CS 416 Web Programming Security

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Programming and Security

- **Programming Securely** To develop code in a secure manner so that the code itself is not a vulnerability that can be exploited by an attacker.
- **Programming Security** To develop code for security-specific functions such as encryption, digital signatures, firewalls, etc.
- In this lecture, we look at both sides:
 - continuing programming securely: some web application security issues and some Java guidelines.
 - programming security: overview of Java security APIs and trust models.

Overview

- Web security issues
- Java Security: Coding and Models
- Language futures for security

Web security: server-side threats

- Access control: should prevent certain files being served.
- Complex or malicious URLs
- Denial of service attacks
- Remote authoring and administration tools
- Buggy servers, with attendant security risks
- Server-side scripting languages: C or shell CGI, PHP, ASP, JSP, Python, Ruby, all have serious security implications in configuration and execution. File systems and permissions have to be carefully designed. That's before any implemented web application is even considered. . .

Web programming: application security

Many issues

- **Input validation**: to prevent SQL injection, command injection, other confidentiality attacks.
- **Ajax**: beware client-side validation! Understand metacharacters at every point. Use labels/indexes for hidden values, not values themselves.
- Output filtering: Beware passing informative error messages.
- Careful cryptography: encryption/hashing to protect server state in client, use of appropriate authentication mechanisms for web accounts

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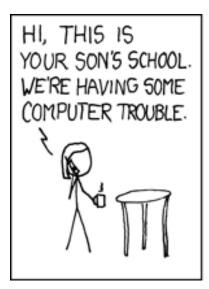
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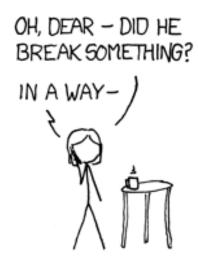
- Inserting code to be run on target server or pages returned by target server
- Common way unprotected database inserts
- Steal cookies, key logging, passwords, credit card, phishing, etc
- See code demo

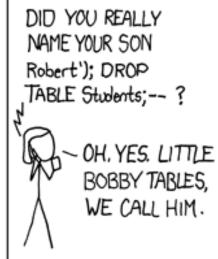
SQL injection

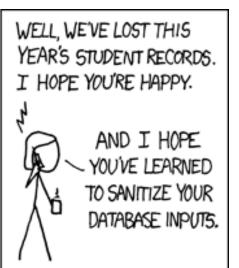
- Inserting SQL to be run in existing SQL calls to database
- Common way unprotected database selects, inserts, updates, deletes
- Insert/update/delete records, potentially drop tables
- Return information you shouldn't be able to access
- See code demo

XKCD









Java Secure Coding Guidelines

- Using modifiers
 - Reduce scope of methods and fields
 - Beware non-final public static (global) variables
 - Avoid public fields
 - Add security checks to public accessors.

Java security extensions

Java Cryptography Extension (JCE)

A Java framework for cryptographic functionality, including message digests, encryption, signing, and X.509 certificates.

Java Secure Socket Extension (JSSE).

Java Authentication and Authorization Service (JAAS)

Used for "reliable and secure" authentication of users, to determine who is currently executing Java code; and for authorization of users to ensure they have the permissions necessary for desired actions.

Java GSS-API.

Bindings for Generic Security Service API (RFC2853). Used for securely exchanging messages between communicating applications, using various underlying mechanisms (e.g., Kerberos).

Java Cryptography Extension (JCE)

- Crypto framework.
 - A provider plug-in architecture allows multiple simultaneous implementations.
- Has algorithm independence
 - clients don't need to understand algorithms; abstract "engine" classes provide different services.
- Service provider interfaces (SPIs)
 - added statically or dynamically; clients query installed providers to find out supported services. JVM and clients specify preference orders.
- Key management is through a "keystore" database.
 - Different providers may have different formats.
 - SUN provider implements common formats and proprietary keystore type JKS.
- See: javax.crypto, javax.crypto.interfaces, javax.crypto.spec.

JCE cryptography services

- A cryptography service is associated with a particular algorithm or type, and manipulates or generates data, keys, algorithm parameters, keystores, or certificates.
- Engine classes include:
 - MessageDigest generate message digests (MDCs)
 - Signature sign data and verify digital signatures.
 - KeyPairGenerator generate public-private key-pair.
 - CertificateFactory create certificates and CRLs.
 - KeyStore create and manage key databases.
 - AlgorithmParameters manage parameters for an algorithm.
 - SecureRandom random or pseudo-random numbers.
- Factory methods in engine classes are used to return instances of the class, e.g. Signature.getInstance("SHA1withDSA").

