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Secure Spring REST With Spring Security and OAuth2

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In this post, we are going to demonstrate Spring Security + OAuth2 for securing REST API endpoints on an example Spring Boot project. Clients and user credentials will be stored in a relational database (example configurations prepared for H2 and PostgreSQL database engines). To do it we will have to:

- Configure Spring Security + database.
- Create an Authorization Server.
- Create a Resource Server.
- Get an access token and a refresh token.
- Get a secured Resource using an access token.

To simplify the demonstration, we are going to combine the Authorization Server and Resource Server in the same project. As a grant type, we will use a password (we will use BCrypt to hash our passwords).

Before you start you should familiarize yourself with OAuth2 fundamentals.

Introduction

The OAuth 2.0 specification defines a delegation protocol that is useful for conveying authorization decisions across a network of web-enabled applications and APIs. OAuth is used in a wide variety of applications, including providing mechanisms for user authentication.

OAuth Roles

OAuth specifies four roles:

- **Resource owner (the User)** – an entity capable of granting access to a protected resource (for example end-user).
- **Resource server (the API server)** – the server hosting the protected resources, capable of accepting responding to protected resource requests using access tokens.
- **Client** – an application making protected resource requests on behalf of the resource owner and with its authorization.

- **Authorization server** – the server issuing access tokens to the client after successfully

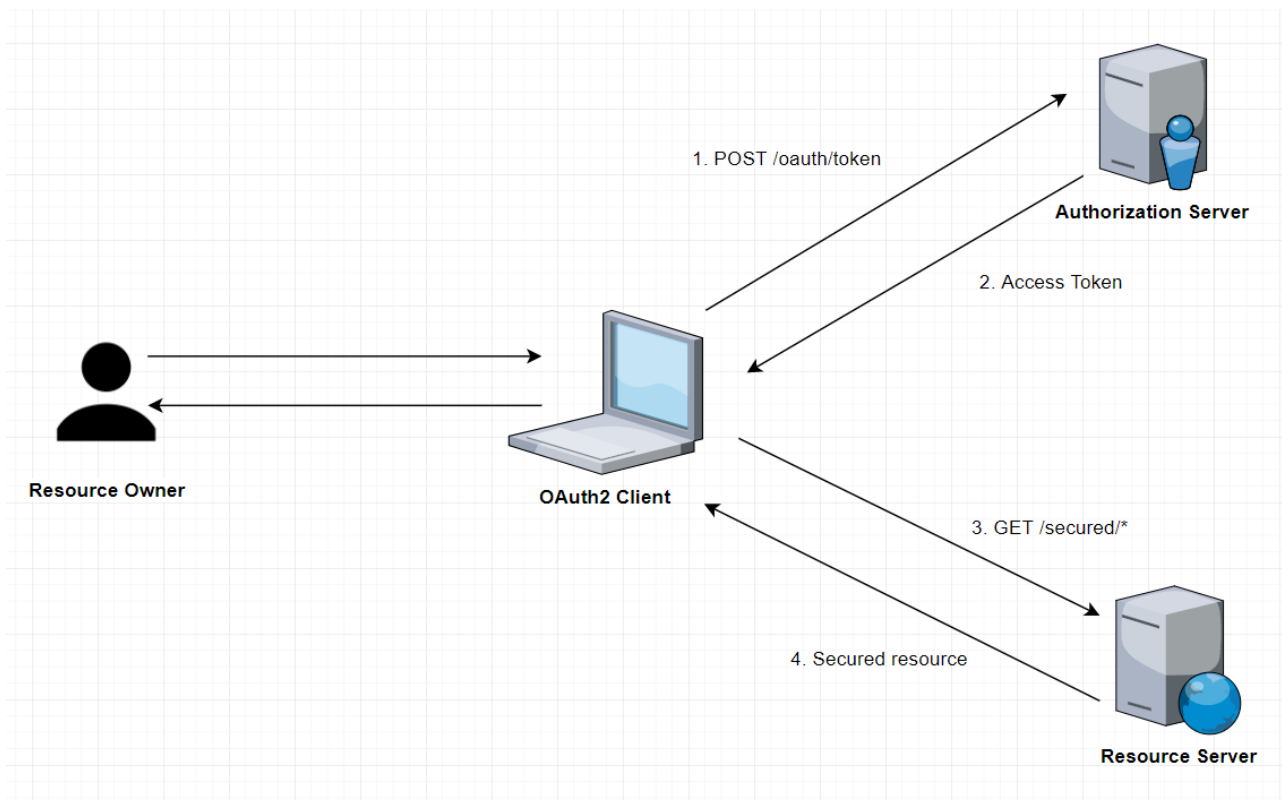
- **Authorization Server** – the server issuing access tokens to the client after successfully authenticating the resource owner and obtaining authorization.

