

# Authentication & Authorization Documentation

## Supervision App Backend

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### Overview

The Supervision App uses a **JWT-based authentication system** with **role-based authorization**. It supports two user roles: `admin` and `user` (field doctors), with different permission levels for each role.

### Key Features:

- JWT Access & Refresh Tokens
  - Role-based Access Control (RBAC)
  - Password Hashing with bcryptjs
  - Rate Limiting for Security
  - Input Validation
  - Secure Session Management
  - Soft Delete for Users
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# Authentication Flow

## 1. User Registration Flow

- 1. Client sends POST request to `/api/auth/register` with user data
- 2. API validates input using `express-validator`
- 3. API hashes password using `bcryptjs`
- 4. API inserts user into database
- 5. API generates JWT access and refresh tokens
- 6. API returns tokens and user information to client

## 2. User Login Flow

- 1. Client sends POST request to `/api/auth/login` with credentials
- 2. API finds user by username or email in database
- 3. API verifies password using `bcryptjs compare`
- 4. API generates JWT access and refresh tokens
- 5. API updates user's last login timestamp
- 6. API returns tokens and user information to client

## 3. Token Refresh Flow

- 1. Client sends POST request to `/api/auth/refresh` with refresh token
- 2. API verifies refresh token signature and expiration
- 3. API validates user still exists and is active in database
- 4. API generates new access and refresh tokens
- 5. API returns new tokens to client

# Authorization System

## Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)

| Role  | Permissions   | Description                           |
|-------|---|---------------------------------------|
| admin | Full CRUD on all data, User management, System administration | System administrators and supervisors |
| user  | CRUD on own forms (before sync), Read-only after sync         | Field doctors and medical officers    |

## Permission Matrix

| Endpoint                      | Admin | User | Guest |
|-------------------------------|-------|------|-------|
| GET /health                   | Yes   | Yes  | Yes   |
| POST /api/auth/login          | Yes   | Yes  | Yes   |
| POST /api/auth/register       | Yes   | No   | No    |
| GET /api/users                | Yes   | No   | No    |
| POST /api/users               | Yes   | No   | No    |
| PUT /api/users/:id            | Yes   | No   | No    |
| DELETE /api/users/:id         | Yes   | No   | No    |
| GET /api/auth/profile         | Yes   | Yes  | No    |
| PUT /api/auth/change-password | Yes   | Yes  | No    |

## API Endpoints

### Authentication Endpoints

#### 1. User Registration

http

POST /api/auth/register

Content-Type: application/json

```
{
  "username": "string (3-50 chars, alphanumeric + underscore)",
  "email": "string (valid email)",
  "password": "string (min 8 chars, 1 uppercase, 1 lowercase, 1 number)",
  "fullName": "string (2-100 chars)",
  "role": "string (optional: 'admin' | 'user', default: 'user')"
}
```

#### Response (201):

json

```
{
  "message": "User registered successfully",
  "user": {
    "id": 1,
    "username": "john_doe",
    "email": "john@example.com",
    "fullName": "John Doe",
    "role": "user",
    "createdAt": "2025-01-03T10:00:00.000Z"
  },
  "accessToken": "eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9...",
  "refreshToken": "eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9..."
}
```

## 2. User Login

http

POST /api/auth/login

Content-Type: application/json

```
{
  "username": "string (username or email)",
  "password": "string"
}
```

### Response (200):

json

```
{
  "message": "Login successful",
  "user": {
    "id": 1,
    "username": "admin",
    "email": "admin@supervision-app.com",
    "fullName": "System Administrator",
    "role": "admin"
  },
  "accessToken": "eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9...",
  "refreshToken": "eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9..."
}
```

### 3. Refresh Token

http

POST /api/auth/refresh

Content-Type: application/json

```
{
  "refreshToken": "string"
}
```

#### Response (200):

json

```
{
  "message": "Token refreshed successfully",
  "accessToken": "eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9...",
  "refreshToken": "eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9..."
}
```

