1. Overview of Components

- 1. **Spring Cloud Eureka** (Service Discovery)
 - Eureka Server acts as a registry where services register themselves.
 - Eureka Clients (microservices) fetch information about other services dynamically.
- 2. Spring Cloud API Gateway (Routing & Load Balancing)
 - o It acts as a reverse proxy.
 - o Routes requests to appropriate services dynamically.
 - o Provides features like load balancing, rate limiting, security, etc.
- 3. **Spring Cloud Hystrix** (Circuit Breaker)
 - Monitors microservices calls.
 - If a service fails, it prevents cascading failures by falling back to alternative logic.
 - o Helps in fault tolerance.

2. Architecture Diagram

pgsql

3. Implementation Steps

Step 1: Setup Eureka Server

Create a Spring Boot project for Eureka Server.

1. Add Dependencies (pom.xml)

2. Enable Eureka Server (Eureka Server Application. java)

```
java
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@SpringBootApplication
@EnableEurekaServer
public class EurekaServerApplication {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        SpringApplication.run(EurekaServerApplication.class, args);
    }
}
```

3. Eureka Server Configuration (application.yml)

```
yaml
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server:
  port: 8761

eureka:
  instance:
   hostname: localhost
  client:
```

```
register-with-eureka: false
```

fetch-registry: false

Step 2: Setup Eureka Clients (Microservices)

Create two microservices (service-a, service-b) and register them with Eureka.

1. Add Dependencies (pom.xml)

2. Enable Eureka Client (ServiceAApplication.java)

```
java
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@SpringBootApplication
@EnableEurekaClient
@RestController
public class ServiceAApplication {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        SpringApplication.run(ServiceAApplication.class, args);
    }

    @GetMapping("/message")
    public String message() {
        return "Hello from Service A";
    }
}
```

3. Service Configuration (application.yml)

```
yaml
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server:
port: 8081
```

```
eureka:
   client:
    service-url:
     defaultZone: http://localhost:8761/eureka/
```

Repeat the above steps for service-b but change the port to 8082.

Step 3: Setup API Gateway

Create a new Spring Boot project for API Gateway.

1. Add Dependencies (pom.xml)

2. Enable API Gateway (ApiGatewayApplication.java)

```
java
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@SpringBootApplication
@EnableEurekaClient
public class ApiGatewayApplication {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        SpringApplication.run(ApiGatewayApplication.class, args);
    }
}
```

3. API Gateway Configuration (application.yml)

yaml

```
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server:
  port: 9000
spring:
  cloud:
    gateway:
      routes:
        - id: service-a
          uri: lb://SERVICE-A
          predicates:
            - Path=/service-a/**
        - id: service-b
          uri: lb://SERVICE-B
          predicates:
            - Path=/service-b/**
eureka:
  client:
    service-url:
      defaultZone: http://localhost:8761/eureka/
```

• 1b://SERVICE-A means it will fetch the service instance from Eureka dynamically.

Now, requests to:

- http://localhost:9000/service-a/message will be routed to service-a
- http://localhost:9000/service-b/message will be routed to service-b

Step 4: Implement Hystrix Circuit Breaker

Modify ServiceAApplication to use Hystrix.

1. Add Hystrix Dependency (pom.xml)

2. Enable Hystrix (ServiceAApplication.java)

```
java
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@SpringBootApplication
@EnableEurekaClient
@EnableCircuitBreaker
@RestController
public class ServiceAApplication {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        SpringApplication.run(ServiceAApplication.class, args);
    }
    @GetMapping("/message")
    @HystrixCommand(fallbackMethod = "fallbackMessage")
    public String message() {
        throw new RuntimeException("Service A failed");
    }
    public String fallbackMessage() {
        return "Fallback response: Service A is down!";
    }
}
  3. Enable Hystrix in API Gateway (application.yml)
yaml
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spring:
  cloud:
    gateway:
      routes:
        - id: service-a
          uri: lb://SERVICE-A
          predicates:
            - Path=/service-a/**
          filters:
            - name: Hystrix
              args:
                name: fallback
```

fallbackUri: forward:/fallback

```
server: port: 9000
```

4. Create a Fallback Controller (ApiGatewayApplication.java)

```
java
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@RestController
public class FallbackController {
    @GetMapping("/fallback")
    public String fallback() {
        return "API Gateway Fallback: Service is temporarily
unavailable!";
    }
}
```

4. Testing the Setup

- 1. Start Eureka Server (mvn spring-boot:run)
- 2. Start service-a and service-b
- 3. Start API Gateway
- 4. Test Endpoints:

```
http://localhost:9000/service-a/messagehttp://localhost:9000/service-b/message
```

Stop service-a and check the fallback response.

5. Conclusion

- Eureka Server registers services dynamically.
- API Gateway routes requests and balances load.
- **Hystrix** provides circuit-breaking for fault tolerance.

Centralized Logging with ELK Stack & Distributed Log Tracing with Spring Cloud Sleuth & Zipkin

In a microservices architecture, logging is a crucial aspect for monitoring and debugging. Here, we'll explore:

- 1. Centralized Logging using ELK (Elasticsearch, Logstash, Kibana) Stack
- 2. Distributed Tracing using Spring Cloud Sleuth & Zipkin

1. Centralized Logging with ELK Stack

Overview of ELK Stack

- Elasticsearch: Stores and indexes logs.
- Logstash: Collects, processes, and forwards logs to Elasticsearch.
- Kibana: Visualizes logs in dashboards.

Architecture Diagram

Steps to Set Up ELK

Step 1: Setup Elasticsearch

```
Download & Install Elasticsearch
```

```
bash
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docker run --name elasticsearch -p 9200:9200 -e
"discovery.type=single-node"
docker.elastic.co/elasticsearch/elasticsearch:8.5.1
1.
```

2. Verify Elasticsearch

Open browser: http://localhost:9200

Step 2: Setup Logstash

```
Create a logstash.conf file
bash
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input {
    beats {
        port => 5044
    }
}
filter {
    json {
        source => "message"
    }
}
output {
    elasticsearch {
        hosts => ["http://localhost:9200"]
        index => "microservice-logs"
    }
    stdout { codec => rubydebug }
}
  1.
Run Logstash
bash
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docker run --name logstash -p 5044:5044 -v
/path/to/logstash.conf:/usr/share/logstash/pipeline/logstash.conf
docker.elastic.co/logstash/logstash:8.5.1
  2.
```

Step 3: Setup Kibana

Run Kibana

bash

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```
docker run --name kibana -p 5601:5601
docker.elastic.co/kibana/kibana:8.5.1
```

1.

2. Access Kibana

</configuration>

Open browser: http://localhost:5601

- 3. Configure Index Pattern
 - Go to Stack Management → Index Patterns
 - Create an index pattern: microservice-logs-*

Step 4: Send Logs from Spring Boot Application

```
Add Dependencies (pom.xml)
xml
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<dependency>
    <groupId>net.logstash.logback/groupId>
    <artifactId>logstash-logback-encoder</artifactId>
    <version>6.6</version>
</dependency>
Configure Logback (logback-spring.xml)
xml
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<configuration>
    <appender name="logstash"
class="net.logstash.logback.appender.LogstashTcpSocketAppender">
        <destination>localhost:5044</destination>
        <encoder
class="net.logstash.logback.encoder.LogstashEncoder"/>
    </appender>
    <root level="info">
        <appender-ref ref="logstash"/>
    </root>
```

• Now, logs from microservices will be collected and indexed in **Elasticsearch**, and you can visualize them in **Kibana**.

2. Distributed Tracing using Spring Cloud Sleuth & Zipkin

Why Use Sleuth & Zipkin?

- Tracks requests across multiple microservices.
- Helps identify performance bottlenecks.

Architecture Diagram

Steps to Implement Sleuth & Zipkin

Step 1: Start Zipkin

Run Zipkin using Docker:

```
bash
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docker run -d -p 9411:9411 openzipkin/zipkin
```

Access Zipkin UI: http://localhost:9411

Step 2: Add Sleuth & Zipkin in Microservices

Step 3: Configure Sleuth & Zipkin (application.yml)

```
yaml
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spring:
   zipkin:
    base-url: http://localhost:9411
   sleuth:
    sampler:
     probability: 1.0 # 100% sampling for all requests
```

Every request is now traced and sent to Zipkin.

Step 4: Add Tracing to Microservice Controller

```
java
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@RestController
@RequestMapping("/service-a")
public class ServiceAController {
    private final RestTemplate restTemplate;
    public ServiceAController(RestTemplate restTemplate) {
        this.restTemplate = restTemplate;
    }
    @GetMapping("/call-b")
    public String callServiceB() {
        return
restTemplate.getForObject("http://service-b/service-b/data",
String.class);
    }
}
```

