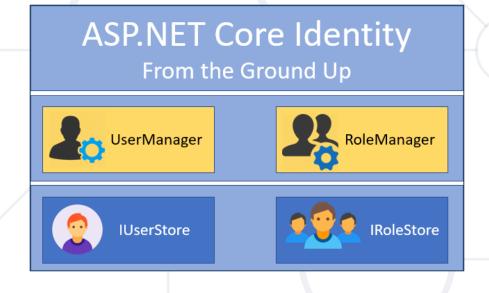
Identity

ASP.NET Core Identity, Authentication Types, Social Accounts, JWT



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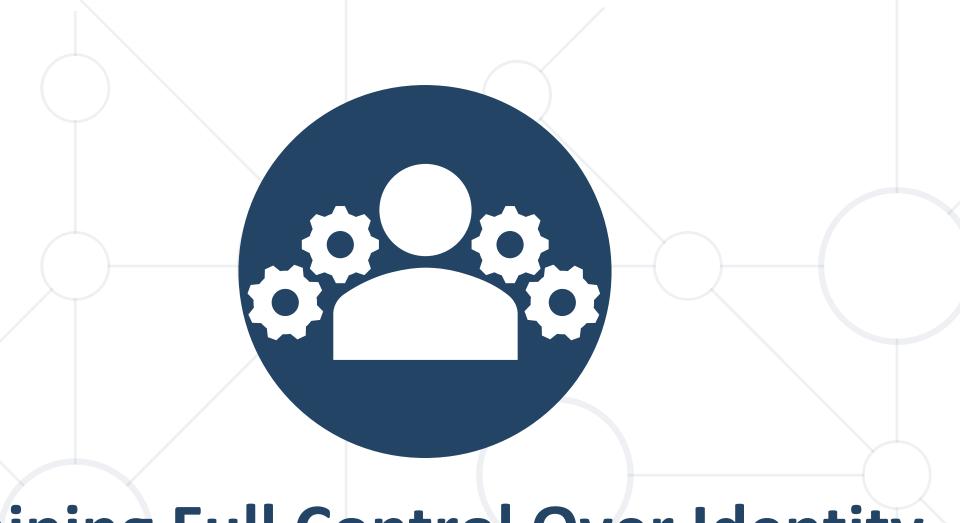
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Gaining Full Control Over Identity

Extending ASP.NET Core Identity



- ApplicationUser.cs can add user functionality
- Extends the user information from the ASP.NET Core IdentityUser
- May hold additional fields
 - E.g., first name, last name, birthday

```
public class IdentityUser<TKey> where TKey : IEquatable<TKey>
 ...public IdentityUser();
 ...public IdentityUser(string userName);
 ...public virtual DateTimeOffset? LockoutEnd { get; set; }
 ...public virtual bool TwoFactorEnabled { get; set; }
   public virtual bool PhoneNumberConfirmed { get; set; }
 ...public virtual string PhoneNumber { get; set; }
 ...public virtual string ConcurrencyStamp { get; set; }
 ...public virtual string SecurityStamp { get; set; }
 ...public virtual string PasswordHash { get; set; }
   public virtual bool EmailConfirmed { get; set; }
   public virtual string NormalizedEmail { get; set; }
 ...public virtual string Email { get; set; }
 ...public virtual string NormalizedUserName { get; set; }
   public virtual string UserName { get; set; }
 ...public virtual TKey Id { get; set; }
 ...public virtual bool LockoutEnabled { get; set; }
 public virtual int AccessFailedCount { get; set; }
 ...public override string ToString();
```

Gaining Full Identity Control



The default identity behavior is replaced with a custom one

```
builder.Services.AddIdentity<IdentityUser, IdentityRole>()
    // services.AddDefaultIdentity<IdentityUser>()
    .AddEntityFrameworkStores<ApplicationDbContext>()
    .AddDefaultTokenProviders();
}
```

