



# Token-Based Authentication With Flask

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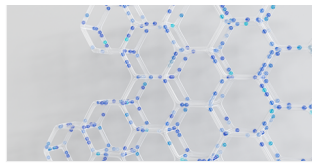
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## Objectives

By the end of this tutorial, you will be ab

1. Discuss the benefits of using JWTs
2. Implement user authentication wit
3. Blacklist user tokens when necessa
4. [Write tests](#) to create and verify JWTs and user authentication
5. Practice test-driven development

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## Introduction

[JSON Web Tokens](#) (or JWTs) provide a means of transmitting information from the client to the server in a [stateless](#), secure way.

On the server, JWTs are generated by signing user information via a secret key, which are then securely stored on the client. This form of auth works well with modern, single page applications. For more on this, along with the pros and cons of using JWTs vs. session and cookie-based auth, please review the following articles:

1. [Cookies vs Tokens: The Definitive Guide](#)
2. [Token Authentication vs. Cookies](#)
3. [How do sessions work in Flask?](#)

**NOTE:** Keep in mind that since a JWT is [signed rather than encrypted](#) it should never contain sensitive information like a user’s password.

## Getting Started

Enough theory, let’s start implementing some code!

## Project Setup

Start by cloning the project boilerplate and then create a new branch:

Shell

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## Database Setup

Let's set up Postgres.

**NOTE:** If you're on a Mac, check out [this](#)

Once the local Postgres server is running, set the project name:

SQL

```
(env)$ psql
# create database flask_jwt_auth;
CREATE DATABASE
# create database flask_jwt_auth_test;
CREATE DATABASE
# \q
```

**NOTE:** There may be some variation on the above commands, for creating a database, based upon your version of Postgres. Check for the correct command in the [Postgres documentation](#).

Before applying the database migrations we need to update the config file found in *project/server/config.py*. Simply update the `database_name`:

Python

```
database_name = 'flask_jwt_auth'
```

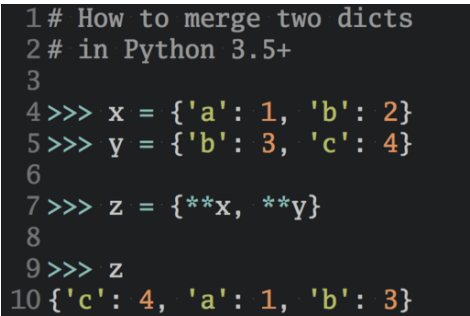
Set the environment variables in the terminal:

Shell

```
(env)$ export APP_SETTINGS="project.server.config.DevelopmentConfig"
```

Update the following tests in *project/tests/test\_\_config.py*:

Python



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```
def create_app(self):
    app.config.from_object('project.server.config.TestingConfig')
    return app

def test_app_is_testing(self):
    self.assertTrue(app.config['SQLALCHEMY_DATABASE_URI'].endswith(':memory:'))
    self.assertTrue(
        app.config['SQLALCHEMY_DATABASE_URI'].endswith(':memory:')
    )
```

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Shell

```
(env)$ python manage.py test
```

You should see:

Shell

```
test_app_is_development (test_config.TestDevelopmentConfig) ... ok
test_app_is_production (test_config.TestProductionConfig) ... ok
test_app_is_testing (test_config.TestTestingConfig) ... ok

-----
Ran 3 tests in 0.007s

OK
```

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## Migrations

Add a *models.py* file to the “server” directory:

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```
... __init__(self, email, password, admin):
    self.email = email
    self.password = bcrypt.generate_password_hash(
        password, app.config.get(
    ).decode()
    self.registered_on = datetime
    self.admin = admin
```

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In the above snippet, we define a basic class

Install [psycopg2](#) to connect to Postgres:

Shell

```
(env)$ pip install psycopg2==2.6.2
(env)$ pip freeze > requirements.txt
```

Within *manage.py* change-

Python

```
from project.server import app, db
```

To-

Python

```
from project.server import app, db, models
```

Apply the migration:

Shell

```
(env)$ python manage.py create_db
(env)$ python manage.py db init
(env)$ python manage.py db migrate
```

## Sanity Check

Did it work?

