

## [Laravel Jetstream: A Powerful Starter Kit for Modern Applications](#)

**Laravel Jetstream** is the official Laravel starter kit designed for developers who want more than just basic authentication. It provides a robust foundation with features like two-factor authentication, API tokens, teams, and profile management. Jetstream is ideal for building modern applications that require advanced user management out of the box.

### **What Is Laravel Jetstream?**

Jetstream builds on Laravel Fortify by providing not just backend services, but also fully styled front-end scaffolding. It supports both **Livewire + Blade** and **Inertia + Vue/React**, giving developers flexibility to choose between a traditional or modern SPA-like experience.

- Authentication (login, registration, password reset, email verification)
- Two-factor authentication (2FA)
- Profile photo and account management
- API support with Laravel Sanctum
- Team and multi-user support

(see comparison of [Laravel Starter Kits](#))

### **Installing Jetstream**

```
composer require laravel/jetstream
```



```
php artisan jetstream:install livewire
# or
php artisan jetstream:install inertia

npm install && npm run dev
php artisan migrateCode language: PHP (php)
```

These commands install Jetstream, scaffold the chosen front-end stack (Livewire or Inertia), compile assets, and prepare database migrations for advanced user features like teams and two-factor authentication.

## Protecting Routes

```
// routes/web.php

Route::middleware(['auth:sanctum', 'verified'])
    ->get('/dashboard', function () {
        return view('dashboard');
    })
    ->name('dashboard');
```

This ensures only authenticated and email-verified users can access the dashboard. Jetstream uses Sanctum for API authentication, making it secure for SPA and mobile integrations.

## Controller Example with Teams

```
// app/Http/Controllers/ProjectController.php
```

```
namespace App\Http\Controllers;

use Illuminate\Http\Request;

class ProjectController extends Controller
{
    public function __construct()
    {
        $this->middleware(['auth', 'verified']);
    }

    public function index()
    {
        // Example: Only allow projects from the current team
        $projects = auth()->user()->currentTeam->projects;
        return view('projects.index', compact('projects'));
    }
}
```

Code language: PHP (php)

This controller applies middleware for authentication and verification. Inside the `index` method, it fetches projects only for the logged-in user's current team — showcasing Jetstream's built-in team support.

## Blade Example: Team Switcher

```
<!-- resources/views/navigation-menu.blade.php -->

<div class="mt-3 space-y-1">
    @foreach (Auth::user()->allTeams() as $team)
        <x-jet-switchable-team :team="$team" />
    @endforeach
</div>
```

Code language: HTML, XML (xml)

This Blade snippet renders a team switcher in the navigation menu. Users can seamlessly switch between multiple teams, a feature built directly into Jetstream.

## Inertia + Vue Example

```
// resources/js/Pages/Dashboard.vue

<template>
  <div>
    <h1 class="text-2xl font-bold">Welcome, {{ $page.props.auth.user.name }}</h1>
    <p class="mt-2">You are part of team: {{ $page.props.auth.user.current_team.name }}</p>

    <Link href="/logout" method="post" as="button" class="mt-4 px-4 py-2 bg-red-500 text-white rounded">
      Logout
    </Link>
  </div>
</template>

<script setup>
import { Link } from '@inertiajs/vue3'
</script>Code language: HTML, XML (xml)
```

This Inertia + Vue component shows the logged-in user's name and current team. The `$page.props.auth.user` object comes directly from Jetstream's authentication layer. The `Link` component handles logout via POST request, keeping the SPA flow seamless without a full page reload.

## Comparison: Jetstream vs Breeze vs Fortify

Feature	Breeze	Jetstream	Fortify
<b>Purpose</b>	Minimal starter kit with basic auth	Advanced starter kit with teams, API, and 2FA	Backend-only auth services
<b>Front-end</b>	Blade + Tailwind (Inertia optional)	Livewire + Blade or Inertia + Vue/React	None (UI must be built manually)
<b>Teams</b>	No	Yes	No
<b>2FA</b>	No	Yes	Yes (backend only)
<b>Best Use Case</b>	Small/medium apps, MVPs	SaaS apps, team-based apps	Custom UI projects

**Laravel Jetstream** goes far beyond basic authentication. It equips your Laravel app with modern, production-ready features like two-factor authentication, API tokens, and team management. If you're building SaaS applications or team-based platforms, Jetstream is the ideal choice compared to Breeze (minimal) or Fortify (backend-only).