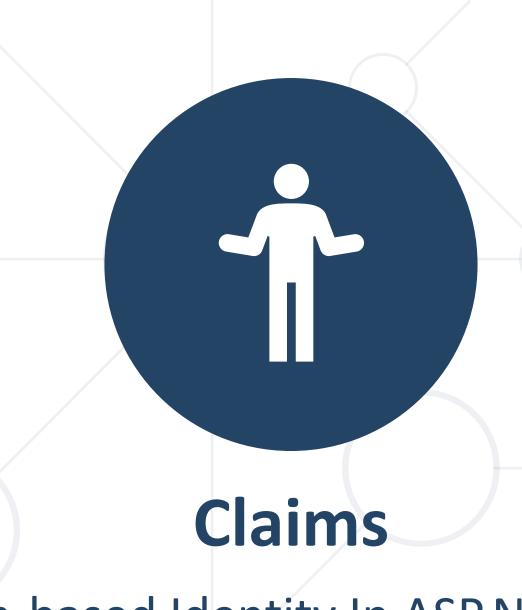
You implement a custom User and a Custom User Role

Gaining Full Identity Control



The following sets the LoginPath, LogoutPath,
 AccessDeniedPath

```
builder.Services.ConfigureApplicationCookie(options =>
{
          options.LoginPath = $"/Identity/Account/Login";
          options.LogoutPath = $"/Identity/Account/Logout";
          options.AccessDeniedPath = $"/Identity/Account/AccessDenied";
});
```

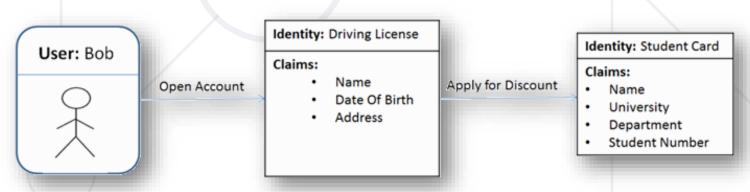


Claim-based Identity In ASP.NET Core

Claims



- Claim-based identity is a common technique used in applications
 - Applications acquire identity info about their users through Claims
- A Claim is a statement that one subject makes about itself
 - It can be about a name, group, ethnicity, privilege, association etc.
 - The subject making the claim is a provider
- Claim-based identity simplifies authentication logic
 - No account creation / modification required



Claims in ASP.NET Core



- In ASP.NET Core, Claim-based auth checks are declarative
 - The developer embeds them against a Controller or an Action
 - The developer specifies required claims to access the functionality
- Claims requirements are policy based
 - The developer must register a policy expressing claims requirements
- Claims are name-value pairs



Claims



- The simplest type of claim policy checks only for the presence of a claim
 - The value of the claim is not checked

```
//This action is accessible only by Identities with the "EmployeeOnly" Claim...
[Authorize(Policy = "EmployeeOnly")]
public IActionResult VacationBalance() => View();
```



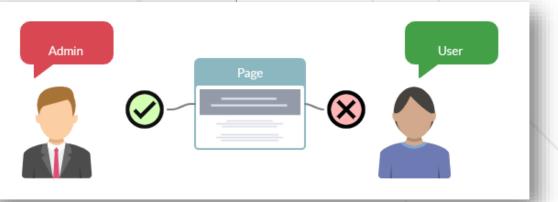
Roles



- Role-based authorization in ASP.NET Core
 - An identity may belong to one or more roles
- Roles are claims, but not all claims are roles
- Enable RoleManager with

builder.Services.AddDefaultIdentity<IdentityUser>(...)

.AddRoles<IdentityRole>();



Add User to a Role



Adding a User to an existing Role

```
public async Task<IActionResult> AddUserToRole()
   var roleName = "Administrator";
  var roleExists = await roleManager.RoleExistsAsync(roleName);
   if (roleExists)
      var user = await userManager.GetUserAsync(User);
      var result = await userManager.AddToRoleAsync(user, roleName);
      if (result.Succeeded)
       // The user is now Administrator
```

Require Logged-In User in Certain Role



Give access only to Users in Role "Administrator"

```
[Authorize(Roles="Administrator")]
public class AdminController : Controller
{ ... }
```

Give access if User's Role is "User", "Student" or "Trainer"

```
[Authorize(Roles="User, Student, Trainer")]
public ActionResult Roles()
{
    ...
}
```

Check the Currently Logged-In User's Role



```
// GET: /Home/Admin (for Logged-in admins only)
[Authorize]
public ActionResult Admin()
    if (this.User.IsInRole("Administrator"))
        ViewBag.Message = "Welcome to the admin area!";
        return View();
    return this.View("Unauthorized");
```



