# **Spring Security Configuration**



```
package me.learning.config;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Bean;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Configuration;
import org.springframework.security.core.userdetails.User;
import org.springframework.security.core.userdetails.UserDetails;
import org.springframework.security.core.userdetails.UserDetailsService;
import org.springframework.security.crypto.bcrypt.BCryptPasswordEncoder;
import org.springframework.security.crypto.password.PasswordEncoder;
import org.springframework.security.provisioning.InMemoryUserDetailsManager;
@Configuration
public class AppConfig {
  // spring issi ke help se fetch karega user name and password jab security lagana hoga to
  // ye bean to fetch karega wo
  @Bean
  public UserDetailsService userDetailsService(){
    UserDetails userDetails = User.builder()
        .username("Piyush")
        .password(passwordEncoder().encode("Piyush"))
    // aur ek user banayenge agar to niche inmemoryuserdetailsmanager mein pass kr skte hai
    // usme var arguments hai to kitna bhi user pass kr skte hia
    return new InMemoryUserDetailsManager(userDetails);
  }
  // to encode the password
  @Bean
  public PasswordEncoder passwordEncoder() {
    return new BCryptPasswordEncoder();
  }
} explain each and everything in details so that i understand the flow
```

Sure Piyush! Let's go through your Spring Security configuration class line by line in **very simple language**, so that you understand **what it does**, **why it is needed**, and **how it fits into the Spring Security flow**.





```
java
@Configuration
public class AppConfig {
```

- @Configuration tells Spring that this class contains beans (objects managed by Spring container).
- AppConfig is your custom configuration class for Spring Security settings like user credentials and password encoding.

### UserDetailsService Bean

```
java

@Bean
public UserDetailsService userDetailsService(){
```

- @Bean: This method creates a bean (i.e., reusable object) managed by Spring.
- Spring Security uses this bean to **fetch user details** like username and password at login time.
- UserDetailsService is an interface that Spring uses to retrieve user info for authentication.

### Creating UserDetails

```
java

UserDetails userDetails = User.builder()
    .username("Piyush")
    .password(passwordEncoder().encode("Piyush"))
    .build();
```

- **User.builder()**: Creates a user using the builder pattern.
- .username("Piyush"): You are creating a user with username = Piyush.
- .password(...): You are giving the user a password, but encoding it using **BCrypt** (this is important because Spring Security does not allow plain text passwords).
- passwordEncoder().encode("Piyush"): This line encodes the password Piyush using the BCryptPasswordEncoder (see below).
- .build(): Finalizes the creation of the UserDetails object.

Why encode the password?

Spring Security compares the **encoded password** from the database (or in-memory) with the **encoded version of the password** you entered during login.

## 🔽 Returning InMemoryUserDetailsManager

```
java
return new InMemoryUserDetailsManager(userDetails);
```



- This line returns an instance of InMemoryUserDetailsManager that holds the user(s) you've created.
- InMemoryUserDetailsManager is a built-in Spring Security class used to store users in memory (not in DB).
- You can pass multiple users to this class, like:

```
java
new InMemoryUserDetailsManager(user1, user2, user3);
```

### ✓ PasswordEncoder Bean

```
@Bean
public PasswordEncoder passwordEncoder() {
    return new BCryptPasswordEncoder();
}
```

- This defines a PasswordEncoder bean using BCryptPasswordEncoder, which is one of the most secure
  hashing algorithms.
- Spring will use this encoder whenever it needs to **match passwords** during login.

### How the flow works when user logs in:

- 1. PYou have added **Spring Security** to your project.
- 2. Spring detects this configuration class and registers:
  - UserDetailsService → to fetch the user.
  - PasswordEncoder → to check password.
- 3. When someone logs in:
  - Spring calls userDetailsService() → gets Piyush user from memory.
  - Takes password entered by user (say "Piyush") → encodes it using BCryptPasswordEncoder.
  - Compares it with the stored encoded password.
  - **V** If matched → login success.
  - $\times$  If not matched  $\rightarrow$  login failed.

# 💡 Important Points

Component	Purpose
UserDetailsService	Retrieves user info (username, encoded password)
UserDetails	Represents individual user info
PasswordEncoder	Encodes and compares passwords securely
InMemoryUserDetailsManager	Stores users in memory for testing or simple setups

### Example: Add one more user

If you want to add another user (for example, admin), you can modify the method like this:

```
@Bean
public UserDetailsService userDetailsService(){
    UserDetails user1 = User.builder()
        .username("Piyush")
        .password(passwordEncoder().encode("Piyush"))
        .roles("USER")
        .build();

UserDetails user2 = User.builder()
        .username("admin")
        .password(passwordEncoder().encode("admin123"))
        .roles("ADMIN")
        .build();

return new InMemoryUserDetailsManager(user1, user2);
}
```