Grant Types

OAuth 2 provides several "grant types" for different use cases. The grant types defined are:

- **Authorization Code**
- **Password**
- **Client credentials**
- **Implicit**

The overall flow of a Password Grant:

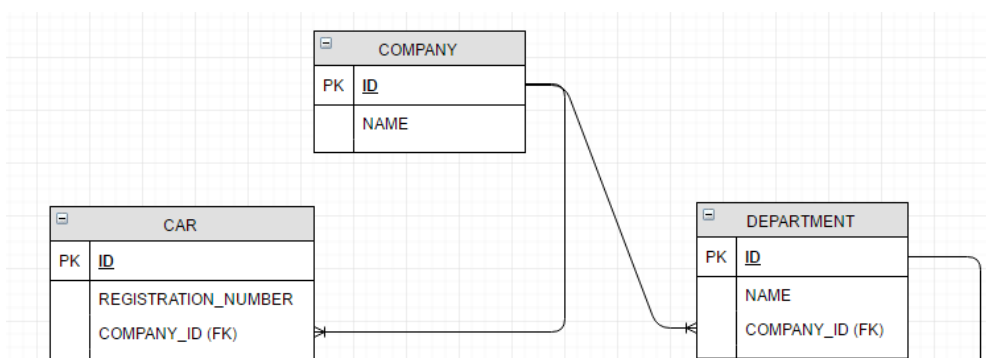


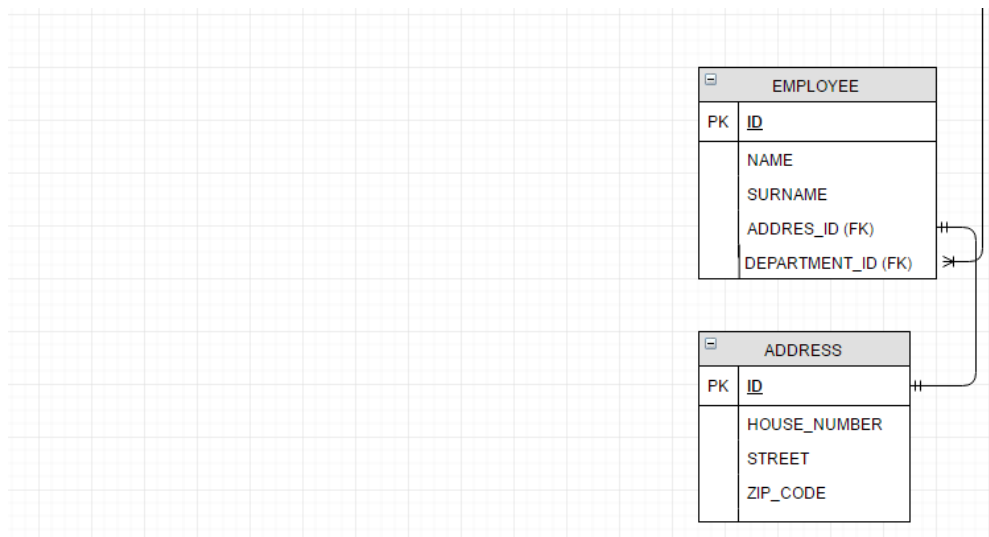
Application

Let's consider the database layer and application layer for our example application.

Business Data

Our main business object is Company :





Based on CRUD operations for Company and Department objects ,we want to define following access rules:

- COMPANY_CREATE
- COMPANY_READ
- COMPANY_UPDATE
- COMPANY_DELETE
- DEPARTMENT_CREATE
- DEPARTMENT_READ
- DEPARTMENT_UPDATE
- DEPARTMENT_DELETE

In addition, we want to create ROLE_COMPANY_READER role.

OAuth2 Client Setup

We need to create the following tables in the database (for internal purposes of OAuth2 implementation):

- OAUTH_CLIENT_DETAILS
- OAUTH_CLIENT_TOKEN
- OAUTH_ACCESS_TOKEN
- OAUTH_REFRESH_TOKEN
- OAUTH_CODE
- OAUTH_APPROVALS

Let's assume that we want to call a resource server like 'resource-server-rest-api.' For this server, we define two clients called:

- spring-security-oauth2-read-client (authorized grant types: read)
- spring-security-oauth2-read-write-client (authorized grant types: read, write)

```

1  INSERT INTO OAUTH_CLIENT_DETAILS(CLIENT_ID, RESOURCE_IDS, CLIENT_SECRET, SCOPE, AUTHORIZED_
2  VALUES ('spring-security-oauth2-read-client', 'resource-server-rest-api',
3  /*spring-security-oauth2-read-client-password1234*/'$2a$04$WGq2P9egi0Yo0FemBRfsi09qTcyJtNR
4  'read', 'password,authorization_code,refresh_token,implicit', 'USER', 10800, 2592000);
5
6  INSERT INTO OAUTH_CLIENT_DETAILS(CLIENT_ID, RESOURCE_IDS, CLIENT_SECRET, SCOPE, AUTHORIZED_
7  VALUES ('spring-security-oauth2-read-write-client', 'resource-server-rest-api',
8  /*spring-security-oauth2-read-write-client-password1234*/'$2a$04$soeOR.QFmClXeFIrhJVLWQXf
9  'read,write', 'password,authorization_code,refresh_token,implicit', 'USER', 10800, 2592000);