```
@Bean
public RestTemplate restTemplate() {
    return new RestTemplate();
}
```

- Every request now has a trace ID.
- These logs will be visible in **Zipkin & Kibana**.

Final Testing

Test API Calls & View Tracing

Make a request

bash

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curl http://localhost:8081/service-a/call-b

1.

- 2. View Trace in Zipkin UI
 - Open: http://localhost:9411
 - See how requests flow across microservices.

Conclusion

- **Centralized Logging with ELK** → Collect, store & visualize logs.
- **☑ Distributed Tracing with Sleuth & Zipkin** → Monitor microservice request flows.

Would you like to add security (e.g., Log masking, JWT tracing)? #

Managing Spring Boot Applications Locally with Trampoline, Spring Boot & Spring Cloud Config

What is Trampoline?

Trampoline is a tool for managing and running multiple **Spring Boot microservices** locally. It helps developers to:

• Start, stop, and monitor multiple microservices easily.

- Manage microservices dependencies.
- View logs and statuses in one place.

What is Spring Cloud Config?

Spring Cloud Config provides a **centralized configuration** for microservices. Instead of managing individual application.yml files in each service, all configurations are stored in a **Config Server** (which can use Git, database, or local storage as the source).

Architecture Diagram

Implementation Steps

1. Setting Up Trampoline

Trampoline helps in managing local microservices efficiently.

Step 1.1: Clone Trampoline

```
bash
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git clone https://github.com/ines/trampoline.git
cd trampoline
```

Step 1.2: Run Trampoline

```
bash
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./mvnw spring-boot:run
```

Trampoline will start and provide a **UI to manage microservices**.

2. Setting Up Spring Cloud Config Server

Spring Cloud Config Server will provide centralized configuration.

Step 2.1: Create a New Spring Boot Application (config-server)

1. Add Dependencies (pom.xml)

2. Enable Config Server (ConfigServerApplication.java)

```
java
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@SpringBootApplication
@EnableConfigServer
public class ConfigServerApplication {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        SpringApplication.run(ConfigServerApplication.class, args);
```

```
}
}
  3. Configure application.yml
yaml
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server:
  port: 8888
spring:
  cloud:
    config:
      server:
        git:
          uri: https://github.com/your-repo/config-repo # Change to
your Git repo
  4. Run the Config Server
bash
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```

The **Config Server** is now running on http://localhost:8888.

3. Setting Up a Sample Microservice (service-a)

Step 3.1: Create a New Spring Boot Application (service-a)

1. Add Dependencies (pom.xml)

mvn spring-boot:run

2. Use bootstrap.yml to Load Configurations from Config Server

```
yaml
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spring:
   application:
    name: service-a
   cloud:
    config:
     uri: http://localhost:8888
```

This tells service-a to fetch its configuration from the **Config Server**.

3. Add Controller (ServiceAController.java)

```
java
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@RestController
@RequestMapping("/service-a")
@RefreshScope
public class ServiceAController {

    @Value("${message: Default Message}")
    private String message;

    @GetMapping("/config")
    public String getConfig() {
        return "Message from Config Server: " + message;
    }
}
```

@RefreshScope ensures that configuration updates take effect without restarting the service.

4. Storing Configurations in Git

Create a repository like **config-repo** with the following structure:

Sample service-a.yml

```
yaml
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message: "Hello from Config Server!"
```

5. Running Services with Trampoline

1. Modify Trampoline Config (trampoline.yml)

```
yaml
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services:
   - name: config-server
    path: ./config-server
    command: mvn spring-boot:run
   - name: service-a
    path: ./service-a
    command: mvn spring-boot:run
```

2. Start All Services

```
bash
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./mvnw spring-boot:run
```

Trampoline will now start and manage all services.

6. Testing the Setup

Check if Config Server is Running

```
bash
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curl http://localhost:8888/service-a/default
Output:
json
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   "propertySources": [
         "source": {
             "message": "Hello from Config Server!"
         }
      }
}
  1.
Test service-a Endpoint
bash
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curl http://localhost:8081/service-a/config
Output:
pgsql
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Message from Config Server: Hello from Config Server!
  2.
Update Configuration in Git (service-a.yml)
yaml
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message: "Updated message from Config Server!"
```

3. Commit & Push the changes.

Refresh Configuration Without Restarting

```
bash
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curl -X POST http://localhost:8081/actuator/refresh
Now, re-run the test:

bash
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curl http://localhost:8081/service-a/config
Output:

pgsql
CopyEdit
Message from Config Server: Updated message from Config Server!

4.
```

Final Thoughts

- ▼ Trampoline → Manages multiple microservices easily.
- Spring Cloud Config → Centralized Configuration for Microservices.
- Live Updates → No need to restart services for config changes.

Resilience4J Circuit Breaker Implementation in Spring Boot

What is Resilience4J?

Resilience4J is a lightweight, Java 8+ library designed for building **fault-tolerant applications**. It provides various resilience patterns, such as:

- Circuit Breaker
- Retry
- **☑** Rate Limiter
- **✓** Bulkhead
- Time Limiter

What is a Circuit Breaker?

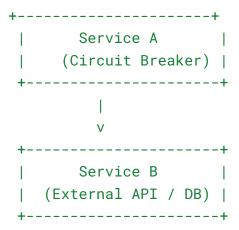
A Circuit Breaker prevents a system from making requests to a failing service, allowing time for recovery.

It has three states:

- 1. Closed \rightarrow Requests pass normally.
- 2. **Open** → Requests fail immediately to prevent overload.
- 3. **Half-Open** → Some requests are tested to check if the service is back.

Diagram:

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Implementation Steps

1. Create a Spring Boot Application

Generate a Spring Boot project using **Spring Initializr** with dependencies: **✓ Spring Web**

Spring Boot Actuator

✓ Resilience4j Spring Boot

2. Add Dependencies (pom.xml)

3. Implement Circuit Breaker in a Service

Create a REST Client (ExternalService.java)

```
java
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@Service
public class ExternalService {
    private final RestTemplate restTemplate;
    public ExternalService(RestTemplateBuilder builder) {
        this.restTemplate = builder.build();
    }
    @CircuitBreaker(name = "externalService", fallbackMethod =
"fallbackResponse")
    public String callExternalService() {
        return restTemplate.getForObject("http://slow-api.com/data",
String.class);
    }
    public String fallbackResponse(Exception e) {
        return "Service is currently unavailable. Please try again
later.":
    }
}
```

@CircuitBreaker will break the circuit if http://slow-api.com/data fails multiple times.

4. Create a REST Controller (MyController.java)

```
java
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@RestController
@RequestMapping("/api")
public class MyController {

    @Autowired
    private ExternalService externalService;

    @GetMapping("/fetch")
    public String fetchData() {
        return externalService.callExternalService();
    }
}
```

Calling /api/fetch will invoke the circuit breaker.

5. Configure Resilience4J (application.yml)

```
yaml
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resilience4j:
    circuitbreaker:
        instances:
            externalService:
                failureRateThreshold: 50  # Circuit opens if 50% of requests
fail
                 waitDurationInOpenState: 5000ms  # 5 sec wait before trying
again
                  permittedNumberOfCallsInHalfOpenState: 3  # Allow 3 test
calls
                  slidingWindowSize: 10  # Monitor last 10 calls
```

6. Enable Actuator Endpoints

```
Modify application.yml:

yaml
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management:
   endpoints:
   web:
       exposure:
       include: "*"
```

Monitor Circuit Breaker:

```
bash
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GET http://localhost:8080/actuator/circuitbreakers
```

Response Example:

```
json
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{
    "externalService": {
        "state": "CLOSED",
        "failureRate": 0.0
    }
}
```

7. Testing the Circuit Breaker

Case 1: Service is Available

bash

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```
GET http://localhost:8080/api/fetch
Response: "Data from Service B"
```

Case 2: Service Fails Multiple Times

```
bash
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GET http://localhost:8080/api/fetch
Response: "Service is currently unavailable. Please try again
later."
```

Check Circuit Breaker state:

```
bash
```

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```
GET http://localhost:8080/actuator/circuitbreakers/externalService
Response: { "state": "OPEN" }
```

Conclusion

- Resilience4J Circuit Breaker prevents excessive failures.
- ▼ Fallback Method ensures graceful degradation.
- Actuator Monitoring helps track circuit state.

Resilience4J Retry & Rate Limiter Implementation in Spring Boot

Now, let's extend the **Circuit Breaker** with **Retry** and **Rate Limiter** mechanisms using **Resilience4J**.

What is Resilience4J Retry?

The Retry module automatically retries failed requests before giving up.

• **Example:** If an API request fails, it will **retry** a few times before returning an error.

Retry Flow:

```
sql
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```

```
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| First Attempt |

+-----+

↓ (Fail)

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↓ (Fail)

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↓ (Fail)

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↓ (Fail)

Circuit Breaker Takes Over
```

What is Resilience4J Rate Limiter?

The **Rate Limiter** ensures that a service **does not get overloaded** by limiting the number of requests per second.

• **Example:** If a user makes too many requests in a short time, the system will reject additional requests.

Rate Limiter Flow:

```
scss
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User Requests \rightarrow Allowed? (Yes) \rightarrow Process Request
\rightarrow Allowed? (No) \rightarrow Reject Request (HTTP 429)
```

Implementation Steps

We'll extend our **Spring Boot application** from the **Circuit Breaker** example and add **Retry** and **Rate Limiter**.

Step 1: Add Dependencies (pom.xml)

Already included in the Circuit Breaker setup.

Step 2: Implement Retry and Rate Limiter in Service

Modify the existing ExternalService.java to add @Retry and @RateLimiter.

