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gr8.technologies.each {  
    yourBrain << it  
}
```

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What's New in spring-security-core 2.0

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A man with short brown hair and a slight smile is looking directly at the camera. He is wearing a light-colored, patterned shirt. In the background, there are several vases filled with flowers, including purple and white blooms. The scene is indoors, possibly in a living room.

I'VE MADE A

HUGE MISTAKE

What's new to me?

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Two pages of commits by Lari
and Graeme, plus some PRs

First, what's old

Grails-y wrapper around Spring
Security

First, what's old

Many defaults, lots of
configurability – designed to be
customized and extended

First, what's old

Easy to get started – add
dependency in
BuildConfig.groovy and run
s2-quickstart

First, what's old

Helper classes

(**SpringSecurityService**,
taglibs, controllers, etc.)

First, what's old

Form, HTTP Basic, Digest auth

First, what's old

Users, roles, hierarchical roles,
customizable

UserDetailsService

First, what's old

Many password hashing options,
including options for salted
passwords

First, what's old

Remember-me

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Ajax support

First, what's old

Switch-user (similar to “sudo”)

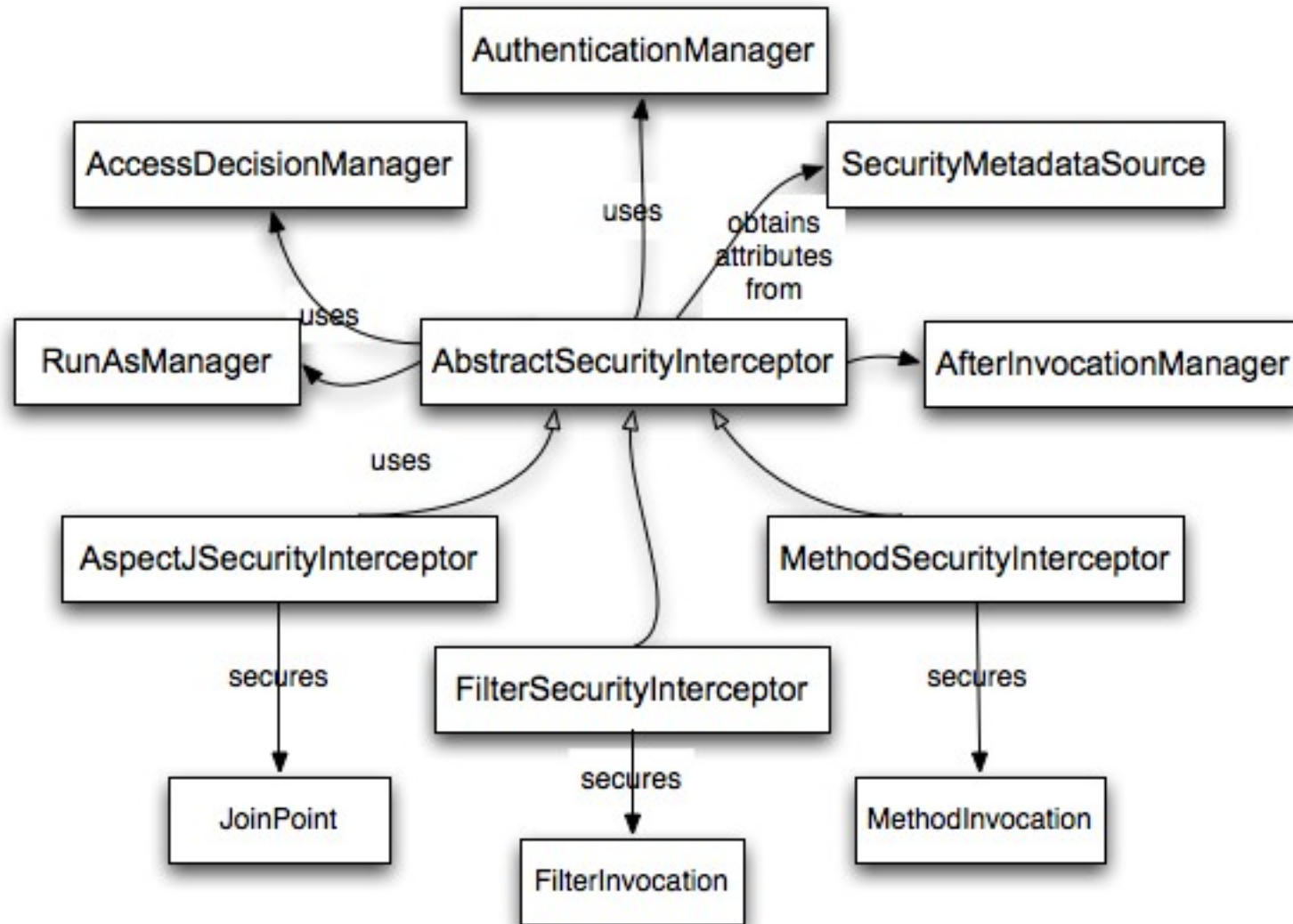
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HTTP/HTTPS channel security

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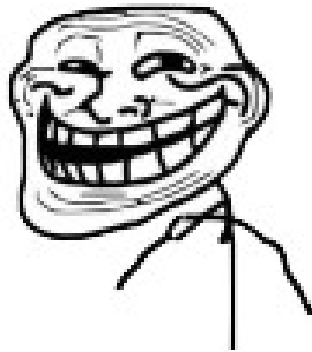
Session Fixation Protection

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- Highly configurable and customizable
- Registers Spring Security beans in application context, filters in `web.xml`
- Storing users, roles, and optionally requestmaps in the database, with access through domain classes
- Guarding URLs with annotations, requestmap domain class, or static configuration
- Password encryption (with support for salt)
- "Remember me" cookie
- Security tags; `<g:ifAllGranted/>`, `<g:ifNotGranted/>`, `<g:ifLoggedIn/>`, etc.
- Security service; `encodePassword()`, `isLoggedIn()`, etc.
- Multiple authentication providers
 - Form-based
 - HTTP Basic
 - Browser certificate (x509)
- Switch User
- Channel security
- IP address restrictions
- Ajax login
- Convenient event handlers
- Digest authentication
- Session Fixation Prevention
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Trust me, it has a
lot of features

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Extension plugins (ACL, CAS,
LDAP, OpenID, UI, etc.)

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And more!

So ... what's new?

See the notes in the docs:

 [What's New in Version 2.0](#)

Highlights

More aggressively secure by default

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Pessimistic Lockdown by default, use

`grails.plugin.springsecurity.rejectIfNoRule`

and `grails.plugin.springsecurity.fii.`

`rejectPublicInvocations` to configure

Highlights

Pessimistic Lockdown:

