The Anatomy of a Secure Java Web App Using Apache Fortress

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Objective

Think about how we should be securing web apps.

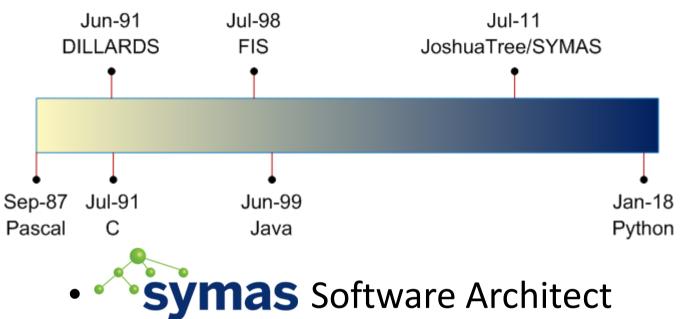
(If we pulled out all stops)

Intro



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• OpenLDAP Engineering Team

Agenda

- 1. Have a quick look at OWASP Vulnerability Scanning and Java Remote Code Execution Vulnerability
- 2. End-to-End Security w/ Apache Fortress Samples
- 3. Talk about RBAC, ABAC and how they can work together.

Recommendation

Listen and absorb *conceptually*. Slides are published and have the *details*.

https://iamfortress.files.wordpress.com/2018/09/anatomy-secure-web-app-acna-2018-v5.pdf



What's The Problem

- Equifax Breach
 - 143 million Americans' personal info, including names, addresses, dates of birth and SSNs compromised.
 - Only a veneer of security in place.



https://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/WW/S2-045

Summary

Possible Remote Code Execution when performing file upload based on Jakarta Multipart parser.

Who should read this	All Struts 2 developers and users
Impact of vulnerability	Possible RCE when performing file upload based on Jakarta Multipart parser
Maximum security rating	Critical
Recommendation	Upgrade to Struts 2.3.32 or Struts 2.5.10.1
Affected Software	Struts 2.3.5 - Struts 2.3.31, Struts 2.5 - Struts 2.5.10
Reporter	Nike Zheng <nike at="" cn="" com="" dbappsecurity="" dot="" zheng=""></nike>
CVE Identifier	CVE-2017-5638



The Exploit

"The Jakarta Multipart parser in Apache Struts 2 2.3.x before 2.3.32 and 2.5.x before 2.5.10.1 mishandles file upload, which allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary commands via a #cmd= string in a crafted Content-Type HTTP header, as exploited in the wild in March 2017."

https://cve.mitre.org/cgi-bin/cvename.cgi?name=CVE-2017-5638



The Solution

Ensure all appropriate patches have been applied.



How do we ensure that our software is free of vulnerabilities?



The Solution (Take 1)

Perform software vulnerability scans.

https://www.owasp.org/index.php/OWASP
Dependency Check



OWASP Vulnerability Scanning

```
Add to your Maven pom.xml file:
<plugin>
     <groupId>org.owasp
     <artifactId>dependency-check-maven</artifactId>
     <version>3.3.1</version>
     <configuration>
     <failBuildOnAnyVulnerability>true</failBuildOnAnyVulnerability>
   <suppressionFile>${project.basedir}.../suppression.xml</suppressionFile>
     </configuration>
</plugin>
```



False Positives

[INFO] BUILD FAILURE

[ERROR] Failed to execute goal org.owasp:dependency-check-maven:3.3.1:check (default) on project fortress-core:

[ERROR]

[ERROR] One or more dependencies were identified with vulnerabilities:

[ERROR] accelerator-api-1.0-RC41.jar: CVE-2006-5779, CVE-2002-1508, CVE-2009-3767, CVE-2013-4449, CVE-2011-4079, CVE-2017-14159, CVE-2002-1378, CVE-2002-0045, CVE-2002-1379, CVE-2006-6493, CVE-2007-6698, CVE-2012-1164, CVE-2017-9287, CVE-2005-4442, CVE-2015-3276, CVE-2017-17740, CVE-2005-2069, CVE-2012-2668, CVE-2015-6908

[ERROR]

[ERROR] See the dependency-check report for more details.

[ERROR] -> [Help 1]

[ERROR] For more information about the errors and possible solutions, please read the following articles:

 $[ERROR] \ [Help\ 1]\ http://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/MAVEN/MojoFailureException$

smckinn@ubuntu:~/GIT/fortressDev/directory-fortress-core\$ mvn install -Powasp



Suppress False Positives

```
<suppressions xmlns="https://jeremylong.github.io/DependencyCheck/dependency-
   suppression.1.1.xsd">
  <!-- Suppress OWASP warnings about openIdap serverside vulnerabilities. -->
  <suppress>
    <notes><![CDATA[
   file name: accelerator-api-1.0-RC41.jar
   ll></<del>notes></del>
    <gav regex="true">^org\.openIdap:accelerator-api:.*$</gav>
    <cpe>cpe:/a:openIdap:openIdap</cpe>
  </suppress>
</suppressions>
```



How do we ensure that our software is free of vulnerabilities yet to be detected?

It practically can't be done.



So Now What?

"Security best practices dictate that this user have as little privilege as possible on the server itself, since security vulnerabilities in web applications and web servers are so commonly exploited."