```
java
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@Service
public class ExternalService {
    private final RestTemplate restTemplate;
    public ExternalService(RestTemplateBuilder builder) {
        this.restTemplate = builder.build();
    }
    // Circuit Breaker + Retry + Rate Limiter
    @CircuitBreaker(name = "externalService", fallbackMethod =
"fallbackResponse")
    @Retry(name = "externalService", fallbackMethod =
"fallbackResponse")
    @RateLimiter(name = "externalService")
    public String callExternalService() {
        System.out.println("Calling external service...");
        return restTemplate.getForObject("http://slow-api.com/data",
String.class);
    }
```

```
public String fallbackResponse(Exception e) {
    return "Service is temporarily unavailable. Please try again
later.";
  }
}
```

Step 3: Configure Retry & Rate Limiter (application.yml)

```
vaml
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resilience4j:
  circuitbreaker:
    instances:
      externalService:
        failureRateThreshold: 50 # Circuit opens if 50% of requests
fail
        waitDurationInOpenState: 5000ms # Wait 5s before retrying
        permittedNumberOfCallsInHalfOpenState: 3 # Allow 3 test
calls
        slidingWindowSize: 10 # Monitor last 10 calls
  retry:
    instances:
      externalService:
        maxAttempts: 3 # Retry 3 times before failing
        waitDuration: 2000ms # Wait 2 sec between retries
  ratelimiter:
    instances:
      externalService:
        limitForPeriod: 5 # Max 5 calls in a period
        limitRefreshPeriod: 10s # Reset limit every 10 seconds
        timeoutDuration: 500ms # Wait 500ms before rejecting
```

Step 4: Create Controller to Test Retry & Rate Limiter

Modify MyController.java:

```
java
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@RestController
@RequestMapping("/api")
public class MyController {

    @Autowired
    private ExternalService externalService;

    @GetMapping("/fetch")
    public String fetchData() {
        return externalService.callExternalService();
    }
}
```

Testing the Features

Test Retry

Start the service:

```
bash
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mvn spring-boot:run
1.
```

Call the API:

```
bash
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curl http://localhost:8080/api/fetch
2.
```

o If the first call fails, it will retry up to 3 times before falling back.

```
Check logs to see retry attempts:
kotlin
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Calling external service...
Calling external service...
Calling external service...
Service is temporarily unavailable. Please try again later.
```

Test Rate Limiter

```
Make 6 requests quickly:
```

```
bash
```

```
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```

```
for i in {1..6}; do curl -s http://localhost:8080/api/fetch & done
   1.
```

- o First 5 calls will pass (as per the limit).
- o 6th request will fail with HTTP 429 Too Many Requests.

Check Circuit Breaker & Retry Metrics

Get Circuit Breaker Status

```
bash
```

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curl http://localhost:8080/actuator/circuitbreakers/externalService
Example response:

```
json
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{
    "state": "OPEN",
    "failureRate": 60.0
}
```

Check Retry Metrics

bash

```
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curl http://localhost:8080/actuator/retries/externalService
Example response:

json
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{
    "retryMetrics": {
```

"numberOfFailedCallsWithRetryAttempt": 2,

"name": "externalService",

```
"numberOfSuccessfulCallsWithoutRetryAttempt": 3
}

2.
```

© Conclusion

- Circuit Breaker protects against failing services.
- Retry automatically retries failed requests.
- Rate Limiter prevents excessive API requests.
- Actuator Monitoring helps track system performance.

Securing Microservices with API Key-Based Authentication using Spring Cloud Gateway

In this guide, we will implement API Key-based authentication in Spring Cloud Gateway to secure microservices.

What is API Key Authentication?

API Key authentication is a simple way to **restrict access to APIs** by requiring clients to include a unique **API Key** in their requests.

- API Keys are generated and shared with trusted clients.
- Every incoming request must contain a valid API Key in the header.
- If the API Key is missing or invalid, the request is **rejected**.

Architecture Diagram

Implementation Steps

We'll configure **Spring Cloud Gateway** to: ✓ **Intercept API requests**

- Check for an API Key
- Forward requests only if the API Key is valid

Step 1: Create a Spring Cloud Gateway Project

Use Spring Initializr and add dependencies:

- Spring Boot Starter Web
- Spring Cloud Gateway
- Spring Boot Starter Security

Add these dependencies in pom.xml:

Step 2: Define Routes in application.yml

Configure **Spring Cloud Gateway** to forward requests.

```
yaml
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server:
   port: 8080

spring:
   cloud:
    gateway:
    routes:
        - id: user-service
        uri: http://localhost:8081/
        predicates:
        - Path=/users/**
        filters:
        - name: ApiKeyAuthFilter
```

Requests to /users/** will be validated using **API Key authentication**.

Step 3: Implement API Key Filter

Create a custom filter ApiKeyAuthFilter. java to validate API keys.

```
java
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package com.example.gateway.filter;

import org.springframework.cloud.gateway.filter.GatewayFilter;
import org.springframework.cloud.gateway.filter.GatewayFilterChain;
import org.springframework.cloud.gateway.filter.GlobalFilter;
import org.springframework.http.HttpHeaders;
import org.springframework.http.HttpStatus;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Component;
import org.springframework.web.server.ServerWebExchange;
import reactor.core.publisher.Mono;

@Component
public class ApiKeyAuthFilter implements GlobalFilter {
```

```
private static final String API_KEY_HEADER = "X-API-KEY";
    private static final String VALID_API_KEY = "my-secret-api-key";
    @Override
    public Mono<Void> filter(ServerWebExchange exchange,
GatewayFilterChain chain) {
        HttpHeaders headers = exchange.getReguest().getHeaders();
        if (!headers.containsKey(API_KEY_HEADER)) {
exchange.getResponse().setStatusCode(HttpStatus.UNAUTHORIZED);
            return exchange.getResponse().setComplete();
        }
        String apiKey = headers.getFirst(API_KEY_HEADER);
        if (!VALID_API_KEY.equals(apiKey)) {
exchange.getResponse().setStatusCode(HttpStatus.FORBIDDEN);
            return exchange.getResponse().setComplete();
        }
        return chain.filter(exchange);
    }
}
```

- API Key is validated before forwarding the request.
- If the key is missing or invalid, return 401 Unauthorized or 403 Forbidden.

Step 4: Create a Sample Microservice

Create a **User Service (user-service)** that **Spring Cloud Gateway** will forward requests to.

```
UserController.java
java
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@RestController
@RequestMapping("/users")
public class UserController {
```

```
@GetMapping("/profile")
public ResponseEntity<String> getUserProfile() {
    return ResponseEntity.ok("User profile data");
}
```

▼ This service runs on localhost:8081 and responds to /users/profile.

Testing API Key Authentication

Test with Correct API Key

bash

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```
curl -H "X-API-KEY: my-secret-api-key"
http://localhost:8080/users/profile
```

Response:

kotlin

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User profile data

X Test with Missing API Key

bash

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curl http://localhost:8080/users/profile

Response:

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401 Unauthorized

X Test with Invalid API Key

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```
curl -H "X-API-KEY: wrong-key" http://localhost:8080/users/profile
```

Response:

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403 Forbidden

Conclusion

- Spring Cloud Gateway filters API requests.
- API Key authentication prevents unauthorized access.
- Requests without a valid API Key are rejected.
- Microservices remain secure behind the API Gateway.

Microservices Security Using JWT with Spring Cloud Gateway

In this guide, we will enhance our **Spring Cloud Gateway** security by using **JWT (JSON Web Token)** for authentication and authorization.

What is JWT Authentication?

JWT (JSON Web Token) is a **secure**, **compact token** used to:

- Authenticate users in a microservices architecture.
- Authorize API requests by including a signed JWT in the request headers.
- Verify user roles & permissions across microservices.

JWT Flow in Microservices

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- 1. User logs in and sends credentials → Auth Service
- 2. Auth Service validates user & generates JWT token
- 3. User includes JWT in Authorization header → API Gateway
- 4. API Gateway verifies JWT & forwards request → Microservices

Architecture Diagram

Implementation Steps

◆ Step 1: Add Dependencies (pom.xml)

Add JWT & Security dependencies:

◆ Step 2: Configure API Gateway (application.yml)

```
yaml
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server:
   port: 8080

spring:
   cloud:
    gateway:
    routes:
        - id: user-service
        uri: http://localhost:8081/
        predicates:
        - Path=/users/**
        filters:
        - AuthenticationFilter
```

API Gateway routes requests to User Service (/users/**) only if JWT is valid.

◆ Step 3: Implement JWT Utility Class

Create JwtUtil.java to generate and validate JWT tokens.

```
java
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package com.example.gateway.util;
import io.jsonwebtoken.*;
import io.jsonwebtoken.security.Keys;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Component;
import java.security.Key;
import java.util.Date;
@Component
public class JwtUtil {
    private static final String SECRET_KEY =
    "MySuperSecretKeyForJwtMySuperSecretKey";
```

```
private static final long EXPIRATION_TIME = 1000 * 60 * 60; // 1
hour
    private Key key = Keys.hmacShaKeyFor(SECRET_KEY.getBytes());
    public String generateToken(String username) {
        return Jwts.builder()
                .setSubject(username)
                .setIssuedAt(new Date())
                .setExpiration(new Date(System.currentTimeMillis() +
EXPIRATION_TIME))
                .signWith(key, SignatureAlgorithm.HS256)
                .compact();
    }
    public boolean validateToken(String token) {
        try {
Jwts.parserBuilder().setSigningKey(key).build().parseClaimsJws(token
);
            return true;
        } catch (Exception e) {
            return false;
        }
    }
    public String extractUsername(String token) {
        return Jwts.parserBuilder().setSigningKey(key).build()
                .parseClaimsJws(token).getBody().getSubject();
    }
}
```

- Generates & validates JWT tokens.
- Extracts the username from the token.

