

Spring boot Security - Part2

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User Creation:

Before, we proceed with User Authentication and Authorization methods, we first need to see because that's the first step.

Authentication and Authorization of User will happen only after User is created.

Lets see, what will happen when we add below security dependency, as seen in previous *Architecture* the server:

```
<dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-security</artifactId> -----> Provides core security
    </dependency>
    <dependency>
```

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Logs when server is started:

```
2025-03-08T15:09:16.356+05:30  INFO 44103 --- [           main] j.LocalContainerEntityManagerFactoryBean : Initialized JPA
2025-03-08T15:09:16.466+05:30  WARN 44103 --- [           main] JpaBaseConfiguration$JpaWebConfiguration : spring.jpa.open-
2025-03-08T15:09:16.500+05:30  WARN 44103 --- [           main] .s.s.UserDetailsServiceAutoConfiguration :
```

```
Using generated security password: b5341001-1e0d-4bad-9440-0f8b1c51cfa9
```

```
This generated password is for development use only. Your security configuration must be updated before running your applic
```

```
main] r$InitializeUserDetailsManagerConfigurer : Global AuthenticationManager configured with UserDetailsSer
main] o.s.b.w.embedded.tomcat.TomcatWebServer : Tomcat started on port 8080 (http) with context path '/'
main] c.c.l.SpringbootApplication : Started SpringbootApplication in 1.751 seconds (process runn
exec-1] o.a.c.c.C.[Tomcat].[localhost].[/] : Initializing Spring DispatcherServlet 'dispatcherServlet'
exec-1] o.s.web.servlet.DispatcherServlet : Initializing Servlet 'dispatcherServlet'
exec-1] o.s.web.servlet.DispatcherServlet : Completed initialization in 1 ms
```

So, what exactly happened here?

- During server startup, user is created automatically with default username: "user"
- Random password is generated for testing.
- Each time, server is restarted, new random password will get generated.

SecurityProperties.java

```
public static class User {

    /** Default user name */
    private String name = "user";

    /** Password for the default username */
    private String password = UUID.randomUUID().toString();

    /** Granted roles for the default username */
    private List<String> roles = new ArrayList<>();

    private boolean passwordGenerated = true;

    .

    .

    //getters and setters

    .
}
```

@AutoConfiguration UserDetailsServiceAu

```
@Bean
public InMemoryUserDetailsManager inMemoryUserDetailsManager(
    ObjectProvider<PasswordEncoder> passwordEncoderProvider) {
    SecurityProperties.User user = SecurityProperties.User
        .name("user")
        .password("password")
        .roles(List.of("ROLE_USER"));
    return new InMemoryUserDetailsManager(
        passwordEncoderProvider.getOrElsePasswordEncoder(),
        user);
}
```

InMemory

```
private final Map<String, MutableUser> users = new ConcurrentHashMap<>();
public InMemoryUserDetailsManager() {
    for (UserDetails user : users.values()) {
        createUser(user);
    }
}

@Override
public void createUser(UserDetails user) {
    Assert.isTrue(!userExists(user.getUsername()), "User already exists");
    this.users.put(user.getUsername(), user);
}
```

How we can control the user creation logic?

1st: Using application.properties
(not recommended, only for development and testing)

application.properties

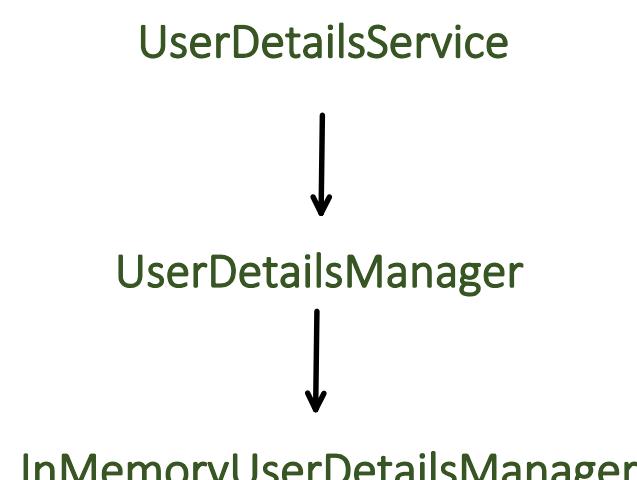
```
spring.security.user.name=my_username
spring.security.user.password=my_password
spring.security.user.roles=ADMIN
```

