CS425: Software Engineering

Lesson 12

Security

Wholeness

- Software Security describes methodologies, framework, processes and strategies for enhancing security and reducing vulnerabilities within software and its execution environment.
- Spring security offers a highly customizable authentication and access-control framework for Spring-based applications.
- Science of Consciousness: Action leads to Achievement. Achievement leads to Fulfillment.

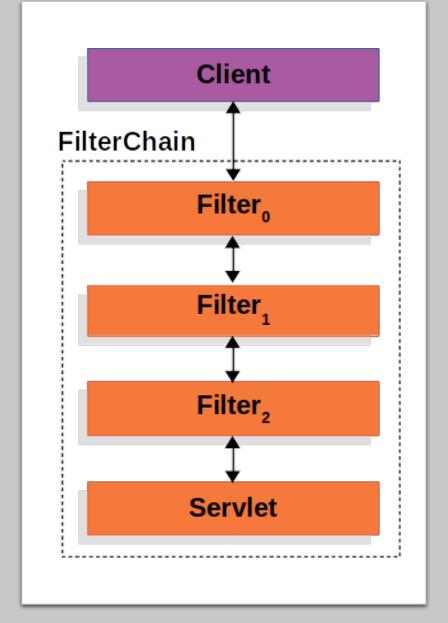
Aspects of Security

- Authentication: process of verifying a user's identity. Ascertaining that someone is who they claim to be (e.g. userID and password)
- Authorization: mechanism for establishing access-level and granting appropriate rights and privileges.
- Cryptography: Techniques for securing communication through Data encryption

Key Concepts in Spring Security

- SpringSecurityFilterChain:

 For Servlet-driven Spring
 web applications, the Filter
 chain plays the central role
 for securing a given HTTP
 Request URI path.
- Spring Boot Auto
 Configuration: Simply adding
 the dependency named,
 spring-boot-starter-security,
 enables default config



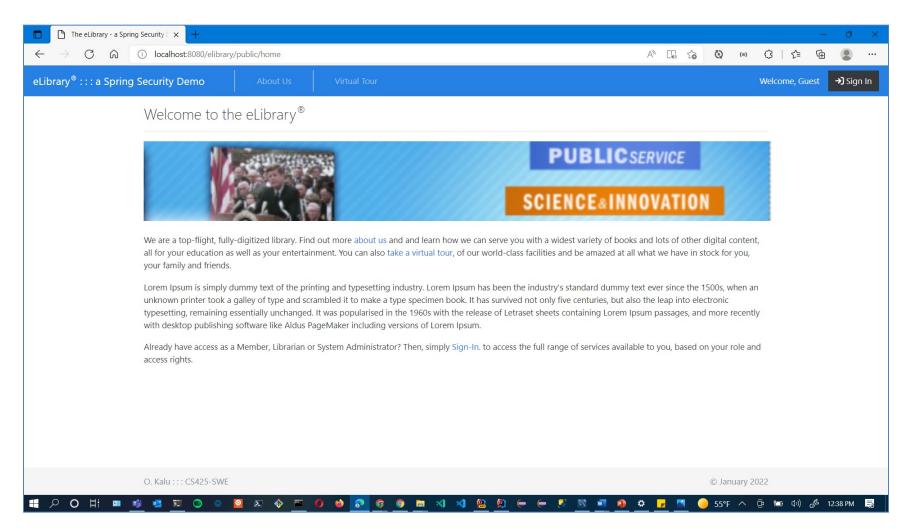
Types of Authentication Mechanisms supported by Spring Security

- HTTP Basic Authentication: enabled in HTTP server or Servlet container
- Form-based, custom Database Authentication: Where we use a Database to store/authenticate the user credentials.
- LDAP-driven Authentication. e.g. Microsoft Windows Active Directory service
- OAuth/OpenID Connect Authentication e.g. Login with Google or Microsoft or Github or Facebook account
- Token-based Authentication: Using JSON web token (JWT)

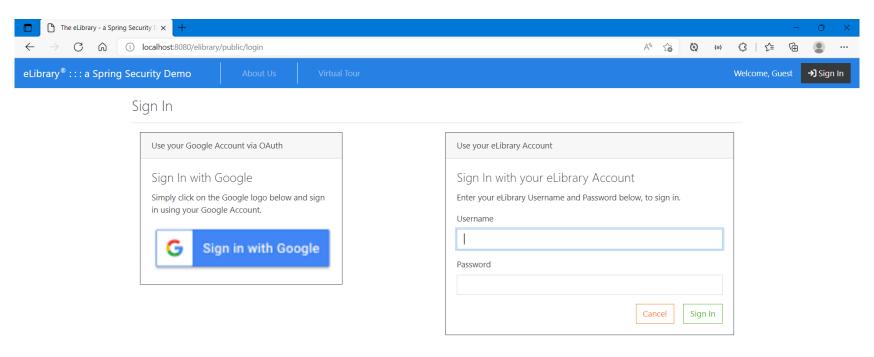
Spring Security API

- AuthenticationManager: is an interface with just one method named, authenticate, which processes an Authentication request.
- AuthenticationProvider: an interface that can be implemented by one or more classes that provider Authentication service using a given authentication mechanism e.g. DaoAuthenticationProvider, LdapAuthenticationProvider, JwtAuthenticationProvider etc.

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