ instances or even [cast text fields to JSON](#).

Accessors & Mutators

Defining An Accessor

To define an accessor, create a `getFooAttribute` method on your model where `Foo` is the “studly” cased name of the column you wish to access. In this example, we’ll define an accessor for the `first_name` attribute. The accessor will automatically be called by Eloquent when attempting to retrieve the value of `first_name`:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class User extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10       * Get the user's first name.
11       *
```

²²⁰<https://github.com/briannesbitt/Carbon>

```
12     * @param string $value
13     * @return string
14     */
15     public function getFirstNameAttribute($value)
16     {
17         return ucfirst($value);
18     }
19 }
```

As you can see, the original value of the column is passed to the accessor, allowing you to manipulate and return the value. To access the value of the mutator, you may simply access the `first_name` attribute:

```
1 $user = App\User::find(1);
2
3 $firstName = $user->first_name;
```

Defining A Mutator

To define a mutator, define a `setFooAttribute` method on your model where `Foo` is the “studly” cased name of the column you wish to access. So, again, let’s define a mutator for the `first_name` attribute. This mutator will be automatically called when we attempt to set the value of the `first_name` attribute on the model:

```
1 <?php
2
3 namespace App;
4
5 use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7 class User extends Model
8 {
9     /**
10      * Set the user's first name.
11      *
12      * @param string $value
13      * @return void
14      */
15     public function setFirstNameAttribute($value)
```

```
16     {
17         $this->attributes['first_name'] = strtolower($value);
18     }
19 }
```

The mutator will receive the value that is being set on the attribute, allowing you to manipulate the value and set the manipulated value on the Eloquent model's internal `$attributes` property. So, for example, if we attempt to set the `first_name` attribute to Sally:

```
1 $user = App\User::find(1);
2
3 $user->first_name = 'Sally';
```

In this example, the `setFirstNameAttribute` function will be called with the value Sally. The mutator will then apply the `strtolower` function to the name and set its value in the internal `$attributes` array.

Date Mutators

By default, Eloquent will convert the `created_at` and `updated_at` columns to instances of [Carbon](https://github.com/briannesbitt/Carbon)²²¹, which provides an assortment of helpful methods, and extends the native PHP `DateTime` class.

You may customize which fields are automatically mutated, and even completely disable this mutation, by overriding the `$dates` property of your model:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class User extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10       * The attributes that should be mutated to dates.
11       *
12       * @var array
```

²²¹<https://github.com/briannesbitt/Carbon>

```
13      */
14      protected $dates = ['created_at', 'updated_at', 'deleted_at'];
15  }
```

When a column is considered a date, you may set its value to a UNIX timestamp, date string (Y-m-d), date-time string, and of course a DateTime / Carbon instance, and the date's value will automatically be correctly stored in your database:

```
1  $user = App\User::find(1);
2
3  $user->deleted_at = Carbon::now();
4
5  $user->save();
```

As noted above, when retrieving attributes that are listed in your \$dates property, they will automatically be cast to [Carbon](https://github.com/briannesbitt/Carbon)²²² instances, allowing you to use any of Carbon's methods on your attributes:

```
1  $user = App\User::find(1);
2
3  return $user->deleted_at->getTimestamp();
```

By default, timestamps are formatted as 'Y-m-d H:i:s'. If you need to customize the timestamp format, set the \$dateFormat property on your model. This property determines how date attributes are stored in the database, as well as their format when the model is serialized to an array or JSON:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class Flight extends Model
8  {
9      /**
```

²²²<https://github.com/briannesbitt/Carbon>

```
10      * The storage format of the model's date columns.
11      *
12      * @var string
13      */
14      protected $dateFormat = 'U';
15  }
```

Attribute Casting

The `$casts` property on your model provides a convenient method of converting attributes to common data types. The `$casts` property should be an array where the key is the name of the attribute being cast, while the value is the type you wish to cast the column to. The supported cast types are: integer, real, float, double, string, boolean, object, array, collection, date, datetime, and timestamp.

For example, let's cast the `is_admin` attribute, which is stored in our database as an integer (0 or 1) to a boolean value:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class User extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10       * The attributes that should be casted to native types.
11       *
12       * @var array
13       */
14       protected $casts = [
15           'is_admin' => 'boolean',
16       ];
17  }
```

