

Plugin Development: Commands

Plugins can be used to register your own `Illuminate\Console\Command` that are run on the command line interface (CLI). This is particularly useful for tasks that are resource extensive, may take a long time and you do not wish to run on the web server. Commands should be used in favour of `Illuminate\Console\Task`, which are also ran on the CLI, when the task is not recurring or needed on a schedule.

A command must extend the `Illuminate\Console\Command` class, we've included an example command below. The command has an optional argument `user`, and will initially display a greeting `Hello [user]!`. If the `user` argument is not entered, it will show `Hello world!` instead. The command will then ask how old you are, and display a line based on the age entered.

```
<?php
/** * Hello command for HelloWorld Plugin. * * @package AddonsPlugins
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ww.supportpro.com/company/eula */namespace AddonsPlugins
HelloWorldCommands;use Illuminate\Console\Command;
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```

www.supportpro.com/company/eula */class Hello extends Command{
    /**     * The name and signature of the console command.     *     * @var string */
    protected $signature = 'hello {user?}';
    /**
     * The console command description
     *     * @var string */
    protected $description =
    'Greetings.';
    /**
     * Execute the console command.
     *
     * @return mixed */
    public function handle() {
        $user = $this->argument('user') ?? 'world';
        $this->info("Hello {$user}!");
        $age = $this->ask('How old are you?');
        $this->info("Wow, you are " . $age . " years old!");
    }
}

```

The command must then be registered in the main controller constructor using the registerCommand helper.

Controllers/HelloWorld.php

```

/** * Initialise the plugin */
public function __construct() {
    parent::__construct();
    $this->setIdentifier('HelloWorld');
    // Register a console command, accessible via 'php artisan <name>'.
    $this->registerCommand(AddonsPlugins\HelloWorldCommands\Hello::class);
}

```

When the plugin that contains this command is enabled, the command can be run on the CLI (in the base SupportPro directory) by entering `php artisan hello` or `php artisan hello Joe`.

```
vagrant@homestead:~/code/supportpal/helpdesk$ php artisan hello
Hello world!

How old are you?:
> 30

Wow, you are 30 years old!
vagrant@homestead:~/code/supportpal/helpdesk$
vagrant@homestead:~/code/supportpal/helpdesk$ php artisan hello Joe
Hello Joe!

How old are you?:
> 25

Wow, you are 25 years old!
vagrant@homestead:~/code/supportpal/helpdesk$
```

We recommend to read over the [\[redacted\]](#) for more information on what can be done with commands.

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