

⑬ → If the security filter block start at response at 401/403 error [red]

## Authentication architecture in Spring security

→ The process of identifying and verifying the user is called authentication.

Ex: Suppose you want to verify the identity of a person, so we have different mechanism available in our country India like - Aadhar Card

PAN card

Voter card

Similarly in our application, we can authenticate... etc or verifies the identity of user by following mechanism :-

### Authentication Mechanism (in Spring security) :-

- ① Username and Password
- ② OAuth 2.0 Login
- ③ SAML 2.0 Login
- ④ Central Authentication server (CAS)
- ⑤ JAAS Authentication
- ⑥ Pre-Authentication Scenarios
- ⑦ X509 Authentication
- ⑧ JWT Authentication System

→ In Spring security, we are free to choose any of the authentication mechanism that is supported by spring security

Authorization  $\Rightarrow$  Authorization means giving the user access capability so that user can perform only granted activities in our app.

e.g.  $\Rightarrow$  e-commerce platform app :-

normal user/customer : are only allowed to search products, buy products and etc.

seller :- are allowed to edit their products / inventory. He can update the product details, its price and much more

admin :- are allowed to cancel order, accelerate delivery and see the sales report.

#### \* Architecture of Authentication in Spring security \*

There are very important key components of Authentication in Spring security  $\Rightarrow$

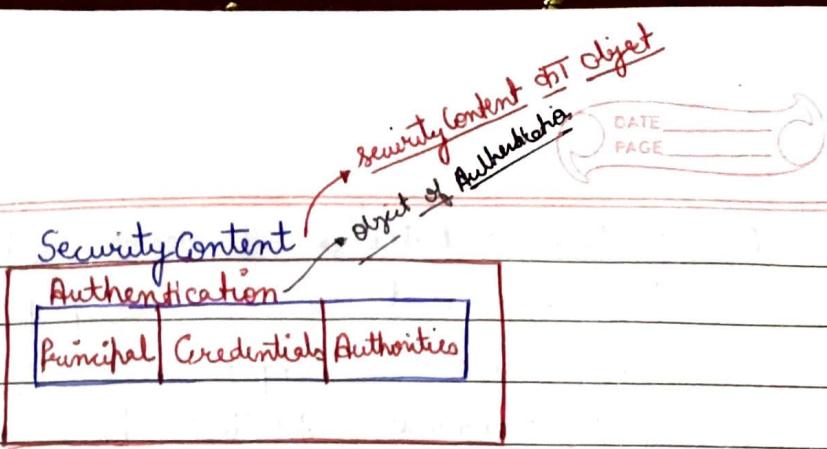
- SecurityContent
- SecurityContentHolder
- Authentication
- GrantedAuthority
- AuthenticationManager
- ProviderManager
- AuthenticationProvider
- Request Credentials with AuthenticationEntryPoint
- AbstractAuthenticationProcessingFilter

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SecurityContent  $\Rightarrow$  • It is an "Interface" present in org.springframework.security.core.content package.

→ SecurityContentImpl is the implementing class of Spring security-Content.

→ SecurityContent is the core component of Spring security because it object holds the authenticated user object / information



Authentication  $\Rightarrow$  Authentication in a spring security is an Interface present in the org.springframework.security.core.

- There are so many Implementing class of Authentication Interface
  - UsernamePasswordAuthenticationToken
  - JwtAuthenticationToken
  - OAuth2AuthenticationToken
  - AbstractAuthenticationToken
  - ... etc इत्यादि सभी हैं।
- AuthenticationManager will give the object of Implementing class.

