**SERIALIZATION:--**

Let me explain serialization in simple terms:

Serialization is the process of converting an object (which lives in memory) into a stream of bytes that can be:

1. Saved to a file
2. Stored in a database
3. Sent over a network
4. Stored in session

Think of it like packing a suitcase:

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*// This is like having items in your room (object in memory)*

class User implements Serializable {

String name = "John";

int age = 25;

}

*// Serialization - packing the suitcase*

FileOutputStream file = new FileOutputStream("user.ser");

ObjectOutputStream out = new ObjectOutputStream(file);

out.writeObject(userObject); *// The object is converted to bytes and saved*

*// Deserialization - unpacking the suitcase at destination*

FileInputStream file = new FileInputStream("user.ser");

ObjectInputStream in = new ObjectInputStream(file);

User user = (User) in.readObject(); *// Bytes are converted back to object*

In Spring Security's case:

* When a user logs in, their permissions (GrantedAuthorities) are stored in memory
* If the app needs to save these permissions (like in session), it needs to "pack them up" (serialize)
* When needed again, it "unpacks" them (deserialize) back into usable objects

Without implementing Serializable, Java wouldn't know how to convert your object into bytes, and you'd get an error when trying to save or transmit the object.