

Complete Spring Security Learning Plan with JWT Implementation

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1. Learning Roadmap

Phase 1: Foundation (Week 1-2)

- ☐ Understand servlet filters and filter chain
- ☐ Learn Spring Security filter chain architecture
- ☐ Study authentication vs authorization concepts
- ☐ Explore security contexts and principals

Phase 2: Core Components (Week 3-4)

- ☐ Security Configuration deep dive
- ☐ UserDetailsService implementation
- ☐ Authentication providers and managers
- ☐ Password encoders and validation

Phase 3: JWT Implementation (Week 5-6)

- ☐ JWT theory and structure
- ☐ Custom JWT filters
- ☐ Token generation and validation
- ☐ Complete authentication flow

Phase 4: Advanced Topics (Week 7-8)

- ☐ Method-level security
- ☐ OAuth2 integration

- ☐ Testing security configurations
 - ☐ Production considerations
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2. Core Filter Concepts

What are Servlet Filters?

Servlet filters are Java components that intercept HTTP requests and responses before they reach the servlet or after they leave it. They form a chain where each filter can:

- **Examine requests/responses**
- **Modify requests/responses**
- **Block requests**
- **Log information**
- **Perform security checks**

Filter Chain Execution Flow

HTTP Request → Filter1 → Filter2 → Filter3 → Servlet → Filter3 → Filter2 → Filter1 → HTTP Response

Key Filter Concepts:

1. Filter Interface

```
java

public interface Filter {
    void init(FilterConfig config);
    void doFilter(ServletRequest request, ServletResponse response, FilterChain chain);
    void destroy();
}
```

Role: Base contract for all servlet filters **Responsibilities:**

- Initialize filter resources
- Process requests and responses
- Clean up resources

2. FilterChain

```
java
```

```
public interface FilterChain {  
    void doFilter(ServletRequest request, ServletResponse response);  
}
```

Role: Represents the chain of filters **Responsibilities:**

- Invoke the next filter in chain
- Pass control to servlet if last filter

3. Filter Registration

Role: Register filters with servlet container **Methods:**

- `@WebFilter` annotation
- `FilterRegistrationBean` in Spring Boot
- XML configuration (legacy)

Basic Filter Example:

```
java  
  
@Component  
public class LoggingFilter implements Filter {  
  
    @Override  
    public void doFilter(ServletRequest request, ServletResponse response,  
                        FilterChain chain) throws IOException, ServletException {  
  
        System.out.println("Request received: " + ((HttpServletRequest) request).getRequestURI());  
  
        // Continue the chain  
        chain.doFilter(request, response);  
  
        System.out.println("Response sent");  
    }  
}
```

3. Spring Security Architecture

Spring Security Filter Chain

Spring Security is built on servlet filters. It creates a `FilterChainProxy` that contains multiple `SecurityFilterChain` instances.

Key Architectural Components:

1. DelegatingFilterProxy

Role: Bridge between Servlet container and Spring context **Responsibilities:**

- Delegate filter calls to Spring-managed beans
- Enable Spring dependency injection in filters
- Lazy initialization support

2. FilterChainProxy

Role: Central filter that manages multiple security filter chains **Responsibilities:**

- Route requests to appropriate SecurityFilterChain
- Manage multiple security configurations
- Handle exceptions from security filters

3. SecurityFilterChain

Role: Ordered list of security filters for specific request patterns **Responsibilities:**

- Define which filters apply to which URLs
- Maintain filter order
- Enable/disable specific security features

Default Security Filter Order:

1. **ChannelProcessingFilter** - HTTP/HTTPS redirection
 2. **SecurityContextPersistenceFilter** - Security context management
 3. **ConcurrentSessionFilter** - Session management
 4. **Authentication Filters** (UsernamePasswordAuthenticationFilter, etc.)
 5. **SessionManagementFilter** - Session handling
 6. **ExceptionTranslationFilter** - Exception handling
 7. **FilterSecurityInterceptor** - Authorization decisions
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4. Core Components Deep Dive

4.1 SecurityConfig (Security Configuration)

Purpose and Role:

- **Central configuration point** for Spring Security
- **Defines security rules** and behavior
- **Configures authentication and authorization**
- **Customizes security filter chain**

Key Responsibilities:

1. Configure HTTP security (URLs, methods, access rules)
2. Set up authentication mechanisms
3. Define password encoding
4. Configure session management
5. Handle CORS and CSRF
6. Set up custom filters

Implementation Example:

```
java
```

```
@Configuration
@EnableWebSecurity
@EnableMethodSecurity(prePostEnabled = true)
public class SecurityConfig {

    @Autowired
    private UserDetailsService userDetailsService;

    @Autowired
    private JwtAuthenticationEntryPoint jwtEntryPoint;

    @Autowired
    private JwtRequestFilter jwtRequestFilter;

    // Password encoder configuration
    @Bean
    public PasswordEncoder passwordEncoder() {
        return new BCryptPasswordEncoder();
    }

    // Authentication manager configuration
    @Bean
    public AuthenticationManager authenticationManager(
        AuthenticationConfiguration config) throws Exception {
        return config.getAuthenticationManager();
    }

    // Configure authentication provider
    @Bean
    public AuthenticationProvider authenticationProvider() {
        DaoAuthenticationProvider provider = new DaoAuthenticationProvider();
        provider.setUserDetailsService(userDetailsService);
        provider.setPasswordEncoder(passwordEncoder());
        return provider;
    }

    // Main security configuration
    @Bean
    public SecurityFilterChain filterChain(HttpSecurity http) throws Exception {
        return http
            .csrf(csrf -> csrf.disable())
            .authorizeHttpRequests(auth -> auth
                .requestMatchers("/api/auth/**").permitAll()
                .requestMatchers("/api/public/**").permitAll()
                .requestMatchers(HttpMethod.GET, "/api/products/**").permitAll()
                .requestMatchers("/api/admin/**").hasRole("ADMIN")
            )
        ;
    }
}
```

```

        .anyRequest().authenticated()
    )
    .exceptionHandling(ex -> ex
        .authenticationEntryPoint(jwtEntryPoint)
    )
    .sessionManagement(session -> session
        .sessionCreationPolicy(SessionCreationPolicy.STATELESS)
    )
    .authenticationProvider(authenticationProvider())
    .addFilterBefore(jwtRequestFilter, UsernamePasswordAuthenticationFilter.class)
    .build();
}
}