Authentication Types in ASP.NET Core

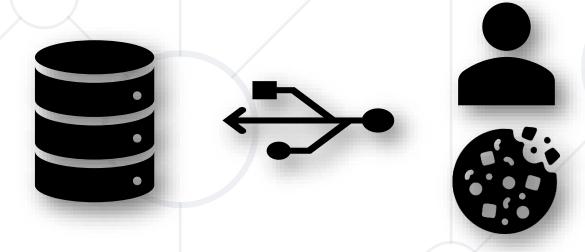


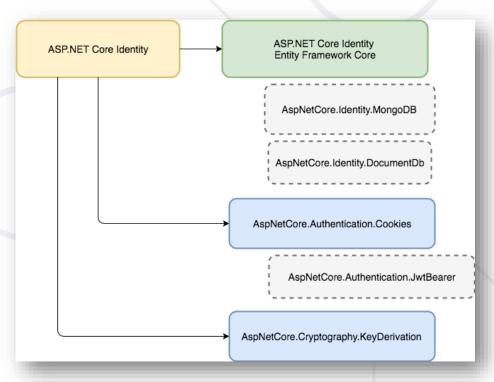
- Cookie-based Authentication & Authorization (Identity)
 - Authentication is entirely Cookie-based
 - The Principal is based on claims
- Windows Authentication & Authorization
 - Relies on the operating system to authenticate users
- Cloud-based Authentication & Authorization
 - An external platform handles the User functionality
- JSON Web Tokens (JWT) Authentication & Authorization

Cookie-Based Authentication & Authorization



- Cookie-Based auth is the ASP.NET Core app auth mechanism
 - Authentication is entirely Cookie-based
 - This is a major difference from ASP.NET MVC
 - The Principal is based on claims



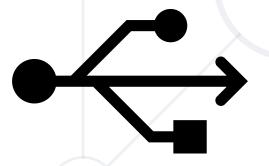


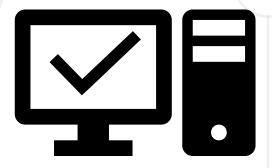
Windows Authentication & Authorization



- Windows auth is a more complex auth mechanism
 - Relies on the operating system to authenticate users
 - Credentials are hashed before sent across the network
 - Best suited for intranet environments
 - Clients, Users, Servers belong to the same Windows domain (AD)





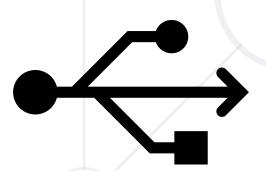


Cloud-based Authentication & Authorization



- Cloud-based auth is a more modern authentication approach
 - Authentication & Authorization work is outsourced
 - An external platform handles the User functionality
 - Ensures flexibility and speed
 - Greatly decouples the auth functionality from the others







