

how to avoid the db call?

Sol 1: using cache.

create a replica of db (tokens table) in the cache, and everytime we validate the token using this.

pros:
= It'll faster than making a db call.

cons:

- cost to share info in cache
- still there's some latency
- cache & db should be in sync.

Sol 2: Self Validating Token.

What I need to verify —

- 1) user id
- 2) expiry
- 3) token

Somehow, we'll need to store these info in the token.

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{
  "user-id" : _____
  "exp" : _____
  "token" : _____
}

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The data can be easily tampered, that becomes a security issue.

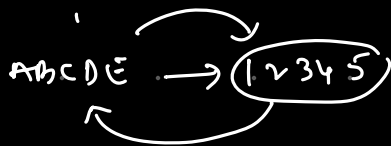
Tip: Along with the data, we need to make sure data is secured and cannot be modified.

encode

1 → A

2 → B

3 → C



Knowing the logic is enough to decode/encode.

encryption

There's a secret key.

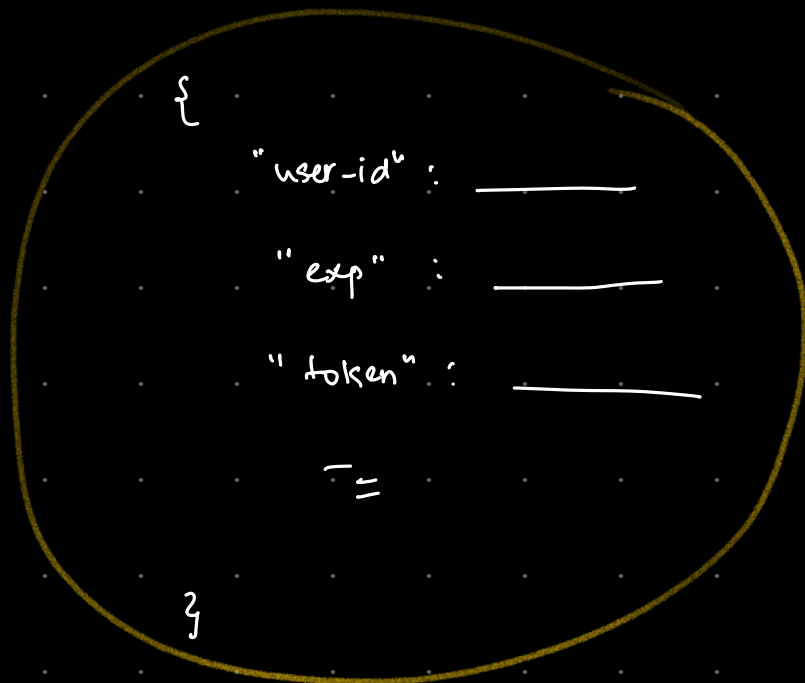
encode (data, secret key)

(It's not possible to decode without secret key).

encode + secret key

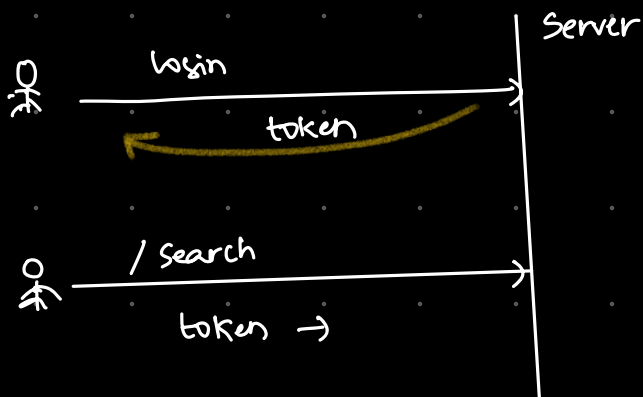
Encoding

Base 64 Encoding



encode(base64)

token



search (user, token)

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decodeToken = decode (token)
user-id = decodeToken.user-id
token_val = decodeToken.token
exp = decodeToken.exp

// run some logic & return
success if token is not
expired

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Encryption

login

-secretKey

- login (email, password)

1 validate email & password

value = base64encode(jsonObject)

token = encrypt(value, secretKey)

return token

Validation code

validate(user, token)

value = decrypt(token, secretKey)

// here, if someone has changed the token, will I be

// able to decrypt it using same secretKey.

if decryption fails, immediately logout.

if decryption is success

→ user, value.user are same

→ value.exp is not expired

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=
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return success.

