

Experiment-6.3

Build Role-Based Access Control with Admin, User, and Moderator Roles

Code-

RBAC Server (server.js)

This file contains the complete code for the Node.js server with Role-Based Access Control.

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1 const express = require('express');
2 const jwt = require('jsonwebtoken');
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4 const app = express();
5 const port = 3000;
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7 app.use(express.json());
8
9 // --- Configuration ---
10 const JWT_SECRET = 'your-super-secret-key-that-is-very-long-and-secure';
11
12 // Expanded user "database" with roles
13 const users = [
14
15     { id: 2, username: 'modUser', password: 'mod123', role: 'Moderator' },
16     { id: 3, username: 'normalUser', password: 'user123', role: 'User' }
17 ];
18
19 // --- 1. Login Route (Issues Token with Role) ---
20 app.post('/api/login', (req, res) => {
21     const { username, password } = req.body;
22     const user = users.find(u => u.username === username && u.password ===
23
24     if (!user) {
25         return res.status(401).json({ message: 'Invalid username or password' });
26     }
27
28     // Create the payload *with the user's role*
29     const payload = {
30         id: user.id,
31         username: user.username,
32         role: user.role // <-- This is the key change
33
34
35     // Sign the token
36     const token = jwt.sign(payload, JWT_SECRET, { expiresIn: '1h' });
37
38     res.json({ token: token });
39 });
40
41 // --- 2. Authentication & Authorization Middleware ---
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43 /**
44  * Middleware: Verify JWT (Authentication)
45  * This is the same as before. It just checks if the token is valid.
46  * It attaches the *entire* payload (id, username, role) to req.user.
47  */
48 function verifyToken(req, res, next) {
49     const authHeader = req.headers['authorization'];
50     const token = authHeader && authHeader.split(' ')[1];
51
52     if (token == null) {
53         return res.status(401).json({ message: 'Token missing' });
54     }
55
56     jwt.verify(token, JWT_SECRET, (err, userPayload) => {
57         if (err) {
58             return res.status(403).json({ message: 'Token is invalid or expired'
59             });
60         }
61         // Attach the payload (which includes the role) to the request
62         req.user = userPayload;
63         next();
64     });
65 }
66 /**
67  * Middleware: Check Role (Authorization)
68  * This is the new middleware. It's a function that *returns* a middleware.
69  * This allows us to pass in the roles we want to allow.
70  */
71 function checkRole(allowedRoles) {
72     return (req, res, next) => {
73         // We assume verifyToken has already run, so req.user exists
74         if (!req.user || !req.user.role) {
75             return res.status(403).json({ message: 'Error: User role not found
76             in token.' });
77         }
78
79         const userRole = req.user.role;
80
81         // Check if the user's role is in the list of allowed roles
82         if (!allowedRoles.includes(userRole)) {
83             // return res.status(403).json({ message: 'Access denied
84             : insufficient role' });
85         }
86
87         // User has the correct role, proceed to the route
88         next();
89     };
90 }
91 // --- 3. Protected Routes with Role Checks ---
92
93 // Route 1: Accessible by all authenticated users (any role)
94 app.get('/api/user-profile', verifyToken, (req, res) => {
95     // // The checkRole middleware isn't needed here since all roles are
96     // allowed.
97     // An Admin can see their own profile.

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97     res.json({
98         message: `Welcome to your profile, ${req.user.username}`,
99         user: req.user
100     });
101 });
102
103 // Route 2: Accessible by Moderators AND Admins
104 app.get('/api/moderator-panel',
105     verifyToken, // First, check if they are logged in
106     checkRole(['Moderator', 'Admin']), // Then, check if they have the '
107     // Moderator' or 'Admin' role
108     (req, res) => {
109         res.json({
110             message: 'Welcome to the Moderator Panel',
111             user: req.user
112         });
113     });
114
115 // Route 3: Accessible ONLY by Admins
116 app.get('/api/admin-dashboard',
117     verifyToken, // First, check if they are logged in
118     checkRole(['Admin']), // Then, check if they have the 'Admin'
119     // role
120     (req, res) => {
121         // res.json({
122         //     message: 'Welcome to the Admin Dashboard',
123         //     user: req.user
124         // });
125     });
126
127 // --- Start Server ---
128 app.listen(port, () => {
129     console.log(`Server running on http://localhost:${port}`);
130     console.log('---');
131     console.log('Test users:');
132     console.log('1. { username: "adminUser", password: "admin123", role: "Admin" }');
133     console.log('2. { username: "modUser", password: "mod123", role: "Moderator" }');
134     console.log('3. { username: "normalUser", password: "user123", role: "User" }');
135     console.log('---');
136 });

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Listing 1: server.js - RBAC Server