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JSON Web Token (JWT)

IS AN OPEN STANDARD USED TO SHARE SECURITY INFO BETWEEN TWO PARTIES.

- INFO IS SHARE AS A **JSON OBJECT**
- IS **DIGITALLY SIGNED** (CAN USE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE KEY PAIR OR A SECRET)

IT CAN BE:

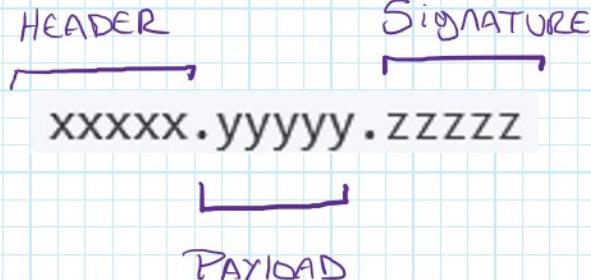
- **COMPACT** => - BECAUSE OF ITS SIZE
 - IT CAN BE SENT THROUGH URL, POST, HTTP HEADER
 - ITS TRANSMISSION IS FAST
- **SELF-CONTAINED** - PAYLOAD CONTAINS ALL REQUIRED INFO ABOUT USER

WHEN TO USE THEM?

- **AUTHENTICATION**: - ONCE USER IS LOGGED IN, EACH SUBSEQUENT REQUEST WILL INCLUDE THE JWT
 - THIS ALLOWS USER TO ACCESS ROUTES, SERVICES AND RESOURCES THAT ARE PERMITTED WITH THAT TOKEN.

- **INFORMATION EXCHANGE**: - SECURE AND SIGNED
 - YOU CAN VERIFY THE CONTENT, SENDER, HEADER, PAYLOAD

STRUCTURE:



• **HEADER** => IT HAS TWO PARTS

```
{
  'alg': 'HS256',
  'typ': 'JWT'
}
```

HASHING ALGORITHM

TYPE OF TOKEN

- This JSON is BASE64URL encoded to form the first part of JWT

. PAYLOAD \Rightarrow IT CONTAINS THE CLAIMS (STATEMENTS ABOUT AN ENTITY AND ADDITIONAL METADATA). THERE ARE THREE -

- RECEIVED CLAIMS PREDEFINED CLAIMS, RECOMMENDED TO PROVIDE A SET OF USEFUL INTEROPERABLE CLAIMS
EXAMPLES: iss (ISSUER), EXP (EXPIRATION TIME), SUB (SUBJECT)
AUD (AUDIENCE), ETC

- PUBLIC CLAIMS TO AVOID COLLISIONS THEY SHOULD BE DEFINED IN IANA JSON WEB TOKEN REGISTRY OR AS A URL THAT CONTAINS A COLLISION RESISTANT NAMESPACE.

- PRIVATE CLAIMS THE CUSTOM CLAIMS CREATED TO SHARE INFO BETWEEN PARTIES THAT AGREE ON USING THEM

```
{
  'sub': '1234567890',
  'name': 'John Doe',
  'admin': true
}
```

. SIGNATURE IS USED TO VERIFY THAT THE SENDER OF THE JWT IS WHO SAYS IT IS AND THE MESSAGE WASN'T CHANGED.

