



Alfresco Authentication with Spring Cloud Gateway (SSO & OAuth2)



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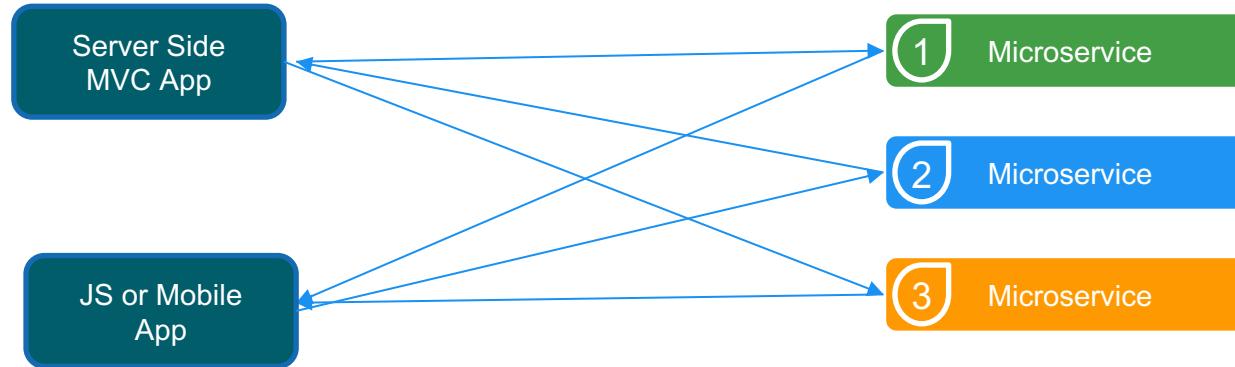
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What is Spring Cloud Gateway?

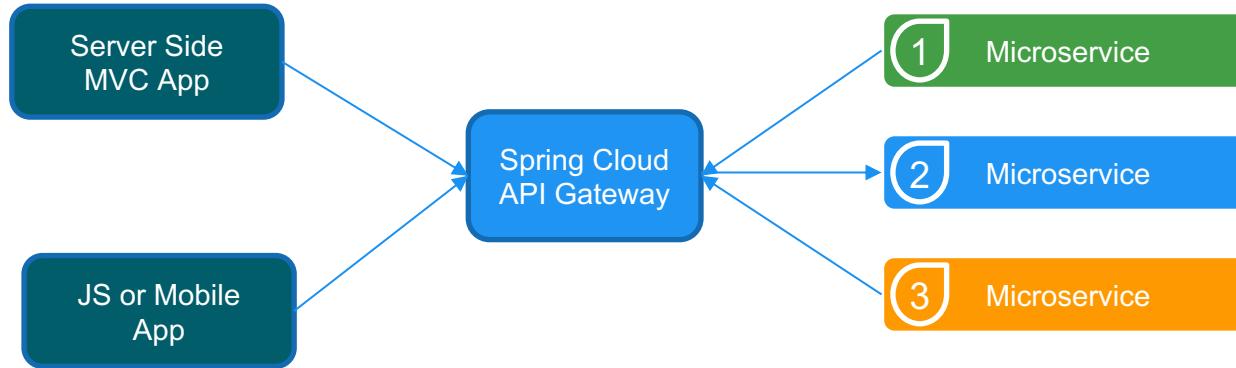
NGINX is a proxy

Spring Cloud Gateway is a proxy on steroids

Spring Cloud Gateway – why using an API Gateway?

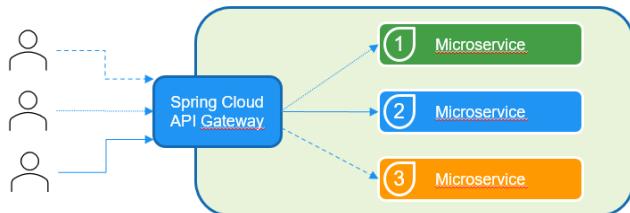


Spring Cloud Gateway – why using an API Gateway?



Spring Cloud Gateway – why using an API Gateway?

