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Securing web applications with Spring security

Spring security

Web applications

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Faros

we make IT fun!

IT Consultancy company - Leuven (Belgium)

Focus on Java & Spring Ecosystem

Keeping up to date is essential

No nonsense



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Securing web applications with Spring Security

Agenda

Web applications security

Spring security: intro

Spring security: web

Spring security: method



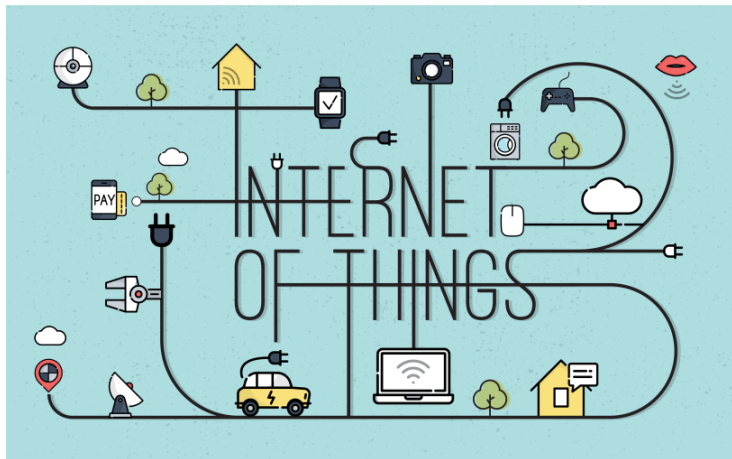
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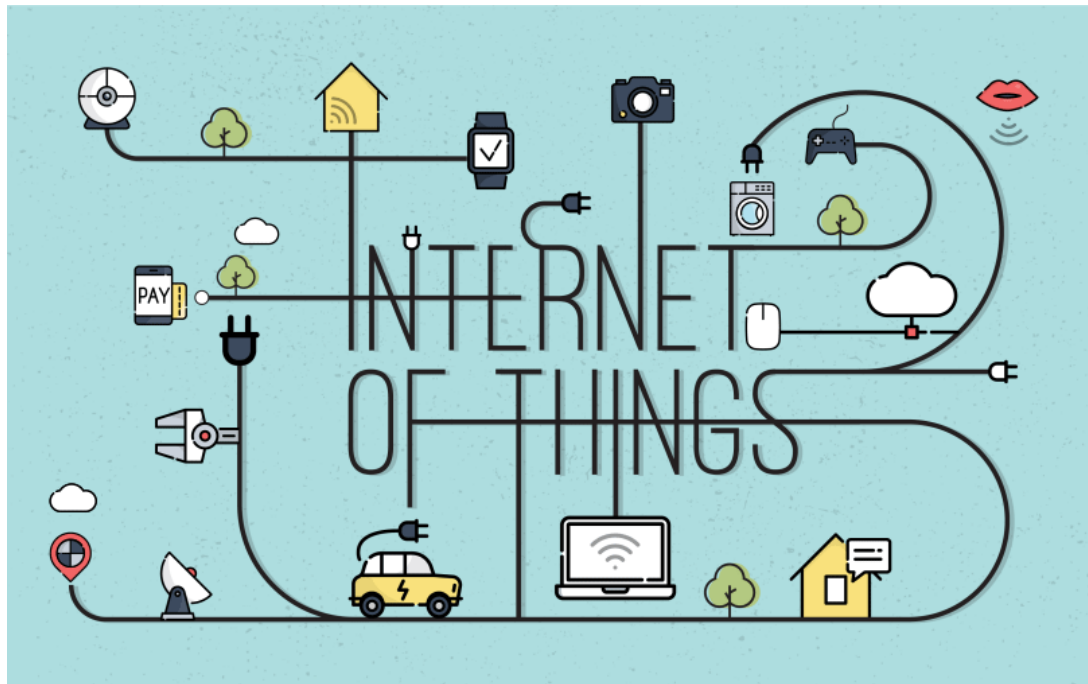
Sony Playstation security breach

- 2011 PlayStation Network outage
- 77 million accounts were compromised (personal details/cc numbers)
- Network was out for 23 days



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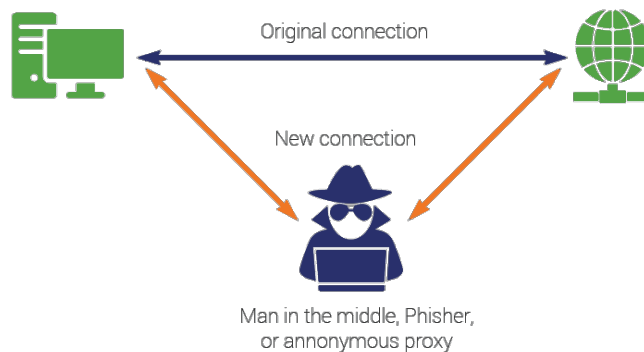
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Security

- Network
 - Ex. DDOS attacks
- Data
 - Ex. spoofing
 - HTTPS
- Other
 - Man in the middle attack