```

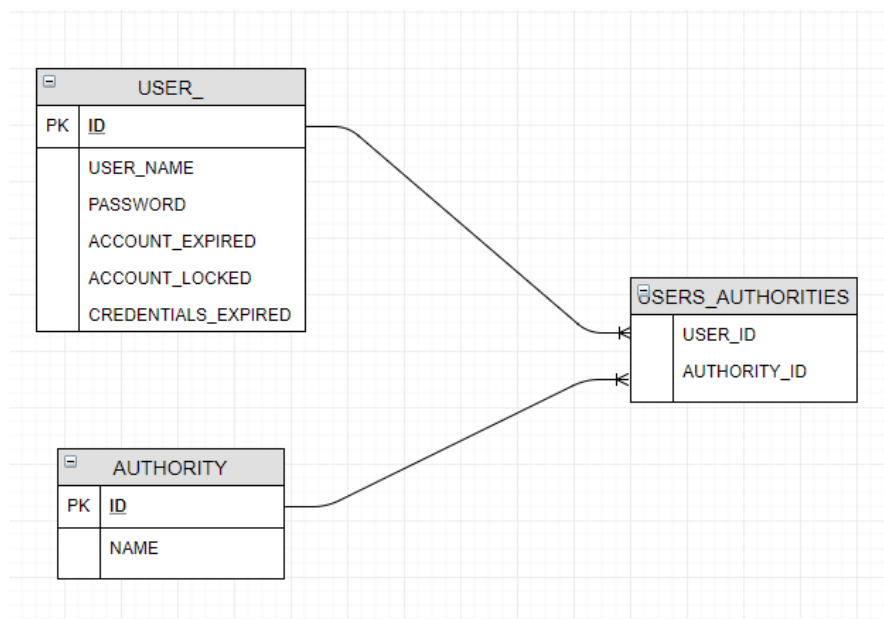
Note that password is hashed with BCrypt (4 rounds).

Authorities and Users Setup

Spring Security comes with two useful interfaces:

- UserDetails - provides core user information.
- GrantedAuthority - represents an authority granted to an Authentication object.

To store authorization data we will define following data model:



Because we want to come with some pre-loaded data, below is the script that will load all authorities:

```

1  INSERT INTO AUTHORITY(ID, NAME) VALUES (1, 'COMPANY_CREATE');

```

```

2  INSERT INTO AUTHORITY(ID, NAME) VALUES (2, 'COMPANY_READ');
3  INSERT INTO AUTHORITY(ID, NAME) VALUES (3, 'COMPANY_UPDATE');
4  INSERT INTO AUTHORITY(ID, NAME) VALUES (4, 'COMPANY_DELETE');
5
6  INSERT INTO AUTHORITY(ID, NAME) VALUES (5, 'DEPARTMENT_CREATE');
7  INSERT INTO AUTHORITY(ID, NAME) VALUES (6, 'DEPARTMENT_READ');
8  INSERT INTO AUTHORITY(ID, NAME) VALUES (7, 'DEPARTMENT_UPDATE');
9  INSERT INTO AUTHORITY(ID, NAME) VALUES (8, 'DEPARTMENT_DELETE');

```

Here is the script to load all users and assigned authorities:

```

1  INSERT INTO USER_(ID, USER_NAME, PASSWORD, ACCOUNT_EXPIRED, ACCOUNT_LOCKED, CREDENTIALS_EXP
VALUES (1, 'admin', /*admin1234*/'$2a$08$qvrzQZ7jJ7oy2p/msL4M0.l83Cd0jNsX6AJUitbgRXGzge4j
2  INSERT INTO USER_(ID, USER_NAME, PASSWORD, ACCOUNT_EXPIRED, ACCOUNT_LOCKED, CREDENTIALS_EXP
VALUES (2, 'reader', /*reader1234*/'$2a$08$dwYz80.qtUXboGosJFsS4u19LHKW7aCQ0LXXuNlRfjjGKw
3  INSERT INTO USER_(ID, USER_NAME, PASSWORD, ACCOUNT_EXPIRED, ACCOUNT_LOCKED, CREDENTIALS_EXP
VALUES (3, 'modifier', /*modifier1234*/'$2a$08$kPjzxewXRGnRiIuL4FtQH.mhMn7ZAFBYKB3R0z.J24
4  INSERT INTO USER_(ID, USER_NAME, PASSWORD, ACCOUNT_EXPIRED, ACCOUNT_LOCKED, CREDENTIALS_EXP
VALUES (4, 'reader2', /*reader1234*/'$2a$08$vVXqh6S8TqfHMs1SlNTu/.J25iUCrpGBpyGExA.9yI.II
5  INSERT INTO USERS_AUTHORITIES(USER_ID, AUTHORITY_ID) VALUES (1, 1);
6  INSERT INTO USERS_AUTHORITIES(USER_ID, AUTHORITY_ID) VALUES (1, 2);
7  INSERT INTO USERS_AUTHORITIES(USER_ID, AUTHORITY_ID) VALUES (1, 3);
8  INSERT INTO USERS_AUTHORITIES(USER_ID, AUTHORITY_ID) VALUES (1, 4);
9  INSERT INTO USERS_AUTHORITIES(USER_ID, AUTHORITY_ID) VALUES (1, 5);
10 INSERT INTO USERS_AUTHORITIES(USER_ID, AUTHORITY_ID) VALUES (1, 6);
11 INSERT INTO USERS_AUTHORITIES(USER_ID, AUTHORITY_ID) VALUES (1, 7);
12 INSERT INTO USERS_AUTHORITIES(USER_ID, AUTHORITY_ID) VALUES (1, 8);
13 INSERT INTO USERS_AUTHORITIES(USER_ID, AUTHORITY_ID) VALUES (1, 9);
14
15 INSERT INTO USERS_AUTHORITIES(USER_ID, AUTHORITY_ID) VALUES (2, 2);
16 INSERT INTO USERS_AUTHORITIES(USER_ID, AUTHORITY_ID) VALUES (2, 6);
17
18 INSERT INTO USERS_AUTHORITIES(USER_ID, AUTHORITY_ID) VALUES (3, 3);
19 INSERT INTO USERS_AUTHORITIES(USER_ID, AUTHORITY_ID) VALUES (3, 7);
20
21 INSERT INTO USERS_AUTHORITIES(USER_ID, AUTHORITY_ID) VALUES (4, 9);
22
23
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```

Note that the password is hashed with BCrypt (8 rounds).

Application Layer

The test application is developed in Spring boot + Hibernate + Flyway with an exposed REST API. To demonstrate data company operations, the following endpoints were created:

```

1  @RestController
2  @RequestMapping("/secured/company")
3  public class CompanyController {
4
5      @Autowired
6      private CompanyService companyService;
7
8      @RequestMapping(method = RequestMethod.GET, produces = MediaType.APPLICATION_JSON_VALUE
9
10     @ResponseStatus(value = HttpStatus.OK)
11     public @ResponseBody
12     List<Company> getAll() {
13         return companyService.getAll();
14     }
15
16     @RequestMapping(value =("/{id}", method = RequestMethod.GET, produces = MediaType.APPLI
17
18     @ResponseStatus(value = HttpStatus.OK)
19     public @ResponseBody
20     Company get(@PathVariable Long id) {
21         return companyService.get(id);
22     }
23
24     @RequestMapping(value = "/filter", method = RequestMethod.GET, produces = MediaType.APP
25
26     @ResponseStatus(value = HttpStatus.OK)
27     public @ResponseBody
28     Company get(@RequestParam String name) {
29         return companyService.get(name);
30     }
31
32     @RequestMapping(method = RequestMethod.POST, produces = MediaType.APPLICATION_JSON_VALL
33
34     @ResponseStatus(value = HttpStatus.OK)
35     public ResponseEntity<?> create(@RequestBody Company company) {
36         companyService.create(company);
37         HttpHeaders headers = new HttpHeaders();
38         ControllerLinkBuilder linkBuilder = linkTo(methodOn(CompanyController.class).get(cc
39
40         headers.setLocation(linkBuilder.toUri());
41         return new ResponseEntity<>(headers, HttpStatus.CREATED);
42     }
43
44     @RequestMapping(method = RequestMethod.PUT, produces = MediaType.APPLICATION_JSON_VALUE

```

```
39  @ResponseStatus(value = HttpStatus.OK)
40  public void update(@RequestBody Company company) {
41      companyService.update(company);
42  }
43
44  @RequestMapping(value =("/{id}", method = RequestMethod.DELETE, produces = MediaType.APPLICATION_JSON)
45  @ResponseStatus(value = HttpStatus.OK)
46  public void delete(@PathVariable Long id) {
47      companyService.delete(id);
48  }
49  }
50 }
```

PasswordEncoders

Since we are going to use different encryptions for OAuth2 client and user, we will define separate password encoders for encryption:

- OAuth2 client password – BCrypt (4 rounds)
- User password - BCrypt (8 rounds)

```
1  @Configuration
2  public class Encoders {
3
4      @Bean
5      public PasswordEncoder oauthClientPasswordEncoder() {
6          return new BCryptPasswordEncoder(4);
7      }
8
9      @Bean
10     public PasswordEncoder userPasswordEncoder() {
11         return new BCryptPasswordEncoder(8);
12     }
13 }
```

Spring Security Configuration

Provide UserDetailsService

Because we want to get users and authorities from the database, we need to tell Spring Security how to get this data. To do it we have to provide an implementation of the UserDetailsService interface:

```
1  @Service
2  public class UserDetailsServiceImpl implements UserDetailsService {
3
4      @Autowired
5      private UserRepository userRepository;
6
7      @Override
8      @Transactional(readOnly = true)
```

```

    public UserDetails loadUserByUsername(String username) throws UsernameNotFoundException
9
10     User user = userRepository.findByUsername(username);
11
12     if (user != null) {
13         return user;
14     }
15
16     throw new UsernameNotFoundException(username);
17 }
18 }

```

To separate the service and repository layers we will create `UserRepository` with JPA Repository:

```

1 @Repository
2 public interface UserRepository extends JpaRepository<User, Long> {
3
4     @Query("SELECT DISTINCT user FROM User user " +
5           "INNER JOIN FETCH user.authorities AS authorities " +
6           "WHERE user.username = :username")
7     User findByUsername(@Param("username") String username);
8 }

```

Setup Spring Security

The `@EnableWebSecurity` annotation and `WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter` work together to provide security to the application. The `@Order` annotation is used to specify which `WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter` should be considered first.

```

1 @Configuration
2 @EnableWebSecurity
3 @Order(SecurityProperties.ACCESS_OVERRIDE_ORDER)
4 @Import(Encoders.class)
5 public class ServerSecurityConfig extends WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter {
6
7     @Autowired
8     private UserDetailsService userDetailsService;
9
10    @Autowired
11    private PasswordEncoder userPasswordEncoder;
12
13    @Override
14    @Bean
15    public AuthenticationManager authenticationManagerBean() throws Exception {
16        return super.authenticationManagerBean();
17    }
18
19    @Override
20    protected void configure(AuthenticationManagerBuilder auth) throws Exception {
        auth.userDetailsService(userDetailsService).passwordEncoder(userPasswordEncoder);
    }

```