### 4. Get User Profile

http

GET /api/auth/profile

Authorization: Bearer <access\_token>

#### Response (200):

json

```
{
  "user": {
    "id": 1,
    "username": "admin",
    "email": "admin@supervision-app.com",
    "fullName": "System Administrator",
    "role": "admin",
    "createdAt": "2025-01-03T10:00:00.000Z",
    "updatedAt": "2025-01-03T10:00:00.000Z"
  }
}
```

## 5. Change Password

http

PUT /api/auth/change-password

Authorization: Bearer <access\_token>

Content-Type: application/json

```
{
  "currentPassword": "string",
  "newPassword": "string (min 8 chars, 1 uppercase, 1 lowercase, 1 number)",
  "confirmPassword": "string (must match newPassword)"
}
```

### Response (200):

json

```
{
  "message": "Password changed successfully"
}
```

## 6. Logout

http

POST /api/auth/logout

Authorization: Bearer <access\_token>

### Response (200):

json

```
{
  "message": "Logout successful"
}
```

## 7. Verify Token

http

POST /api/auth/verify

Authorization: Bearer <access\_token>

## Response (200):

```
json

{
  "message": "Token is valid",
  "user": {
    "id": 1,
    "username": "admin",
    "email": "admin@supervision-app.com",
    "fullName": "System Administrator",
    "role": "admin"
  }
}
```

## User Management Endpoints (Admin Only)

### 1. Get All Users

http

GET /api/users?page=1&limit=10&search=john&role=user&isActive=true

Authorization: Bearer <admin\_access\_token>

### Query Parameters:

- `page`: Page number (default: 1)
- `limit`: Items per page (default: 10)
- `search`: Search in username, email, fullName
- `role`: Filter by role ('admin' | 'user')
- `isActive`: Filter by active status (true | false)

## Response (200):

json

```
{
  "users": [
    {
      "id": 2,
      "username": "dr_smith",
      "email": "smith@hospital.com",
      "fullName": "Dr. John Smith",
      "role": "user",
      "isActive": true,
      "createdAt": "2025-01-03T10:00:00.000Z",
      "updatedAt": "2025-01-03T10:00:00.000Z"
    }
  ],
  "pagination": {
    "currentPage": 1,
    "totalPages": 3,
    "totalUsers": 25,
    "hasNextPage": true,
    "hasPrevPage": false
  }
}
```

## 2. Get User by ID

http

GET /api/users/:id

Authorization: Bearer <admin\_access\_token>

## 3. Create User

http



POST /api/users

Authorization: Bearer <admin\_access\_token>

Content-Type: application/json

```
{
  "username": "dr_new",
  "email": "new@hospital.com",
  "password": "Doctor123!",
  "fullName": "Dr. New Doctor",
  "role": "user"
}
```

#### 4. Update User

http

PUT /api/users/:id

Authorization: Bearer <admin\_access\_token>

Content-Type: application/json

```
{
  "username": "updated_username",
  "email": "updated@email.com",
  "fullName": "Updated Name",
  "role": "user",
  "isActive": true
}
```

#### 5. Delete User (Soft Delete)

http

DELETE /api/users/:id

Authorization: Bearer <admin\_access\_token>

#### 6. Restore User

http

PUT /api/users/:id/restore

Authorization: Bearer <admin\_access\_token>

## 7. Reset User Password

http

PUT /api/users/:id/reset-password

Authorization: Bearer <admin\_access\_token>

Content-Type: application/json

```
{  
  "newPassword": "NewPassword123!"  
}
```

## JWT Token Management

### Token Structure

#### Access Token Payload:

json

```
{  
  "userId": 1,  
  "username": "admin",  
  "role": "admin",  
  "iat": 1641024000,  
  "exp": 1641110400  
}
```

#### Token Configuration:

javascript

```
// Environment Variables  
JWT_SECRET=your_super_secret_jwt_key_here  
JWT_REFRESH_SECRET=your_refresh_token_secret_key_here  
JWT_EXPIRES_IN=24h  
JWT_REFRESH_EXPIRES_IN=7d
```