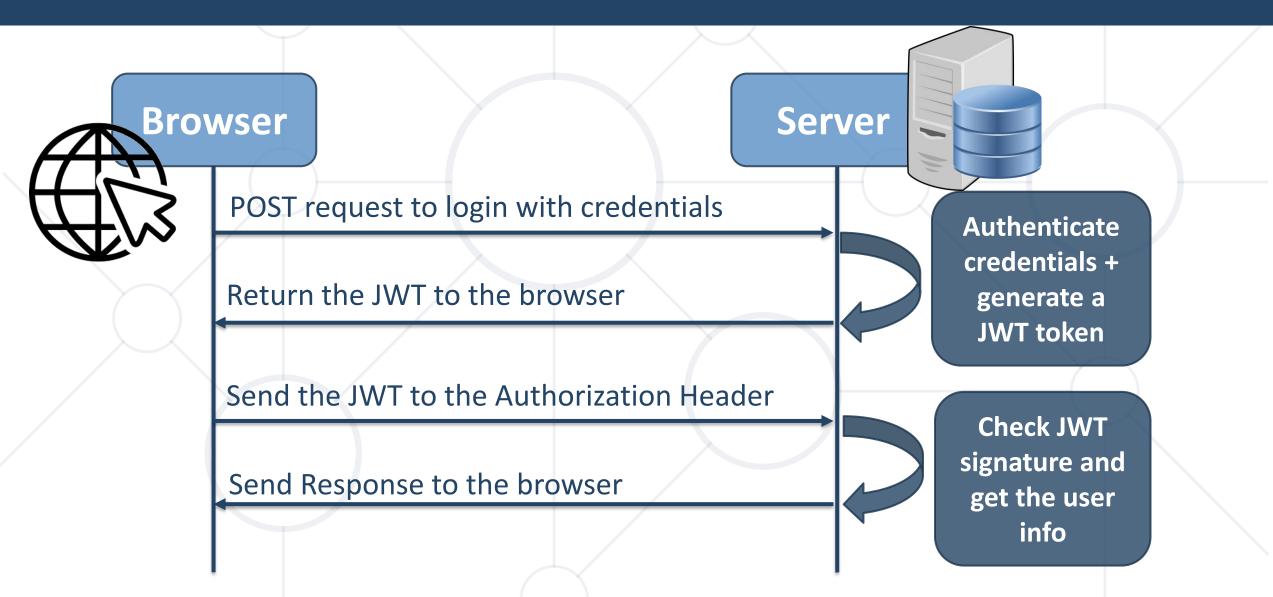
JWT Authentication & Authorization



- JSON Web Tokens is a modern JavaScript-based auth mechanism
 - Compact and self-contained
 - Focused on signed tokens
 - Work with claims
 - Data is encrypted
 - Used for auth & information exchange
 - Commonly used, when developing REST
 - Extremely simple to comprehend

JWT Authentication & Authorization







Social Accounts



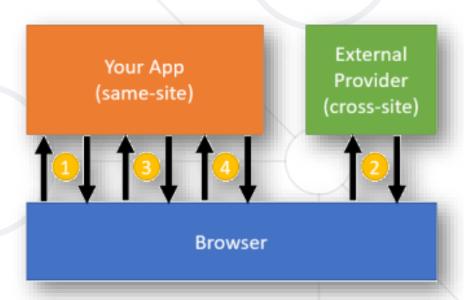
- Enabling users to sign in with their existing credentials is convenient
 - Shifts the complexities of managing the sign-in process to third party
 - Enhances user experience by minimizing their auth activities
- ASP.NET Core supports built-in external login providers for
 - Google
 - Facebook
 - Twitter
 - Microsoft

```
builder.Services.AddAuthentication()
    .AddGoogle(googleOptions => { ... })
    .AddFacebook(facebookOptions => { ... })
    .AddTwitter(twitterOptions => { ... })
    .AddMicrosoftAccount(microsoftOptions => { ... });
```

External Login Provider

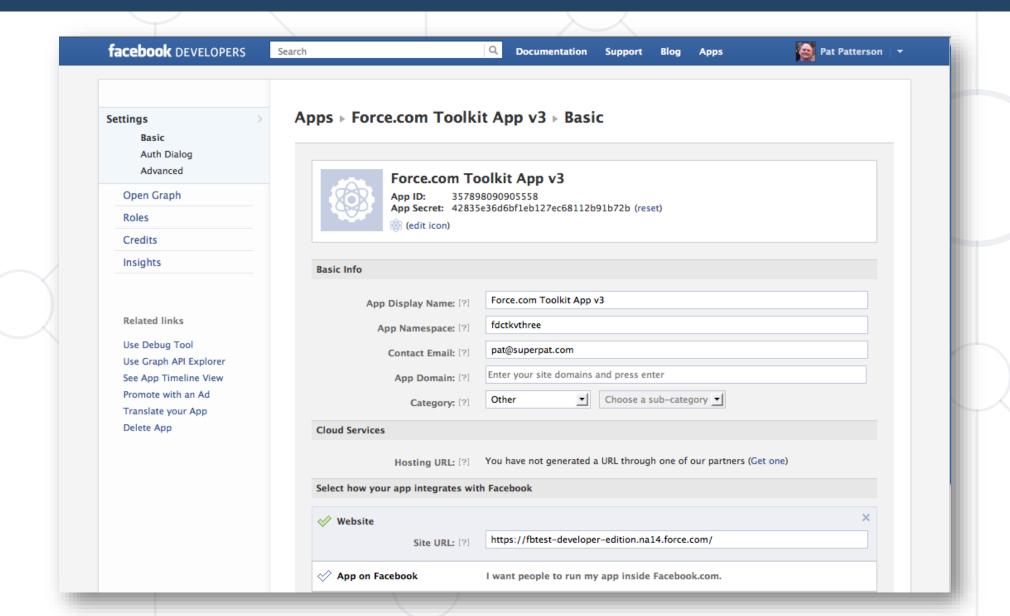


- Each External Login provider has some Developer API
 - You have to configure an application there before using it
 - That application will provide you with credentials
 - Application ID + Application Secret
 - These credentials will be used by the external provider API
 - You authenticate yourself with them, when sending a request
 - They should not be stored in the open world