```

21  }
22  }
23  }

```

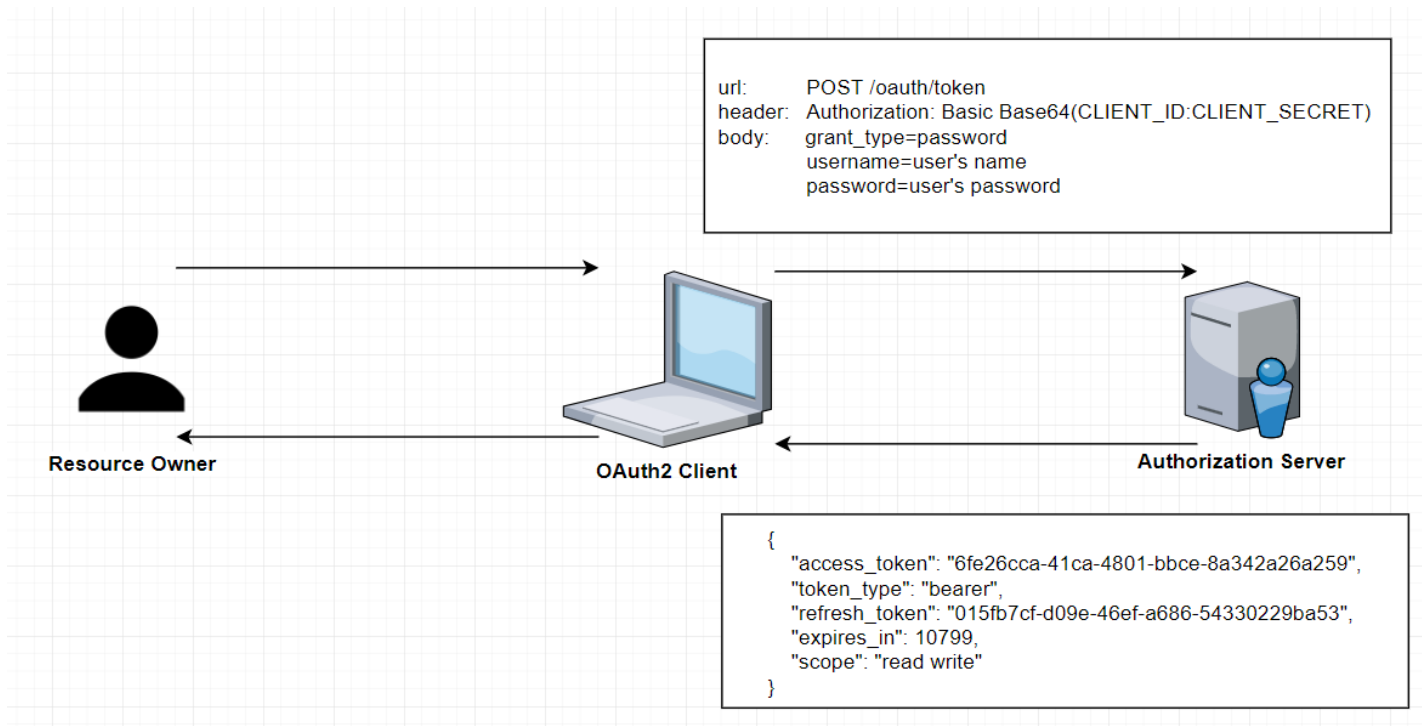
OAuth2 Configuration

First of all, we have to implement the following components:

- Authorization Server
- Resource Server

Authorization Server

The authorization server is responsible for the verification of user identity and providing the tokens.



Spring Security handles the Authentication and Spring Security OAuth2 handles the Authorization. To configure and enable the OAuth 2.0 Authorization Server we have to use `@EnableAuthorizationServer` annotation.

```

1  @Configuration
2  @EnableAuthorizationServer
3  @EnableGlobalMethodSecurity(prePostEnabled = true)
4  @Import(ServerSecurityConfig.class)
5  public class AuthServerOAuth2Config extends AuthorizationServerConfigurerAdapter {
6
7      @Autowired
8      @Qualifier("dataSource")
9      private DataSource dataSource;
10
11     @Autowired
12     private AuthenticationManager authenticationManager;

```

```

13
14     @Autowired
15     private UserDetailsService userDetailsService;
16
17     @Autowired
18     private PasswordEncoder oauthClientPasswordEncoder;
19
20     @Bean
21     public TokenStore tokenStore() {
22         return new JdbcTokenStore(dataSource);
23     }
24
25     @Bean
26     public OAuth2AccessDeniedHandler oauthAccessDeniedHandler() {
27         return new OAuth2AccessDeniedHandler();
28     }
29
30     @Override
31     public void configure(AuthorizationServerSecurityConfigurer oauthServer) {
32         oauthServer.tokenKeyAccess("permitAll()").checkTokenAccess("isAuthenticated()").pas
33     }
34
35     @Override
36     public void configure(ClientDetailsServiceConfigurer clients) throws Exception {
37         clients.jdbc(dataSource);
38     }
39
40     @Override
41     public void configure(AuthorizationServerEndpointsConfigurer endpoints) {
42         endpoints.tokenStore(tokenStore()).authenticationManager(authenticationManager).use
43     }
44 }

