

Migrating from Spring Security 3.x to 4.x (XML Configuration)

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This guide is intended to help users migrate from Spring Security 3.x to Spring Security 4.x when using **XML based configuration**.

If you are looking to migrate from Spring Security 3.x to Spring Security 4.x when using Java Based configuration, [click here](#)

1. Introduction

As exploits against applications evolve, so must Spring Security. As a major release version, the Spring Security team took the opportunity to make some non-passive changes which focus on:

- Ensuring Spring Security is more secure by default (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Establish_secure_defaults)
- Minimizing Information Leakage (https://www.owasp.org/index.php/Information_Leakage)
- Removing deprecated APIs

A complete listing of non-passive changes between 3.x and 4.x can be found in JIRA

(<https://jira.spring.io/issues/?>

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2. Sample Migration

A sample illustrating all of the changes in a migration can be found on [github](https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-security-migrate-3-to-4/) (<https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-security-migrate-3-to-4/>). The sample demonstrates migrating [spring-security-3.xml](https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-security-migrate-3-to-4/tree/master/xml/spring-security-3.xml) (<https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-security-migrate-3-to-4/tree/master/xml/spring-security-3.xml>) to Spring Security 4. The completed migration can be found in [spring-security-4.xml](https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-security-migrate-3-to-4/tree/master/xml/spring-security-4.xml) (<https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-security-migrate-3-to-4/tree/master/xml/spring-security-4.xml>)

You can find a diff of the changes on [github](https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-security-migrate-3-to-4/compare/xml?expand=1) (<https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-security-migrate-3-to-4/compare/xml?expand=1>).

3. Updating to Spring 4.1.x

Spring Security 4 now requires Spring 4. Conveniently, Spring Security 3.2.x works with Spring 3.2.x and Spring 4. This means your first step is to update to Spring 4.1.x.

For detailed instructions refer to:

- [Migrating to Spring Framework 4.0](https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-framework/wiki/Migrating-from-earlier-versions-of-the-spring-framework#migrating-to-spring-framework-40)
(<https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-framework/wiki/Migrating-from-earlier-versions-of-the-spring-framework#migrating-to-spring-framework-40>)
- [Migrating to Spring Framework 4.1](https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-framework/wiki/Migrating-from-earlier-versions-of-the-spring-framework#migrating-to-spring-framework-41)
(<https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-framework/wiki/Migrating-from-earlier-versions-of-the-spring-framework#migrating-to-spring-framework-41>)

4. Deprecations

A number of deprecations were removed in Spring Security 4 to clean up clutter. The following section describes how to migrate each deprecation.

If you are using the XML Namespace configuration, there are many instances where you will be shielded from deprecation. If you (or a non-spring library you use) do NOT use an API directly, then you will NOT be impacted. This means typically a quick search in your workspace should allow you to find all the deprecations.

4.1. Related Links

For thoroughness we have include the related links in the table below.

JIRA	Commits
SEC-2781 (https://jira.spring.io/browse/SEC-2781)	6e204ff (https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-security/commit/6e204fff72b80196a83245cbc3bd0cd401feda00)

4.2. spring-security-acl

This section describes all of the deprecated APIs within the spring-security-acl module. If you are not using the spring-security-acl module, you can safely skip to spring-security-cas.

4.2.1. AclImpl

AclImpl had a deprecated constructor removed. Specifically, the constructor that defaults the `PermissionGrantingStrategy` was removed:

```
@Deprecated
public AclImpl(ObjectIdentity objectIdentity, Serializable id,
               AclAuthorizationStrategy aclAuthorizationStrategy,
               AuditLogger auditLogger, Acl parentAcl,
               ...
               List<Sid> loadedSids, boolean entriesInheriting, Sid owner) {
}
```

JAVA

This means that an AclImpl was being created with this constructor:

```
new AclImpl(objectIdentity, id, aclAuthorizationStrategy, auditLogger,
            parentAcl, loadedSids, entriesInheriting, owner);
```

JAVA

it needs to be updated to pass in the `PermissionGrantingStrategy` instead of the `AuditLogger`

```
PermissionGrantingStrategy permissionGrantingStrategy =
    new DefaultPermissionGrantingStrategy(auditLogger);
new AclImpl(objectIdentity, id, aclAuthorizationStrategy, permissionGrantingStrategy,
            parentAcl, loadedSids, entriesInheriting, owner);
```

JAVA

4.2.2. EhCacheBasedAclCache

EhCacheBasedAclCache had a deprecated constructor removed. Specifically, the constructor that defaults the `PermissionGrantingStrategy` was removed:

```
@Deprecated
public EhCacheBasedAclCache(Ehcache cache) {
    ...
}
```

JAVA

This means that an EhCacheBasedAclCache was being created with this constructor:

```
new EhCacheBasedAclCache(ehCache);
```

JAVA

it needs to be updated to pass in the `PermissionGrantingStrategy` and `AclAuthorizationStrategy` too:

JAVA

```

PermissionGrantingStrategy permissionGrantingStrategy =
    new DefaultPermissionGrantingStrategy(auditLogger);
AclAuthorizationStrategy aclAuthorizationStrategy =
    new AclAuthorizationStrategyImpl(new SimpleGrantedAuthority("ROLE_ACL_ADMIN"));
new EhCacheBasedAclCache(ehCache, permissionGrantingStrategy, aclAuthorizationStrategy);

```

and

XML

```

<bean id="aclCache" class="org.springframework.security.acs.domain.EhCacheBasedAclCache">
<constructor-arg>
    <bean class="org.springframework.cache.ehcache.EhCacheFactoryBean">
        <property name="cacheManager">
            <bean class="org.springframework.cache.ehcache.EhCacheManagerFactoryBean"/>
        </property>
        <property name="cacheName" value="aclCache"/>
    </bean>
</constructor-arg>
</bean>

```

needs to be update to

XML

```

<bean id="aclCache" class="org.springframework.security.acs.domain.EhCacheBasedAclCache">
<constructor-arg>
    <bean class="org.springframework.cache.ehcache.EhCacheFactoryBean">
        <property name="cacheManager">
            <bean class="org.springframework.cache.ehcache.EhCacheManagerFactoryBean"/>
        </property>
        <property name="cacheName" value="aclCache"/>
    </bean>
</constructor-arg>
<constructor-arg>
    <bean class="org.springframework.security.acs.domain.DefaultPermissionGrantingStrategy">
        <constructor-arg>
            <bean class="org.springframework.security.acs.domain.ConsoleAuditLogger"/>
        </constructor-arg>
    </bean>
</constructor-arg>
<constructor-arg>
    <bean class="org.springframework.security.acs.domain.AclAuthorizationStrategyImpl">
        <constructor-arg>
            <list>
                <bean class="org.springframework.security.core.authority.SimpleGrantedAuthority">
                    <constructor-arg value="ROLE_ACL_ADMIN"/>
                </bean>
            </list>
        </constructor-arg>
    </bean>
</constructor-arg>
</bean>

```

4.3. spring-security-cas

This section describes all of the deprecated APIs within the spring-security-cas module. If you are not using the spring-security-cas module, you can safely skip to spring-security-config.

4.3.1. ServiceAuthenticationDetailsSource

`ServiceAuthenticationDetailsSource` removed the deprecated constructors that defaulted the `ServiceProperties`.

JAVA

```

@Deprecated
public ServiceAuthenticationDetailsSource() {
    ...
}

@Deprecated
public ServiceAuthenticationDetailsSource(final String artifactParameterName) {
    ...
}

```

This means that an `ServiceAuthenticationDetailsSource` was being created with these constructors:

JAVA

```

new ServiceAuthenticationDetailsSource();

new ServiceAuthenticationDetailsSource(artifactId);

```


it needs to be updated to pass in the `ServiceProperties` as shown below:

```
new ServiceAuthenticationDetailsSource(serviceProperties);

new ServiceAuthenticationDetailsSource(serviceProperties, artifactId);
```

JAVA

and

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.cas.web.authentication.ServiceAuthenticationDetailsSource"/>

<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.cas.web.authentication.ServiceAuthenticationDetailsSource">
  <b:constructor-arg value="TICKET"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

needs to be updated to

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.cas.web.authentication.ServiceAuthenticationDetailsSource">
  <b:constructor-arg ref="serviceProperties"/>
</b:bean>

<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.cas.web.authentication.ServiceAuthenticationDetailsSource">
  <b:constructor-arg ref="serviceProperties"/>
  <b:constructor-arg value="TICKET"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

4.4. spring-security-config

This section describes all of the deprecated APIs within the spring-security-config module. If you are not using the spring-security-config module or have already completed this task, you can safely skip to spring-security-core.

