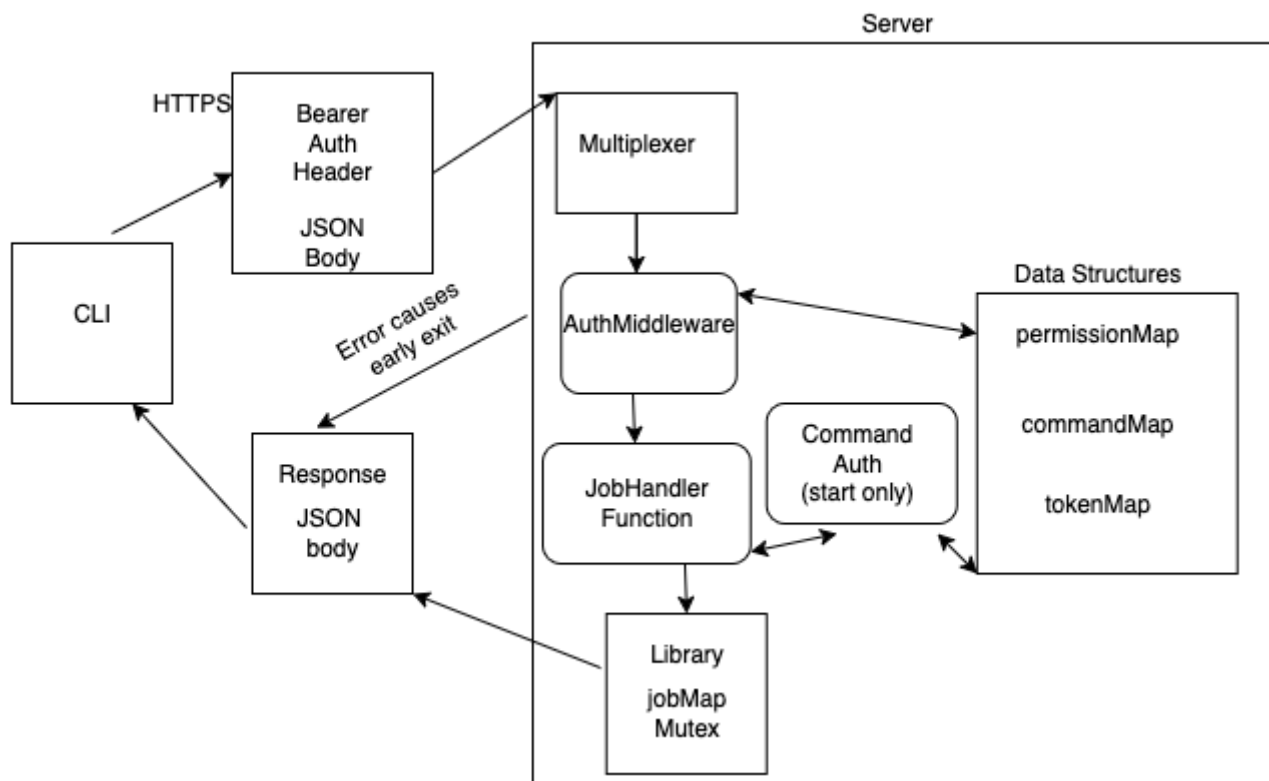


JobWorker Design Doc



Proposed API

- Four endpoints: `/jobs/start`, `/jobs/stop/{id}`, `/jobs/status/{id}`, `/jobs/output/{id}`
- If the server is running on `https://localhost:8443`, the endpoint for start would be `https://localhost:8443/jobs/start`
- `"/jobs/"` prefix included to delineate this API from other possible future tasks on server

Component Details

1. Worker Library

- Data Structures:
 - **Job** struct with fields like ID, status, output, cancel
 - **jobMap**, **jobLock**: Mapping from **ID** to **Job**, and a read/write lock `sync.RWMutex`
- Functions to perform tasks from the API (all public):
 - **Start()**, **Stop()**, **Status()**, **Output()**
- Notes:
 - Will use Google's UUID package for generating job ID's
 - When a command is started via **Start()** it will be given a context with cancel for termination in the **Stop()** function