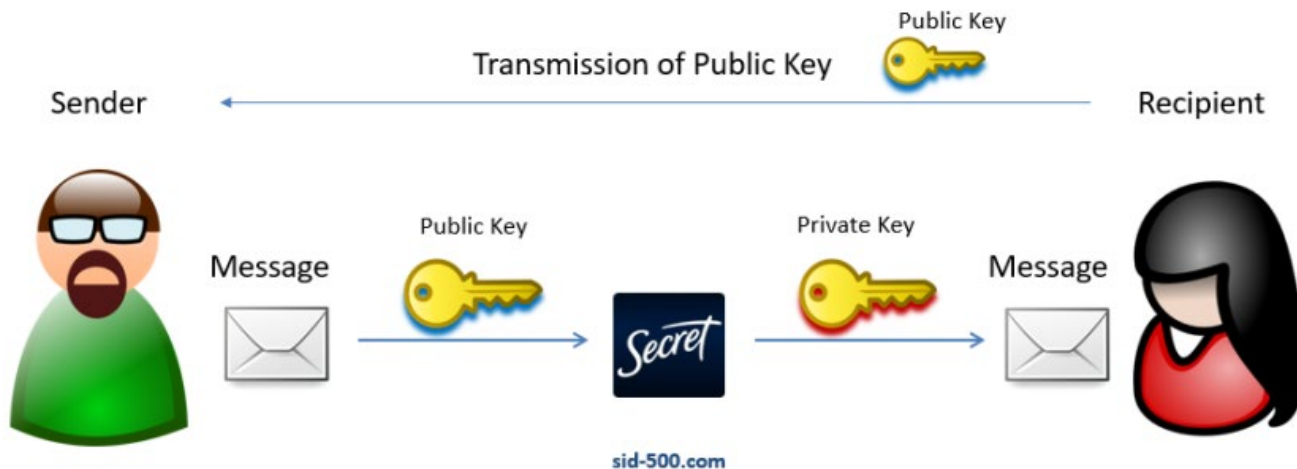


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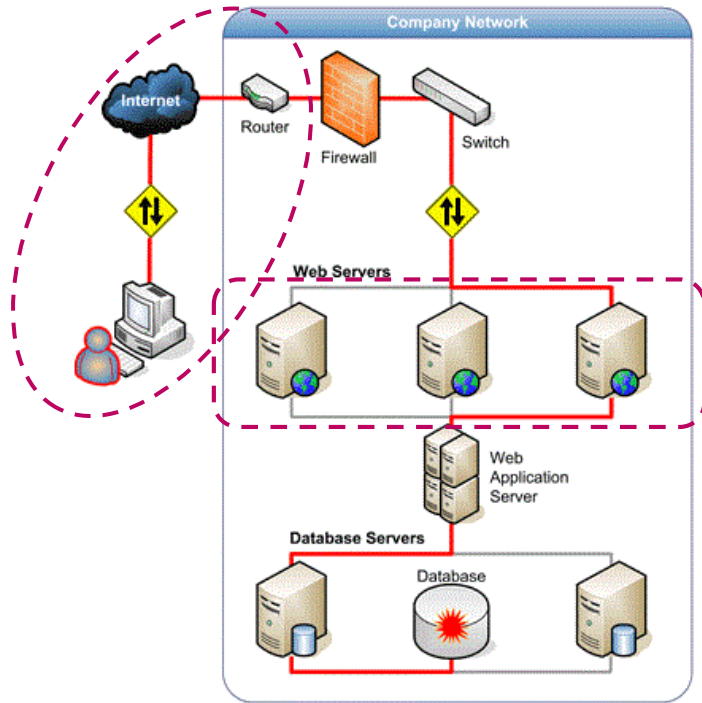
- HTTP(S)

Asymmetric Cryptography



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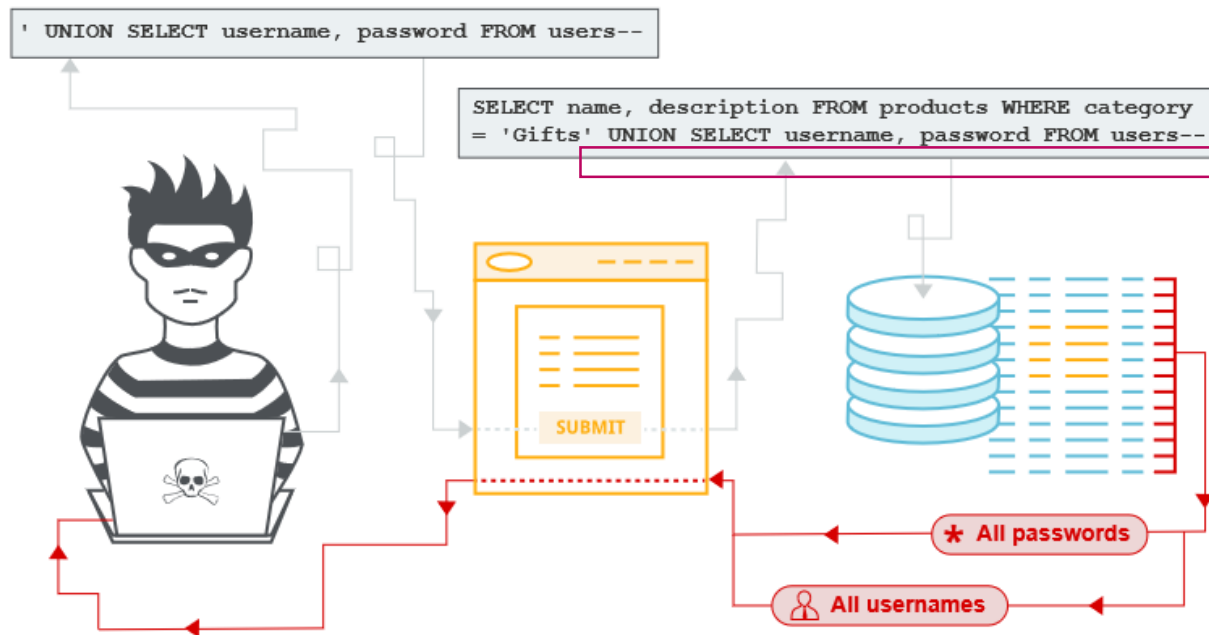
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OWASP

