

JWT is pronounced as "jot"

JWT

securely transmits information between two parties



Why do we use JWT?

Without JWT you can access the protected route



With JWT you can't access the protected route

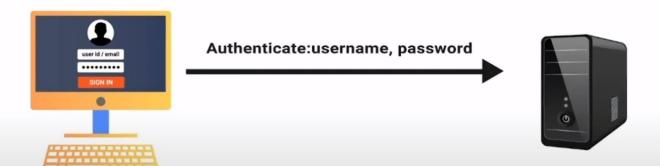


JWT is mainly used for authorization purpose, not authentication





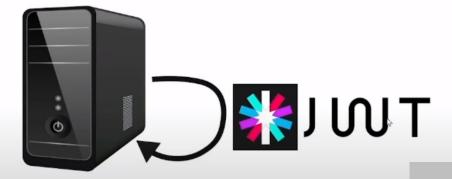
1. Client login with username and password



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2. Server creates a token for the client

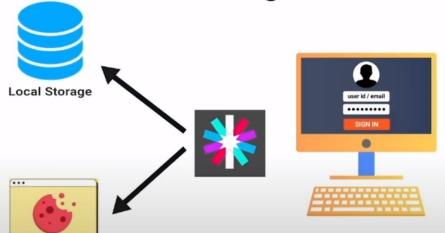




3. server sends a token to the client



4. Client stores the token on either local storage or browser cookie



Browser Cookie



5. Next time the client makes a request, a copy of the token is send to the server for authorization.



6. Server verifies the JWT signature before giving the authorization.

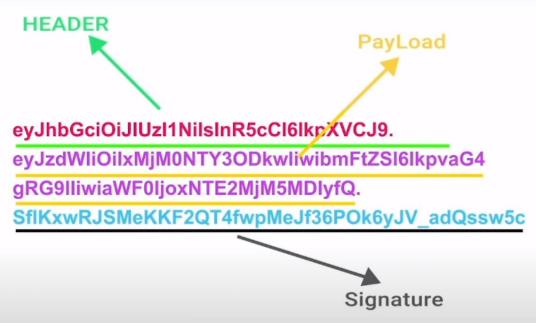


7. Server responds to the client's request.

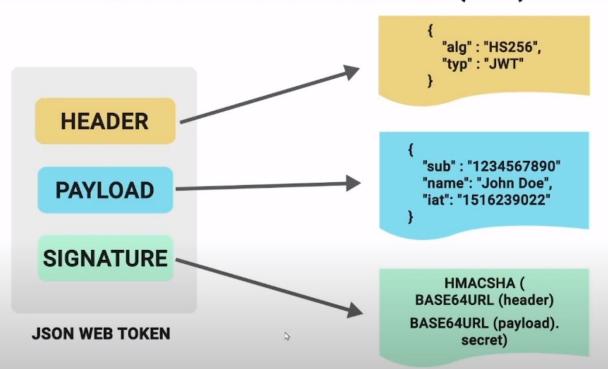


WHAT JWT LOOKS LIKE?





Structure of JSON Web Token (JWT)



SUMMARY

JSON Web Token

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JSON Web Token (JWT)

Abstract

JSON Web Token (JWT) is a compact, URL-safe means of representing claims to be transferred between two parties. The claims in a JWT are encoded as a JSON object that is used as the payload of a JSON Web Signature (JWS) structure or as the plaintext of a JSON Web Encryption (JWE) structure, enabling the claims to be digitally signed or integrity protected with a Message Authentication Code (MAC) and/or encrypted.

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SUMMARY

JSON Web Token

2. Securely transmits information between parties as a JSON object.

```
HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE
   "alg": "HS256",
   "typ": "JWT"
PAYLOAD: DATA
   "sub": "1234567890",
   "name": "John Doe",
   "iat": 1516239022
VERIFY SIGNATURE
 HMACSHA256(
   base64UrlEncode(header) + "." +
   base64UrlEncode(payload),
   your-256-bit-secret
 ) m secret base64 encoded
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JSON Web Token

3. Digitally Signed.

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