- An API gateway provides a single, unified entry point across one or more internal REST services.
- A microservice-based architecture may have from 10 to 100 or more services. An API gateway can help provide a unified entry point for external consumers, independent of the number and composition of internal microservices.



Common API gateway functions include routing, rate limiting, billing, monitoring, analytics and **authentication, security**.

What is Spring Cloud Gateway?

Spring Cloud Gateway is just another Spring Boot application, you have access to the entire Spring ecosystem.

Spring Cloud Gateway

Spring Cloud

Spring Boot

Spring Security

Spring Framework

Spring Cloud Gateway features:

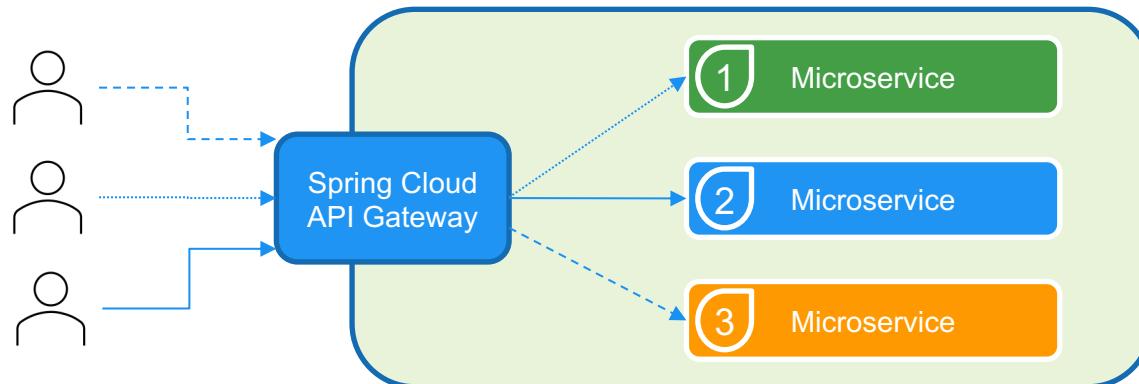
- ☒ Built on Spring Framework 5, Project Reactor and Spring Boot 2.0
- ☒ Able to match routes on any request attribute
- ☒ **Predicates** and **Filters** are specific to routes
- ☒ **Predicates** and **Filters** - Easy to write
- ☒ Circuit Breaker integration
- ☒ Request Rate Limiting
- ☒ Path Rewriting
- ☒ ...

What is Spring Cloud Gateway?

Spring Cloud Gateway provides a library for building API gateways based on Java and on the reactive/non-blocking support in Spring (WebFlux).

It provides a flexible way of routing requests based on a number of criteria, as well as focuses on cross-cutting concerns such as security, resiliency, and monitoring.

An **API gateway** is a way to decouple the client interface from your backend implementation. When a client makes a request, the **API gateway** breaks it into multiple requests, routes them to the right places, produces a response, and keeps track of everything.