4.4.1. filter-invocation-definition-source

The XML element `filter-invocation-definition-source` was removed in favor of `filter-security-metadata-source` (<http://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/3.2.x/reference/htmlsingle/#nsa-filter-security-metadata-source>). This means if you have something like this:

```
<filter-invocation-definition-source ...>
  ...
</filter-invocation-definition-source>
```

XML

it needs to be replaced with:

```
<filter-security-metadata-source ...>
  ...
</filter-security-metadata-source>
```

XML

4.4.2. http@access-denied-page

The XML attribute `http@access-denied-page` was removed in favor of `access-denied-handler@error-page` (<http://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/3.2.x/reference/htmlsingle/#nsa-access-denied-handler-error-page>). This means if you have something like this:

```
<http ... access-denied-page="/denied">
  ...
</http>
```

XML

it needs to be replaced with:

```
<http ...>
  <access-denied-handler error-page="/denied"/>
</http>
```

XML

4.4.3. http@path-type

The XML attribute `http@path-type` was removed in favor of `http@request-matcher` (<http://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/3.2.x/reference/htmlsingle/#nsa-http-request-matcher>). This means if you have something like this:

```
<http ... path-type="regex">
...
</http>
```

XML

it needs to be replaced with:

```
<http ... request-matcher="regex">
...
</http>
```

XML

4.4.4. filter-chain-map@path-type

The XML attribute `filter-chain-map@path-type` was removed in favor of `filter-chain-map@request-matcher` (<http://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/3.2.x/reference/htmlsingle/#nsa-filter-chain-map-request-matcher>). This means if you have something like this:

```
<filter-chain-map ... path-type="regex">
...
</filter-chain-map>
```

XML

it needs to be replaced with:

```
<filter-chain-map ... request-matcher="regex">
...
</filter-chain-map>
```

XML

4.4.5. filter-security-metadata-source@path-type

The XML attribute `filter-security-metadata-source@path-type` was removed in favor of `filter-security-metadata-source@request-matcher` (<http://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/3.2.x/reference/htmlsingle/#nsa-filter-security-metadata-source-request-matcher>). This means if you have something like this:

```
<filter-security-metadata-source ... path-type="regex">
...
</filter-security-metadata-source>
```

XML

it needs to be replaced with:

```
<filter-security-metadata-source ... request-matcher="regex">
...
</filter-security-metadata-source>
```

XML

4.5. spring-security-core

This section describes all of the deprecated APIs within the spring-security-core module. If you are not using the spring-security-core module or have already completed this task, you can safely skip to spring-security-openid.

4.5.1. SecurityConfig

`SecurityConfig.createSingleAttributeList(String)` was removed in favor of using `SecurityConfig.createList(String...)`. This means if you have something like this:

```
List<ConfigAttribute> attrs =
    SecurityConfig.createSingleAttributeList("ROLE_USER");
```

JAVA

needs to be replaced with:

```
List<ConfigAttribute> attrs =
    SecurityConfig.createList("ROLE_USER");
```

JAVA

4.5.2. UserDetailsServiceWrapper

`UserDetailsServiceWrapper` was deprecated in favor of using `RoleHierarchyAuthoritiesMapper`. For example, if you have something like this:

XML

```

<authentication-manager>
  <authentication-provider user-service-ref="userDetailsServiceWrapper"/>
</authentication-manager>

<b:bean id="userDetailsServiceWrapper"
class="org.springframework.security.access.hierarchicalroles.UserDetailsServiceWrapper">
  <b:property name="userDetailsService" ref="userDetailsService"/>
  <b:property name="roleHierarchy" ref="roleHierarchy"/>
</b:bean>

<b:bean id="roleHierarchy" class="org.springframework.security.access.hierarchicalroles.RoleHierarchyImpl">
  <b:property name="hierarchy">
    <b:value>
      ROLE_ADMIN > ROLE_USER
    </b:value>
  </b:property>
</b:bean>

```

then it needs to be migrated with something like this:

XML

```

<authentication-manager>
  <authentication-provider ref="authenticationProvider"/>
</authentication-manager>

<b:bean id="authenticationProvider" class="org.springframework.security.authentication.dao.DaoAuthenticationProvider">
  <b:property name="userDetailsService" ref="userDetailsService"/>
  <b:property name="authoritiesMapper" ref="authoritiesMapper"/>
</b:bean>

<b:bean id="authoritiesMapper"
class="org.springframework.security.access.hierarchicalroles.RoleHierarchyAuthoritiesMapper">
  <b:constructor-arg ref="roleHierarchy"/>
</b:bean>

<b:bean id="roleHierarchy" class="org.springframework.security.access.hierarchicalroles.RoleHierarchyImpl">
  <b:property name="hierarchy">
    <b:value>
      ROLE_ADMIN > ROLE_USER
    </b:value>
  </b:property>
</b:bean>

```

4.5.3. UserDetailsWrapper

`UserDetailsWrapper` was deprecated in favor of using `RoleHierarchyAuthoritiesMapper`. Typically users would not use the `UserDetailsWrapper` directly. However, if they are they can use `RoleHierarchyAuthoritiesMapper`. For example, if the following code is present:

JAVA

```
UserDetailsWrapper authenticate = new UserDetailsWrapper(userDetails, roleHierarchy);
```

then it needs to be replaced by:

JAVA

```

Collection<GrantedAuthority> allAuthorities =
    roleHierarchy.getReachableGrantedAuthorities(userDetails.getAuthorities());
UserDetails authenticate =
    new User(userDetails.getUsername(), userDetails.getPassword(), allAuthorities);

```

4.5.4. AbstractAccessDecisionManager

The default constructor for `AbstractAccessDecisionManager` has been deprecated along with the `setDecisionVoters` method. Naturally, this impacts the subclasses `AffirmativeBased`, `ConsensusBased`, and `UnanimousBased`. For example, this means that if you are using the following:

JAVA

```
AffirmativeBased adm = new AffirmativeBased();
adm.setDecisionVoters(voters);
```

it needs to be migrated to:

JAVA

```
AffirmativeBased adm = new AffirmativeBased(voters);
```

This type of migration also applies to XML based configuration. For example, if you are using the following:

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.access.vote.UnanimousBased">
  <b:property name="decisionVoters" ref="voters"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

then it needs to be migrated to:

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.access.vote.UnanimousBased">
  <b:constructor-arg ref="voters"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

4.5.5. AuthenticationException

The constructor that accepts extraInformation within AuthenticationException was removed to prevent accidental leaking of the UserDetails. Specifically, the following we removed.

```
public AccountExpiredException(String msg, Object extraInformation) {
    ...
}
```

JAVA

This impacts the subclasses AccountStatusException, AccountExpiredException, BadCredentialsException, CredentialsExpiredException, DisabledException, LockedException, and UsernameNotFoundException. If use are using any of these constructors, simply remove the additional argument. For example, the following is changed from:

```
new LockedException("Message", userDetails);
```

JAVA

to:

```
new LockedException("Message");
```

JAVA

4.5.6. AnonymousAuthenticationProvider

AnonymousAuthenticationProvider default constructor and setKey method was deprecated in favor of using constructor injection. For example, if you have the following:

```
AnonymousAuthenticationProvider provider = new AnonymousAuthenticationProvider();
provider.setKey(key);
```

JAVA

it should be changed to:

```
AnonymousAuthenticationProvider provider = new AnonymousAuthenticationProvider(key);
```

JAVA

4.5.7. AuthenticationDetailsSourceImpl

AuthenticationDetailsSourceImpl was deprecated in favor of writing a custom AuthenticationDetailsSource. For example, if you have the following:

```
AuthenticationDetailsSourceImpl source = new AuthenticationDetailsSourceImpl();
source.setClazz(CustomWebAuthenticationDetails.class);
```

JAVA

You should implement AuthenticationDetailsSource directly to return CustomSource :

```
public class CustomWebAuthenticationDetailsSource implements AuthenticationDetailsSource<HttpServletRequest,
WebAuthenticationDetails> {

    public WebAuthenticationDetails buildDetails(HttpServletRequest context) {
        return new CustomWebAuthenticationDetails(context);
    }
}
```

JAVA

4.5.8. ProviderManager

ProviderManager has removed the deprecated default constructor and the corresponding setter methods in favor of using constructor injection. It has also removed the clearExtraInformation property since the AuthenticationException had the extra information property removed.