```

Configuration Breakdown:

HTTP Security Configuration:

- `permitAll()` - Allow access without authentication
- `hasRole()` - Require specific role
- `authenticated()` - Require any authentication
- `sessionCreationPolicy(STATELESS)` - Disable session creation for JWT

Filter Configuration:

- `addFilterBefore()` - Add custom filter before existing filter
- `addFilterAfter()` - Add custom filter after existing filter

4.2 UserDetailsService

Purpose and Role:

- **Core interface for loading user data**
- **Bridge between your user storage and Spring Security**
- **Provides user information for authentication**

Key Responsibilities:

1. Load user by username/email
2. Return UserDetails object
3. Handle user not found scenarios
4. Interface with your user repository

Interface Definition:

java

```
public interface UserDetailsService {  
    UserDetails loadUserByUsername(String username) throws UsernameNotFoundException;  
}
```

Custom Implementation:

java

```
@Service  
public class CustomUserDetailsService implements UserDetailsService {  
  
    @Autowired  
    private UserRepository userRepository;  
  
    @Override  
    @Transactional(readOnly = true)  
    public UserDetails loadUserByUsername(String username) throws UsernameNotFoundException {  
  
        // Find user in database  
        User user = userRepository.findByUsername(username)  
            .orElseThrow(() -> new UsernameNotFoundException("User not found: " + username));  
  
        // Convert to UserDetails  
        return UserPrincipal.create(user);  
    }  
  
    // Additional method for loading by ID (useful for JWT)  
    public UserDetails loadUserById(Long id) {  
        User user = userRepository.findById(id)  
            .orElseThrow(() -> new UsernameNotFoundException("User not found with id: " + id));  
  
        return UserPrincipal.create(user);  
    }  
}
```

4.3 UserDetails Interface

Purpose and Role:

- Represents authenticated user information
- Provides core user data to Spring Security
- Contains authorities and account status

Key Methods:

java

```
public interface UserDetails extends Serializable {  
    Collection<? extends GrantedAuthority> getAuthorities();  
    String getPassword();  
    String getUsername();  
    boolean isAccountNonExpired();  
    boolean isAccountNonLocked();  
    boolean isCredentialsNonExpired();  
    boolean isEnabled();  
}
```

Custom Implementation:

java

```

public class UserPrincipal implements UserDetails {

    private Long id;
    private String username;
    private String email;
    private String password;
    private Collection<? extends GrantedAuthority> authorities;
    private boolean enabled;
    private boolean accountNonExpired;
    private boolean accountNonLocked;
    private boolean credentialsNonExpired;

    public UserPrincipal(Long id, String username, String email, String password,
                        Collection<? extends GrantedAuthority> authorities,
                        boolean enabled, boolean accountNonExpired,
                        boolean accountNonLocked, boolean credentialsNonExpired) {
        this.id = id;
        this.username = username;
        this.email = email;
        this.password = password;
        this.authorities = authorities;
        this.enabled = enabled;
        this.accountNonExpired = accountNonExpired;
        this.accountNonLocked = accountNonLocked;
        this.credentialsNonExpired = credentialsNonExpired;
    }

    // Factory method to create UserPrincipal from User entity
    public static UserPrincipal create(User user) {
        List<GrantedAuthority> authorities = user.getRoles().stream()
            .map(role -> new SimpleGrantedAuthority("ROLE_" + role.getName().name()))
            .collect(Collectors.toList());

        return new UserPrincipal(
            user.getId(),
            user.getUsername(),
            user.getEmail(),
            user.getPassword(),
            authorities,
            user.isEnabled(),
            true, // accountNonExpired
            true, // accountNonLocked
            true // credentialsNonExpired
        );
    }
}

```

// Implement all UserDetails methods

@Override

```
public Collection<? extends GrantedAuthority> getAuthorities() {  
    return authorities;  
}
```

@Override

```
public String getPassword() {  
    return password;  
}
```

@Override

```
public String getUsername() {  
    return username;  
}
```

@Override

```
public boolean isAccountNonExpired() {  
    return accountNonExpired;  
}
```

@Override

```
public boolean isAccountNonLocked() {  
    return accountNonLocked;  
}
```

@Override

```
public boolean isCredentialsNonExpired() {  
    return credentialsNonExpired;  
}
```

@Override

```
public boolean isEnabled() {  
    return enabled;  
}
```

// Additional getters

```
public Long getId() {  
    return id;  
}
```

```
public String getEmail() {  
    return email;  
}
```

```
}
```

4.4 AuthenticationManager

Purpose and Role:

- **Coordinates authentication process**
- **Delegates to authentication providers**
- **Returns authentication result**

Key Responsibilities:

1. Receive authentication requests
2. Find appropriate AuthenticationProvider
3. Delegate authentication logic
4. Return Authentication object or throw exception

Usage Example:

```
java
```

```

@Service
public class AuthService {

    @Autowired
    private AuthenticationManager authenticationManager;

    @Autowired
    private JwtTokenProvider tokenProvider;

    public JwtAuthResponse authenticateUser(LoginRequest loginRequest) {

        // Create authentication token
        Authentication authentication = authenticationManager.authenticate(
            new UsernamePasswordAuthenticationToken(
                loginRequest.getUsername(),
                loginRequest.getPassword()
            )
        );

        // Set authentication in security context
        SecurityContextHolder.getContext().setAuthentication(authentication);

        // Generate JWT token
        String jwt = tokenProvider.generateToken(authentication);

        return new JwtAuthResponse(jwt);
    }
}

```

4.5 AuthenticationProvider

Purpose and Role:

- Performs actual authentication logic
- Validates credentials against data source
- Returns authenticated user or throws exception