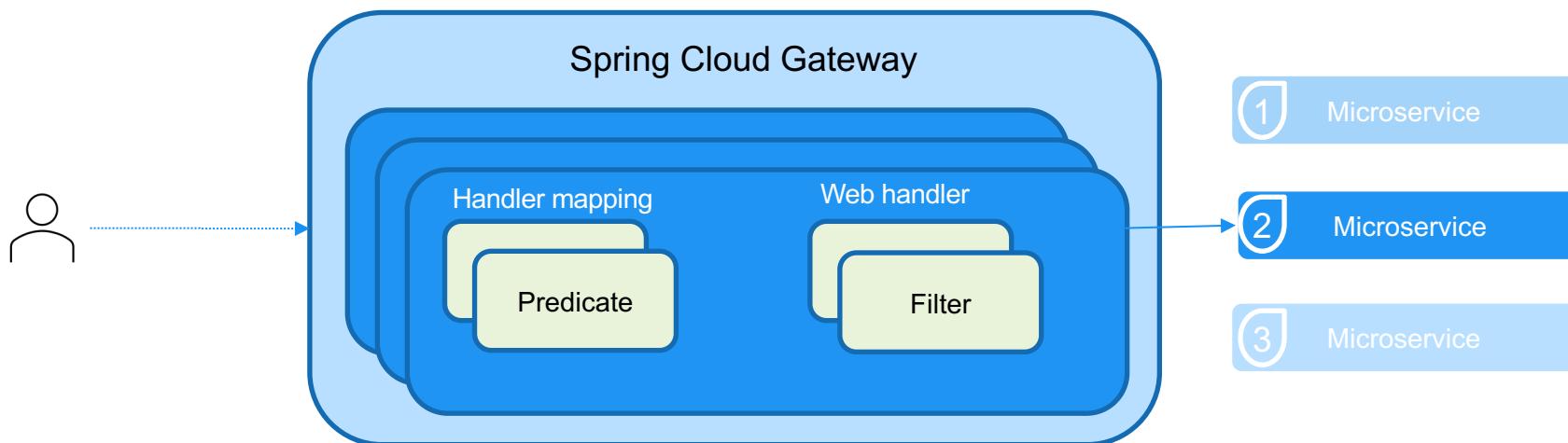
Spring Cloud Gateway - architecture

Cons:

- It is yet another highly available component that must be developed, deployed, and managed
- There is also a risk that the API Gateway becomes a bottleneck

Pros:

- can use Spring HttpSession and Redis for HA if required
- Integrated with Spring Security and OAUTH2 support
- Single point of entry for metrics



Spring Cloud Gateway - Predicates

Predicate:

- tests if the given request fulfills a given condition
- for each route, we can define one or more predicates that, if satisfied, will accept requests for the configured backend after applying the filters.

```
spring.cloud.gateway:  
  routes:  
    - id: alfresco  
      uri: http://localhost:8080/alfresco  
      predicates:  
        - Path=/alfresco/**  
        - Method=GET,POST  
        - Header=X-Request-Id, 123  
      -  
      Host=**.somehost.org,**.anotherhost.org  
        - name=Cookie  
          args:  
            name=mycookie  
            regexp=mycookievalue  
        ...
```

we are mostly interested in this one (Path)
means: anything that comes to <http://gateway/alfresco/>

Spring Cloud Gateway - Filters

Filter:

- make the modification of the incoming HTTP request or outgoing HTTP response
- Pre-Filters & Global-Filters
- Post-Filters

```
spring.cloud.gateway:  
  routes:  
    - id: alfresco  
      uri: http://localhost:8080/alfresco  
      filters:  
        - TokenRelay  
        - AddRequestHeader=X-Request-red, blue  
        - AddResponseHeader=X-Response-Red, Blue  
        - name=CircuitBreaker  
          args:  
            name=myCircuitBreaker  
            fallbackUri=forward:/inCaseOfFailureUseThis  
...  
...
```

Unfortunately there is no JWT creation provided out of the box
we will create a new filter later ...

