

“JWT”



→ JWT stands for “JSON web Token”

→ JWT contain 3 Parts :->

① Header :-> Header contain type of token and signing algorithm.

② Payload :-> contains the claims or the actual data. this can include user information, roles etc

③ signature :-> Created by combining the encoded header, encoded payload, and a secret key using the specified algorithm.

“ All these 3 Parts are separated by using dot (.) .

→ we follow 10 steps to implement JWT Authentication in Springboot

① Create Basic Rest API that will Return the list of Details like Employee or student

② Secure the ^{Rest} API by Adding security dependency.

③ Create the SpringSecurityConfig class to define Beans like PasswordEncoder, UserDetailsService and AuthenticationManager.

④ Create JWTAuthenticationEntryPoint class which implements AuthenticationEntryPoint Interface and override method.

- ⑤ Create JWTHelper class which is used to perform action like ValidateToken & generateToken.
 - ⑥ Create JWTAuthenticationFilter class which is used for the filter purpose.
 - ⑦ Create SecurityFilterConfig class to define request processing logic.
 - ⑧ create JWTRequest and JWTResponse class.
 - ⑨ Create JWTAuthenticationController to return the JWTResponse if everything works fine.
 - ⑩ Use Postman for Testing.
- "Complete code on github"

→ Now we discuss some spring security JWT questions :-

Q.1. → How to generate a JWT token ?

Ans → `public String generateToken (String username)`

{

`Map < String, Object > claims = new HashMap<>();`
`claims.put ("username", username);`

`String token = Jws.builder()`

`.claims().addClaims(claims)`

`.subject(username)`

`.issuedAt(new Date(System.currentTimeMillis()))` convert milliseconds

`.expiration(new Date(System.currentTimeMillis() + 60 * 60 * 1000))`

`.and`

`.signWith(SignatureAlgorithm.HS256, secretKey)).compact();`

`return token;`

Que. → How To Validate a JWT Token ?

Ans →

```
public Boolean validateToken (String token, UserDetails userDetails)
{
    String username = extractUsername(token);
    Boolean isExpired = isTokenExpired(token);
    if (username.equals(userDetails.getUsername()) && !isExpired)
    {
        return true;
    }
    return false;
}
```

Annotations:
 → # function for manually extract username from token
 → # function for manually check token is expired or not.

Que. → Why use JWT in spring security ?

Ans. → JWT allows stateless Authentication, meaning that the server does not need to store session information. This is useful in distributed systems and microservices where maintaining sessions can be complex.

Que. → Advantages of JWT ?

Ans → ① ~~stability~~ → Performance → Reduce database calls since the token contains all the necessary information.

② Stateless → No need to store session information

Que. → Disadvantage of JWT ?

Ans. → • Using weak algorithms can lead to security issues.