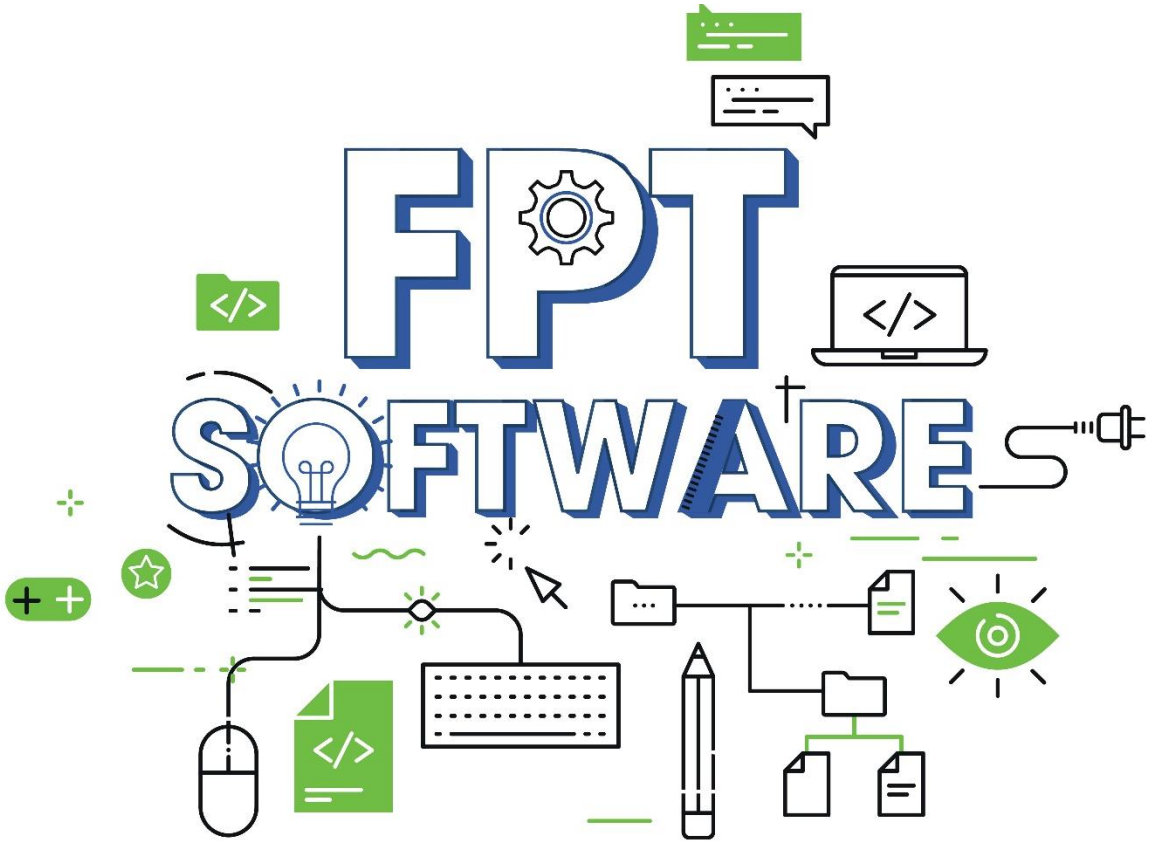
Security in ASP.NET API



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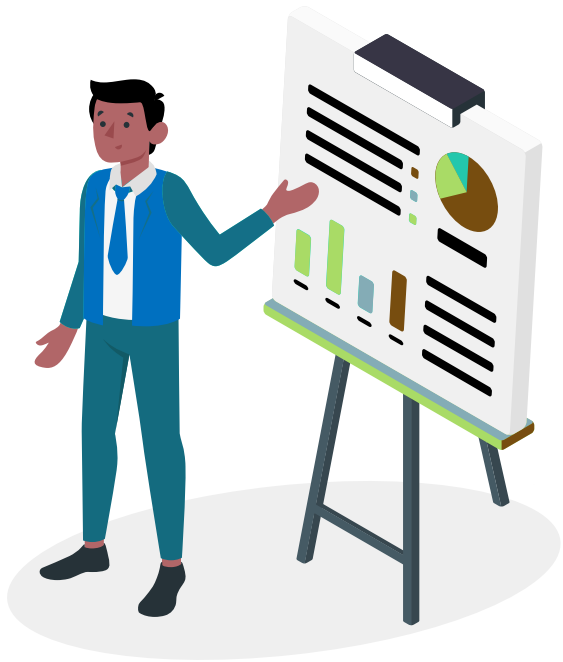


Lesson Objectives

- *Authentication vs Authorization*
- *Traditional vs Token based authentication*
- *Entity Framework Core*
  - *Create tables, store user related data, get user related data*
- *Generating Access Tokens*

Section 1

Introduction JWT

Authentication vs Authorization

- **Authentication** and **Authorization** are crucial aspects of building secure ASP.NET APIs.
- Authentication verifies the **identity** of clients accessing the API.
- Authorization controls access to API resources based on **user roles and permissions**.
- Authentication ensures that only authenticated users can access the API.
- Common authentication mechanisms in ASP.NET API:
  - *Token-based authentication (JWT): Securely transmitting and verifying JSON Web Tokens.*
  - *OAuth 2.0: Delegating user authentication to trusted identity providers.*
  - *IdentityServer: Implementing OpenID Connect and OAuth 2.0 protocols.*

Authentication vs Authorization

- Authorization determines what actions users can perform within the API.
- **Role-based authorization**: Assigning users to predefined roles and granting permissions based on roles.
- **Claims-based authorization**: Assigning users specific claims and granting access based on those claims.
- **Attribute-based authorization**: Applying authorization rules directly to API endpoints using attributes.

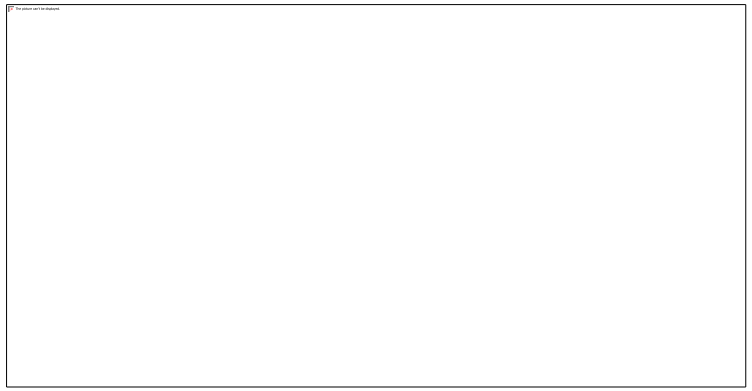
Traditional Authenticate – Token based