```
grails.plugin.springsecurity.  
controllerAnnotations.staticRules = [  
    '/' : ['permitAll'],  
    '/index' : ['permitAll'],  
    '/index.gsp' : ['permitAll'],  
    '/**/js/**' : ['permitAll'],  
    '/**/css/**' : ['permitAll'],  
    '/**/images/**' : ['permitAll'],  
    '/**/favicon.ico' : ['permitAll']  
]
```

Highlights

Pessimistic Lockdown:

```
for (String url in [
    '/', '/index', '/index.gsp',
    '**/favicon.ico', '**/js/**',
    '**/css/**', '**/images/**',
    '/login', '/login.*', '/login/*',
    '/logout', '/logout.*',
    '/logout/*']) {
    new Requestmap(
        url: url,
        configAttribute: 'permitAll')
        .save()
}
```

Highlights

Pessimistic Lockdown:

```
grails.plugin.springsecurity.  
interceptUrlMap = [  
    '/' : ['permitAll'],  
    '/index' : ['permitAll'],  
    '/index.gsp' : ['permitAll'],  
    '/**/js/**' : ['permitAll'],  
    '/**/css/**' : ['permitAll'],  
    '/**/images/**' : ['permitAll'],  
    '/**/favicon.ico' : ['permitAll'],  
    '/login/**' : ['permitAll'],  
    '/logout/**' : ['permitAll']  
]
```

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Logout uses POST only, configure with

`grails.plugin.springsecurity.logout.postOnly`

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More aggressively secure by default

Default password hash is now **bcrypt**, and **PBKDF2** is also available

```
(password.algorithm = 'pbkdf2')
```

Highlights

More aggressively secure by default

Session Fixation Prevention is enabled by default, configure with

```
grails.plugin.springsecurity.  
useSessionFixationPrevention
```

Highlights

Using Spring Security

3.2.3.RELEASE - originally 3.1,
then 3.2.0-RC1, now 3.2.3 as of
this week

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Package changes

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Everything now under

`grails.plugin.springsecurity`

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e.g. `GormUserDetailsService` →
`grails.plugin.springsecurity.userdetails.`
`GormUserDetailsService`

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e.g. `AjaxAwareAccessDeniedHandler` →
`grails.plugin.springsecurity.web.access.`
`AjaxAwareAccessDeniedHandler`

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Configuration prefix changes

`grails.plugins.springsecurity` → `grails.plugin.springsecurity`

Highlights

No HQL (except in UI plugin), all queries use “where” and Criteria

Highlights

More configurable properties in
Spring beans (goal is ~100%)

Highlights

More **private** → **protected**

Highlights

SpringSecurityService updates:

No `withTransaction`, using
`@Transactional` as needed

Highlights

SpringSecurityService updates:

`getCurrentUser()` uses
`get(principal.id)` if principal is
`GrailsUser`, otherwise
`findWhere ((usernamePropName) :
principal.username)`

Highlights

SpringSecurityService updates:

New `loadCurrentUser()` method

