

Bank-Web-App

API Gateway-Service

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1.INTRODUCTION

API Gateway

The API Gateway is the single-entry point for all client requests in a microservices architecture.

Key Features in Local Setup:

- **Routing:** Forwards requests to local microservices based on predefined paths or routes (e.g., /auth/**, /notification/**, /download/**).
- **Centralized Access Point:** Allows frontend or API clients to interact with multiple services via a single local host and port.
- **Local Debugging:** Helps test end-to-end flows across services while debugging or logging at the gateway level.

2. TECH STACK

Technology	Version
JDK	17
Maven	3.6.3
Spring Boot	3.5.3
Kafka	7.4.3
Zookeeper	7.4.3
Zipkin	2.23

3.FILTER

3.1.1. Security-Config

API Gateway – Security Configuration

The SecurityConfig class is responsible for configuring security for the **API Gateway** using **Spring WebFlux Security** and **OAuth2 JWT** authentication. This configuration ensures secure access control across microservices by defining public routes, enforcing role-based authorization, and integrating with an external identity provider (e.g., **Keycloak**).

Key Responsibilities

- **Token-based Authentication**
The API Gateway acts as a resource server, validating incoming **JWT tokens** issued by the authorization server. A custom KeycloakRoleConverter extracts and maps user roles from the token.
- **Public Route Configuration**
Specific endpoints (e.g., authentication, heartbeat checks, and calculators) are publicly accessible without authentication.
- **Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)**
Access to protected endpoints is controlled using predefined user roles:
 - **ROLE_service**: Access to service-level operations (e.g., balance retrieval, EMI deductions).
 - **ROLE_employee**: Access to employee-level operations (e.g., freeze account, branch reporting).
 - **ROLE_admin**: Access to administrative features (e.g., adding branches, generating reports).
- **CSRF Protection Disabled**
Since this is a stateless API Gateway, **CSRF protection is disabled** for simplicity and compatibility with RESTful patterns.

3.1.2 Keycloak-Role-Converter

The KeycloakRoleConverter is a custom component used in the **API Gateway** to extract user roles from a **JWT token** issued by **Keycloak**.

What It Does:

- Reads the realm_access.roles field from the JWT.
- Converts each role into a Spring Security authority (e.g., admin → ROLE_admin).
- Returns a JwtAuthenticationToken containing the user's roles.

Why It's Needed:

Spring Security requires roles in a specific format (ROLE_...). This converter makes sure roles from Keycloak are understood and enforced correctly by the API Gateway.

Example JWT Claim:

```
"realm_access": {  
  "roles": ["admin", "employee"]  
}
```

This will be converted to:

- ROLE_admin
- ROLE_employee

3.1.3 JwtDecoderConfig

The `JwtDecoderConfig` class configures how the **API Gateway** decodes and validates JWT tokens issued by **Keycloak**.

What It Does:

- Defines a `ReactiveJwtDecoder` bean using the **JWK Set URI** from Keycloak:

```
http://localhost:9098/realms/bank-web-app/protocol/openid-connect/certs
```

- Uses **`NimbusReactiveJwtDecoder`** to fetch public keys from Keycloak for verifying token signatures.
- **Disables the default expiration check**, allowing expired tokens to pass validation (not recommended for production).

3.1.4 TokenRefreshFilter

The TokenRefreshFilter is a **custom GlobalFilter** used in the **Spring Cloud Gateway** to handle **JWT expiration and automatic token refresh** using **Keycloak**.

Purpose

This filter intercepts incoming HTTP requests, checks if the **access token is expired**, and if so:

- Validates the refresh token stored in **Redis**.
- Requests a new access token from **Keycloak**.
- Injects the refreshed access token into the request header.
- Proceeds with the updated request transparently.

Feature	Description
JWT Expiration Check	Parses and checks if the access token has expired using SignedJWT.
Redis Integration	Retrieves and matches stored access_token and refresh_token by user ID.
Keycloak Integration	Uses the refresh token to obtain a new access token from Keycloak.
Request Mutation	Adds the new access token to the Authorization header before forwarding.
Graceful Failure Handling	Returns 401 Unauthorized if tokens are invalid or expired.