The Solution (Take 2)

Practice the principle of least privilege.



Principle of least privilege

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ Principle of least privilege

Not to be confused with Rule of least power.

In information security, computer science, and other fields, the principle of least privilege (also known as the principle of minimal privilege or the principle of least authority) requires that in a particular abstraction layer of a computing environment, every module (such as a process, a user, or a program, depending on the subject) must be able to access only the information and resources that are necessary for its legitimate purpose [1][2]

Java Object Serialization Exploit

```
public class BadCode
  implements java.io.Serializable...
private void
 readObject(java.io.ObjectInputStream in)
   in.defaultReadObject();
   Runtime.getRuntime().exec( cmd );
```

Java's remote code execution exploit occurs when a rogue object is read from an input resource and deserialized.

Employ a Runtime Java Security Policy



Example # 1

```
Begin serial exploit test....
Input: duke moscone center
Serialized data is saved in myObject.ser
BadCode will now run hacker script
user.home=/home/myuser
execute hacker command...
Exception in thread "main"
 java.security.AccessControlException:
 access denied ("java.io.FilePermission"
  ".../hacker-script.sh" "execute")
```

Not a Perfect Solution

```
grant codeBase "file:${catalina.home}/webapps/my-web-app-1/-" {
   permission java.net.SocketPermission "localhost", "resolve";
   permission java.io.FilePermission ".../resources/good-scripts*", "execute";
   permission java.net.SocketPermission "127.0.0.1:32768", "connect,resolve";
   permission java.lang.reflect.ReflectPermission "suppressAccessChecks";
   permission java.io.SerializablePermission "enableSubclassImplementation";
   permission java.lang.reflect.ReflectPermission "suppressAccessChecks";
};
```

Permission Target Name	What the Permission Allows	Risks of Allowing this Permission
suppressAccessChecks	ability to access fields and invoke methods in a class. Note that this includes not only public, but protected and private fields and methods as well.	This is dangerous in that information (possibly confidential) and methods normally unavailable would be accessible to malicious code.

One day maybe...

Beyond Java 8

- Modularization
- Improved encapsulation
- Finer control over package access.



Meanwhile

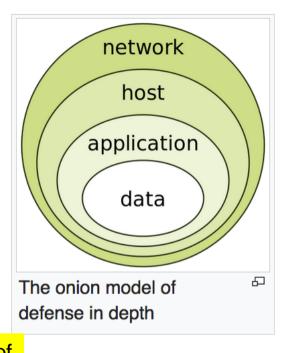
What should we do?



Defense in depth [edit]

Main article: Defense in depth (computing)

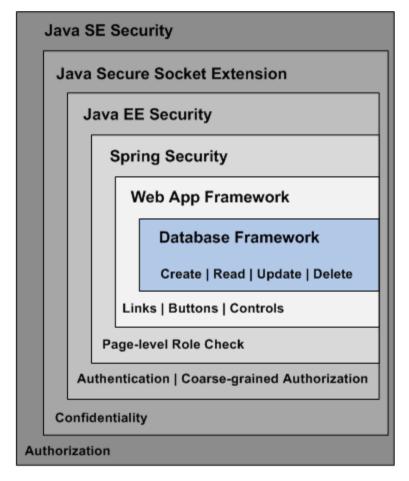
Information security must protect information throughout the life span of the information, from the initial creation of the information on through to the final disposal of the information. The information must be protected while in motion and while at rest. During its lifetime, information may pass through many different information processing systems and through many different parts of information processing systems. There are many different ways the information and information systems can be threatened. To fully protect the information during its lifetime, each component of the information processing system must have its own protection mechanisms. The building up, layering on and overlapping of



security measures is called **defense in depth**. In contrast to a metal chain, which is famously only as strong as its weakest link, the defense-in-depth aims at a structure where, should one defensive measure fail, other measures will continue to provide protection.

Java Web Security Layers

- 1. Java SE Security
- 2. Java Secure Socket Extension (JSSE)
- 3. Java EE Security
- 4. Spring Security
- 5. Web App Framework
- 6. Database Framework



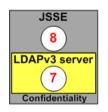


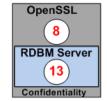
Each with a specific purpose

- 1. Java SE Security ----- principle of least privilege
- 2.JSSE ----- private conversations
- 3. Java EE Security ----- deadbolt on front door
- 4. Spring Security ----- locks on room doors
- 5. Web App Framework locks on equipment in rooms
- 6. Database Functions ---- content filtering