Spring Security with OAuth2

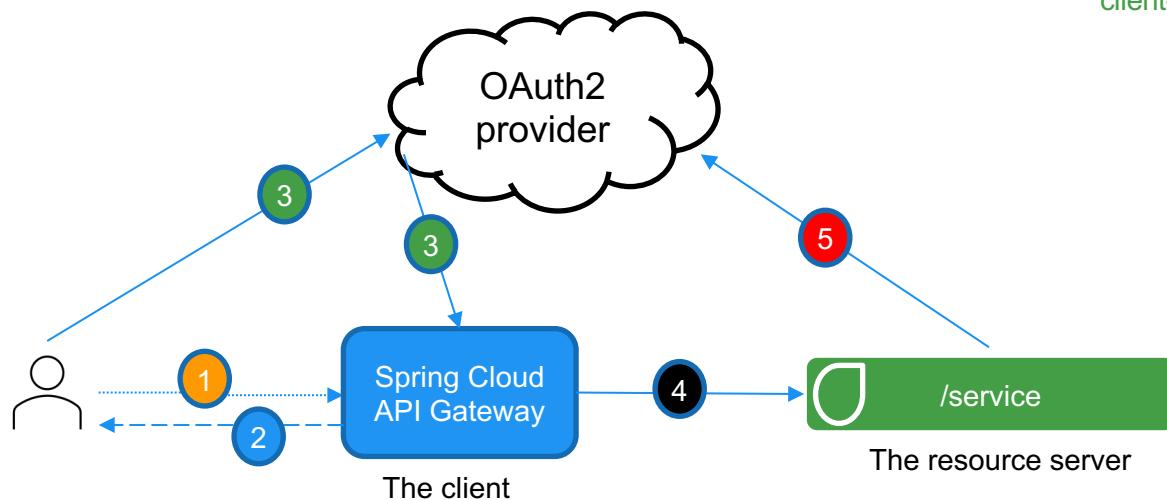
In OAuth2 terms, in short we have

- 1) a Client
- 2) an Authorization Server (Google, Facebook, ...)
- 3) and a Resource Server

Spring Cloud Gateway – Spring Security with OAuth2

One of the key features in Spring Security 5 is support for writing applications that integrate with services that are secured with OAuth2. This includes the ability to sign into an application by way of an external service such as Google, Facebook, GitHub, Keycloak ...

```
spring:  
  security:  
    oauth2:  
      client:  
        registration:  
          google:  
            client-id: CLIENT ID  
            client-secret: CLIENT SECRET
```



- 1 User requests `/service`
- 2 Spring security redirects to login
- 3 OAuth protocol for authentication + authorization
- 4 Requests and TOKEN relayed to the service
- 5 Service validates the TOKEN with the provider

Spring Security – login page

We can either use the default login page (below) or create a custom login page (on the right) with frameworks like Thymeleaf or any other supported by Spring

Please sign in

Login with OAuth 2.0

[Facebook](#)

[Google](#)

 Log in with Google

 Log in with Facebook

 Log in with Github

OR

Email

Password

New user? [Sign up!](#)

Spring Boot – create a new Spring Gateway app

Navigate to: <https://start.spring.io/>



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Project
 Maven Project Gradle Project

Language
 Java Kotlin Groovy

Spring Boot
 2.5.0 (SNAPSHOT) 2.5.0 (M1) 2.4.3 (SNAPSHOT) 2.4.2
 2.3.9 (SNAPSHOT) 2.3.8

Project Metadata

Group: org.alfresco.oauth2

Artifact: demo

Name: alfresco-oauth2

Description: Demo project for Alfresco OAUTH2

Package name: org.alfresco.oauth2.demo

Packaging: Jar War

Java: 15 11 8



Dependencies

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Gateway SPRING CLOUD ROUTING

Provides a simple, yet effective way to route to APIs and provide cross cutting concerns to them such as security, monitoring/metrics, and resiliency.

Spring Security SECURITY

Highly customizable authentication and access-control framework for Spring applications.

OAuth2 Client SECURITY

Spring Boot integration for Spring Security's OAuth2/OpenID Connect client features.

You can add „a service registry” like Eureka

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Spring Boot – actuators and metrics

Dependencies

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Spring Boot Actuator

OPS

Supports built in (or custom) endpoints that let you monitor and manage your application - such as application health, metrics, sessions, etc.

```
management.endpoints.enabled-by-default=true  
management.endpoint.gateway.enabled=true  
management.endpoints.web.exposure.include=*
```

<https://gateway/actuator>

Prometheus metrics integration:

Add dependency io.micrometer:micrometer-registry-prometheus

<http://gateway/actuator/prometheus>

Prometheus

OBSERVABILITY

Expose Micrometer metrics in Prometheus format, an in-memory dimensional time series database with a simple built-in UI, a custom query language, and math operations.

Spring Boot includes a number of additional features to help you monitor and manage your application when you push it to production. You can choose to manage and monitor your application by using HTTP endpoints or with JMX. Auditing, health, and metrics gathering can also be automatically applied to your application.