SQL

```
(env)$ psql
# \c flask_jwt_auth
You are now connected to database "flask_jwt_auth" as user "postgres"
```

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  - Server then verifies that email and password are correct and responds with an auth token
  - Client stores the token and sends it along with all subsequent requests to the API
  - Server decodes the token and validates

This cycle repeats until the token expires:

The tokens themselves are divided into:

- Header
- Payload
- Signature

We'll dive a bit deeper into the payload, [Introduction to JSON Web Tokens](#) article.

To work with JSON Web Tokens in our app, install the [PyJWT](#) package:

Shell

```
(env)$ pip install pyjwt==1.4.2
(env)$ pip freeze > requirements.txt
```



## Encode Token

Add the following method to the `User()` class in `project/server/models.py`:

Python

```
def encode_auth_token(self, user_id):
    """
    Generates the Auth Token
    :return: string
    """
    try:
```

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Python

```
import os
```

So, given a user id, this method creates a token and saves it to a file. The payload is where we add metadata to as [JWT Claims](#). We utilize the following:

- exp: expiration date of the token
- iat: the time the token is generated
- sub: the subject of the token (the user id)

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The secret key *must* be random and only

Python

```
>>> import os
>>> os.urandom(24)
b"\xf9'\xe4p(\xa9\x12\x1a!\x94\x8d\x1c\x99l\xc7\xb7e\xc7c\x86\x02MJ\xa0"
```

Set the key as an environment variable:

Shell

```
(env)$ export SECRET_KEY="\xf9'\xe4p(\xa9\x12\x1a!\x94\x8d\x1c\x99l\xc7\xb7e\xc7c\x86\x02MJ\xa0"
```

Add this key to the SECRET\_KEY within the BaseConfig() class in *project/server/config.py*:

Python

```
SECRET_KEY = os.getenv('SECRET_KEY', 'my_precious')
```

Update the tests within *project/tests/test\_config.py* to ensure the variable is set correctly:

Python

```
def test_app_is_development(self):
    self.assertFalse(app.config['SECRET_KEY'] is 'my_precious')
    self.assertTrue(app.config['DEBUG'] is True)
    self.assertFalse(current_app is None)
    self.assertTrue(
        app.config['SQLALCHEMY_DATABASE_URI'] == 'postgresql://postgres:@localhost/flask_jwt_auth'
    )
```

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```
import unittest

from project.server import db
from project.server.models import User
from project.tests.base import BaseTestCase



class TestUserModel(BaseTestCase):

    def test_encode_auth_token(self):
        user = User(
            email='test@test.com',
            password='test'
        )
        db.session.add(user)
        db.session.commit()
        auth_token = user.encode_auth_token(user.id)
        self.assertTrue(isinstance(auth_token, bytes))

if __name__ == '__main__':
    unittest.main()
```

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Run the tests. They all should pass.

## Decode Token

Similarly, to decode a token, add the following method to the `User()` class:

Python

```
@staticmethod
def decode_auth_token(auth_token):
    """
    Decodes the auth token
    :param auth_token:
    :return: integer|string
    """
    try:
        payload = jwt.decode(auth_token, app.config.get('SECRET_KEY'))
        return payload['sub']
    except jwt.ExpiredSignatureError:
        return 'Signature expired. Please log in again.'
    except jwt.InvalidTokenError:
```

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Add a test to `test_user_model.py`:

```
Python

def test_decode_auth_token(self):
    user = User(
        email='test@test.com',
        password='test'
    )
    db.session.add(user)
    db.session.commit()
    auth_token = user.encode_auth_token
    self.assertTrue(isinstance(auth_token, str))
    self.assertTrue(User.decode_auth_token(auth_token) == user)
```

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Make sure the tests pass before moving on.

**NOTE:** We will handle invalid tokens by blacklisting them later.



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## Route Setup

Now we can configure the auth routes using a test-first approach:

- `/auth/register`
- `/auth/login`
- `/auth/logout`
- `/auth/user`

Start by creating a new folder called “auth” in “project/server”. Then, within “auth” add two files, `__init__.py` and `views.py`. Finally, add the following code to `views.py`:

```
Python

# project/server/auth/views.py

from flask import Blueprint, request, make_response, jsonify
from flask.views import MethodView

from project.server import bcrypt, db
from project.server.models import User

auth_blueprint = Blueprint('auth', __name__)
```

To register the new `Blueprint` with the app, add the following to the bottom of `project/server/__init__.py`:

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```
class TestAuthBlueprint(BaseTestCase):
    pass

if __name__ == '__main__':
    unittest.main()
```

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## Register Route

Start with a test:

Python

```
def test_registration(self):
    """ Test for user registration """
    with self.client:
        response = self.client.post(
            '/auth/register',
            data=json.dumps(dict(
                email='joe@gmail.com',
                password='123456'
            )),
            content_type='application/json'
        )
        data = json.loads(response.data.decode())
        self.assertTrue(data['status'] == 'success')
        self.assertTrue(data['message'] == 'Successfully registered.')
        self.assertTrue(data['auth_token'])
        self.assertTrue(response.content_type == 'application/json')
        self.assertEqual(response.status_code, 201)
```

Make sure to add the import:

Python

```
import json
```

Run the tests. You should see the following error:

Python

```
raise JSONDecodeError("Expecting value", s, err.value) from None
json.decoder.JSONDecodeError: Expecting value: line 1 column 1 (char 0)
```

Now, let’s write the code to get the test to pass. Add the following to *project/server/auth/views.py*:

Python

```
class RegisterAPI(MethodView):
    """
```

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```
# generate the auth token
auth_token = user.encode_auth_token(user.id)
responseObject = {
    'status': 'success',
    'message': 'Successfully logged in.',
    'auth_token': auth_token
}
return make_response(jsonify(responseObject)), 200
except Exception as e:
    responseObject = {
        'status': 'fail',
        'message': 'Something went wrong.'
    }
    return make_response(jsonify(responseObject)), 500
else:
    responseObject = {
        'status': 'fail',
        'message': 'User already exists. Please Log in.',
    }
    return make_response(jsonify(responseObject)), 202

# define the API resources
registration_view = RegisterAPI.as_view('register_api')

# add Rules for API Endpoints
auth_blueprint.add_url_rule(
    '/auth/register',
    view_func=registration_view,
    methods=['POST']
)
```

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Here, we register a new user and generate a new auth token for further requests, which we send back to the client. Run the tests to ensure they all pass:

Shell

```
Ran 6 tests in 0.132s

OK
```

Next, let's add one more test to ensure the registration fails if the user already exists:

Python

```
def test_registered_with_already_registered_user(self):
    """ Test registration with already registered email """
    user = User(
        email='joe@gmail.com',
        password='test'
    )
    db.session.add(user)
    db.session.commit()
    with self.client:
        response = self.client.post(
            '/auth/register',
```

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## Login Route

Again, start with a test. To verify the logi

1. Registered user login
2. Non-registered user login

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## Registered user login

Python

```
def test_registered_user_login(self):
    """ Test for login of registered-user login """
    with self.client:
        # user registration
        resp_register = self.client.post(
            '/auth/register',
            data=json.dumps(dict(
                email='joe@gmail.com',
                password='123456'
            )),
            content_type='application/json',
        )
        data_register = json.loads(resp_register.data.decode())
        self.assertTrue(data_register['status'] == 'success')
        self.assertTrue(
            data_register['message'] == 'Successfully registered.'
        )
        self.assertTrue(data_register['auth_token'])
        self.assertTrue(resp_register.content_type == 'application/json')
        self.assertEqual(resp_register.status_code, 201)
        # registered user login
        response = self.client.post(
            '/auth/login',
            data=json.dumps(dict(
                email='joe@gmail.com',
                password='123456'
            )),
            content_type='application/json',
        )
        data_login = json.loads(response.data.decode())
        self.assertTrue(data_login['status'] == 'success')
        self.assertTrue(data_login['message'] == 'Successfully logged in.')
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```
User Login Resource
"""
def post(self):
    # get the post data
    post_data = request.get_json()
    try:
        # fetch the user data
        user = User.query.filter(
            email=post_data.get('email')
        ).first()
        auth_token = user.encode_token(post_data.get('password'))
        if auth_token:
            responseObject = {
                'status': 'success',
                'message': 'Successfully logged in',
                'auth_token': auth_token
            }
            return make_response(jsonify(responseObject)), 200
        except Exception as e:
            print(e)
            responseObject = {
                'status': 'fail',
                'message': 'Try again'
            }
            return make_response(jsonify(responseObject)), 500
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9 >>> z
10 {'c': 4, 'a': 1, 'b': 3}
```

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Don't forget to [convert the class to a view function](#):

Python