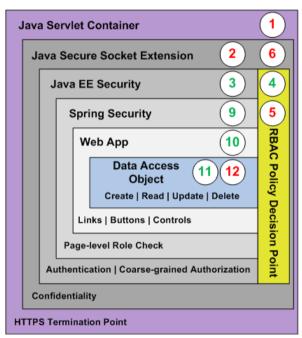


Example #2





Apache
Fortress
Demo





https://github.com/shawnmckinney/apache-fortress-demo

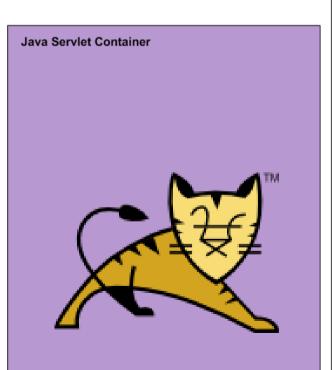
Two Areas of Control

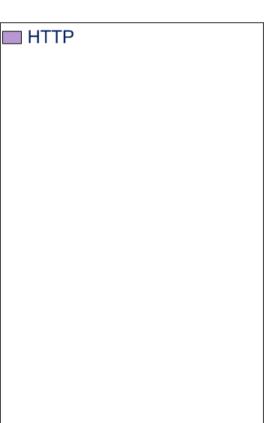
1.JavaSE, JSSE, JavaEE and Spring Declarative controls

2.Programmatic AuthZ controls in the Web and DB layers



Start with Tomcat Servlet Container





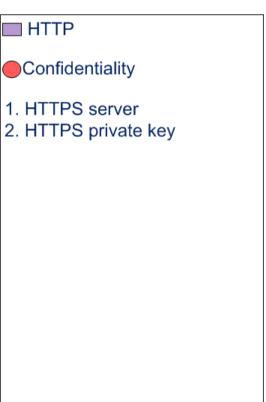


1 & 2. Enable HTTPS

ssssh!!!

- 1. Update the Server.xml
- 2. Add private key

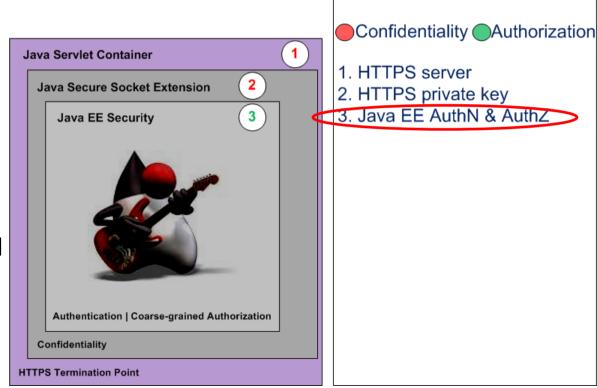






3. Enable Java EE Security the deadbolt

- a. Update web.xml
- b. Drop the proxy jar
- c. Add context.xml
- d. Add fortress to pom.xml



HTTP



Current Specs for Java EE Security

- 1. JSR-196 JASPIC AuthN
- 2. JSR-115 JAAC AuthZ
- 3. JSR-375 JavaEE Security API



What is a Realm?

A Realm is a "database" of usernames and passwords that identify valid users of a web application (or set of web applications), plus an enumeration of the list of roles associated with each valid user.

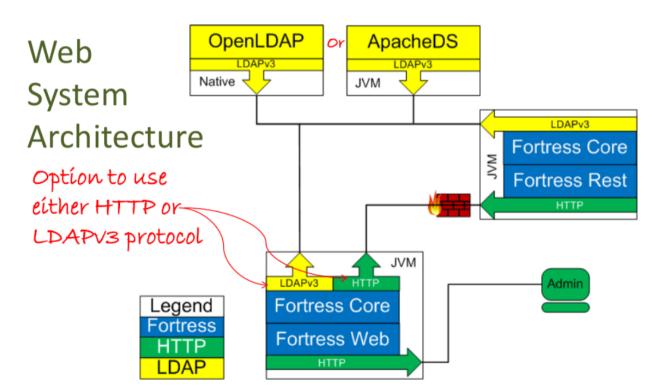
https://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-9.0-doc/realm-howto.html



Apache Fortress™

Access Management SDK and Web Components

A standards-based access management system, written in Java, supports ANSI INCITS 359 RBAC and more.

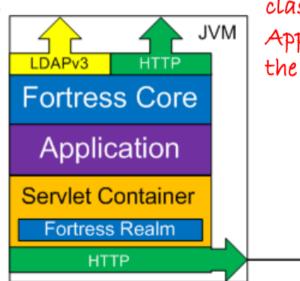


Apache Fortress Context Realm

Realm Context System Architecture

Shares the RBAC session (activated roles) created inside the Realm with the App.

> Legend Apps Fortress Tomcat



Isolates Fortress classes inside the App's war from the Container



http://

Add Fortress Realm Dependency

Add Fortress Dependency to web app's pom.xml: <dependency> <groupId>org.apache.directory.fortress/groupId> <artifactId>

fortress-realm-impl



Enable Fortress Context Realm

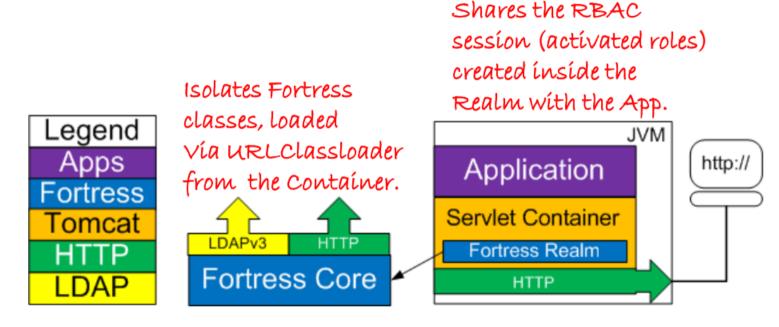
Add context.xml to META-INF folder:

```
<Context reloadable="true">
 < Realm className=</pre>
  "org.apache.directory.fortress.realm.tomcat.Tc7AccessMgrProxy"
  defaultRoles="ROLE PAGE1, ROLE PAGE2,
  ROLE PAGE3,..."
  contextId="tenant314"
</Context>
```

https://github.com/shawnmckinney/apache-fortress-demo/blob/master/src/main/resources/META-INF/context.xml