Java Secure Socket Extension (JSSE)

- The JSSE is also based on a provider plug-in architecture.
- Has a simple structure. Main use is with SSL client sockets, SSL server sockets, and SSL session handles. Sample classes:
 - SSLSocket socket for SSL/TLS/WTLS protocols
 - SSLSocketFactory factory for SSLSocket objects
 - SSLServerSocket sever socket for SSL/TLS/WTLS
 - Factory factory for SSLServerSockets
 - SSLSession encapsulation of SSL session
- Creating SSL client or server sockets is as easy as creating ordinary Java TCP/IP sockets: each SSL class extends the corresponding ordinary TCP socket class, and provides a few extra hooks for setting security parameters.
- See javax.net.ssl, also javax.net and javax.security.cert.

Authentication and Authorization (JAAS)

- JAAS has a pluggable architecture; applications independent of underlying authentication methods. Implementation is decided at runtime, in a **login configuration file**.
- A **Subject** may have multiple identities; each is a **Principal** (name). Subjects own public and private **credentials** (e.g., key material).
- To authenticate, a **LoginContext** object is created, which then consults a configuration to load the required **LoginModules**. To authenticate a subject the login method is invoked for each module.
- **Authorization** happens when a subject is associated with a thread's **AccessControlContext** using the **doAs** methods for performing actions (java.security.PrivilegedAction.run). Then principal-based entries in the current security policy are used.

JAAS Key elements

- Authentication framework
- Assertion of identity
- Enhanced authorization
- Low level of binding between authentication and authorization

Authentication framework

- Authentication framework
 - Policy-based
 - Generic and abstract
 - Pluggable, stackable
- Key abstractions
 - Subject any user of computing
 - Collection of Principals, credentials
 - Principal (java.security)
 - Has a name

Identity and Authorization

Assertion of identity

- Avoids incompatible behavior
- Lexically scopes identity
- Logically associates Subject with current Thread
- static Object Subject.doAs(Subject, action)

Enhanced Authorization

- Augmentation of current Permission specification
- Principal-based
- Any authentication with any Permission

JAAS Summary

- JAAS extends base security model to accommodate concept of "users"
- Pluggable, extensible
- Provides a powerful and easy to use extension of application security

Detailed look at JAAS

- Java Authentication and Authorization Service
 - Framework for simplifying and standardizing access to system
 - Setting up users
 - Setting up security groups
 - Setting up security realms
- Security realms are crux of JAAS

Security realms cont.

THE biggest production risk is poorly implemented security

➤ Goal eliminate custom programming that leads to inadvertent security holes

Realms framework

- Store username, password, security groups
- Applications don't need to implement security
- Security is configuration, can be shared across applications

Security realms

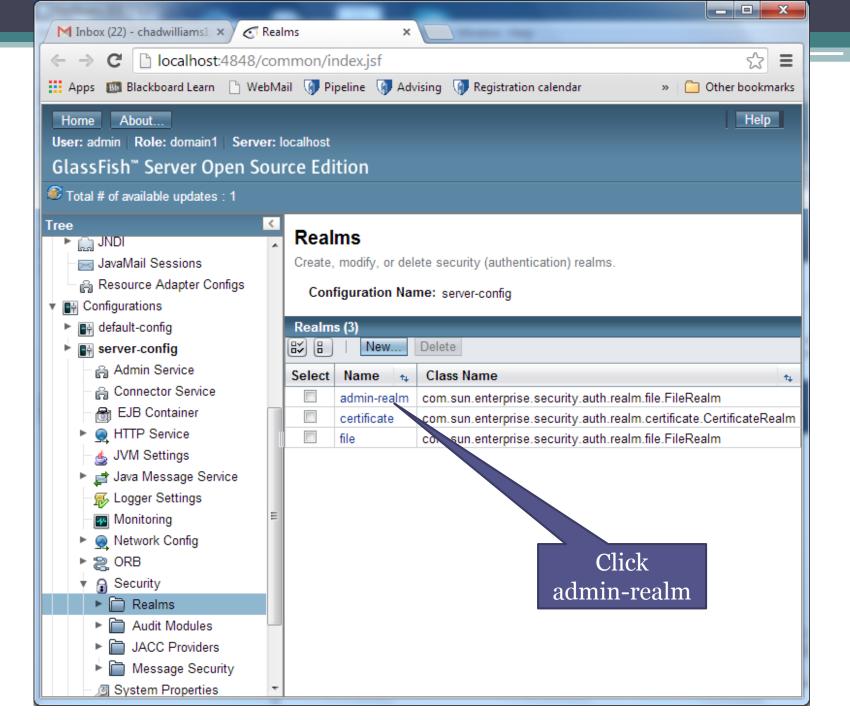
- Collections of users and related security groups
- User can belong to more than one group
- Groups define what actions the system will allow the user to do
 - Unauthenticated access to certain pages
 - Authenticated users an additional set of pages
 - Admin ability to perform actions like adding users, or ability to log in to administer application server