Let me know if you want me to **show how to use these users in login form or REST APIs**, or explain **how role-based access control** (ROLE\_USER, ROLE\_ADMIN) works in Spring Security.



```
package me.learning.config;
import me.learning.security.JwtAuthenticationEntryPoint;
import me.learning.security.JwtAuthenticationFilter;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Bean;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Configuration;
import org.springframework.security.authentication.AuthenticationManager;
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uration;
import org.springframework.security.config.http.SessionCreationPolicy;
import org.springframework.security.web.SecurityFilterChain;
import org.springframework.security.web.authentication.UsernamePasswordAuthenticationFilter;
import org.springframework.security.config.annotation.web.builders.HttpSecurity;
import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
@Configuration
public class SecurityConfig {
       @Autowired
       private JwtAuthenticationEntryPoint point;
       @Autowired
       private JwtAuthenticationFilter filter;
```

```
@Bean
  public SecurityFilterChain securityFilterChain(HttpSecurity http) throws Exception {
    http
         .csrf(csrf -> csrf.disable())
         .authorizeHttpRequests(auth -> auth
             .requestMatchers("/test").authenticated()
             .requestMatchers("/auth/login", "/auth/register").permitAll()
             .anyRequest().authenticated()
         .exceptionHandling(ex -> ex
             .authenticationEntryPoint(point)
         .sessionManagement(session -> session
             .sessionCreationPolicy(SessionCreationPolicy.STATELESS)
         );
    http.addFilterBefore(filter, UsernamePasswordAuthenticationFilter.class);
    return http.build();
  }
  @Bean
  public AuthenticationManager authenticationManager(AuthenticationConfiguration config)
throws Exception {
    return config.getAuthenticationManager();
} explain each and everything in details so that i understand the flow
```

Great, Piyush! You're now working on a JWT-based Spring Security configuration — this is a very important and modern approach used in real-world applications.

Let's break this down line by line, in very simple language, and explain how this setup works when a user logs in or accesses a secured API.

# Class Overview

```
java
@Configuration
public class SecurityConfig {
```

- Marks this class as a Spring configuration class.
- It defines **beans** for Spring Security particularly how requests are authenticated and authorized using JWT (JSON Web Token).

# **Autowired Components**

```
@Autowired
private JwtAuthenticationEntryPoint point;
@Autowired
private JwtAuthenticationFilter filter;
```

- JwtAuthenticationEntryPoint
  - This is a custom class (you created it) that handles what should happen when an unauthenticated user tries to access a protected endpoint.
  - It sends a response like 401 Unauthorized with a message like "Access denied".
- JwtAuthenticationFilter
  - This is a **custom filter** that checks for JWT token in the **request header** (usually **Authorization**: **Bearer** <**token**>).
  - If the token is valid, it sets the **authentication** inside the **SecurityContextHolder** so Spring knows the user is authenticated.

# 🖊 SecurityFilterChain Bean

```
java
@Bean
public SecurityFilterChain securityFilterChain(HttpSecurity http) throws Exception {
```

- This bean defines the core security configuration using the HttpSecurity object.
- This tells Spring how to **handle incoming HTTP requests**, whether to allow or block them.

# Step-by-step Configuration Inside securityFilterChain

### Disable CSRF

```
java
http.csrf(csrf -> csrf.disable())
```

- CSRF (Cross Site Request Forgery) is used in session-based authentication (like browser forms).
- Since you're using stateless JWT-based auth, you don't need CSRF, so it's disabled.

### Authorize Requests



- .requestMatchers("/test").authenticated():
  - /test is a protected API.
  - Only authenticated users with a valid token can access it.
- .requestMatchers("/auth/login", "/auth/register").permitAll():
  - These endpoints are public (no login required).
  - Used for logging in and registering users.
- .anyRequest().authenticated():
  - Any other request should also be authenticated (unless explicitly allowed above).

### Handle Unauthorized Access

```
java
.exceptionHandling(ex -> ex.authenticationEntryPoint(point))
```

 This tells Spring to use your custom JwtAuthenticationEntryPoint when a request is unauthenticated or fails authorization.

## Session Management

```
java
.sessionManagement(session -> session
    .sessionCreationPolicy(SessionCreationPolicy.STATELESS)
)
```

- You're using JWTs, so you don't want to use HTTP sessions.
- SessionCreationPolicy.STATELESS ensures Spring Security does not create or use any session.

## Add Custom JWT Filter

```
java
http.addFilterBefore(filter, UsernamePasswordAuthenticationFilter.class);
```

 You are adding your custom filter (JwtAuthenticationFilter) before Spring's built-in UsernamePasswordAuthenticationFilter.



- This is important because your filter checks the JWT token in the header before Spring tries to check username/password.
- It does this:
  - Reads token
  - Validates it
  - · Loads user details
  - Sets authentication into Spring's SecurityContextHolder

## 🔚 Return Built SecurityFilterChain

```
java
return http.build();
```

• Builds and returns the **SecurityFilterChain** bean.

# 🗸 AuthenticationManager Bean

```
@Bean
public AuthenticationManager authenticationManager(AuthenticationConfiguration config) throws
Exception {
    return config.getAuthenticationManager();
}
```

- AuthenticationManager is a core part of Spring Security.
- Used to authenticate username/password when someone tries to log in (typically during /auth/login).
- You get it from AuthenticationConfiguration, which already wires everything.

