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3. Setting up the Scene

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This chapter guides you through the process of building your first simple Spring Security 6 project using the IntelliJ IDEA Ultimate Edition 2023.1.2. This involves the following steps.

- Setting up the development environment
- Creating a new Java web application project without Spring Security
- Updating the project with Spring Security
- · Running the example

Let's start with setting up the development environment.

Setting up the Development Environment

The following lists the software you need to download and install in the given order.

- Java SE Development Kit (JDK) 17+ (version 20 was the latest when writing this book)
- Maven 3.9.2
- IntelliJ IDEA Ultimate Edition 2023.1.2
- Apache Tomcat Server 10 (External)
- Windows OS (This book uses Windows 11.)

Let's go through the steps required to set up everything properly.

Your first step is to set up the JDK. It comes in an installer or package on most operating systems, so there shouldn't be any problems.

Note Remember that the JDK and Java SE Runtime Environment (JRE) require, at minimum, a Pentium II 266 MHz processor, 128 MB of memory, and 181 MB disk for development tools for 64-bit platforms.

Download the JDK version specific to your Windows operating system from

www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javase/downloads/jdk11-downloads-5066655.html.

JDK 20 installed on a Windows 11 machine is used in this book, as shown in Figure 3-1.



Figure 3-1 Installing JDK 20

Let's set a ${\tt JAVA_HOME}$ system variable by following these steps.

- 1. Open the Windows Environment Variables.
- 2.Add the JAVA_HOME variable and point it to the JDK installed folder (e.g., C:\Program Files\Java\ jdk-20).
- 3-Append %JAVA_HOME%\bin to the system PATH variable so that all the Java commands are accessible from everywhere.

The result is shown in Figure 3-2.

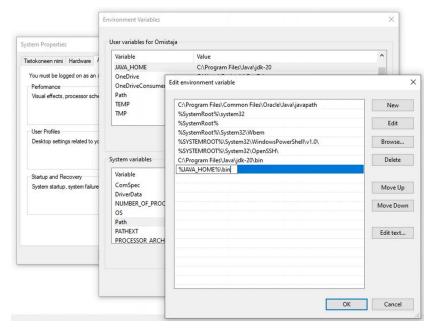


Figure 3-2 Setting up the JAVA_HOME system variable

Let's test if the JDK installation was successful. Open a command prompt and type the code shown in Figure <u>3-3</u>.

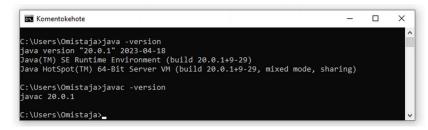


Figure 3-3 Testing the Java installation

Great! Java is now installed and ready to be used for the examples in the book.

Let's install the IntelliJ IDEA Ultimate Edition 2023.1.2 for web and enterprise development by following these steps.

1.Download the .exe file from

https://www.jetbrains.com/idea/download/?

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2023.1.2.exe.

Once installed, the directory should look like Figure 3-4.

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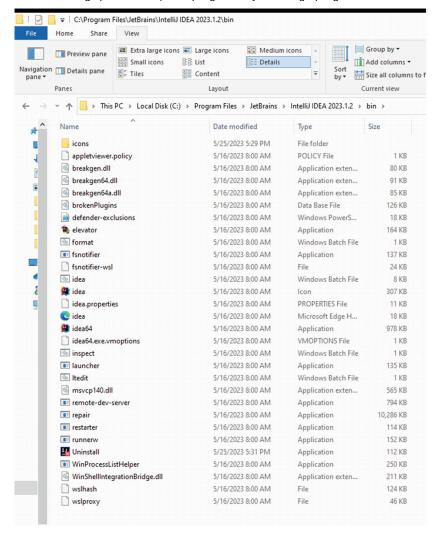


Figure 3-4 The IntelliJ IDEA 2023.1.2 directory

Now IntelliJ IDEA Ultimate Edition 2023.1.2 for web and enterprise development tool is ready to be used. Figure 3-5 shows how the dashboard looks when executing it.

