Authentication Service Design Document

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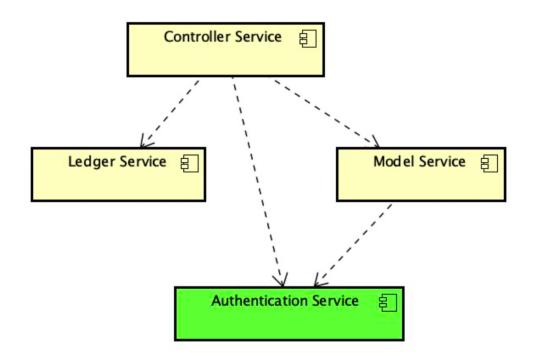
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Introduction

This document defines the design for the Smart City Authentication Service.

Overview

The Smart City Authentication Service is responsible for authenticating users, resources, and services with respect to the Smart City. It allows a specified group of users to gain predefined access through roles and permissions to respond to certain stimuli within the Smart City. Additionally, it prevents users from accessing certain city features and functionalities that they shouldn't need access to. The authentication functionality is also accessible across multiple packages such that any given city can be managed by exactly one instance of the Authentication Service.



Requirements

The section proves a summary of the requirements for the Authentication Service.

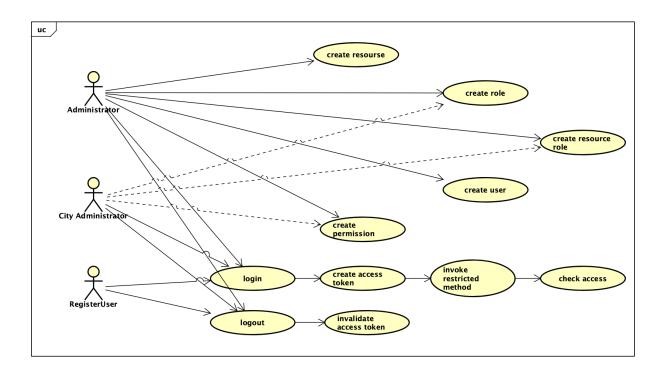
The Smart City Authentication Service is primarily responsible for controlling access within a given city (the Model Service). It provides a central point for managing Users, Resources, Permissions, Roles, ResourceRoles, and Auth Tokens. Similar to the Controller Service, the Authentication Service monitors the actions of the Model Service and its inhabitants, and in turn, creates its own internal entities to reflect them. So, should a stranger or individual defined outside of the Smart City try to access elements within the Model Service, they will not be able to since they won't exist within the Authentication Service.

The Authentication Service is made up of the following elements:

- Access Control Constrainers
 - o Roles
 - ResourceRoles
 - Permissions
 - Credentials
 - Usernames/Passwords
 - Biometric Values (Voiceprint, Faceprint, etc.)
- Access Control Providers
 - Auth Tokens
- Pseudo-Physical Entities
 - Users
 - Resources
- Dependent Services
 - Model Service
 - Controller Service

Use Cases

The following Use Case descripts the use cases supported by the Authentication Service.



There are 3 types of actors to consider:

- Primary Administrator
- City Administrator
- Registered User

Primary Administrators are often the first user established by the Authentication Service. They are provided administration roles that not only allow them to provide access to the city, but to build up entities within the Authentication Service itself. It can create Users, Resources, and even assign Roles and Permissions to other Users. Primary administrators should have access to all features and functionalities within a city and the ability to override any other users Roles and Permissions.

City Administrators are often the users defined after the primary administrators and the establishment of a city. These users are similar to the primary administrators; however, all of their access control applies to a given resource or set of resources applied by the primary administrator. While this is not always the case, the city administrator assists its city's inhabitants access particular devices they may need, and they allow the devices within the city to freely interact with individuals within the right role constraints.

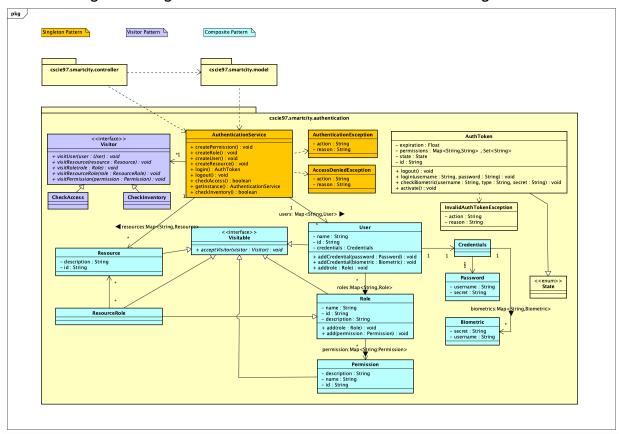
Registered Users are usually the inhabitants of the city and have limited permissions within the city. These users are not able to provide access to create or update anything, and are often accompanied by the city administrator to do most tasks. Among the tasks provided to these users, they are all simply interacting with the devices/resources within the city (i.e. asking for directions, movie recommendations, etc.). Registered Users can be split further in roles such as adult and children, whereas a child should have the least amount of access amongst all users.

Implementation

This section of the document will describe the implementation details for the Authentication Service.

Class Diagram

The following class diagram defines the classes defined in this design.



Class Dictionary

This section specifies the class dictionary for the class.

AccessDeniedException Class

The AccessDeniedException is thrown whenever AuthToken creation fails due to incorrectly provided credentials (i.e. a bad username/password, mismatch biometrics, etc.).

Methods

Method Name	Signature	Description
getAction	getAction():String	This returns the action performed
		that caused the exception
getReason	getReason():String	This returns the reason why this
		action was a problem

Properties

Property Name	Signature	Description
action	action:String	The action that was performed
reason	Reason:String	The reason for the exception

Authentication Class

The Authentication class is the primary class used to control access to the Model Service. It creates internal copied entities and resources to represent the inhabitants within the city it monitors that it uses to simulate interactions and ultimately determine who has access and who does not.

Method Name	Signature	Description
getInstance	getInstance():Authentication	This allows all
		dependent services to
		access the same
		instance of the
		Authentication service
login	login(username:String,	This checks whether a
	password:String):AuthToken	user's username,
		password, and
		biometrics match what

		it has on file. If it does, it grants them an AuthToken.
checkInventory	checkInventory(user:User):boolean	This uses the CheckInventory class to check whether it has record of the given entity
checkAccess	checkAccess(username:String):boole an	This uses the checkAccess class to check whether the identifiers of the given entities match what it has on file
createPermission	createPermission(id:String, name:String, description:String):void	Creates a new permission and saves it. If it already exists, throw an AuthenticationException.
createRole	createRole(id:String, name:String, description:String):void	Creates a new role and saves it. If it already exists, throw an AuthenticationException.
createUser	createUser(id:String, name:String):void	Creates a new user and saves it. If it already exists, throw an AuthenticationException.
createResource	createResource(id:String, description:String):void	Creates a new resource and saves it. If it already exists, throw an AuthenticationException.
createResourceRol e	createResourceRole(id:String, role:String, resource):void	Creates a new resource role and saves it. If it already exists, throw an AuthenticationException.
addCredential	addCredential(userID:String, type:String, secret:String):void	Adds a credential to a user. If this cannot be done, throw an AuthenticationException.

addRole	addRole(userID:String, role:String):void	Adds a role to a user. If this cannot be done, throw an AuthenticationException.
addResourceRole	addResourceRole(userID:String, roleID:String):void	Adds a resource role to a user. If this cannot be done, throw an AuthenticationException.
addPermission	addPermission(roleID:String, permissionID:String):void	Adds a permission to a user. If this cannot be done, throw an AuthenticationException.

Properties

Property Name	Signature	Description
authInstance	authInstance:Authentication	This allows all
		dependent services
		to access the same
		instance of the
		Authentication
		service

Associations

Association Name	Signature	Description
permissions	permissions: HashMap <string, permission=""></string,>	A mapping of
		established
		permissions
resources	Resources: HashMap <string, resource=""></string,>	A mapping of
		established
		resourses
roles	Roles:HashMap <string,role></string,role>	A mapping of
		established roles
resourceRoles	resourceRoles:	A mapping of
	HashMap <string,resourcerole></string,resourcerole>	established
		resourse roles
users	users: HashMap <string,user></string,user>	A mapping of
		established users
tokens	tokens: HashMap <string,authtoken></string,authtoken>	A mapping of
		established auth
		tokens

AuthenticationException Class

The AuthenticationException is thrown whenever a reference error occurs within the Authentication Service. That is, if attempting to apply an action to a user, resource, role, permission, etc. that does not exist, this exception will be thrown in response.

Methods

Method Name	Signature	Description
getAction	getAction():String	This returns the action performed
		that caused the exception
getReason	getReason():String	This returns the reason why this
		action was a problem

Properties

Property Name	Signature	Description
action	action:String	The action that was performed
reason	Reason:String	The reason for the exception

AuthToken Class

AuthTokens are provided upon successful logins into the Authentication Service. Tokens store a collection of permissions that the owner can then use to invoke methods that fit within their scope. Tokens have an expiration time that can mark it invalid, or alternatively, a logout will do the same.

Method Name	Signature	Description
activate	activate():void	Initial sign-
		in provided
		that the
		given
		credentials
		are correct
login	login(username:String, password:String)	This checks
		whether a
		user's
		username,
		and
		password
		match
		what it has
		on file. If

		it does, it grants them an AuthToken.
checkBiometric	checkBiometric(username:String, type:String, secret:String)	This checks whether a user's biometrics match what it has on file. If it does, it grants them an AuthToken.
logout	logout():void	Invalidates the token

Properties

Property Name	Signature	Description
id	Id:String	The unique ID of the
		token
expiration	expiration:long	The time that the token
		will expiration
permissions	permissions:HashSet <string></string>	The permissions that the
		token provides

Associations

Association Name	Signature	Description
state	State:State	Whether or not the token
		is active or invalid

Biometric Class

A biometric object represents a physical credential related to an individual user. These objects can represent voiceprints, faceprints, etc.

Method Name	Signature	Description
getSecret	getSecret():String	Returns
		the print
		of the
		biometric

getBiometricIndex	getBiometricIndex():String	Returns the
		biometric
		type

Properties

Property Name	Signature	Description
getSecret	secret:String	Returns the print of the
		biometric
getBiometricIndex	biometricIndex:String	Returns the biometric
		type
username	Username:String	The user associated with the Biometric

CheckAccess Class

The CheckAccess class is an implementation of the Visitor class and checks whether or not an entity has been stored within the Authentication Service has matching credentials.

Method Name	Signature	Description
visit	visit(user:User):boolean	Checks if user in the
		authentication
		service has
		good
		credentials
visit	visit(resource:Resource):boolean	Checks if
		resource in
		the
		authentication
		service has
		good
		credentials
visit	visit(role:Role):boolean	Checks if role
		in the
		authentication
		service has
		good
		credentials
visit	visit(resourceRole:ResourceRole):boolean	Checks if
		resource role
		in the

		authentication service has good credentials
visit	visit(permission:Permission):boolean	Checks if permission in the authentication service has good credentials

CheckInventory Class

The CheckInventory class is an implementation of the Visitor class and checks whether or not an entity has been stored within the Authentication Service.