# Full Flow of JWT Security

Here's how it works from the moment a user tries to access your application:

# 🔐 Login Flow (/auth/login)

- 1. User sends username and password.
- 2. You use AuthenticationManager to authenticate the user.
- 3. If correct:
  - Generate a JWT token
  - Send it back in the response
- 4. Client stores the token (typically in localStorage or sessionStorage in frontend).

### Secured API Flow (like /test)

1. User sends a request with **Authorization header**:

makefile

Authorization: Bearer <JWT TOKEN>

- 2. JwtAuthenticationFilter intercepts the request:
  - Checks token validity
  - Loads user from token
  - Sets user authentication in the security context
- 3. If valid  $\rightarrow$  allow access
- 4. If invalid or no token → JwtAuthenticationEntryPoint returns 401 Unauthorized

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# **Summary Table**

Component	Role
JwtAuthenticationEntryPoint	Handles unauthorized access
JwtAuthenticationFilter	Extracts, validates JWT from headers
SecurityFilterChain	Main security config for endpoints
AuthenticationManager	Authenticates credentials (e.g., during login)
SessionCreationPolicy.STATELESS	No session, use JWT for all auth
.addFilterBefore()	Makes sure your filter runs early in the filter chain

Would you like a **visual flow diagram** for this or a **template for the JwtAuthenticationFilter and JwtAuthenticationEntryPoint** classes as well?



package me.learning.controller;

import me.learning.model.JwtRequest;

import me.learning.model.JwtResponse;

import me.learning.security.JwtHelper;

import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;

import org.springframework.http.HttpStatus;

import org.springframework.http.ResponseEntity;

import org.springframework.security.authentication.AuthenticationManager;

import org.springframework.security.authentication.BadCredentialsException;

import org.springframework.security.authentication.UsernamePasswordAuthenticationToken;

import org.springframework.security.core.userdetails.UserDetails;

import org.springframework.security.core.userdetails.UserDetailsService;

import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.PostMapping;



```
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestBody;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMapping;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RestController;
@RestController
@RequestMapping("/auth")
public class AuthController {
  @Autowired
  private UserDetailsService userDetailsService;
  @Autowired
  private AuthenticationManager manager;
  @Autowired
  private JwtHelper helper;
  @PostMapping("/login")
  public ResponseEntity<JwtResponse> login(@RequestBody JwtRequest request) {
    // Authenticate user
    this.doAuthenticate(request.getEmail(), request.getPassword());
    // Load user details
    UserDetails userDetails = userDetailsService.loadUserByUsername(request.getEmail());
    // Generate token
    String token = this.helper.generateToken(userDetails);
    // Build response
    JwtResponse response = JwtResponse.builder()
        .jwtToken(token)
        .username(userDetails.getUsername())
        .build():
    return new ResponseEntity<>(response, HttpStatus.OK);
  private void doAuthenticate(String email, String password) {
    UsernamePasswordAuthenticationToken authentication =
        new UsernamePasswordAuthenticationToken(email, password);
    try {
      manager.authenticate(authentication);
    } catch (BadCredentialsException e) {
      throw new RuntimeException("Invalid Username or Password!!");
    }
  }
explain each and everything in details so that i understand the flow
```



Great job, Piyush! You're now working on the **JWT login controller** — the part that handles login and generates JWT tokens. Let me explain everything step by step in **very simple and clear language**, so you understand exactly how it works.

### Class Overview

```
java

@RestController
@RequestMapping("/auth")
public class AuthController {
```

- @RestController: Marks this class as a Spring REST controller. It handles HTTP requests and returns JSON responses.
- @RequestMapping("/auth"): All APIs in this class will start with /auth, like:
  - /auth/login

# Autowired Dependencies

UserDetailsService userDetailsService

```
gAutowired
private UserDetailsService userDetailsService;
```

- Spring's interface used to **load user details** (like username, password, roles).
- Used here to get the **UserDetails** object of the user after authentication.

## AuthenticationManager manager

```
java
@Autowired
private AuthenticationManager manager;
```

- Spring Security's built-in class to handle the **actual authentication**.
- Takes a UsernamePasswordAuthenticationToken, checks the username and password.

## JwtHelper helper

```
java
@Autowired
```

private JwtHelper helper;

- Your custom class responsible for:
  - Generating JWT tokens (generateToken(...))
  - Validating them (probably in your filter)
- You pass user details to this helper to create a JWT.

# 🔽 Login API

```
java
@PostMapping("/login")
public ResponseEntity<JwtResponse> login(@RequestBody JwtRequest request)
```

- API endpoint: /auth/login
- Method: POST
- Request body: contains email and password, which comes from JwtRequest class.
- Response: returns a JSON response with JWT token and username (JwtResponse).

### Step-by-step Inside login() method

#### Authenticate User

```
java
this.doAuthenticate(request.getEmail(), request.getPassword());
```

• Calls a private method to verify whether email & password are correct.

#### Load User Details

```
java
UserDetails userDetails = userDetailsService.loadUserByUsername(request.getEmail());
```

- Loads user from Spring's memory/database using the email.
- Returns a **UserDetails** object which contains:
  - Username
  - Encoded password
  - Roles (if any)

#### 🔞 Generate Token

```
java
String token = this.helper.generateToken(userDetails);
```

- Uses your JwtHelper class to generate a JWT token using the user's details.
- JWT typically includes:
  - Subject (email/username)
  - Issue time
  - Expiry
  - Signature

### Build Response

```
java

JwtResponse response = JwtResponse.builder()
    .jwtToken(token)
    .username(userDetails.getUsername())
    .build();
```

- Creates a response object with the generated token and username.
- JwtResponse is a POJO class with fields like jwtToken, username.

