

1. Coding Problem: Secure Login and Role-Based Access in an ASP.NET Core MVC Application

Problem Statement:

You are building an ASP.NET Core MVC application that requires implementing authentication and role-based authorization. Your goal is to create a secure login page that validates user credentials and redirects the user based on their role. Implement the following requirements:

1. **Security Fundamentals and Authentication:**
 - Create a secure login page that accepts a username and password.
 - Implement authentication using `userManager` and `SignInManager` to validate the credentials.
 - Hash the passwords and store them securely.
2. **Authentication and Authorization in ASP.NET Core:**
 - After successful login, assign roles to users (`Admin` or `User`).
 - Implement role-based authorization for different views:
 - `Admin` role should have access to a dashboard displaying user details.
 - `User` role should only have access to a basic profile page.
 - Secure the `Admin` page using the `[Authorize(Roles = "Admin")]` attribute.
3. **Securing MVC Applications:**
 - Use `AntiForgeryToken` in forms to prevent CSRF attacks.
 - Implement `RequireHttps` in the `Startup.cs` to force the application to use HTTPS for all requests.
 - Secure sensitive data using `Data Protection APIs` where necessary.

Requirements:

- Create the following views: `Login`, `AdminDashboard`, and `UserProfile`.
- Use the `AccountController` for managing login and role assignment.
- Implement `Authorize` attributes to secure the views based on roles.
- Ensure all forms use `AntiForgeryToken` to prevent CSRF attacks.

Sample Input:

1. **User Login:**
 - `Username: admin`
 - `Password: Admin@123`
2. **Role Assignment:**
 - Username: admin -> Role: Admin

- Username: user1 -> Role: User
- 3. **Access URLs:**
 - Admin tries to access `/Admin/Dashboard`
 - User tries to access `/Admin/Dashboard`

Sample Output:

1. Successful Admin Login:

- The admin is redirected to the `AdminDashboard` page with a message:

`Welcome, Admin! You have access to the Admin Dashboard.`

2. User Accessing Admin Page:

- If a user with the `User` role tries to access `/Admin/Dashboard`, they should see an error page with the message:

`Access Denied: You do not have permission to view this page.`

3. Successful User Login:

- The user is redirected to their `UserProfile` page with a message:

`Welcome, User! Here is your profile information.`

Explanation:

- **Login Page** authenticates users using hashed passwords and assigns appropriate roles.
- **Authorization** is enforced using `[Authorize]` attributes to restrict access based on roles.
- **HTTPS and CSRF Protection** are implemented to secure the application against common attacks.