Algorithm

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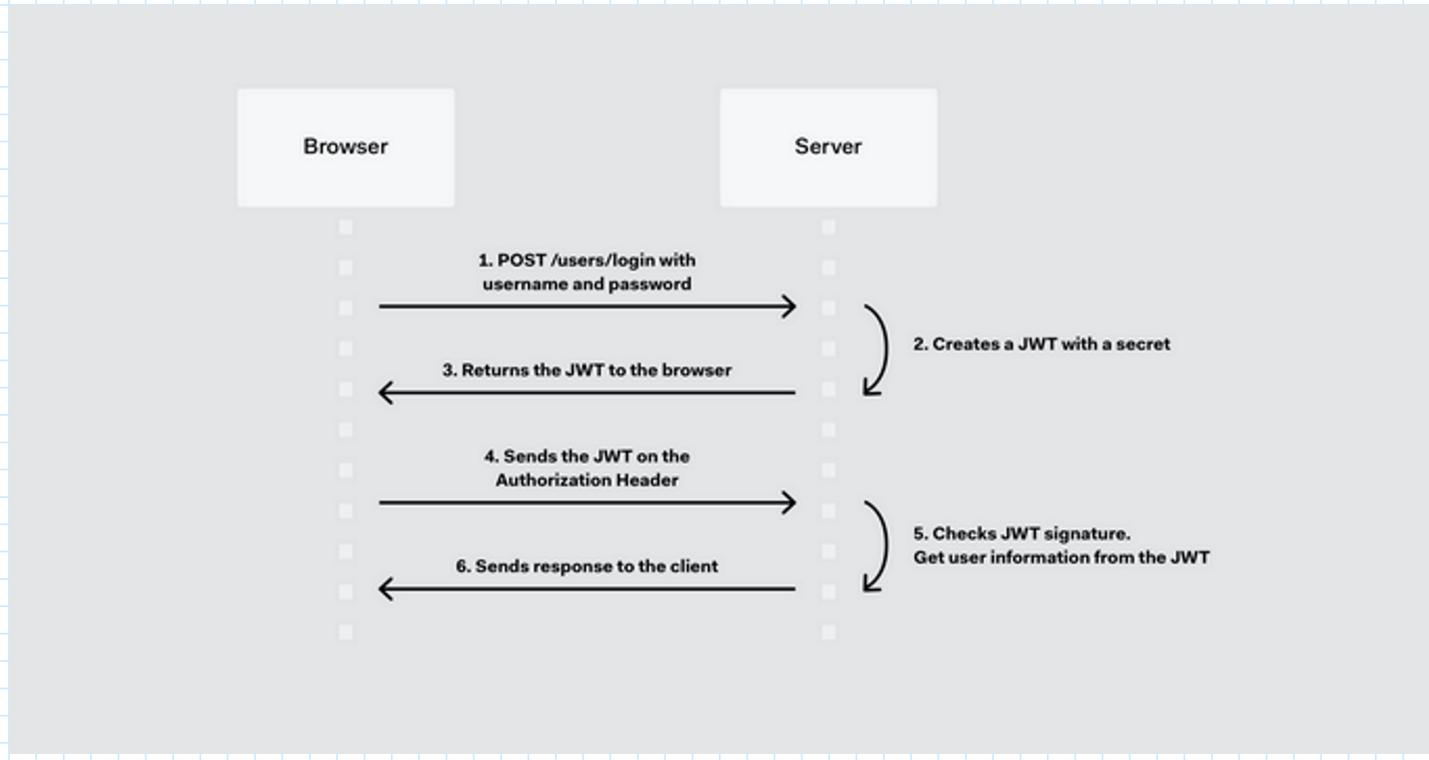
HMACSHA256(
    base64UrlEncode(header) + '.' +
    base64UrlEncode(payload),
    secret)

```

Full EXAMPLE =>

eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.
 eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwibmFtZSI6IkpvaG4
 gRG9lIiwiaXNTb2NpYWwiOnRydWV9.
 4pcPyMD09o1PSyXnrXCjTwXyr4BsezdI1AVTmud2fU4

How THEY WORK ?



- When THE USER SUCCESSFULLY LOGS IN USING THEIR CREDENTIALS A JSON WEB TOKEN WILL BE RETURNED.

YOU SHOULD NOT STORE SENSITIVE SESSION DATA in BROWSER STORAGE

DO NOT TRUST ANYTHING COMMING FROM THE BROWSER.

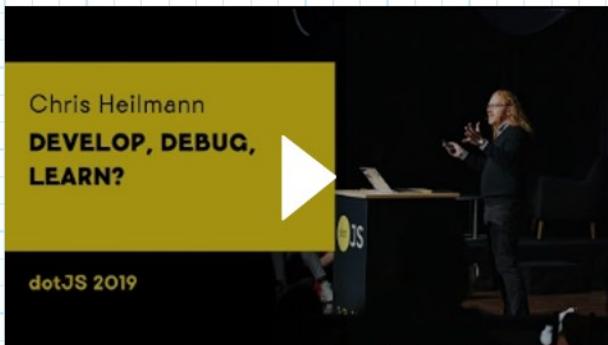
WHEN USER WANTS TO ACCESS PROTECTED ROUTE IT SHOULD SEND THE **JWT**.

- USING THE **BEARER SCHEMA**: Authorization: Bearer <token>, THE USER STATE IS NEVER SAVED IN THE SERVER MEMORY
- THE SERVER'S PROTECTED ROUTES WILL CHECK FOR VALID JWT TO ALLOW THE USER GET THE INFO
- IT ALLOWS FULLY RELY ON DATA APIs THAT ARE STATELESS.

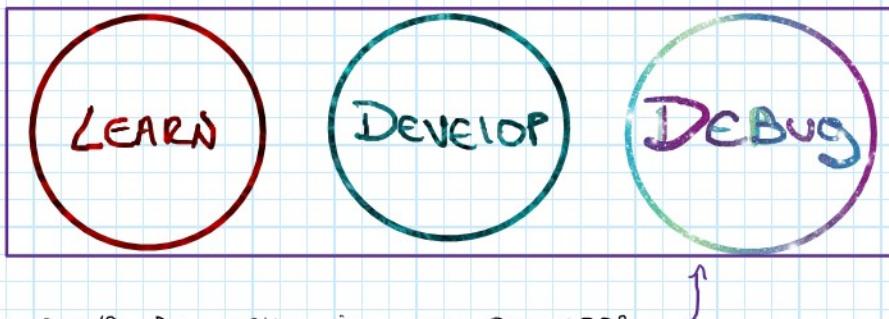
WHY TO USE THEM?

- IT'S COMPACT, MORE THAN SAML
- SECURITY-WISE . (SECRET, PUBLIC) PRIVATE KEY PAIR
- IS USED AT AN INTERNET SCALE

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- WE LEARNED JS (THROUGH THE YEARS) AS A LOGICAL ORDER...



- WE COULD DO THIS IN THE BROWSER
- LATER IT CAME ABSTRACTION AND LIBRARIES, THIRD-PARTIES, ETC
- IN OUR DAYS WE DEPEND MOSTLY ON OTHER THINGS WHEN DEVELOPING (OTHER PEOPLE'S CODE), AND THIS BECOME MORE DIFFICULT TO DEBUG