V use Host Realm, doesn't expose the App to Fortress Realm Host System Architecture







Enable Fortress Tomcat Realm

Drop the Fortress Realm Proxy Jar in Tomcat's lib folder:



Enable Fortress Tomcat Realm

```
1. Java EE container
   Add to App's Web.xml
                                                         protects this URL
   <security-constraint>
                                                         Automatically.
    <display-name>My Project Security Constraint</display-name>
    <web-resource-collection>
      <web-resource-name>Protected Area</web-resource-name>
      <url-pattern>/wicket/*≪/url-pattern>
    </web-resource-collection>
                                                          2. All users must
    <auth-constraint>
      <role-name>DEMO2 USER</role-name>
                                                          have this role to
    </auth-constraint>
   </security-constraint>
                                                          gain entry.
   <login-config>
     <auth-method>FORM</auth-method>
                                                         -3. Route un-authN
    <realm-name>MySecurityRealm</realm-name>
                                                          requests to my form.
    <form-login-config>
<form-login-page>/login/login.html</form-login-page>
```

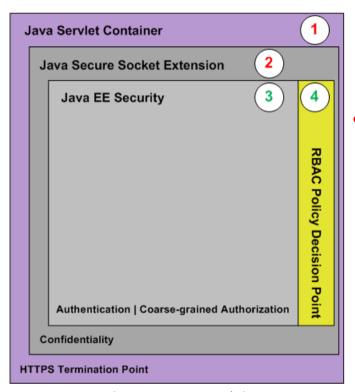
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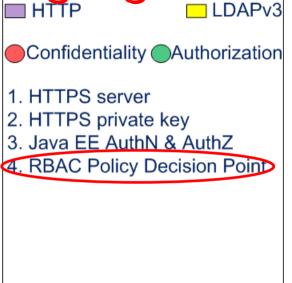
4. Setup **Policy Decision Point**



LDAPv3 server

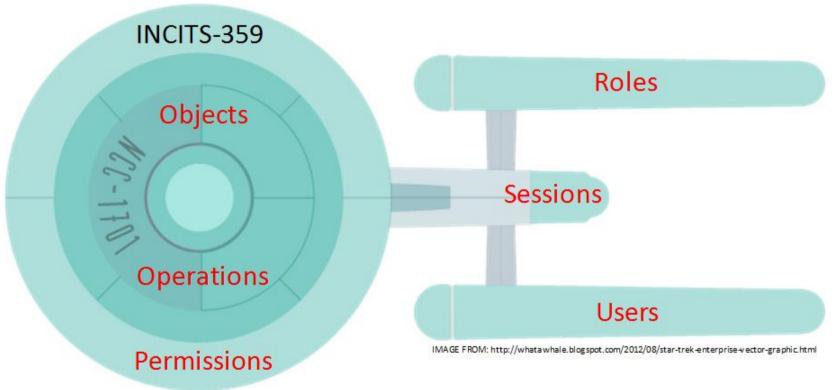








Intro to the RBAC Standard





Use ANSI RBAC INCITS 359 Specification

RBACO:

Users, Roles, Perms, Sessions

RBAC1:

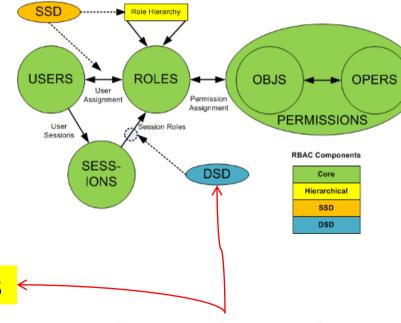
Hierarchical Roles

RBAC2:

Static Separation of Duties

RBAC3:

Dynamic Separation of Duties





Today we demothis

Early Years

- The Role-Based Access Control model was formally introduced in 1992 by David Ferraiolo and Richard Kuhn of National Institute of Standards and Technology.
- Their model, already in use for some time, was meant to address critical shortcomings of the Discretionary Access Control. DAC was not meeting the needs of non-DoD organizations.
- In particular integrity was lacking, defined by them, as the requirement for data and process to be modified only in authorized ways by authorized users.





Middle Years

- Eight years later, in 2000, they teamed with Ravi Sandhu and produced another influential paper entitled 'The NIST Model for a Role-Based Access Control: Towards a Unified Standard'.
- Later the team released the RBAC formal model. One that laid out in discrete terms how these types of systems were to work. The specifications, written in Z-notation, left no ambiguity whatsoever.
- This model formed the basis for the standard that followed:
 - ANSI INCITS 359





Current Years

- INCITS 359-2012 RBAC also known as Core.
- INCITS 494-2012 RBAC Policy Enhanced allows attribute modifiers on permissions specifically to provide support for fine-grained authorization.





Use RBAC Object Model

Six basic elements:

- 1. User human or machine entity
- 2. Role a job function within an organization
- 3. Object maps to system resources
- 4. Operation executable image of program
- **5. Permission** approval to perform an Operation on one or more Objects
- 6. Session contains set of activated roles for User





Use RBAC Functional Model

APIs form three standard interfaces:

Management and Config processes

- 1. Admin Add, Update, Delete
- 2. Review Read, Search
- 3. System Access Control

Demo runtime

processes





Use RBAC Functional Model

System Manager APIs:

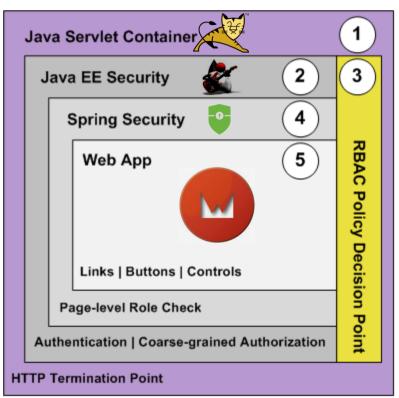
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- 1. createSession authenticate, activate roles
- 2. checkAccess permission check
- 3. sessionPermissions all perms active for user
- 4. sessionRoles return all roles active
- 5. addActiveRole add new role to session
- 6. dropActiveRole remove role from session





Example #3: Role Engineering Sample



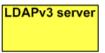
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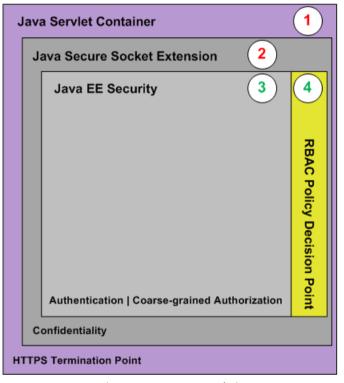
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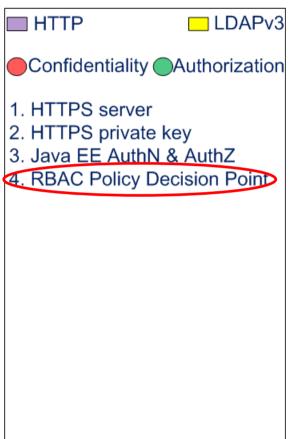
- LDAPv3
- 1. HTTP server
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4. Back to Installing a policy decision point



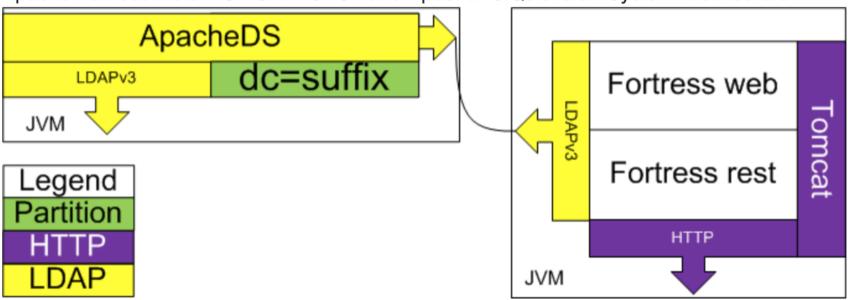






ApacheDS & Fortress QUICKSTART

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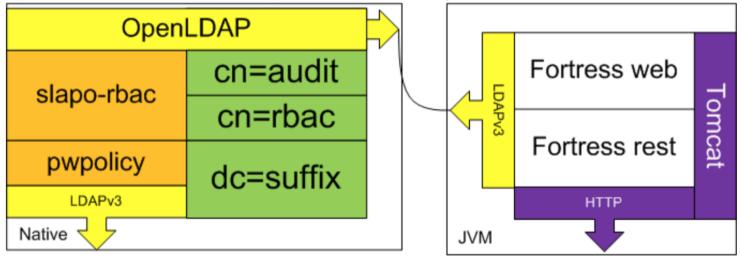


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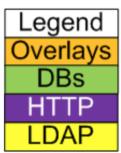


OpenLDAP & Fortress QUICKSTART

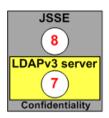
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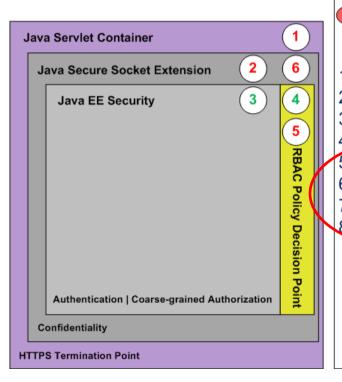
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5 – 8 Enable LDAP SSL