```
# define the API resources
registration_view = RegisterAPI.as_view('register_api')
login_view = LoginAPI.as_view('login_api')

# add Rules for API Endpoints
auth_blueprint.add_url_rule(
    '/auth/register',
    view_func=registration_view,
    methods=['POST']
)
auth_blueprint.add_url_rule(
    '/auth/login',
    view_func=login_view,
    methods=['POST']
)
```

Run the tests again. Do they pass? They should. Don't move on until all tests pass.

## Non-Registered user login

Add the test:

Python

```
def test_non_registered_user_login(self):
```

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Run the tests, and then update the code:

Python

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```
class LoginAPI(MethodView):
    """
    User Login Resource
    """
    def post(self):
        # get the post data
        post_data = request.get_json()
        try:
            # fetch the user data
            user = User.query.filter_by(
                email=post_data.get('email')
            ).first()
            if user and bcrypt.check_password_hash(
                user.password, post_data.get('password')
            ):
                auth_token = user.encode_auth_token(user.id)
                if auth_token:
                    responseObject = {
                        'status': 'success',
                        'message': 'Successfully logged in.',
                        'auth_token': auth_token.decode()
                    }
                    return make_response(jsonify(responseObject)), 200
            else:
                responseObject = {
                    'status': 'fail',
                    'message': 'User does not exist.'
                }
                return make_response(jsonify(responseObject)), 404
        except Exception as e:
            print(e)
            responseObject = {
                'status': 'fail',
```

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```

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```
def test_user_status(self):
    """ Test for user status """
    with self.client:
        resp_register = self.client.post(
            '/auth/register',
            data=json.dumps(dict(
                email='joe@gmail.com',
                password='123456'
            )),
            content_type='application/json'
        )
        response = self.client.get(
            '/auth/status',
            headers=dict(
                Authorization='Bearer ' + json.loads(
                    resp_register.data.decode()
                )['auth_token']
            )
        )
        data = json.loads(response.data.decode())
        self.assertTrue(data['status'] == 'success')
        self.assertTrue(data['data'] is not None)
        self.assertTrue(data['data']['email'] == 'joe@gmail.com')
        self.assertTrue(data['data']['admin'] is 'true' or 'false')
        self.assertEqual(response.status_code, 200)
```

The test should fail. Now, in the handler class, we should:

- extract the auth token and check its validity
- grab the user id from the payload and get the user details (if the token is valid, of course)

Python

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```
class UserAPI(MethodView):
    """
    User Resource
    """
    def get(self):
        # get the auth token
        auth_header = request.headers.get('Authorization')
        if auth_header:
            auth_token = auth_header.split(" ")[1]
        else:
            auth_token = ''
        if auth_token:
            resp = User.decode_auth_token(auth_token)
            if not isinstance(resp, str):
                user = User.query.filter_by(id=resp).first()
                responseObject = {
                    'status': 'success',
                    'data': {
                        'user_id': user.id,
                        'email': user.email,
                        'admin': user.admin,
                        'registered_on': user.registered_on
                    }
                }
                return make_response(jsonify(responseObject)), 200
            responseObject = {
                'status': 'fail',
                'message': resp
            }
            return make_response(jsonify(responseObject)), 401
        else:
            responseObject = {
                'status': 'fail',
                'message': 'Provide a valid auth token.'
            }
            return make_response(jsonify(responseObject)), 401
```

So, if the token is valid and not expired, we get the user id from the token’s payload, which is then used to get the user data from the database.