External Login Provider Developer API





Configuring Social Accounts

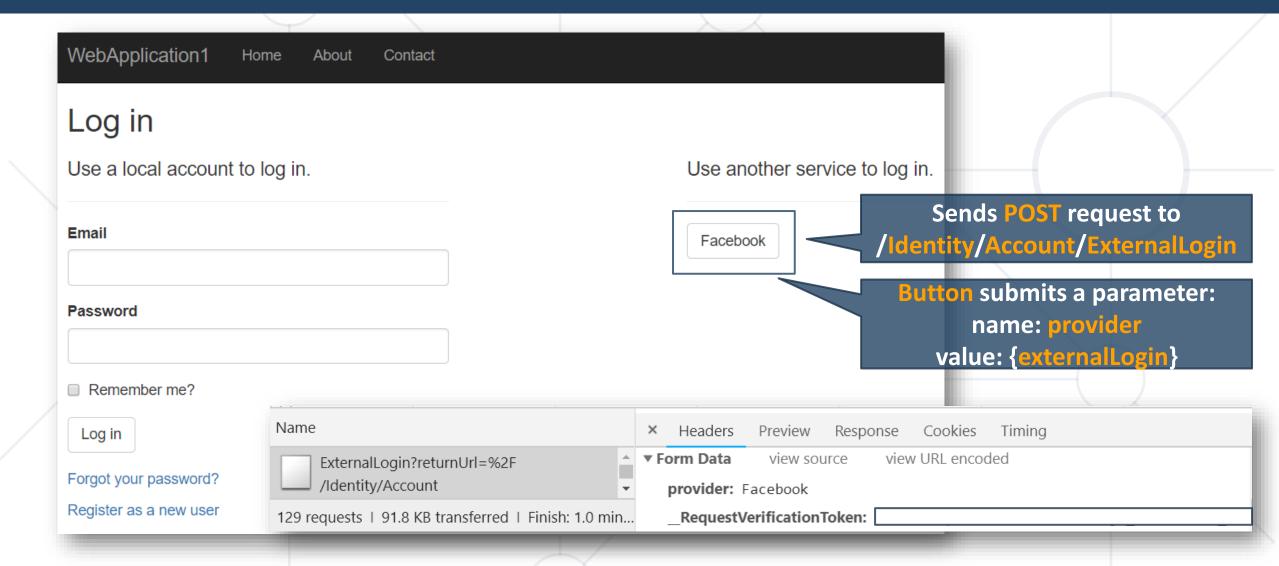


- On the back-end, it is quite simple, and quite clean
- Example: Facebook

If you use the default ASP.NET Core Login page, this will add a form

Configuring Social Accounts







JSON Web Tokens



- JWT is a method for representing claims between two parties
 - An open, industry standard RFC 7519
 - Easy to use, and at the same time absolutely secured
- When the user successfully authenticates (login) using their credentials:
 - A JSON Web Token is generated and returned
 - It must be stored (in local / session storage, cookies are also an option)
- Whenever a protected route is accessed, the user agent sends the JWT
 - Typically in an Authorization header, using the Bearer schema

JSON Web Tokens



JWT is absolutely stateless, nothing is stored on the server

Decoded

Here is an example of an encoded and decoded
 JSON Web Token

The parts of the token are separated by dots

Encoded

As any normal auth JWT also has an expiration

eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9
.eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY30DkwIiwibmFtZSI
6IkpvaG4gRG91IiwiaWF0IjoxNTE2MjM5MDI
yfQ.Sf1KxwRJSMeKKF2QT4fwpMeJf36P0k6y
JV_adQssw5c