#### Token Validation Process:

1. **Extract token** from Authorization header (Bearer <token>)
2. **Verify signature** using JWT\_SECRET

3. **Check expiration** time
4. **Validate user** still exists and is active in database
5. **Attach user info** to request object

## Token Generation:

javascript

```
const generateTokens = (user) => {
  const payload = {
    userId: user.id,
    username: user.username,
    role: user.role
  };

  const accessToken = jwt.sign(payload, process.env.JWT_SECRET, {
    expiresIn: process.env.JWT_EXPIRES_IN || '24h'
  });

  const refreshToken = jwt.sign(payload, process.env.JWT_REFRESH_SECRET, {
    expiresIn: process.env.JWT_REFRESH_EXPIRES_IN || '7d'
  });

  return { accessToken, refreshToken };
};
```

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## User Roles & Permissions

### Admin Role

#### Capabilities:

- Full CRUD operations on all data
- User account management
- System configuration
- Data export functionality
- View all supervision forms
- Monitor sync status
- Reset user passwords
- Soft delete/restore users

### **Use Cases:**

- IT Administrators
- Health Ministry Officials
- Senior Medical Supervisors
- System Managers

### **User Role (Field Doctors)**

#### **Capabilities:**

- CRUD operations on own forms (before sync)
- Read-only access after sync
- Change own password
- View own profile
- Export own data
- Cannot access other users' data
- Cannot manage users
- Cannot access admin endpoints

#### **Use Cases:**

- Field Doctors
  - Medical Officers
  - Health Post Staff
  - Mobile Medical Teams
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## **Security Features**

### **1. Password Security**

- **Hashing Algorithm:** bcryptjs with 12 salt rounds
- **Password Requirements:**
  - Minimum 8 characters
  - At least 1 uppercase letter
  - At least 1 lowercase letter
  - At least 1 number

- **Storage:** Only hashed passwords stored in database

## 2. Rate Limiting

javascript

```
// Global Rate Limiting
windowMs: 15 * 60 * 1000, // 15 minutes
max: 100 requests per IP

// Auth Endpoint Rate Limiting
windowMs: 15 * 60 * 1000, // 15 minutes
max: 5 login attempts per IP
```

## 3. Security Headers (Helmet.js)

- Content Security Policy
- X-Frame-Options
- X-Content-Type-Options
- Referrer-Policy
- Strict-Transport-Security

## 4. CORS Configuration

javascript

```
const corsOptions = {
  origin: process.env.ALLOWED_ORIGINS.split(','),
  credentials: true,
  optionsSuccessStatus: 200
};
```

## 5. Input Validation

- **express-validator** for all inputs
- SQL injection prevention
- XSS protection
- Data sanitization

## 6. Database Security

- **Parameterized queries** prevent SQL injection

- **Connection pooling** with limits
  - **Transaction support** for data integrity
  - **Soft deletes** preserve audit trail
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## Error Handling

### Authentication Errors

#### 401 Unauthorized

```
json
{
  "error": "Unauthorized",
  "message": "Access token is required"
}
```

```
json
{
  "error": "Unauthorized",
  "message": "Invalid token"
}
```

```
json
{
  "error": "Unauthorized",
  "message": "Token expired"
}
```

```
json
{
  "error": "Unauthorized",
  "message": "Invalid credentials"
}
```

#### 403 Forbidden

```
json
```

```
{
  "error": "Forbidden",
  "message": "Admin access required"
}
```

json

```
{
  "error": "Forbidden",
  "message": "You can only modify your own resources"
}
```

## 400 Bad Request (Validation Errors)

json

```
{
  "error": "Validation Error",
  "message": "Invalid input data",
  "details": [
    {
      "field": "password",
      "message": "Password must be at least 8 characters long",
      "value": "123"
    }
  ]
}
```

## 409 Conflict

json

```
{
  "error": "Conflict",
  "message": "Username or email already exists"
}
```