#### Return Response

```
java
return new ResponseEntity<>(response, HttpStatus.OK);
```

- Sends a response back to client with status 200 OK.
- JSON body includes the JWT token.

# Private Method: doAuthenticate()

```
java
private void doAuthenticate(String email, String password)
```

Handles authentication manually using Spring's AuthenticationManager.

### What it does:

```
java
UsernamePasswordAuthenticationToken authentication =
    new UsernamePasswordAuthenticationToken(email, password);
```

• Wraps the email and password into a Spring Security object (UsernamePasswordAuthenticationToken).

```
java
manager.authenticate(authentication);
```

• Tries to authenticate this user using AuthenticationManager.

### If password is wrong:

```
java
} catch (BadCredentialsException e) {
    throw new RuntimeException("Invalid Username or Password!!");
}
```

- If the password or email is incorrect, Spring throws a BadCredentialsException.
- You catch this and throw a user-friendly error.

# 🔽 JWT Login Flow: End-to-End

## 🦰 1. User sends login request:

```
pgsql

POST /auth/login
Content-Type: application/json

{
    "email": "piyush",
    "password": "piyush"
}
```

## 2. Backend flow:

Step	Action	
1	AuthController.login() is called	
2	doAuthenticate() checks credentials	
3	If valid $ ightarrow$ load user details	
4	Generate JWT token using <b>JwtHelper</b>	
5	Return token in <b>JwtResponse</b>	

## 3. Response sent back:

```
json
{
    "jwtToken": "<JWT-TOKEN-HERE>",
    "username": "piyush"
}
```

# 🗸 Summary Table

Component	Role
AuthenticationManager	Authenticates email & password
UserDetailsService	Loads user from memory/db
JwtHelper	Creates JWT token
JwtRequest	Contains login email & password
JwtResponse	Contains generated JWT token
UsernamePasswordAuthenticationToken	Spring's object for login credentials
BadCredentialsException	Thrown when login fails

#### Would you like:

- A visual diagram of the login flow?
- Or the code template for JwtHelper, JwtRequest, and JwtResponse classes?

#### Let me know!





```
PrintWriter writer = response.getWriter();
writer.println("Access Denied!!" + authException.getMessage());
}
} explain each and everything in details so that i understand the flow
```

Great, Piyush! This class JwtAuthenticationEntryPoint plays an important role in handling unauthorized access in your JWT-based Spring Security system.

Let's go through this **line by line**, in **very simple language**, and understand what happens behind the scenes.

# Purpose of JwtAuthenticationEntryPoint

This class is used by Spring Security when a **user who is not authenticated** tries to access a **secured endpoint**.

- For example:
  - The client tries to call /test without providing a valid JWT token, or with an expired/invalid token.
  - Spring Security will **not allow** this request and will call this class to generate an appropriate response (like 401 Unauthorized).

### Class Declaration

```
@Component
public class JwtAuthenticationEntryPoint implements AuthenticationEntryPoint {
```

- @Component: Registers this class as a Spring Bean so it can be auto-wired in your SecurityConfig.
- implements AuthenticationEntryPoint: You are overriding a method that tells Spring what to do when authentication fails.

# **✓** Overridden Method: commence(...)

- This method is called **automatically by Spring** when a user tries to access a **protected resource** and:
  - Is not authenticated

• Or provides a bad/missing JWT token

### Set HTTP Status Code

```
java
response.setStatus(HttpServletResponse.SC_UNAUTHORIZED); // 401
```

- You tell Spring to return HTTP 401 Unauthorized status.
- This status code means: "You are not logged in or token is invalid."

### 🗸 Send Error Message to Client

```
printWriter writer = response.getWriter();
writer.println("Access Denied !! " + authException.getMessage());
```

- You write a message into the response body.
- authException.getMessage() provides more details (e.g., "Full authentication is required").
- The client (like Postman or frontend app) will see this message in the response.

# Real Example Flow

Let's say the /test API is protected:

```
java
.requestMatchers("/test").authenticated()
```

#### Case: User Sends No Token

```
http

GET /test
(no Authorization header)
```

#### **Result:**

- 1. Spring sees there's no JWT.
- 2. It knows this request must be authenticated.
- 3. Spring calls JwtAuthenticationEntryPoint.commence().
- 4. This sets the response to:

http

HTTP/1.1 401 Unauthorized Access Denied !! Full authentication is required to access this resource

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# Where it is Used in Your App?

In your **SecurityConfig**:

```
java
.exceptionHandling(ex -> ex.authenticationEntryPoint(point))
```

Here, you're telling Spring to use your custom JwtAuthenticationEntryPoint when there's an
authentication error.