For example, if you have something like the following:

```
ProviderManager provider = new ProviderManager();
provider.setParent(parent);
provider.setProviders(providers);
provider.setClearExtraInformation(true);
```

JAVA

then it should be changed to:

```
ProviderManager provider = new ProviderManager(providers, parent);
```

JAVA



The `clearExtraInformation` property was removed since the `AuthenticationException` had the extra information property removed. So there is no replacement for this.

and

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.authentication.ProviderManager">
  <b:property name="parent" ref="parent"/>
  <b:property name="providers">
    <b:list>
      <b:ref bean="authenticationProvider"/>
    </b:list>
  </b:property>
  <b:property name="clearExtraInformation" value="true"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

should be changed to

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.authentication.ProviderManager">
  <b:constructor-arg>
    <b:list>
      <b:ref bean="authenticationProvider"/>
    </b:list>
  </b:constructor-arg>
  <b:constructor-arg ref="parent"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

4.5.9. RememberMeAuthenticationProvider

`RememberMeAuthenticationProvider` had the default constructor and the `setKey` method removed in favor of constructor injection. For example:

```
RememberMeAuthenticationProvider provider = new RememberMeAuthenticationProvider();
provider.setKey(key);
```

JAVA

should be migrated to:

```
RememberMeAuthenticationProvider provider = new RememberMeAuthenticationProvider(key);
```

JAVA

and

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.authentication.RememberMeAuthenticationProvider">
  <b:property name="key" value="key"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

should be migrated to

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.authentication.RememberMeAuthenticationProvider">
  <b:constructor-arg value="key"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

4.5.10. GrantedAuthorityImpl

`GrantedAuthorityImpl` was removed in favor of `SimpleGrantedAuthority` or implementing your own. For example:

```
new GrantedAuthorityImpl(role);
```

JAVA

should be replaced with

```
new SimpleGrantedAuthority(role);
```

JAVA

4.5.11. InMemoryDaoImpl

`InMemoryDaoImpl` was replaced in favor of `InMemoryUserDetailsManager`

For example the following:

```
InMemoryDaoImpl uds = new InMemoryDaoImpl();  
uds.setUserProperties(properties);
```

JAVA

should be replaced with

```
InMemoryUserDetailsManager uds = new InMemoryUserDetailsManager(properties);
```

JAVA

and

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.core.userdetails.memory.InMemoryDaoImpl">  
  <b:property name="userProperties">  
    <b:value>  
      user=password,ROLE_USER  
    </b:value>  
  </b:property>  
</b:bean>
```

XML

should be replaced with

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.provisioning.InMemoryUserDetailsManager">  
  <b:constructor-arg>  
    <b:value>  
      user=password,ROLE_USER  
    </b:value>  
  </b:constructor-arg>  
</b:bean>
```

XML

4.5.12. spring-security-openid

This section describes all of the deprecated APIs within the spring-security-openid module. If you are not using the spring-security-openid module or have already completed this task, you can safely skip to spring-security-taglibs.

4.5.13. OpenID4JavaConsumer

The `OpenID4JavaConsumer` constructors that accept `List<OpenIDAttribute>` have been removed in favor of using an `AxFetchListFactory`. For example:

```
new OpenID4JavaConsumer(attributes);
```

JAVA

should be replaced with:

```
Map<String, List<OpenIDAttribute>> regexMap = new HashMap<String, List<OpenIDAttribute>>>();  
regexMap.put(".*", attributes);  
RegexBasedAxFetchListFactory factory = new RegexBasedAxFetchListFactory(regexMap);  
new OpenID4JavaConsumer(factory);
```

JAVA

and

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.openid.OpenID4JavaConsumer">
  <b:constructor-arg>
    <b:list>
      <b:bean class="org.springframework.security.openid.OpenIDAttribute">
        <b:constructor-arg value="email"/>
        <b:constructor-arg value="http://axschema.org/contact/email"/>
      </b:bean>
    </b:list>
  </b:constructor-arg>
</b:bean>
```

XML

should be replaced with:

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.openid.OpenID4JavaConsumer">
  <b:constructor-arg>
    <b:bean class="org.springframework.security.openid.RegexBasedAxFetchListFactory">
      <b:constructor-arg>
        <b:map>
          <b:entry key=".*">
            <b:list>
              <b:bean
class="org.springframework.security.openid.OpenIDAttribute">
                <b:constructor-arg value="email"/>
                <b:constructor-arg
value="http://axschema.org/contact/email"/>
              </b:bean>
            </b:list>
          </b:entry>
        </b:map>
      </b:constructor-arg>
    </b:bean>
  </b:constructor-arg>
</b:bean>
```

XML

4.6. spring-security-taglibs

This section describes all of the deprecated APIs within the spring-security-taglibs module. If you are not using the spring-security-taglibs module or have already completed this task, you can safely skip to spring-security-web.

Spring Security's authorize JSP tag deprecated the properties `ifAllGranted`, `ifAnyGranted`, and `ifNotGranted` in favor of using expressions.

For example:

```
<sec:authorize ifAllGranted="ROLE_ADMIN,ROLE_USER">
  <p>Must have ROLE_ADMIN and ROLE_USER</p>
</sec:authorize>
<sec:authorize ifAnyGranted="ROLE_ADMIN,ROLE_USER">
  <p>Must have ROLE_ADMIN or ROLE_USER</p>
</sec:authorize>
<sec:authorize ifNotGranted="ROLE_ADMIN,ROLE_USER">
  <p>Must not have ROLE_ADMIN or ROLE_USER</p>
</sec:authorize>
```

XML

can be replaced with:

```
<sec:authorize access="hasRole('ROLE_ADMIN') and hasRole('ROLE_USER')">
  <p>Must have ROLE_ADMIN and ROLE_USER</p>
</sec:authorize>
<sec:authorize access="hasAnyRole('ROLE_ADMIN','ROLE_USER')">
  <p>Must have ROLE_ADMIN or ROLE_USER</p>
</sec:authorize>
<sec:authorize access="!hasAnyRole('ROLE_ADMIN','ROLE_USER')">
  <p>Must not have ROLE_ADMIN or ROLE_USER</p>
</sec:authorize>
```

XML

4.7. spring-security-web

This section describes all of the deprecated APIs within the spring-security-taglibs module. If you are not using the spring-security-taglibs module or have already completed this task, you can safely skip to [m3to4-xml -defaults].

4.7.1. FilterChainProxy

`FilterChainProxy` removed the `setFilterChainMap` method in favor of constructor injection. For example, if you have the following:

```
FilterChainProxy filter = new FilterChainProxy();
filter.setFilterChainMap(filterChainMap);
```

JAVA

it should be replaced with:

```
FilterChainProxy filter = new FilterChainProxy(securityFilterChains);
```

JAVA

`FilterChainProxy` also removed `getFilterChainMap` in favor of using `getFilterChains` for example:

```
FilterChainProxy securityFilterChain = ...
Map<RequestMatcher, List<Filter>> mappings = securityFilterChain.getFilterChainMap();
for (Map.Entry<RequestMatcher, List<Filter>> entry : mappings.entrySet()) {
    RequestMatcher matcher = entry.getKey();
    boolean matches = matcher.matches(request);
    List<Filter> filters = entry.getValue();
}
```

JAVA

should be replaced with

```
FilterChainProxy securityFilterChain = ...
List<SecurityFilterChain> mappings = securityFilterChain.getFilterChains();
for (SecurityFilterChain entry : mappings) {
    boolean matches = entry.matches(request);
    List<Filter> filters = entry.getFilters();
}
```

JAVA

and

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.FilterChainProxy">
  <b:property name="filterChainMap">
    <b:map>
      <b:entry key="#{T(org.springframework.security.web.util.matcher.AnyRequestMatcher).INSTANCE}">
        <b:ref bean="mockFilter"/>
      </b:entry>
    </b:map>
  </b:property>
</b:bean>
```

XML

should be replaced with

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.FilterChainProxy">
  <b:constructor-arg>
    <b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.DefaultSecurityFilterChain">
      <b:constructor-arg value="#{T(org.springframework.security.web.util.matcher.AnyRequestMatcher).INSTANCE}" />
      <b:constructor-arg ref="mockFilter" />
    </b:bean>
  </b:constructor-arg>
</b:bean>
```