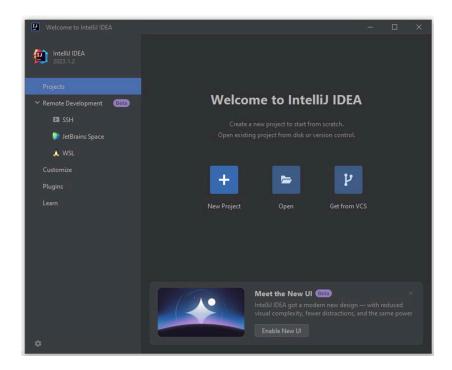


Figure 3-5 The Intellij IDEA Ultimate Edition 2023.1.2 for web and enterprise development dashboard The next step is to install Maven 3.9.2 by downloading the .zip file named apache-maven-3.9.2-bin.zip at

https://maven.apache.org/download.cgi.

Now run the IntelliJ IDEA 2023.1.2 tool and configure Maven 3.6.1. as shown in Figure 3-6.

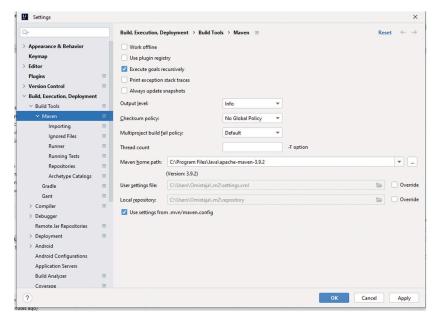


Figure 3-6 Local Maven 3.9.2 is configured into IntelliJ IDEA 2023.1.2

Now, Maven 3.9.2 is ready to be used.

The last tool used in this book is the Apache Tomcat Server and plugin 10. The first step is to download and install the Apache Tomcat Server 10 . exe file named apache-tomcat-10.1.9.exe at

https://tomcat.apache.org/download-10.cgiInstall the exe file to the default folder, which is C:\Program Files\Apache Software Foundation\Tomcat 10.1. Since you need to allow Spring projects to deploy to Tomcat Servers, you need to define Tomcat users to access Tomcat Manager. This can be done when installing Tomacat 10, as shown in Figure 3-7, or by manually updating the file named tomcat-users.xml in the conf directory and adding the following XML fragment inside the <tomcat-users> element.

```
<role rolename="manager-gui"/>
<role rolename="manager-script"/>
<user username="tomcat" password="tomcat" roles="manager-gui, manager-script"/>
```

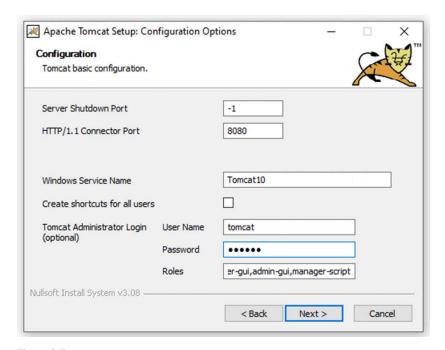
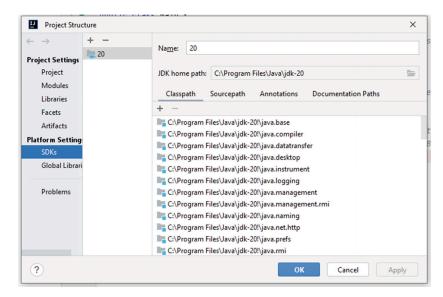


Figure 3-7 Installation of Tomacat 10 with new roles

Make sure you add the Tomcat Server to IntelliJ.

Now, the Apache Tomcat Server and plugin 10 are ready to be used.

Before starting a new Spring project, you want to make sure the right JDK package is installed into the IntelliJ IDEA 2023.1.2 IDE tool to compile your examples and avoid the typical compiling issue where the JRE is found instead of JDK. The configuration is shown in Figure 3-8.



 $\textbf{\it Figure 3-8} \quad \text{Configuring the JDK to compile your examples}$

So now the JDK compiler is set, and you are ready to start writing and running your first Spring web application example.

