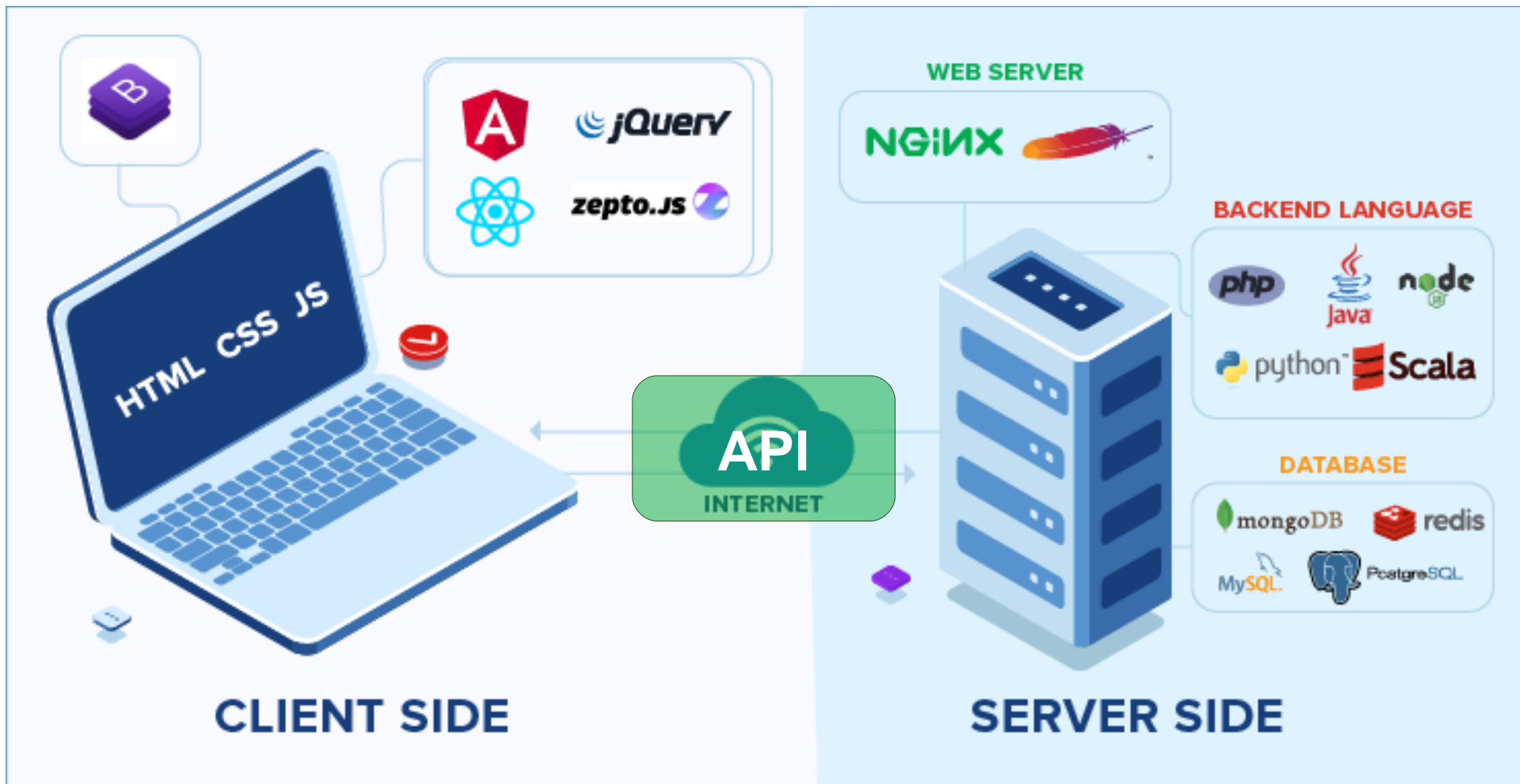


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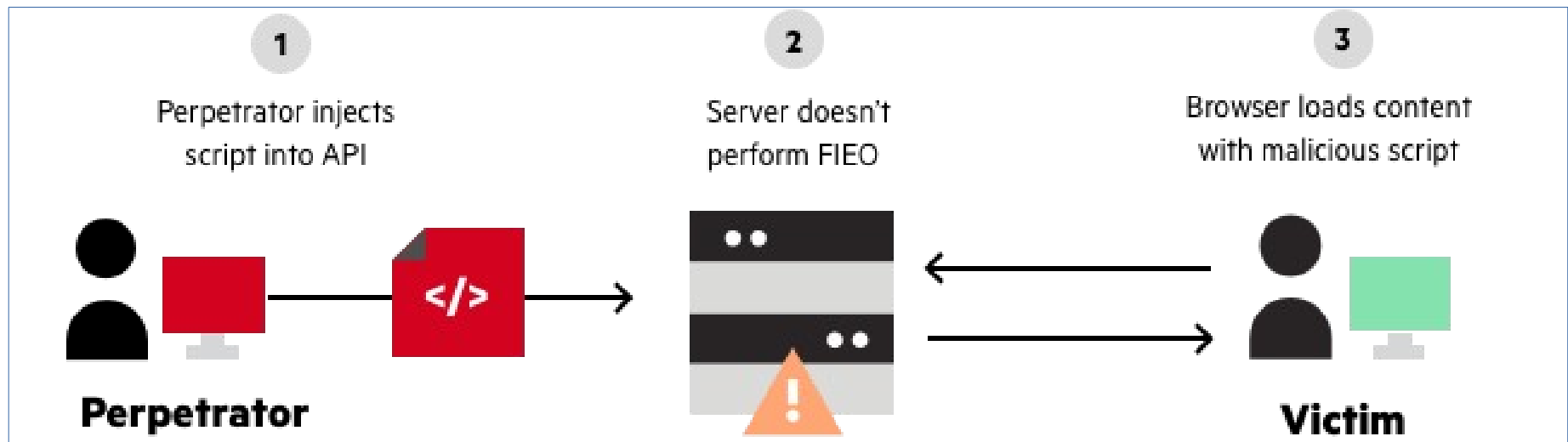
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# API Security Threats