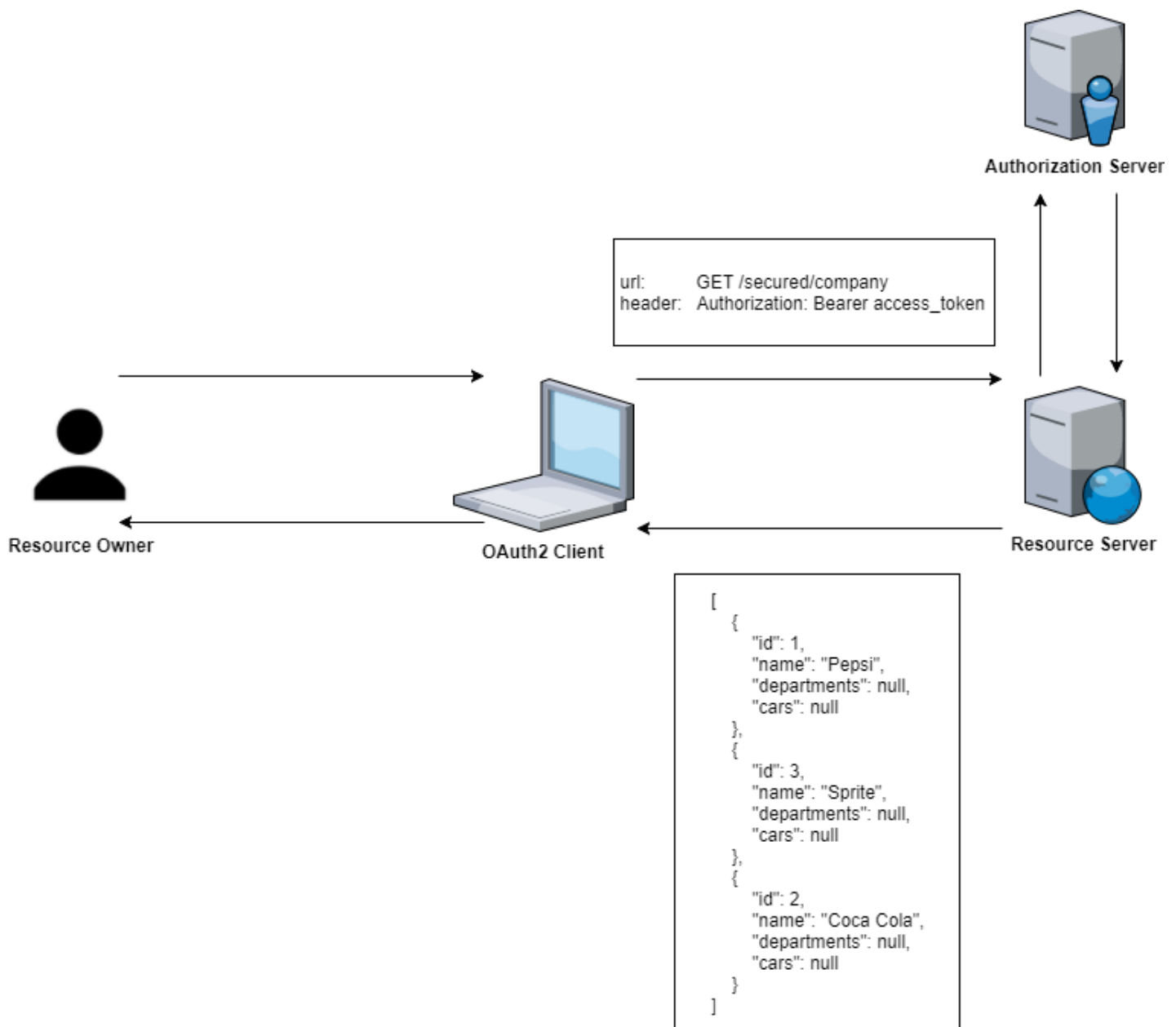
```

Some important points. We:

- Defined the `TokenStore` bean to let Spring know to use the database for token operations.
- Overrode the `configure` methods to use the custom `UserDetailsService` implementation, `AuthenticationManager` bean, and OAuth2 client's password encoder.
- Defined handler bean for authentication issues.
- Enabled two endpoints for checking tokens (`/oauth/check_token` and `/oauth/token_key`) by overriding the `configure (AuthorizationServerSecurityConfigurer oauthServer)` method.

Resource Server

A Resource Server serves resources that are protected by the OAuth2 token.



Spring OAuth2 provides an authentication filter that handles protection. The `@EnableResourceServer` annotation enables a Spring Security filter that authenticates requests via an incoming OAuth2 token.

```

1  @Configuration
2  @EnableResourceServer
3  public class ResourceServerConfiguration extends ResourceServerConfigurerAdapter {
4
5      private static final String RESOURCE_ID = "resource-server-rest-api";
6      private static final String SECURED_READ_SCOPE = "#oauth2.hasScope('read')";
7      private static final String SECURED_WRITE_SCOPE = "#oauth2.hasScope('write')";
8      private static final String SECURED_PATTERN = "/secured/**";
9
10     @Override
11     public void configure(ResourceServerSecurityConfigurer resources) {
12         resources.resourceId(RESOURCE_ID);
13     }
14
15     @Override

```

```
16 public void configure(HttpSecurity http) throws Exception {
17     http.requestMatchers()
18         .antMatchers(SECURED_PATTERN).and().authorizeRequests()
19         .antMatchers(HttpMethod.POST, SECURED_PATTERN).access(SECURED_WRITE_SCOPE)
20         .anyRequest().access(SECURED_READ_SCOPE);
21 }
22 }
```

The `configure(HttpSecurity http)` method configures the access rules and request matchers (path) for protected resources using the `HttpSecurity` class. We secure the URL paths `/secured/*`. It's worth noting that to invoke any POST method request, the 'write' scope is needed.

Let's check if our authentication endpoint is working – invoke:

```
1 curl -X POST \
2     http://localhost:8080/oauth/token \
3     -H 'authorization: Basic c3ByaW5nLXNlY3VyaXR5LW9hdXRoMi1yZWZkLXdyaXR1LWNSaWVudDpzCHJpbmct
4     -F grant_type=password \
5     -F username=admin \
6     -F password=admin1234 \
7     -F client_id=spring-security-oauth2-read-write-client
```

Below are screenshots from Postman:

The screenshot shows the Postman interface for a POST request to `http://localhost:8080/oauth/token`. The 'Authorization' tab is selected, and the 'Type' is set to 'Basic Auth'. The 'Username' field contains `spring-security-oauth2-read-write-client` and the 'Password' field contains `spring-security-oauth2-read-write-client-password1234`. The 'Show Password' checkbox is checked. A note on the right states: 'The authorization header will be generated and added as a custom header'. There is also a checkbox for 'Save helper data to request' which is checked.

and

The screenshot shows the Postman interface for the same POST request, but with the 'Body' tab selected. The 'form-data' radio button is chosen. Below the tabs, there is a table of key-value pairs for the form data:

Key	Value
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> grant_type	password
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> username	admin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> password	admin1234
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> client_id	spring-security-oauth2-read-write-client

You should get a response similar to the following:

```
1  {
2      "access_token": "e6631caa-bcf9-433c-8e54-3511fa55816d",
3      "token_type": "bearer",
4      "refresh_token": "015fb7cf-d09e-46ef-a686-54330229ba53",
5      "expires_in": 9472,
6      "scope": "read write"
7  }
```

Access Rules Configuration

We decided to secure access to the Company and Department objects on the service layer. We have to use the `@PreAuthorize` annotation.

```
1  @Service
2  public class CompanyServiceImpl implements CompanyService {
3
4      @Autowired
5      private CompanyRepository companyRepository;
6
7      @Override
8      @Transactional(readOnly = true)
9      @PreAuthorize("hasAuthority('COMPANY_READ') and hasAuthority('DEPARTMENT_READ')")
10     public Company get(Long id) {
11         return companyRepository.find(id);
12     }
13
14     @Override
15     @Transactional(readOnly = true)
16     @PreAuthorize("hasAuthority('COMPANY_READ') and hasAuthority('DEPARTMENT_READ')")
17     public Company get(String name) {
18         return companyRepository.find(name);
19     }
20
21     @Override
22     @Transactional(readOnly = true)
23     @PreAuthorize("hasRole('COMPANY_READER')")
24     public List<Company> getAll() {
25         return companyRepository.findAll();
26     }
27
28     @Override
29     @Transactional
30     @PreAuthorize("hasAuthority('COMPANY_CREATE')")
31     public void create(Company company) {
32         companyRepository.create(company);
33     }
```

```

34
35     @Override
36     @Transactional
37     @PreAuthorize("hasAuthority('COMPANY_UPDATE')")
38     public Company update(Company company) {
39         return companyRepository.update(company);
40     }
41
42     @Override
43     @Transactional
44     @PreAuthorize("hasAuthority('COMPANY_DELETE')")
45     public void delete(Long id) {
46         companyRepository.delete(id);
47     }
48
49     @Override
50     @Transactional
51     @PreAuthorize("hasAuthority('COMPANY_DELETE')")
52     public void delete(Company company) {
53         companyRepository.delete(company);
54     }
55 }

```

Let's test if our endpoint is working fine:

```

1  curl -X GET \
2      http://localhost:8080/secured/company/ \
3      -H 'authorization: Bearer e6631caa-bcf9-433c-8e54-3511fa55816d'

```

Let's see what will happen if we authorize with it 'spring-security-oauth2-read-client' – this client has only the read scope defined.

```

1  curl -X POST \
2      http://localhost:8080/oauth/token \
3      -H 'authorization: Basic c3ByaW5nLXNlY3VyaXR5LW9hdXRoMi1yZWFKLWNsawVudDpzCHJpbmctc2VjdXJp
4      -F grant_type=password \
5      -F username=admin \
6      -F password=admin1234 \
7      -F client_id=spring-security-oauth2-read-client

```

Then for the below request:

```

1  http://localhost:8080/secured/company \
2  -H 'authorization: Bearer f789c758-81a0-4754-8a4d-cbf6eea69222' \
3  -H 'content-type: application/json' \
4  -d '{
5      "name": "TestCompany",
6      "departments": null,
7      "cars": null

```

8 }

We are getting the following error:

```
1 {  
2     "error": "insufficient_scope",  
3     "error_description": "Insufficient scope for this resource",  
4     "scope": "write"  
5 }
```

Summary

In this blog post, we showed OAuth2 authentication with Spring. Access rights were defined straightforward – by establishing a direct connection between User and Authorities. To enhance this example we can add an additional entity – Role – to improve the structure of the access rights.

The source code for the above listings can be found in this [GitHub project](#).

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Getting the Access Token

After we registered our OAuth App, got its Client ID and Secret, and configured its permissions, we can finally use AAD Services in order to get the Access Token.

In OAuth, there are several different ways to achieve access tokens, each suited for different a scenario. Those ways are called "grant flows," and, according to the desired flow, a different message needs to be sent. Let's review our different flows.

Flow 1: Get an Access Token From Client Credentials (Client Credentials Grant)

The most basic option is to use our Client ID and Secret in order to get an access token. For this, we need to send a POST message to our Azure Active Directory Authentication endpoint (which we talked about before) with following body parameters:

POST `https://login.microsoftonline.com/<AAD_name>/oauth2/token`

- `grant_type` : The flow we want to use, `client_credentials` in this case.
- `client_id` : The Client ID (Application ID) of the application we created in the previous step.
- `client_secret` : The Client Secret we created in the previous step.
- `resource` : The name of the resource we would like to get access, `https://graph.microsoft.com` in this case.

We will receive a response with a JSON object containing the following properties:

- `token_type` : The value `Bearer`
- `expires_on` : The token expire timestamp in Unix epoch time.
- `access_token` : The access token we needed to access the Graph API

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POST https://login.microsoftonline.com/{{AAD_name}}/oauth2/token Params Send

Authorization Headers (1) Body Pre-request Script Tests

form-data x-www-form-urlencoded raw binary

Key	Value	Description
client_id	{{client_id}}	
client_secret	{{client_secret}}	
resource	https://graph.microsoft.com	
grant_type	client_credentials	
New key	Value	Description

Body Cookies (3) Headers (14) Test Results (1/1) Status: 200 OK Time: 683 ms

Pretty Raw Preview JSON