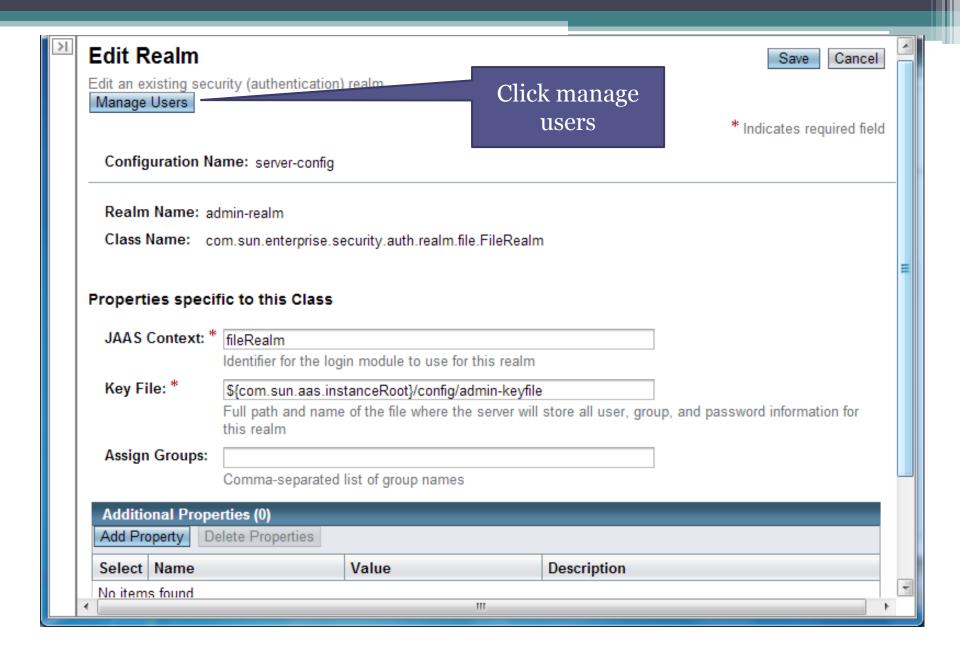
JAAS in practice

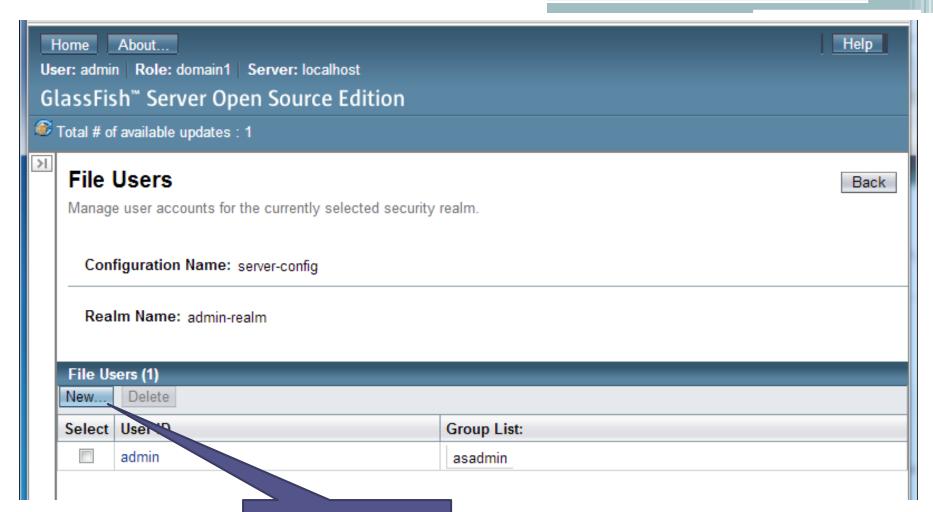
- Goal eliminate custom programming remember we could control access with filters, but required custom solution and a lot of work to make it flexible enough for all situations. All of these add potential for security holes
- Instead implement using JAAS
 - Admin realm
 - File realm
 - Certificate realm
 - LDAP realm
 - JDBC realm
 - Custom realms

Glassfish predefined realms

- Admin-realm
 - Access to Glassfish web console
- File realm
 - Default realm created for controlling access to just authenticated users
- Certificate realm
 - Client side certificate authorization
 - Need for strong guarantees of users or server connecting







To create a new admin user

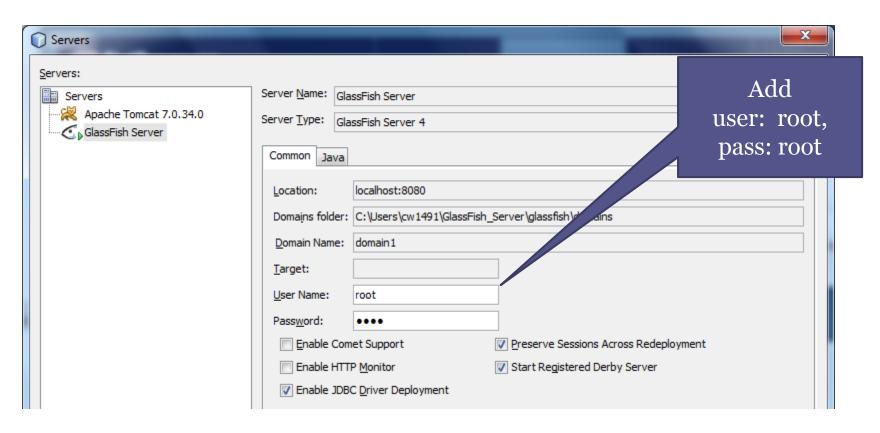
New File Realm User Create new user accounts for the currently selected security realm.		
Configuration Name: server-config		
Realm Name:	admin-realm	
User ID: *	root	
	Name can be up to 255 characters, must contain only letters digits, underscore, dash, or dot characters	
Group List:	asadmin	
New Password:	••••	
Confirm New Passwo	ord:	