Now the `is_admin` attribute will always be cast to a boolean when you access it, even if the underlying value is stored in the database as an integer:


```
1 $user = App\User::find(1);
2
3 if ($user->is_admin) {
4     //
5 }
```

Array Casting

The array cast type is particularly useful when working with columns that are stored as serialized JSON. For example, if your database has a TEXT field type that contains serialized JSON, adding the array cast to that attribute will automatically deserialize the attribute to a PHP array when you access it on your Eloquent model:

```
1 <?php
2
3 namespace App;
4
5 use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7 class User extends Model
8 {
9     /**
10      * The attributes that should be casted to native types.
11      *
12      * @var array
13      */
14     protected $casts = [
15         'options' => 'array',
16     ];
17 }
```

Once the cast is defined, you may access the options attribute and it will automatically be deserialized from JSON into a PHP array. When you set the value of the options attribute, the given array will automatically be serialized back into JSON for storage:

```
1 $user = App\User::find(1);  
2  
3 $options = $user->options;  
4  
5 $options['key'] = 'value';  
6  
7 $user->options = $options;  
8  
9 $user->save();
```

Eloquent: Serialization

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Introduction

When building JSON APIs, you will often need to convert your models and relationships to arrays or JSON. Eloquent includes convenient methods for making these conversions, as well as controlling which attributes are included in your serializations.

Basic Usage

Converting A Model To An Array

To convert a model and its loaded [relationships](#) to an array, you may use the `toArray` method. This method is recursive, so all attributes and all relations (including the relations of relations) will be converted to arrays:

```
1 $user = App\User::with('roles')->first();  
2  
3 return $user->toArray();
```

You may also convert [collections](#) to arrays:

```
1 $users = App\User::all();  
2  
3 return $users->toArray();
```

Converting A Model To JSON

To convert a model to JSON, you may use the `toJson` method. Like `toArray`, the `toJson` method is recursive, so all attributes and relations will be converted to JSON:

```
1 $user = App\User::find(1);  
2  
3 return $user->toJson();
```

Alternatively, you may cast a model or collection to a string, which will automatically call the `toJson` method:

```
1 $user = App\User::find(1);  
2  
3 return (string) $user;
```

Since models and collections are converted to JSON when cast to a string, you can return Eloquent objects directly from your application's routes or controllers:

```
1 Route::get('users', function () {  
2     return App\User::all();  
3 });
```

Hiding Attributes From JSON

Sometimes you may wish to limit the attributes, such as passwords, that are included in your model's array or JSON representation. To do so, add a `$hidden` property definition to your model:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class User extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10       * The attributes that should be hidden for arrays.
11       *
12       * @var array
13       */
14     protected $hidden = ['password'];
15 }
```



Note: When hiding relationships, use the relationship's **method** name, not its dynamic property name.

Alternatively, you may use the `visible` property to define a white-list of attributes that should be included in your model's array and JSON representation:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class User extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10       * The attributes that should be visible in arrays.
11       *
12       * @var array
13       */
14     protected $visible = ['first_name', 'last_name'];
15 }
```

Temporarily Modifying Property Visibility

If you would like to make some typically hidden attributes visible on a given model instance, you may use the `makeVisible` method. The `makeVisible` method returns the model instance for convenient method chaining:

```
1 return $user->makeVisible('attribute')->toArray();
```

Likewise, if you would like to make some typically visible attributes hidden on a given model instance, you may use the `makeHidden` method.

```
1 return $user->makeHidden('attribute')->toArray();
```

Appending Values To JSON

Occasionally, you may need to add array attributes that do not have a corresponding column in your database. To do so, first define an [accessor](#) for the value:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class User extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10       * Get the administrator flag for the user.
11       *
12       * @return bool
13       */
14     public function getIsAdminAttribute()
15     {
16         return $this->attributes['admin'] == 'yes';
17     }
18 }
```

Once you have created the accessor, add the attribute name to the appends property on the model:

```
1  <?php
2
3  namespace App;
4
5  use Illuminate\Database\Eloquent\Model;
6
7  class User extends Model
8  {
9      /**
10       * The accessors to append to the model's array form.
11       *
12       * @var array
13       */
14     protected $appends = ['is_admin'];
15 }
```

Once the attribute has been added to the appends list, it will be included in both the model's array and JSON forms. Attributes in the appends array will also respect the `visible` and `hidden` settings configured on the model.