# 🔽 Summary

Line of Code	What It Does
implements AuthenticationEntryPoint	Allows you to customize the response when authentication fails
commence()	Called automatically when an unauthenticated request hits a protected endpoint
response.setStatus(401)	Sends HTTP 401 (Unauthorized)
response.getWriter().println()	Writes an error message to the client
@Component	Makes this class available for auto-wiring in Spring

# Final Thoughts

- This class **only runs when token is missing or invalid**.
- If token is valid, Spring uses the filter and allows the request.
- If user is authenticated but **not authorized**, then a different class (AccessDeniedHandler) would handle it let me know if you'd like to add that too.

Let me know if you'd like a visual of this flow or the next class (JwtAuthenticationFilter) explanation.



package me.learning.security;

import jakarta.servlet.http.HttpServletRequest; import jakarta.servlet.http.HttpServletResponse; import org.springframework.security.core.AuthenticationException; import org.springframework.security.web.AuthenticationEntryPoint;



```
import org.springframework.stereotype.Component;
import java.io.IOException;
import java.io.PrintWriter;
@Component
public class |wtAuthenticationEntryPoint implements AuthenticationEntryPoint {
  @Override
  public void commence(HttpServletRequest request,
             HttpServletResponse response,
             AuthenticationException authException) throws IOException {
    response.setStatus(HttpServletResponse.SC_UNAUTHORIZED); // 401
    PrintWriter writer = response.getWriter();
    writer.println("Access Denied!!" + authException.getMessage());
} explain each and everything in details so that i understand the flow
```

Absolutely, Piyush! You're looking at the class JwtAuthenticationEntryPoint, which is a core part of JWTbased Spring Security. It handles what should happen when a request comes in without proper authentication.

Let's go step-by-step and explain the **role**, **flow**, **and each line** so you understand it completely.

# Purpose of JwtAuthenticationEntryPoint

When someone accesses a protected API without a valid token, Spring Security says:

"Hey! This user isn't authenticated. What should I do?"

fract's where this class comes in — Spring delegates the response handling to this class.

It returns a 401 Unauthorized response with a custom error message like:

```
pgsql
Access Denied !! Full authentication is required to access this resource
```

# Code Breakdown

# Annotations and Class Declaration

```
java
@Component
public class JwtAuthenticationEntryPoint implements AuthenticationEntryPoint {
```



- $@Component \rightarrow This tells Spring to auto-detect this class as a bean.$
- Implements AuthenticationEntryPoint → This is a Spring Security interface used to handle unauthorized access.
  - $oldsymbol{V}$  It is only triggered when the **user is not authenticated** like missing or invalid token.

## Overridden Method: commence(...)

#### This method is **called automatically** when:

- A protected API is accessed
- But there's no valid authentication

#### **Parameters:**

- HttpServletRequest request: The actual HTTP request
- HttpServletResponse response: The object you will write your response to
- AuthenticationException authException: Exception thrown by Spring when authentication fails

## 📌 Set HTTP Status Code

```
java
response.setStatus(HttpServletResponse.SC_UNAUTHORIZED); // 401
```

- You are saying: "This request is unauthorized, so return HTTP 401".
- SC\_UNAUTHORIZED = 401

## 📌 Write a Custom Error Message to the Response Body

```
printWriter writer = response.getWriter();
writer.println("Access Denied !! " + authException.getMessage());
```

- response.getWriter() returns a PrintWriter to write response text.
- You print a message like:

```
pgsql

Access Denied !! Full authentication is required to access this resource
```

# 🔽 Real-Life Example

## Suppose this is your protected API:

```
gGetMapping("/test")
public ResponseEntity<String> getTestData() {
    return ResponseEntity.ok("Hello, Piyush!");
}
```

### 📌 You call it with no token:

```
http

GET /test
(no Authorization header)
```

### 🔄 What Happens:

- 1. Spring sees: This endpoint requires authentication
- 2. No valid token is present
- 3. Spring throws AuthenticationException
- 4. Spring calls your JwtAuthenticationEntryPoint.commence()
- 5. Your method sets:
  - Status = 401
  - Message = "Access Denied!! Full authentication is required to access this resource"

# When Is This Triggered?

Scenario	Will this class handle it?
No token sent	<b>☑</b> Yes
Invalid/expired token	<b>☑</b> Yes
User authenticated but no role	X No (that's handled by AccessDeniedHandler)

# Summary Table

Component	Role
@Component	Registers this class as a Spring-managed bean



Component	Role
AuthenticationEntryPoint	Interface for handling authentication errors
commence()	Called when a request is not authenticated
response.setStatus(401)	Sends HTTP 401 Unauthorized
response.getWriter().println()	Sends error message to the client

### Full Flow Overview

```
pgsql
Client → Makes request to protected API (/test)
          → No token (or invalid)
          → Spring Security fails authentication
         → JwtAuthenticationEntryPoint.commence() is triggered
→ Sends back 401 + "Access Denied" message
```