Note  $\Rightarrow$  Based upon the requirement mechanism that we are using to authenticate the person or user in our application, AuthenticationManager will return you the one of the following Authentication Implementing class object:

Authentication Manager

AuthenticationManager returning the object

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| $\rightarrow$ Username And Password | $\rightarrow$ UsernamePasswordAuthenticationToken |
| $\rightarrow$ OAuth 2.0 login       | $\rightarrow$ OAuth2LoginAuthenticationToken      |
| $\rightarrow$ Saml2Authentication   | $\rightarrow$ Saml2AuthenticationToken            |
| ⋮                                   | ⋮   |
| $\times$                            | $\rightarrow$ XAuthenticationToken                |

$\xrightarrow{* *}$  SecurityContent का object फिर नहीं पड़ता है की तुम Authentication का object का - st Mechanism से बहुत रुक हो। इसका मतलब की एक कोई सा नहीं Authentication mechanism use कर सकते हैं।

→ Security Context के लिए Authentication के object से मतलब है।

→ Authentication object वो की store है spring security context में वो represent करता current Authenticated user को।

→ Suppose Rahul Login कर रहा है means उन्हें आप को Authenticate करना चाहे रहा है। तो Basically Authentication object Create होता। Authentication Object के अंदर Basically 3 Part है।

① Principal → User से related information → UserId etc. (UserDetails Object)

② Credentials → Password (return null)

③ Authority → वजा Role है (Menus User / admin) Permission that are granted.  
 ↗ (GrantedAuthority Object) ↘ Roles and scopes

→ GrantedAuthority :-

- GrantedAuthority Object represents the authority that is given or granted to the authenticated user means... Authentication object.

- Generally, we assign roles to the authenticated user i.e authentication object.
 

ROLE - USER	<input type="text" value="user:rahul"/> a <sub>1</sub>
ROLE - ADMIN	<input type="text" value="user:rajesh"/> a <sub>2</sub>
ROLE - SUPER - ADMIN	<input type="text" value="user:lucky"/> a <sub>3</sub>

Authentication object (a<sub>1</sub>, a<sub>2</sub>, a<sub>3</sub>)

∴ It is possible that one user is having multiple granted authorities. ie one authentication object can have multiple granted authorities.

like a<sub>1</sub> → ROLE - USER

ROLE - ADMIN

a<sub>2</sub> → ROLE - USER

ROLE - ADMIN

ROLE - SUPER - ADMIN

Q → Authentication Manager → It is a "interface" present in org.springframework.security.authentication.

- AuthenticationManager tries to authenticate the given user.

- It has one method :

Authenticate authenticate(Authentication auth) throws AuthenticateException

Q: Suppose, Rahul is a user, and wants to use the spring security configured application, so how he can be authenticated by his information?

→ AuthenticationManager takes the help of authenticate(Authentication auth) method to attempt authentication process.

→ authenticate(Authentication authentication) method

→ authenticate(...) method here, is asking one Authentication object.

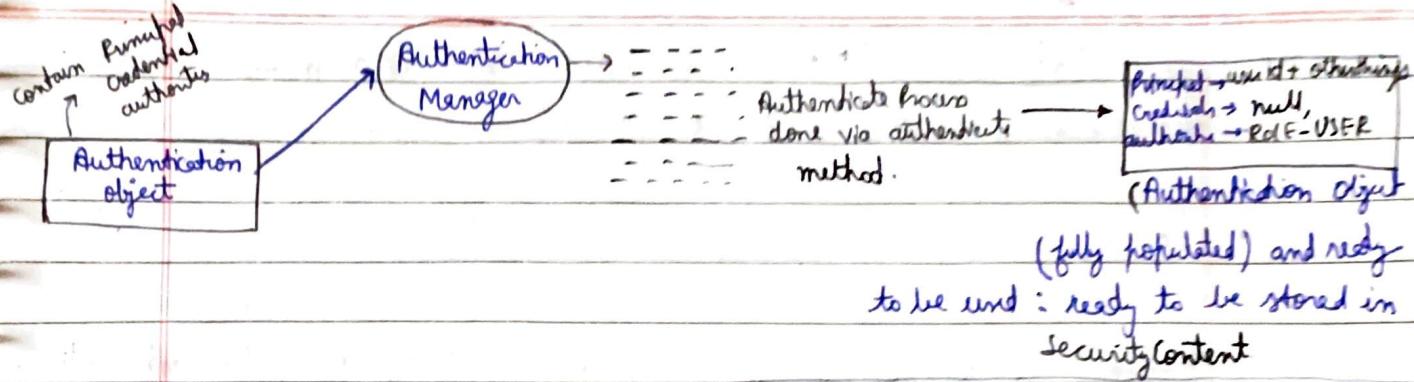
- So, we give the authentication object to the authenticate method. Now this, authentication object will contain the username, password of user.