```

1 {
2   "token_type": "Bearer",
3   "expires_in": "3600",
4   "ext_expires_in": "0",
5   "expires_on": "1521365565",
6   "not_before": "1521361665",
7   "resource": "https://graph.microsoft.com",
8   "access_token": "eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJub25jZSI6IHRFRQUjBQUFBQUCGg0a21TX2FLVDVYcnp6eFJ8dEh6TGZlW0UzAT1EU1BrbHU0dEEt...

```

This option is called **Client Credentials Grant Flow** and is suitable for machine-to-machine authentication where a specific user's permission to access data is not required.

To learn more about this flow, see: [Service to service calls using client credentials \(shared secret or certificate\)](#)

Flow 2 - Get Access Token From Client and User Credentials (Resource Owner Credentials Grant)

The first option, while it is the simplest of all (since it only requires the Application ID and Secret), doesn't always work. There are several Graph Methods for which just using the client credentials is not enough - they require user authorization as well. For example, in order to retrieve Group Events, we can see permission `ApplicationNot supported`, meaning getting access to that resource with just Client Credentials will not work. However, the first line is, `Delegated (work or school account): Group.Read.All` meaning, if we can get a "delegated permission" we can make this work.

So what does "delegated permission" mean, you ask? Well in simple terms, we need to show the API that not only have we come with an approved Client, we also have to carry a valid User authorization as well. Meaning that our access token needs to contain **both** a valid **Client** and **User** claims.

So how can we do that? There are a couple of ways to achieve that, in this option, we will look at the simplest way - the Resource Owner Credentials Grant.

For this flow, we need to send the following POST message:

POST https://login.microsoftonline.com/{{AAD_name}}/oauth2/token

- `grant_type` : The grant flow we want to use, `password` in this case.
- `client_id` : The Client ID (Application ID) of the application we created in the previous step.
- `client_secret` : The Client Secret we created in the previous step.
- `resource` : The name of the resource to which we would like to get access, <https://graph.microsoft.com> in this case.
- `username` : Full username of the user, including the domain, for example, `john@contoso.onmicrosoft.com`
- `password` : User's plain-text password.

We will receive a response with a JSON object containing the following properties:

- `token_type` : The value `Bearer`
- `expires_on` : The token expire timestamp in Unix epoch time.
- `access_token` : The access token we needed to access the Graph API.
- `refresh_token` : A refresh token that can be used to acquire a new access token when the original expires.

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POST https://login.microsoftonline.com/{{AAD_name}}/oauth2/token Params

Authorization Headers (1) Body Pre-request Script Tests

☐ form-data ☒ x-www-form-urlencoded ☐ raw ☐ binary

Key	Value
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> client_id	{{client_id}}
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> client_secret	{{client_secret}}
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> username	{{username}}
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> password	{{password}}
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> grant_type	password
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> resource	https://graph.microsoft.com
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> scope	openid
New key	Value

Body Cookies (3) Headers (14) Test Results (1/1) Status: 200 OK

Pretty Raw Preview JSON

```
1 {
2   "token_type": "Bearer",
3   "scope": "Bookings.Manage.All Bookings.Read.All Bookings.ReadWrite.All BookingsAppointment.ReadWrite.All",
4   "expires_in": "3599",
5   "ext_expires_in": "0",
6   "expires_on": "1521537330",
7   "not_before": "1521533430",
```

```
8      "resource": "https://graph.microsoft.com",
9      "access_token": "eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJub25jZSI6IkpFRQUJ8BQUFBQUFCSGg0a21TX2FLVDVYcmp6eFJ8dEh6LTRZSG9
10     "refresh_token": "AQABAAAAA8Hh4kmS_aKT5XrjzxRAtHz-_gaBu5XPSB4JMz2MtPxaBk0cr8aJXDLvcDru1jFNJ12j3
11     "id_token": "eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJub251In0.eyJhdWQiOiIyMDg0YzYwYy1mZTQyLTRjYTA0ODBlNC05MTY
12 }
```

To learn more about this flow, see: Resource Owner Password Credentials Grant in Azure AD OAuth.

Besides the access token, we received two additional tokens - Refresh Token and ID Token. They were not necessary for this flow, but they can be used in other grant flows and this is an example of how to get them. We automatically get the Refresh Token in this flow, and we can get an ID Token by adding to the request `scope` parameter with the value `openid`, as seen in the above Postman screenshot.

That's all for Part 2, tune in tomorrow for the final post of this series where cover the last two flow types you need!

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