- 10 Most Critical Web Application Security Risks
<https://www.owasp.org>
 - A1 Injection
 - A2 Broken Authentication
 - A3 Sensitive Data Exposure
 - A4 XML External Entities (XXE)
 - A5 Broken Access Control
 - A6 Security Misconfiguration
 - A7 Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)
 - A8 Insecure Deserialization
 - A9 Using Components with Known Vulnerabilities
 - A10 Insufficient Logging & Monitoring

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AI SQL Injection



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AI SQL Injection

```
Robert'); DROP TABLE students; --
```

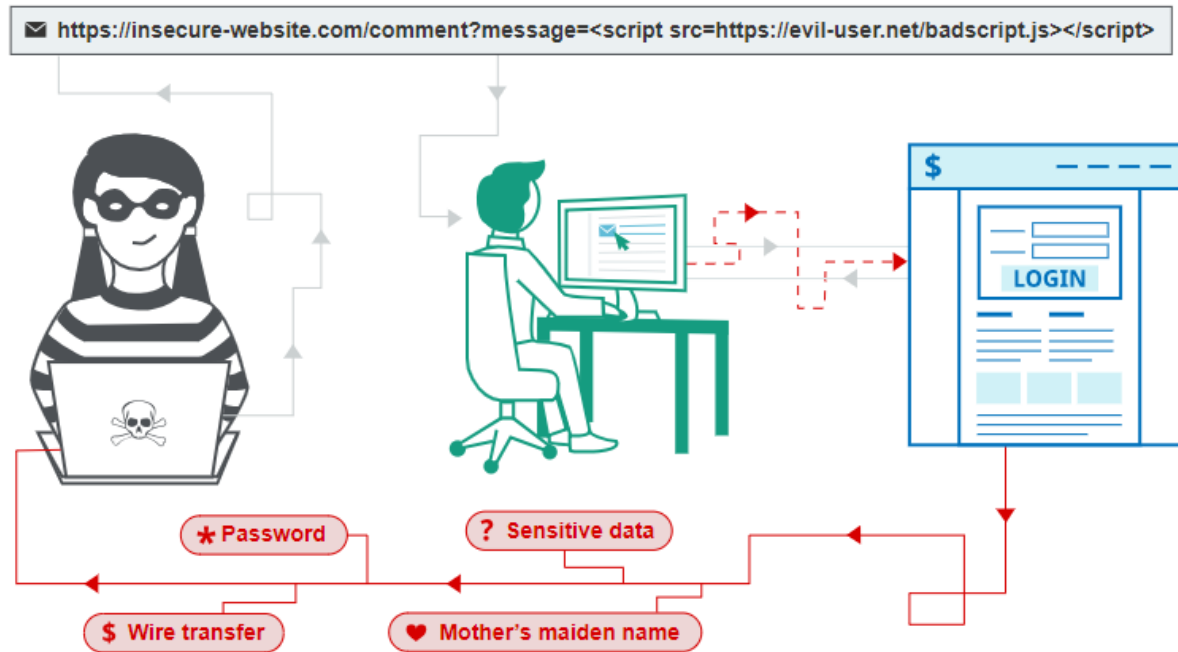
```
PreparedStatement stmt = conn.createStatement("INSERT INTO students VALUES('" + user + "')");  
stmt.execute();
```

OR

```
PreparedStatement stmt = conn.prepareStatement("INSERT INTO student VALUES(?)");  
stmt.setString(1, user);  
stmt.execute();
```

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A7 Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)



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A7 Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

- Same-origin policy
 - Browsers permit scripts contained in a first web page to access data in a second web page, but only if both web pages have the **same origin**
- Origin
 - combination of host name and port number
 - <http://www.example.com/dir/page.htm>
 - <http://www.example.com/dir/page2.html> = OK
 - <http://www.example.com:81/dir/page2.html> = NOT OK

Web applications security

Security frameworks

- Framework Security
 - Spring security
 - Apache Shiro



- Application Server Security
 - IBM Websphere, Oracle Weblogic, ...

Security

Overview

Security

Authentication

- Authentication mechanisms
 - Ex. Basic, Form, X.509, OAuth, ...
- Storage options for credential and authority information
 - Ex. in-memory (dev), Database, LDAP, ...