Creating a New Java Web Application Project

With your development tools set up, you can now create your first Java web application project using IntelliJ IDEA 2023.1.2. The built-in wizard makes creating a new Maven project very easy.

So, let's create your first Java EE web application named Pss01, without security, which produces the following text: Hello Spring Security!

Here are the steps to build a simple Maven web application project.

- 1.Create a Java EE web application.
- 2. Create and update the needed . jsp file.
- 3. Run the Java web application using the external Tomcat Server 10.

First, launch the IntelliJ IDEA tool and select File ➤ New ➤ Project ➤ Jakarta EE > Web Application and fill in all information about the project, as shown in Figures 3-9 and 3-10.

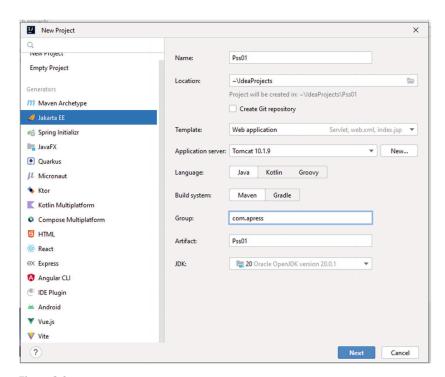


Figure 3-9 Your first Java web application project

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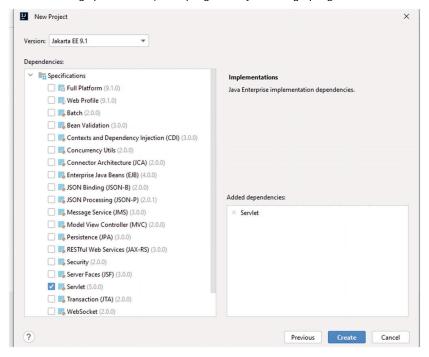


Figure 3-10 Configuration for your first Java web application project

In Package Explorer, you should now see your Pss01 project. If you expand it and all its children, you'll see something like Figure 3-11.

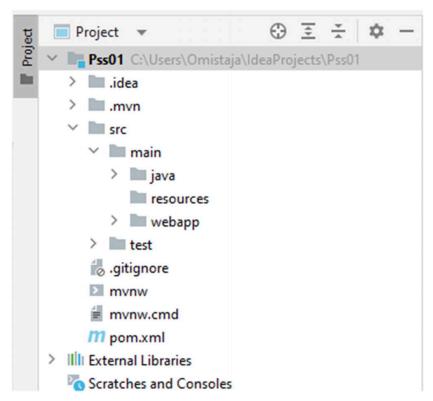


Figure 3-11 Your first Java web application project structure

In general, the structure of most Java web application projects contains the following.

- The target directory houses all the output of the build.
- The src directory contains all the source material for building the project, its site, etc.

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- src/main/java contains the application/library sources.
- src/main/resources contains the application /library resources
- web contains the web application sources.
- pom.xml is a file that describes the project.

Your next step is to update the Java web application project's files needed for your first simple application. Please note that for this simple Java web application example, you do not need to add any specific dependency to the project file pom.xml, which looks initially like Listing 3-1.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
project xmlns:="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0"
         xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
         xsi:schemaLocation="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0 https://maven.apache.org/xsd/mave
  <modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>
 <groupId>com.apress
 <artifactId>Pss01</artifactId>
 <version>1.0-SNAPSHOT</version>
 <name>Pss01</name>
  <packaging>war</packaging>
  Listing 3-1
      The pom.xml File with Servlet Dependencies
```

The project right now only contains one simple .jsp file named index.jsp, which you update to show the text you wish, as shown in Listing 3-2.

```
<%@ page contentType="text/html;charset=UTF-8" language="java" %>
<html>
  <head>
    <title>$Title$</title>
  </head>
 <body>
     <h2>Hello Spring Security!</h2>
  </body>
</html>
  Listing 3-2
      The index.jsp File
```

Next, click the Add Configuration button at the top-right of the IntelliJ tool to configure how to run your first example.

You can run your project using the external Tomcat Server 10, as shown in Figure 3-12.

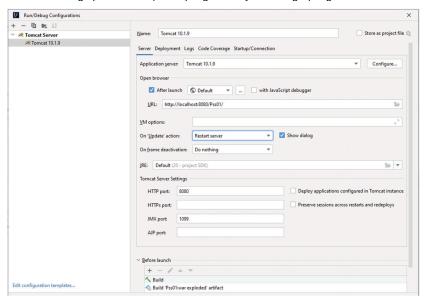


Figure 3-12 Configure the running steps of your first Maven project

Now you can open you web browser and type the web address http://localhost:8080/Pss01, as shown in Figure 3-13.



Figure 3-13 The Java web application project running in a web browser

Your first Java web application project was done now, so let's create a new Spring Security 6 project.

Adding Spring Security 6 to the Java Project

Spring Security builds upon the concepts defined in the previous section and integrates nicely into the general Spring ecosystem. You need to understand those concepts well to take maximum advantage of Spring Security 6. However, you can start using Spring Security without knowing all these details and then learn them as you progress and look to do more advanced things.

There are two ways to create a new Spring project.

You can create a Spring project via Spring Initializr, as discussed in Chapter 5, or via any IDE tool, which is IntelliJ IDEA 2023.1.2.

What kind of Spring Security Maven web application do you want to create?

Let's create a simple Spring Security example where the user must be authenticated as a user or an admin to access a certain secure project resource.

If you are using the stand-alone installation of Spring Security reference release and you decide not to use any IDE tool to build your Maven project, you will find many folders inside the installation directory. Most of the folders in the directory correspond to individual subprojects or modules that split the functionality of Spring Security into more discrete and specialized units.

Spring Security 6 Source

Open source software has an invaluable characteristic for software developers: free access to all source code. With this, you can understand how tools and frameworks work internally. You can also learn a lot about how other (perhaps very good) developers work, including their practices, techniques, and patterns. Free access to source code also enables us, in general, to gather ideas and experience for our development. As a more practical matter, having access to the source code allows you to debug these applications in the context of our application; you can find bugs or simply follow your application's execution through them.

Currently, Spring Security and most Spring projects live on GitHub. You probably know about GitHub (https://github.com/). If you don't, you should look at it because it has become a standard public source-code repository for many open source projects in many programming languages.

GitHub is a repository and a hosting service for Git repositories with a very friendly management interface. The Spring Security project is in the SpringSource general GitHub section at

https://github.com/SpringSource/spring-security. To get the code, just download and install it, as discussed earlier in this chapter.

Spring Security 6.1.0.RELEASE includes several modules and folders, as shown in Figure 3-14.

Name	Date modified	Туре
github	6/9/2023 12:09 PM	File folder
.idea	6/9/2023 12:09 PM	File folder
.vscode	6/9/2023 12:09 PM	File folder
acl	6/9/2023 12:09 PM	File folder
aspects	6/9/2023 12:09 PM	File folder
bom	6/9/2023 12:09 PM	File folder
buildSrc	6/9/2023 12:09 PM	File folder
cas	6/9/2023 12:10 PM	File folder
config	6/9/2023 12:10 PM	File folder
core	6/9/2023 12:11 PM	File folder
crypto	6/9/2023 12:12 PM	File folder
data	6/9/2023 12:12 PM	File folder
dependencies	6/9/2023 12:12 PM	File folder
docs	6/9/2023 12:12 PM	File folder
etc etc	6/9/2023 12:12 PM	File folder
git git	6/9/2023 12:12 PM	File folder
gradle	6/9/2023 12:12 PM	File folder
itest itest	6/9/2023 12:12 PM	File folder
ldap	6/9/2023 12:12 PM	File folder
messaging	6/9/2023 12:12 PM	File folder
oauth2	6/9/2023 12:13 PM	File folder
rsocket	6/9/2023 12:13 PM	File folder
saml2	6/9/2023 12:13 PM	File folder
scripts	6/9/2023 12:13 PM	File folder
taglibs	6/9/2023 12:13 PM	File folder
test	6/9/2023 12:13 PM	File folder
web	6/9/2023 12:13 PM	File folder

Figure 3-14 The Spring Security 6.1.0.RELEASE folder structure

The following are short descriptions of some of the most important modules included in Spring Security 6.1.0.RELEASE.

- Core (spring-security-core) is where Spring Security's core classes and interfaces on authentication and access control reside.
- Remoting (spring-security-remoting) is the module with the remoting classes.
- Aspect (spring-security-aspects) provides aspect-oriented programming support within Spring Security.
- Config (spring-security-config) provides XML and Java configuration support.
- Crypto (spring-security-crypto) provides cryptography support.
- Data (spring-security-data) supports integration with Spring Data.
- Messaging (spring-security-messaging) supports Spring Security messaging.
- OAuth 2.x provides support within Spring Security.
 - Core (spring-security-oauth2-core)
 - Client (spring-security-oauth2-client)
 - JOSE (spring-security-oauth2-jose)

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- CAS (spring-security-cas) (Central Authentication Service) supports client integration.
- TagLib (spring-security-taglibs) provides various Spring Security tag libraries.
- Test (spring-security-test) provides testing support.
- Web (spring-security-web) contains web security infrastructure code, such as filters and other Servlet API dependencies.

Note Remember that you are using the IntelliJ IDEA tool, where the Spring Security 6.1.0.RELEASE is integrated and configured in it. Spring Security is used via an XML link at the beginning of the pom.xml file.

Let's update our previous project or create a new one named Pss02 and add Spring Security 6.

Here are the steps to build a simple Spring Security Maven web application project.

- 1-Import the required Spring Framework and Spring Security 6 libraries into the project (into the pom.xml file).
- 2. Configure the project to be aware of Spring Security.
- 3. Configure the users and roles that will be part of the system.
- 4. Configure the URLs that you want to secure.
- 5. Create all needed Java and web files.
- 6-Run the Spring Security 6 project using the external Tomcat Server 10.

Note Implementing the Spring Security in a Spring application using XML- or Java-based configurations is possible. In this chapter, you use the Java configuration for your Spring Security web application since, in general, it is hardly suggested to use XML configuration as minimum as possible.

Since we are using Maven, the first step is to include Spring Security JARs dependencies in pom.xml.

- spring-security-core
- spring-security-config
- spring-security-web
- spring-webmvc

The following are the Maven dependencies you must add to the pom.xml file.

<dependency>

<groupId>org.springframework.security</groupId>