Step 4: Implement JWT Authentication Filter

Create AuthenticationFilter.java to validate JWT in API Gateway.

java

```
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```

```
package com.example.gateway.filter;
import com.example.gateway.util.JwtUtil;
import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
import org.springframework.cloud.gateway.filter.GatewayFilter;
import org.springframework.cloud.gateway.filter.GatewayFilterChain;
import org.springframework.cloud.gateway.filter.GlobalFilter;
import org.springframework.http.HttpHeaders;
import org.springframework.http.HttpStatus;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Component;
import org.springframework.web.server.ServerWebExchange;
import reactor.core.publisher.Mono;
@Component
public class AuthenticationFilter implements GlobalFilter {
    @Autowired
    private JwtUtil jwtUtil;
    private static final String AUTH_HEADER = "Authorization";
    private static final String TOKEN_PREFIX = "Bearer";
    @Override
    public Mono<Void> filter(ServerWebExchange exchange,
GatewayFilterChain chain) {
        HttpHeaders headers = exchange.getRequest().getHeaders();
        if (!headers.containsKey(AUTH_HEADER)) {
exchange.getResponse().setStatusCode(HttpStatus.UNAUTHORIZED);
            return exchange.getResponse().setComplete();
        }
        String token = headers.getFirst(AUTH_HEADER);
        if (token == null || !token.startsWith(TOKEN_PREFIX)) {
exchange.getResponse().setStatusCode(HttpStatus.UNAUTHORIZED);
            return exchange.getResponse().setComplete();
        }
        token = token.replace(TOKEN_PREFIX, "");
```

- **Extracts JWT from the Authorization header.**
- ☑ Validates JWT token before forwarding the request.
- Returns 401 Unauthorized if the token is missing or invalid.

Step 5: Implement Authentication Service

Create an AuthController.java in a separate Auth Service to generate JWT.

```
java
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@RestController
@RequestMapping("/auth")
public class AuthController {

    @Autowired
    private JwtUtil jwtUtil;

    @PostMapping("/login")
    public ResponseEntity<String> login(@RequestParam String username) {

        String token = jwtUtil.generateToken(username);
        return ResponseEntity.ok(token);
    }
}
```

User sends a username, and the system generates a JWT.

♦ Step 6: Protect Microservices

Modify User Service (user-service) to extract JWT.

```
java
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@RestController
@RequestMapping("/users")
public class UserController {

    @GetMapping("/profile")
    public ResponseEntity<String>
getUserProfile(@RequestHeader("Authorization") String token) {
        String username = new
JwtUtil().extractUsername(token.replace("Bearer ", ""));
        return ResponseEntity.ok("User Profile Data for: " +
username);
    }
}
```

Extracts username from JWT before serving the request.

Testing JWT Authentication

1. Get JWT Token

bash

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```
curl -X POST "http://localhost:8080/auth/login?username=john"
```

Response:

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2. Use JWT Token for API Request

bash

```
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```

```
curl -H "Authorization: Bearer eyJhbGci0iJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI..."
http://localhost:8080/users/profile
```

Response:

sql

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User Profile Data for: john

× 3. Missing JWT

bash

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curl http://localhost:8080/users/profile

Response:

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401 Unauthorized

- Conclusion
- Spring Cloud Gateway validates JWT before forwarding requests
- Microservices are protected from unauthorized access
- JWT-based authentication ensures scalability & security

Spring Cloud API Gateway | JWT Security | Passing User Details to Microservices

In this guide, we will:

- Implement JWT Authentication in Spring Cloud API Gateway
- ✓ Validate JWT in API Gateway
- Pass UserDetails (username, roles) to Microservices

Architecture Overview

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1. User logs in → Auth Service generates JWT

- 2. User sends JWT → API Gateway validates it
- 3. API Gateway extracts UserDetails → Passes to Microservices
- 4. Microservice extracts UserDetails from request headers

Architecture Diagram

Implementation Steps

Step 1: Add Dependencies (pom.xml)

Step 2: Configure API Gateway (application.yml)

```
yaml
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server:
   port: 8080

spring:
   cloud:
    gateway:
    routes:
        - id: user-service
        uri: http://localhost:8081/
        predicates:
        - Path=/users/**
        filters:
        - AuthenticationFilter
```

API Gateway validates JWT and passes UserDetails to Microservices.

Step 3: Create JWT Utility Class

Create JwtUtil.java to generate, validate JWT & extract UserDetails.

```
java
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package com.example.gateway.util;
import io.jsonwebtoken.*;
import io.jsonwebtoken.security.Keys;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Component;
import java.security.Key;
import java.util.Date;
import java.util.List;
import java.util.stream.Collectors;
```

```
@Component
public class JwtUtil {
    private static final String SECRET_KEY =
"MySuperSecretKeyForJwtMySuperSecretKey";
    private static final long EXPIRATION_TIME = 1000 * 60 * 60; // 1
hour
    private Key key = Keys.hmacShaKeyFor(SECRET_KEY.getBytes());
    public String generateToken(String username, List<String> roles)
{
        return Jwts.builder()
                .setSubject(username)
                .claim("roles", roles)
                .setIssuedAt(new Date())
                .setExpiration(new Date(System.currentTimeMillis() +
EXPIRATION_TIME))
                .signWith(key, SignatureAlgorithm.HS256)
                .compact();
    }
    public boolean validateToken(String token) {
        try {
Jwts.parserBuilder().setSigningKey(key).build().parseClaimsJws(token
);
            return true;
        } catch (Exception e) {
            return false;
        }
    }
    public String extractUsername(String token) {
        return Jwts.parserBuilder().setSigningKey(key).build()
                .parseClaimsJws(token).getBody().getSubject();
    }
    public List<String> extractRoles(String token) {
        return ((List<?>)
Jwts.parserBuilder().setSigningKey(key).build()
```

- **☑** Stores username & roles in JWT.
- Extracts UserDetails from JWT.

◆ Step 4: Implement Authentication Filter in API Gateway

Modify AuthenticationFilter.java to pass UserDetails to Microservices.

```
java
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package com.example.gateway.filter;
import com.example.gateway.util.JwtUtil;
import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Autowired;
import org.springframework.cloud.gateway.filter.GatewayFilter;
import org.springframework.cloud.gateway.filter.GatewayFilterChain;
import org.springframework.cloud.gateway.filter.GlobalFilter;
import org.springframework.http.HttpHeaders;
import org.springframework.http.HttpStatus;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Component;
import org.springframework.web.server.ServerWebExchange;
import reactor.core.publisher.Mono;
import java.util.List;
@Component
public class AuthenticationFilter implements GlobalFilter {
    @Autowired
    private JwtUtil jwtUtil;
    private static final String AUTH_HEADER = "Authorization";
    private static final String TOKEN_PREFIX = "Bearer";
```

```
@Override
    public Mono<Void> filter(ServerWebExchange exchange,
GatewayFilterChain chain) {
        HttpHeaders headers = exchange.getRequest().getHeaders();
        if (!headers.containsKey(AUTH_HEADER)) {
exchange.getResponse().setStatusCode(HttpStatus.UNAUTHORIZED);
            return exchange.getResponse().setComplete();
        }
        String token = headers.getFirst(AUTH_HEADER);
        if (token == null || !token.startsWith(TOKEN_PREFIX)) {
exchange.getResponse().setStatusCode(HttpStatus.UNAUTHORIZED);
            return exchange.getResponse().setComplete();
        }
        token = token.replace(TOKEN_PREFIX, "");
        if (!jwtUtil.validateToken(token)) {
exchange.getResponse().setStatusCode(HttpStatus.FORBIDDEN);
            return exchange.getResponse().setComplete();
        }
        // Extract UserDetails
        String username = jwtUtil.extractUsername(token);
        List<String> roles = jwtUtil.extractRoles(token);
        // Add UserDetails to headers
        exchange.getRequest().mutate()
                .header("X-User-Name", username)
                .header("X-User-Roles", String.join(",", roles))
                .build();
        return chain.filter(exchange);
    }
}
```

- Extracts username & roles from JWT.
- Adds UserDetails to request headers before forwarding.

Step 5: Create Authentication Service (AuthController.java)

```
java
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@RestController
@RequestMapping("/auth")
public class AuthController {

    @Autowired
    private JwtUtil jwtUtil;

    @PostMapping("/login")
    public ResponseEntity<String> login(@RequestParam String username) {

        List<String> roles = List.of("ROLE_USER");
        String token = jwtUtil.generateToken(username, roles);
        return ResponseEntity.ok(token);
    }
}
```

Generates JWT with username & roles.

Step 6: Extract UserDetails in Microservices

Modify UserController.java in User Service (user-service).

```
}
```

Extracts UserDetails from headers.

Testing JWT Authentication & Passing UserDetails

1. Get JWT Token

bash

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curl -X POST "http://localhost:8080/auth/login?username=john"

Response:

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2. Use JWT Token for API Request

bash

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```
curl -H "Authorization: Bearer eyJhbGci0iJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI..."
http://localhost:8080/users/profile
```

Response:

sql

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User Profile for john with roles: ROLE_USER

× 3. Missing JWT

bash

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curl http://localhost:8080/users/profile

Response:

8 Conclusion

- API Gateway validates JWT & extracts UserDetails
- ☑ UserDetails (username, roles) are passed to Microservices
- Microservices extract UserDetails for authorization

Secure Microservices with Keycloak & Spring Cloud Gateway

In this guide, we will:

- ☑ Integrate Keycloak for centralized authentication
- Secure Spring Cloud Gateway with Keycloak
- Pass UserDetails (username, roles) to Microservices

What is Keycloak?

Keycloak is an open-source Identity & Access Management (IAM) tool that provides:

- ☑ User authentication using OAuth2 / OpenID Connect
- ▼ Role-based access control (RBAC)
- **☑** Token-based security (JWT)

Keycloak Flow with Microservices

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- 1. User logs in → Keycloak issues JWT
- 2. User sends JWT → API Gateway validates token
- 3. API Gateway extracts UserDetails → Passes to Microservices
- 4. Microservices use UserDetails for authorization

Architecture Diagram

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Client (React, Postman, Mobile App)

Setting Up Keycloak

Step 1: Run Keycloak using Docker

```
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```
docker run -d -p 8081:8080 --name keycloak \
  -e KEYCLOAK_ADMIN=admin \
  -e KEYCLOAK_ADMIN_PASSWORD=admin \
  quay.io/keycloak/keycloak:latest start-dev
```

- Runs Keycloak on http://localhost:8081
- ightharpoonup Admin Login ightharpoonup admin / admin
- Step 2: Configure Keycloak Realm & Client
- Login to Keycloak Admin Console http://localhost:8081/admin/
- Create Realm: myrealm
- 3 Create Client: api-gateway
 - Client Type: OpenID Connect
 - Access Type: Public
 - Valid Redirect URIs: http://localhost:8080/*
 - Create Roles: ROLE_USER, ROLE_ADMIN
 - Create User:

• Username: john

Password: passwordAssign role: ROLE_USER

Secure Spring Cloud API Gateway with Keycloak

◆ Step 1: Add Dependencies (pom.xml)

Step 2: Configure Keycloak in API Gateway (application.yml)

spring:

```
security:
  oauth2:
  resourceserver:
    jwt:
    issuer-uri: http://localhost:8081/realms/myrealm
```

- ☑ API Gateway validates JWT from Keycloak
- **▼** Removes Authorization header before forwarding

◆ Step 3: Extract UserDetails & Pass to Microservices

Modify AuthenticationFilter.java in API Gateway.

```
java
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package com.example.gateway.filter;
import org.springframework.http.HttpHeaders;
import org.springframework.security.oauth2.jwt.Jwt;
import
org.springframework.security.oauth2.server.resource.authentication.J
wtAuthenticationToken:
import org.springframework.stereotype.Component;
import org.springframework.cloud.gateway.filter.GlobalFilter;
import org.springframework.web.server.ServerWebExchange;
import reactor.core.publisher.Mono;
import java.util.List;
@Component
public class AuthenticationFilter implements GlobalFilter {
    @Override
    public Mono<Void> filter(ServerWebExchange exchange,
GatewayFilterChain chain) {
        return exchange.getPrincipal()
                .filter(principal -> principal instanceof
JwtAuthenticationToken)
                .cast(JwtAuthenticationToken.class)
                .flatMap(token -> {
```

- Extracts username & roles from Keycloak JWT
- **☑ Passes UserDetails to Microservices** via headers

Secure Microservices & Extract UserDetails

Step 1: Add Dependencies in User-Service (pom.xml)

Step 2: Configure Security (application.yml)

yaml

```
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server:
   port: 8082

spring:
   security:
   oauth2:
    resourceserver:
       jwt:
       issuer-uri: http://localhost:8081/realms/myrealm
```

☑ User Service validates Keycloak JWT

Step 3: Extract UserDetails in UserController.java

```
java
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package com.example.userservice.controller;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.GetMapping;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestHeader;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMapping;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RestController;
@RestController
@RequestMapping("/users")
public class UserController {
    @GetMapping("/profile")
    public String getUserProfile(
            @RequestHeader("X-User-Name") String username,
            @RequestHeader("X-User-Roles") String roles) {
        return "User Profile for: " + username + " with roles: " +
roles:
}
```

☑ Extracts username & roles from request headers

Testing Keycloak Authentication

🛂 1. Get JWT Token from Keycloak

```
bash
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export TOKEN=$(curl -X POST
"http://localhost:8081/realms/myrealm/protocol/openid-connect/token"
\
   -H "Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded" \
   -d "client_id=api-gateway" \
   -d "username=john" \
   -d "password=password" \
   -d "grant_type=password" | jq -r '.access_token')
```

Retrieves JWT Token for john from Keycloak

2. Use JWT Token for API Request

```
bash
```

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```
curl -H "Authorization: Bearer $TOKEN"
http://localhost:8080/users/profile
```

Response:

```
sql
```

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```
User Profile for: john with roles: ROLE_USER
```

☑ JWT is validated, and UserDetails are passed to Microservices

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bash

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```
curl http://localhost:8080/users/profile
```

Response:

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401 Unauthorized

Access denied without a valid JWT

Conclusion

- ☑ Spring Cloud Gateway validates JWT from Keycloak
- Extracted UserDetails (username, roles) are passed to Microservices
- Microservices use UserDetails for authorization

Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) with Keycloak & Spring Cloud Gateway

In this guide, we will:

- **☑** Implement Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)
- Assign Roles in Keycloak
- **☑** Enforce Role-Based Authorization in Spring Cloud Gateway and Microservices

What is Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)?

Role-Based Access Control (RBAC) restricts access to resources based on the roles assigned to users. In this case:

- Keycloak will assign roles to users.
- Spring Cloud Gateway will validate the roles in the incoming JWT and enforce the appropriate access control.
- Microservices will check if the user has the necessary roles before processing the request.

Architecture Overview with RBAC

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1. User logs in → Keycloak generates JWT with roles

- 2. User sends JWT → API Gateway validates token and roles
- 3. API Gateway checks if the user has the required roles
- 4. Microservices enforce role-based authorization using JWT roles

Architecture Diagram

Setting Up RBAC in Keycloak

- Step 1: Assign Roles to Users in Keycloak
 - 1. Login to Keycloak Admin Console (http://localhost:8081/admin/)
 - 2. Create Roles:

```
Go to myrealm → Roles → Add Role

○ ROLE_USER

○ ROLE_ADMIN
```

- 3. Assign Roles to Users:
 - Go to Users → Select a user (e.g., john)
 - Under the Role Mappings tab, assign roles (ROLE_USER or ROLE_ADMIN) to the user.
- Secure Spring Cloud Gateway with RBAC

Step 1: Update Dependencies (pom.xml)

Step 2: Configure Role-Based Access Control in Gateway (application.yml)

```
yaml
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server:
  port: 8080
spring:
  cloud:
    gateway:
      routes:
        - id: user-service
          uri: http://localhost:8082/
          predicates:
            - Path=/users/**
          filters:
            - RemoveRequestHeader=Authorization
            - JwtRoleBasedFilter
spring:
  security:
    oauth2:
      resourceserver:
        jwt:
          issuer-uri: http://localhost:8081/realms/myrealm
```

In this configuration:

• JwtRoleBasedFilter: This filter will check if the JWT contains the required roles.

Step 3: Implement Role-Based Authorization Filter in Gateway

Create a custom filter to validate the roles.