confidentiality

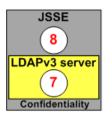




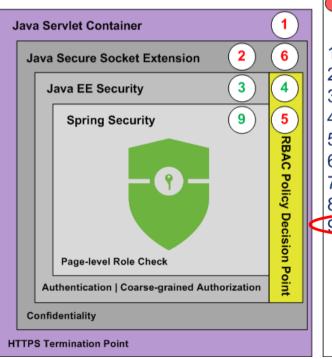


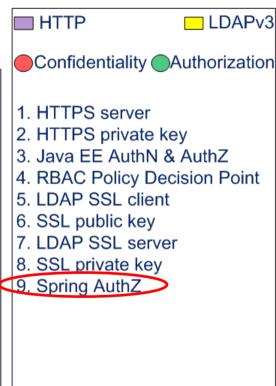
9. EnableSpringSecurity

- a. Authorization
- b. Role mapping



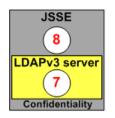
locks on the rooms



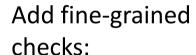




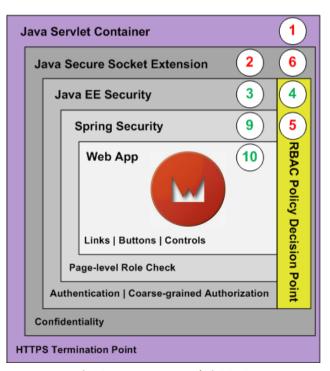
10. Web App Authorization



locks on equipment



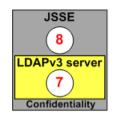
- a. Page links
- b. Buttons
- c. Other controls

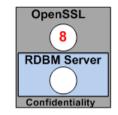






11. DAO Authorization





filtering

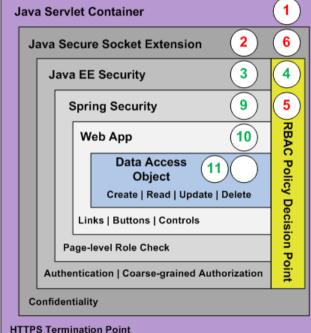


- Confidentiality Authorization
- Java EE Security

Checks to: Create

Add fine-grained

- Read
- Update
- Delete

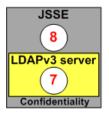


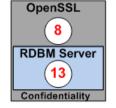
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- 3. Java EE AuthN & AuthZ
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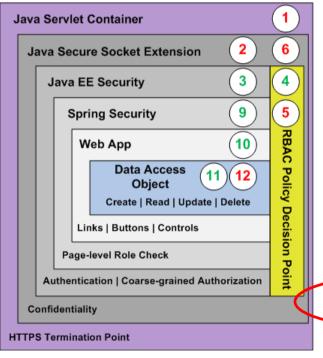
12, 13. Enable DB SSL

- 12. Client
- a. public key
- b. config
- 13. Server
- a. private key
- b. config









confidentiality

- HTTP JDBC □ LDAPv3
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- 12. JDBC SSL client
- 13. Database SSL server

Apache Fortress Demo

- Three Pages and Three Customers
- One role for every page to customer combo
- Users may be assigned to one or more roles
- One and only one role may be activated

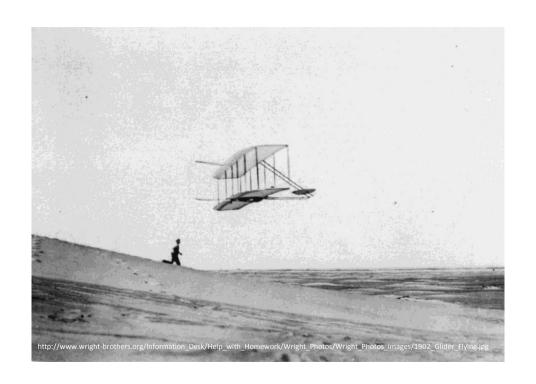
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Page One	PAGE1_123	PAGE1_456	PAGE1_789
Page Two	PAGE2_123	PAGE2_456	PAGE2_789
Page Three	PAGE3_123	PAGE3_456	PAGE3_789



User123	Customer 123	Customer 456	Customer 789
Page1	True	False	False
Page2	True	False	False
Page3	True	False	False
User1	Customer 123	Customer 456	Customer 789
Page1	True	True	True
Page2	False	False	False
Page3	False	False	False
User1_123	Customer 123	Customer 456	Customer 789
Page1	True	False	False
Page2	False	False	False
Page3	False	False	False

User456	Customer 123	Customer 456	Customer 789
Page1	False	True	False
Page2	False	True	False
Page3	False	True	False
User2	Customer 123	Customer 456	Customer 789
Page1	False	False	False
Page2	True	True	True
Page3	False	False	False
User2_123	Customer 123	Customer 456	Customer 789
Page1	False	True	False
Page2	False	False	False
Page3	False	False	False

RBAC Demo





Testing

- Verify security functionality via automation.
- Beware of regressions. Can go unnoticed for weeks, months, years.

https://github.com/shawnmckinney/apache-fortress-demo/.../ApacheFortressDemoSeleniumITCase.java



Apache Fortress Demo

 https://github.com/shawnmckinney/apachefortress-demo

User Foo	Customer 123	Customer 456	Customer 789
Page1	False	True	True
Page2	True	False	False
Page3	True	False	False

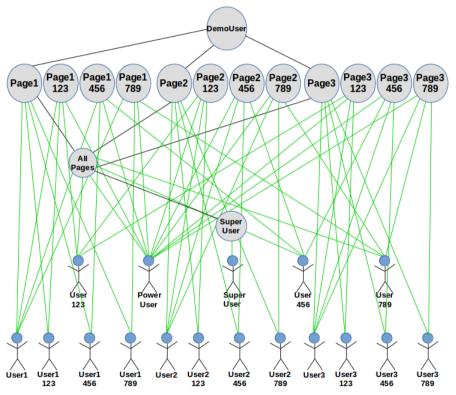


We still have a problem...