Built-in Providers:

1. **DaoAuthenticationProvider** - Database authentication
2. **LdapAuthenticationProvider** - LDAP authentication
3. **AnonymousAuthenticationProvider** - Anonymous users

Custom Provider Example:

java

```
@Component
public class CustomAuthenticationProvider implements AuthenticationProvider {

    @Autowired
    private UserDetailsService userDetailsService;

    @Autowired
    private PasswordEncoder passwordEncoder;

    @Override
    public Authentication authenticate(Authentication authentication)
        throws AuthenticationException {

        String username = authentication.getName();
        String password = authentication.getCredentials().toString();

        // Load user details
        UserDetails userDetails = userDetailsService.loadUserByUsername(username);

        // Verify password
        if (!passwordEncoder.matches(password, userDetails.getPassword())) {
            throw new BadCredentialsException("Invalid credentials");
        }

        // Create authenticated token
        return new UsernamePasswordAuthenticationToken(
            userDetails,
            password,
            userDetails.getAuthorities()
        );
    }

    @Override
    public boolean supports(Class<?> authentication) {
        return authentication.equals(UsernamePasswordAuthenticationToken.class);
    }
}
```

4.6 SecurityContext

Purpose and Role:

- Holds authentication information
- Available throughout request processing

- **Thread-local storage**

Key Components:

```
java

// Get current authentication
Authentication auth = SecurityContextHolder.getContext().getAuthentication();

// Check if user is authenticated
if (auth != null && auth.isAuthenticated()) {
    UserDetails userDetails = (UserDetails) auth.getPrincipal();
    String username = userDetails.getUsername();
}

// Set authentication programmatically
SecurityContextHolder.getContext().setAuthentication(authentication);
```

5. JWT Authentication Implementation

What is JWT?

JSON Web Token (JWT) is a compact, URL-safe means of representing claims to be transferred between two parties. It consists of three parts:

1. **Header** - Token type and signing algorithm
2. **Payload** - Claims (user data)
3. **Signature** - Verification signature

JWT Structure: header.payload.signature

Example:

[eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwibmFtZSI6IkpvaG4gRG9lIiwiaWF0IjoxNTE2MzE1MDQyfQ.](#)

JWT Authentication Flow:

1. User sends credentials to `/auth/login`
2. Server validates credentials
3. Server generates JWT token
4. Client stores token (`localStorage/sessionStorage`)
5. Client sends token in Authorization header for protected requests
6. Server validates token and processes request

5.1 JWT Token Provider

Purpose and Role:

- **Generate JWT tokens after successful authentication**
- **Validate JWT tokens from requests**
- **Extract user information from tokens**
- **Handle token expiration**

Implementation:

```
java
```


@Component

```
public class JwtTokenProvider {
```

```
    private static final String JWT_SECRET = "mySecretKey";
```

```
    private static final int JWT_EXPIRATION = 86400; // 24 hours in seconds
```

```
    // Generate token from authentication
```

```
    public String generateToken(Authentication authentication) {
```

```
        UserPrincipal userPrincipal = (UserPrincipal) authentication.getPrincipal();
```

```
        Date expiryDate = new Date(System.currentTimeMillis() + JWT_EXPIRATION * 1000L);
```

```
        return Jwts.builder()
```

```
            .setSubject(userPrincipal.getId().toString())
```

```
            .setIssuedAt(new Date())
```

```
            .setExpiration(expiryDate)
```

```
            .claim("username", userPrincipal.getUsername())
```

```
            .claim("email", userPrincipal.getEmail())
```

```
            .signWith(SignatureAlgorithm.HS512, JWT_SECRET)
```

```
            .compact();
```

```
    }
```

```
    // Get user ID from token
```

```
    public Long getUserIdFromToken(String token) {
```

```
        Claims claims = Jwts.parser()
```

```
            .setSigningKey(JWT_SECRET)
```

```
            .parseClaimsJws(token)
```

```
            .getBody();
```

```
        return Long.parseLong(claims.getSubject());
```

```
    }
```

```
    // Validate token
```

```
    public boolean validateToken(String token) {
```

```
        try {
```

```
            Jwts.parser().setSigningKey(JWT_SECRET).parseClaimsJws(token);
```

```
            return true;
```

```
        } catch (SignatureException ex) {
```

```
            System.err.println("Invalid JWT signature");
```

```
        } catch (MalformedJwtException ex) {
```

```
            System.err.println("Invalid JWT token");
```

```
        } catch (ExpiredJwtException ex) {
```

```
            System.err.println("Expired JWT token");
```

```
        } catch (UnsupportedJwtException ex) {
```

```
            System.err.println("Unsupported JWT token");
```

```
        } catch (IllegalArgumentException ex) {
```

```
        System.err.println("JWT claims string is empty");
    }
    return false;
}

// Extract token from request
public String getTokenFromRequest(HttpServletRequest request) {
    String bearerToken = request.getHeader("Authorization");
    if (StringUtils.hasText(bearerToken) && bearerToken.startsWith("Bearer ")) {
        return bearerToken.substring(7);
    }
    return null;
}
}
```

5.2 JWT Authentication Filter

Purpose and Role:

- Intercept HTTP requests
- Extract and validate JWT tokens
- Set authentication in SecurityContext
- Allow request to proceed if valid

Implementation:

```
java
```

@Component

```
public class JwtAuthenticationFilter extends OncePerRequestFilter {
```

@Autowired

```
private JwtTokenProvider tokenProvider;
```

@Autowired

```
private CustomUserDetailsService userDetailsService;
```

```
private static final Logger logger = LoggerFactory.getLogger(JwtAuthenticationFilter.class);
```

