

UserDetails And UserPrincipal

In Spring Security, **UserDetails** is an interface that provides core user information. Spring Security needs this information to authenticate users and manage their access to resources. When we implement database authentication, we need to create a class that implements **UserDetails** to bridge our database User model with Spring Security's authentication system.

➤ Creating UserPrincipal Class

Create a class called **UserPrincipal** in the model package that implements the **UserDetails** interface:

Example:

```
package com.telusko.springsecdemo.model;

import java.util.Collection;
import java.util.Collections;

import org.springframework.security.core.GrantedAuthority;
import org.springframework.security.core.authority.SimpleGrantedAuthority;
import org.springframework.security.core.userdetails.UserDetails;

public class UserPrincipal implements UserDetails {

    private static final long serialVersionUID = 1L;

    private User user;

    public UserPrincipal(User user) {
        this.user = user;
    }

    @Override
    public Collection<? extends GrantedAuthority> getAuthorities() {
        return Collections.singleton(new SimpleGrantedAuthority("USER"));
    }

    @Override
    public String getPassword() {
        return user.getPassword();
    }

    @Override
    public String getUsername() {
        return user.getUsername();
    }

    @Override
    public boolean isAccountNonExpired() {
        return true;
    }

    @Override
    public boolean isAccountNonLocked() {
        return true;
    }

    @Override
    public boolean isCredentialsNonExpired() {
        return true;
    }

    @Override
    public boolean isEnabled() {
        return true;
    }
}
```

1. Constructor

```
public UserPrincipal(User user) {  
    this.user = user;  
}
```

- Takes a `User` object (our database entity) and stores it
- This allows us to access the user's information from our database

2. `getAuthorities()`

```
@Override public Collection<? extends GrantedAuthority> getAuthorities() {  
    return Collections.singleton(new SimpleGrantedAuthority("USER"));  
}
```

- Returns the roles/permissions assigned to the user
- In this example, we're assigning a simple "USER" role to all users
- `Collections.singleton()` creates a collection with just one element
- For multiple roles, we would return a list of authorities

3. `getPassword()`

```
@Override public String getPassword() {  
    return user.getPassword();  
}
```

- Returns the user's password from our database entity
- Spring Security uses this to verify the password during authentication

4. `getUsername()`

```
@Override public String getUsername() {  
    return user.getUsername();  
}
```

- Returns the user's username from our database entity
- Used as the identifier for the user in Spring Security

5. Account Status Methods

```
@Override public boolean isAccountNonExpired() {  
    return true;  
}  
  
@Override public boolean isAccountNonLocked() {  
    return true;  
}
```

```

@Override public boolean isCredentialsNonExpired() {
    return true;
}
@Override public boolean isEnabled() {
    return true;
}

```

- These methods control various aspects of account status
- Returning **true** means the account is valid in all aspects
- In a more complex application, these might check database flags for account status

➤ Using UserPrincipal in UserDetailsService

In **MyUserDetailsService**, use the **UserPrincipal** class to wrap our database user:

Example:

```

package com.telusko.springsecdemo.service;

import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
import org.springframework.security.core.userdetails.UserDetails;
import org.springframework.security.core.userdetails.UserDetailsService;
import org.springframework.security.core.userdetails.UsernameNotFoundException;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Service;
import com.telusko.springsecdemo.dao.UserRepo;
import com.telusko.springsecdemo.model.User;
import com.telusko.springsecdemo.model.UserPrincipal;

@Service
public class MyUserDetailsService implements UserDetailsService {
    @Autowired
    private UserRepo repo;

    @Override
    public UserDetails loadUserByUsername(String username) throws UsernameNotFoundException {
        User user = repo.findByUsername(username);

        if (user == null) {
            System.out.println("User 404");
            throw new UsernameNotFoundException("User 404");
        }

        return new UserPrincipal(user);
    }
}

```

- We fetch the **User** from the database using the repository
- If the user doesn't exist, we throw a **UsernameNotFoundException**
- If the user exists, we create a new **UserPrincipal** with the user data
- We return this **UserPrincipal** object, which Spring Security will use for authentication

- The `loadUserByUsername()` method is called during authentication
- It retrieves our database User entity
- We wrap this entity in a `UserPrincipal` object
- Spring Security uses the information from `UserPrincipal` to:
 - Verify the password
 - Check account status
 - Determine user authorities/roles

Output:

