

Chapter 7: Authentication

Learning Bluemix & Cognitive

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Chapter 7: Creating a secure application

- SSL
- Sessions
- Cloudant
 - Storing session information
 - Storing userIDs
- Responding to the user:
 - no userid
 - no password
 - not registered
 - userid password don't match
 - success!!
- Enabling your app to dynamically detect local or bluemix environments

The screenshot shows a web application interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header bar with the text "Zero to Cognitive Tutorial" on the left and "Home", "Erase Name", and "Log Out" on the right. Below the header, the main content area has a light gray background. The title "Chapter 7: Authentication and sessions" is displayed in a large, bold, dark blue font. Below the title, there are two input fields. The first field is labeled "Please Enter your User ID" and the second field is labeled "Please enter your password". Both fields are white with a light gray border. Below the input fields, there are two blue buttons: "Log In" and "Register".



New in index.js

Modules

```
12
13 var cookieParser = require('cookie-parser');
14 var session = require('express-session');
15 var cloudant = require('cloudant');
16 var myDB = require('./controller/restapi/features/cloudant_utils');
17 myDB.authenticate(myDB.create, '');
18 var sessionBase = require('./controller/sessionManagement');
19 var sessionStore = Object.create(sessionBase.SessionObject);
20
```

Environment

```
var sessionSecret = env.sessionSecret;
```

Tests

```
if (cfenv.getAppEnv().isLocal == true)
```

Paths

```
app.get('/login*', function (req, res) {console.log("login session is: "+req.session); loadSelectedFile(req, res);});
```

```
router.post('/auth/authenticate*', auth.authenticate);
router.post('/auth/register*', auth.register);
router.post('/auth/logout*', auth.logout);
```

Session persistence

```
app.use(cookieParser(sessionSecret));
app.use(session({
  store: sessionStore,
  secret: sessionSecret, resave: false, saveUninitialized: true,
  cookie: {secure: true, maxAge: 24*60*60*1000},
  genid: function (req) {return uuid.v4()}
}));
```

New files

- index.html updated
- body.html - new
- login_1.html - new
- z2c-login.js - new
- authenticate.js - new
- sessionManagement.js - new
- cloudant_utils.js - new

```
{
  "speech_to_text": {
    "version": "v1",
    "url": "https://stream.watsonplatform.net/speech-to-text/api",
    "password": "",
    "username": ""
  },

  "text_to_speech": {
    "version": "v1",
    "url": "https://stream.watsonplatform.net/text-to-speech/api",
    "password": "",
    "username": ""
  },

  "watson_nlc": {
    "version": "v1",
    "url": "https://gateway.watsonplatform.net/natural-language-classification/api",
    "password": "",
    "username": "",
    "localJSON": true
  },

  "cloudant": {
    "username": "",
    "password": "",
    "host": "",
    "port": 443,
    "url": "https://e6744634-2c3d-41c1-9a60-a62e3a58bd4f-bluemix:378a4e957521268e1"
  },

  "gmail": {
    "web": {
      "client_id": "",
      "project_id": "",
      "auth_uri": "https://accounts.google.com/o/oauth2/auth",
      "token_uri": "https://accounts.google.com/o/oauth2/token",
      "auth_provider_x509_cert_url": "https://www.googleapis.com/oauth2/v1/certs",
      "client_secret": "",
      "redirect_uris": [],
      "javascript_origins": []
    }
  },

  "sessionSecret": ""
}
```

z2c-login.js

```
1 // utility functions
2 var authenticated = false;
3 var toLoad = "";
4 var login; var register; var userID = "";
5 function checkAuthenticated() { return(authenticated);}
6
7 function authenticate()
8 {
9     activateLoginButtons();
10 }
11
12 function activateLoginButtons()
13 {
14     loginButton = $('#login');
15     registerButton = $('#register');
16     loginButton.on('click', function () {login();} );
17     registerButton.on('click', function(){ register(); });
18 }
19 function login()
20 {
21 }
22 }
23
24 function register()
25 {
26 }
27 }
28
29 function logout()
30 {
31 }
32 }
33
```



authenticate.js

```
var encrypt = require('crypto');
var secret = require('../env.json').sessionSecret;
// const cipher = encrypt.createCipher('aes192', secret);
// const decipher = encrypt.createDecipher('aes192', secret);

var myUsers = require('./cloudant_utils');
var u_db = 'userids';
myUsers.authenticate(myUsers.create, u_db);
exports.authenticate = function(req, res, next)
{

}

exports.register = function(req, res, next)
{

}

exports.logout = function(req, res, next)
{

}

function getCookieValue(_cookie, _name)
{
  var name = _name+"=";
  var cookie_array=_cookie.split(";");
  for (each in cookie_array)
  { var c = cookie_array[each].trim();
    if(c.indexOf(name) == 0) return(c.substring(name.length, c.length));
  }
  return("");
}
```



You will need to create certificate files.

- This information is also in the index.js file for Chapter 7:
- for information on how to enable https support in osx, go here:
<https://gist.github.com/nrollr/4daba07c67adcb30693e>
- Execute the following commands to create the necessary certificate files. You should be in the Chapter07 folder when you execute these commands. If you are running Linux, you will need to preface each command with **sudo** and then provide your login password when prompted.

```
openssl genrsa -out key.pem
```

```
openssl req -new -key key.pem -out csr.pem
```

```
openssl x509 -req -days 9999 -in csr.pem -signkey key.pem -out cert.pem
```



The Plan: 30 minute Chapters with an hour or two of practice

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|--|---|
| 1. The Story, Architecture for this app | |
| 2. Setting up Bluemix | |
| 3. Building your first Watson App | (Watson Speech to Text) |
| 4. Getting Watson to talk back | (Watson Text to Speech) |
| 5. Understanding Classifiers | (Watson NLC) |
| 6. Creating a custom dialog with Watson | (custom Q&A, session management) |
| 7. Authentication | (puts C2 thru 6 together) |
| 8. Alchemy News | (Watson Alchemy) |
| 9. Visual Recognition and Images | (Watson Visual Recognition) |
| 10. Watson Conversations | (Watson Conversations) |
| 11. Rank & Retrieve | (Watson Alchemy + Rank & Retrieve) |
| 12. Getting started on my first client prototype | Design Thinking, Stories, Architecture, Keeping it simple |



Chapter 8: Understanding Alchemy News

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