## 1) Man In The Middle (MITM)

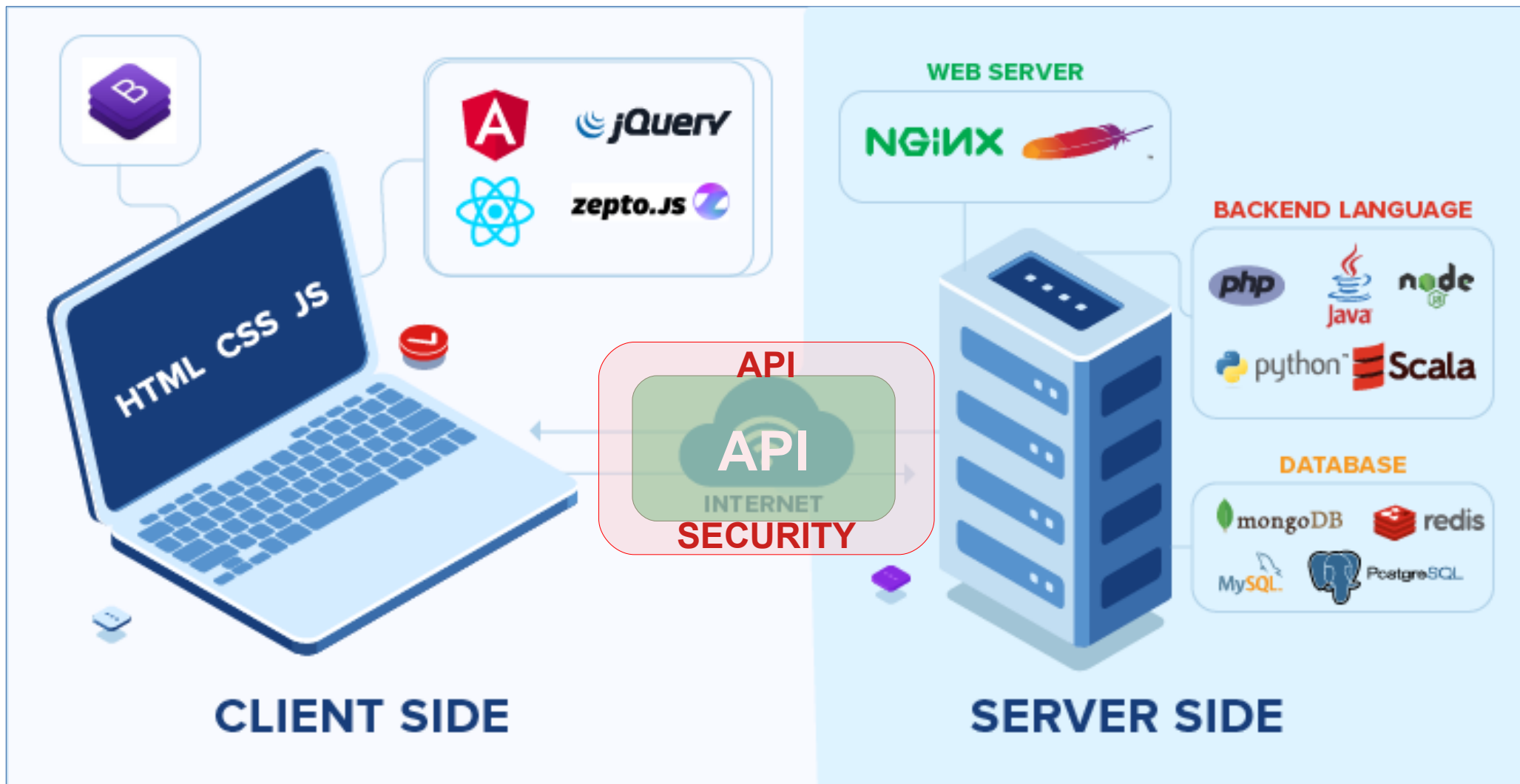
- Interception; secretly relaying, intercepting or altering communications, including API messages, between two parties to obtain sensitive information

## 2) API injections (XSS and SQLi)



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# API Security Best Practices

## 1) Authentication

- Determine the identity of an end user. In a REST API, authentication can be implemented using the TLS protocol.

## 2) Authorization

- Determine the resources that an identified user can access. An API should be built and tested to prevent users from accessing API functions or operations outside their predefined role.

# API Security

**1) Tokens: JWT, OAuth, OAuth2**

**2) Tools:**

- Metasploit
- Cloudflare
- Netsparker
- SoapUI Pro
- Okta
- Sscreen

# JWT: JSON Web Tokens

- 1)JSON Web Tokens (JWT), pronounced "jot", had been a standard since the information carried is transmitted via JSON**
- 2)JSON Web Tokens work across different programming languages: JWTs work in .NET, Python, Node.js, Java, PHP, Ruby, Go, JavaScript, and Haskell**
- 3)JWTs are self-contained; they will carry all the information necessary within itself.**

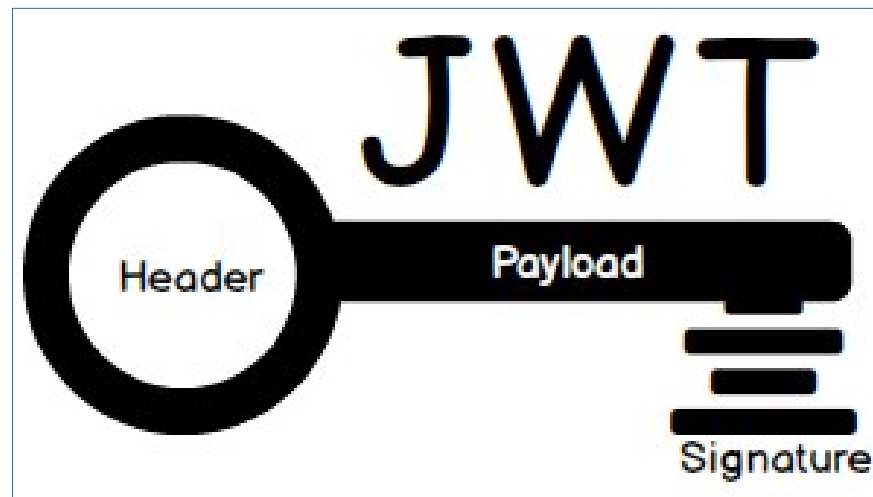
# JWT: JSON Web Tokens

# 1)A JWT is easy to identify; a three strings separated by “.”

**e.g.:**

eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwibmFtZSI6IjE1JhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJmRhbGwzRGVnZ2VzIiwiaWF0IjoxNTE2MjM5MDIyLCJpcyI6ImNMEyC8ohN8WF\_WRnRtdHMItoVizcscPiWsQJX9hmcw

## 2) The 3 parts are:





# JWT: Header

## 1) Carries two parts:

- Declaring the type, which is JWT
- the hashing algorithm to use (HMAC SHA256 in this case)

```
{  
  "typ": "JWT",  
  "alg": "HS256"  
}
```

```
eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9
```

# JWT: Payload

- 1) Carry the bulk of JWT; also called the JWT Claims. This is where the information to be transmitted is located and other information about the token.
- 2) There are multiple claims that one can provide. This includes registered, public and private claim names.