2. Server

- Data Structures:
 - **Token** struct with fields for **TokenID string** and **Role string**
 - **tokenMap** `map[string]Token` a map of **Token** structs that are set to default values

- `rolePermissions map[string]map[string]bool` a map to authorize api actions based on `Token.role`. 3 roles: `admin`, `user`, `viewer`
- `commandPermissions map[string][]string` maps `role` to a list of linux commands that role can run
- `mux` a multiplexer to route API using `http.NewServeMux()`
- Functions:
 - `handleStartJob(w http.ResponseWriter, r *http.Request), handleStopJob(), handleGetJobStatus(), handleGetJobOutput()`
 - `authenticate(r *http.Request) (string, bool)` Authenticate function which extracts the token and checks if it is in the `tokenMap`
 - `authorizeAction(role, action string) bool` Authorizes if a user can perform an api action (start, stop)
 - `authorizeCommand(role, command string) bool` Checks if a linux command is allowed for a given role
 - `authMiddleware(action string)` Authenticates user and authorizes action (start, stop, output)
- Auth Workflow Overview:
 - TLS handshake -> client makes request to server with Bearer Token -> server multiplexer directs route -> authenticate -> authorize action (start, stop) -> authorize linux command (job starting only) -> execute command -> response to client.
- Authentication:
 - Use Bearer Token authentication by checking the HTTP header's Bearer field for a `Token` and finding the `Token` in `tokenMap`
- Authorization:
 - Two separate authorizations: action (start, stop, status) and command (ls, grep, rm)
 - The server will maintain a `rolePermissions` map in the format `{Permission Level : {job : isAllowed}}` for task authorization
 - The linux command authorization will only be checked if a job is starting, so that will be authorized inside `handleStartJob()`
- Auth Middleware:
 - The `authMiddleware` function will be called with the appropriate `action` to validate if user can perform a requested api action.
- HTTPS:
 - Generate and hard code self signed certificate, client skips validation
- Notes:
 - Decided to include both role based authz (viewer cannot stop job or start job) as well as command based authz (regular user cannot run `rm` but can run `ls`).
 - Tokens for 3 user roles will be pre-made for demo

3. Client

- Data Structures:
 - `Client` type containing `token`, `baseUrl`, and `http.Client`
- Functions: Most functions will act on the `Client` type as a method
 - `MakeClient` called in main with parsed command line arguments `-token` and `-server` to create a new client
 - `(c *Client) makeRequest()` helper function that builds and sends a request to the client

- `StartJob(command string, args []string) (string, error)` starts a job with given parameters
- `StopJob(id string)` stops the job with id
- `GetStatus(id string)` gets status of job with id
- `GetOutput(id string)` gets output of job with id
- Workflow: (Assumes server is running)
 - `main()` makes a new client, sets flagged variables or defaults to admin token and default server path `https://localhost:8443` (for demo)
 - Parses args
 - Uses a switch statement for `args[0]`: start, stop, status, output
 - Sends request to server based on `args[0]`
 - Returns a confirmation to the user (or error)
- Notes:
 - Decided to make a client type in order to have the user token and server URL be alterable

Security Considerations

- Uses self signed certificates, and client bypasses verification (for the demo)
- Bearer tokens are stored unencrypted in memory, they never expire or rotate
- User can run any linux command that their command privilege level allows
- There is no input validation or sanitization, potential for injection attacks.
- No sandbox or containerization on the server, client can access server's file system
- No user logging (can't tell who ran what command -> no accountability)
- No job timeout or job resource limitation

CLI UX

```
$~jobWorker start echo "Hello World"
Job started with ID 4c20a846-a780-4378-88bc-2447eb072811
$~jobWorker start sleep 30
Job started with ID bf779987-12cf-41a8-b991-21045cd5d822
$~jobworker stop bf779987-12cf-41a8-b991-21045cd5d822
Job stopped with ID bf779987-12cf-41a8-b991-21045cd5d822
$~jobWorker output 4c20a846-a780-4378-88bc-2447eb072811
Hello World
$~jobWorker status 4c20a846-a780-4378-88bc-2447eb072811
Succeeded
$~jobWorker stop bf779987-12cf-41a8-b991-21045cd5d822
Error: Job is not running
```