```
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package com.example.gateway.filter;
import org.springframework.security.oauth2.jwt.Jwt;
import
org.springframework.security.oauth2.server.resource.authentication.J
wtAuthenticationToken:
import org.springframework.stereotype.Component;
import org.springframework.cloud.gateway.filter.GlobalFilter;
import org.springframework.cloud.gateway.filter.GatewayFilterChain;
import org.springframework.web.server.ServerWebExchange;
import reactor.core.publisher.Mono;
@Component
public class JwtRoleBasedFilter implements GlobalFilter {
    @Override
    public Mono<Void> filter(ServerWebExchange exchange,
GatewayFilterChain chain) {
        return exchange.getPrincipal()
                .filter(principal -> principal instanceof
JwtAuthenticationToken)
                .cast(JwtAuthenticationToken.class)
                .flatMap(token -> {
                    Jwt jwt = token.getToken();
                    // Extract roles from the JWT
                    var roles = jwt.getClaimAsStringList("roles");
                    // Example: Only allow access if the user has
'ROLE_USER' or 'ROLE_ADMIN'
                    if (roles.contains("ROLE_USER") ||
roles.contains("ROLE_ADMIN")) {
```

The filter ensures only users with the appropriate roles (ROLE_USER or ROLE_ADMIN) can access the microservices.

Secure Microservices with RBAC

◆ Step 1: Add Dependencies in User-Service (pom.xml)

◆ Step 2: Configure Security in Microservices (application.yml)

```
yaml
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server:
  port: 8082
spring:
  security:
   oauth2:
```

```
resourceserver:
  jwt:
    issuer-uri: http://localhost:8081/realms/myrealm
```

Step 3: Role-Based Authorization in Microservices (UserController.java)

```
java
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package com.example.userservice.controller;
import org.springframework.security.access.prepost.PreAuthorize;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.GetMapping;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestHeader;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RequestMapping;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RestController;
@RestController
@RequestMapping("/users")
public class UserController {
    @GetMapping("/profile")
    @PreAuthorize("hasRole('ROLE_USER')")
    public String getUserProfile(
            @RequestHeader("X-User-Name") String username,
            @RequestHeader("X-User-Roles") String roles) {
        return "User Profile for: " + username + " with roles: " +
roles:
    }
    @GetMapping("/admin")
    @PreAuthorize("hasRole('ROLE_ADMIN')")
    public String getAdminProfile() {
        return "Admin Profile - Access restricted to admins only.";
    }
}
```

Uses @PreAuthorize to enforce role-based access

- ROLE_USER can access /users/profile
- ROLE_ADMIN can access /users/admin

Testing Role-Based Access

✓ 1. Get JWT Token from Keycloak for john (ROLE_USER)

```
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```

```
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```

```
export TOKEN=$(curl -X POST
"http://localhost:8081/realms/myrealm/protocol/openid-connect/token"
\
   -H "Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded" \
   -d "client_id=api-gateway" \
   -d "username=john" \
   -d "password=password" \
   -d "grant_type=password" | jq -r '.access_token')
```

2. Use JWT Token to Access /users/profile

bash

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```
curl -H "Authorization: Bearer $TOKEN"
http://localhost:8080/users/profile
```

Response:

sql

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```
User Profile for: john with roles: ROLE_USER
```

☑ 3. Use JWT Token to Access /users/admin (User with ROLE_USER)

bash

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```
curl -H "Authorization: Bearer $TOKEN"
http://localhost:8080/users/admin
```

Response:

403 Forbidden

✓ 4. Get JWT Token from Keycloak for admin (ROLE_ADMIN)

bash

```
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```

```
export TOKEN_ADMIN=$(curl -X POST
"http://localhost:8081/realms/myrealm/protocol/openid-connect/token"
\
   -H "Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded" \
   -d "client_id=api-gateway" \
   -d "username=admin" \
   -d "password=password" \
   -d "grant_type=password" | jq -r '.access_token')
```

5. Use Admin Token to Access /users/admin

bash

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```
curl -H "Authorization: Bearer $TOKEN_ADMIN"
http://localhost:8080/users/admin
```

Response:

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Admin Profile - Access restricted to admins only.

Conclusion

- Keycloak assigns roles (ROLE_USER, ROLE_ADMIN)
- Spring Cloud Gateway enforces role-based access
- Microservices use @PreAuthorize to enforce role-based authorization

This setup ensures that only users with the correct roles can access specific microservices or endpoints.

Fine-Grained Access Control with Keycloak Policies

In this guide, we will:

- Implement Fine-Grained Access Control using Keycloak
- Create Policies in Keycloak for finer control over permissions
- ☑ Enforce these policies in Spring Cloud Gateway and Microservices

What is Fine-Grained Access Control?

Fine-grained access control refers to managing access to resources at a very detailed level based on user roles, attributes, and other conditions. Keycloak provides the ability to define **Policies** for users that allow access based on various conditions like:

- Roles
- Attributes
- IP addresses
- Time-based conditions

With this, we can control access in a more **dynamic** and **conditional** manner.

Keycloak Policies

Types of Policies in Keycloak:

- 1. Role-Based Policies: Allow access based on user roles.
- 2. **Attribute-Based Policies:** Allow access based on specific user attributes (e.g., department, job title).
- 3. Time-Based Policies: Control access based on the time of day.
- 4. **IP-Based Policies:** Restrict access to certain IP addresses or IP ranges.

Policy Flow:

- User Logs in: Keycloak generates a JWT token containing user roles, attributes, and other claims.
- 2. **Keycloak evaluates Policies**: Based on user roles, attributes, or other conditions, Keycloak determines whether the user is allowed to access the requested resource.
- 3. **API Gateway / Microservices**: The API Gateway and Microservices will enforce these policies by checking the JWT for specific roles or claims.

Setting Up Fine-Grained Policies in Keycloak

Step 1: Enable Authorization in Keycloak

- 1. Login to Keycloak Admin Console (http://localhost:8081/admin/)
- 2. Go to Realm Settings \rightarrow Client \rightarrow api-gateway.
- 3. In the Client Settings, enable Authorization under the Authorization Settings tab.
- 4. Save the changes.

Step 2: Create Authorization Policies

- 1. Create a Policy for Role-Based Access:
 - Go to the Authorization tab for the api-gateway client.
 - Click Create Policy.
 - Choose Role-Based.
 - Create a policy called "AdminPolicy" and assign the role ROLE_ADMIN.
- 2. Create a Policy for Attribute-Based Access:
 - Click Create Policy.
 - o Choose Attribute-Based.
 - For example, create a policy called "DepartmentPolicy" that checks if the user has the attribute department=finance.
- 3. Create a Policy for Time-Based Access:
 - Click Create Policy.
 - Choose Time-Based.
 - Set a time window (e.g., access allowed between 9 AM to 5 PM).

Step 3: Create Resource and Scope

- 1. **Create a Resource** for the endpoint you want to protect (e.g., /admin).
 - Go to the Authorization tab and create a **Resource** for /admin.
- 2. Create a Scope:
 - You can create a scope for specific actions (e.g., read, write, delete).
- 3. Assign Policies to Resources:
 - In the Resource Permissions tab, assign the policies created above (e.g., AdminPolicy, DepartmentPolicy) to specific resources or scopes.

Secure Spring Cloud API Gateway with Fine-Grained Policies

◆ Step 1: Add Dependencies

Ensure that your API Gateway includes the necessary dependencies for Keycloak and OAuth2 Resource Server.

◆ Step 2: Configure the API Gateway (application.yml)

Update your **application.yml** to enable resource server capabilities and to enforce policies via JWT.

```
yaml
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server:
   port: 8080

spring:
   cloud:
    gateway:
     routes:
        - id: user-service
        uri: http://localhost:8082/
        predicates:
        - Path=/users/**
```

```
filters:
```

- RemoveRequestHeader=Authorization

```
spring:
    security:
    oauth2:
        resourceserver:
        jwt:
            issuer-uri: http://localhost:8081/realms/myrealm
            jwk-set-uri:
http://localhost:8081/realms/myrealm/protocol/openid-connect/certs
```

Step 3: Enforce Fine-Grained Access Control in the Gateway

To enforce fine-grained access control, you need to create a custom **Global Filter** that checks the **JWT** for specific claims or roles and validates against Keycloak's policies.

```
java
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package com.example.gateway.filter;
import org.springframework.http.HttpStatus;
import org.springframework.security.oauth2.jwt.Jwt;
import
org.springframework.security.oauth2.server.resource.authentication.J
wtAuthenticationToken;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Component;
import org.springframework.cloud.gateway.filter.GlobalFilter;
import org.springframework.cloud.gateway.filter.GatewayFilterChain;
import org.springframework.web.server.ServerWebExchange;
import reactor.core.publisher.Mono;
@Component
public class PolicyEnforcementFilter implements GlobalFilter {
    @Override
    public Mono<Void> filter(ServerWebExchange exchange,
GatewayFilterChain chain) {
        return exchange.getPrincipal()
                .filter(principal -> principal instanceof
JwtAuthenticationToken)
```

This filter can be modified to enforce multiple policies:

- Role-based access (ROLE_ADMIN, ROLE_USER).
- Attribute-based access (check user attributes like department).
- Time-based access (check the current time).

Secure Microservices with Fine-Grained Access Control

◆ Step 1: Add Dependencies

Make sure your microservice (e.g., user-service) includes the necessary dependencies to work with JWT and Keycloak.

<artifactId>spring-security-oauth2-resource-server</artifactId>
</dependency>

Step 2: Configure Security in Microservice (application.yml)

```
yaml
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server:
   port: 8082

spring:
   security:
    oauth2:
     resourceserver:
        jwt:
        issuer-uri: http://localhost:8081/realms/myrealm
```

Step 3: Role-Based and Attribute-Based Access in Microservice

You can apply @PreAuthorize to enforce role-based or attribute-based access to specific endpoints.

```
@RequestHeader("X-User-Roles") String roles) {
    return "User Profile for: " + username + " with roles: " +
roles;
}

@GetMapping("/admin")
@PreAuthorize("hasRole('ROLE_ADMIN')")
public String getAdminProfile() {
    return "Admin Profile - Access restricted to admins only.";
}
```

 Role-based Access is handled by the @PreAuthorize annotation. Only users with specific roles (ROLE_USER, ROLE_ADMIN) can access the endpoints.

