

Technical documentation

Swagger

For the API documentation, Swagger is used. By navigating to <http://localhost:8080/swagger-ui/index.html#/>, you can view all available endpoints, including their expected input and returned responses. If you see a lock icon next to an endpoint, it means the endpoint is secured and requires authentication. Swagger also allows you to test endpoints directly. Simply expand an endpoint, click “**Try it out**”, fill in the necessary data if applicable, and then click “**Execute**” to send the request.

Authentication

For authentication I am using [JWT](#). Navigate to the file **JwtService—method: generateToken()** to see what is stored in the token.

There are two ways to authenticate:

1. **email en password (/api/auth/login)**
This endpoint is meant for login via the website
2. **Identifier(email of username) and pincode (/api/auth/login-pincode)**
This endpoint is meant for login via the Unity app

How to authenticate via Swagger?

1. Go to the endpoint **/login** or **/login-pincode**
2. Fill in the credentials of a user to log in. Here I am using the admin account.

POST /api/auth/login Login with email and password

Authenticates a user and returns a JWT token if credentials are valid.

Parameters

No parameters

Request body *required*

login-credential data

```
{  "email": "admin@vrbalance.com",  "password": "admin"}
```

Execute

- Click “execute” and copy the JWT-token it returns

Execute

Clear

Responses

Curl

```
curl -X 'POST' \
  'http://localhost:8080/api/auth/login' \
  -H 'accept: */*' \
  -H 'Content-Type: application/json' \
  -d '{
    "email": "admin@vyrbalance.com",
    "password": "admin"
  }'
```

Request URL

http://localhost:8080/api/auth/login


Server response

Code	Details
200	<div><div>Response body</div><div><pre>{ "status": 200, "message": "Login successful", "timestamp": "2025-06-18T15:01:39.243523Z", "data": { "token": "eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJzdWIiOiIxIiwicm9sZSI6IkkFETU1OiwiaXV0aF9tZXRob2QiOiJTVEFOREFSRCIsIm1hdCI6MTc1MDI1ODg5OSwiZXhwIjoxNzUwMjYyNDk5fQ.2lNi30GZkg4kVz3mxN6tsyghG0Vcpjs2Iot9tLFapq0" } }</pre></div><div><div>Download</div></div></div>

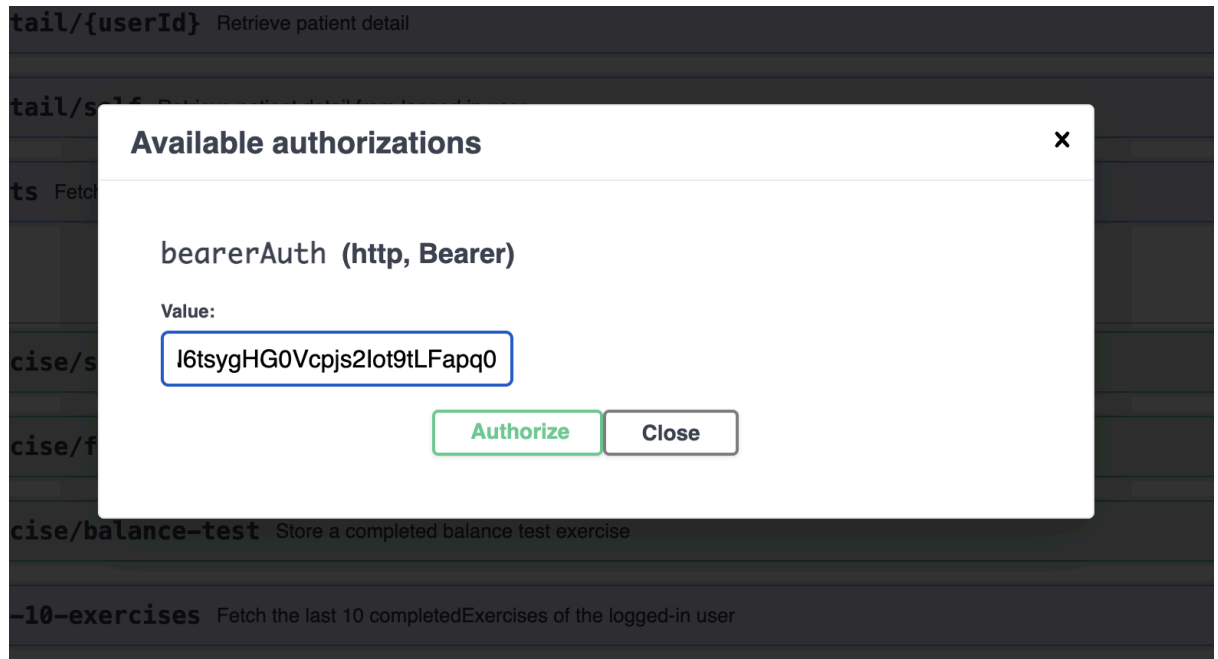
Response headers

eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJzdWIiOiIxIiwicm9sZSI6IkkFETU1OiwiaXV0aF9tZXRob2QiOiJTVEFOREFSRCIsIm1hdCI6MTc1MDI1ODg5OSwiZXhwIjoxNzUwMjYyNDk5fQ.2lNi30GZkg4kVz3mxN6tsyghG0Vcpjs2Iot9tLFapq0

- Scroll back to the top and click:

Authorize 

5. Paste the token and click “authorize”



6. Now you're logged in, you can tests all the endpoints with swagger

IMPORTANT!