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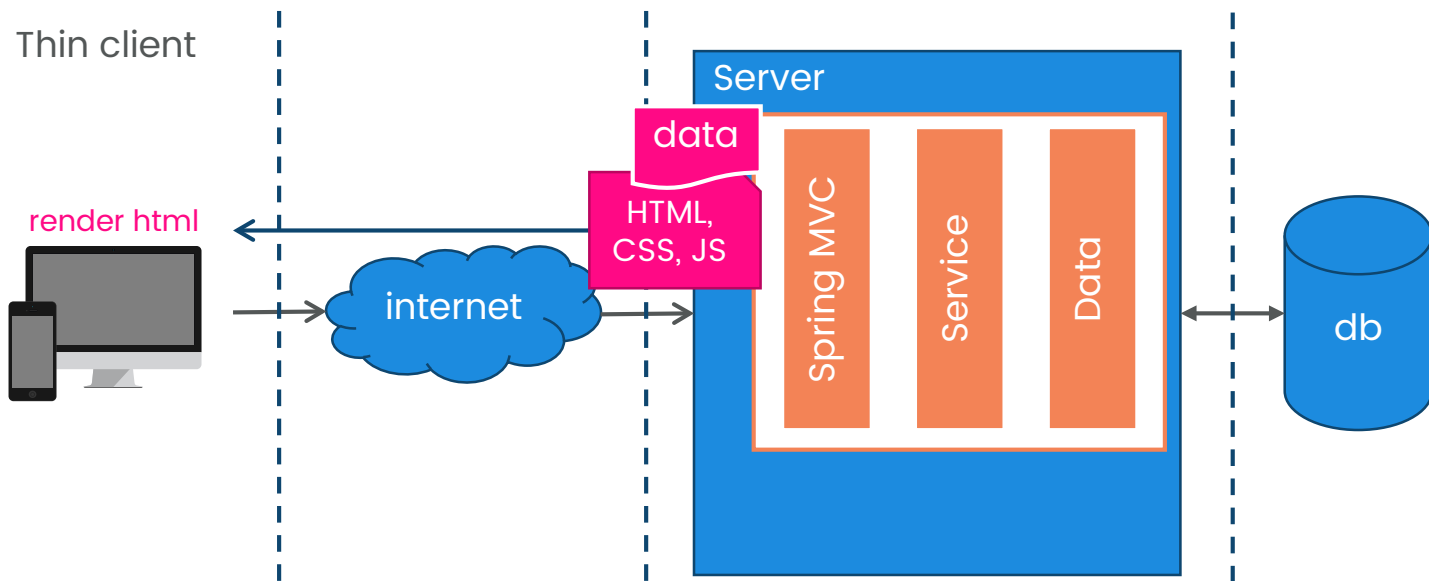
Authorization

- Authorization depends on authentication
- Determines if you have the required Authority
- Often role based
 - ADMIN can cancel orders
 - MEMBER can place orders
 - GUEST can browse the catalog



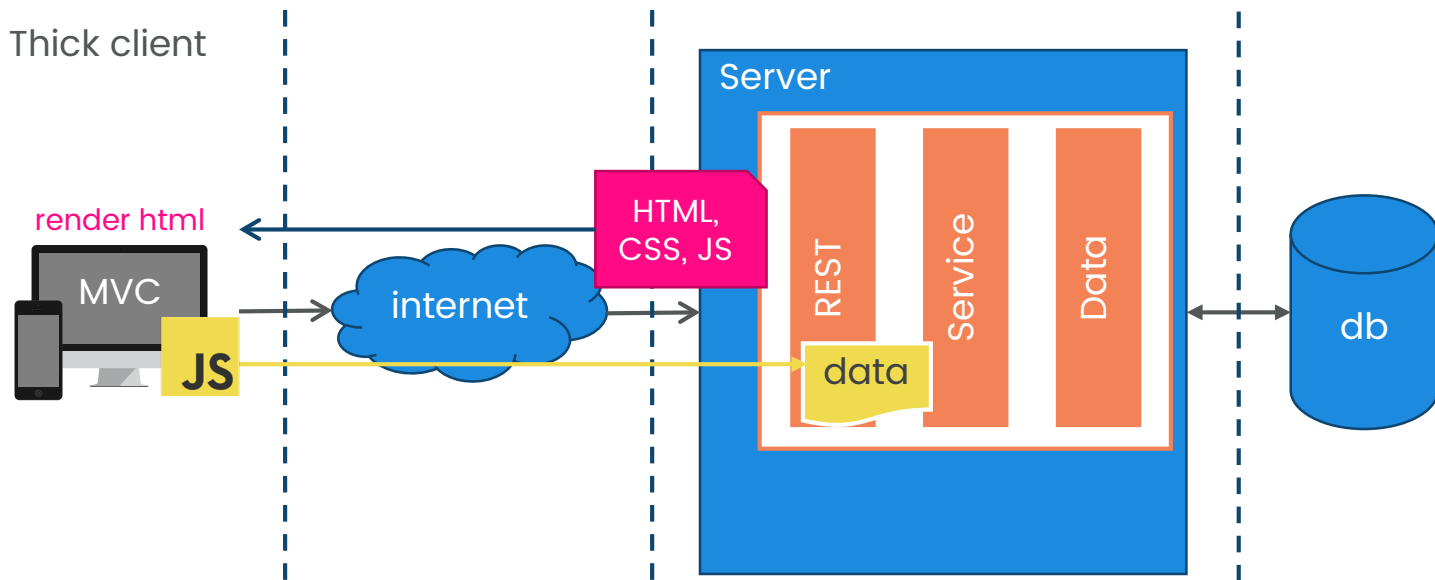
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Web - Thin vs Thick clients