Add user id: root, pass: root

Note after you do this you **must** configure your server to start up with this user/password

Update Glassfish server properties

 Back in NetBeans, right click Glassfish server and select properties



Add 2 users to file realm

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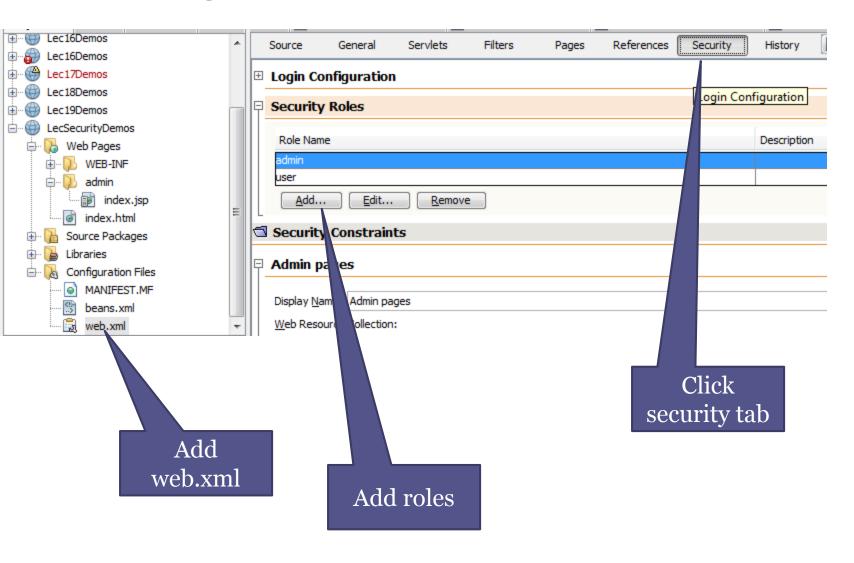
appuser