The parts of the token are in a strict order

The token data does not change the token format

```
Header: (algorithm, token type)
  "alg": "HS256",
  "typ": "JWT"
Payload: (data)
{ "sub": "1234567890",
  "name": "John Doe",
  "iat": 1516239022
Verify Signature
HMACSHA256(base64UrlEncode(H...) +
"." + base64UrlEncode(P...), key)
```

JWT Configuration in ASP.NET Core



- JWT in ASP.NET Core is configured in Program.cs
 - Install Microsoft.AspNetCore.Authentication.JwtBearer

```
appsettings.json

"JWT": {
    "ValidAudience": "http://localhost:4200",
    "ValidIssuer": "http://localhost:61955",
    "Secret": "super-secret-JWT-key"
},
...
}
```

options.DefaultAuthenticateScheme =

var auth = builder.Services.AddAuthentication(options =>

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builder.Services.AddScoped<IUserService, UserService>();

JWT Configuration in ASP.NET Core



```
auth.AddJwtBearer(options =>
   options.SaveToken = true;
   options.RequireHttpsMetadata = false;
   options.TokenValidationParameters = new TokenValidationParameters()
      ValidateIssuer = true,
      ValidateAudience = true,
      ValidAudience = builder.Configuration["JWT:ValidAudience"],
      ValidIssuer = builder.Configuration["JWT:ValidIssuer"],
      IssuerSigningKey =
       new
SymmetricSecurityKey(Encoding.UTF8.GetBytes(builder.Configuration["JWT:Secret"]))
 };
// Don't forget to add app.UseAuthentication(); and app.UseAuthorization();
```

JWT in ASP.NET Core Controllers



The controller action (Endpoint) is kept "thin" to a maximum

```
[ApiController]
[Route("/api/[controller]")]
                                                  Using
public class UsersController : ControllerBase
                                                services
   private IUserService userService;
   public UsersController(IUserService userService) => this.userService = userService;
   [HttpPost("login")]
   public IActionResult Login([FromBody] LoginUserBindingModel loginUser)
      var user = this.userService.Authenticate(loginUser.Username, loginUser.Password);
      if (user == null)
         return BadRequest(new { message = "Username or password is incorrect." });
      var tokenString = this.userService.GenerateJSONWebToken(user);
      return Ok(new { token = tokenString});
```

JWT in ASP.NET Core in Services



Configurations for JWT are injected into a service class constructor

```
public class UserService : IUserService
   private AppDbContext context;
    private UserManager<IdentityUser> userManager;
    private readonly IConfiguration configuration;
    public UserService(AppDbContext context, IConfiguration configuration)
      this.context = context;
       this.configuration = configuration;
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   public IdentityUser Authenticate(string username, string password) { ...}
   public string GenerateJSONWebToken(IdentityUser user) { ... }
```

JWT in ASP.NET Core in Services



```
public IdentityUser Authenticate(string username, string password)
   var user = this.userManager.FindByNameAsync(username).Result;
   if (user != null && this.userManager.CheckPasswordAsync(user, password).Result)
      return user;
   return null;
public string GenerateJSONWebToken(IdentityUser user)
   var authClaims = new List<Claim>
      new Claim(ClaimTypes.Name, user.UserName),
      new Claim(JwtRegisteredClaimNames.Jti, Guid.NewGuid().ToString()),
   };
  // Continues on the next slide...
```

JWT in ASP.NET Core in Services



```
string jwtSecret = this.configuration["JWT:Secret"];
byte[] jwtSecretBytes = Encoding.UTF8.GetBytes(jwtSecret);
var authSigningKey = new SymmetricSecurityKey(jwtSecretBytes);
var token = new JwtSecurityToken(
   issuer: this.configuration["JWT:ValidIssuer"],
   audience: this.configuration["JWT:ValidAudience"],
   expires: DateTime.Now.AddHours(3),
   claims: authClaims,
   signingCredentials:
      new SigningCredentials(authSigningKey, SecurityAlgorithms.HmacSha256));
return new JwtSecurityTokenHandler().WriteToken(token);
```

Summary



- You can gain full control over Identity
- Claims == a statement that a user makes about themselves
- Roles are required to gain access to a specific resource
- There are different authentication types
- Social Accounts enable users to sign in with their existing credentials
- JWT =method for representing claims between two parties





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