Example → rahul will give the username & password then username, password will be set to the authentication object.

Principal	Credentials	Authorities
authentication object		

Q: How to give the username and password details (principal and credentials details).

A: Through the Object of UserDetails (interface) you can give the principal and credentials details to the Authentication object that is going to be (in process) authenticated.



Note:→ AuthenticationManager is authenticating the user by authenticate(Authentication auth)

- authenticate method is asking "Authentication Object".
- authenticate method is returning the fully populated "Authentication Object". ↗ return type Authentication

"Yes sir, it is returning the Authentication Object and also, it is asking for Authentication Object".

• After successful authentication, the Authentication Object returned by the Authentication Manager is ready to be stored in the SecurityContent. Hence you can say that user is authenticated successfully if SecurityContent is populated.  
means.... securityContent is having the Authentication object.

Note: "If authentication fails for the given authentication object, then - AuthenticationException , the AuthenticationException

→ When we talk about AuthenticationManager then it means we are talking about its implementing class.

→ "ProviderManager" is a implementing class of Authentication-Manager Interface



③ ProviderManager  $\Rightarrow$  It is the most commonly used implementing class of AuthenticationManager

- It is given by Spring Security itself.
- ProviderManager (AuthenticationManager) has list of AuthenticationProviders.
- AuthenticationProvider is the main component in Spring security which has the actual implementation of authentication i.e. actual implementation of authenticate(...) method.

Means AuthenticationProvider will decide or will do the actual Authentication and return the result to the AuthenticationManager (ProviderManager).

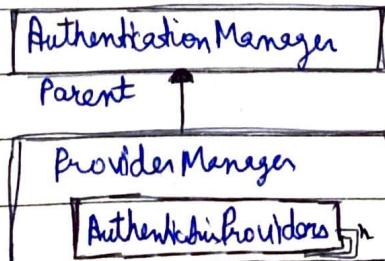
- AuthenticateProvider decides how to authenticate any User.

There are different - different AuthenticationProvider  $\Rightarrow$

→ Suppose you are giving username & Password then XAuthenticationProvider is there authenticate the user you.

If the user is trying to be authenticated by OAuth (google, github, apple, facebook) then there is YAuthenticationProvider.

If the user trying to be authenticated by Jwt Token then there is ZAuthenticationProvider.



→ ProviderManager (AuthenticationManager) is attempting the authentication by delegating the authentication process to these list of AuthenticationProviders one by one.

Ex: if AuthenticationProvider0 is failed to authenticate then control goes to AuthenticationProvider1.... if it also failed then the authentication then control goes to AuthenticationProvider2... and so on.... or until not-null response is returned until the authentication is successfully....

Suppose authentication successfully done by the AuthenticationProviders then it will return the result to the AuthenticationManager (AuthenticationProvider).

→ But, if no any AuthenticationProvider from the list performs the successful authentication means - all the AuthenticationProviders in the list fails to authenticate the user then, exception will be raised - ProviderNotFoundException and this exception leads to raised AuthenticationException.

There are so many list of AuthenticationProviders

- AnonymousAuthenticationProvider
- DaoAuthenticationProvider
- RememberMeAuthenticationProvider
- CasAuthenticationProvider
- JwtAuthenticationProvider
- TestingAuthenticationProvider
- ..... etc

Note :-

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public class xyzAuthenticationProvider implements AuthenticationProvider
{
    if (auth instanceof xyzAuthenticationProvider || supports(authentication))
        // some logic will be written here

    public Authentication authenticate (Authentication auth)
        (authentication object coming from
         AuthenticationManager this object
         is not fully populated).

    return auth;
}

→ return fully populated Authentication Object when there
successful authentication happens.

