## Deploying a Laravel Application to a Production Server.

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## Abstract

This tutorial describes the steps needed to be completed to deploy a Laravel application on a production server.

Before deploying a Laravel application to a production server, there are a few things that need to be done:

- 1. Ensure that the server meets the Laravel application's requirements. This includes PHP version, database software, and any necessary extensions.
- 2. Set up a web server on the production server. Apache or Nginx are the most commonly used web servers for Laravel applications.
- 3. Configure the web server to serve the Laravel application. This involves creating a virtual host or server block that points to the application's public directory.
- 4. Set up a database for the Laravel application. This can be MySQL, PostgreSQL, or another supported database software.
- 5. Configure the Laravel application to use the production database. This involves updating the .env file with the database credentials.
- Install Composer on the production server. Composer is a dependency manager for PHP, and is used to install the Laravel application's dependencies.
- 7. Clone the Laravel application's code onto the production server. This can be done using Git, FTP, or another method.
- 8. Install the Laravel application's dependencies using Composer.
- 9. Run any necessary database migrations or seeders to set up the production database.

- 10. Configure the Laravel application to use the production environment. This involves updating the .env file with the APP\_ENV variable set to "production".
- 11. Set up any necessary cron jobs or scheduled tasks for the Laravel application.
- 12. Test the Laravel application to ensure that it is working correctly on the production server.