- WE CAUGHT IN A RUSH OF BECOMING THINGS BETTER AND BETTER
BUT WE LOSE THE FOCUS OF OUR END USER

- IT'S NOT ABOUT US, IS ABOUT THE END USER
 - ↳ WHAT ARE THE NEEDS OF OUR END USER?
- "THIS IS NOT ABOUT US. THIS IS ABOUT TECH LEGACY!"
 - ↳ TECH DOES NOT HAVE GOOD REPUTATION IN OUR DAYS:
 - BECAUSE OF LACK OF MAINTAINANCE OF OLD CODE USE BY MANY PEOPLE
- = AS DEVELOPERS WE HAVE AN OVERLOAD! (TO MUCH DEMANDS ON KNOWING EVERYTHING!) THAT MAKE USE OVERWHELMED
- "WE WORK ON FAITH" (HOPING THAT THE PARTIES WE USE HAS EVERYTHING WE NEED)
- "YOU ARE NOT A REAL (OR GOOD) DEVELOPER" IF YOU DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING YOU SUPPOSE TO... (THAT'S WHAT OTHER WANTS YOU BELIEVE)

WE ARE FULLSTACKOVERFLOW DEVELOPERS (COPY-PASTE-WORKS-WHOO?)

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- WE ONLY USE LIKE 10% OF THE DEVELOPERS TOOLS. WE HAVE THE AMAZING DEBUGGING TOOLS BUT WE ARE STILL USING `console.log()`

- SWITCHING IS MENTALLY EXHAUSTING



- AND WHEN WE SPEND TOO MUCH TIME **CUSTOMIZING** EACH ENVIRONMENT . . .

RETHINKING TOOLING => PREVENT US FROM DOING THINGS WRONG INSTEAD OF PATCHING UP WHAT WE CREATED.



- "WHY ARE OUR DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT NOT ALSO ON THE WEB?"

TO HELP PEOPLE **LEARN WHILE THEY ARE DEVELOPING**.

"OPEN SOURCE CODE IS A RESOURCE"

↳ FOR EX = AUTOCOMPLETE

THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO BECOME A DEVELOPER BY USING THESE SYSTEMS (ENVIRONMENT, OPEN SOURCES, LEARN WHILE DEVELOPING)

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