Testing Fine-Grained Access Control

✓ 1. Get JWT Token for User (ROLE_USER)

```
bash
```

```
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```

```
export TOKEN=$(curl -X POST
"http://localhost:8081/realms/myrealm/protocol/openid-connect/token"
\
   -H "Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded" \
   -d "client_id=api-gateway" \
   -d "username=john" \
   -d "password=password" \
   -d "grant_type=password" | jq -r '.access_token')
```

2. Access /users/profile with User JWT

bash

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```
curl -H "Authorization: Bearer $TOKEN"
http://localhost:8080/users/profile
```

Response:

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```
User Profile for: john with roles: ROLE_USER
```

3. Access /users/admin with User JWT

bash

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```
curl -H "Authorization: Bearer $TOKEN"
http://localhost:8080/users/admin
```

Response:

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403 Forbidden

4. Get JWT Token for Admin (ROLE_ADMIN)

bash

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```
export TOKEN_ADMIN=$(curl -X POST
"http://localhost:8081/realms/myrealm/protocol/openid-connect/token"
\
   -H "Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded" \
   -d "client_id=api-gateway" \
   -d "username=admin" \
   -d "password=password" \
   -d "grant_type=password" | jq -r '.access_token')
```

🛂 5. Access /users/admin with Admin JWT

bash

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```
curl -H "Authorization: Bearer $TOKEN_ADMIN"
http://localhost:8080/users/admin
```

Response:

pgsql

Admin Profile - Access restricted to admins only.

Conclusion

- ▼ Fine-Grained Access Control using Keycloak policies allows you to manage user access dynamically.
- Role-based, attribute-based, and time-based policies ensure that only the right users can access certain resources.
- Spring Cloud Gateway and Microservices enforce these policies through JWT validation and custom filters.

Let's implement a more **complex policy** by combining **Role-Based Access Control** (**RBAC**) and **Attribute-Based Access Control** (**ABAC**) in Keycloak.

Scenario:

We will implement a policy that grants access to a particular resource not only based on the user's **role** (e.g., ROLE_USER or ROLE_ADMIN), but also based on an **attribute** such as the user's **department**.

For example:

Only users with ROLE_USER and department finance can access the /finance endpoint.

Setup Keycloak for RBAC + ABAC

- Step 1: Add User Attributes in Keycloak
 - 1. **Go to Keycloak Admin Console** (http://localhost:8081/admin/)
 - 2. Select the Realm (myrealm).
 - 3. Create Users with Attributes:
 - Go to Users → Add User.
 - User 1 (john): Assign ROLE_USER and set the attribute department=finance.
 - User 2 (mary): Assign ROLE_USER and set the attribute department=sales.

Step 2: Create a Role-Based Policy in Keycloak

- 1. Go to the Authorization tab for the api-gateway client.
- 2. Create a Policy for ROLE_USER:
 - Click Create Policy → Role-based.
 - Create a policy called RolePolicy with **Role**: ROLE_USER.

Step 3: Create an Attribute-Based Policy in Keycloak

- Create a Policy for department=finance:
 - o Click Create Policy → Attribute-based.
 - Create a policy called DepartmentPolicy.
 - o Add condition: department=finance.

Step 4: Combine Both Policies into a Permission

- 1. Create a Resource for /finance endpoint.
 - \circ Go to Authorization \rightarrow Resources \rightarrow Create Resource.
 - Name the resource / finance.
- 2. Create a Permission and Assign Both Policies:
 - o Go to Permissions → Create Permission.
 - Assign RolePolicy and DepartmentPolicy to the /finance resource.
 - This ensures that both conditions must be met: ROLE_USER and department=finance.

Implement Role-Based + Attribute-Based Access Control in API Gateway

◆ Step 1: Add Dependencies in API Gateway (pom.xml)

```
<artifactId>spring-cloud-starter-gateway</artifactId>
</dependency>
```

◆ Step 2: Configure API Gateway for JWT Validation (application.yml)

Update your application.yml to configure JWT validation with Keycloak.

```
yaml
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server:
  port: 8080
spring:
  cloud:
    gateway:
      routes:
        - id: finance-service
          uri: http://localhost:8082/
          predicates:
            - Path=/finance/**
          filters:
            - RemoveRequestHeader=Authorization
spring:
  security:
    oauth2:
      resourceserver:
        jwt:
          issuer-uri: http://localhost:8081/realms/myrealm
```

◆ Step 3: Implement a Custom Filter in API Gateway to Enforce Role and Attribute Policies

Now, we need a filter in the API Gateway that checks both the role and the user's department. If the user is not **ROLE_USER** and their department is not **finance**, they will be denied access.

```
java
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```

```
package com.example.gateway.filter;
import org.springframework.http.HttpStatus;
import org.springframework.security.oauth2.jwt.Jwt;
import
org.springframework.security.oauth2.server.resource.authentication.J
wtAuthenticationToken;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Component;
import org.springframework.cloud.gateway.filter.GlobalFilter;
import org.springframework.cloud.gateway.filter.GatewayFilterChain;
import org.springframework.web.server.ServerWebExchange;
import reactor.core.publisher.Mono;
@Component
public class RoleAndAttributeFilter implements GlobalFilter {
    @Override
    public Mono<Void> filter(ServerWebExchange exchange,
GatewayFilterChain chain) {
        return exchange.getPrincipal()
                .filter(principal -> principal instanceof
JwtAuthenticationToken)
                .cast(JwtAuthenticationToken.class)
                .flatMap(token -> {
                    Jwt jwt = token.getToken();
                    // Extract roles and attributes
                    var roles = jwt.getClaimAsStringList("roles");
                    var department =
jwt.getClaimAsString("department");
                    // Enforce Role and Attribute-Based Access
Control
                    if (roles.contains("ROLE_USER") &&
"finance".equals(department)) {
                        return chain.filter(exchange);
                    } else {
exchange.getResponse().setStatusCode(HttpStatus.FORBIDDEN);
                        return exchange.getResponse().setComplete();
                    }
```

```
});
}
```

- The filter checks if the JWT contains:
 - o ROLE_USER
 - o department=finance

If both conditions are met, the request proceeds; otherwise, the user is forbidden.

Secure Microservices with RBAC + ABAC

◆ Step 1: Add Dependencies in Microservice (pom.xml)

Make sure your microservices have the necessary dependencies to validate JWT.

Step 2: Configure Microservices to Accept JWT (application.yml)

```
yaml
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server:
  port: 8082

spring:
  security:
    oauth2:
    resourceserver:
    jwt:
```

◆ Step 3: Implement Role and Attribute Checks in Microservices (FinanceController.java)

```
java
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package com.example.finance.controller;

import org.springframework.security.access.prepost.PreAuthorize;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.GetMapping;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RestController;

@RestController
public class FinanceController {

        @GetMapping("/finance")
        @PreAuthorize("hasRole('ROLE_USER') and
@userService.hasDepartment('finance')")
        public String getFinanceData() {
            return "Finance Data - Access granted to finance users
only!";
        }
}
```

In this example:

- @PreAuthorize ensures that only users with the role ROLE_USER and department finance can access the /finance endpoint.
- @userService.hasDepartment('finance') is a custom service method to check the department.

Testing the RBAC + ABAC Configuration

Step 1: Get JWT Token for john (ROLE USER, department=finance)

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```
export TOKEN=$(curl -X POST
"http://localhost:8081/realms/myrealm/protocol/openid-connect/token"
\
   -H "Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded" \
   -d "client_id=api-gateway" \
   -d "username=john" \
   -d "password=password" \
   -d "grant_type=password" | jq -r '.access_token')
```

Step 2: Access /finance with john's JWT

```
bash
```

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```
curl -H "Authorization: Bearer $TOKEN" http://localhost:8080/finance
```

Response:

pgsql

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Finance Data - Access granted to finance users only!

Step 3: Get JWT Token for mary (ROLE_USER, department=sales)

```
bash
```

```
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```

```
export TOKEN_MARY=$(curl -X POST
"http://localhost:8081/realms/myrealm/protocol/openid-connect/token"
\
   -H "Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded" \
   -d "client_id=api-gateway" \
   -d "username=mary" \
   -d "password=password" \
   -d "grant_type=password" | jq -r '.access_token')
```

Step 4: Try Accessing /finance with mary's JWT

bash

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curl -H "Authorization: Bearer \$TOKEN_MARY"

http://localhost:8080/finance

Response:

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403 Forbidden

Conclusion

- **RBAC**: Users with the correct roles (ROLE_USER) can access certain resources.
- ABAC: Access is further restricted by user attributes (e.g., department).
- Keycloak: Handles policy enforcement and generates JWTs with roles and attributes.
- API Gateway & Microservices: Validate the JWT and enforce access control based on both roles and attributes.

This setup ensures **fine-grained control** over who can access resources, ensuring your system remains both flexible and secure.

Seamless Exception Handling in Microservices with Propagation to API Gateway

In a microservices architecture, it's crucial to have a robust exception handling mechanism. This ensures that errors are properly handled at the service level and that the API Gateway and other downstream consumers receive meaningful and consistent responses. Here, we will discuss a structured approach for handling exceptions in microservices and how these exceptions can be propagated to the API Gateway for a fault-tolerant system.