```
<artifactId>spring-security-core</artifactId>
   <version>6.1.0
</dependency>
<dependency>
   <groupId>org.springframework.security</groupId>
   <artifactId>spring-security-config</artifactId>
   <version>6.1.0
<dependency>
   <groupId>org.springframework.security</groupId>
   <artifactId>spring-security-web</artifactId>
   <version>6.1.0
</dependency>
<dependency>
   <groupId>org.springframework</groupId>
   <artifactId>spring-webmvc</artifactId>
   <version>6.0.9
</dependency>
```

The new pom.xml file is generated when the new Spring Boot 3 and Spring Security 6 project is created, as shown in Listing 3-3.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
project xmlns:="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0"
        xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
        xsi:schemaLocation="http://maven.apache.org/POM/4.0.0 https://maven.apache.org/xsd/mave
   <modelVersion>4.0.0</modelVersion>
   <groupId>com.apress
   <artifactId>Pss02</artifactId>
   <version>1.0-SNAPSHOT</version>
   <name>Pss02</name>
   <packaging>war</packaging>
   cproperties>
       ct.build.sourceEncoding>UTF-8/project.build.sourceEncoding>
       <maven.compiler.target>11</maven.compiler.target>
```

```
<maven.compiler.source>11</maven.compiler.source>
    <junit.version>5.9.2</junit.version>
</properties>
<dependencies>
   <dependency>
        <groupId>org.springframework.security</groupId>
        <artifactId>spring-security-core</artifactId>
        <version>6.1.0</version>
    </dependency>
    <dependency>
       <groupId>org.springframework.security</groupId>
       <artifactId>spring-security-config</artifactId>
        <version>6.1.0
    </dependency>
    <dependency>
        <groupId>org.springframework.security</groupId>
       <artifactId>spring-security-web</artifactId>
```

```
<version>6.1.0</version>
</dependency>
<dependency>
   <groupId>org.springframework
   <artifactId>spring-webmvc</artifactId>
   <version>6.0.9</version>
</dependency>
<dependency>
   <groupId>jakarta.servlet</groupId>
   <artifactId>jakarta.servlet-api</artifactId>
   <version>5.0.0
   <scope>provided</scope>
</dependency>
<dependency>
   <groupId>org.junit.jupiter</groupId>
   <artifactId>junit-jupiter-api</artifactId>
   <version>${junit.version}</version>
   <scope>test</scope>
```

```
</dependency>
   <dependency>
       <groupId>org.junit.jupiter</groupId>
       <artifactId>junit-jupiter-engine</artifactId>
       <version>${junit.version}</version>
       <scope>test</scope>
   </dependency>
</dependencies>
<build>
   <plugins>
       <plugin>
           <groupId>org.apache.maven.plugins
           <artifactId>maven-war-plugin</artifactId>
           <version>3.3.2
       </plugin>
   </plugins>
</build>
```