To let Swagger know that an endpoint is secured and requires authentication, you **must** add the following annotation to the method:

```
@SecurityRequirement(name = "bearerAuth")
```

This tells Swagger to apply the global bearerAuth security scheme to the endpoint. As a result:

- A lock icon will appear next to the endpoint in Swagger UI.
- Swagger will automatically include the JWT token you provided via the “Authorize” button when testing the endpoint.

Go to the endpoint **/me** in the userController.java to see a full explanation of how it works.

Securing and exposing endpoints

By default, **all endpoints require authentication**. If you want to make an endpoint public (accessible without authorization), you must explicitly tell Spring Security to allow access to that URL.

How to do this:

1. Go to the file `SecurityConfig.java`.
2. Inside the `.requestMatchers()` section, add the public URL pattern.

Example:

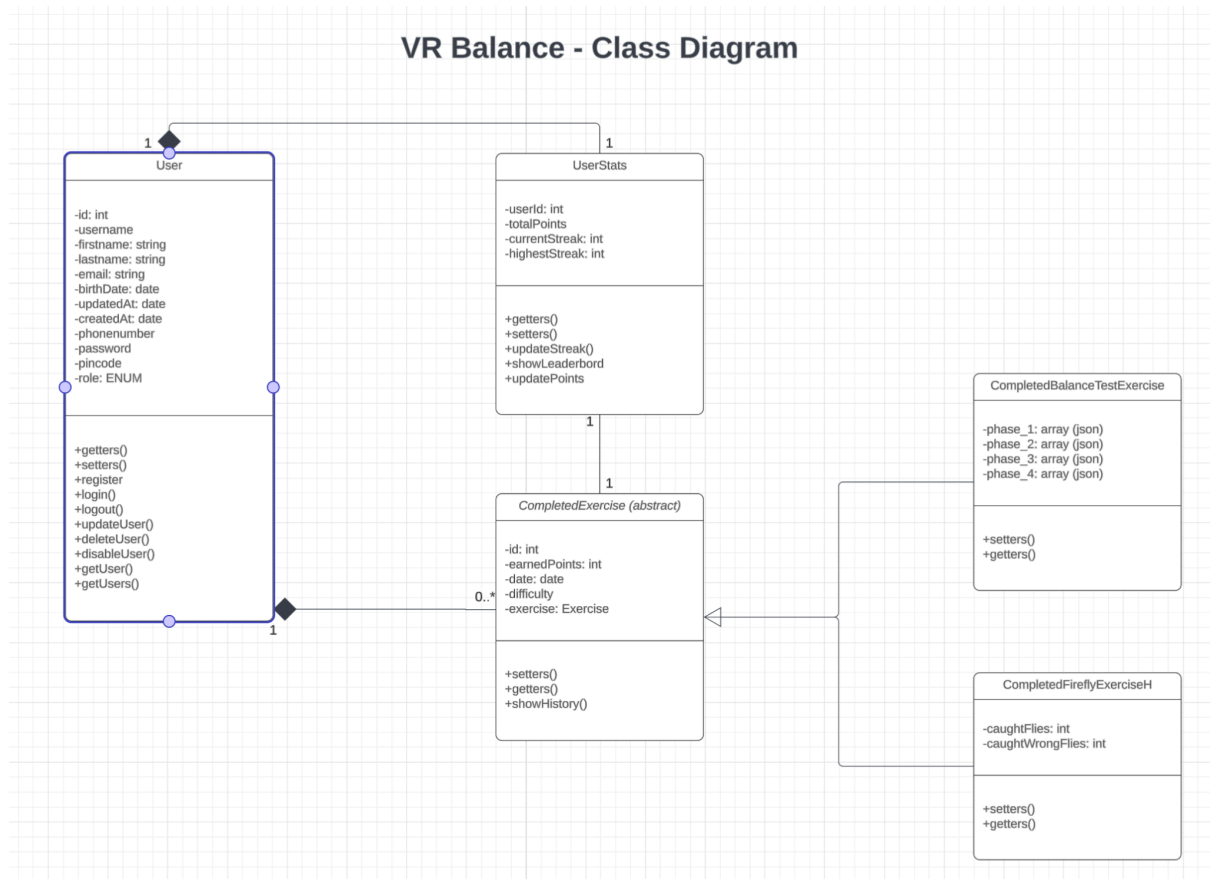
```
.requestMatchers(  
    "/api/user-stats/public/**"  
)permitAll()
```

- The `**` wildcard means: *everything after /public/ is accessible without authentication*.
- This allows you to create both public and secured endpoints under the same controller.