Why use Token-Based authentication

- Scalability
- Multiple device
- The Signature is used to verify the integrity of the token and ensure that it has not been tampered with.
- The Signature is created by combining the encoded Header, encoded Payload, and a secret key or private key.
- The Signature is typically generated using a cryptographic algorithm specified in the Header ("alg" claim).
- Verification of the Signature ensures that the token has not been modified or tampered with.

Json Web Token

- JWT: an open standard(RFC 7519) that defines a compact and self-container way for securely transmitting information between parties as a json object.
- Structure of a JWT:
  - Header: {"alg": "HS256", "typ": "JWT"}
  - Payload: {"sub": "1234567890", "name": "John Doe", "admin": true, "exp": 1678934400}
  - Signature: Generated using the Header, Payload, and a secret key



- Example JWT:

```
eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwibmFtZSI6IkpvaG4gRG9lIiwiaWF0IjoxNTE2MjM5MDIyfQ.SflKxwRJSMeKKF2QT4fwpMeJf36POk6yJV_adQssw5c
```

Lesson Summary

- *Authentication and Authorization*
- *Traditional vs Token based Authentication*
- *Json Web Token*

Section 2

Introduction Identity in ASP.NET API

Introduction Identity

- Identity is a feature in ASP.NET API Core that provides a robust framework for managing user authentication and authorization.
- Identity allows developers to easily integrate user management functionality into their applications.
- With Identity, you can handle user registration, login, password management, and role-based authorization.

Key Features of Identity in ASP.NET API

- **User Registration**: Provides APIs for creating new user accounts.
- **User Login**: Supports authentication using various methods such as passwords, social logins, or multi-factor authentication.
- **User Management**: Allows administrators to manage user accounts, including password resets, email confirmation, and account lockouts.
- **Role-Based Authorization**: Enables fine-grained access control by assigning roles to users and restricting access to certain resources based on roles.
- **Claims-Based Authorization**: Allows assigning custom claims to users and using those claims to control access to specific API endpoints.
- **Password Hashing**: Stores user passwords securely by hashing them using a strong cryptographic algorithm.

Integrating Identity into ASP.NET API

- Install the **Microsoft.AspNetCore.Identity.EntityFrameworkCore** NuGet package.
- Configure Identity services in the API startup class, including setting up the database context and configuring options.
- Customize the Identity models and data schema, if needed.
- Implement user registration, login, and password management endpoints using the Identity APIs.
- Apply role-based or claims-based authorization to API endpoints using attributes or middleware.

Adding Identity tables using EF

- Install nuget package: **Microsoft.AspNetCore.Identity.EntityFrameworkCore**
- Add class custom *IdentityUser*

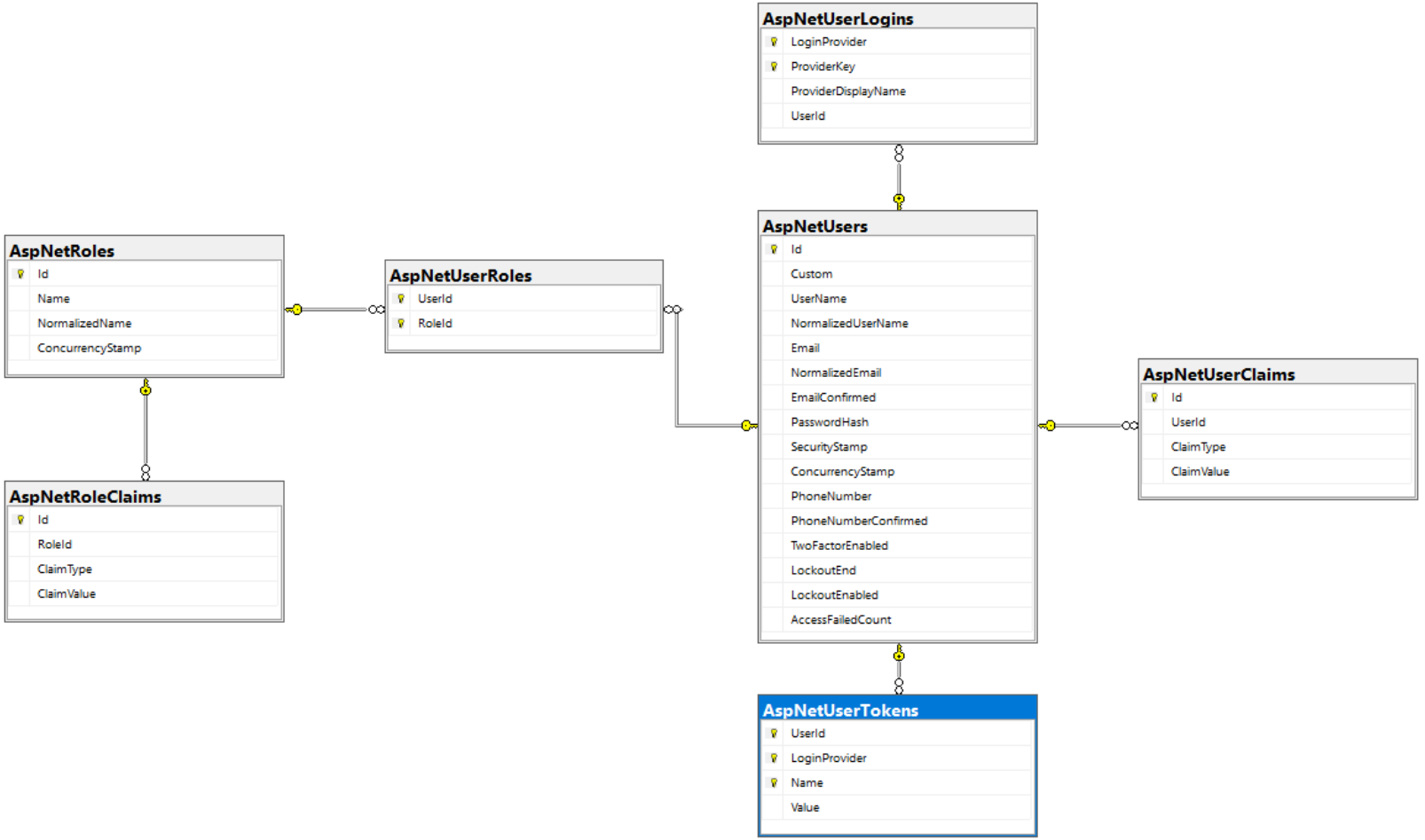
```
public class ApplicationUser : IdentityUser
{
    0 references
    public string Custom { get; set; }
}
```

- Change class *AppDbContext* inheritance *IdentityDbContext*

```
public class AppDbContext : IdentityDbContext<ApplicationUser>//: DbContext
```

- Update method *OnModelCreating add: base.OnModelCreating(modelBuilder);*
- Add Migration and update database

Diagram Identity Tables



Configuring JWT in service - 1

- Install Nuget package: **Microsoft.AspNetCore.Authentication.JwtBearer**
- Add key JWT in *appsettings.json* file:

```
"JWT": {
  "Audience": "User",
  "Issuer": "https://localhost:7148/",
  "Secret": "this-is-just-a-secret-key-here"
}
```

- Add Identity Service:

```
//Add Identity
builder.Services
    .AddIdentity<ApplicationUser, IdentityRole>()
    .AddEntityFrameworkStores<AppDbContext>()
    .AddDefaultTokenProviders();
```

Configuring JWT in service - 2

- Add authenticate and JwtBearer:

```
//Add Authenticate
builder.Services
    .AddAuthentication(config =>
    {
        config.DefaultAuthenticateScheme = JwtBearerDefaults.AuthenticationScheme;
        config.DefaultChallengeScheme = JwtBearerDefaults.AuthenticationScheme;
        config.DefaultScheme = JwtBearerDefaults.AuthenticationScheme;

    })
    //add Jwtbearer
    .AddJwtBearer(options =>
    {
        options.SaveToken = true;
        options.RequireHttpsMetadata= false;
        options.TokenValidationParameters = new TokenValidationParameters()
        {
            ValidateIssuerSigningKey = true,
            IssuerSigningKey = new SymmetricSecurityKey(Encoding
                                                        .ASCII
                                                        .GetBytes(builder.Configuration["JWT:Secret"]
                                                        .ToString())),
            ValidateIssuer = true,
            ValidIssuer = builder.Configuration["JWT:Issuer"],
            ValidateAudience= true,
            ValidAudience= builder.Configuration["JWT:Audience"],
        };
    });
```

