

Wilson 5.2.3

Microsoft.IdentityModel.Tokens.Jwt

Introduction

The goal of this assembly is to improve the user experience by simplifying and improving performance when creating and validating JWT tokens. This library will make the following improvements:

- Remove automatic short-to-long claim type mapping that occurs when tokens are created.
- Prepare a framework for future work that will involve asynchronous token validation and creation.
- Improve the speed of JWT token validation and creation.
- Simplify the way in which JWT tokens are stored and dealt with.
- Provide a single extensibility model using delegates. Previous models provided two models: virtual methods and delegates.

Services Provided

1. Token Creation
2. Token Validation

API Set

The API set is focused around 2 main classes. [JsonWebToken](#) is used to represent JWT tokens in a simpler, more intuitive way than [JwtSecurityToken](#). [JsonWebTokenHandler](#) is able to create, read, and validate JWT tokens. A few additional structures (such as [TokenValidationResult](#)) and utilities have been created to facilitate calling and returning results.

NOTE: We plan to have async APIs for both token validation and token creation. Eventually, token handlers will be added that will support SAML, SAML2, and CBOR tokens.

[JsonWebToken](#) is used to:

1. Create a [JsonWebToken](#) from a JWT encoded string.
2. Create a [JsonWebToken](#) from [JObjects](#) representing the JWT header and the JWT payload.
3. Easily retrieve properties and claims from a JWT token.

```
public class JsonWebToken : SecurityToken {
    public JsonWebToken(JObject header, JObject payload);
    public JsonWebToken(string jwtEncodedString);
    public string Actor { get; }
    public string Alg { get; }
    public IEnumerable<string> Audiences { get; }
    public virtual IEnumerable<Claim> Claims { get; }
    public string Cty { get; }
    public JObject Header { get; set; }
    public override string Id { get; }
    public DateTime IssuedAt { get; }
    public override string Issuer { get; }
    public string Kid { get; }
    public JObject Payload { get; set; }
    public string RawData { get; }
    public override SecurityKey SecurityKey { get; }
    public override SecurityKey SigningKey { get; set; }
```

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```
public string Subject { get; }
public string Typ { get; }
public override DateTime ValidFrom { get; }
public override DateTime ValidTo { get; }
public string X5t { get; }
}
```

JsonWebTokenHandler is used to:

1. Create JsonWebTokens
2. Validate JsonWebTokens
3. Read JsonWebTokens

```
public class JsonWebTokenHandler : TokenValidator {
    public JsonWebTokenHandler();
    public override Type TokenType { get; }
    public override bool CanReadToken(string token);
    public override bool CanValidateToken();
    public override bool CanWriteToken();
    public string CreateToken(JObject payload, SigningCredentials signingCredentials);
    public JsonWebToken ReadToken(string token);
    public override SecurityToken ReadToken(string token);
    public override SecurityToken ReadToken(XmlReader reader, TokenValidationParameters validationParameters);
    public TokenValidationResult ValidateToken(string token, TokenValidationParameters validationParameters);
    public override string WriteToken(SecurityToken token);
}
```

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TokenValidationResult stores the results of a token validation operation:

```
public class TokenValidationResult
{
    public TokenValidationResult();
    public SecurityToken SecurityToken { get; set; }
}
```

Sample code

Token Creation

```
var tokenHandler = new JwtTokenHandler();
var signingCredentials = KeyMaterial.JwtSecretKeyRsa256SigningCredentials;

var payload = new Object()
{
    { JwtRegisteredClaimNames.Email, "Bob@contoso.com" },
    { JwtRegisteredClaimNames.GivenName, "Bob" },
    { JwtRegisteredClaimNames.Iss, "http://Default.Issuer.com" },
    { JwtRegisteredClaimNames.Aud, "http://Default.Audience.com" },
    { JwtRegisteredClaimNames.Nbf, "2017-03-18T18:33:37.080Z" },
    { JwtRegisteredClaimNames.Exp, "2021-03-17T18:33:37.080Z" }
};

var accessToken = tokenHandler.CreateToken(payload, signingCredentials);
```

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Token Validation

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Token Reading

NOTE: You can simply pass the accessToken string into the constructor for a JwtToken and achieve the same result:

Potential additions for the 5.2.4 release

- TokenValidator** is used to:

- ```
public class TokenValidator
{
 public TokenValidationResult Validate(string token, TokenValidationParameters validationParameters, string tokenType);
 public TokenValidationResult Validate(string token, string audience, string authority, string tokenType);
}
```

2. Create JWT, SAML, and SAML2 tokens.

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