Adding basic authentication

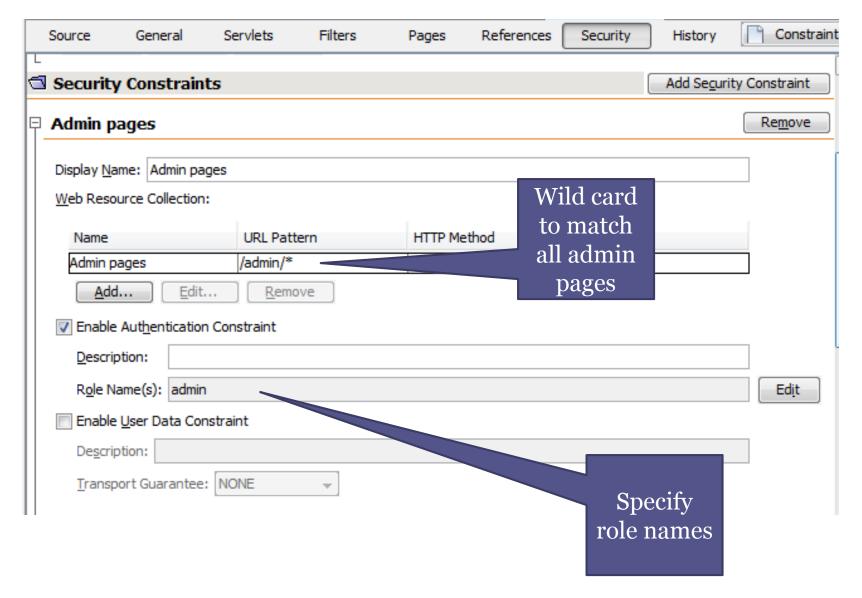
Configure web.xml

```
<security-constraint>
   <display-name>Admin pages</display-name>
   <web-resource-collection>
     <web-resource-name>Admin pages</web-resource-name>
     <description/>
     <url-pattern>/admin/*</url-pattern>
   </web-resource-collection>
   <auth-constraint>
     <description/>
     <role-name>admin</role-name>
   </auth-constraint>
 </security-constraint>
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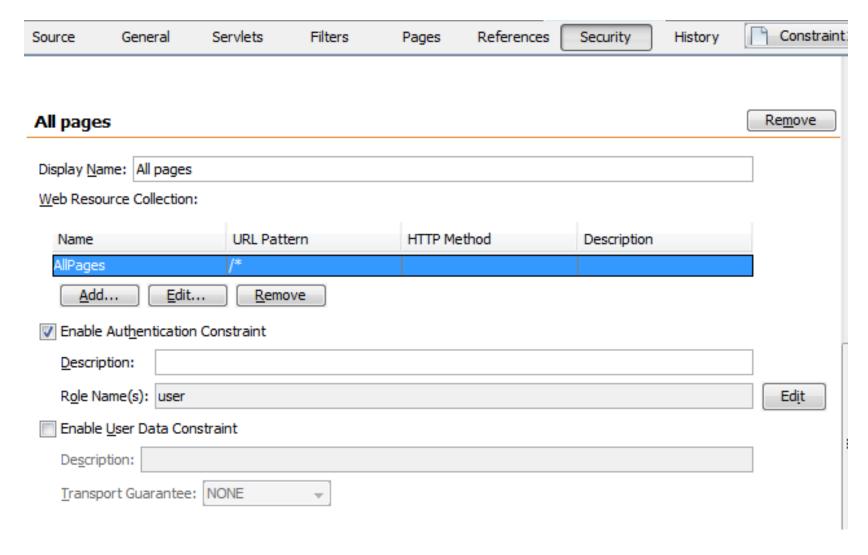
Making use of NetBeans tools



NetBeans tools cont. Add security constraint for admin



NetBeans tools cont. Add security constraint for all pages



Authentication methods

Auth-method options are BASIC, DIGEST, FORM, and CLIENT-CERT

- **BASIC** built in pop up authentication password is sent Base64 encoded...unless this is through HTTPS this isn't much better than sending password in the clear
- **DIGEST** built in pop up authentication...password is sent as MD5 digest, means the password itself cannot be recovered
- Both have **very serious drawback** logout/session invalidation not effective as browser caches login information. If you return to a page where you must be authenticated it will log you in again.

Authentication methods cont.

Auth-method options are BASIC, DIGEST, FORM, and CLIENT-CERT

- **FORM** Specify page (HTML, JSP, XHTML) with form that collects and sends user name, and password. Values in form will be automatically validated against specified security realm. Password sent in the clear unless HTTPS used
- **CLIENT-CERT** uses client side certificates to authenticate user (more on this later)

Specifying authentication method

For BASIC and DIGEST authentication:

Adding form based authentication

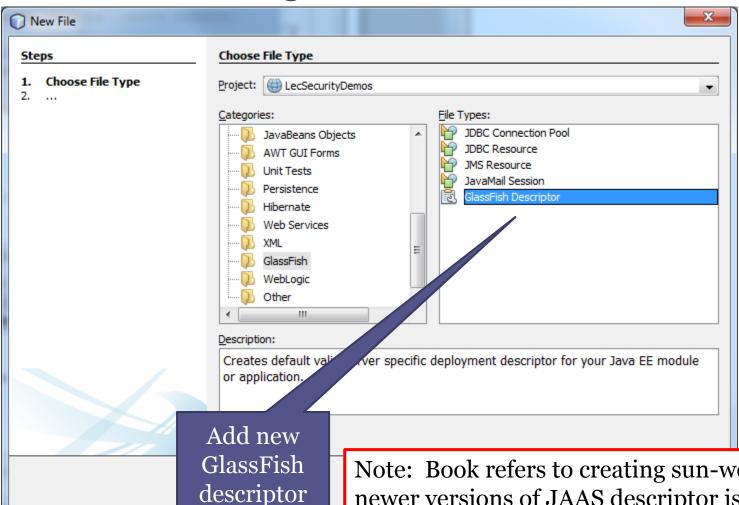
```
<login-config>
   <auth-method>FORM</auth-method>
   <realm-name>file</realm-name>
   <form-login-config>
     <form-login-page>/login.jsp</form-login-page>
     <form-error-page>/loginError.jsp</form-error-page>
   </form-login-config>
 <form action="j_security_check" method="POST">
     User<input type="text" name="j_username"/><br/>
     Pass<input type="pass" name="j_password"/><br/>