Why is Exception Handling Important in Microservices?

In a distributed architecture with multiple microservices, proper exception handling is important for:

- 1. **Consistency**: Uniform error response across all microservices.
- 2. **Resilience**: Gracefully handle unexpected failures and provide meaningful feedback to clients.
- 3. **Security**: Prevent leaking internal system details to the end-users.

4. **Transparency**: Ensure that clients are aware of errors in a standardized format for easy troubleshooting.

Design Considerations for Exception Handling in Microservices

The core idea behind **exception handling** in microservices is to:

- 1. Handle errors locally in each microservice.
- 2. Propagate errors consistently across services.
- 3. **Ensure the API Gateway handles errors gracefully** and provides uniform responses.

Steps to Implement Seamless Exception Handling in Microservices

Centralized Exception Handling in Microservices

In **Spring Boot**, we can use @ControllerAdvice for global exception handling. Here's how you can set it up:

Step 1: Create Custom Exception Classes

Define custom exception classes that represent different error scenarios:

```
java
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public class ResourceNotFoundException extends RuntimeException {
    public ResourceNotFoundException(String message) {
        super(message);
    }
}
public class UnauthorizedException extends RuntimeException {
    public UnauthorizedException(String message) {
        super(message);
    }
}
```

Step 2: Global Exception Handler with @ControllerAdvice

Use @ControllerAdvice to globally handle exceptions across all your controllers.

```
java
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import org.springframework.http.HttpStatus;
import org.springframework.http.ResponseEntity;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.ExceptionHandler;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.ControllerAdvice;
@ControllerAdvice
public class GlobalExceptionHandler {
    @ExceptionHandler(ResourceNotFoundException.class)
    public ResponseEntity<ErrorResponse>
handleResourceNotFound(ResourceNotFoundException ex) {
        ErrorResponse errorResponse = new ErrorResponse("NOT_FOUND",
ex.getMessage());
        return new ResponseEntity<>(errorResponse,
HttpStatus.NOT_FOUND);
    }
    @ExceptionHandler(UnauthorizedException.class)
    public ResponseEntity<ErrorResponse>
handleUnauthorized(UnauthorizedException ex) {
        ErrorResponse errorResponse = new
ErrorResponse("UNAUTHORIZED", ex.getMessage());
        return new ResponseEntity<>(errorResponse,
HttpStatus.UNAUTHORIZED);
    }
    @ExceptionHandler(Exception.class)
    public ResponseEntity<ErrorResponse>
handleAllExceptions(Exception ex) {
        ErrorResponse errorResponse = new
ErrorResponse("INTERNAL_SERVER_ERROR", "An unexpected error
occurred"):
        return new ResponseEntity<>(errorResponse,
HttpStatus.INTERNAL_SERVER_ERROR);
```

}

In this handler:

- ResourceNotFoundException: Returns a 404 status with an appropriate error message.
- UnauthorizedException: Returns a 401 status indicating unauthorized access.
- Generic Exception: Catches all other exceptions and returns a 500 status.

Step 3: Error Response Object

Define a custom error response object to standardize the error format:

```
java
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public class ErrorResponse {
    private String errorCode;
    private String message;

    // Constructor, Getters, Setters
}
```

Result: If a service encounters an error, it will return a consistent JSON error response like:

```
json
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{
    "errorCode": "NOT_FOUND",
    "message": "The requested resource could not be found"
}
```

Propagating Errors to the API Gateway

The **API Gateway** (e.g., Spring Cloud Gateway) is the entry point for clients to interact with multiple microservices. It plays a crucial role in **error propagation** and must handle errors from downstream microservices properly.

Step 1: Configure Global Filters in API Gateway

In Spring Cloud Gateway, you can define **filters** that intercept requests and handle errors centrally.

Here's how to propagate exceptions from downstream services to the API Gateway:

java

```
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```

```
import org.springframework.cloud.gateway.filter.GlobalFilter;
import org.springframework.cloud.gateway.filter.GatewayFilterChain;
import org.springframework.web.server.ServerWebExchange;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Component;
import org.springframework.http.HttpStatus;
import reactor.core.publisher.Mono;
@Component
public class ErrorHandlingFilter implements GlobalFilter {
    @Override
    public Mono<Void> filter(ServerWebExchange exchange,
GatewayFilterChain chain) {
        return chain.filter(exchange)
                .onErrorResume(e -> {
                    // Log the error for debugging
                    System.out.println("Error occurred: " +
e.getMessage());
                    // Set the response status and return a custom
error message
exchange.getResponse().setStatusCode(HttpStatus.INTERNAL_SERVER_ERRO
R);
exchange.getResponse().getHeaders().add("Content-Type",
"application/json");
                    String errorMessage = "{ \"errorCode\":
\"INTERNAL_SERVER_ERROR\", \"message\": \"An unexpected error
occurred at the gateway.\" }";
                    return
exchange.getResponse().writeWith(Mono.just(exchange.getResponse().bu
fferFactory().wrap(errorMessage.getBytes())));
                });
    }
}
```

This **global filter** catches all exceptions occurring within the gateway and forwards a consistent error message with a **500 Internal Server Error**. You can customize the error response further based on the type of exception.

Step 2: Handle Specific Errors from Microservices

If a downstream microservice throws an exception (like ResourceNotFoundException), you can map that exception to an appropriate HTTP status code in the API Gateway:

```
java
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@Component
public class SpecificErrorHandlingFilter implements GlobalFilter {
    @Override
    public Mono<Void> filter(ServerWebExchange exchange,
GatewayFilterChain chain) {
        return chain.filter(exchange)
                .onErrorResume(e -> {
                    if (e instanceof ResourceNotFoundException) {
exchange.getResponse().setStatusCode(HttpStatus.NOT_FOUND);
                        String errorMessage = "{ \"errorCode\":
\"NOT_FOUND\", \"message\": \"Resource not found\" }";
                        return
exchange.getResponse().writeWith(Mono.just(exchange.getResponse().bu
fferFactory().wrap(errorMessage.getBytes())));
                    } else {
                        return Mono.error(e); // Propagate other
errors
                });
    }
}
```

Example of Fault-Tolerant Handling with Retry and Circuit Breaker

In microservices, we often face temporary failures that might be resolved by retrying the request. Additionally, for prolonged failures, we can use a **circuit breaker** to prevent the system from making requests to a failing service.

Step 1: Enable Circuit Breaker and Retry

Using Resilience4j for Circuit Breaker and Retry in Spring Boot:

Add the dependencies to pom.xml:

Step 2: Configure Circuit Breaker and Retry in application.yml

```
yaml
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resilience4j:
    retry:
        instances:
        myRetry:
            maxAttempts: 3
            waitDuration: 1000ms

circuitbreaker:
    instances:
        myCircuitBreaker:
        registerHealthIndicator: true
        failureRateThreshold: 50
        slidingWindowSize: 100
```

This configuration:

- Configures the **retry mechanism** to retry failed requests up to 3 times with a 1-second wait between attempts.
- Configures the **circuit breaker** to open if 50% of the requests fail in the last 100 requests.

Step 3: Implement Circuit Breaker and Retry in Microservices

Use @Retry and @CircuitBreaker annotations from Resilience4j to apply these mechanisms:

```
java
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import io.github.resilience4j.retry.annotation.Retry;
import
io.github.resilience4j.circuitbreaker.annotation.CircuitBreaker;
import org.springframework.stereotype.Service;
@Service
public class MyService {
    @Retry(name = "myRetry")
    @CircuitBreaker(name = "myCircuitBreaker", fallbackMethod =
"fallback")
    public String getData() {
        // Simulate a service call that might fail
        if (Math.random() > 0.7) {
            throw new RuntimeException("Service failed");
        return "Data fetched successfully";
    }
    public String fallback(Throwable t) {
        return "Fallback response: Service unavailable";
    }
}
```

Propagating Exception and Handling in the API Gateway

When a microservice throws an exception, the **API Gateway** handles it using the custom filters defined above and returns the appropriate HTTP status code and error message to the client.

Example Request Flow:

- 1. Client Request → API Gateway:
 - The API Gateway receives the request and routes it to the appropriate microservice.
- 2. Microservice Processing:
 - The microservice processes the request but throws an exception (e.g., ResourceNotFoundException).
- 3. Exception Propagation:

 The exception is caught by the microservice's global exception handler and converted into a standard error response.

4. API Gateway Handles Error:

 The error is propagated back to the API Gateway, which formats the response into a consistent error format and sends it to the client.

Example Response:

```
json
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{
    "errorCode": "NOT_FOUND",
    "message": "The requested resource could not be found"
}
```

Conclusion

- **Microservice Exception Handling**: Centralized exception handling ensures consistent error responses across all services.
- **API Gateway Role**: The API Gateway is key in propagating these exceptions and handling them in a user-friendly way.
- **Resilience**: Circuit Breakers and Retries ensure fault tolerance, helping to prevent cascading failures and improving system stability.
- **Custom Filters in API Gateway**: Filters allow the API Gateway to handle exceptions from microservices and return meaningful responses to clients.

By combining these techniques, you create a more **robust**, **resilient**, and **user-friendly** system that gracefully handles failures and communicates them effectively to clients.