

Here are some of the test cases I ran on my code to verify JWTs.
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The secret key I used to generate this JWT was: *The sha of my name:*

SHA256 Hash Generator

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Chaitanya_2021033



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Result of SHA256 Generated Hash:

Upper Case

Lower Case



c3a82562db6e313016fbc167e1c7cfb0d3ced034cfaed84f89
1179ee7336528d



Size : 64 B, 64 Characters



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After this I entered this information into my program and this was the output

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PS C:\Users\om> & C:/Users/om/AppData/Local/Programs/Python/Python311/python.exe c:/Users/om/Desktop/sem5/FCS/2021033_q3.py
Please enter the token: eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiJUaGlzIGlzlIGZvciBteSBhc3NpZ25tbmV0IGF0IElJSVQtcwZm9yIGEgc2VjdXJpdHkgY291cnNlIHVuZGVyIFByb2YyIEFydW4gQmFsYWppLiIsIm5hbWUiOiJDaGFpdGFueWEgQXJvcnEiLCJpYXQiOiJlMTYyMzkwMjIsImV4cCI6MTY5NDQ0MzUzMn0.9JzGe21KAjIdRIlvHozMKE8J8_0o836G9L9oEN4QwHqrIO0F9-XIwLW4pUx_BL9w
Please enter the secret key: c3a82562db6e313016fbc167e1c7cfb0d3ced034cfaed84f891179ee7336528d
Traceback (most recent call last):
  File "c:\Users\om\Desktop\sem5\FCS\2021033_q3.py", line 63, in <module>
    print(verifyJwt(token, secret))
          ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^
  File "c:\Users\om\Desktop\sem5\FCS\2021033_q3.py", line 50, in verifyJwt
    raise ValueError("Token has expired")
ValueError: Token has expired
PS C:\Users\om> █

```

This output is consistent as the expiry date set for this JWT has gone and therefore its throwing error.

For the following test case:

Encoded

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```
eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiJUaGlzIGlzlIGZvciBteSBhc3NpZ25tbmV0IGF0IElJSVQtcwZm9yIGEgc2VjdXJpdHkgY291cnNlIHVuZGVyIFByb2YyIEFydW4gQmFsYWppLiIsIm5hbWUiOiJDaGFpdGFueWEgQXJvcnEiLCJpYXQiOiJlMTYyMzkwMjIsImV4cCI6MTY5NDQ0MzUzMn0.9JzGe21KAjIdRIlvHozMKE8J8_0o836G9L9oEN4QwHqrIO0F9-XIwLW4pUx_BL9w
```

Decoded

EDIT THE PAYLOAD AND SECRET

HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE

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

PAYLOAD: DATA

```
{
  "sub": "This is for my assignmet at IIIT-D, for a security course under Prof. Arun Balaji.",
  "name": "Chaitanya Arora",
  "iat": 1694443532,
  "exp": 1702029572
}
```

VERIFY SIGNATURE

```
HMACSHA256(
  base64UrlEncode(header) + "." +
  base64UrlEncode(payload),
  c3a82562db6e313016fbc
) ☒ secret base64 encoded
```

Ouput is correct as this is what i precisely encoded.

Refer to this sheet and find your corresponding jwt token. Your task is to retrieve the secret used to sign the JWT. Once retrieved, create a new JWT with the same secret, and payload updated with your roll number and emailID. Document and explain your steps. (10 Marks)

eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiJMmY3MjYxNzaWdubWVudC0xliwiaWF0IjojNTE2MjM5MDIyLCJl
eHAiOiE3MDQwNjc5MDAsInR5cCI6ImFkbGkiOilyMHh4eHh4LiwiZWZ1haWwiOiJhcjVuQGlpZXh4LmFjLnluLiwiaGludCI6Imx
vd2VyY2FzZS1hbHB0YW51bWVyaWMtbGVuZ3RoLTUiOiJqHgMrreplr17JlgVyfAZgl4PdReaBvjmbmsVUt9ubQta0