Demo

Spring Cloud Gateway and Alfresco Authentication

Alfresco as a Resource Server

Spring Cloud Gateway – Alfresco Authentication

Alfresco Authentication provides the new „Identity Service” auth subsystem

and can be configured **without** the „Alfresco Identity Service – Keycloak server”
in [alfresco-global.properties](#)

Alfresco 6.1



```
identity-service.authentication.enabled = true  
identity-service.authentication.enable-username-password-authentication = false  
identity-service.bearer-only = true  
identity-service.realm-public-key = YOUR_PUBLIC_KEY
```

Alfresco 6.2



```
identity-service.register-node-at-startup = true
```

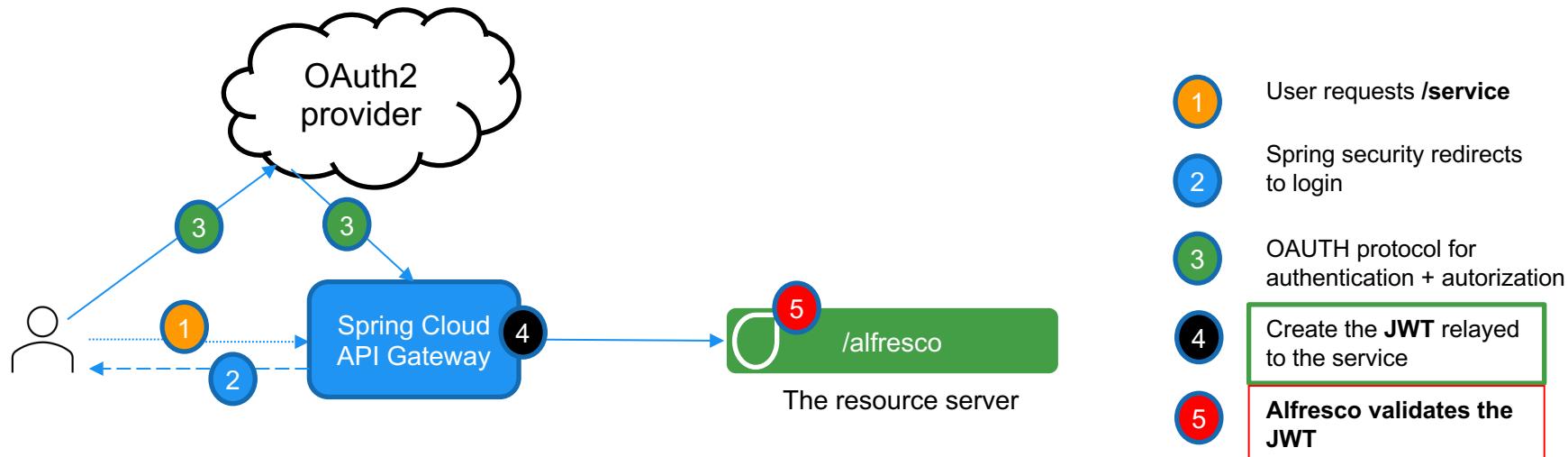
During this session we will not handle provisioning or LDAP synchronization for users and groups