Since Spring Security was added to the project, it secures the entire project by default. It gives a generated security password that is entered with "user" as the username, as shown in Figure 3-15.



Figure 3-15 Running the new Spring project

This means that if you type localhost:8080, Spring requires you to provide the newly created username (user) and password (e6fd5a38-b7a8-4d55-b47a-9ece6e3341fa) to log in, as shown in Figure 3-16.

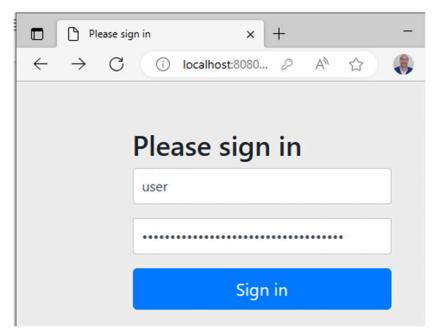
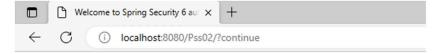


Figure 3-16 Secure Spring application with login page

If you enter the correct username and password, you get the "Welcome to Spring Security 6" message, as shown in Figure <u>3-17</u>.



Welcome to Spring Security 6 authentication example!

You are an authenticated user!

Figure 3-17 Successful login message

Configuring the Spring Security 6 Web Project

To activate Spring Security web project configuration in your Maven web application, you need to configure a particular Servlet filter that takes care of preprocessing and postprocessing the requests and managing the required security constraints.

Let's add now some more logic to our code.

First, let's create the Java package where all your Java classes will be located.

com.apress.pss02.springsecurity.configuration

Then, you must define the Java classes needed for your example under package configuration.

- SecurityConfiguration
- AppInitializer
- SpringSecurityInitializer

In this example, you learn how to enable Spring Security 6 using the @EnableWebSecurity annotation without using the WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter class; however, this example is built on top of the spring-webmvc Hibernate integration example.

Let's create a new Java Spring Security configuration class named SecurityConfiguration, which utilizes the @EnableWebSecurity annotation to configure Spring Security—related beans such as WebSecurityConfigurer or SecurityFilterChain.

In the new Spring Security 6 SecurityConfiguration Java class (see Listing 3-4), you must do the following.