# JWT: Payload (Registered Claims)

**1) Claims that are not mandatory whose names are reserved for us.**

iss	The issuer of the token
sub	The subject of the token
aud	The audience of the token
exp	This will probably be the registered claim most often used. This will define the expiration in NumericDate value. The expiration MUST be after the current date/time.
nbf	Defines the time before which the JWT MUST NOT be accepted for processing
iat	The time the JWT was issued. Can be used to determine the age of the JWT
jti	Unique identifier for the JWT. Can be used to prevent the JWT from being replayed. This is helpful for a one time use token.

## JWT: Payload (Public and Private Claims)

## 1) Public Claims

- **These are the claims that we create ourselves like user name, information, and other important information.**

## 2) Private Claims

- **A producer and consumer may agree to use claim names that are private. These are subject to collision, so use them with caution.**

```
{ "exp": 3600,  
  "email": "doctor@gmail.com",  
  "role": "user" }  
eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwibmFtZSI6IkJhbmRhOGwgRGVnZ2VzIiwiaWF0IjoxNTE2MjM5MDIyfQ
```

# JWT: Signature

**1) This signature is made up of a hash of the following components:**

- the header
- the payload
- secret

```
var encodedString =  
base64UrlEncode(header) + "." +  
base64UrlEncode(payload) ;  
  
HMACSHA256(encodedString, 'secret') ;
```

# JWT: Secret

- 1) The secret is the signature held by the server. This is the way that server will be able to verify existing tokens and sign new ones
- 2) Executing Artisan CLI of creating JWT Secret will update `.env` file with something like `JWT_SECRET=XXX`
- 3) It is the key that will be used to sign the tokens

```
php artisan jwt:secret
```

# JWT: Use of Token

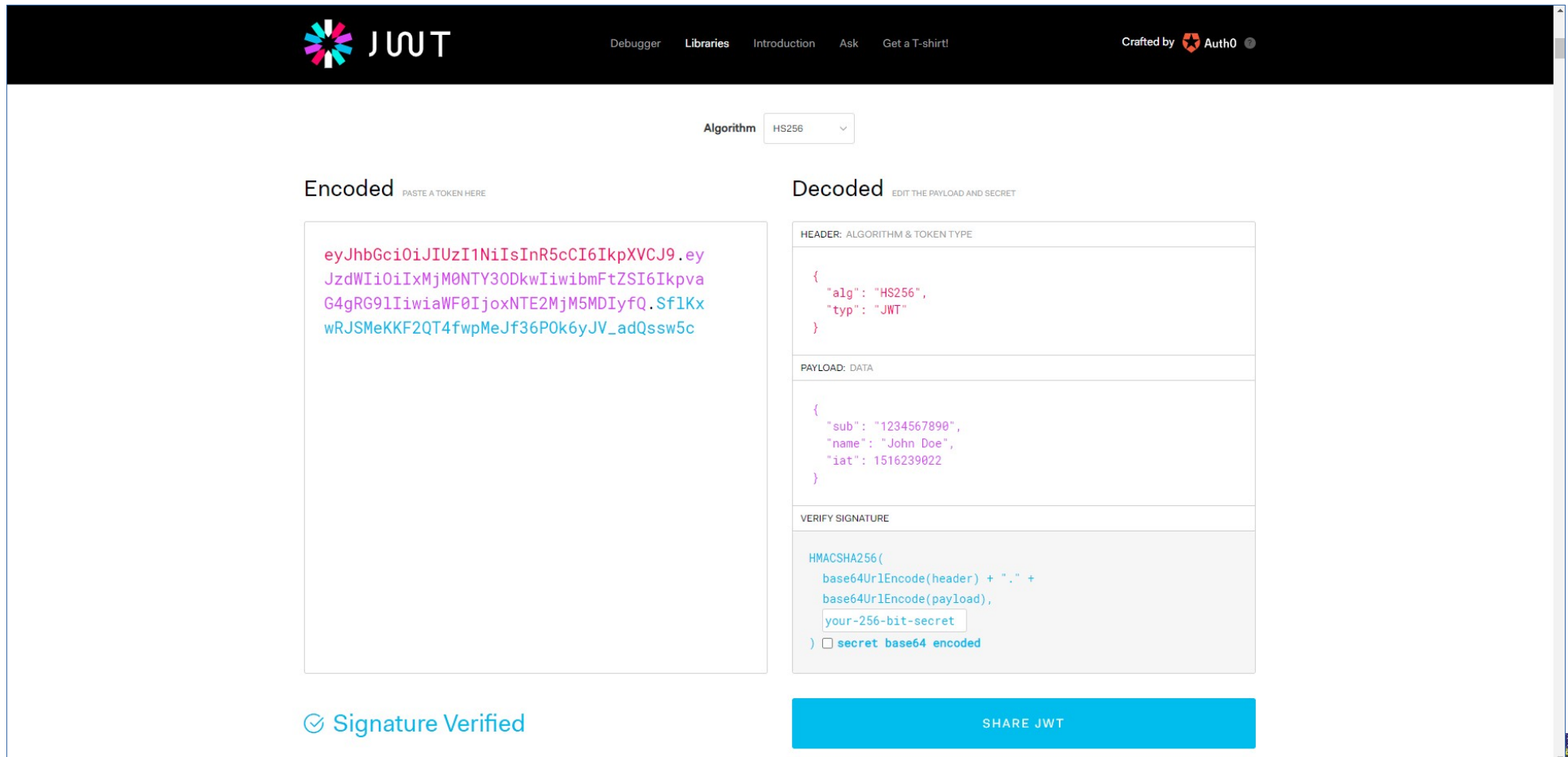
- 1) HTTP Header
- 2) URL
- 3) POST parameter