XML

4.7.2. `ExceptionTranslationFilter`

The default constructor for `ExceptionTranslationFilter` and the `setAuthenticationEntryPoint` method was removed in favor of using constructor injection.

```
ExceptionTranslationFilter filter = new ExceptionTranslationFilter();
filter.setAuthenticationEntryPoint(entryPoint);
filter.setRequestCache(requestCache);
```

JAVA

can be replaced with

```
ExceptionTranslationFilter filter = new ExceptionTranslationFilter(entryPoint, requestCache);
```

JAVA

and


```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.access.ExceptionTranslationFilter">
    <b:property name="authenticationEntryPoint" ref="entryPoint"/>
    <b:property name="requestCache" ref="requestCache"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

can be replaced with

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.access.ExceptionTranslationFilter">
    <b:constructor-arg ref="entryPoint"/>
    <b:constructor-arg ref="requestCache"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

4.7.3. AbstractAuthenticationProcessingFilter

`AbstractAuthenticationProcessingFilter` had its `successfulAuthentication(HttpServletRequest, HttpServletResponse, Authentication)` method removed. So if your application overrides the following method:

```
protected void successfulAuthentication(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse response,
    Authentication authResult) throws IOException, ServletException {
}
```

JAVA

it should be replaced with:

```
protected void successfulAuthentication(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse response,
    FilterChain chain, Authentication authResult) throws IOException,
    ServletException {
}
```

JAVA

4.7.4. AnonymousAuthenticationFilter

`AnonymousAuthenticationFilter` had the default constructor and the `setKey` and `setPrincipal` methods removed in favor of constructor injection. For example:

```
AnonymousAuthenticationFilter filter = new AnonymousAuthenticationFilter();
filter.setKey(key);
filter.setUserAttribute(attrs);
```

JAVA

should be replaced with:

```
AnonymousAuthenticationFilter filter =
    new AnonymousAuthenticationFilter(key, attrs.getPassword(), attrs.getAuthorities());
```

JAVA

and

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.authentication.AnonymousAuthenticationFilter">
    <b:property name="key" value="key"/>
    <b:property name="userAttribute" ref="userAttribute"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

can be replaced with

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.authentication.AnonymousAuthenticationFilter">
    <b:constructor-arg value="key"/>
    <b:constructor-arg value="#{userAttribute.password}"/>
    <b:constructor-arg value="#{userAttribute.authorities}"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

4.7.5. LoginUrlAuthenticationEntryPoint

The `LoginUrlAuthenticationEntryPoint` default constructor and the `setLoginFormUrl` method was removed in favor of constructor injection. For example:

```
LoginUrlAuthenticationEntryPoint entryPoint = new LoginUrlAuthenticationEntryPoint();
entryPoint.setLoginFormUrl("/login");
```

JAVA

should be replaced with

```
LoginUrlAuthenticationEntryPoint entryPoint = new LoginUrlAuthenticationEntryPoint(loginFormUrl);
```

JAVA

and

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.authentication.LoginUrlAuthenticationEntryPoint">
  <b:property name="loginFormUrl" value="/login"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

should be replaced with:

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.authentication.LoginUrlAuthenticationEntryPoint">
  <b:constructor-arg value="/login"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

4.7.6. PreAuthenticatedGrantedAuthoritiesUserDetailsService

`PreAuthenticatedGrantedAuthoritiesUserDetailsService` removed `createuserDetails` in favor of `createUserDetails`.



The new method has a correction in the case (i.e. U instead of u).

This means if you have a subclass of `PreAuthenticatedGrantedAuthoritiesUserDetailsService` that overrides `createuserDetails`

```
public class SubclassPreAuthenticatedGrantedAuthoritiesUserDetailsService extends
PreAuthenticatedGrantedAuthoritiesUserDetailsService {

    @Override
    protected UserDetails createuserDetails(Authentication token,
        Collection<? extends GrantedAuthority> authorities) {
        // customize
    }
}
```

JAVA

it should be changed to override `createUserDetails`

```
public class SubclassPreAuthenticatedGrantedAuthoritiesUserDetailsService extends
PreAuthenticatedGrantedAuthoritiesUserDetailsService {

    @Override
    protected UserDetails createUserDetails(Authentication token,
        Collection<? extends GrantedAuthority> authorities) {
        // customize
    }
}
```

JAVA

4.7.7. AbstractRememberMeServices

`AbstractRememberMeServices` and its subclasses `PersistentTokenBasedRememberMeServices` and `TokenBasedRememberMeServices` removed the default constructor and the `setKey` and `setUserDetailsService` methods in favor of constructor injection.

4.7.8. PersistentTokenBasedRememberMeServices

`AbstractRememberMeServices` and its subclasses `PersistentTokenBasedRememberMeServices` and `TokenBasedRememberMeServices` removed the default constructor and the `setKey` and `setUserDetailsService` methods in favor of constructor injection. For example:

```
PersistentTokenBasedRememberMeServices services = new PersistentTokenBasedRememberMeServices();
services.setKey(key);
services.setUserDetailsService(userDetailsService);
services.setTokenRepository(tokenRepository);
```

JAVA

should be replaced with

```
PersistentTokenBasedRememberMeServices services =
    new PersistentTokenBasedRememberMeServices(key, userDetailsService, tokenRepository);
```

JAVA

and

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.authentication.rememberme.PersistentTokenBasedRememberMeServices">
    <b:property name="key" value="key"/>
    <b:property name="userDetailsService" ref="userDetailsService"/>
    <b:property name="tokenRepository" ref="tokenRepository"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

should be replaced with:

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.authentication.rememberme.PersistentTokenBasedRememberMeServices">
    <b:constructor-arg value="key"/>
    <b:constructor-arg ref="userDetailsService"/>
    <b:constructor-arg ref="tokenRepository"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

4.7.9. RememberMeAuthenticationFilter

RememberMeAuthenticationFilter default constructor and the `setAuthenticationManager` and `setRememberMeServices` methods were removed in favor of constructor injection.

```
RememberMeAuthenticationFilter filter = new RememberMeAuthenticationFilter();
filter.setAuthenticationManager(authenticationManager);
filter.setRememberMeServices(rememberMeServices);
```

JAVA

should be replaced with

```
RememberMeAuthenticationFilter filter =
    new RememberMeAuthenticationFilter(authenticationManager, rememberMeServices);
```

JAVA

and

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.authentication.rememberme.RememberMeAuthenticationFilter">
    <b:property name="authenticationManager" ref="authenticationManager"/>
    <b:property name="rememberMeServices" ref="rememberMeServices"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

should be replaced with

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.authentication.rememberme.RememberMeAuthenticationFilter">
    <b:constructor-arg ref="authenticationManager"/>
    <b:constructor-arg ref="rememberMeServices"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

4.7.10. TokenBasedRememberMeServices

AbstractRememberMeServices and its subclasses PersistentTokenBasedRememberMeServices and TokenBasedRememberMeServices removed the default constructor and the `setKey` and `setUserDetailsService` methods in favor of constructor injection. For example:

```
TokenBasedRememberMeServices services = new TokenBasedRememberMeServices();
services.setKey(key);
services.setUserDetailsService(userDetailsService);
```

JAVA

should be replaced with

```
TokenBasedRememberMeServices services =
    new TokenBasedRememberMeServices(key, userDetailsService);
```

JAVA

and

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.authentication.rememberme.TokenBasedRememberMeServices">
    <b:property name="key" value="key"/>
    <b:property name="userDetailsService" ref="userDetailsService"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

should be replaced with

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.authentication.rememberme.TokenBasedRememberMeServices">
    <b:constructor-arg value="key"/>
    <b:constructor-arg ref="userDetailsService"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

4.7.11. ConcurrentSessionControlStrategy

`ConcurrentSessionControlStrategy` was replaced with `ConcurrentSessionControlAuthenticationStrategy`. Previously `ConcurrentSessionControlStrategy` could not be decoupled from `SessionFixationProtectionStrategy`. Now it is completely decoupled. For example, the following:

```
ConcurrentSessionControlStrategy strategy = new ConcurrentSessionControlStrategy(sessionRegistry);
```

JAVA

can be replaced with