## 429 Too Many Requests

json

```
{  
  "error": "Too Many Requests",  
  "message": "Too many authentication attempts, please try again later."  
}
```

## Database Schema

### Users Table

```
sql  
  
CREATE TABLE users (  
  id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY,  
  username VARCHAR(50) UNIQUE NOT NULL,  
  email VARCHAR(100) UNIQUE NOT NULL,  
  password_hash VARCHAR(255) NOT NULL,  
  role VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL DEFAULT 'user',  
  full_name VARCHAR(100) NOT NULL,  
  created_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,  
  updated_at TIMESTAMP DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,  
  is_active BOOLEAN DEFAULT true  
);
```

### Indexes for Performance

```
sql  
  
CREATE INDEX idx_users_username ON users(username);  
CREATE INDEX idx_users_email ON users(email);  
CREATE INDEX idx_users_role ON users(role);
```

### Default Admin User

```
sql  
  
-- Created during migration  
username: 'admin'  
email: 'admin@supervision-app.com'  
password: 'Admin123!' (hashed)  
role: 'admin'  
full_name: 'System Administrator'
```



# Code Structure & Files

## Project Directory Structure

```
supervision-app-backend/
├── config/
│   └── database.js      # Database configuration and connection
├── middleware/
│   ├── auth.js         # JWT authentication middleware
│   ├── errorHandler.js # Global error handling
│   └── validation.js    # Input validation rules
├── routes/
│   ├── auth.js         # Authentication endpoints
│   └── users.js        # User management endpoints
├── scripts/
│   └── migrate.js       # Database migration script
├── node_modules/       # Dependencies
├── .env                # Environment variables
├── .gitignore          # Git ignore rules
├── package.json         # Project dependencies
├── package-lock.json    # Dependency lock file
└── server.js           # Main server file
```

## Authentication-Related Files

### Primary Files

| File               | Purpose                   | Key Functions   |
|--------------------|---------------------------|---|
| server.js          | Main server entry point   | Express setup, middleware configuration, route mounting   |
| config/database.js | Database connection       | Connection pooling, query execution, transaction handling |
| middleware/auth.js | Authentication middleware | Token validation, user verification, role checking        |
| routes/auth.js     | Authentication routes     | Login, register, token refresh, password change           |
| routes/users.js    | User management routes    | CRUD operations for users (admin only)                    |

### Supporting Files

| File                       | Purpose          | Key Functions                                |
|----------------------------|------------------|--|
| middleware/validation.js   | Input validation | Request validation rules, error formatting   |
| middleware/errorHandler.js | Error handling   | Global error processing, response formatting |
| scripts/migrate.js         | Database setup   | Table creation, default user setup           |
| .env                       | Configuration    | Environment variables, secrets               |

## Key Code Locations

### JWT Token Generation

**File:** routes/auth.js **Lines:** ~30-45

```
javascript

const generateTokens = (user) => {
  const payload = {
    userId: user.id,
    username: user.username,
    role: user.role
  };
  const accessToken = jwt.sign(
    payload,
    process.env.JWT_SECRET,
    { expiresIn: '24h' }
  );
  const refreshToken = jwt.sign(
    payload,
    process.env.JWT_REFRESH_SECRET,
    { expiresIn: '7d' }
  );
  return { accessToken, refreshToken };
};
```

### Authentication Middleware

**File:** middleware/auth.js **Lines:** ~5-55

```
javascript

const authenticateToken = async (req, res, next) => {
  // Token extraction and validation logic
};
```

### Database Connection

**File:** config/database.js **Lines:** ~5-25

```
javascript

const pool = new Pool(dbConfig);

class Database {
  static async query(text, params = []) {
    /* ... */
  }
}
```

## Password Hashing

**File:** `routes/auth.js` **Lines:** ~80-90 (registration), ~120-130 (login verification)

javascript

```
const hashedPassword = await bcrypt.hash(password, saltRounds);
const isPasswordValid = await bcrypt.compare(password, user.password_hash);
```