@Override

```
protected void doFilterInternal(HttpServletRequest request,
                                HttpServletResponse response,
                                FilterChain filterChain) throws ServletException, IOException {
```

```
try {
```

```
    // Extract JWT token from request
```

```
    String jwt = tokenProvider.getTokenFromRequest(request);
```

```
    if (StringUtils.hasText(jwt) && tokenProvider.validateToken(jwt)) {
```

```
        // Get user ID from token
```

```
        Long userId = tokenProvider.getUserIdFromToken(jwt);
```

```
        // Load user details
```

```
        UserDetails userDetails = userDetailsService.loadUserById(userId);
```

```
        // Create authentication token
```

```
        UsernamePasswordAuthenticationToken authentication =
```

```
            new UsernamePasswordAuthenticationToken(
                userDetails, null, userDetails.getAuthorities()
            );
```

```
        // Set authentication details
```

```
        authentication.setDetails(new WebAuthenticationDetailsSource().buildDetails(request));
```

```
        // Set authentication in security context
```

```
        SecurityContextHolder.getContext().setAuthentication(authentication);
```

```
    }
```

```
} catch (Exception ex) {
```

```
    logger.error("Could not set user authentication in security context", ex);
```

```
}
```

```
    // Continue filter chain
```

```
    filterChain.doFilter(request, response);
```

5.3 JWT Authentication Entry Point

Purpose and Role:

- Handle authentication failures
- Send appropriate error responses
- Provide consistent error format

Implementation:

java

```
@Component
public class JwtAuthenticationEntryPoint implements AuthenticationEntryPoint {

    private static final Logger logger = LoggerFactory.getLogger(JwtAuthenticationEntryPoint.class);

    @Override
    public void commence(HttpServletRequest request,
                        HttpServletResponse response,
                        AuthenticationException authException) throws IOException {

        logger.error("Responding with unauthorized error. Message - {}", authException.getMessage());

        response.setContentType("application/json");
        response.setStatus(HttpServletResponse.SC_UNAUTHORIZED);

        // Create error response
        Map<String, Object> errorResponse = new HashMap<>();
        errorResponse.put("error", "Unauthorized");
        errorResponse.put("message", "Full authentication is required to access this resource");
        errorResponse.put("status", 401);
        errorResponse.put("timestamp", System.currentTimeMillis());
        errorResponse.put("path", request.getRequestURI());

        // Write JSON response
        ObjectMapper mapper = new ObjectMapper();
        mapper.writeValue(response.getWriter(), errorResponse);
    }
}
```

6. Complete Spring Boot JWT Project

6.1 Project Structure

```
src/main/java/com/example/jwtauth/  
├── JwtauthApplication.java  
├── config/  
│   ├── SecurityConfig.java  
│   └── WebConfig.java  
├── controller/  
│   ├── AuthController.java  
│   ├── UserController.java  
│   └── AdminController.java  
├── dto/  
│   ├── LoginRequest.java  
│   ├── SignupRequest.java  
│   ├── JwtResponse.java  
│   └── MessageResponse.java  
├── entity/  
│   ├── User.java  
│   ├── Role.java  
│   └── RoleName.java  
├── repository/  
│   ├── UserRepository.java  
│   └── RoleRepository.java  
├── security/  
│   ├── CustomUserDetailsService.java  
│   ├── JwtAuthenticationEntryPoint.java  
│   ├── JwtAuthenticationFilter.java  
│   ├── JwtTokenProvider.java  
│   └── UserPrincipal.java  
└── service/  
    ├── AuthService.java  
    └── UserService.java
```

6.2 Dependencies (pom.xml)

xml

```
<dependencies>
  <!-- Spring Boot Starters -->
  <dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-web</artifactId>
  </dependency>

  <dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-security</artifactId>
  </dependency>

  <dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-data-jpa</artifactId>
  </dependency>

  <dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-validation</artifactId>
  </dependency>

  <!-- JWT -->
  <dependency>
    <groupId>io.jsonwebtoken</groupId>
    <artifactId>jjwt</artifactId>
    <version>0.9.1</version>
  </dependency>

  <!-- Database -->
  <dependency>
    <groupId>mysql</groupId>
    <artifactId>mysql-connector-java</artifactId>
    <scope>runtime</scope>
  </dependency>

  <!-- Development -->
  <dependency>
    <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
    <artifactId>spring-boot-devtools</artifactId>
    <scope>runtime</scope>
  </dependency>
</dependencies>
```

6.3 Entity Classes

User Entity:

java

```
@Entity
@Table(name = "users", uniqueConstraints = {
    @UniqueConstraint(columnNames = "username"),
    @UniqueConstraint(columnNames = "email")
})
public class User {

    @Id
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
    private Long id;

    @NotBlank
    @Size(max = 20)
    private String username;

    @NotBlank
    @Size(max = 120)
    private String password;

    @NotBlank
    @Size(max = 50)
    @Email
    private String email;

    @Size(max = 100)
    private String firstName;

    @Size(max = 100)
    private String lastName;

    private boolean enabled = true;

    @CreationTimestamp
    private LocalDateTime createdAt;

    @UpdateTimestamp
    private LocalDateTime updatedAt;

    @ManyToMany(fetch = FetchType.LAZY)
    @JoinTable(name = "user_roles",
        joinColumns = @JoinColumn(name = "user_id"),
        inverseJoinColumns = @JoinColumn(name = "role_id"))
    private Set<Role> roles = new HashSet<>();

    // Constructors
    public User() {}
```



```

public User(String username, String email, String password) {
    this.username = username;
    this.email = email;
    this.password = password;
}

// Getters and Setters
// ... (standard getters and setters)
}

```

Role Entity:

```

java

@Entity
@Table(name = "roles")
public class Role {

    @Id
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
    private Long id;

    @Enumerated(EnumType.STRING)
    @Column(length = 20)
    private RoleName name;

    // Constructors
    public Role() {}

    public Role(RoleName name) {
        this.name = name;
    }

    // Getters and Setters
    // ... (standard getters and setters)
}

// RoleName enum
public enum RoleName {
    ROLE_USER,
    ROLE_ADMIN,
    ROLE_MODERATOR
}