Setting up Authentication Controller

- Add AuthenticationController and inject service:

```
[Route("api/[controller]")]
    [ApiController]
    public class AuthenticationController : ControllerBase
    {
        private readonly UserManager<ApplicationUser> _userManager;
        private readonly RoleManager<IdentityRole> _roleManager;
        private readonly AppDbContext _context;
        private readonly IConfiguration _configuration;

        public AuthenticationController(UserManager<ApplicationUser> userManager,
            RoleManager<IdentityRole> roleManager,
            AppDbContext context,
            IConfiguration configuration)
        {
            _userManager = userManager;
            _roleManager = roleManager;
            _context = context;
            _configuration = configuration;
        }
    }
```

Registering a new User - 1

- Add class **RegisterVm**:

```
public class RegisterVm
{
    [Required(ErrorMessage = "Username is required!")]
    public string UserName { get; set; }
    [Required(ErrorMessage = "Email is required!")]
    public string Email { get; set; }
    [Required(ErrorMessage = "Password is required!")]
    public string Password { get; set; }
}
```

Registering a new User - 2

- Add method **register post**:

```
[HttpPost("register-user")]
public async Task<IActionResult> Register([FromBody] RegisterVm registerVm)
{
    var userExists = await _userManager.FindByEmailAsync(registerVm.Email);

    if (userExists != null)
    {
        return BadRequest($"User {registerVm.Email} already exists!");
    }

    var newUser = new ApplicationUser()
    {
        UserName = registerVm.UserName,
        Email = registerVm.Email,
        Custom = registerVm.UserName,
        SecurityStamp = new Guid().ToString()
    };

    var result = await _userManager.CreateAsync(newUser, registerVm.Password);

    if (!result.Succeeded)
    {
        return BadRequest("User could not be create!");
    }

    return Created(nameof(Register), $"User {registerVm.Email} created!");
}
```

Add RefreshToken table to Db

- Add class **RefreshToken** and create relationship n-1 to **ApplicationUser**:

```
public class RefreshToken
    {
        public int Id { get; set; }

        public string UserId { get; set; }
        public string Token { get; set; }
        public string JwtId { get; set; }

        public bool IsRevoked { get; set; }
        public DateTime DateAdded { get; set; }
        public DateTime DateExpire { get; set; }

        [ForeignKey("UserId")]
        public ApplicationUser User { get; set; }
    }
```

- Add DbSet<RefreshToken> to AppDbContext

- Add-migration and update database

Generate JwtToken - 1

- Add class **AuthResultVM** and **LoginVM**:

```
public class AuthResultVM
 {
    public string Token { get; set; }
    public string RefreshToken { get; set; }
    public DateTime ExpiresAt { get; set; }
 }
```

```
public class LoginVM
 {
    [Required(ErrorMessage = "Email is required")]
    public string Email { get; set; }

    [Required(ErrorMessage = "Password is required")]
    public string Password { get; set; }
 }
```

Generate JwtToken - 2

- Add method **GenerateJwtToken** :

```
private async Task<AuthResultVM> GenerateJwtToken(ApplicationUser user)
{
    var authClaims = new List<Claim>()
    {
        new Claim(ClaimTypes.Name, user.UserName),
        new Claim(ClaimTypes.NameIdentifier, user.Id),
        new Claim(JwtRegisteredClaimNames.Email, user.Email),
        new Claim(JwtRegisteredClaimNames.Sub, user.Email),
        new Claim(JwtRegisteredClaimNames.Jti, Guid.NewGuid().ToString())
    };

    var authSigningKey = new SymmetricSecurityKey(Encoding.ASCII.GetBytes(_configuration["JWT:Secret"]));

    var token = new JwtSecurityToken(
        issuer: _configuration["JWT:Issuer"],
        audience: _configuration["JWT:Audience"],
        expires: DateTime.UtcNow.AddMinutes(10), // 5 - 10mins
        claims: authClaims,
        signingCredentials: new SigningCredentials(authSigningKey, SecurityAlgorithms.HmacSha256)
        );

    var jwtToken = new JwtSecurityTokenHandler().WriteToken(token);
```