```
class SomeController {  
  
    def springSecurityService  
  
    def someAction() {  
        def user = springSecurityService.isLoggedIn() ?  
            springSecurityService.loadCurrentUser() : null  
        if (user) {  
            CreditCard card = CreditCard.findByIdAndUser(  
                params.id as Long, user)  
            ...  
        }  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

NoStackUsernameNotFoundException

```
package grails.plugin.springsecurity.userdetails;

import org.springframework.security.core.userdetails.
UsernameNotFoundException;

public class NoStackUsernameNotFoundException
    extends UsernameNotFoundException {

    private static final long serialVersionUID = 1;

    public NoStackUsernameNotFoundException() {
        super("User not found");
    }

    @Override
    public synchronized Throwable fillInStackTrace() {
        // do nothing
        return this;
    }
}
```

New @Authorities annotation

Helps make your annotations
more DRY - see

[http://burtbeckwith.com/blog/
?p=1398](http://burtbeckwith.com/blog/?p=1398)

Guarding URLs

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`@Secured` now only works with
controller methods

Guarding URLs

@Secured supports Closures

```
@Secured(closure = {  
    assert request  
    assert ctx  
    authentication.name == 'admin1'  
})  
def someMethod() {  
    ...  
}
```

Guarding URLs

All 3 approaches support HTTP verbs

```
@Secured(  
    value=["hasRole('ROLE_ADMIN')"],  
    httpMethod='POST')  
def someMethod() {  
    ...  
}
```

Anonymous Authentication

Principal now is a `UserDetails` like
when you're authenticated, but with
`ROLE_``ANONYMOUS`

I18N

User-contributed Russian, Norwegian Bokmål, Brazilian Portuguese (pt-BR), Italian, and Swedish translations

Controllers and GSPs

LoginController.groovy,
LogoutController.groovy, auth.gsp,
denied.gsp are in the plugin now -
copy to app to customize

Support for Grails 2.3

Support for redirect mappings, and
`@Secured` in `RestController`

Support for Grails 2.4

Removed a use of
`ApplicationHolder` (using
`Holders` instead)

New `DebugFilter`

Based on

`org.springframework.security.
config.debug.DebugFilter` -

enable with `debug.useFilter` (only
in dev!)

Role Groups

```
grails s2-quickstart  
com.yourapp User Role  
--groupClassName=RoleGroup
```

Role Groups

Adds to Config.groovy:

```
grails.plugin.springsecurity.  
authority.groupAuthorityNameField =  
'authorities'
```

```
grails.plugin.springsecurity.  
useRoleGroups = true
```

Role Groups

Adds 3 new domain classes:

- **RoleGroup**
- **RoleGroupRole** (**RoleGroup** <-> **Role** many-many join class)
- **UserRoleGroup** (**RoleGroup** <-> **User** many-many join class)

Role Groups

Changes `User.getAuthorities()`

```
Set<Role> getAuthorities() {  
    UserRole.findAllByUser(this)  
        .collect { it.role }  
}
```

→

```
Set<RoleGroup> getAuthorities() {  
    UserRoleGroup.findAllByUser(this)  
        .collect { it.roleGroup }  
}
```

Role Groups

New docs:

- Group Class
- PersonGroup Class
- GroupAuthority Class

Miscellaneous

Using bcrypt impl from Spring Security instead of copied code

Miscellaneous

`GrantedAuthorityImpl` is
deprecated, use
`SimpleGrantedAuthority`

Miscellaneous

```
provided ':webxml:1.4.1' →  
compile ':webxml:1.4.1'
```


Miscellaneous

Grails 2.0+ only

Miscellaneous

Generated User class **enabled** property now defaults to **true**

```
def u = new User(  
    username: 'me',  
    password: 'itsasecret')  
    .save()
```

Miscellaneous

Only prints status messages (e.g. "Configuring Spring Security Core ...") if `printStatusMessages` is not false

Miscellaneous

No default values for
`userLookup.userDomainClassName`,
`authority.className`, etc. - error
messages now make more sense

Miscellaneous

`AuthenticationDetailsSource`

details class isn't configurable in Spring Security 3.2, so the docs describe how to customize