```

6.4 Repository Interfaces

java

@Repository

```
public interface UserRepository extends JpaRepository<User, Long> {
```

```
    Optional<User> findByUsername(String username);
```

```
    Optional<User> findByEmail(String email);
```

```
    Boolean existsByUsername(String username);
```

```
    Boolean existsByEmail(String email);
```

```
    @Query("SELECT u FROM User u WHERE u.username = ?1 OR u.email = ?1")
```

```
    Optional<User> findByUsernameOrEmail(String usernameOrEmail);
```

```
}
```

@Repository

```
public interface RoleRepository extends JpaRepository<Role, Long> {
```

```
    Optional<Role> findByName(RoleName roleName);
```

```
}
```

6.5 DTOs

Login Request:

java

```
public class LoginRequest {
```

```
    @NotBlank
```

```
    @Size(min = 3, max = 60)
```

```
    private String usernameOrEmail;
```

```
    @NotBlank
```

```
    @Size(min = 6, max = 20)
```

```
    private String password;
```

```
    // Constructors, getters, and setters
```

```
}
```

JWT Response:

java

```
public class JwtResponse {

    private String accessToken;
    private String tokenType = "Bearer";
    private Long id;
    private String username;
    private String email;
    private List<String> roles;

    public JwtResponse(String accessToken, Long id, String username, String email, List<String> roles) {
        this.accessToken = accessToken;
        this.id = id;
        this.username = username;
        this.email = email;
        this.roles = roles;
    }

    // Getters and setters
}
```

6.6 Auth Controller

```
java
```

```
@RestController
@RequestMapping("/api/auth")
@CrossOrigin(origins = "*", maxAge = 3600)
public class AuthController {

    @Autowired
    private AuthenticationManager authenticationManager;

    @Autowired
    private UserRepository userRepository;

    @Autowired
    private RoleRepository roleRepository;

    @Autowired
    private PasswordEncoder encoder;

    @Autowired
    private JwtTokenProvider jwtProvider;

    @PostMapping("/signin")
    public ResponseEntity<?> authenticateUser(@Valid @RequestBody LoginRequest loginRequest) {

        // Authenticate user
        Authentication authentication = authenticationManager.authenticate(
            new UsernamePasswordAuthenticationToken(
                loginRequest.getUsernameOrEmail(),
                loginRequest.getPassword()
            )
        );

        // Set authentication in security context
        SecurityContextHolder.getContext().setAuthentication(authentication);

        // Generate JWT token
        String jwt = jwtProvider.generateToken(authentication);

        // Get user details
        UserPrincipal userDetails = (UserPrincipal) authentication.getPrincipal();
        List<String> roles = userDetails.getAuthorities().stream()
            .map(item -> item.getAuthority())
            .collect(Collectors.toList());

        return ResponseEntity.ok(new JwtResponse(
            jwt,
            userDetails.getId(),
```

```
        userDetails.getUsername(),
        userDetails.getEmail(),
        roles
    ));
}
```

```
@PostMapping("/signup")
```

```
public ResponseEntity<?> registerUser(@Valid @RequestBody SignupRequest signUpRequest) {
```

```
    // Check if username exists
```

```
    if (userRepository.existsByUsername(signUpRequest.getUsername())) {
        return ResponseEntity.badRequest()
            .body(new MessageResponse("Error: Username is already taken!"));
    }
```

```
    // Check if email exists
```

```
    if (userRepository.existsByEmail(signUpRequest.getEmail())) {
        return ResponseEntity.badRequest()
            .body(new MessageResponse("Error: Email is already in use!"));
    }
```

```
    // Create new user
```

```
    User user = new User(signUpRequest.getUsername(),
        signUpRequest.getEmail(),
        encoder.encode(signUpRequest.getPassword()));
```

```
    // Set roles
```

```
    Set<String> strRoles = signUpRequest.getRoles();
```

```
    Set<Role> roles = new HashSet<>();
```

```
    if (strRoles == null) {
```

```
        Role userRole = roleRepository.findByName(RoleName.ROLE_USER)
            .orElseThrow(() -> new RuntimeException("Error: Role is not found."));
        roles.add(userRole);
    }
```

```
    } else {
```

```
        strRoles.forEach(role -> {
```

```
            switch (role) {
```

```
                case "admin":
```

```
                    Role adminRole = roleRepository.findByName(RoleName.ROLE_ADMIN)
                        .orElseThrow(() -> new RuntimeException("Error: Role is not found."));
                    roles.add(adminRole);
```

```
                    break;
```

```
                case "mod":
```

```
                    Role modRole = roleRepository.findByName(RoleName.ROLE_MODERATOR)
                        .orElseThrow(() -> new RuntimeException("Error: Role is not found."));
                    roles.add(modRole);
```

```
                    break;
```

```

        default:
            Role userRole = roleRepository.findByName(RoleName.ROLE_USER)
                .orElseThrow(() -> new RuntimeException("Error: Role is not found."));
            roles.add(userRole);
        }
    });
}

user.setRoles(roles);
userRepository.save(user);

return ResponseEntity.ok(new MessageResponse("User registered successfully!"));
}

@PostMapping("/signout")
public ResponseEntity<?> logoutUser() {
    // Clear security context
    SecurityContextHolder.clearContext();
    return ResponseEntity.ok(new MessageResponse("User logged out successfully!"));
}
}

```

6.7 Protected Controllers

User Controller:

```
java
```

```

@RestController
@RequestMapping("/api/user")
@PreAuthorize("hasRole('USER')")
public class UserController {

    @GetMapping("/profile")
    public ResponseEntity<?> getUserProfile() {
        Authentication authentication = SecurityContextHolder.getContext().getAuthentication();
        UserPrincipal userPrincipal = (UserPrincipal) authentication.getPrincipal();

        Map<String, Object> profile = new HashMap<>();
        profile.put("id", userPrincipal.getId());
        profile.put("username", userPrincipal.getUsername());
        profile.put("email", userPrincipal.getEmail());
        profile.put("authorities", userPrincipal.getAuthorities());

        return ResponseEntity.ok(profile);
    }

    @GetMapping("/dashboard")
    public ResponseEntity<?> getUserDashboard() {
        return ResponseEntity.ok(new MessageResponse("User dashboard accessed successfully!"));
    }
}