## User Role Authorization

**File:** `middleware/auth.js` **Lines:** ~70-85

javascript

```
const requireAdmin = (req, res, next) => {
  if (req.user.role !== 'admin') {
    return res.status(403).json({ error: 'Forbidden', message: 'Admin access required' });
  }
  next();
};
```

## Rate Limiting Configuration

**File:** `server.js` **Lines:** ~20-35

javascript

```
const limiter = rateLimit({
  windowMs: 15 * 60 * 1000,
  max: 100
});
```

## Database Schema

**File:** `scripts/migrate.js` **Lines:** ~15-50 (users table), ~200-250 (default admin creation)

javascript

```
await db.query(`CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS users (...)`);
```

## Environment Configuration

**File:** `.env`

bash

*# Database settings*

DB\_HOST=localhost

DB\_PORT=5432

DB\_NAME=supervision\_app

DB\_USER=postgres

DB\_PASSWORD=admin123

*# JWT settings*

JWT\_SECRET=your\_jwt\_secret

JWT\_REFRESH\_SECRET=your\_refresh\_secret

JWT\_EXPIRES\_IN=24h

JWT\_REFRESH\_EXPIRES\_IN=7d

## Dependency Configuration

**File:** `package.json` **Key authentication dependencies:**

json

```
{
  "dependencies": {
    "bcryptjs": "^2.4.3",      // Password hashing
    "jsonwebtoken": "^9.0.2",  // JWT token handling
    "express-validator": "^7.0.1", // Input validation
    "helmet": "^7.0.0",        // Security headers
    "express-rate-limit": "^6.10.0" // Rate limiting
  }
}
```

## Middleware Chain Order

**File:** `server.js` **Lines:** ~25-50

javascript

```
// Security middleware
app.use(helmet());
app.use(limiter);
app.use(cors(corsOptions));
app.use(express.json());

// Routes
app.use('/api/auth', authRoutes);
app.use('/api/users', authenticateToken, userRoutes);

// Error handling
app.use(errorHandler);
```

## Database Table Definitions

**File:** `scripts/migrate.js` **Key tables for authentication:**

- **Users table:** Lines ~15-35
- **Indexes:** Lines ~150-160
- **Default admin creation:** Lines ~200-250

## Validation Rules

**File:** `middleware/validation.js` **Key validations:**

- **User registration:** Lines ~25-50
- **Login validation:** Lines ~55-65
- **Password change:** Lines ~100-120

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## Testing Guide

### Test Environment Setup

```
bash

# Start server
npm run dev

# Create database tables
npm run migrate create
```

# Postman Testing Collection

## 1. Health Check

Method: GET

URL: http://127.0.0.1:3000/health

Headers: (none)

Body: (none)

## 2. Admin Login

Method: POST

URL: http://127.0.0.1:3000/api/auth/login

Headers:

Content-Type: application/json

Body (raw JSON):

```
{  
  "username": "admin",  
  "password": "Admin123!"  
}
```

## 3. Get Admin Profile

Method: GET

URL: http://127.0.0.1:3000/api/auth/profile

Headers:

Authorization: Bearer YOUR\_ACCESS\_TOKEN

Body: (none)

## 4. Create User - Dr. Smith

Method: POST  
URL: http://127.0.0.1:3000/api/users  
Headers:  
Content-Type: application/json  
Authorization: Bearer YOUR\_ACCESS\_TOKEN  
Body (raw JSON):  
{  
 "username": "dr\_smith",  
 "email": "smith@hospital.com",  
 "password": "Doctor123!",  
 "fullName": "Dr. John Smith",  
 "role": "user"  
}

## 5. Create User - Dr. Patel

Method: POST  
URL: http://127.0.0.1:3000/api/users  
Headers:  
Content-Type: application/json  
Authorization: Bearer YOUR\_ACCESS\_TOKEN  
Body (raw JSON):  
{  
 "username": "dr\_patel",  
 "email": "patel@hospital.com",  
 "password": "Doctor456!",  
 "fullName": "Dr. Priya Patel",  
 "role": "user"  
}