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Now, during application startup, no default username and default password created.

```
45512 --- [           main] j.LocalContainerEntityManagerFactoryBean : Initialized JPA EntityManagerFactory for persistence unit 'default'
45512 --- [           main] JpaBaseConfiguration$JpaWebConfiguration : spring.jpa.open-in-view is enabled by default. Therefore, root-level queries may be executed via the DispatcherServlet even if they are not wrapped in a transaction.
45512 --- [           main] r$InitializeUserDetailsManagerConfigurer : Global AuthenticationManager configured with UserDetailsManager
45512 --- [           main] o.s.b.w.embedded.tomcat.TomcatWebServer : Tomcat started on port 8080 (http) with context path ''
45512 --- [           main] c.c.l.SpringbootApplication : Started SpringbootApplication in 1.701 seconds (process time)
45512 --- [nio-8080-exec-1] o.a.c.c.C.[Tomcat].[localhost].[/] : Initializing Spring DispatcherServlet 'dispatcherServlet'
45512 --- [nio-8080-exec-1] o.s.web.servlet.DispatcherServlet : Initializing Servlet 'dispatcherServlet'
45512 --- [nio-8080-exec-1] o.s.web.servlet.DispatcherServlet : Completed initialization in 0 ms
```

2nd: By creating custom `InMemoryUserDetailsManager` Bean
(not recommended, only for development and testing)



```
@Configuration
@EnableWebSecurity
public class SecurityConfig {

    @Bean
    public UserDetailsService userDetailsService() {
        UserDetails user1 = User.withUsername("my_username_1")
            .password("{noop}my_password_1") // {noop} means no encoding or hashing
            .roles("ADMIN")
            .build();

        UserDetails user2 = User.withUsername("my_username_2")
            .password("{noop}1234") // {noop} means no encoding or hashing
            .roles("USER")
            .build();
    }
}
```

```

        return new InMemoryUserDetailsManager(user1, user2);
    }
}

```

why we are appending {noop} here?

The default, format for storing the password is : *{id}encodedpassword*

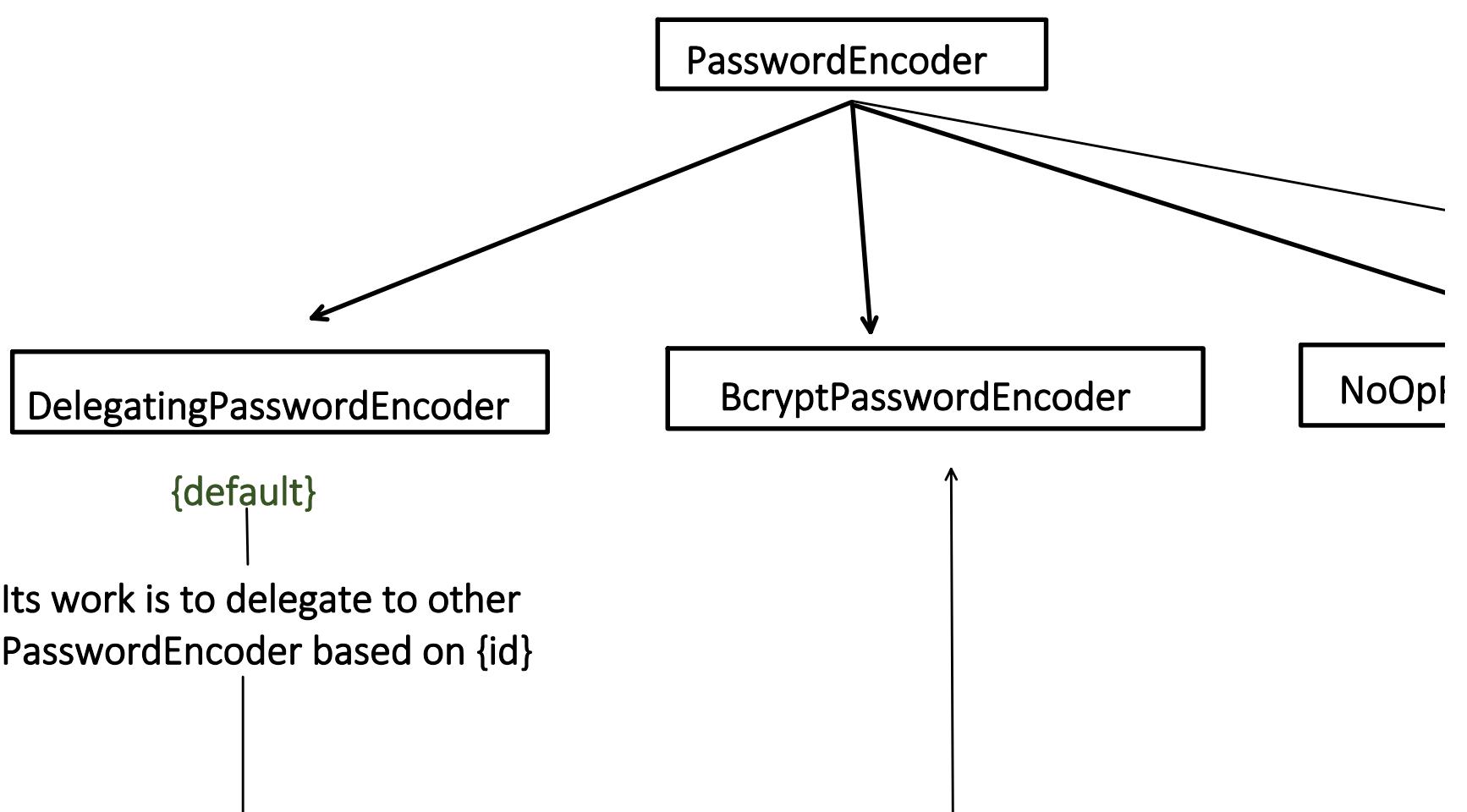
{id} can be either:

- {noop}
- {bcrypt}
- {sha256}
- Etc..

-- During User password storing step, if we want to store user password without any encoding
 {noop}plain_password"

-- Now, during authentication process:

- 1st, it will fetch the user password from inMemory.
- 2nd, it goes for comparing logic, inMemory password and password provided for auth.
- 3rd, it will take out the {noop} or {bcrypt} etc. from inMemory password.
- 4th, Then if its {noop}, it will directly compare the remaining inMemory password and
- 5th, if say its {bcrypt}, it first do hashing of provided password using BCryptPasswordEncoder and inMemory Password.



Lets say, if we want to store the hashed password (hashed using *bcr*)

```
@Configuration
@EnableWebSecurity
public class SecurityConfig {
    @Bean
    public UserDetailsService userDetailsService() {
        UserDetails user1 = User.withUsername("my_username_1")
            .password("{bcrypt}" + new BCryptPasswordEncoder().encode("raw"))
            .roles("ADMIN")
            .build();

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

InMemory, password is stored as : {bcrypt}hased_password
and during authentication, I am providing "my_password_1"

But still I am able to successfully authenticate because of **DelegationPasswordEncoder**, it first checks the password {id} i.e. {bcrypt}, so it passes the incoming password to BcryptPasswordEncoder, after matching.

The screenshot shows a 'Please sign in' form on the left and a browser developer tools Network tab on the right.

Please sign in Form:

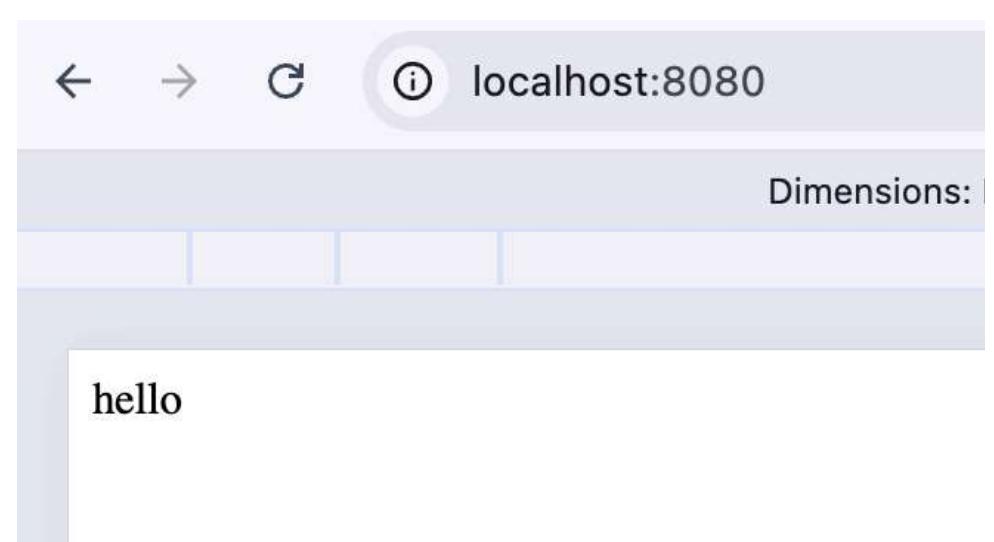
- Username: my_username_1
- Password: (redacted)
- Sign in button

Network Tab - Headers:

Name	Headers
login	X-headers
localhost	

Network Tab - Form Data:

▼Form Data	
username:	my_username_1
password:	my_password_1
_csrf:	riTNYwLz19ZXZgqeC



If, we don't want to store {bcrypt} or any other hashing algo {id} in front of password, then PasswordEncoder to use.

Now, since we are always using 1 encoding/hashing algorithm, and control will not go to "DelegationPasswordEncoder", and it will directly goes to specific Password Encoder, so of password.