```

Admin Controller:

```
java
```

```

@RestController
@RequestMapping("/api/admin")
@PreAuthorize("hasRole('ADMIN')")
public class AdminController {

    @Autowired
    private UserRepository userRepository;

    @GetMapping("/users")
    public ResponseEntity<?> getAllUsers() {
        List<User> users = userRepository.findAll();
        return ResponseEntity.ok(users);
    }

    @GetMapping("/dashboard")
    public ResponseEntity<?> getAdminDashboard() {
        return ResponseEntity.ok(new MessageResponse("Admin dashboard accessed successfully!"));
    }

    @DeleteMapping("/users/{id}")
    public ResponseEntity<?> deleteUser(@PathVariable Long id) {
        if (!userRepository.existsById(id)) {
            return ResponseEntity.notFound().build();
        }

        userRepository.deleteById(id);
        return ResponseEntity.ok(new MessageResponse("User deleted successfully!"));
    }
}

```

6.8 Application Properties

properties

Application Configuration

spring.application.name=JWT Authentication App

server.port=8080

Database Configuration

spring.datasource.url=jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/jwt_auth_db?useSSL=false&serverTimezone=UTC

spring.datasource.username=root

spring.datasource.password=your_password

spring.datasource.driver-class-name=com.mysql.cj.jdbc.Driver

JPA Configuration

spring.jpa.hibernate.ddl-auto=update

spring.jpa.show-sql=true

spring.jpa.properties.hibernate.dialect=org.hibernate.dialect.MySQL8Dialect

spring.jpa.properties.hibernate.format_sql=true

JWT Configuration

app.jwtSecret=jwtSecretKey

app.jwtExpirationInMs=86400000

Logging

logging.level.com.example.jwtauth=DEBUG

logging.level.org.springframework.security=DEBUG

CORS Configuration

app.cors.allowedOrigins=http://localhost:3000,http://localhost:4200

6.9 Data Initialization

java

@Component

public class DataInitializer implements ApplicationRunner {

@Autowired

private RoleRepository roleRepository;

@Autowired

private UserRepository userRepository;

@Autowired

private PasswordEncoder passwordEncoder;

@Override

public void run(ApplicationArguments args) throws Exception {

// Initialize roles

initializeRoles();

// Create admin user if not exists

createAdminUser();

}

private void initializeRoles() {

if (roleRepository.count() == 0) {

roleRepository.save(new Role(RoleName.ROLE_USER));

roleRepository.save(new Role(RoleName.ROLE_ADMIN));

roleRepository.save(new Role(RoleName.ROLE_MODERATOR));

}

}

private void createAdminUser() {

if (!userRepository.existsByUsername("admin")) {

User admin = new User("admin", "admin@example.com",
passwordEncoder.encode("admin123"));

Role adminRole = roleRepository.findByName(RoleName.ROLE_ADMIN)
.orElseThrow(() -> new RuntimeException("Admin role not found"));

admin.setRoles(Set.of(adminRole));

userRepository.save(admin);

}

}

}

7. Testing & Best Practices

7.1 Unit Testing Security Configuration

java

```
@ExtendWith(MockitoExtension.class)
class SecurityConfigTest {

    @Mock
    private CustomUserDetailsService userDetailsService;

    @Mock
    private JwtAuthenticationEntryPoint jwtEntryPoint;

    @Mock
    private JwtAuthenticationFilter jwtFilter;

    @InjectMocks
    private SecurityConfig securityConfig;

    @Test
    void passwordEncoder_ShouldReturnBCryptPasswordEncoder() {
        PasswordEncoder encoder = securityConfig.passwordEncoder();
        assertThat(encoder).isInstanceOf(BCryptPasswordEncoder.class);
    }

    @Test
    void passwordEncoder_ShouldEncodePassword() {
        PasswordEncoder encoder = securityConfig.passwordEncoder();
        String encoded = encoder.encode("password");

        assertThat(encoded).isNotEqualTo("password");
        assertThat(encoder.matches("password", encoded)).isTrue();
    }
}
```

7.2 Integration Testing

java

```
@SpringBootTest(webEnvironment = SpringBootTest.WebEnvironment.RANDOM_PORT)
@AutoConfigureTestDatabase(replace = AutoConfigureTestDatabase.Replace.NONE)
@Transactional
class AuthControllerIntegrationTest {

    @Autowired
    private TestRestTemplate restTemplate;

    @Autowired
    private UserRepository userRepository;

    @Autowired
    private PasswordEncoder passwordEncoder;

    @Test
    void signin_WithValidCredentials_ShouldReturnJwtToken() {
        // Setup
        User user = new User("testuser", "test@example.com",
            passwordEncoder.encode("password123"));
        userRepository.save(user);

        LoginRequest request = new LoginRequest("testuser", "password123");

        // Execute
        ResponseEntity<JwtResponse> response = restTemplate.postForEntity(
            "/api/auth/signin", request, JwtResponse.class);

        // Verify
        assertThat(response.getStatusCode()).isEqualTo(HttpStatus.OK);
        assertThat(response.getBody().getAccessToken()).isNotNull();
        assertThat(response.getBody().getUsername()).isEqualTo("testuser");
    }

    @Test
    void signin_WithInvalidCredentials_ShouldReturnUnauthorized() {
        LoginRequest request = new LoginRequest("invalid", "invalid");

        ResponseEntity<String> response = restTemplate.postForEntity(
            "/api/auth/signin", request, String.class);

        assertThat(response.getStatusCode()).isEqualTo(HttpStatus.UNAUTHORIZED);
    }
}
```