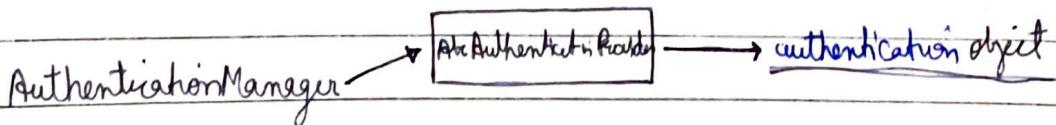
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- If "authenticate" method → return null for the given xyz AuthenticationProvider then this auth provider will delegate to the next AbcAuthenticationProvider and this process will go on.... until not-null result and a fully populated authentication object is achieved.

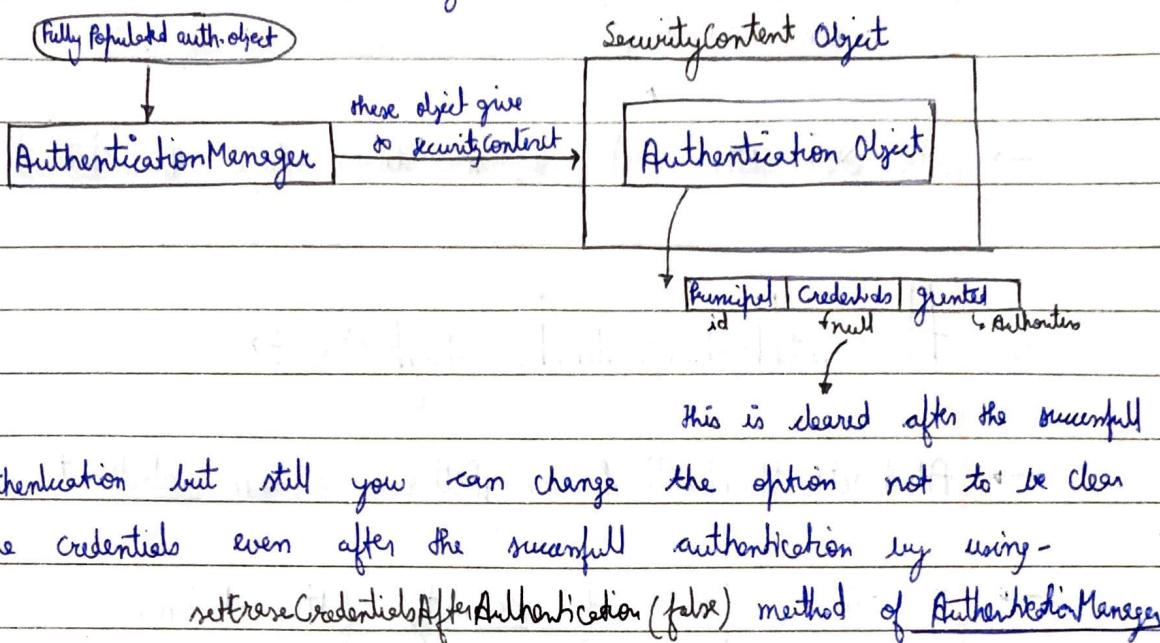
principal (user-details)	credentials : null (password)	granted authority → (ROLE-USER, ROLE-ADMIN)
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- After the successful authentication, AuthenticationProvider is returning the fully populated authentication object where credentials are erased (becomes null here) for the security purposes so that credentials (often passwords) can never be leaked.

- Now, this fully populated authentication object is ready to be stored in the security context.



→ If Method का return type एवं Authentication एवं इसका object अथा AuthenticationManager का फॉर्म वित्ती।



④ AuthenticationEntryPoint ⇒ It is an "interface" present in org.springframework.security.web.

- When we are talking about the AuthenticationEntryPoint it means we are talking about the one of its implementing class.
- This component is used to send HTTP response where it says: "Hey user.... please give credentials / correct credentials with this request."
- If the user is already sending the credentials (username & password) then it will not say (give response) to give credentials, because we are already giving it in credentials.

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Note - If the user is not giving the credentials and hitting the request then it means, it is unauthenticated so in this case, an implement class object of AuthenticationEntryPoint

will be used to send the required response that says - Hey user ! send the credentials ... with response like 401 - unauthorized .)

→ तो अपके अपने ऑट again login Page पर कैक देगा ।