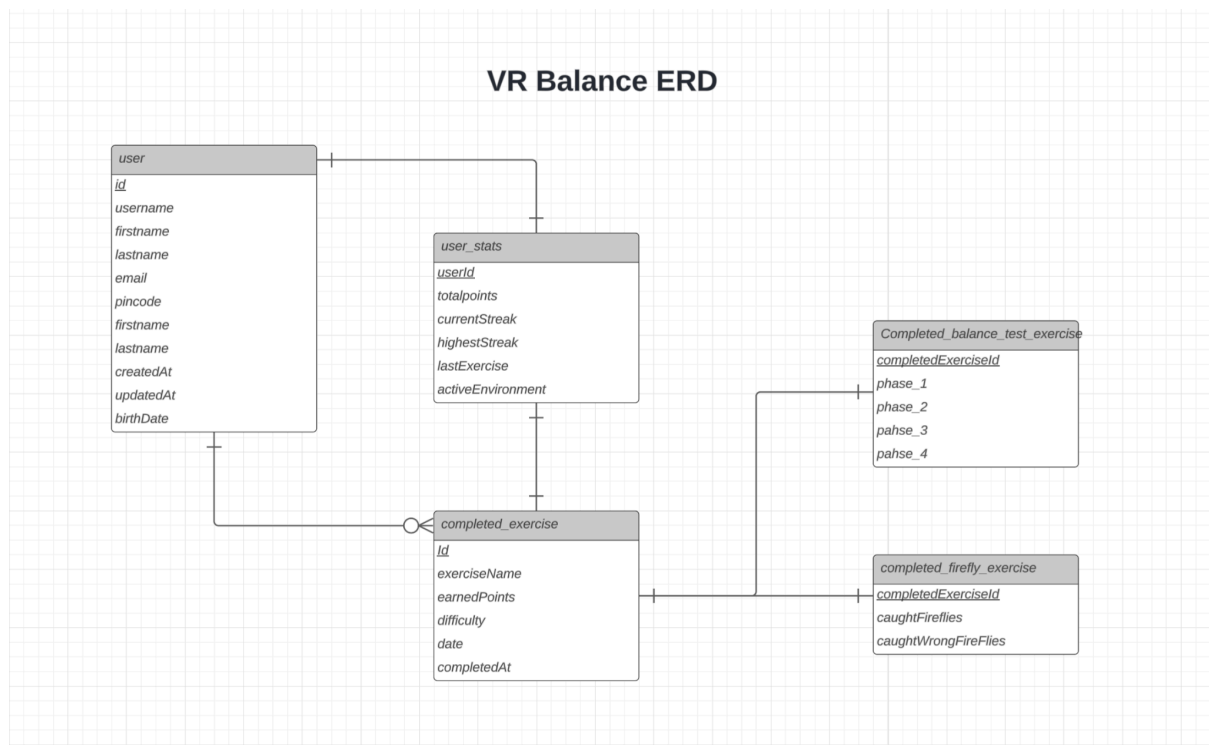
Example in the code:

Go to `UserStatsController.java` to see how public and secured endpoints are combined within the same class.

Class diagram



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Register flow

A user (patient) can only be created by an account that has the role **PHYSIOTHERAPIST** or **ADMIN** via the `/api/auth/register-patient` endpoint. After registering a user an instruction is sent to the given email by the physiotherapist. Use **mailhog** to test it in development.

Saving an exercise flow

All exercises that do not require additional data beyond what is already provided by the **CompletedExercise** class are stored directly using that class. For exercises that need to store extra fields — such as **FireflyExercise** and **BalanceTest** — you should create a subclass that extends **CompletedExercise**. You can refer to **ExerciseController.java** and **CompletedExerciseService.java** for an example of how this has been implemented.

Important!

The **Balance Test** uses the same structure as a regular exercise, but it is **not** considered an actual exercise that contributes to points or streak progression. Therefore, when a Balance Test is completed, it **does not update the UserStats**. This distinction ensures that tests are separated from gamified progress like scoring and streak tracking.

Database seeder

Navigate to **backend/src/main/vr/balance/app/seed/DatabaserSeerder.java** to view all the data that gets created when the application starts. The most important method is **createUsers()**, which sets up standard test users. The other methods are only used for testing purposes and are not required for normal application use.