Spring Cloud Gateway – Alfresco Authentication

identity-service.realm-public-key = YOUR_PUBLIC_KEY

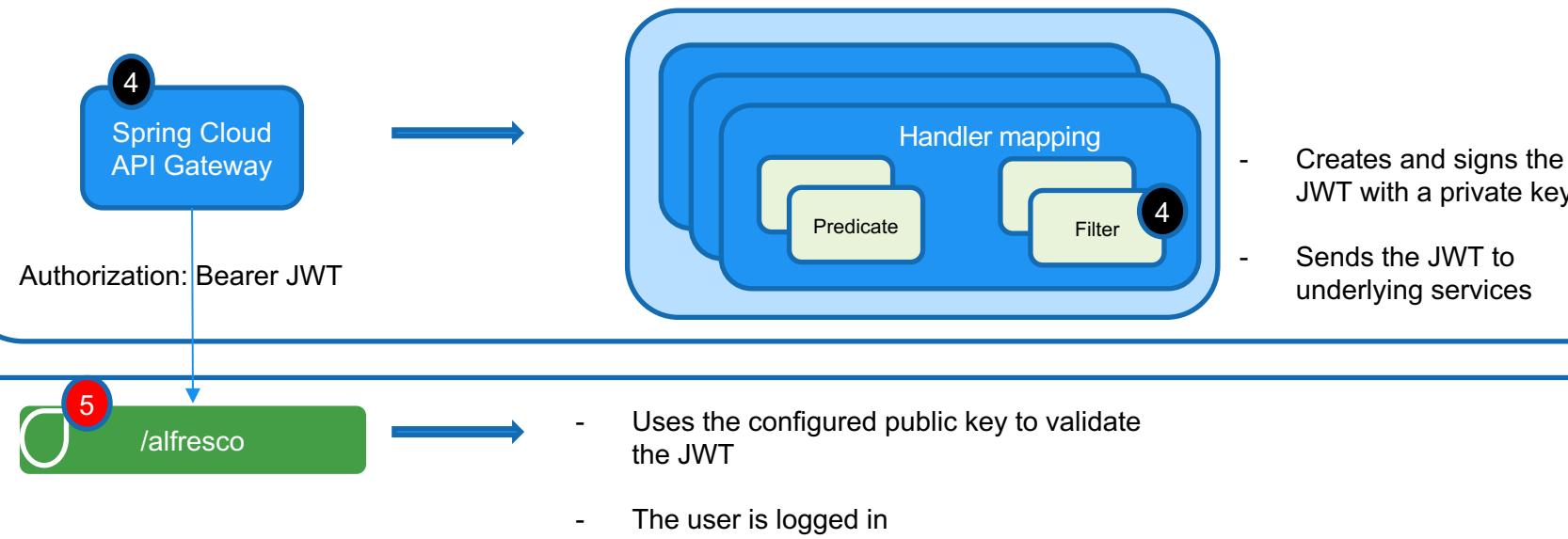
⑤ ← Is the ***IMPORTANT*** configuration

④ ← Uses the private key to sign our JWT

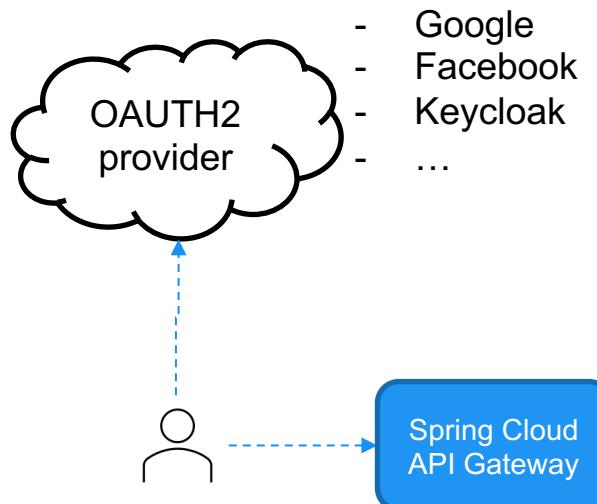


Spring Cloud Gateway – Alfresco Authentication

What happened in 4 and 5 ?



Spring Cloud Gateway – Alfresco Authentication



Today's scope	Can be added
/alfresco	/aps
/share	/solr (search-services)
/content-app /digital-workspace	/transformers ...
/custom-service	

Can be used with AOS (Edit in MS Office)

Spring Cloud Gateway – define a custom JWT filter

```
public class JwtBearerAuthorizationHeaderGatewayFilterFactory  
extends AbstractGatewayFilterFactory<AbstractGatewayFilterFactory.NameConfig> {  
  
    @Override  
    public GatewayFilter apply(NameConfig config) {  
        ... create the JWT and add it to the Authorization header  
    }  
}
```

Alfresco identity-service authentication subsystem expects some predefined claims in the JWT

```
new JWTClaimsSet.Builder().subject(username)  
.claim("authorities", Collections.emptyList())  
.audience("pleosoft").claim("username", username)  
.claim("typ", "Bearer").issuer("http://localhost:8180/auth/realm/alfresco")  
.claim("preferred_username", username).build();
```

Spring Cloud Gateway – send the JWT to Alfresco

```
spring.cloud.gateway:  
  routes:  
    - id: alfresco  
      uri: http://localhost:8080/alfresco/  
      predicates:  
        - Path=/alfresco/**  
      filters:  
        - JwtBearerAuthorizationHeader
```

```
public class JwtBearerAuthorizationHeaderGatewayFilterFactory{  
  ...  
  adding to the request => Authorization: Bearer + generated JWT  
}
```