Generate JwtToken - 3

```
var refreshToken = new RefreshToken()
        {
            JwtId = token.Id,
            IsRevoked = false,
            UserId = user.Id,
            DateAdded = DateTime.UtcNow,
            DateExpire = DateTime.UtcNow.AddMonths(6),
            Token = Guid.NewGuid().ToString() + "-" + Guid.NewGuid().ToString()
        };

        await _context.RefreshTokens.AddAsync(refreshToken);
        await _context.SaveChangesAsync();

        var response = new AuthResultVM()
        {
            Token = jwtToken,
            RefreshToken = refreshToken.Token,
            ExpiresAt = token.ValidTo
        };

        return response;
    }
```

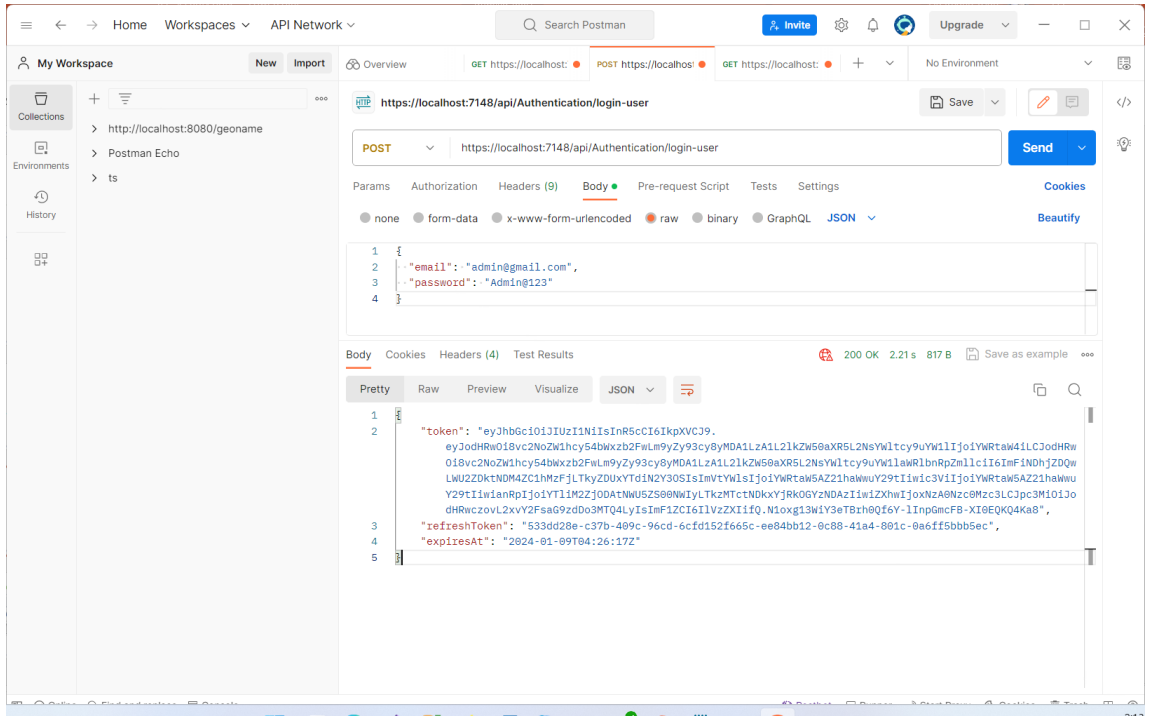
Logging in and Authorizing user

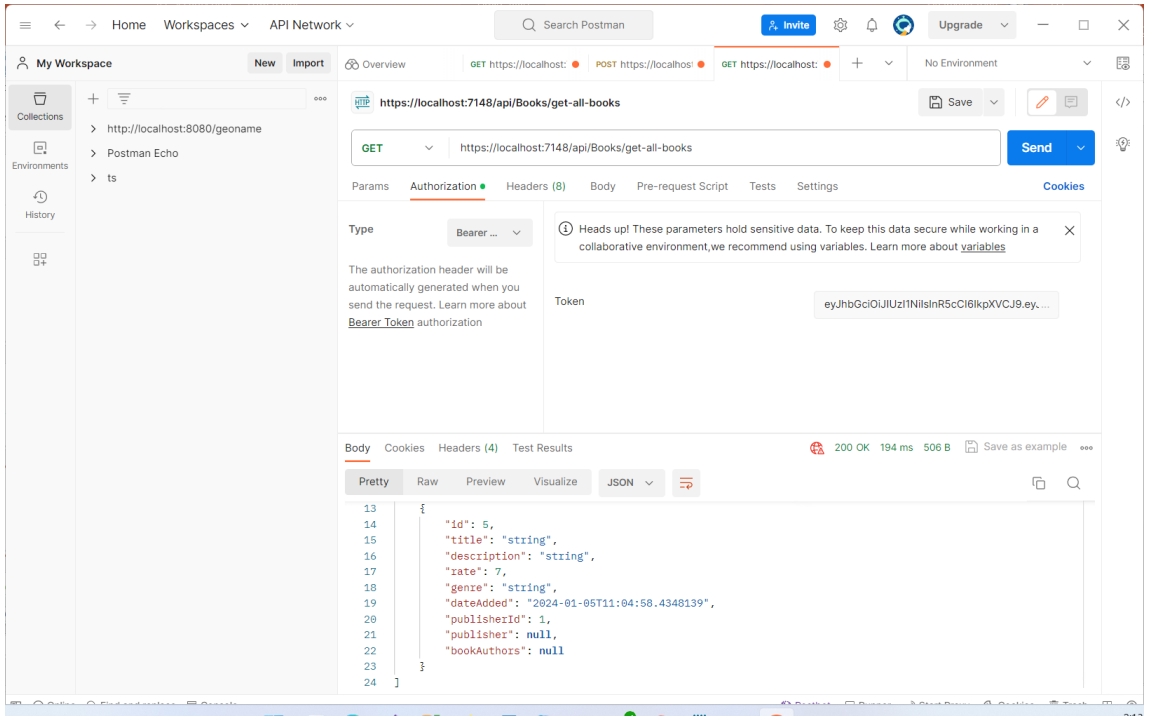
- Add method **Login [HttpPost]**

```
[HttpPost("login-user")]
public async Task<IActionResult> Login([FromBody] LoginVM payload)
{
    if (!ModelState.IsValid)
    {
        return BadRequest("Please, provide all required fields");
    }

    var user = await _userManager.FindByEmailAsync(payload.Email);

    if (user != null && await _userManager.CheckPasswordAsync(user, payload.Password))
    {
        var tokenValue = await GenerateJwtToken(user);

        return Ok(tokenValue);
    }

    return Unauthorized();
}
```

- Add attribute `[Authorize]` to BooksController

Using Postman to test JWT





Config swagger to test authentication

```
builder.Services.AddSwaggerGen(c =>
{
    var provider = builder.Services.BuildServiceProvider().GetRequiredService<IApiVersionDescriptionProvider>();

    foreach (var description in provider.ApiVersionDescriptions)
    {
      c.SwaggerDoc(description.GroupName, new OpenApiInfo { Title = "My API", Version = description.ApiVersion.ToString()
});
    }

    c.AddSecurityDefinition("Bearer", new OpenApiSecurityScheme
    {
        Description = @"JWT Authorization header using the Bearer scheme. \r\n\r\n
                      Enter 'Bearer' [space] and then your token in the text input below.
                      \r\n\r\nExample: 'Bearer 12345abcdef'",
        Name = "Authorization",        BearerFormat = "JWT", In = ParameterLocation.Header,
        Type = SecuritySchemeType.ApiKey, Scheme = "Bearer"
    });

    c.AddSecurityRequirement(new OpenApiSecurityRequirement
                {                       {
                          new OpenApiSecurityScheme
                          {
                              Reference = new OpenApiReference
                              {
                                  Type = ReferenceType.SecurityScheme,
                                  Id = "Bearer"
                              }
                          },
                         new string[] {}
                    }
                });
});
```