Miscellaneous

You can configure the `SecurityContextHolder` strategy (defaults to `ThreadLocal`, but can use `InheritableThreadLocal` or a custom impl - configure with `sch.strategyName`

Miscellaneous

Spring Security 3.2 doesn't store the last username in the HTTP session - to use the old behavior configure with `apf.storeLastUsername`

Miscellaneous

Functional tests now use Geb

Miscellaneous

The 1.x code is in **its own branch**

New Config Properties

- `printStatusMessages` = `true`
- `ajaxCheckClosure` = `null`
- `afterInvocationManagerProviderNames` = `[]`
- `authority.groupAuthorityNameField` = `null`
- `useRoleGroups` = `false`
- `apf.storeLastUsername` = `false`
- `logout.clearAuthentication` = `true`
- `logout.invalidateHttpSession` = `true`
- `logout.targetUrlParameter` = `null`
- `logout.alwaysUseDefaultTargetUrl` = `false`
- `logout.redirectToReferer` = `false`
- `logout.postOnly` = `true`

New Config Properties

- `failureHandler.allowSessionCreation = true`
- `successHandler.useReferer = false`
- `adh.useForward = true`
- `password.hash.iterations = 10000`
- `rememberMe.createSessionOnSuccess = true`
- `requestMap.httpMethodField = 'httpMethod'`
- `basic.credentialsCharset = 'UTF-8'`
- `switchUser.usernameParameter =`
`SwitchUserFilter.SPRING_SECURITY_SWITCH_USERNAME_KEY`
- `x509.subjectDnClosure = null`
- `debug.useFilter = false`
- `sch.strategyName = SecurityContextHolder.MODE_THREADLOCAL`

New Config Properties

- `scr.allowSessionCreation = true`
- `scr.disableUrlRewriting = true`
- `scr.springSecurityContextKey =`
`HttpSessionSecurityContextRepository.SPRING_SECURITY_CONTEXT_KEY`
- `scpf.forceEagerSessionCreation = false`
- `fii.alwaysReauthenticate = false`
- `fii.rejectPublicInvocations = true`
- `fii.validateConfigAttributes = true`
- `fii.publishAuthorizationSuccess = false`
- `fii.observeOncePerRequest = true`

Changed Config Properties

- `rejectIfNoRule` → `true`
- `userLookup.userDomainClassName` → `null`
- `userLookup.authorityJoinClassName` → `null`
- `useSessionFixationPrevention` → `true`
- `password.algorithm` 'SHA-256' → 'bcrypt'
- `rememberMe.persistentToken.domainClassName` → `null`
- `rememberMe.useSecureCookie` `false` → `null`
- `requestMap.className` → `null`
- `atr.anonymousClass` → `GrailsAnonymousAuthenticationToken`
- `providerManager.eraseCredentialsAfterAuthentication` → `true`

Removed Config Properties

- `requestCache.onlyOnGet`
- `authenticationDetails.authClass`
- `anon.userAttribute`
- `controllerAnnotations.matcher`
- `controllerAnnotations.lowercase`
- `filterChain.stripQueryStringFromUrls`

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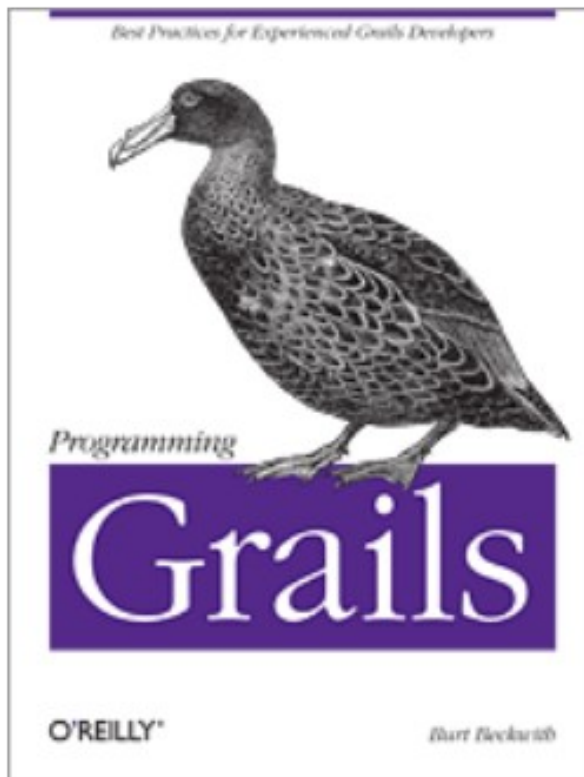
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But many are simple, and there will probably be an RC3 release



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