7.3 Security Testing with Mock MVC

java

```
@WebMvcTest(UserController.class)
@Import(SecurityConfig.class)
class UserControllerSecurityTest {

    @Autowired
    private MockMvc mockMvc;

    @MockBean
    private CustomUserDetailsService userDetailsService;

    @MockBean
    private JwtTokenProvider jwtTokenProvider;

    @Test
    @WithMockUser(roles = "USER")
    void getUserProfile_WithAuthenticatedUser_ShouldReturnProfile() throws Exception {
        mockMvc.perform(get("/api/user/profile"))
            .andExpect(status().isOk())
            .andExpect(jsonPath("$.username").exists());
    }

    @Test
    void getUserProfile_WithoutAuthentication_ShouldReturnUnauthorized() throws Exception {
        mockMvc.perform(get("/api/user/profile"))
            .andExpect(status().isUnauthorized());
    }

    @Test
    @WithMockUser(roles = "ADMIN")
    void getUserProfile_WithWrongRole_ShouldReturnForbidden() throws Exception {
        mockMvc.perform(get("/api/user/profile"))
            .andExpect(status().isForbidden());
    }
}
```

7.4 JWT Token Testing

java

```

@ExtendWith(MockitoExtension.class)
class JwtTokenProviderTest {

    private JwtTokenProvider jwtTokenProvider;

    @BeforeEach
    void setUp() {
        jwtTokenProvider = new JwtTokenProvider();
        // Set test secret and expiration
        ReflectionTestUtils.setField(jwtTokenProvider, "jwtSecret", "testSecret");
        ReflectionTestUtils.setField(jwtTokenProvider, "jwtExpirationInMs", 3600000);
    }

    @Test
    void generateToken_ShouldCreateValidToken() {
        // Setup
        UserPrincipal userPrincipal = createTestUserPrincipal();
        Authentication authentication = mock(Authentication.class);
        when(authentication.getPrincipal()).thenReturn(userPrincipal);

        // Execute
        String token = jwtTokenProvider.generateToken(authentication);

        // Verify
        assertNotNull(token);
        assertTrue(jwtTokenProvider.validateToken(token));
        assertEquals(1L, jwtTokenProvider.getUserIdFromToken(token));
    }

    @Test
    void validateToken_WithExpiredToken_ShouldReturnFalse() {
        // Create token with past expiration
        String expiredToken = Jwts.builder()
            .setSubject("1")
            .setExpiration(new Date(System.currentTimeMillis() - 1000))
            .signWith(SignatureAlgorithm.HS512, "testSecret")
            .compact();

        assertFalse(jwtTokenProvider.validateToken(expiredToken));
    }
}

```

7.5 Best Practices

Security Best Practices:

1. JWT Secret Management:

```
java

// Use environment variables or external configuration
@Value("${app.jwtSecret}")
private String jwtSecret;

// Use strong, random secrets
private String generateSecureSecret() {
    SecureRandom random = new SecureRandom();
    byte[] bytes = new byte[64];
    random.nextBytes(bytes);
    return Base64.getEncoder().encodeToString(bytes);
}
```

2. Token Expiration:

```
java

// Short-lived access tokens
private static final int ACCESS_TOKEN_EXPIRATION = 900; // 15 minutes

// Longer-lived refresh tokens
private static final int REFRESH_TOKEN_EXPIRATION = 86400; // 24 hours
```

3. Password Security:

```
java

@Bean
public PasswordEncoder passwordEncoder() {
    return new BCryptPasswordEncoder(12); // Higher strength
}

// Validate password strength
@Component
public class PasswordValidator {
    private static final String PASSWORD_PATTERN =
        "^(?=.*[0-9])(?=.*[a-z])(?=.*[A-Z])(?=.*[!@#&()-[{]}:;'/*~$^+=<>]).{8,}$";

    public boolean isValid(String password) {
        return password.matches(PASSWORD_PATTERN);
    }
}
```

4. CORS Configuration:

```
java
```

```
@Configuration
public class WebConfig implements WebMvcConfigurer {

    @Override
    public void addCorsMappings(CorsRegistry registry) {
        registry.addMapping("/api/**")
            .allowedOriginPatterns("https://yourdomain.com")
            .allowedMethods("GET", "POST", "PUT", "DELETE")
            .allowedHeaders("*")
            .allowCredentials(true)
            .maxAge(3600);
    }
}
```

5. Rate Limiting:

java

@Component

public class RateLimitingFilter implements Filter {

private final Map<String, List<Long>> requestCounts = new ConcurrentHashMap<>();

private final int MAX_REQUESTS_PER_MINUTE = 60;

@Override

public void doFilter(ServletRequest request, ServletResponse response,
FilterChain chain) throws IOException, ServletException {

HttpServletRequest httpRequest = (HttpServletRequest) request;

String clientIp = getClientIp(httpRequest);

if (isRateLimited(clientIp)) {

HttpServletResponse httpResponse = (HttpServletResponse) response;

httpResponse.setStatus(429); // Too Many Requests

return;

}

chain.doFilter(request, response);

}

private boolean isRateLimited(String clientIp) {

long currentTime = System.currentTimeMillis();

long oneMinuteAgo = currentTime - 60000;

requestCounts.computeIfAbsent(clientIp, k -> new ArrayList<>())

.removeIf(time -> time < oneMinuteAgo);

List<Long> requests = requestCounts.get(clientIp);

requests.add(currentTime);

return requests.size() > MAX_REQUESTS_PER_MINUTE;

}

}

8. Advanced Topics

8.1 Refresh Token Implementation

java

@Entity

```
public class RefreshToken {

    @Id
    @GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)
    private Long id;

    @OneToOne
    @JoinColumn(name = "user_id", referencedColumnName = "id")
    private User user;

    @Column(nullable = false, unique = true)
    private String token;

    @Column(nullable = false)
    private Instant expiryDate;

    // Constructors, getters, setters
}
```

@Service

```
public class RefreshTokenService {

    @Autowired
    private RefreshTokenRepository refreshTokenRepository;

    @Autowired
    private UserRepository userRepository;

    public RefreshToken createRefreshToken(Long userId) {
        RefreshToken refreshToken = new RefreshToken();
        refreshToken.setUser(userRepository.findById(userId).get());
        refreshToken.setExpiryDate(Instant.now().plusMillis(86400000)); // 24 hours
        refreshToken.setToken(UUID.randomUUID().toString());

        return refreshTokenRepository.save(refreshToken);
    }

    public Optional<RefreshToken> findByToken(String token) {
        return refreshTokenRepository.findByToken(token);
    }

    public RefreshToken verifyExpiration(RefreshToken token) {
        if (token.getExpiryDate().compareTo(Instant.now()) < 0) {
            refreshTokenRepository.delete(token);
            throw new RuntimeException("Refresh token was expired. Please make a new signin request");
        }
    }
}
```

```
    }  
    return token;  
  }  
}
```