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```
    methods=[ GET ]  
    )
```

The tests should pass:

Shell

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OK


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## Logout Route Tests

Tests valid logout:

```
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```

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```
def test_valid_logout(self):  
    """ Test for logout before token  
    with self.client:  
        # user registration  
        resp_register = self.client.  
            '/auth/register',  
            data=json.dumps(dict(  
                email='joe@gmail.com',  
                password='123456'  
            )),  
            content_type='application/json',  
        )  
        data_register = json.loads(resp_register.data.decode())  
        self.assertTrue(data_register['status'] == 'success')  
        self.assertTrue(  
            data_register['message'] == 'Successfully registered.'  
        )  
        self.assertTrue(data_register['auth_token'])  
        self.assertTrue(resp_register.content_type == 'application/json')  
        self.assertEqual(resp_register.status_code, 201)  
        # user login  
        resp_login = self.client.post(  
            '/auth/login',  
            data=json.dumps(dict(  
                email='joe@gmail.com',  
                password='123456'  
            )),  
            content_type='application/json'  
        )  
        data_login = json.loads(resp_login.data.decode())  
        self.assertTrue(data_login['status'] == 'success')  
        self.assertTrue(data_login['message'] == 'Successfully logged in.')  
        self.assertTrue(data_login['auth_token'])  
        self.assertTrue(resp_login.content_type == 'application/json')  
        self.assertEqual(resp_login.status_code, 200)  
        # valid token logout  
        response = self.client.post(  
            '/auth/logout',  
            headers=dict(  
                Authorization='Bearer ' + json.loads(  
                    resp_login.data.decode()  
                )['auth_token']  
            )  
        )  
        data = json.loads(response.data.decode())  
        self.assertTrue(data['status'] == 'success')  
        self.assertTrue(data['message'] == 'Successfully logged out.')  
        self.assertEqual(response.status_code, 200)
```

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```
def test_invalid_logout(self):  
    """ Testing logout after the token expires  
    with self.client:  
        # user registration  
        resp_register = self.client.post(  
            '/auth/register',  
            data=json.dumps(dict(  
                email='joe@gmail.com',  
                password='123456'  
            )),  
            content_type='application/json',  
        )  
        data_register = json.loads(resp_register.data.decode())  
        self.assertTrue(data_register['status'] == 'success')  
        self.assertTrue(  
            data_register['message'] == 'Successfully registered.'  
        )  
        self.assertTrue(data_register['auth_token'])  
        self.assertTrue(resp_register.content_type == 'application/json')  
        self.assertEqual(resp_register.status_code, 201)  
        # user login  
        resp_login = self.client.post(  
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            data=json.dumps(dict(  
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                password='123456'  
            )),  
            content_type='application/json'  
        )  
        data_login = json.loads(resp_login.data.decode())  
        self.assertTrue(data_login['status'] == 'success')  
        self.assertTrue(data_login['message'] == 'Successfully logged in.')  
        self.assertTrue(data_login['auth_token'])  
        self.assertTrue(resp_login.content_type == 'application/json')  
        self.assertEqual(resp_login.status_code, 200)  
        # invalid token logout  
        time.sleep(6)  
        response = self.client.post(  
            '/auth/logout',  
            headers=dict(  
                Authorization='Bearer ' + json.loads(  
                    resp_login.data.decode()  
                )['auth_token']  
            ),  
        )  
        data = json.loads(response.data.decode())  
        self.assertTrue(data['status'] == 'fail')  
        self.assertTrue(  
            data['message'] == 'Signature expired. Please log in again.'  
        )  
        self.assertEqual(response.status_code, 401)
```