- Create two demo in-memory users named "user" and "admin", authorized to access a secure project resource.
- Use BCryptPasswordEncoder to encode the user passwords for added security.
- Configure the SecurityFilterChain bean with the HTTP-based method login to the application as basic-auth.

```
package com.apress.pss02.configuration;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Bean;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Configuration;
import org.springframework.security.config.annotation.web.builders.HttpSecurity;
import org.springframework.security.config.annotation.web.configuration.EnableWebSecurity;
import org.springframework.security.core.userdetails.User;
import org.springframework.security.core.userdetails.UserDetails;
import org.springframework.security.core.userdetails.UserDetailsService;
import\ org. spring framework. security. crypto. bcrypt. BCryptPassword Encoder;
import org.springframework.security.crypto.password.PasswordEncoder;
import org.springframework.security.provisioning.InMemoryUserDetailsManager;
import org.springframework.security.web.SecurityFilterChain;
import static org.springframework.security.config.Customizer.withDefaults;
```

```
@Configuration
@EnableWebSecurity
public class SecurityConfiguration {
    @Bean
    public SecurityFilterChain filterChain1(HttpSecurity http) throws Exception {
        http
                .authorizeHttpRequests((authorize) -> authorize
                        .anyRequest().authenticated()
                )
                .formLogin(withDefaults());
        return http.build();
    }
    @Bean
```

```
public UserDetailsService userDetailsService(){
   UserDetails user = User.builder()
            .username("user")
            .password(passwordEncoder().encode("userpassw"))
            .roles("USER")
            .build();
    UserDetails admin = User.builder()
            .username("admin")
            .password(passwordEncoder().encode("adminpassw"))
            .roles("ADMIN")
            .build();
    return new InMemoryUserDetailsManager(user, admin);
}
```

```
@Bean

public static PasswordEncoder passwordEncoder(){
    return new BCryptPasswordEncoder();
}

Listing 3-4
    SecurityConfiguration Java Class
```

Since Spring Security is implemented using DelegatingFilterProxy, the next step is to create a new Java class named SpringSecurityInitializer to initialize Spring Security using the AbstractSecurityWebApplicationInitializer class. This is done so that Spring can do the following.

- Detect the instance of this class during application startup
- Register the DelegatingFilterProxy to use the springSecurityFilter-Chain before any other registered Filter
- Register a ContextLoaderListener

The SpringSecurityInitializer Java class is shown in Listing 3-5.

```
package com.apress.pss02.configuration;

import org.springframework.security.web.context.AbstractSecurityWebApplicationInitializer;
```

```
public class SpringSecurityInitializer extends AbstractSecurityWebApplicationInitializer {
    //no code needed
}

Listing 3-5
    SpringSecurityInitializer Java Class
```

Next, include the SecurityConfiguration class to the new AppInitializer Java class, used to initialize the HibernateConfig, SecurityConfiguration, and WebMvcConfig classes, as shown in Listing 3-6.

```
package com.apress.pss02.configuration;

import jakarta.servlet.ServletContext;

import org.springframework.security.access.SecurityConfig;

import org.springframework.web.WebApplicationInitializer;
```

3. Setting up the Scene | Pro Spring Security: Securing Spring Framework 6 and Boot 3-based Java Applications import org.springframework.web.context.ContextLoaderListener; import org.springframework.web.context.support.AnnotationConfigWebApplicationContext; import org.springframework.web.filter.DelegatingFilterProxy; public class AppInitializer implements WebApplicationInitializer { @Override public void onStartup(ServletContext sc) { AnnotationConfigWebApplicationContext root = new AnnotationConfigWebApplicationContext() root.register(SecurityConfiguration.class); sc.addListener(new ContextLoaderListener(root)); sc.addFilter("securityFilter", new DelegatingFilterProxy("springSecurityFilterChain")) .addMappingForUrlPatterns(null, false, "/*"); }

```
Listing 3-6
AppInitializer Java Class
```

Finally, update the index.jsp page, as shown in Listing <u>3-7</u>.

```
<%@ page contentType="text/html; charset=UTF-8" pageEncoding="UTF-8" %>
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
   <title>Welcome to Spring Security 6 authentication example!</title>
</head>
<body>
<h2>Welcome to Spring Security 6 authentication example!</h2>
<h2>You are an authenticated user!</h2>
</body>
```



The index.jsp page only displays a welcoming message if the user is authenticated.

The structure of your new Spring Security 6 project should look like Figure <u>3-</u>18.