8.2 Method-Level Security

java

```
@RestController  
@RequestMapping("/api/products")  
public class ProductController {  
  
    @GetMapping  
    @PreAuthorize("hasRole('USER')")  
    public List<Product> getAllProducts() {  
        return productService.findAll();  
    }  
  
    @PostMapping  
    @PreAuthorize("hasRole('ADMIN')")  
    public Product createProduct(@RequestBody Product product) {  
        return productService.save(product);  
    }  
  
    @PutMapping("/{id}")  
    @PreAuthorize("hasRole('ADMIN') or @productService.isOwner(#id, authentication.name)")  
    public Product updateProduct(@PathVariable Long id, @RequestBody Product product) {  
        return productService.update(id, product);  
    }  
  
    @DeleteMapping("/{id}")  
    @PreAuthorize("hasRole('ADMIN')")  
    public void deleteProduct(@PathVariable Long id) {  
        productService.delete(id);  
    }  
}
```

8.3 Custom Security Expressions

java

```

@Component("productSecurity")
public class ProductSecurityExpression {

    @Autowired
    private ProductService productService;

    public boolean isOwner(Long productId, String username) {
        Product product = productService.findById(productId);
        return product != null && product.getOwner().getUsername().equals(username);
    }

    public boolean canAccess(Long productId, String username) {
        Product product = productService.findById(productId);
        return product != null &&
            (product.isPublic() || product.getOwner().getUsername().equals(username));
    }
}

// Usage in controller
@PreAuthorize("@productSecurity.canAccess(#id, authentication.name)")
@GetMapping("/{id}")
public Product getProduct(@PathVariable Long id) {
    return productService.findById(id);
}

```

8.4 OAuth2 Integration

```
java
```

@Configuration

@EnableWebSecurity

public class OAuth2SecurityConfig {

@Bean

public SecurityFilterChain oauth2FilterChain(HttpSecurity http) throws Exception {

return http

.authorizeHttpRequests(auth -> auth

.requestMatchers("/", "/login**").permitAll()

.anyRequest().authenticated()

)

.oauth2Login(oauth2 -> oauth2

.loginPage("/login")

.successHandler(oauth2AuthenticationSuccessHandler())

.failureHandler(oauth2AuthenticationFailureHandler())

)

.build();

}

@Bean

public OAuth2AuthenticationSuccessHandler oauth2AuthenticationSuccessHandler() {

return new OAuth2AuthenticationSuccessHandler() {

@Override

public void onAuthenticationSuccess(HttpServletRequest request,
HttpServletResponse response,
Authentication authentication) throws IOException {

// Generate JWT token for OAuth2 user

String jwt = jwtTokenProvider.generateTokenFromOAuth2User(authentication);

// Redirect to frontend with token

response.sendRedirect("http://localhost:3000/oauth2/redirect?token=" + jwt);

}

};

}

}

8.5 Security Auditing

java

@Entity

@EntityListeners(AuditingEntityListener.class)

public class SecurityAuditLog {

@Id

@GeneratedValue(strategy = GenerationType.IDENTITY)

private Long id;

private String username;

private String action;

private String resource;

private String ipAddress;

private String userAgent;

@CreatedDate

private LocalDateTime timestamp;

private boolean success;

private String failureReason;

// Constructors, getters, setters

}

@Component

public class SecurityAuditListener {

@Autowired

private SecurityAuditLogRepository auditRepository;

@EventListener

public void handleAuthenticationSuccess(AuthenticationSuccessEvent event) {

 UserDetails user = (UserDetails) event.getAuthentication().getPrincipal();

 SecurityAuditLog log = new SecurityAuditLog();

 log.setUsername(user.getUsername());

 log.setAction("LOGIN");

 log.setSuccess(true);

 auditRepository.save(log);

}

@EventListener

public void handleAuthenticationFailure(AbstractAuthenticationFailureEvent event) {

 SecurityAuditLog log = new SecurityAuditLog();

 log.setUsername(event.getAuthentication().getName());

 log.setAction("LOGIN_FAILED");

```
log.setSuccess(false);
log.setFailureReason(event.getException().getMessage());

auditRepository.save(log);
}
}
```

Summary

This comprehensive Spring Security learning plan covers:

✓ Foundation Concepts

- Servlet filters and filter chain architecture
- Spring Security filter chain and components
- Authentication vs Authorization principles

✓ Core Components

- **SecurityConfig**: Central configuration with detailed explanations
- **UserDetailsService**: Custom implementation with role management
- **UserDetails**: Custom user principal implementation
- **AuthenticationManager & Providers**: Authentication flow coordination

✓ JWT Implementation

- Complete JWT authentication flow
- Token generation, validation, and extraction
- Custom JWT filters and entry points
- Security context management

✓ Complete Spring Boot Project

- Full project structure with all components
- Entity relationships and repository layers
- RESTful API endpoints with proper security
- Database integration and data initialization

✓ Testing & Best Practices

- Unit and integration testing strategies
- Security testing with MockMVC

- Production-ready security practices
- Rate limiting and CORS configuration

Advanced Topics

- Refresh token implementation
- Method-level security annotations
- Custom security expressions
- OAuth2 integration basics
- Security auditing and logging

Next Steps for Learning:

1. **Week 1-2:** Study filter concepts and Spring Security architecture
2. **Week 3-4:** Implement core components and understand their roles
3. **Week 5-6:** Build the complete JWT authentication system
4. **Week 7-8:** Add testing, implement advanced features, and optimize for production

This plan provides a solid foundation for mastering Spring Security with hands-on JWT implementation experience.