## 6. Get All Users

Method: GET  
URL: http://127.0.0.1:3000/api/users  
Headers:  
Authorization: Bearer YOUR\_ACCESS\_TOKEN  
Body: (none)

## 7. Get Users with Pagination

Method: GET

URL: `http://127.0.0.1:3000/api/users?page=1&limit=5&search=smith`

Headers:

Authorization: Bearer YOUR\_ACCESS\_TOKEN

Body: (none)

## 8. Update User

Method: PUT

URL: `http://127.0.0.1:3000/api/users/2`

Headers:

Content-Type: application/json

Authorization: Bearer YOUR\_ACCESS\_TOKEN

Body (raw JSON):

```
{  
  "fullName": "Dr. John Smith Jr.",  
  "email": "johnsmith@hospital.com",  
  "isActive": true  
}
```

## 9. Reset User Password

Method: PUT

URL: `http://127.0.0.1:3000/api/users/2/reset-password`

Headers:

Content-Type: application/json

Authorization: Bearer YOUR\_ACCESS\_TOKEN

Body (raw JSON):

```
{  
  "newPassword": "NewPassword123!"  
}
```

## 10. Change Admin Password



Method: PUT  
URL: http://127.0.0.1:3000/api/auth/change-password  
Headers:  
Content-Type: application/json  
Authorization: Bearer YOUR\_ACCESS\_TOKEN  
Body (raw JSON):  
{  
 "currentPassword": "Admin123!",  
 "newPassword": "MySecurePassword123!",  
 "confirmPassword": "MySecurePassword123!"  
}

## 11. Test Regular User Login

Method: POST  
URL: http://127.0.0.1:3000/api/auth/login  
Headers:  
Content-Type: application/json  
Body (raw JSON):  
{  
 "username": "dr\_smith",  
 "password": "Doctor123!"  
}

## 12. Refresh Token

Method: POST  
URL: http://127.0.0.1:3000/api/auth/refresh  
Headers:  
Content-Type: application/json  
Body (raw JSON):  
{  
 "refreshToken": "YOUR\_REFRESH\_TOKEN\_FROM\_LOGIN"  
}

## 13. Verify Token

Method: POST  
URL: http://127.0.0.1:3000/api/auth/verify  
Headers:  
Authorization: Bearer YOUR\_ACCESS\_TOKEN  
Body: (none)

## 14. Logout

Method: POST  
URL: http://127.0.0.1:3000/api/auth/logout  
Headers:  
Authorization: Bearer YOUR\_ACCESS\_TOKEN  
Body: (none)

## 15. Delete User (Soft Delete)

Method: DELETE  
URL: http://127.0.0.1:3000/api/users/3  
Headers:  
Authorization: Bearer YOUR\_ACCESS\_TOKEN  
Body: (none)

## 16. Restore Deleted User

Method: PUT  
URL: http://127.0.0.1:3000/api/users/3/restore  
Headers:  
Authorization: Bearer YOUR\_ACCESS\_TOKEN  
Body: (none)

## 17. Test Permission Denied (User tries to access admin endpoint)

Method: GET  
URL: http://127.0.0.1:3000/api/users  
Headers:  
Authorization: Bearer USER\_ACCESS\_TOKEN\_NOT\_ADMIN  
Body: (none)

*Expected: 403 Forbidden*

## 18. Test Invalid Token

Method: GET

URL: http://127.0.0.1:3000/api/auth/profile

Headers:

Authorization: Bearer invalid\_token\_here

Body: (none)

*Expected: 401 Unauthorized*

### Testing Order:

1. **Login as admin** (Test #2) → Copy `accessToken`
  2. **Create users** (Tests #4, #5)
  3. **List users** (Test #6) → Verify creation
  4. **Update user** (Test #8)
  5. **Login as regular user** (Test #11) → Copy user token
  6. **Test permissions** (Test #17) → Should fail with 403
  7. **Test admin functions** with admin token
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## Security Best Practices

