

# Authentication vs Authorization

# Authentication

**User authentication** is the process of confirming a user's identity by checking their credentials, like a username and password.

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- **Username and Password authentication** - Users provide their username and password.
- **JWT Authentication** - JSON Web Tokens (JWT) are used to authenticate users

# Authorization

**User authorization** determines what this user is allowed to do.

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- **Authentication:** “Who are you?”
- **Authorization:** “What are you allowed to do?”