Method Name	Signature	Description
visit	visit(user:User):boolean	Checks if user
		exists in the
		authentication
		service
visit	visit(resource:Resource):boolean	Checks if
		resource
		exists in the
		authentication
		service
visit	visit(role:Role):boolean	Checks if role
		exists in the
		authentication
		service
visit	visit(resourceRole:ResourceRole):boolean	Checks if
		resource role
		exists in the
		authentication
		service
visit	visit(permission:Permission):boolean	Checks if
		permission
		exists in the
		authentication
		service

Credentials Class

The Credentials class stores the password and biometric information of a given User.

Methods

Method Name	Signature	Description
add	add(password:Password):void	Adds a
		password
		pair to the
		Credential
add	add(biometric:Biometric):void	Adds a
		biometric
		pair to the
		Credential

InvalidAuthTokenException Class

The InvalidAuthTokenException is thrown whenever a token has expired or been logged out of, and someone is still trying to use it.

Method Name	Signature	Description
getAction	getAction():String	This returns the action performed
		that caused the exception
getReason	getReason():String	This returns the reason why this
		action was a problem

Properties

Property Name	Signature	Description
action	action:String	The action that was
		performed
reason	Reason:String	The reason for the
		exception

Password Class

The Password class represents a credential that holds a given user's hashed ID and password.

Properties

Property Name	Signature	Description
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username	username:String	The hashed user connected to the password
secret	Secret:String	The secret used as the user's hashed password

Permission Class

The Permission class represents singular actions that a particular user or resource can perform.

Methods

Method Name	Signature	Description
accept	accept(visitor:Visitor):boolean	Accepts an object
		from the
		visitor
		class

Properties

Property Name	Signature	Description
id	id:String	The id of the permission
name	name:String	The name of the permission
description	description:String	A description of the permission

Resource Class

The Resource class represents cities and devices that a particular user or resource can act upon.

Methods

Method Name	Signature	Description
accept	accept(visitor:Visitor):boolean	Accepts an
		object
		from the
		visitor
		class

Properties

Property Name Signature Description	
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id	id:String	The id of the resource
description	description:String	A description of the
		resource

ResourceRole Class

The ResourceRole is a subclass of Role that is attached to a Resource object.

Role Class

The Role class is a composite collection of roles, resource roles, and permissions. They represent a collection of actions that a user or resource can perform.

Methods

Method Name	Signature	Description
add	add(role:Role):void	Adds another role within this role
add	add(permission:Permission):void	Adds a permission within this role

Properties

Property Name	Signature	Description
id	id:String	The role ID
name	name:String	The name of the role
description	description:String	A description of the role

Associations

Association Name	Signature	Description
subroles	subroles:HashMap <string,role></string,role>	A collection of
		roles and resource
		roles
permissions	permissions: HashMap <string, permission=""></string,>	A collection of
		permissions

State Enum

The State class is an enumeration that is either ACTIVE or EXPIRED. This represents the state of an AuthToken.

Properties

Property Name	Signature	Description
ACTIVE	ACTIVE:State	An AuthToken is ACTIVE
		when it is usable
EXPIRED	EXPIRED:State	An AuthToken is EXPIRED
		when it is not

User Class

The User class represents an inhabitant within the Model Service. The hold their access information such as their usernames, passwords, and biometric prints. Additionally, users can be given access through roles and permissions to perform tasks.

Methods

Method Name	Signature	Description
addCredential	addCredential(password:Password):void	Sets up a username/password combination for the user
addCredential	addCredential(biometric:Biometric):void	Adds a username/biometric combination for the user
add	add(role:Role):void	Adds a role to the user
accept	accept(visitor:Visitor):boolean	Accepts an object from the visitor class

Properties

Property Name	Signature	Description
id	id:String	The User ID
name	name:String	The name of the user
Credentials	credentials:Credentials	The credentials of the
		user

Associations

Association Name Signature	Description
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roles	role:HashMap <string,role></string,role>	The roles of the
		user
permissions	permissions: HashMap < String, Permission >	The permissions of
		the user

Visitable Interface

The Visitable interface allows objects to utilize Visitor objects to perform tasks for them.

Methods

Method Name	Signature	Description
accept	accept(visitor:Visitor):boolean	Accepts an object from the visitor class

Visitor Class

The Visitor class allows actions to be performed on objects that implement the Visitable interface

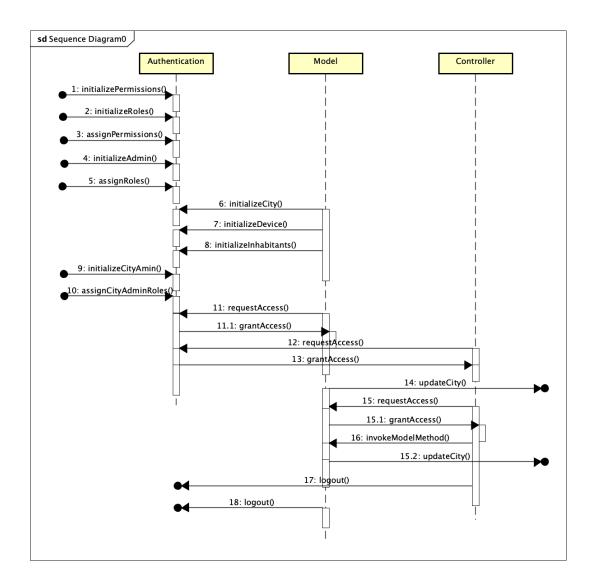
Method Name	Signature	Description
visit	visit(user:User):boolean	Allow
		actions to
		users
visit	visit(resource:Resource):boolean	Allow
		actions to
		resources
visit	visit(role:Role):boolean	Allow
		actions to
		role
visit	visit(resourceRole:ResourceRole):boolean	Allow
		actions to
		resource
		roles
visit	visit(permission:Permission):boolean	Allow
		actions to
		permissions

Implementation Details

Below, we have Sequence diagrams that describe the general flow between the Authentication, Controller, and Model Service.

The Authentication service utilizes 3 separate design patterns, namely the Visitor design pattern, the Composite design pattern, and lastly, the Singleton design pattern. The singleton method is applied to the Authentication Service itself, such that all dependents can access the same instance of it. The Visitor method allows us to include methods as we need to that would apply to the entire service without having to modify ever method in every class. The Composite method is utilized through the Roles, Resource Roles, and Permissions.

Upon establishment of the Roles, Permissions, and Administrators, the cities, devices, and even inhabitants can be managed through the 3 services. Upon creation of the primary administrator, a city administrator can then be created, and eventually provided access to perform activities with respect to the city. Similarly, a registered user (or the controller service administrator) can also request and utilize the Authentication service to perform activities as well. Any of these users can have varying degrees of responsibilities dictated by the roles and permissions the are given. Ultimately, if the Authentication service is not aware of them, they won't have access at all.



Exception Handling

In addition to the exceptions brought on by the Controller, Model, and Ledger service, the primary exceptions considered in this service are the Authentication, Access Denied, and Invalid Access Exceptions. The Access Denied Exception throws whenever credentials either do not match what is in the Authentication Service, or do not exist at all. The Invalid Access Exception throws whenever an Access Token expires or is currently inactive. Lastly, all other errors, such as reference issues, will throw an Authentication Exception.

Testing

Below, we have a list of testing strategies required and provided by this service:

- Functional Test
 - Given a pre-defined list off all commands and assure that they function properly and are handled appropriately.
- Performance
 - Assure that there are no hanging processes within the service and that no process runs any longer than is necessary.
- Regression
 - Assure that the inclusion of new functionalities and features do not ultimately bring about errors that did not exist before.
- Exception Handling
 - Capture the exceptions defined above, and return this in a human friendly, but not overly revealing, context.

Risks

The risks that I identified in the process of this design, were:

- There can be circular Role references if not checked.
- Some roles/permissions can allow multiple users to have an unnecessary amount of access to the city methods.