Would you like me to now explain the JwtAuthenticationFilter class and how it connects the JWT token to Spring's authentication context? That's the next important piece in this flow.



```
package me.learning.security;
import io.jsonwebtoken.Claims;
import io.jsonwebtoken.lwts;
import io.jsonwebtoken.SignatureAlgorithm;
import org.springframework.security.core.userdetails.UserDetails;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Component;
import java.util.Date;
import java.util.HashMap;
import java.util.Map;
import java.util.function.Function;
@Component
public class JwtHelper {
  // Token validity (5 hours in seconds)
  public static final long JWT_TOKEN_VALIDITY = 5 * 60 * 60;
  // Secret key used to sign the token
  private String secret =
"m9ZhQnhGsl8X2H1HGeXGc5bPmV9F2Vx9JrDxg9y0eB4Vc8Hr9kUgCy0RZQWxB9lW";
  // V Retrieve username from JWT token
  public String getUsernameFromToken(String token) {
    return getClaimFromToken(token, Claims::getSubject);
```



```
// 🗸 Retrieve expiration date from JWT token
  public Date getExpirationDateFromToken(String token) {
    return getClaimFromToken(token, Claims::getExpiration);
  // Retrieve specific claim from JWT token
  public <T> T getClaimFromToken(String token, Function<Claims, T> claimsResolver) {
    final Claims claims = getAllClaimsFromToken(token);
    return claimsResolver.apply(claims);
  }
  // V Get all claims using the secret key
  private Claims getAllClaimsFromToken(String token) {
    return |wts.parser()
        .setSigningKey(secret)
        .parseClaimsJws(token)
        .getBody();
  }
  // V Check if token is expired
  private Boolean isTokenExpired(String token) {
    final Date expiration = getExpirationDateFromToken(token);
    return expiration.before(new Date());
  }
  // V Generate JWT token for a given user
  public String generateToken(UserDetails userDetails) {
    Map<String, Object> claims = new HashMap<>();
    return doGenerateToken(claims, userDetails.getUsername());
  }
  // 🦰 Method that creates JWT token with claims
  private String doGenerateToken(Map<String, Object> claims, String subject) {
    return Jwts.builder()
        .setClaims(claims) // claims like issuer, role, etc.
        .setSubject(subject) // username
        .setIssuedAt(new Date(System.currentTimeMillis()))
        .setExpiration(new Date(System.currentTimeMillis() + JWT_TOKEN_VALIDITY * 1000))
        .signWith(SignatureAlgorithm.HS512, secret)
        .compact();
  }
  // Validate token
  public Boolean validateToken(String token, UserDetails userDetails) {
    final String username = getUsernameFromToken(token);
    return (username.equals(userDetails.getUsername()) && !isTokenExpired(token));
} explain each and everything in details so that i understand the flow
```

Great job, Piyush! You've now reached the **heart of JWT handling** in Spring Security — your JwtHelper class is responsible for **generating**, **parsing**, and **validating** JWT tokens.

Let me explain this line by line in very **simple and clear language** so you understand the **entire flow of JWT operations**.



# What is JwtHelper?

It's a Spring @Component that provides utility methods to:

Function	Purpose
generateToken()	Create a JWT for a user
getUsernameFromToken()	Extract username (subject) from the token
<pre>getExpirationDateFromToken()</pre>	Get token expiry time
validateToken()	Check if token is valid (not expired + username match)

# **✓** Class-Level Constants

```
java

public static final long JWT_TOKEN_VALIDITY = 5 * 60 * 60;
private String secret = "m9ZhQnhGsl8X2H1HGeXGc5bPmV9F2Vx9JrDxg9y0eB4Vc8Hr9kUgCy0RZQWxB9lW";
```

- JWT\_TOKEN\_VALIDITY: Token is valid for 5 hours = 5 \* 60 \* 60 seconds
- secret: Secret key to sign and parse JWT tokens.
  - ⚠ **Keep it safe** and long enough for **HS512**.

# Get Username from Token

```
public String getUsernameFromToken(String token) {
    return getClaimFromToken(token, Claims::getSubject);
}
```

- JWT stores the username in the "subject" (sub) field
- This method extracts that using the helper method getClaimFromToken

# Get Expiration Date from Token

```
public Date getExpirationDateFromToken(String token) {
    return getClaimFromToken(token, Claims::getExpiration);
}
```

- JWT contains an expiry time (exp field)
- This method helps you get the expiry time of a token

# Generic Method to Extract Any Claim

```
public <T> T getClaimFromToken(String token, Function<Claims, T> claimsResolver) {
    final Claims claims = getAllClaimsFromToken(token);
    return claimsResolver.apply(claims);
}
```

- This is a generic utility method
- Accepts a function (e.g., get subject or expiration) and extracts the desired claim from the token

# Get All Claims (Internally Used)

- It parses the token using the secret key
- Returns all the claims (username, issuedAt, expiration, etc.)
  - This is how the server **reads** the token but only possible with the **correct secret key**.