• ou=Roles (17)



Roles Have Exploded







Cartesian Product

$$A \times B = \{(a,b) \mid a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\}$$

-A: role

—B : relationships



Number of Roles = sizeof(A) * sizeof(B)

Roles (A) Relationships (B)

Page1 Customer 123

Page2 * Customer 456

Page3 Customer 789

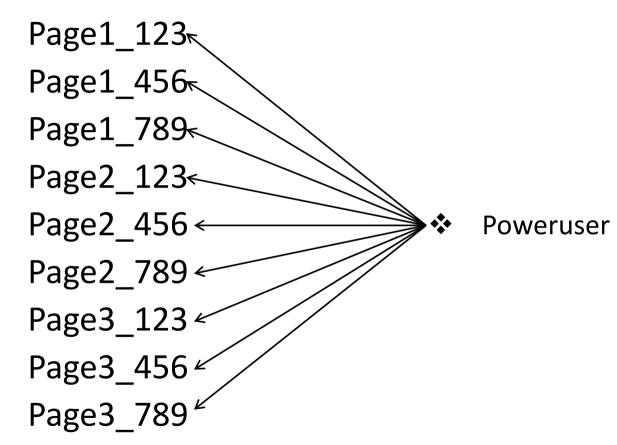
Roles

- 1. Page1-123
- 2. Page1-456
- 3. Page1-789
- 4. Page2-123
- 5. Page2-456
- 6. Page2-789
- 7. Page3-123
- 8. Page3-456
- 9. Page3-789



RBAC only

Roles



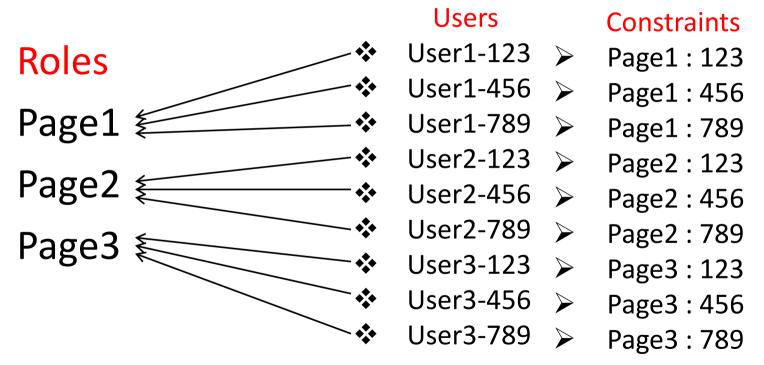


The Solution

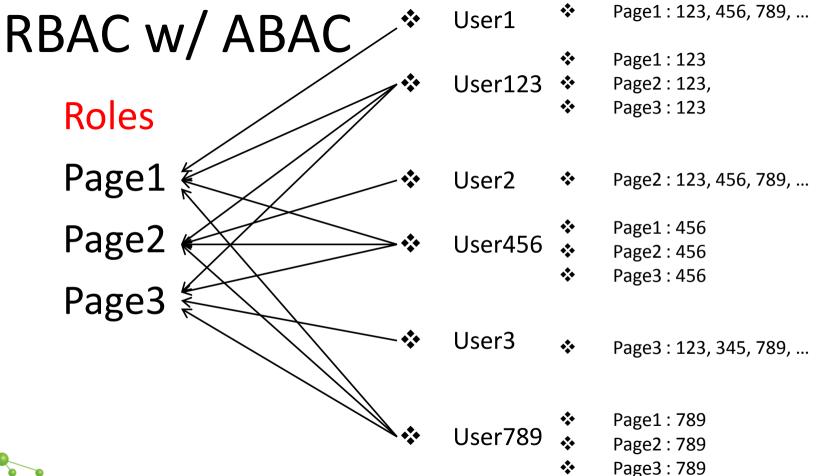
Use attributes to constrain under what conditions roles may be activated.



RBAC w/ ABAC









RBAC w/ ABAC

Roles





Under the Hood





RBAC only

RBAC

ABAC

▼ å ou=Roles (23)

m cn=ABAC_PAGE1

mcn=ABAC PAGE3

▼ & ou=Roles (17)