Authorization: Bearer eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiI...

http://localhost/logout?token=eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiI...

# JWT Encoding

1) There is a website by Auth0: [jwt.io](https://jwt.io) to test out how JWTs are made.



The screenshot shows the JWT.io website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the JWT logo, links for Debugger, Libraries, Introduction, Ask, and Get a T-shirt!, and a note "Crafted by Auth0". The main area is divided into two sections: "Encoded" and "Decoded".

**Encoded Section:** The "Algorithm" dropdown is set to "HS256". The "Encoded" field contains a long string of characters: `eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwibmFtZSI6IkpvaG4gRG9lIiwiaWF0IjoxNTE2MjM5MDIyfQ.SflKxwRJSMeKKF2QT4fwpMeJf36P0k6yJV_adQssw5c`.

**Decoded Section:** The "Decoded" field shows the decoded payload and header. The header is: `{ "alg": "HS256", "typ": "JWT" }`. The payload is: `{ "sub": "1234567890", "name": "John Doe", "iat": 1516239022 }`. The "VERIFY SIGNATURE" section shows the HMACSHA256 function being used to verify the signature: `HMACSHA256(base64UrlEncode(header) + ".", base64UrlEncode(payload), your-256-bit-secret)`. A checkbox labeled "secret base64 encoded" is present.

At the bottom left, there is a green checkmark and the text "Signature Verified". At the bottom right, there is a blue button labeled "SHARE JWT".



# Laravel with JWT

## Installation

```
composer require tymon/jwt-auth
```

## Configuration

```
Tymon\JWTAuth\Providers\  
JWTAuthServiceProvider::class
```

```
'JWTAuth' => Tymon\JWTAuth\Facades\JWTAuth::class,  
'JWTFactory' => Tymon\JWTAuth\Facades\  
JWTFactory::class,
```

## Publish Configuration

```
$ php artisan vendor:publish --provider="Tymon\  
JWTAuth\Providers\JWTAuthServiceProvider"
```

# Laravel with JWT

Update model

```
use Tymon\JWTAuth\Contracts\JWTSubject;

public function getJWTIdentifier()
{
    return $this->getKey();
}

public function getJWTCustomClaims()
{
    return [];
}
```

# Laravel with JWT

## Configure Auth guard

```
'defaults' => [  
    'guard' => 'api',  
    'passwords' => 'users',  
],  
  
...  
  
'guards' => [  
    'api' => [  
        'driver' => 'jwt',  
        'provider' => 'users',  
    ],  
],
```

# Laravel with JWT

API Endpoints guard with API middleware

```
Route::group([
    'middleware' => 'api',
    'prefix' => 'auth'
], function ($router) {
    Route::post('login', 'AuthController@login');
    Route::post('logout', 'AuthController@logout');
    Route::post('refresh', 'AuthController@refresh');
});
```

**END OF LECTURE 10**