Security

Web - Thin vs Thick clients



Spring security

Introduction

Spring security

Reasons

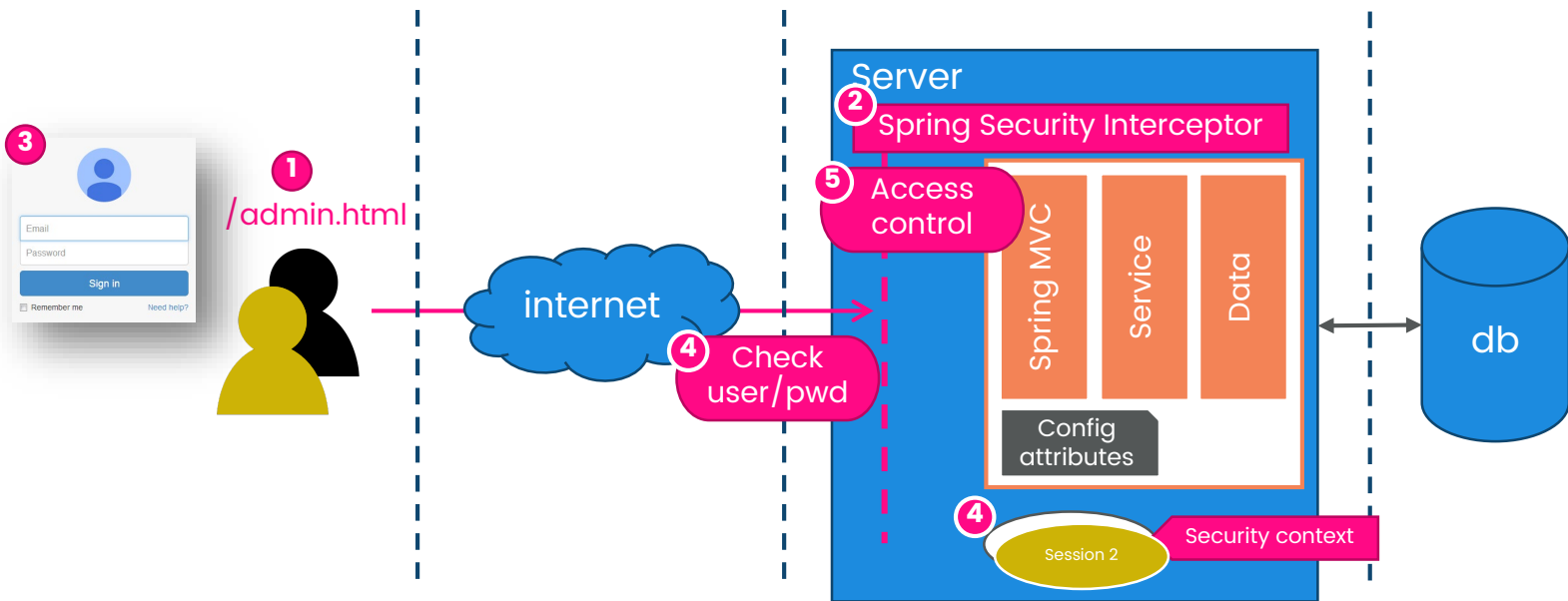
- Portable
 - Secured archive (JAR, WAR, EAR) can be deployed as-is
- Separation of Concerns
 - Business logic is decoupled from security concerns
 - Authentication and Authorization are decoupled
- Flexible & Extensible
 - Authentication: Basic, Form, X.509, OAuth, Cookies, Single-Sign-On, ...
 - Storage: LDAP, RDBMS, Properties file, custom DAOs, ...
 - Highly customizable

Spring Security

Web environment

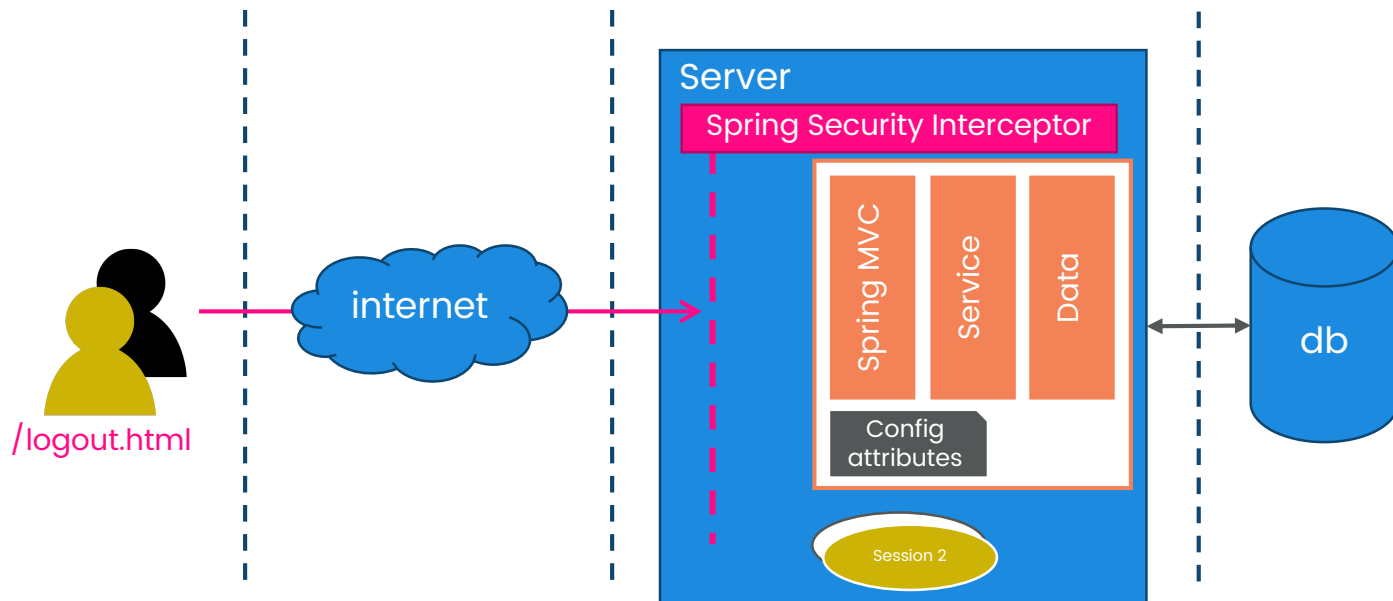
Config
attributes

/admin >> role=admin



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Web environment



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Web application

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Setup

- Three steps
 - Setup Filter chain (HTTP Servlet Filters)
 - Configure security (authorization) rules
 - Setup Web Authentication

Spring Boot

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Setup



- Spring Boot
 - Sets up a single in-memory user called “user”
 - Auto-generates a UUID password
 - All URLs require a logged-in user