@ cn=PAGE3 789

displavName ftCstr **ftProps**

uid

ftRA

ftRA

uidNumber

description

PAGE1 123 PAGE2 123

user123

1237

test2

initAttrArrays:

ftRA PAGE3 123 PAGE1 123\$0\$0000\$0000\$none\$none\$none\$none\$all ftRC PAGE2 123\$0\$0000\$0000\$none\$none\$none\$none\$all ftRC

ftRC

uid uidNumber

description

ftProps

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ftRC

ftRC

ftRC

ftRC

displayName ftCstr

user123

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test2 user123\$0\$\$\$\$\$\$

initAttrArrays: ABAC PAGE1

ABAC PAGE2

ABAC PAGE3

ABAC PAGE150555555 abac_page1\$type\$USER\$customer\$123\$

ABAC PAGE250555555

abac_page3\$type\$USER\$customer\$123\$

abac_page2\$type\$USER\$customer\$123\$ ABAC PAGE3S0SSSSSSS

PAGE3 123\$0\$0000\$0000\$none\$none\$none\$none\$all

Apache Fortress Demo User123 Access all Pages for Customer 123

user123\$0\$0000\$0000\$20090101\$20990101\$none\$none\$1234567



Role Constraints

```
<roleconstraint role="PAGE1"</pre>
 key="customer" ... />
<roleconstraint role="PAGE2"</pre>
 key="customer" ... />
<roleconstraint role="PAGE3"</pre>
 key="customer" ... />
```

User-Role Constraints

```
<roleconstraint userId="User123" role="PAGE1"</pre>
  key="customer" value="123" ... />
<roleconstraint userId="User123" role="PAGE2"</pre>
  key="customer" value="123" ... />
<roleconstraint userId="User123" role="PAGE3"</pre>
  key="customer" value="123" ... />
```

```
User user = new User("curly");
                                           Code Sample
// This is new:
RoleConstraint constraint = new RoleConstraint();
// In practice we're not gonna pass hard-coded key-values in here:
constraint.setKey( "customer" );
constraint.setValue( "123" );
// This is just boilerplate goop:
List<RoleConstraint> constraints = new ArrayList();
constraints.add( constraint );
try
   // Create the RBAC session with ABAC constraint -- customer=123, asserted:
   Session session = accessMgr.createSession( user, constraints );
               https://github.com/shawnmckinney/fortress-abac-demo/blob/master/src/main/java/com/mycompany/MyBasePage.java
```

// Nothing new here:

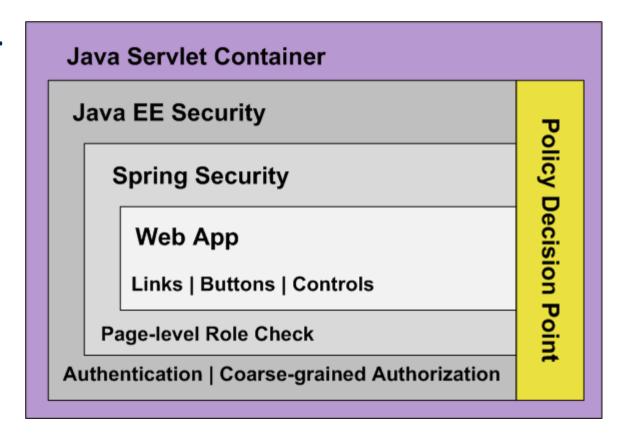
Example #4

Apache

Fortress

ABAC

Demo



https://github.com/shawnmckinney/fortress-abac-demo

ABAC Demo

nis is the first time you've seen this Stop error screen. art your computer. If this screen appears again, follow e steps: to make sure any new hardware or software is properly installed nis is a new installation, ask your hardware or software manufact any Windows updates you might need. oblems continue, disable or remove any newly and led hardware oftware. Disable BIOS memory options such as design or shadowing ou need to use Safe Mode to remove disable computer, press F8 to select Advanced Startup and design of them ct Safe Mode. nical information: STOP: 0x00000050 (0xFD3094C2,0x00000) Stamp 3d6d SPCMDCON.SYS - Address FBFE7617 base at

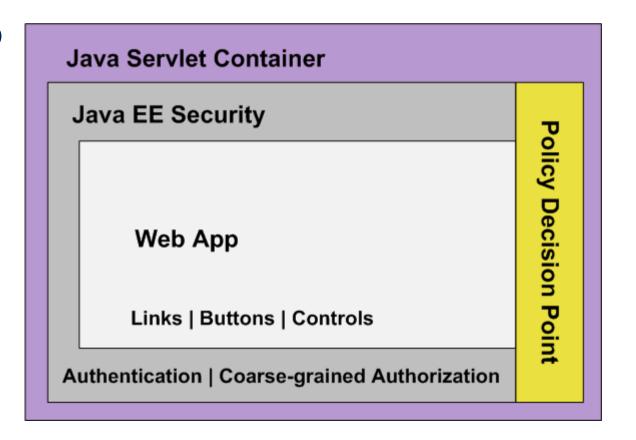


Example #5

RBAC

ABAC

Demo



https://github.com/shawnmckinney/rbac-abac-sample

Closing Thoughts

- 1. Never allow users more than they need to do their jobs
 - Principle of Least Privilege
- 2. Apply security controls across many layers
 - Defense in Depth
- 3. RBAC may be combined with ABAC
 - Fine-grained Authorization

Examples

- 1. https://github.com/shawnmckinney/serial-exploit-sample
- 2. https://github.com/shawnmckinney/apache-fortress-demo
- 3. https://github.com/shawnmckinney/role-engineering-sample
- 4. https://github.com/shawnmckinney/fortress-abac-demo
- 5. https://github.com/shawnmckinney/rbac-abac-sample
 Bowus:
- 6. https://github.com/shawnmckinney/fortress-saml-demo



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