     <input type="submit" value="Login"/>
</form>
```

Implementing logout

• To force user to reauthenticate you invalidate the session (shown in servlet):

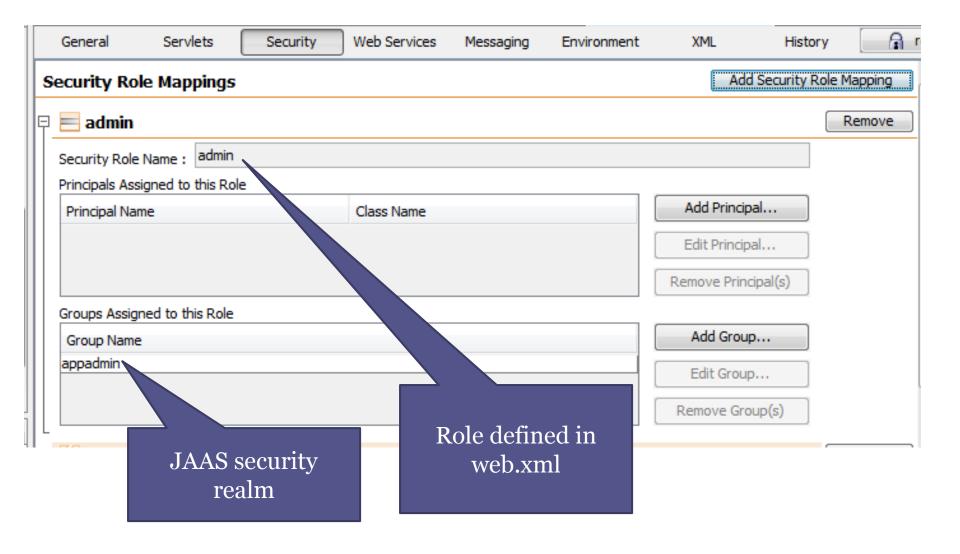
```
if (request.getSession(false) != null) {
   request.getSession(false).invalidate();//remove session.
}
if (request.getSession() != null) {
   request.getSession().invalidate();//remove session.
}
response.sendRedirect("index.html");
```

Link user roles to defined realms -define config file



Note: Book refers to creating sun-web.xml, with newer versions of JAAS descriptor is specific to application server (i.e. GlassFish, WebLogic, etc.)

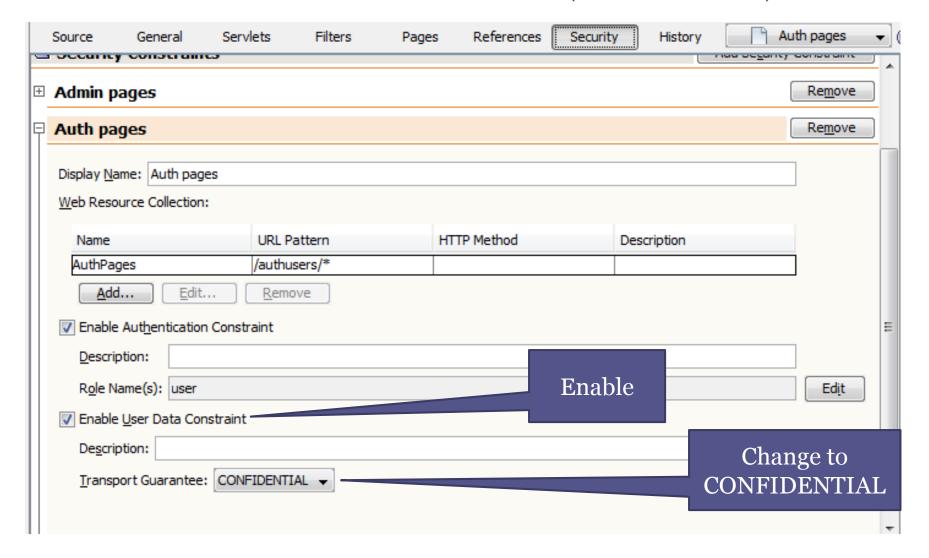
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HTTPS

- Important security note, while input type "pass" masks input *submission is sent in the clear*
- Always have any login page through HTTPS
- Specifying HTTPS required in web.xml:

HTTPS - NetBeans tools (web.xml)



Configuring production HTTPS

- By default GlassFish uses self-signed certificate, thus the warning you see when you access the https pages
- For a production environment you would need to get your certificate signed by a trusted certificate authority (currently minimum about \$400)

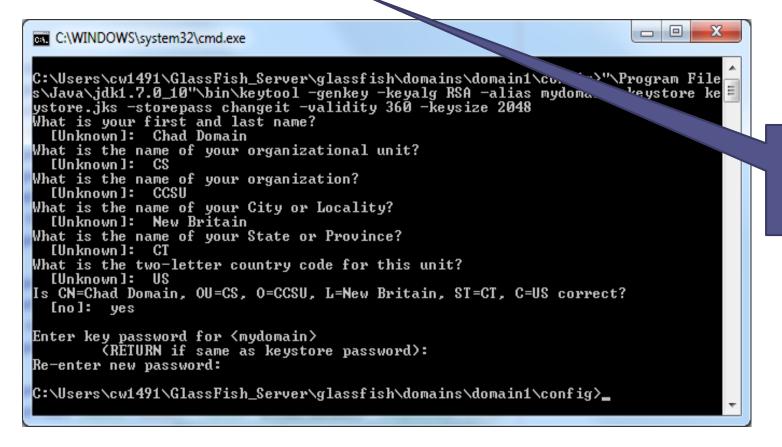
WARNING before you start messing with certificates
Go into your

C:\Users\cw1491\GlassFish_Server\glassfish\domains\domain1\config Directory and make a backup copy of **cacerts.jks** and **keystore.jks** Playing with keystores is very finicky and if you get one step wrong you won't be able to start your server back up

Certificate generation

Create the certificate in the domain config dir.

C:\Users\cw1491\GlassFish_Server\glassfish\domains\domain1\config>"\Program Files\Java\jdk1.7.0_10"\bin\keytool -genkey -keyalg RSA -alias **mydomain** -keystore keystore.jks -storepass **changeit** -validity 360 -keysize 2048



Note default password for GlassFish key store

Create certificate signing request

 Generate a certificate signing request (CSR)

keytool -certreq -alias <u>mydomain</u> keystore <u>keystore.jks</u> -file <u>mydomain.csr</u>

 Send to Verisign or the like and pay to have them sign it

Installing production certificate

Install it in the keystore:

```
keytool -import -trustcacerts -alias mydomain -
file mydomain.crt -keystore keystore.jks
```

- The "mydomain" above is the nickname you will need to use to reference the certificate in GlassFish
- $\bullet \ Open \ {\it GlassFish_Server \ lassfish \ domains \ domain1 \ config\ domain.xml}$
 - Perform a global replace of "s1as" with "mydomain"
 - Restart GlassFish

Certificate realm

- Uses client-side certificates for authentication
- Not useful for general web application, but advantageous when additional security wanted
 - Server to server connections
 - Tight control over user base corporation issues certificates to employees for accessing corporate intranet remotely
 - Eliminates risk of hacker getting in through password alone
 - Certificates signed by company, if computer with certificate gets compromised certificate is revoked

Certificate realm cont.

• To create client certificates:

keytool -genkey -v -alias selfsignedkey -keyalg RSA -storetype PKCS12 - keystore client keystore.p12 -storepass password

Install it in the browser

- Usually in browser's advanced tab under encryption something like "manage certificates"
- Import the generated ".p12" file

• Export to format that GlassFish can import:

```
keytool -export -alias selfsignedkey -keystore client_keystore.p12 -
storetype PKCS12 -storepass password -rfc selfsigned.cer
keytool -export -alias selfsignedkey -keystore client_keystore.p12 -
storetype PKCS12 -storepass password -file selfsigned.cer
```

Import into GlassFish

keytool -import -file selfsigned.cer -keystore cacerts.jks -storepass changeit

Certificate realm cont.

- Previous steps will establish certificates signed by themselves as a trusted certificate authority (not something you want to do in a production environment, but convenient for development)
- Result is client-side certificates sent from the browser are trusted implicitly i.e. require no additional verification of user other than presenting their certificate

Configuring client-certificate access

```
In web.xml
<login-config>
<auth-method>CLIENT-CERT</auth-method>
<realm-name>certificate</realm-name>
</login-config>
```

- This has the effect of GlassFish asking the client for a certificate for authorization when the client requests a protected page
- On the client side the way this typically works is browser will prompt you to pick a certificate you have installed which should be used for authentication

Configuring client-certificate access

 Any page that requires certificate based authentication must be accessed via HTTPS so security constraints should be set to CONFIDENTIAL as described earlier

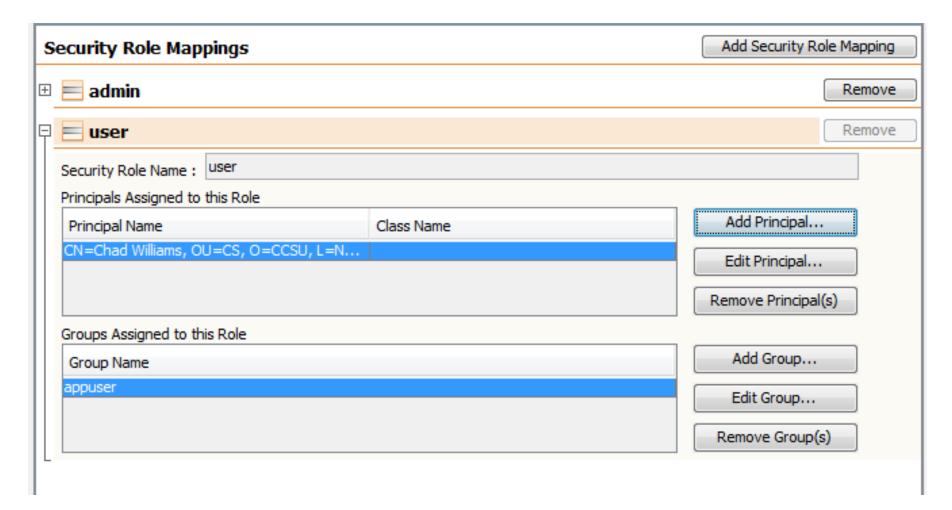
Configuring client-certificate access

Modify glassfish-web.xml