```
List<SessionAuthenticationStrategy> delegates = new ArrayList<SessionAuthenticationStrategy>();
delegates.add(new ConcurrentSessionControlAuthenticationStrategy(sessionRegistry));
delegates.add(new SessionFixationProtectionStrategy());
delegates.add(new RegisterSessionAuthenticationStrategy(sessionRegistry));
CompositeSessionAuthenticationStrategy strategy = new CompositeSessionAuthenticationStrategy(delegates);
```

JAVA

and

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.authentication.session.ConcurrentSessionControlStrategy">
    <b:constructor-arg ref="sessionRegistry"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

can be replaced with

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.authentication.session.CompositeSessionAuthenticationStrategy">
    <b:constructor-arg>
        <b:list>
            <b:bean
class="org.springframework.security.web.authentication.session.ConcurrentSessionControlAuthenticationStrategy">
                <b:constructor-arg ref="sessionRegistry"/>
            </b:bean>
            <b:bean
class="org.springframework.security.web.authentication.session.SessionFixationProtectionStrategy"/>
            <b:bean
class="org.springframework.security.web.authentication.session.RegisterSessionAuthenticationStrategy">
                <b:constructor-arg ref="sessionRegistry"/>
            </b:bean>
        </b:list>
    </b:constructor-arg>
</b:bean>
```

XML

4.7.12. SessionFixationProtectionStrategy

`SessionFixationProtectionStrategy` removed `setRetainedAttributes` method in favor of users subclassing `SessionFixationProtectionStrategy` and overriding `extractAttributes` method. This means the following:

```
SessionFixationProtectionStrategy strategy = new SessionFixationProtectionStrategy();
strategy.setRetainedAttributes(attrsToRetain);
```

JAVA

should be replaced with

JAVA

```

public class AttrsSessionFixationProtectionStrategy extends SessionFixationProtectionStrategy {
    private final Collection<String> attrsToRetain;

    public AttrsSessionFixationProtectionStrategy(
        Collection<String> attrsToRetain) {
        this.attrsToRetain = attrsToRetain;
    }

    @Override
    protected Map<String, Object> extractAttributes(HttpSession session) {
        Map<String, Object> attrs = new HashMap<String, Object>();
        for (String attr : attrsToRetain) {
            attrs.put(attr, session.getAttribute(attr));
        }
        return attrs;
    }
}

SessionFixationProtectionStrategy strategy = new AttrsSessionFixationProtectionStrategy(attrsToRetain);

```

4.7.13. BasicAuthenticationFilter

`BasicAuthenticationFilter` default constructor and the `setAuthenticationManager` and `setRememberMeServices` methods were removed in favor of constructor injection.

JAVA

```

BasicAuthenticationFilter filter = new BasicAuthenticationFilter();
filter.setAuthenticationManager(authenticationManager);
filter.setAuthenticationEntryPoint(entryPoint);
filter.setIgnoreFailure(true);

```

should be replaced with

JAVA

```

BasicAuthenticationFilter filter =
    new BasicAuthenticationFilter(authenticationManager, entryPoint);

```



Using this constructor automatically sets `ignoreFailure` to `true`

and

XML

```

<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.authentication.www.BasicAuthenticationFilter">
    <b:property name="authenticationManager" ref="authenticationManager"/>
    <b:property name="authenticationEntryPoint" ref="entryPoint"/>
</b:bean>

```

should be replaced with

XML

```

<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.authentication.www.BasicAuthenticationFilter">
    <b:constructor-arg ref="authenticationManager"/>
    <b:constructor-arg ref="entryPoint"/>
</b:bean>

```

4.7.14. SecurityContextPersistenceFilter

`SecurityContextPersistenceFilter` removed the `setSecurityContextRepository` in favor of constructor injection. For example:

JAVA

```

SecurityContextPersistenceFilter filter = new SecurityContextPersistenceFilter();
filter.setSecurityContextRepository(securityContextRepository);

```

should be replaced with

JAVA

```

SecurityContextPersistenceFilter filter = new SecurityContextPersistenceFilter(securityContextRepository);

```

and

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.context.SecurityContextPersistenceFilter">
  <b:property name="securityContextRepository" ref="securityContextRepository"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

should be replaced with

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.context.SecurityContextPersistenceFilter">
  <b:constructor-arg ref="securityContextRepository"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

4.7.15. RequestCacheAwareFilter

`RequestCacheAwareFilter` removed the `setRequestCache` in favor of constructor injection. For example:

```
RequestCacheAwareFilter filter = new RequestCacheAwareFilter();
filter.setRequestCache(requestCache);
```

JAVA

should be replaced with

```
RequestCacheAwareFilter filter = new RequestCacheAwareFilter(requestCache);
```

JAVA

and

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.savedrequest.RequestCacheAwareFilter">
  <b:property name="requestCache" ref="requestCache"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

should be replaced with

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.savedrequest.RequestCacheAwareFilter">
  <b:constructor-arg ref="requestCache"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

4.7.16. ConcurrentSessionFilter

`ConcurrentSessionFilter` removed the default constructor and the `setExpiredUrl` and `setSessionRegistry` methods in favor of constructor injection. For example:

```
ConcurrentSessionFilter filter = new ConcurrentSessionFilter();
filter.setSessionRegistry(sessionRegistry);
filter.setExpiredUrl("/expired");
```

JAVA

should be replaced with

```
ConcurrentSessionFilter filter = new ConcurrentSessionFilter(sessionRegistry, "/expired");
```

JAVA

and

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.session.ConcurrentSessionFilter">
  <b:property name="sessionRegistry" ref="sessionRegistry"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

should be replaced with

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.session.ConcurrentSessionFilter">
  <b:constructor-arg ref="sessionRegistry"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

4.7.17. SessionManagementFilter

`SessionManagementFilter` removed the `setSessionAuthenticationStrategy` method in favor of constructor injection. For example:

```
SessionManagementFilter filter = new SessionManagementFilter(securityContextRepository);
filter.setSessionAuthenticationStrategy(sessionAuthenticationStrategy);
```

JAVA

should be replaced with

```
SessionManagementFilter filter = new SessionManagementFilter(securityContextRepository, sessionAuthenticationStrategy);
```

JAVA

and

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.session.SessionManagementFilter">
  <b:constructor-arg ref="securityContextRepository"/>
  <b:property name="sessionAuthenticationStrategy" ref="sessionAuthenticationStrategy"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

should be replaced with

```
<b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.session.SessionManagementFilter">
  <b:constructor-arg ref="securityContextRepository"/>
  <b:constructor-arg ref="sessionAuthenticationStrategy"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

4.7.18. RequestMatcher

The `RequestMatcher` and its implementations have moved from the package `org.springframework.security.web.util` to `org.springframework.security.web.util.matcher`. Specifically

- `org.springframework.security.web.util.RequestMatcher` → `org.springframework.security.web.util.matcher.RequestMatcher`
- `org.springframework.security.web.util.AntPathRequestMatcher` → `org.springframework.security.web.util.matcher.AntPathRequestMatcher`
- `org.springframework.security.web.util.AnyRequestMatcher` → `org.springframework.security.web.util.matcher.AnyRequestMatcher.INSTANCE`
- `org.springframework.security.web.util.ELRequestMatcher` → `org.springframework.security.web.util.matcher.ELRequestMatcher`
- `org.springframework.security.web.util.IpAddressMatcher` → `org.springframework.security.web.util.matcher.IpAddressMatcher`
- `org.springframework.security.web.util.RequestMatcherEditor` → `org.springframework.security.web.util.matcher.RequestMatcherEditor`
- `org.springframework.security.web.util.RegexRequestMatcher` → `org.springframework.security.web.util.matcher.RegexRequestMatcher`

4.7.19. WebSecurityExpressionHandler

`WebSecurityExpressionHandler` was removed in favor of using `SecurityExpressionHandler<FilterInvocation>`.

This means if you are using:

```
WebSecurityExpressionHandler handler = ...
```

JAVA

it needs to be updated to

```
SecurityExpressionHandler<FilterInvocation> handler = ...
```

JAVA

If you implement `WebSecurityExpressionHandler`:

```
public class CustomWebSecurityExpressionHandler implements WebSecurityExpressionHandler {
    ...
}
```

JAVA

then it must be updated to:

```
public class CustomWebSecurityExpressionHandler implements SecurityExpressionHandler<FilterInvocation> {  
    ...  
}
```


5. Update Spring Security

Now you can update to Spring Security 4.x. If you are using Maven and Spring Security's BOM, you can do something like this:

```
<dependencyManagement>
  <dependencies>
    <dependency>
      <groupId>org.springframework.security</groupId>
      <artifactId>spring-security-bom</artifactId>
      <version>4.0.0.RELEASE</version>
      <type>pom</type>
      <scope>import</scope>
    </dependency>
  </dependencies>
</dependencyManagement>
```

XML

Now all of the Spring Security dependencies that do not specify a version will use the updated Spring Security version.

Alternatively, you can update each of the Spring Security dependencies within your pom. For example, the following would update spring-security-core to use version 4.0.0.RELEASE

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.security</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-security-core</artifactId>
  <version>4.0.0.RELEASE</version>
</dependency>
```

XML

6. Migrate XML Namespace Defaults

We updated the default values for many of the Spring Security XML Namespace Elements. You can find a detailed list of changes and how to address them below.



