Lab: Laravel - Intro

0. Preparing the work environment

- Launch your virtual machine, ensuring that all parameters are setup correctly (cfr. to the first lab).
- Try navigating to http://debian-wms.local, which should display the default start page.
- Try opening the share \\debian-wms.local\code from your Windows Explorer, which should give you access to the various web projects you already developed. P
- Make sure to execute the procedure *Enabling URL rewriting* before you continue. Otherwise Laravel will not work!
- 1. Exercise 1: Laravel Routing
 - Create a new Laravel application called **laravel-routing** by executing the following command from within your PuTTY.

./build-laravel-project laravel-routing

Some attention points:

- Make sure to connect as user user when executing the command above.
- Do not execute the command above more than once with the same parameter (laravel-routing), as this may give unwanted errors.
- Try surfing to http://debian-wms.local/laravel-routing and make sure you get the default Laravel start page:



Routing exercises:

 Define a default route so that navigating to http://debian-wms.local/laravelrouting/ displays the message *Hello from Laravel* in the visitor's web browser instead of the default Laravel start page mentioned above.



2. Define a route so that navigating to http://debian-wms.local/laravel-

routing/welcome displays a welcome message *Welcome at Howest University of Applied Sciences* in the visitor's web browser.



3. Define a route so that navigating to http://debian-wms.local/laravelrouting/hello/[name] displays a welcome message. For example, navigating to http://debian-wms.local/laravel-routing/hello/Frederic will display Hello Frederic! in the visitor's web browser.



4. Define a route so that navigating to http://debian-wms.local/laravelrouting/calc/[operator]/[operand1]/[operand2]/ will perform a calculation and displays the result in the visitor's web browser.

The following are valid values for [operator]:

- add → addition
- mul → multiplication
- sub → subtraction
- $div \rightarrow division$

For example, to multiply 5 and 3, the user should be able to issue the following request:

http://debian-wms.local/laravel-routing/calc/mul/5/3



Hint: the switch statement may be of assistance to decide between the four operations. Take a look at http://php.net/manual/en/control-structures.switch.php for more information.

- 2. Exercise 2: Restaurant Booker
 - Create a new Laravel application called **restaurant-booker** by executing the following command from within your PuTTY.

./build-laravel-project restaurant-booker

• Try surfing to http://debian-wms.local/restaurant-booker/ and make sure you get the default Laravel start page:



- Create a view **booking.blade.php** to display a web form for a restaurant booking site. The form should at least contain the following input fields:
 - Lastname: textfield, required
 - Firstname: textfield, required
 - Number of persons: dropdownlist, containing the values 1 to 8, required
 - Date: datefield, required
 - Time: dropdownlist, required, containing the following possibilities:
 - **18:00**
 - **18:30**
 - **1**9:00
 - 19:30
 - Remarks: textarea, optional

- Hints:
 - To easily generate the dropdownlist containing the numbers 1 → 8, you can use the Blade @for construct. Take a look at https://laravel.com/docs/master/blade#loops for more information.
 - Do you get an error? Try to understand the error message displayed in the browser. Correct the error and try again.
 - Your CSS files should be placed in the directory /public/css of the application.
 - To reference the CSS files stored in that directory from your view(s), use the asset function as follows:

<title>Restaurant Booker</title> <link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="{{ asset('css/reset.css') }}" /> <link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="{{ asset('css/screen.css') }}" />

• Create a controller called **BookingController** by issuing the following command from within the directory of your app in PuTTY:

php artisan make:controller BookingController

- This will generate a file called BookingController.php in the folder /app/Http/Controllers.
- Add a function to the controller to display the view you created a few steps earlier.
- In the correct file, add a route so that issuing a GET request to http://debian-wms.local/restaurant-booker/ triggers the controller function that displays the view.
- Try out your code by navigating to http://debian-wms.local/restaurant-booker/. You should get something comparable to the screenshot below:

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- Next, we will write the code to process the booking. In our app, this will just mean displaying a summary of the booking at the top of the page.
- In your controller file, add a new function which retrieves the submitted information from the Request object and passes it to the correct view, which is the same one as before, i.e. booking.blade.php.
- Make sure a correct route is assigned (will you be using GET or POST?) to the controller function so that the form submission triggers the execution of the function.
- Upon submission of the form, the view should display a nice summary of the information received:

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