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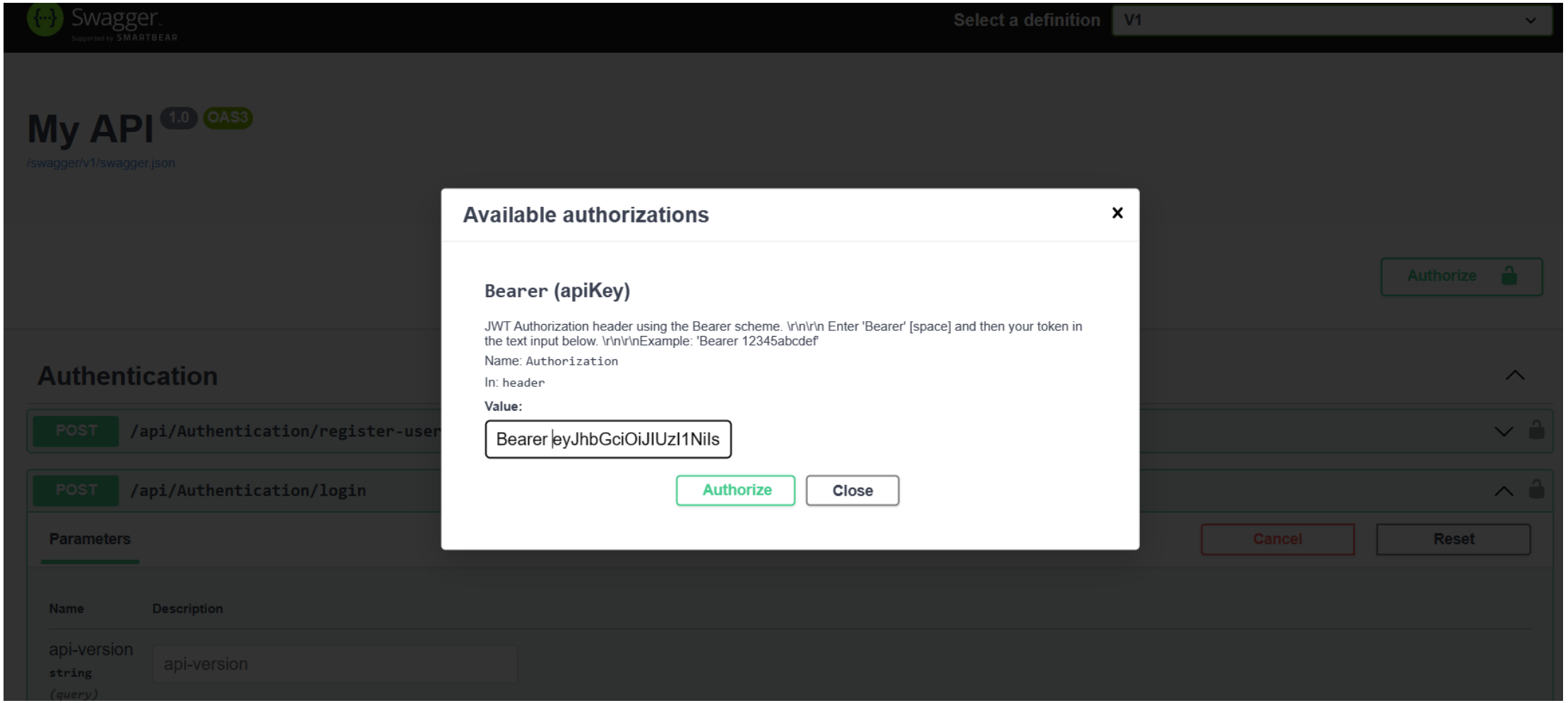

Lesson Summary

- *Using Entity Framework core to create tables to store the user related data*
- *Register User and Login*
- *Generating Access Tokens and authorize controller*

THANK YOU!