If you do not use XML based configuration, you may safely skip this section and proceed to Migrate Default Filter URLs

6.1. Related Links

For thoroughness we have include the related links in the table below.

JIRA	Commits
SEC-2783 (https://jira.spring.io/browse/SEC-2783)	c67ff42 (https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-security/commit/c67ff42b8abe124b7956896c78e9aac896fd79d9)
SEC-2347 (https://jira.spring.io/browse/SEC-2347)	4392205 (https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-security/commit/4392205f63e49b9675b06e584f571a48b017d0b6)
SEC-2348 (https://jira.spring.io/browse/SEC-2348)	eedbf44 (https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-security/commit/eedbf442359f9a99e367f2fdef61deea1cef46c9)
SEC-2873 (https://jira.spring.io/browse/SEC-2873)	5f57e5b (https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-security/commit/5f57e5b0c3726466db4f5d0521ac26423f0d9cd4)
SEC-2916 (https://jira.spring.io/browse/SEC-2916)	c94a5cf (https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-security/commit/c94a5cf8e268a4e8090c28268372d7d61c367028)

6.2. Migrate <http>

The [http@use-expressions](http://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/3.2.x/reference/htmlsingle/#nsa-http-use-expressions) (http://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/3.2.x/reference/htmlsingle/#nsa-http-use-expressions) attribute's default value changed from false to true. This means if the use-expression attribute is not explicitly configured, then the configuration will need updated. For example, if an application using Spring Security 3.2.x contains a configuration similar to the following:

Spring Security 3.2.x Sample Configuration

```
<http> 1
  <intercept-url pattern="/login" access="ROLE_ANONYMOUS"/>
  <intercept-url pattern="/**" access="ROLE_USER"/>
  ...
</http>
```

XML

- 1 Observe that the use-expressions attribute is not provided. If it were provided, then nothing needs to be done.

The configuration will need to be updated to something similar to the following when Spring Security 4.x:

Migration to Spring Security 4 Configuration

```
<http use-expressions="false"> 1
  <intercept-url pattern="/login" access="ROLE_ANONYMOUS"/>
  <intercept-url pattern="/**" access="ROLE_USER"/>
  ...
</http>
```

XML

- 1 We explicitly provide the use-expressions attribute. Again, if the attribute was already provided, then nothing needs to be done.

Alternatively, the application can omit the the use-expressions attribute and switch to using expressions. For example, something similar to the following:

Alternative Migration to Spring Security 4 Configuration

```
<http>
  <intercept-url pattern="/login" access="permitAll"/>
  <intercept-url pattern="/**" access="hasRole('USER')"/>
  ...
</http>
```

XML

The `http@disable-url-rewriting` (<http://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/3.2.x/reference/htmlsingle/#nsa-http-disable-url-rewriting>) attribute's default value changed from false to true.



It is recommended to disable url rewriting to prevent the JSESSIONID from being included in URLs. If your application does not use url rewriting, then it is preferable to leave this attribute set to the default value.

This means if the `disable-url-rewriting` attribute is not explicitly configured and you are relying on url rewriting, then the configuration will need updated. For example, if an application using Spring Security 3.2.x contains a configuration similar to the following:

Spring Security 3.2.x Sample Configuration

```
<http> ❶
  ...
</http>
```

XML

- ❶ Observe that the `disable-url-rewriting` attribute is not provided. If it were provided, then nothing needs to be done.

The configuration will need to be updated to something similar to the following when Spring Security 4.x:

Migration to Spring Security 4 Configuration

```
<http disable-url-rewriting="false"> ❶
  ...
</http>
```

XML

- ❶ We explicitly provide the `disable-url-rewriting` attribute. Again, if the attribute was already provided, then nothing needs to be done.

6.3. Migrating <form-login>

If the `<form-login>` is being used within an application, then some of the default attributes have changed. Below are detailed description of the changes and how to migrate:

- The `form-login@username-parameter` (<http://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/3.2.x/reference/htmlsingle/#nsa-form-login-username-parameter>) attribute default value changed from `j_username` to `username`. If an application explicitly provides the attribute, no action is required for the migration.
- The `form-login@password-parameter` (<http://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/3.2.x/reference/htmlsingle/#nsa-form-login-password-parameter>) attribute default value changed from `j_password` to `password`. If an application explicitly provides the attribute, no action is required for the migration.
- The `form-login@login-processing-url` (<http://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/3.2.x/reference/htmlsingle/#nsa-form-login-login-processing-url>) attribute default value changed from `/j_spring_security_check` to `POST /login`. If an application explicitly provides the attribute, no action is required for the migration.
- The `form-login@authentication-failure-url` (<http://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/3.2.x/reference/htmlsingle/#nsa-form-login-authentication-failure-url>) attribute default value changed from appending `?login_error` to the login-page to appending `?error` to the login-page. If an application explicitly provides the attribute, no action is required for the migration.

These changes mean if you have the following configuration within your XML configuration when using Spring Security 3.2.x:

Spring Security 3.2.x Sample Configuration

```
<http>
  ...
  <form-login login-page="/login"/>
</http>
```

XML

You will need to migrate by explicitly configuring the attributes that have new default values when migrating to Spring Security 4.x:



Any attribute that is already explicitly provided will not be impacted and requires no action.

Migration to Spring Security 4 Configuration

```
<http>
    ...
    <form-login login-page="/login"
        username-parameter="j_username" ❶
        password-parameter="j_password" ❷
        login-processing-url="/j_spring_security_check" ❸
        authentication-failure-url="/login?login_error=1" ❹
    />
</http>
```

XML

- ❶ If the configuration does not specify the username-parameter, then it should be explicitly stated
- ❷ If the configuration does not specify the password-parameter, then it should be explicitly stated
- ❸ If the configuration does not specify the login-processing-url, then it should be explicitly stated
- ❹ If the configuration does not specify the authentication-failure-url, then it should be explicitly stated

Alternatively, the application can be updated to use the new defaults. For example, one might update their log in form to look like the following:

Alternative Migration to Spring Security 4.x (i.e. login.jsp)

```
<c:if test="${param.error != null}"> ❶
    <p>Invalid username / password</p>
</c:if>
<c:url var="loginUrl" value="/login"/> ❷
<form action="${loginUrl}" method="post">
    <p><label for="username">User:</label></p>
    <input type="text" id="username" name="username"/> ❸

    <p><label for="password">Password:</label></p>
    <input type="password" id="password" name="password"/> ❹

    <div>
        <input name="submit" type="submit"/>
    </div>
</form>
```

XML

- ❶ If the configuration does not specify the authentication-failure-url, then detect that an invalid log in check to see if the HTTP parameter error is not null.
- ❷ If the configuration does not specify the login-processing-url, then modify the URL to submit to be "/login"
- ❸ If the configuration does not specify the username-parameter, then modify the username HTTP parameter to be "username"
- ❹ If the configuration does not specify the password-parameter, then modify the password HTTP parameter to be "password"

6.4. Migrating <logout>

If the <logout> is being used within an application, then some of the default attributes have changed. Below are detailed description of the changes and how to migrate:

- The `logout@logout-url` (<http://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/3.2.x/reference/htmlsingle/#nsa-logout-logout-url>) attribute default value changed from "/j_spring_security_logout" to "/logout". If an application explicitly provides the attribute, no action is required for the migration.

These changes mean if you have the following configuration within your XML configuration when using Spring Security 3.2.x:

Spring Security 3.2.x Sample Configuration

```
<http>
...
<logout/>
</http>
```

XML

You will need to migrate by explicitly configuring the `logout-url` attribute when migrating to Spring Security 4.x:



If the `logout-url` attribute is already explicitly provided the application will not be impacted and no action is required.

Migration to Spring Security 4 Configuration

```
<http>
...
<logout logout-url="/j_spring_security_logout"/> ❶
/>
</http>
```

XML

- ❶ If the configuration does not specify the `logout-url` attribute, then it should be explicitly stated

Alternatively, the application can be updated to use the new defaults.