### 1. Token Security

- Use strong, unique JWT secrets
- Set appropriate token expiration times
- Implement token refresh mechanism
- Validate tokens on every request
- Check user status in database

### 2. Password Security

- Enforce strong password policies
- Use bcryptjs with high salt rounds
- Never store plain text passwords
- Implement password change functionality
- Force password change on first login

### 3. API Security

- Rate limiting on authentication endpoints
- Input validation and sanitization
- CORS configuration
- Security headers with Helmet.js
- Parameterized database queries

### 4. Production Deployment

- Use HTTPS only
- Secure environment variables
- Remove default admin creation
- Set up proper logging
- Regular security updates
- Database connection security

### 5. Monitoring & Auditing

- Log authentication attempts
  - Monitor failed login attempts
  - Track user activities
  - Set up alerts for suspicious activities
  - Regular security audits
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## Troubleshooting

### Common Issues

#### 1. "Invalid token" Error

##### Causes:

- Token expired
- Wrong JWT secret
- Token malformed
- User deactivated

### **Solutions:**

- Check token expiration
- Verify JWT\_SECRET environment variable
- Use refresh token to get new access token
- Check user status in database

## **2. "Access token is required" Error**

### **Causes:**

- Missing Authorization header
- Wrong header format
- Token not included

### **Solutions:**

- Add Authorization header: `Bearer <token>`
- Check header format (space after "Bearer")
- Include valid access token

## **3. "Password authentication failed" Error**

### **Causes:**

- Wrong username/password
- User doesn't exist
- User deactivated

### **Solutions:**

- Verify credentials
- Check user exists in database
- Ensure user is active

## **4. "Admin access required" Error**

### **Causes:**

- User role is not 'admin'
- Wrong endpoint access

## Solutions:

- Use admin account
- Check user role in database
- Verify endpoint permissions

## 5. Database Connection Issues

### Causes:

- Wrong database credentials
- Database not running
- Network issues

### Solutions:

- Check .env database settings
- Verify PostgreSQL is running
- Test database connection

## Debug Steps

### 1. Check Server Logs

```
bash

# Look for error messages in server console
npm run dev
```

### 2. Verify Environment Variables

```
bash

# Check if .env is loaded correctly
console.log(process.env.JWT_SECRET);
```

### 3. Test Database Connection

```
bash

# Run migration to test DB connection
npm run migrate create
```

## 4. Validate JWT Token

javascript

```
// Decode token without verification (for debugging)
const jwt = require('jsonwebtoken');
const decoded = jwt.decode(token);
console.log(decoded);
```

## 5. Check User Status

sql

```
-- Connect to database and check user
SELECT * FROM users WHERE username = 'admin';
```

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## References

### Dependencies Used

- **express**: Web framework
- **jsonwebtoken**: JWT token handling
- **bcryptjs**: Password hashing
- **express-validator**: Input validation
- **helmet**: Security headers
- **express-rate-limit**: Rate limiting
- **cors**: Cross-origin requests
- **pg**: PostgreSQL client
- **dotenv**: Environment variables

### Useful Commands

bash

*# Start development server*

`npm run dev`

*# Run database migration*

`npm run migrate create`

*# Reset database*

`npm run migrate reset`

*# Run tests (when implemented)*

`npm test`

## Environment Variables Reference

bash

*# Server*

`PORT=3000`

`NODE_ENV=development`

*# Database*

`DB_HOST=localhost`

`DB_PORT=5432`

`DB_NAME=supervision_app`

`DB_USER=postgres`

`DB_PASSWORD=your_password`

*# JWT*

`JWT_SECRET=your_jwt_secret`

`JWT_REFRESH_SECRET=your_refresh_secret`

`JWT_EXPIRES_IN=24h`

`JWT_REFRESH_EXPIRES_IN=7d`

*# CORS*

`ALLOWED_ORIGINS=http://localhost:3000,http://localhost:8080`

*# Rate Limiting*

`RATE_LIMIT_WINDOW_MS=900000`

`RATE_LIMIT_MAX_REQUESTS=100`

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