

# JWT and Refresh Token

## # Generating and Using Refresh Token for Secure Authentication

### 1. Generating Refresh Token During Login

- **Client Request:** Client server ko login request bhejta hai.
- **Server Response:** Server do tokens generate karta hai:
  - **Access Token:** Short-lived (max 15 minutes validity).
  - **Refresh Token:** Long-lived (valid up to 6 months).
- **Token Storage:**
  - Access Token normal response ke saath return hota hai.
  - Refresh Token HTTP-only secure cookie me store hota hai, jo XSS attacks se bachata hai.

### 2. Access Token Expiry and Refresh Token Usage

- Jab **Access Token expire hota hai**, client automatically Refresh Token ka use karke ek **naya Access Token** generate karta hai.
- Refresh Token long-term stored hota hai aur sirf naye Access Token generate karne ke liye use hota hai.
- Ye system **security aur user experience** dono improve karta hai.

### 3. Security Benefits of Using Two Tokens

- **Access Token short-lived hota hai**, isliye agar compromise ho jaye toh impact limited hota hai.
- **Refresh Token long-lived hota hai**, par sirf naye Access Token generate karne ke liye use hota hai.
- Refresh Token ko **HTTP-only cookies** me store karne se security enhance hoti hai.
- Access Token ke expire hone ke baad bhi **session continuity** maintain hoti hai.

## Implementation via Coding

### Step 1: Create LoginResponseDTO

```
package com.springJourney.Week5Practice.DTOs;
import lombok.AllArgsConstructor;
import lombok.Data;
import lombok.NoArgsConstructor;
@Data
@AllArgsConstructor
@NoArgsConstructor
public class LoginResponseDTO {
    private Long id;
    private String accessToken;
    private String refreshToken;
}
```

}

## Step 2: Generate Access and Refresh Tokens in JWT Service

### i) JWT Token →

```
public String generateAccessToken(UserEntity userEntity){
    log.info("Attempting generateAccessToken method");
    String key = Jwts.builder()
        .subject(userEntity.getUserid().toString())
        .claim("email", userEntity.getEmail())
        .claim("roles", Set.of("Admin", "User"))
        .issuedAt(new Date())
        .expiration(new Date(System.currentTimeMillis() + 1000 * 600))
        .signWith(getSecretKey())
        .compact();
    log.info("Successfully generated access token with id: {}, and email: {}",
        userEntity.getUserid(), userEntity.getEmail() );
    return key;
}
```

### ii) Refresh Token →

```
public String generateRefreshToken(UserEntity userEntity){
    log.info("Attempting generateRefreshToken method");
    String key = Jwts.builder()
        .subject(userEntity.getUserid().toString())
        .issuedAt(new Date())
        .expiration(new Date(System.currentTimeMillis() + 1000 * 600 * 600))
        .signWith(getSecretKey())
        .compact();
    log.info("Successfully generated refresh token with id: {}", userEntity.getUserid());
    return key;
}
```

## Step 3: Use These Tokens in AuthService

```
public LoginResponseDTO login(LoginDTO loginDTO) {
    Authentication authentication = authenticationManager.authenticate(
        new UsernamePasswordAuthenticationToken(loginDTO.getEmail(),
            loginDTO.getPassword())
    );
    UserEntity userEntity = (UserEntity) authentication.getPrincipal();
    String accessToken = jwtServices.generateAccessToken(userEntity);
    String refreshToken = jwtServices.generateRefreshToken(userEntity);
    return new LoginResponseDTO(userEntity.getUserid(), accessToken, refreshToken);
}
```

## Step 4: Handle Login in AuthController

```
@PostMapping("/login")
public ResponseEntity<LoginResponseDTO> login(@RequestBody LoginDTO loginDTO,
                                              HttpServletRequest req,
                                              HttpServletResponse response)
{
    LoginResponseDTO loginResponseDTO = authServices.login(loginDTO);
    Cookie cookie = new Cookie("refreshToken", loginResponseDTO.getRefreshToken());
    cookie.setHttpOnly(true);
    response.addCookie(cookie);
    return ResponseEntity.ok(loginResponseDTO);
}
```

## Step 5: Request New Access Token Using Refresh Token

```
@PostMapping("/refresh")
public ResponseEntity<LoginResponseDTO> refresh(HttpServletRequest request) {
    String refreshToken = Arrays.stream(request.getCookies())
        .filter(cookie -> "refreshToken".equals(cookie.getName()))
        .findFirst()
        .map(Cookie::getValue)
        .orElseThrow(() ->
            new AuthenticationServiceException("Refresh token not found in Cookie"));
    LoginResponseDTO loginResponseDTO = authServices.refreshToken(refreshToken);
    return ResponseEntity.ok(loginResponseDTO);
}
```

## Step 6: Refresh Token Logic in AuthServices

```
public LoginResponseDTO refreshToken(String refreshToken) {
    Long userId = jwtServices.getUserIdFromToken(refreshToken);
    UserEntity userEntity = userService.findById(userId);
    String accessToken = jwtServices.generateAccessToken(userEntity);
    return new LoginResponseDTO(userEntity.getUserId(), accessToken, refreshToken);
}
```

## Final Summary

1. **Login:** Client login request bhejta hai, aur server Access Token aur Refresh Token generate karta hai.
2. **Token Storage:** Access Token response me return hota hai, aur Refresh Token HTTP-only cookie me store hota hai.
3. **Token Expiry Handling:** Agar Access Token expire ho jaye, toh Refresh Token se naya Access Token generate hota hai.
4. **Security:** Access Token short-lived hota hai, aur Refresh Token securely stored hota hai.

5. **Implementation:** Login request, token generation, secure storage, aur token renewal handle karne ke liye proper backend code likhna hota hai.

Ye pura process authentication system ko **secure aur efficient** banata hai, jisse unauthorized access prevent hota hai aur user experience smooth rehta hai.

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