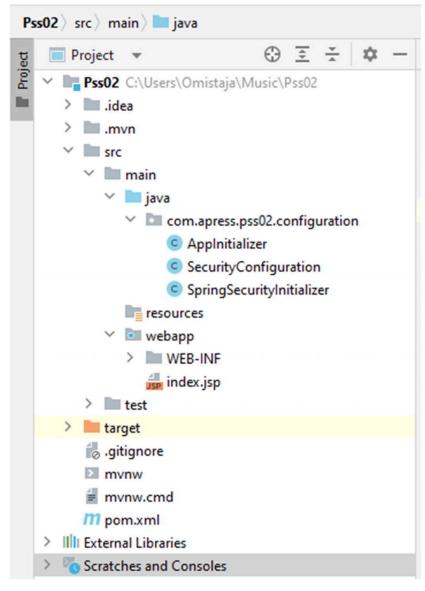


Figure 3-18 New Spring Security 6 project structure

Next, build and run the Spring Security 6 project using Tomcat 10, as shown in Figure 3-19.

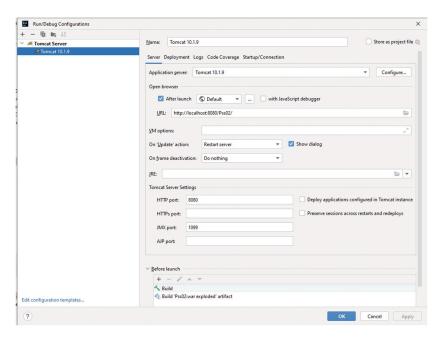


Figure 3-19 Project running configuration using Tomcat 10

You can now build the project, deploy the JAR file, start the application running on the stand-alone Tomcat Server 10, and deploy the JAR file automatically.

Your application is deployed successfully. The web browser automatically opens $\label{eq:pss02/login/} \text{http://localhost:8080//Pss02/login/}. The outcome is shown in Figure $\frac{3-20}{2}$.$

Figure 3-20 Accessing the Spring Security login web page

If you try to access using the wrong credentials, you receive an error message like the one shown in Figure <u>3-21</u>.

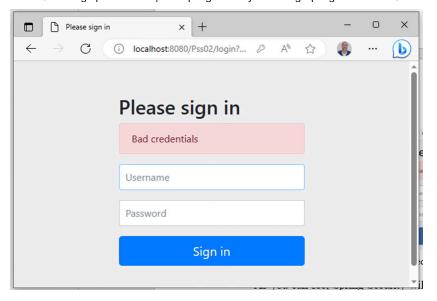
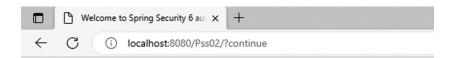


Figure 3-21 Accessing with the wrong login credentials

As you can see, Spring Security directly produces a login error and reminds the user that the credentials provided are incorrect.

If you provide the correct user or admin credentials, you receive the content defined in the index.jsp page, which identifies the credentials and displays a welcome message, as shown in Figure 3-22.

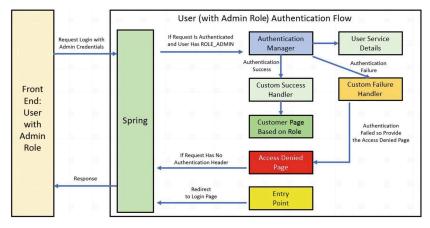


Welcome to Spring Security 6 authentication example!

You are an authenticated user!

Figure 3-22 Accessing with the right admin credentials

The admin login iteration flow is shown in Figure 3-23.



 $\textbf{\it Figure 3-23} \quad \text{Spring Security user with admin role authentication request flow}$

Great! You have built your first Spring Security 6 web application.

The next chapter dives deeply into how this works internally by looking at the Spring Security architecture.

Summary

This chapter introduced all the tools needed to create the environment to develop Spring Security Java web applications. You learned how to install and configure all the tools needed for these examples, and you should have a good idea of what is needed to build a Spring Security 6 project. You learned how to build your first Java web application project without Spring Security, and then you added the security dependencies to update it as a Spring Security 6 application. The next chapter goes deeper into the Spring Framework architecture and design.