```
@Configuration
@EnableWebSecurity
public class SecurityConfig {

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

    @Bean
    public UserDetailsService userDetailsService() {
        UserDetails user1 = User.withUsername("my_username_1")
            .password(new BCryptPasswordEncoder().encode("my_password"))
            .roles("ADMIN")
            .build();

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

3rd: Storing UserName and Password (after hashed) in I (recommended for production)

Implements UserDetails because, During Authentication (form, basic, jwt etc..), security framework tries to fetch the user and return the object.

UserAuthEntity.java

UserDetails only, if we don't implement it, then we do the mapping (from UserAuthEntity to UserDetails)

```
@Entity
@Table(name = "user_auth")
public class UserAuthEntity implements UserDetails {

    @Id
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
    private Long id;

    @Column(unique = true, nullable = false)
    private String username;

    @Column(nullable = false)
    private String password;

    private String role;

    @Override
    public Collection<? extends GrantedAuthority> getAuthorities() {
        return List.of(new SimpleGrantedAuthority(role));
    }

    @Override
    public boolean isAccountNonExpired() { return true; }

    @Override
    public boolean isAccountNonLocked() { return true; }

    @Override
    public boolean isCredentialsNonExpired() { return true; }

    @Override
    public boolean isEnabled() { return true; }

    //getters and setters
    @Override
    public String getPassword() {
        return password;
    }

    @Override
    public String getUsername() {
        return username;
    }

    public void setPassword(String password) {
        this.password = password;
    }

    public String getRole() {
        return role;
    }

    public void setRole(String role) {
        this.role = role;
    }
}
```

}

Now, by-default in spring boot security, all the endpoints are AUTHENTICATED, username/password or JWT etc.. To access any API, so how we will access "**/auth/register**" create user.

Yes, we have to relax the authentication for this API and its industry standard.

SecurityConfig.java

```
@Configuration
@EnableWebSecurity
public class SecurityConfig {

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

    @Bean
    public SecurityFilterChain securityFilterChain(HttpSecurity http) {
        http
            .authorizeHttpRequests(auth -> auth
                .requestMatchers(...patterns: "/auth/register")
                .anyRequest().authenticated()
            )
            .csrf(csrf -> csrf.disable())
            .httpBasic(Customizer.withDefaults());
        return http.build();
    }
}
```

POST localhost:8080/auth/register

Params	•	Authorization	Headers (9)	Body	•	Scripts	Settings								
				<input type="radio"/>	none	<input type="radio"/>	form-data	<input type="radio"/>	x-www-form-urlencoded	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	raw	<input type="radio"/>	binary	<input type="radio"/>	GraphQ

```
1 {  
2   "username" : "my_username",  
3   "password" : "111abc",  
4   "role" : "ROLE_USER"
```

5 }

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1 User registered successfully!

[Run](#) [Run Selected](#) [Auto complete](#) [Clear](#) SQL statement:

SELECT * FROM USER_AUTH

SELECT * FROM USER_AUTH;

ID	PASSWORD	ROLE
1	\$2a\$10\$euzihUhyp4exMejDkyDb0eK2q49sqTcG8EShOnT2GmaL7lxvleOfO	ROLE

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