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Setup

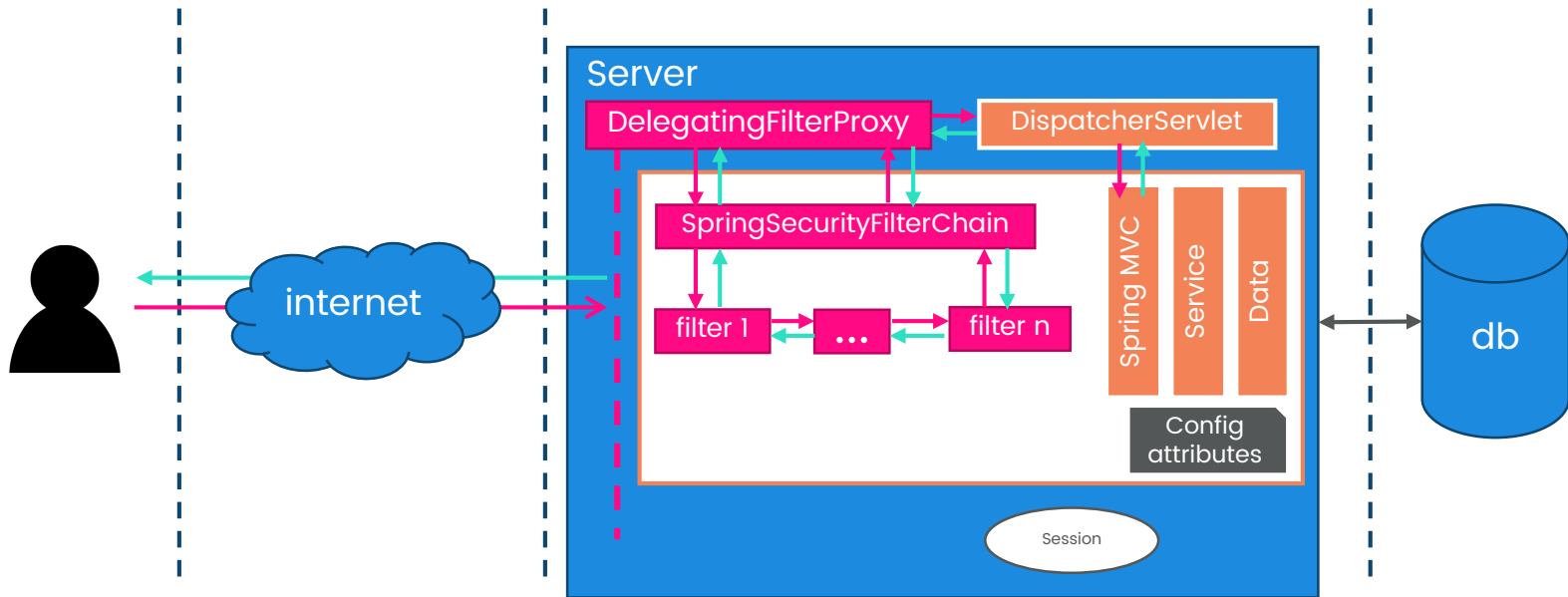


- Spring Boot
 - Maven dependency

```
<dependency>  
  <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>  
  <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-security</artifactId>  
</dependency>
```
 - Start application
 - Default 'user' & pwd via console logs

Spring Security

Setup



Spring Security

Configuration

```
@Configuration
@EnableWebSecurity
public class SecurityConfig extends WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter {

    @Override
    protected void configure(HttpSecurity http) throws Exception {
        // web security config
    }

    @Autowired
    public void configureGlobal(AuthenticationManagerBuilder auth)
        throws Exception {
        // authentication manager config
    }
}
```

Spring Security

Configuration

- Define specific authorization restrictions for URLs

```
@Override
protected void configure(HttpSecurity http) throws Exception {
    http.authorizeRequests()
        .mvcMatchers("/admin/**").hasRole("ADMIN")
        ...
}
```


Spring Security

Configuration

- Chain multiple restrictions
 - First match is used, put specific matches first

```
@Override
protected void configure(HttpSecurity http) throws Exception {
    http
        .authorizeRequests()
            .mvcMatchers("/signup", "/about").permitAll()
            .mvcMatchers("/persons/delete*").access("hasRole('ADMIN')
                && hasRole('USER')")
            .mvcMatchers("/persons/edit*").hasRole("ADMIN")
            .mvcMatchers("/persons/**").hasAnyRole("USER","ADMIN")
            .anyRequest().authenticated();
}
```

SpEL

Spring Security

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Spring Security

Configuration

- Example of inMemory UserDetailsService

```
@Autowired
public void configureGlobal(AuthenticationManagerBuilder auth) throws
Exception {
    auth
        .inMemoryAuthentication()
        .withUser("jan").password("{noop}pwd1").roles("USER").and()
        .withUser("erik").password("{noop}pwd2").roles("ADMIN");
}
```

Do NOT use in
production!