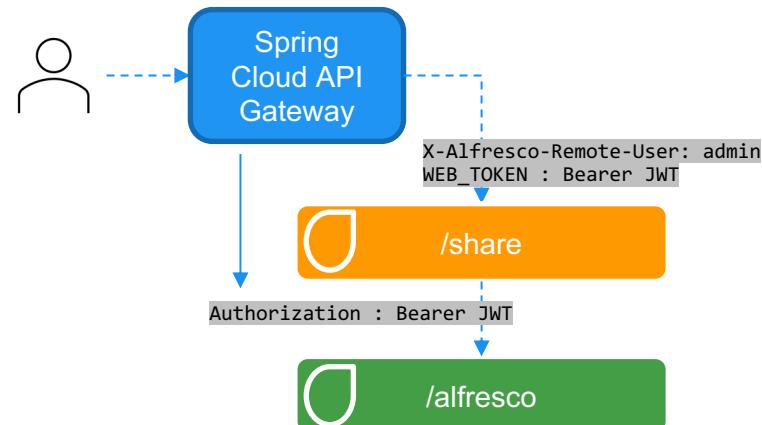
Spring Cloud Gateway – send the JWT to Share

- Share has no JWT support 😞
- But we can reuse the external authentication config for Share
- And create another Gateway filter : `UsernameHeader`



Alfresco Share

```
spring.cloud.gateway:  
  routes:  
    - id: share  
      uri: http://localhost:9090/share/  
      predicates:  
        - Path=/share/**  
      filters:  
        - UsernameHeader=X-Alfresco-Remote-User  
        - JwtBearerAuthorizationHeader=WEB_TOKEN
```



Spring Cloud Gateway – send the JWT to Share



Alfresco Share

```
<connector>
  <id>alfrescoHeader</id>
  <name>Alfresco Connector</name>
  <class>com.gradecak.alfresco.jwt.authorization.JwtAuthorizationAlfrescoConnector</class>
  <userHeader>X-Alfresco-Remote-User</userHeader>
  <jwtHeader>WEB_TOKEN</jwtHeader>
</connector>
```

```
public class JwtAuthorizationAlfrescoConnector extends SlingshotAlfrescoConnector {
  ...
  remoteClient.setRequestProperties(Collections.singletonMap("Authorization", JWT (from the header WEB_TOKEN)));
  ...
}
```

Spring Cloud Gateway – send the JWT to ADF applications

To enable SSO and bypass the normal login, set the withCredentials property to `true` in the auth section of the `app.config.json`

```
"auth": { "withCredentials": true }
```



Development Framework

```
spring.cloud.gateway:  
  routes:  
    - id: aca  
      uri: http://localhost:4200  
      predicates:  
        - Path=/aca/**  
      filters:  
        - StripPrefix=1  
        - JwtBearerAuthorizationHeader
```

<http://gateway/aca/>

/aca/ is being stripped otherwise it would go to
<http://localhost:4200/aca/>

Spring Cloud Gateway – send the JWT to custom services

```
spring.cloud.gateway:  
  routes:  
    - id: customservice  
      uri: http://localhost:7070/  
      predicates:  
        - Path=/customservice/*  
      filters:  
        - StripPrefix=1  
        - JwtBearerAuthorizationHeader
```

Custom service

PdfRenderer transformer (T-engine)

```
spring.cloud.gateway:  
  routes:  
    - id: pdfrenderer  
      uri: http://localhost:8070/  
      predicates:  
        - Path=/pdfrenderer/*  
      filters:  
        - StripPrefix=1  
        - JwtBearerAuthorizationHeader
```

Demo

Summary

We talked about ...



Spring Cloud Gateway



Alfresco Share & ADF applications

- Content App
- Digital workspaces
- AOS (Edit in MS Office)



Spring Boot & Spring Security



Secure other Alfresco service like:

- Search Services
- T-engines
- ...



Alfresco Repository Identity Services – without Keycloak



OAuth2 & SSO integrations

Resources and Links

Links

<https://spring.io/projects/spring-cloud-gateway>

<https://github.com/dgradecak/alfresco-jwt-auth>

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Thank you

Questions???