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## Blacklist

Add the following code to *project/server*,

Python

```
class BlacklistToken(db.Model):
    """
    Token Model for storing JWT tokens
    """
    __tablename__ = 'blacklist_tokens'



    id = db.Column(db.Integer, primary_key=True)
    token = db.Column(db.String(500), unique=True, nullable=False)
    blacklisted_on = db.Column(db.DateTime, nullable=False)

    def __init__(self, token):
        self.token = token
        self.blacklisted_on = datetime.datetime.now()

    def __repr__(self):
        return '<id: token: {}>'.format(self.token)
```

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Then create and apply the migrations. Once done, your database should have the following tables:

SQL

Schema	Name	Type	Owner
public	alembic_version	table	postgres
public	blacklist_tokens	table	postgres
public	blacklist_tokens_id_seq	sequence	postgres
public	users	table	postgres
public	users_id_seq	sequence	postgres

(5 rows)

With that, we can add the logout handler...

## Logout Route Handler

Update the views:

Python

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```
class LogoutAPI(RegisterAPI):
    """
    Logout Resource
    """
    def post(self):
        # get auth token
        auth_header = request.headers.get('Authorization')
        if auth_header:
            auth_token = auth_header.split(' ')[1]
        else:
            auth_token = ''
        if auth_token:
            resp = User.decode_auth_token(auth_token)
            if not isinstance(resp, list):
                # mark the token as blacklisted
                blacklist_token = {'token': auth_token}
                try:
                    # insert the token
                    db.session.add(blacklist_token)
                    db.session.commit()
                    responseObject = {
                        'status': 'success',
                        'message': 'Successfully logged out.'
                    }
                    return make_response(jsonify(responseObject)), 200
                except Exception as e:
                    responseObject = {
                        'status': 'fail',
                        'message': e
                    }
                    return make_response(jsonify(responseObject)), 200
            else:
                responseObject = {
                    'status': 'fail',
                    'message': resp
                }
                return make_response(jsonify(responseObject)), 401
        else:
            responseObject = {
                'status': 'fail',
                'message': 'Provide a valid auth token.'
            }
            return make_response(jsonify(responseObject)), 403

# define the API resources
registration_view = RegisterAPI.as_view('register_api')
login_view = LoginAPI.as_view('login_api')
user_view = UserAPI.as_view('user_api')
logout_view = LogoutAPI.as_view('logout_api')

# add Rules for API Endpoints
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    '/auth/register',
    view_func=registration_view,
    methods=['POST']
)
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Update the imports:

Python

```
from project.server.models import User
```

When a users logs out, the token is no lo

**NOTE:** Often, larger applications hav  
does not run out of valid tokens.

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Run the tests:

Shell

```
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OK
```



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## Refactoring

Finally, we need to ensure that a token has not been blacklisted, right after the token has been decoded - `decode_auth_token()` - within the logout and user status routes.

First, let’s write a test for the logout route:

Python

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```
email= 'joe@gmail.com' ,
password='123456'

)),
content_type='applicatio
)
data_register = json.loads(r
self.assertTrue(data_registe
self.assertTrue(
    data_register['message']
self.assertTrue(data_registe
self.assertTrue(resp_registe
self.assertEqual(resp_regist
# user login
resp_login = self.client.pos
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self.assertTrue(data_login['status'] == 'success')
self.assertTrue(data_login['message'] == 'Successfully logged in.')
self.assertTrue(data_login['auth_token'])
self.assertTrue(resp_login.content_type == 'application/json')
self.assertEqual(resp_login.status_code, 200)
# blacklist a valid token
blacklist_token = BlacklistToken(
    token=json.loads(resp_login.data.decode())['auth_token'])
db.session.add(blacklist_token)
db.session.commit()
# blacklisted valid token logout
response = self.client.post(
    '/auth/logout',
    headers=dict(
        Authorization='Bearer ' + json.loads(
            resp_login.data.decode()
        )['auth_token']
    )
)
data = json.loads(response.data.decode())
self.assertTrue(data['status'] == 'fail')
self.assertTrue(data['message'] == 'Token blacklisted. Please log in again.')
self.assertEqual(response.status_code, 401)
```

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In this test, we blacklist the token just before the logout route gets hit which makes our valid token unusable.

Update the imports:

Python

from project.server.models import User, BlacklistToken

The test should fail with the following exception:

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```
"""
try:
    payload = jwt.decode(auth_token, SECRET_KEY)
    is_blacklisted_token = BlacklistToken.query.filter_by(token=str(auth_token)).first()
    if is_blacklisted_token:
        return 'Token blacklisted'
    else:
        return payload['sub']
except jwt.ExpiredSignatureError:
    return 'Signature expired. Please log in again.'
except jwt.InvalidTokenError:
    return 'Invalid token. Please log in again.'