Spring Security

Configuration

- Database

```
private DataSource dataSource;
```

```
@Autowired
```

```
public void setDataSource(DataSource dataSource) throws Exception {  
    this.dataSource = dataSource;  
}
```

```
@Autowired
```

```
public void configureGlobal(AuthenticationManagerBuilder auth) throws  
Exception {  
    auth.jdbcAuthentication()  
        .dataSource(dataSource);  
}
```

Spring Security

Configuration

- Database

- Queries DB for users and roles
- Default queries

```
SELECT username, password, enabled FROM users WHERE username = ?
```

```
SELECT username, authority FROM authorities WHERE username = ?
```

- Customize queries

```
auth.jdbcAuthentication()  
    .usersByUsernameQuery(<custom-query>)  
    .authoritiesByUsernameQuery(<custom-query>)  
    .dataSource(dataSource);
```

Spring Security

Configuration

- Password encoding
 - BCrypt is recommended over SHA-256
 - Secure passwords further by specifying a “strength” (N)
 - Internally the hash is rehashed 2^N times, default is 2^{10}

```
auth.inMemoryAuthentication()  
    .passwordEncoder(new BCryptPasswordEncoder(12));  
    .withUser("jan")  
    .password("$2y$12$PZRRdjKywU..cTvobTIGU31aFNPEiC6MfPZtm")  
    .roles("GENERAL")
```

Spring Security

Configuration

- Login
 - Example: HTTP Basic

```
protected void configure(HttpSecurity http) throws Exception {  
    http  
        .authorizeRequests()  
            .mvcMatchers("/home/**").hasRole("USER")  
            ...  
        .and()  
            .httpBasic(); // enable HTTP Basic  
}
```



Spring Security

Configuration

- Login

- Form-based

```
protected void configure(HttpSecurity http) throws Exception {  
    http.authorizeRequests()  
        .mvcMatchers("/home/**").hasRole("USER")...  
        .and()  
        .formLogin()                // setup form-based authentication  
        .loginPage("/login")        // URL to use when login is needed  
        .permitAll()                // any user can access  
        .and()  
        .logout()                   // configure logout  
        .logoutSuccessUrl("/home")  // go here after successful logout  
        .permitAll();               // any user can access  
}
```


Spring Security

Configuration

- Login
 - Example login page

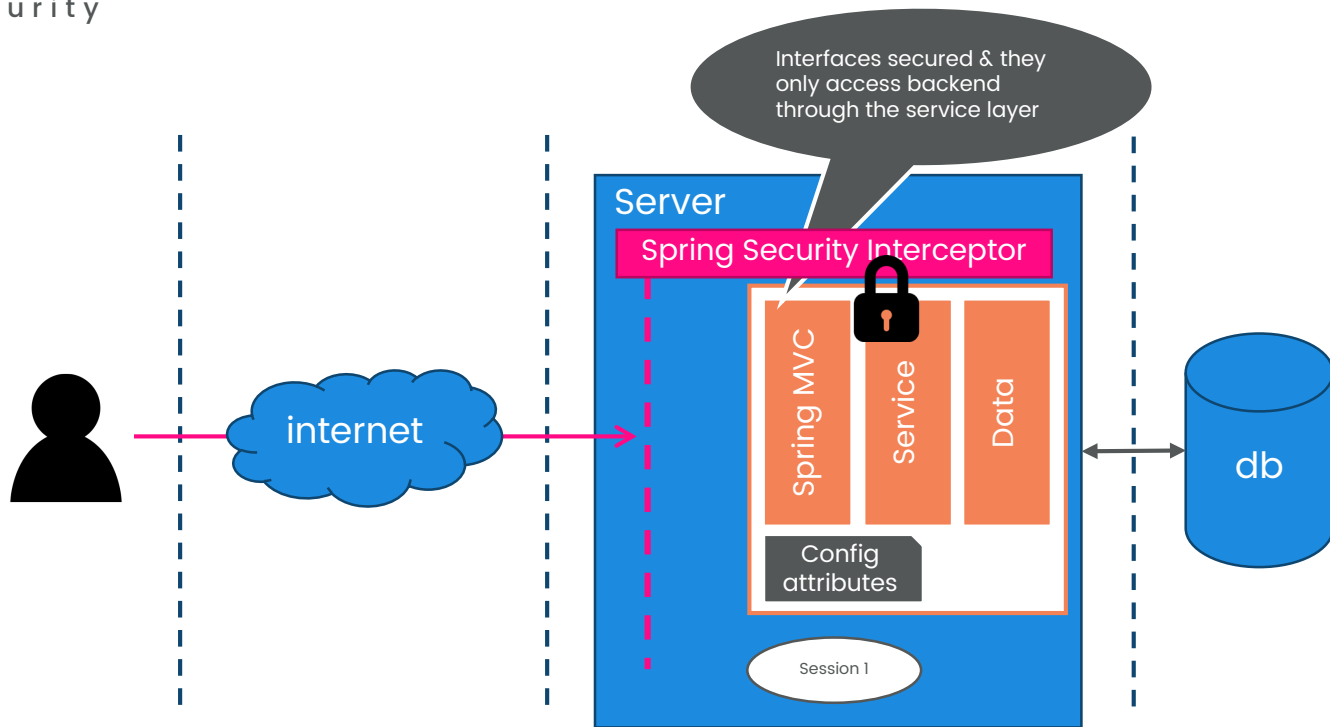
```
<form action="/login" method="POST">  
  <input type="text" name="username"/>  
  <input type="password" name="password"/>  
  
  <input type="submit" name="submit" value="LOGIN"/>  
</form>
```

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Method security

Spring Security

Method security



Spring Security

Method security

- JSR-250 standard
 - Only supports role-based security
 - Configuration

```
@EnableGlobalMethodSecurity(jsr250Enabled=true)
```

- Code

```
import javax.annotation.security.RolesAllowed;

public class ItemManager {
    @RolesAllowed("ROLE_MEMBER")
    public Item findItem(long itemNumber) {
        ...
    }
}
```

Internally role authorities are stored with `ROLE_` prefix. APIs seen previously hide this. Here you *must* use full name

Spring Security

Method security

- Spring's annotation (supports SpEL)
 - Configuration

```
@EnableGlobalMethodSecurity(prePostEnabled=true)
```