6.5. Migrating `<openid-login>`

The `openid-login@login-processing-url`

(<http://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/3.2.x/reference/htmlsingle/#nsa-openid-login-login-processing-url>) attribute default value changed from `/j_spring_openid_security_check` to `/login/openid`.

This means if the `login-processing-url` attribute is not explicitly configured, then the configuration will need updated. For example, if an application using Spring Security 3.2.x contains a configuration similar to the following:

Spring Security 3.2.x Sample Configuration

```
<http>
  <openid-login /> ❶
  ...
</http>
```

XML

- ❶ Observe that the `login-processing-url` attribute is not provided. If it were provided, then nothing needs to be done.

The configuration will need to be updated to something similar to the following when Spring Security 4.x:

Migration to Spring Security 4 Configuration

```
<http>
  <openid-login login-processing-url="/j_spring_openid_security_check"/> ❶
  ...
</http>
```

XML

- ❶ We explicitly provide the `login-processing-url` attribute. Again, if the attribute was already provided, then nothing needs to be done.

Alternatively, the application can omit the `login-processing-url` attribute and update the log in form. For example, something similar to the following:

Alternative Migration to Spring Security 4.x (i.e. `login.jsp`)

```
<c:url var="openidLoginUrl" value="/login/openid"/> ❶
<form action="{openidLoginUrl}" method="post">
  <div>
    <input name="openid_identifier" type="text" value="http://" />
    <input type="submit" value="Sign-In"/>
  </div>
</form>
```

XML

- ❶ If the configuration does not specify the `login-processing-url` attribute, then update the log in action to `/login/openid`.

6.6. Migrating `<headers>`

As Spring Security 4.0+ Security HTTP Response Headers is now enabled by default. This means if an application did not provide the `headers` (<http://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/3.2.x/reference/htmlsingle/#nsa-headers>) element, then the configuration will need updated. For example, if an application using Spring Security 3.2.x contains a configuration similar to the following:

Spring Security 3.2.x Sample Configuration

```
<http>
...
<!-- no headers element -->
</http>
```

XML

The application will need updated. The quickest, but not ideal, solution is to explicitly disable the headers protection using `headers@disabled` (<http://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/3.2.x/reference/htmlsingle/#nsa-headers-disabled>). For example:

Migration to Spring Security 4 Configuration

```
<http>
...
<headers disabled="true"/>
</http>
```

XML

Alternatively, the application would enable Security HTTP Response Headers. In many instances, leaving the Security HTTP Response Headers enabled will not have a negative impact on an application.



Strict Transport Security (<http://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/current/reference/html/headers.html#headers-hsts>) will cause infinite redirects if anywhere within your domain forcefully redirects from HTTPS to HTTP for a subset of pages. If your domain forcefully redirects to HTTP when HTTPS is requested, you will need to ensure to remove the redirect (recommended) or disable Strict Transport Security.

Developers are encouraged to read Security HTTP Response Headers for details on using this feature.

6.7. Migrating `<csrf>`

As Spring Security 4.0+ CSRF Protection is now enabled by default. This means if an application did not provide the `csrf` (<http://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/3.2.x/reference/htmlsingle/#nsa-csrf>) element, then the configuration will need updated. For example, if an application using Spring Security 3.2.x contains a configuration similar to the following:

```
<http>
...
<!-- no csrf element -->
</http>
```

XML

The application will need updated. The quickest, but not ideal, solution is to explicitly disable the csrf protection using `csrf@disabled` (<http://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/3.2.x/reference/htmlsingle/#nsa-csrf-disabled>). For example:

Migration to Spring Security 4 Configuration

```
<http>
...
<csrf disabled="true"/>
</http>
```

XML

Alternatively, the application would enable CSRF. For more details refer to [Using Spring Security CSRF Protection](http://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/3.2.x/reference/htmlsingle/#csrf-using) (<http://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/3.2.x/reference/htmlsingle/#csrf-using>)

6.8. Migrating `<remember-me>`

If the `<remember-me>` element is being used within an application, then some of the default attributes have changed. Below are detailed description of the changes and how to migrate:

- The `remember-me@remember-me-parameter` (<http://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/3.2.x/reference/htmlsingle/#nsa-remember-me-remember-me-parameter>) attribute default value changed from `"_spring_security_remember_me"` to `"remember-me"`. If an application explicitly provides the attribute, no action is required for the migration.
- The `remember-me@remember-me-cookie` (<http://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/3.2.x/reference/htmlsingle/#nsa-remember-me-remember-me-cookie>) attribute default value changed from `"SPRING_SECURITY_REMEMBER_ME_COOKIE"` to `"remember-me"`. If an application explicitly provides the

attribute, no action is required for the migration.

These changes mean if you have the following configuration within your XML configuration when using Spring Security 3.2.x:

```
<http>
...
<remember-me />
</http>
```

XML

You will need to migrate by explicitly configuring the attributes that have new default values when migrating to Spring Security 4.x:



Any attribute that is already explicitly provided will not be impacted and requires no action.

```
<http>
...
<remember-me
    remember-me-parameter="_spring_security_remember_me" ①
    remember-me-cookie="SPRING_SECURITY_REMEMBER_ME_COOKIE" ②
/>
</http>
```

XML

- ① If the configuration does not specify the remember-me-parameter, then it should be explicitly stated
- ② If the configuration does not specify the remember-me-cookie, then it should be explicitly stated

Alternatively, the application can be updated to use the new defaults. For example, one might update their log in form to look like the following:

login.html

```
<c:url var="loginUrl" value="/login"/>
<form action="{loginUrl}" method="post">
...

<p><label for="remember-me">Remember Me</label></p>
<input type="checkbox" id="remember-me" name="remember-me" /> ①

<div>
    <input name="submit" type="submit"/>
</div>
</form>
```

XML

- ① If the configuration does not specify the remember-me-parameter, then update the HTTP parameter name to be remember-me



This approach means that previously remembered users will be forgotten since the remember me cookie name will change. If you are fine with users needing to authenticate again, then nothing is required. If you do not want users to authenticate, then the cookie name must be set to `SPRING_SECURITY_REMEMBER_ME_COOKIE` as illustrated above.

6.9. Migrating <filter-security-metadata-source>

The `filter-security-metadata-source@use-expressions`

(<http://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/3.2.x/reference/htmlsingle/#nsa-filter-security-metadata-source-use-expressions>) attribute's default value changed from false to true. This means if the use-expression attribute is not explicitly configured, then the configuration will need updated. For example, if an application using Spring Security 3.2.x contains a configuration similar to the following:

Spring Security 3.2.x Sample Configuration

```
<filter-security-metadata-source> ①
    <intercept-url pattern="/login" access="ROLE_ANONYMOUS"/>
    <intercept-url pattern="/**" access="ROLE_USER"/>
    ...
</filter-security-metadata-source>
```

XML

- ① Observe that the use-expressions attribute is not provided. If it were provided, then nothing needs to be done.

The configuration will need to be updated to something similar to the following when Spring Security 4.x:

Migration to Spring Security 4 Configuration

```
<filter-security-metadata-source use-expressions="false"> ❶
  <intercept-url pattern="/login" access="ROLE_ANONYMOUS"/>
  <intercept-url pattern="/**" access="ROLE_USER"/>
  ...
</filter-security-metadata-source>
```

XML

- ❶ We explicitly provide the use-expressions attribute. Again, if the attribute was already provided, then nothing needs to be done.

Alternatively, the application can omit the use-expressions attribute and switch to using expressions. For example, something similar to the following:

Alternative Migration to Spring Security 4 Configuration

```
<filter-security-metadata-source>
  <intercept-url pattern="/login" access="permitAll"/>
  <intercept-url pattern="/**" access="hasRole('USER')"/>
  ...
</filter-security-metadata-source>
```

XML

7. Migrate Default Filter URLs

A number of servlet Filter's had their default URLs switched to help guard against information leakage.

7.1. Related Links

For thoroughness we have include the related links in the table below.