```

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Finally, add the `check_blacklist()` function:

Python

```
@staticmethod
def check_blacklist(auth_token):
    # check whether auth token has been blacklisted
    res = BlacklistToken.query.filter_by(token=str(auth_token)).first()
    if res:
        return True
    else:
        return False

```

Before you run the test, update `test_decode_auth_token` to convert the bytes object to a string:

Python

```
def test_decode_auth_token(self):
    user = User(
        email='test@test.com',
        password='test'
    )
    db.session.add(user)
    db.session.commit()
    auth_token = user.encode_auth_token(user.id)
    self.assertTrue(isinstance(auth_token, bytes))
    self.assertTrue(User.decode_auth_token(
        auth_token.decode("utf-8") ) == 1)

```

Run the tests:

Shell

Ran 13 tests in 9.557s

OK

In a similar fashion, add one more test for the user status route.

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```
db.session.add(blacklist_token)
db.session.commit()
response = self.client.get(
    '/auth/status',
    headers=dict(
        Authorization='Bearer ' +
        resp_register.data.get(
            'auth_token'
        )
    )
)
data = json.loads(response.content)
self.assertTrue(data['status'])
self.assertTrue(data['message'])
self.assertEqual(response.status_code, 200)
```

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Similar to the last test, we blacklisted the token before the user status route gets hit.

Run the tests for one final time:

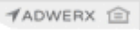
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Finally, take a look at `test_auth.py`. Notice the duplicate code? For example:

Python

```
self.client.post(
    '/auth/register',
    data=json.dumps(dict(
        email='joe@gmail.com',
        password='123456'
    )),
    content_type='application/json',
)
```

There are eight occurrences of this. To fix, add the following helper at the top of the file:

Python

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How about logging in a user? [Refactor](#) it on your own. What else can you refactor? Comment below.

## Refactor



For the [PyBites Challenge](#), let's refactor : following test to `test_auth.py`:

Python

```
def test_user_status_malformed_bearer_token(self):
    """ Test for user status with malformed token """
    with self.client:
        resp_register = register_user('john', 'john@example.com', '12345678')
        response = self.client.get(
            '/auth/status',
            headers=dict(
                Authorization='Bearer' + json.loads(
                    resp_register.data.decode()
                )['auth_token']
            )
        )
        data = json.loads(response.data.decode())
        self.assertTrue(data['status'] == 'fail')
        self.assertTrue(data['message'] == 'Bearer token malformed.')
        self.assertEqual(response.status_code, 401)
```

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Essentially, an error is thrown if the Authorization header is formatted incorrectly - e.g., no space between Bearer and the token value. Run the tests to ensure they fail, and then update the UserAPI class in `project/server/auth/views.py`:

Python

```
class UserAPI(MethodView):
    """
    User Resource
    """
    def get(self):
        # Implement get method
```

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```
user = User.query.filter_by(id=resp).first()
responseObject = {
    'status': 'success',
    'data': {
        'user_id': user.id,
        'email': user.email,
        'admin': user.admin,
        'registered_at': user.registered_at
    }
}
return make_response(jsonify(responseObject))

responseObject = {
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return make_response(jsonify(responseObject)), 401
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Run the tests one final time.

## Conclusion

In this tutorial, we went through the process of adding authentication to a Flask app with JSON Web Tokens. Turn back to the objectives from the beginning of this tutorial. Can you put each one into action? What did you learn?



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Feel free to share your comments, questions, or tips in the comments below. The full code can be found in the [flask-jwt-auth](#) repository.

Cheers!

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