- Code

```
import org.springframework.security.annotation.PreAuthorize;

public class ItemManager {
    // Members may only find their own order items
    @PreAuthorize("hasRole('MEMBER') && " +
        "#order.owner.id == principal.user.id")
    public Item findItem(Order order, long itemNumber) {
        ...
    }
}
```

Full role-names not required. ROLE_ prepended automatically

Spring boot actuator

Security

Spring Boot Actuator

Security

- Spring boot actuator
 - Monitoring app
 - Gathering metrics
 - Understanding traffic
 - State of our database
 - ...
- Exposed as HTTP endpoints or JMX beans

Spring Boot Actuator

Security

- Getting started
 - Maven dependency

```
<dependency>  
  <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>  
  <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-actuator</artifactId>  
</dependency>
```

- Most endpoints (/actuator/...) disabled by default except
 - /actuator/health
 - /actuator/info

Spring Boot Actuator

Security

- HTTP endpoints

`/auditevents` - lists security audit-related events such as user login/logout.

`/beans` - shows all available beans in our *BeanFactory*

`/conditions` - formerly known as `/autoconfig`, builds a report of conditions around auto-configuration

`/configprops` - allows us to fetch all `@ConfigurationProperties` beans

`/env` - returns the current environment properties. Additionally, we can retrieve single properties

`/flyway` - provides details about our Flyway database migrations

`/health` - summarises the health status of our application

`/heapdump` - builds and returns a heap dump from the JVM used by our application

`/info` - returns general information.

`/liquibase` - behaves like `/flyway` but for Liquibase

`/logfile` - returns ordinary application logs

`/loggers` - enables us to query and modify the logging level of our application

`/metrics` - details metrics of our application.

`/prometheus` - returns metrics like the previous one, but formatted to work with a Prometheus server

`/scheduledtasks` - provides details about every scheduled task within our application

`/sessions` - lists HTTP sessions given we are using Spring Session

`/shutdown` - performs a graceful shutdown of the application

`/threaddump` - dumps the thread information of the underlying JVM



Spring Boot Actuator

Security

- Access
 - Enable and expose endpoints
 - Enable
 - All endpoints enabled by default except: `/shutdown` are enabled
`management.endpoint.shutdown.enabled=true`
 - Expose
 - Only `/health` & `/info` endpoints are exposed by default
`management.endpoints.web.exposure.include=*`
 - Expose all enabled endpoints except one (ex. `/loggers`)
`management.endpoints.web.exposure.include=*`
`management.endpoints.web.exposure.exclude=loggers`

Spring security

Resources

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Resources

- Securing a Web Application (Spring MVC / thymeleaf)
<https://spring.io/guides/gs/securing-web>
- Spring Security Architecture
<https://spring.io/guides/topicals/spring-security-architecture/>
- Spring Security and Angular
<https://spring.io/guides/tutorials/spring-security-and-angular-js/>

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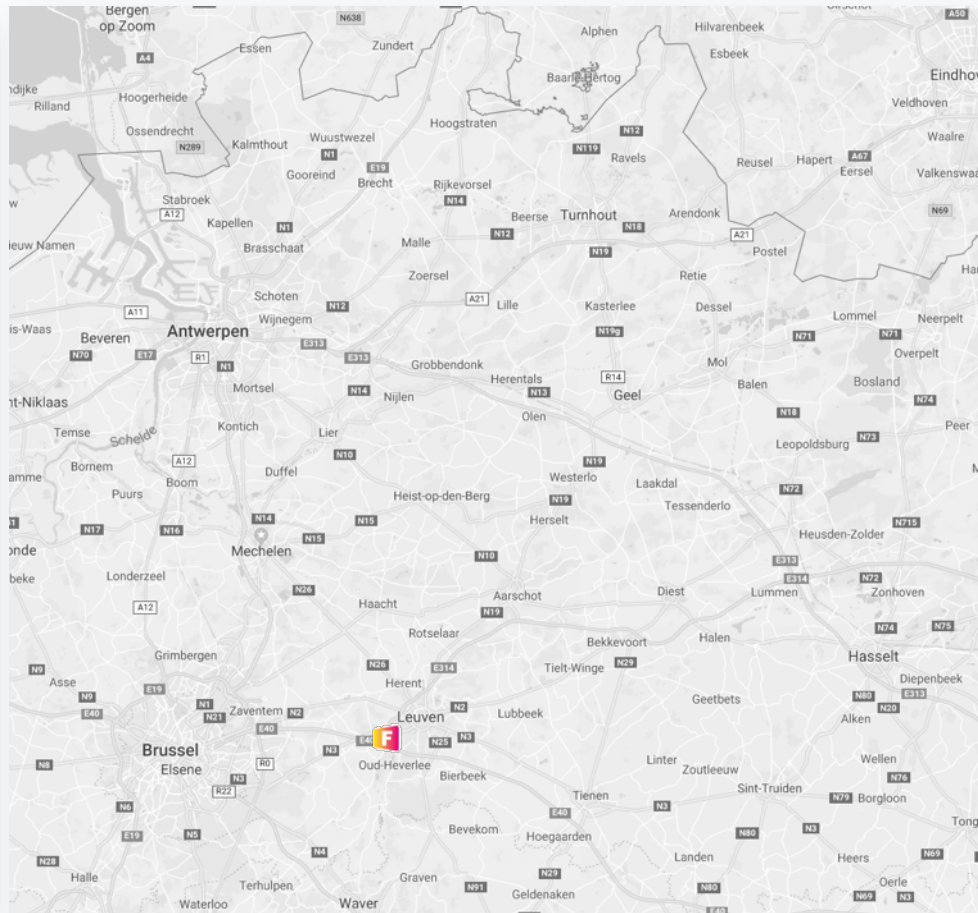
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