JIRA	Commits
SEC-2783 (https://jira.spring.io/browse/SEC-2783)	c67ff42 (https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-security/commit/c67ff42b8abe124b7956896c78e9aac896fd79d9)

7.2. CasAuthenticationFilter

The `CasAuthenticationFilter` `filterProcessesUrl` property default value changed from `/j_spring_cas_security_check` to `/login/cas`. This means if the `filterProcessesUrl` property is not explicitly specified, then the configuration will need updated. For example, if an application using Spring Security 3.2.x contains a configuration similar to the following:

```
<b:bean id="casFilter"
      class="org.springframework.security.cas.web.CasAuthenticationFilter">
  <b:property name="authenticationManager" ref="authenticationManager" />
</b:bean>
```

XML

The configuration will need to be updated to something similar to the following when Spring Security 4.x:

```
<b:bean id="casFilter"
      class="org.springframework.security.cas.web.CasAuthenticationFilter">
  <b:property name="authenticationManager" ref="authenticationManager" />
  <b:property name="filterProcessesUrl" value="/j_spring_cas_security_check" />
</b:bean>
```

XML

Alternatively, the `ServiceProperties` can be updated to use the new default:

```
<bean id="serviceProperties"
      class="org.springframework.security.cas.ServiceProperties">
  <property name="service"
    value="https://example.com/cas-sample/login/cas" />
</bean>
```

XML

7.3. SwitchUserFilter

- The `SwitchUserFilter` `switchUserUrl` property default value changed from `/j_spring_security_switch_user` to `/login/impersonate`. This means if the `switchUserUrl` property is not explicitly specified, then the configuration will need updated.
- The `SwitchUserFilter` `exitUserUrl` property default value changed from `/j_spring_security_exit_user` to `/logout/impersonate`. This means if the `exitUserUrl` property is not explicitly specified, then the configuration will need updated.

For example, if an application using Spring Security 3.2.x contains a configuration similar to the following:

```
<b:bean id="switchUserProcessingFilter"
      class="org.springframework.security.web.authentication.switchuser.SwitchUserFilter">
  <b:property name="userDetailsService" ref="userDetailsService" />
  <b:property name="targetUrl" value="/" />
</b:bean>
```

XML

The configuration will need to be updated to something similar to the following when Spring Security 4.x:

```
<b:bean id="switchUserProcessingFilter"
class="org.springframework.security.web.authentication.switchuser.SwitchUserFilter">
  <b:property name="switchUserUrl" value="/j_spring_security_switch_user" />
  <b:property name="exitUserUrl" value="/j_spring_security_exit_user" />

  <b:property name="userDetailsService" ref="userDetailsService" />
  <b:property name="targetUrl" value="/" />
</bean>
```

XML

Alternatively, the URL's within the application can be updated from:

- "/j_spring_security_switch_user" to "/login/impersonate"
- "/j_spring_security_exit_user" to "/logout/impersonate"

7.4. LogoutFilter

The `LogoutFilter` `filterProcessesUrl` property default value changed from `"/j_spring_security_logout"` to `"/logout"`. This means if the `filterProcessesUrl` property is not explicitly specified, then the configuration will need updated.

For example, if an application using Spring Security 3.2.x contains a configuration similar to the following:

```
<b:bean id="logoutFilter" class="org.springframework.security.web.authentication.logout.LogoutFilter">
  <b:constructor-arg value="/logout-success"/>
  <b:constructor-arg>
    <b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.authentication.logout.SecurityContextLogoutHandler"/>
  </b:constructor-arg>
</b:bean>
```

XML

The configuration will need to be updated to something similar to the following when Spring Security 4.x:

```
<b:bean id="logoutFilter" class="org.springframework.security.web.authentication.logout.LogoutFilter">
  <b:constructor-arg value="/logout-success"/>
  <b:constructor-arg>
    <b:bean class="org.springframework.security.web.authentication.logout.SecurityContextLogoutHandler"/>
  </b:constructor-arg>

  <b:property name="filterProcessesUrl" value="/j_spring_security_logout"/>
</b:bean>
```

XML

Alternatively, the URL's within the application can be updated from `"/j_spring_security_logout"` to `"/logout"`.

8. Header Configuration Changes

In Spring Security 3.x the HTTP Response Header configuration was difficult to customize. If an application overrode a single default, then all of the other defaults would be disabled. This was unintuitive, error prone, and most importantly not very secure.

Spring Security 4.x has changed both the Java Configuration and XML Configuration to require explicit disabling of defaults. Additionally, it has made customizing a single default much easier.

If an application has customized the HTTP Response Header Configuration in any way, they are impacted by this change. If the application used the defaults, then they are not impacted by this change.

A detailed description of how to configure Security HTTP Response Headers can be found in the reference. Below we highlight the changes in configuring the Security HTTP Response Headers between 3.x and 4.x.

- Migrating XML Based Configuration
- Migrating Java Based Configuration

8.1. Related Links

For thoroughness we have include the related links in the table below.

JIRA	Commits
SEC-2348 (https://jira.spring.io/browse/SEC-2348)	eedbf44 (https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-security/commit/eedbf442359f9a99e367f2fdef61deea1cef46c9)

8.2. Header Samples

In Spring Security 3.x, the following configuration

```
<http>
  <headers>
    <frame-options policy="SAMEORIGIN"/>
  </headers>
  ...
</http>
```

XML

would add the following header:

```
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
```

HTTP

In Spring Security 4.x, the same configuration would add

```
Cache-Control: no-cache, no-store, max-age=0, must-revalidate
Pragma: no-cache
Expires: 0
X-Content-Type-Options: nosniff
Strict-Transport-Security: max-age=31536000 ; includeSubDomains
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
X-XSS-Protection: 1; mode=block
```

HTTP

If we want to the configuration the same, we must explicitly disable the other defaults.

```
<http>
  ...
  <headers defaults-disabled="true">
    <frame-options policy="SAMEORIGIN"/>
  </headers>
```

XML

would add the following header:

```
X-Frame-Options: SAMEORIGIN
```

HTTP

9. Automatic ROLE_ prefixing

Spring Security 4 automatically prefixes any role with ROLE_. The changes were made as part of [SEC-2758](https://jira.spring.io/browse/SEC-2758) (<https://jira.spring.io/browse/SEC-2758>)

9.1. Related Links

For thoroughness we have include the related links in the table below.

JIRA	Commits
SEC-2758 (https://jira.spring.io/browse/SEC-2758)	6627f76 (https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-security/commit/6627f76df7d93dfd85dd57954f11f595b1ab5f07)
SEC-2926 (https://jira.spring.io/browse/SEC-2926)	09acc2b (https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-security/commit/09acc2b7a531a5f3ded7cec1226a888441f78584)

9.2. ROLE_ Prefixing Passivity

Passivity is impacted if the application's users' roles are **not** prefixed with ROLE_. If all of the application's users' roles are prefixed with ROLE_ then it is NOT impacted.

9.3. Disable ROLE_ Prefixing

One can disable automatic ROLE_ prefixing using a `BeanPostProcessor` similar to the following:

```
package sample.role_;

import org.springframework.beans.BeansException;
import org.springframework.beans.factory.config.BeanPostProcessor;
import org.springframework.core.PriorityOrdered;
import org.springframework.security.access.annotation.Jsr250MethodSecurityMetadataSource;
import org.springframework.security.access.expression.method.DefaultMethodSecurityExpressionHandler;
import org.springframework.security.web.access.expression.DefaultWebSecurityExpressionHandler;
import org.springframework.security.web.servletapi.SecurityContextHolderAwareRequestFilter;

public class DefaultRolesPrefixPostProcessor implements BeanPostProcessor, PriorityOrdered {

    @Override
    public Object postProcessAfterInitialization(Object bean, String beanName)
        throws BeansException {

        // remove this if you are not using JSR-250
        if(bean instanceof Jsr250MethodSecurityMetadataSource) {
            ((Jsr250MethodSecurityMetadataSource) bean).setDefaultRolePrefix(null);
        }

        if(bean instanceof DefaultMethodSecurityExpressionHandler) {
            ((DefaultMethodSecurityExpressionHandler) bean).setDefaultRolePrefix(null);
        }
        if(bean instanceof DefaultWebSecurityExpressionHandler) {
            ((DefaultWebSecurityExpressionHandler) bean).setDefaultRolePrefix(null);
        }
        if(bean instanceof SecurityContextHolderAwareRequestFilter) {
            ((SecurityContextHolderAwareRequestFilter) bean).setRolePrefix("");
        }
        return bean;
    }

    @Override
    public Object postProcessBeforeInitialization(Object bean, String beanName)
        throws BeansException {
        return bean;
    }

    @Override
    public int getOrder() {
        return PriorityOrdered.HIGHEST_PRECEDENCE;
    }
}
```

and then defining it as a Bean:

```
<b:bean class="sample.role_.DefaultRolesPrefixPostProcessor"/>
```

XML

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