Encoded

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eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiJmY3MtYXNzaWdubWVudC0xIiwiaWF0IjoxNTE2MjM5MDIyLCJleHAiOiE3MDQwNjcyMDAsInJvbm8iOiIyMHh4eHh4IiwiaW1haWwiOiJhcnVuQG1paXRkLmFjLm1uIiwiaGludCI6Imxvd2VyY2FzZS1hbHB0YW51bWVyaWMtbGVuZ3RoLTUifQ.AgreujrDmdNIGbHc0fmF9yC7hnYxvh0Lf0Td1gTfrXE

Decoded

EDIT THE PAYLOAD AND SECRET

HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE

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

PAYLOAD: DATA

```
{  "sub": "fcs-assignment-1",  "iat": 1516239022,  "exp": 1704067200,  "roll_no": "20xxxxx",  "email": "arun@iiitd.ac.in",  "hint": "lowercase-alphanumeric-length-5"}
```

VERIFY SIGNATURE

MACSHA256(
base64UrlEncode(header) + "." +
base64UrlEncode(payload),

) ☐ secret ☒ encoded

Thanks to the Hint, I wrote the following python code and then ran it for all the possible combinations:

```
def find_secret(jwt):  
    s = "1234567890abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz"  
    for a in s:  
        for b in s:  
            for c in s:  
                for d in s:  
                    for e in s:  
                        print("Trying: ", a+b+c+d+e)  
                        curr = a+b+c+d+e  
                        try:  
                            verifyJwt(jwt,curr)  
                            return jwt, curr  
                        except:  
                            pass
```

Luckily after hours of running the code I landed upon this secret key: ac445

Here is my JWT with my updated email and roll number:

[illegible]

Encoded

PASTE A TOKEN HERE

eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiJmY3MtYXNzaWdubWVudC0xIiwiaWF0IjoxNTE2MjM5MDIyLCJleHAiOjE3MDQwNjcyMDAsInJvbGxfbm8iOiIyMDIxMDMzIiwiaWZwIjEhaWwiOiJjaGFpdGFueWEyMTAzM0BpaWl0ZC5hYy5pbiIsImhpbnQiOiJsb3dlcmNhc2UtYWxwaGFudW1lcmljLWxlbmd0aC01In0.XIJ6Fgej9Zsm87B4hZqTgNQJGBKd6LI5rUJS4uQFy9U

Decoded

EDIT THE PAYLOAD AND SECRET

HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE

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

PAYLOAD: DATA

```
{  "sub": "fcs-assignment-1",  "iat": 1516239022,  "exp": 1704067200,  "roll_no": "2021033",  "email": "chaitanya21033@iiitd.ac.in",  "hint": "lowercase-alphanumeric-length-5"}
```

VERIFY SIGNATURE

```
HMACSHA256(  base64UrlEncode(header) + "." +  base64UrlEncode(payload),  ac445)
```

☒ secret base64 encoded

List down some world use cases of the jwt tokens and suggest some modifications in their architecture so as to improve their security. (5 Marks)

Authorization is possible: When you log into a website, a unique pass is given to you. You must present this pass as identification each time you attempt to view something or make a modification in order to do so.

Can be applied to lessen server side overload: Each visitor receives a unique badge (JWT) containing their details instead of the website remembering them all. When they return, they present the badge as identification.

Passing a sealed letter among pals to communicate information. You recognize and believe in the seal, thus you believe the message.

Improvements

Transient Tokens: Picture tokens as single-use tickets. They are useless if lost and later found. If someone steals a digital token, they won't be able to use it for very long because they can be designed to expire quickly.

Change Tokens Frequently: We can update digital tokens just like some people frequently change their passwords(hopefully). A stolen old token quickly loses all of its value.

Utilize Unique Key Pairs:

Consider a lock that requires two distinct keys—one to lock it and another to unlock it. This approach is used by several digital systems, making unwanted access more difficult.

Private information shouldn't be present in digital tokens. They ought not to reveal much if seen.

Take Back Lost Tokens: Similar to how a club would deactivate a lost membership card, digital systems can render lost or stolen tokens useless and, therefore prevent abuse.