JWT → JSON Web Token (Self Validating token).

Contains 3 parts. let's say A, B, C

They'll be separated by a '.' operator.

A.B.C

↓ ↓ ↘
header data signature.

1) Algo we're using
to encode

Actual payload

$c = \text{encrypt}(a+b, \text{secretKey})$

if someone changes 'a' or 'b'

we won't be able to decrypt.

login

-secretKey

login(email, password)

// validate email & password combination

$a = \text{base64encode}(\{ \equiv \})$ Algo

$b = \text{base64encode}(\{ \equiv \})$ entire data of
token like exp/
userId / token value

$c = \text{encrypt}(a+b, \text{secretKey})$

token = $a + "." + b + "." + c$

return token

Validate code

ValidateToken(token)

$a, b, c = \text{token.split(".")}$

$d = \text{decrypt}(c, \text{secretKey})$

// if decryption fails => immediately logout

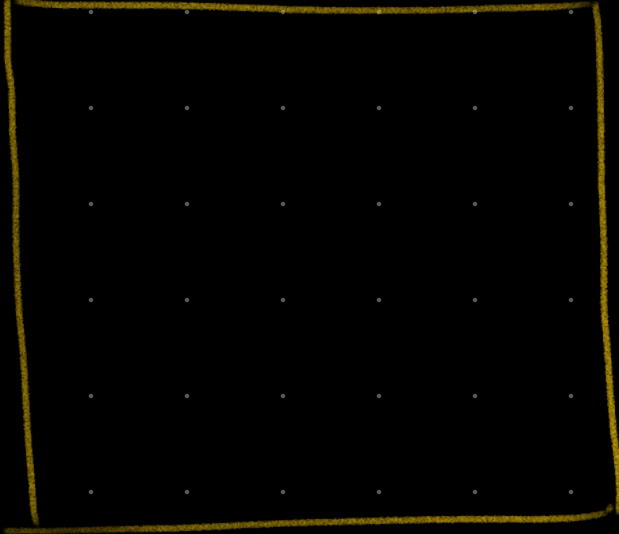
// set b, $b = \text{base64decode}(b)$

b.exp is not expired -- etc

refrain success

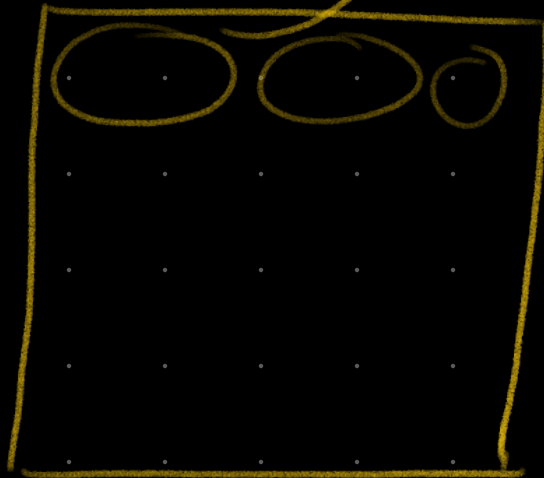
option 1

application-properties



option 2

env variable.

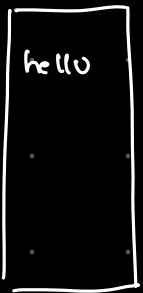


vault

Sanjana



secretKey



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Yash



secretKey

decode