# Check if Token is Expired

```
private Boolean isTokenExpired(String token) {
    final Date expiration = getExpirationDateFromToken(token);
    return expiration.before(new Date());
}
```

- Gets the expiry time and compares it with the current time
- Returns true if token is already expired

# Generate Token

```
public String generateToken(UserDetails userDetails) {
   Map<String, Object> claims = new HashMap<>();
   return doGenerateToken(claims, userDetails.getUsername());
}
```

- Called during login after user is authenticated
- Generates a token with:
  - No custom claims (yet)
  - Subject = username (email or id)
  - Signed with your secret key

### Internally Calls:

#### **Breakdown:**

Line	Meaning
setClaims()	Add custom data like roles, etc. (empty for now)
setSubject()	Add username/email as the subject of token
setIssuedAt()	Timestamp when the token was created
setExpiration()	Set token expiry to now + 5 hours
signWith()	Use secret + HS512 to sign the token
compact()	Convert everything to a token string (base64 encoded)

# Validate Token

```
public Boolean validateToken(String token, UserDetails userDetails) {
    final String username = getUsernameFromToken(token);
    return (username.equals(userDetails.getUsername()) && !isTokenExpired(token));
}
```

### This checks two things:

1. V Username in the token matches the logged-in user

### 2. V Token is **not expired**

If both pass  $\rightarrow$  token is **valid**  $\bigvee$ 

# Real-World Login Example (End-to-End Flow)

### Client sends POST /auth/login:

```
json
{
    "email": "piyush",
    "password": "piyush"
}
```

### Backend:

- Authenticates user
- Calls generateToken(...) → returns:

eyJhbGci0iJIUzUxMiJ9.eyJzdWIi0iJwaXl1c2giLCJpYXQi0jE20TY5NDk0MDAsImV4cCI6MTY5Njk2NzQwMH0.abcxyz

### Client stores token in headers:

```
http
Authorization: Bearer <JWT_TOKEN>
```

## For next requests:

- Backend extracts token
- Calls validateToken(...)
- If valid → allow access
- Else → send 401 error

# 🔽 Summary Table

Method	Purpose
generateToken()	Create JWT with username and expiration
getUsernameFromToken()	Extracts subject (username)
<pre>getExpirationDateFromToken()</pre>	Extracts expiry time
isTokenExpired()	Checks if token is expired
validateToken()	Verifies if token is valid and belongs to correct user



Method	Purpose
getAllClaimsFromToken()	Parses all token content using the secret

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# **Optional Add-ons You Can Try**

Feature	How to Add
Add roles to claims	Put roles in the <b>claims</b> map in <b>generateToken()</b>
Refresh token	Create a method that generates a new token from old one
Add custom claims (e.g., user ID)	claims.put("userId", 101) before building token

Let me know if you'd like help writing the JwtAuthenticationFilter next — that's the class that extracts token from request and uses this helper to validate it!



package me.learning.security;

import jakarta.servlet.FilterChain;

import jakarta.servlet.ServletException;

import jakarta.servlet.http.HttpServletRequest;

import jakarta.servlet.http.HttpServletResponse;

import org.slf4j.Logger;

import org.slf4j.LoggerFactory;

import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;

import org.springframework.security.authentication.UsernamePasswordAuthenticationToken;

import org.springframework.security.core.context.SecurityContextHolder;

import org.springframework.security.core.userdetails.UserDetails;

import org.springframework.security.core.userdetails.UserDetailsService;

import org.springframework.security.web.authentication.WebAuthenticationDetailsSource;

import org.springframework.stereotype.Component;

import org.springframework.web.filter.OncePerRequestFilter;

import io.jsonwebtoken.ExpiredJwtException;

import io.jsonwebtoken.MalformedJwtException;

import java.io.IOException;

#### @Component

public class JwtAuthenticationFilter extends OncePerRequestFilter {

private final Logger logger = LoggerFactory.getLogger(OncePerRequestFilter.class);

@Autowired

private JwtHelper jwtHelper;

@Autowired

private UserDetailsService userDetailsService;



```
@Override
  protected void doFilterInternal(HttpServletReguest reguest,
                    HttpServletResponse response,
                    FilterChain filterChain) throws ServletException, IOException {
    // Get the token from Authorization header
    String requestHeader = request.getHeader("Authorization");
    logger.info(" Header : {}", requestHeader);
    String username = null;
    String token = null;
    if (requestHeader != null && requestHeader.startsWith("Bearer ")) {
      token = requestHeader.substring(7); // Remove "Bearer " prefix
      try {
         username = this.jwtHelper.getUsernameFromToken(token);
      } catch (IllegalArgumentException e) {
         logger.info("Illegal Argument while fetching the username!!");
         e.printStackTrace();
      } catch (Expired]wtException e) {
         logger.info("Given JWT token is expired!!");
         e.printStackTrace();
      } catch (Malformed]wtException e) {
         logger.info("Invalid JWT!!");
         e.printStackTrace();
    } else {
      logger.info("Invalid Header value!!");
    // Once we get the token, validate it and set authentication
    if (username != null && SecurityContextHolder.getContext().getAuthentication() == null) {
      // Load user details
      UserDetails userDetails = this.userDetailsService.loadUserByUsername(username);
      // Validate token
      Boolean is Valid = this.jwtHelper.validateToken(token, userDetails);
      if (isValid) {
        // Set authentication
         UsernamePasswordAuthenticationToken authentication =
             new UsernamePasswordAuthenticationToken(userDetails, null,
userDetails.getAuthorities());
         authentication.setDetails(new WebAuthenticationDetailsSource().buildDetails(request));
         SecurityContextHolder.getContext().setAuthentication(authentication);
      } else {
```



```
logger.info("Validation fails!!");
       }
    }
    // Continue with filter chain
    filterChain.doFilter(request, response);
  }
}explain each and everything in details so that i understand the flow
```

Excellent, Piyush! You're now looking at the final and most crucial piece of the JWT Security puzzle: the JwtAuthenticationFilter.