```
<context-root>/certificaterealm</context-root>
<security-role-mapping>
    <role-name>user</role-name>
    <principal-name>CN=Chad Williams, OU=CS, O=CCSU, L=New
Britain, ST=CT, C=US</principal-name>
</security-role-mapping>
```

- You can get the principal name by calling: keytool -printcert -file selfsigned.cer
- Then copying the "issuer" that gets printed

GlassFish wizard



Weaknesses of file and certificate

- Both the previous methods file realm, certificate realm provide very secure authentication suitable for a production environment, but have weaknesses
 - File realm authentication against application server properties
 - · Difficult to maintain
 - Limits authentication to applications that can use app server for authentication
 - Certificate realm authentication requires client side certificates which isn't practical for most applications

Single sign-on realms

- Most production environments have moved or are migrating from rather than having a different login for each system using a single authentication source
 - LDAP (Lightweight Directory Access Protocol)
 - Database
- Both sources are widely used and fairly easy to maintain
- LDAP has advantages when database access not needed by an application otherwise

Defining LDAP realms

- Through admin console create new realm
 - Class name is:
 com.sun.enterprise.security.auth.realm.ldap.LDAPRealm
 - JAAS context is how the realm will be referenced in glassfish config file
 - Directory is URL for directory server
 - Base DN is the base distinguised name (DN) to be used in searching for user data

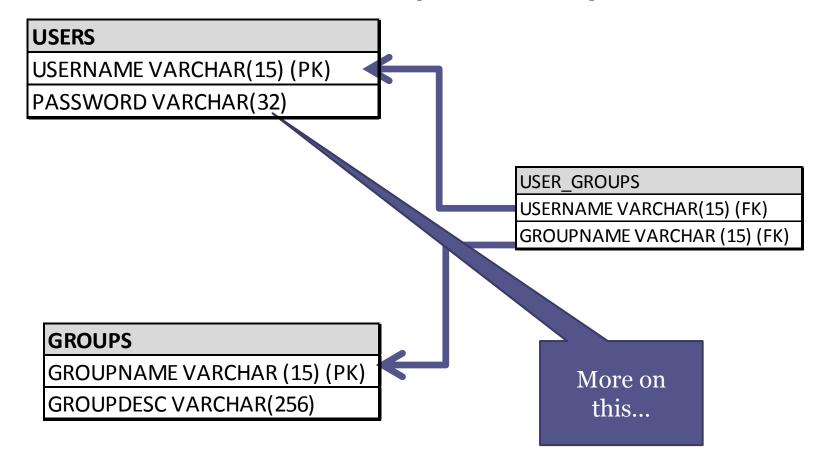
GlassFish admin console

New Realm OK Cancel	
Create a new security (authentication) realm. Valid realm types are PAM, OSGi, File, Certificate, LDAP, JDBC, Digest, Oracle Solaris, and Custom.	
	* Indicates required field
Configuration Name: server-config	
Name: *	newLdapRealm
Class Name:	com.sun.enterprise.security.auth.realm.ldap.LDAPRealm
	Choose a realm class name from the drop-down list or specify a custom class
Properties specific to this Class	
JAAS Contex	IdapRealm Identifier for the login module to use for this realm
Directory: *	ldap://127.0.0.1:389
	LDAP URL for your server
Base DN: *	dc=ensode,dc=net
	LDAP base DN for the location of user data
Assign Group	os:

LDAP realms cont.

- To use new realm mapping created in glassfishweb.xml
- Users and roles in LDAP database can be mapped to principals and groups in that xml
- Authentication method must be BASIC or FORM

JDBC realm example setup



JDBC password

- You never want to store a password in the database (or elsewhere) in plain text.
 - If system is ever compromised may help attacker break into other sites or systems
- Because of this password expected as MD5 hash (which is 32 characters long)
- Result is if you want to write to field such as when you create a new user you need to hash the field first

Creating MD5 hash

```
String password = "myPass";
MessageDigest msgDigest =
MessageDigest.getInstance("MD5");
byte[] bs;
msqDigest.reset();
bs = msqDigest.digest(password.getBytes());
StringBuilder sBuilder = new StringBuilder();
for (int i=0; i < bs.length; i++) {
  String hexVal = Integer.toHexString(0xFF & bs[i]);
  if (\text{hexVal.length}() == 1) {
    stringBuilder.append("0");
  stringBuilder.append(hexVal);
return stringBuilder.toString();
```

Creating JDBC realm through console

- Class name:
 - com.sun.enterprise.security.auth.realm.jdbc.JDBCRealm
- JAAS context: jdbcRealm
- JNDI: jdbc/Lect8aDB
- User table: USERS
- User name: USERNAME
- Password: PASSWORD
- Group table: USER_GROUPS
- Group table user name column: USERNAME
- Group name column: GROUP_NAME
- Password encryption algorithm: MD5

Add config

Add to web.xml

 Add to glassfish xml principals and groups as before