This filter is the one that:

- Extracts the JWT from the HTTP request
- ✓ Validates it
- Authenticates the user for Spring Security

Let's go line-by-line, in very simple and clear language, so you fully understand how a JWT-protected request is handled.

### **Class Declaration**

```
java
@Component
public class JwtAuthenticationFilter extends OncePerRequestFilter {
```

- @Component: Makes this class a Spring-managed bean, so it can be injected into your SecurityConfig.
- extends OncePerRequestFilter:
  - This ensures that **this filter runs once per request** (not multiple times).

This is where the JWT token from the request is read, validated, and then used to authenticate the user.

# Dependencies

```
java
@Autowired
private JwtHelper jwtHelper;
private UserDetailsService userDetailsService;
```

- JwtHelper: Used to extract username, validate, and parse the token.
- UserDetailsService: Loads user info (from memory or DB) based on the username extracted from token.



```
java
private final Logger logger = LoggerFactory.getLogger(OncePerRequestFilter.class);
```

Used for logging messages (like token missing, token expired, etc.).



# Core Method: doFilterInternal(...)

This method is executed for every incoming HTTP request. Here's where the main JWT magic happens.

Let's break this into **stages**.

### **STAGE 1: Extract Token from Header**

```
java

String requestHeader = request.getHeader("Authorization");
logger.info(" Header : {}", requestHeader);
```

Tries to read the Authorization header.
 Example:

```
makefile

Authorization: Bearer eyJhbGciOiJIUzUxMiJ9...
```

```
java

String username = null;
String token = null;

if (requestHeader != null && requestHeader.startsWith("Bearer ")) {
    token = requestHeader.substring(7); // Remove "Bearer " prefix
```

• Removes the "Bearer" part  $\rightarrow$  only keeps the raw token string.

# **STAGE 2: Extract Username from Token**

```
java

try {
    username = this.jwtHelper.getUsernameFromToken(token);
```

- Uses JwtHelper to extract the username (subject) from token.
- If token is expired or malformed, catches and logs errors:

```
} catch (IllegalArgumentException e) {
    logger.info("Illegal Argument while fetching the username!!");
    e.printStackTrace();
} catch (ExpiredJwtException e) {
    logger.info("Given JWT token is expired!!");
    e.printStackTrace();
} catch (MalformedJwtException e) {
    logger.info("Invalid JWT!!");
    e.printStackTrace();
}
```

# STAGE 3: Check if Spring Security is Already Authenticated

```
java
if (username != null && SecurityContextHolder.getContext().getAuthentication() == null) {
```

- If username was successfully extracted **and** no one is already authenticated:
  - Continue with authentication

# STAGE 4: Load User and Validate Token

```
java

UserDetails userDetails = this.userDetailsService.loadUserByUsername(username);
Boolean isValid = this.jwtHelper.validateToken(token, userDetails);
```

- Loads user details (from in-memory or DB)
- Validates the token with:
  - Username match
  - Token not expired

# STAGE 5: Set Authentication in Security Context

```
java

if (isValid) {
    UsernamePasswordAuthenticationToken authentication =
```



- Creates an Authentication object (Spring's internal object representing an authenticated user)
- Sets it in the **SecurityContext**, so now:
  - ✓ Spring knows the user is authenticated
  - ▼ The request can now access secured endpoints

#### If validation fails:

```
java
} else {
    logger.info("Validation fails!!");
}
```

# STAGE 6: Continue with the Filter Chain

```
java
filterChain.doFilter(request, response);
```

- Very important! Passes the request down the chain to the next filter (or to the controller).
- Without this, your request will hang and never reach the controller.

# Real Flow in Action (Example)

## 🔟 Client sends request:

```
http

GET /test
Authorization: Bearer <VALID_TOKEN>
```

## JwtAuthenticationFilter steps:

Step	Action
1	Extracts token from header
2	Parses token to get username
3	Loads user from <b>UserDetailsService</b>
4	Validates token
5	Sets user as authenticated in Spring context
6	Passes request to controller



# Summary Table

Part	What it Does
getHeader("Authorization")	Extracts JWT token from request
getUsernameFromToken(token)	Parses JWT and extracts username
loadUserByUsername()	Loads user details (from DB/in-memory)
validateToken()	Checks if token is valid (not expired and correct user)
UsernamePasswordAuthenticationToken	Used to authenticate the user in Spring
SecurityContextHolder.setAuthentication()	Marks the user as logged in for this request
filterChain.doFilter()	Forwards the request to the next filter/controller

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# What If Token is Invalid or Missing?

- If token is expired, malformed, or missing  $\rightarrow$  authentication is **not set**
- So the request hits your JwtAuthenticationEntryPoint and gets a 401 Unauthorized

Would you like a **visual flow diagram** of the whole request lifecycle with JWT? Or should I help you build a Postman collection or frontend to test this securely?