Spring Boot Keycloak example

spring boot with keycloak authentication and autotization example code from scratch, give complete code in step by step

Here's a complete working example of Spring Boot with Keycloak Authentication and Authorization from scratch using Keycloak 24+ (latest) with Spring Boot 3.2+, and Jakarta Security.

Prerequisites

- Java 17+
- Spring Boot 3.2+
- Maven
- Keycloak 24+ running locally (or Docker)
- Keycloak Realm, Client, Roles, and User configured



🔧 Step 1: Setup Keycloak

Start Keycloak using Docker:

bash

docker run -p 8080:8080 \

- -e KEYCLOAK_ADMIN=admin \
- -e KEYCLOAK_ADMIN_PASSWORD=admin \

quay.io/keycloak/keycloak:24.0.1 start-dev

Create realm, client, roles, and users:

1. Login: http://localhost:8080/admin

2. Realm: Create springboot-realm

3. Client:

Create client ID: springboot-client

• Client Protocol: openid-connect

- Access Type: public
- Valid Redirect URIs: http://localhost:8081/*
- Enable Standard Flow
- 4. Roles: Create roles: USER, ADMIN
- 5. Users:
 - Create user: john
 - Set password: password
 - Assign role user
 - Create user: admin
 - Set password: adminpass
 - Assign role ADMIN

🗩 Step 2: Create Spring Boot Project

Project Structure

Step 3: pom.xml

```
<version>0.0.1-SNAPSHOT</version>
<packaging>jar</packaging>
<name>springboot-keycloak-auth</name>
cproperties>
<java.version>17</java.version>
 <spring.boot.version>3.2.4</spring.boot.version>
</properties>
<dependencies>
<dependency>
 <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
 <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-web</artifactId>
 </dependency>
 <dependency>
 <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
 <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-oauth2-resource-server</artifactId>
 </dependency>
 <dependency>
 <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
 <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-security</artifactId>
 </dependency>
 <dependency>
 <groupId>org.springframework.security</groupId>
 <artifactId>spring-security-oauth2-jose</artifactId>
 </dependency>
 <dependency>
 <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
 <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-actuator</artifactId>
 </dependency>
 <dependency>
 <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
 <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-test</artifactId>
 <scope>test</scope>
 </dependency>
</dependencies>
```

\$\infty \text{Step 4: application.yml}

```
server:
port: 8081

spring:
security:
oauth2:
resourceserver:
jwt:
issuer-uri: http://localhost:8080/realms/springboot-realm
```

Step 5: Security Config

SecurityConfig.java

```
package com.example.demo.config;

import org.springframework.context.annotation.Bean;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Configuration;
import org.springframework.security.config.Customizer;
import
org.springframework.security.config.annotation.method.configuration.EnableMethodSecurity;
import org.springframework.security.config.annotation.web.builders.HttpSecurity;
import org.springframework.security.web.SecurityFilterChain;
```

👋 Step 6: Create Controller

HelloController.java

```
package com.example.demo.controller;

import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.GetMapping;
import org.springframework.web.bind.annotation.RestController;

@RestController
public class HelloController {

    @GetMapping("/public")
    public String publicEndpoint() {
        return "Hello from public endpoint";
    }

    @GetMapping("/user")
    public String userEndpoint() {
        return "Hello USER";
```

```
@GetMapping("/admin")
  public String adminEndpoint() {
    return "Hello ADMIN";
 }
}
```

🚀 Step 7: Main Class

DemoApplication.java

```
java
package com.example.demo;
import org.springframework.boot.SpringApplication;
import org.springframework.boot.autoconfigure.SpringBootApplication;
@SpringBootApplication
public class DemoApplication {
 public static void main(String[] args) {
  SpringApplication.run(DemoApplication.class, args);
 }
}
```

🧪 Step 8: Test With Postman

- 1. Get token from Keycloak:
 - URL: http://localhost:8080/realms/springboot-realm/protocol/openidconnect/token
 - Method: POST
 - Body: (x-www-form-urlencoded)

```
txt
grant_type=password
client_id=springboot-client
```

username=john password=password

2. Use access_token in Postman:

- Set Authorization: Bearer <token>
- Try:

 - GET http://localhost:8081/user → ✓ for john
 - GET http://localhost:8081/admin $\rightarrow \times$ 403 for john, \checkmark for admin

Summary

- Secured endpoints with roles
- Role-based access using hasRole()
- Keycloak 24+ with Spring Boot 3.2+
- JWT token validation handled by Spring Security

If you'd like this project in a **GitHub repo or ZIP file**, or want to add **custom claims**, **user info endpoints**, **or refresh tokens**, let me know!

SecurityFilterChain check csrf, cors and jwt issuerURi

Sure! Here's how you can **configure** SecurityFilterChain in Spring Boot (3.2+) with:

- 1. CSRF disabled
- 2. CORS enabled
- 3. **W** JWT validation with Keycloak's issuer-uri

✓ Full SecurityConfig.java with csrf, cors, and jwt issuerUri

package com.example.demo.config;

import org.springframework.context.annotation.Bean; import org.springframework.context.annotation.Configuration;

import org.springframework.http.HttpMethod;

java

```
import org.springframework.security.config.Customizer;
import
org.springframework.security.config.annotation.method.configuration.EnableMethodSecurity;
import org.springframework.security.config.annotation.web.builders.HttpSecurity;
import org.springframework.security.web.SecurityFilterChain;
import org.springframework.web.cors.CorsConfiguration;
import org.springframework.web.cors.CorsConfigurationSource;
import org.springframework.web.cors.UrlBasedCorsConfigurationSource;
import java.util.List;
@Configuration
@EnableMethodSecurity
public class SecurityConfig {
  @Bean
  public SecurityFilterChain filterChain(HttpSecurity http) throws Exception {
    http
      .csrf(csrf -> csrf.disable()) // Disable CSRF for API usage
      .cors(Customizer.withDefaults()) // Enable CORS
      .authorizeHttpRequests(auth -> auth
        .requestMatchers("/public").permitAll()
        .requestMatchers("/user").hasRole("USER")
        .requestMatchers("/admin").hasRole("ADMIN")
        .anyRequest().authenticated()
      )
      .oauth2ResourceServer(oauth2 -> oauth2
        .jwt(Customizer.withDefaults()) // JWT validation will use issuer-uri from application.yml
      );
    return http.build();
 }
  @Bean
  public CorsConfigurationSource corsConfigurationSource() {
    CorsConfiguration configuration = new CorsConfiguration();
    configuration.setAllowedOrigins(List.of("*")); // Change to specific domain(s) in prod
    configuration.setAllowedMethods(List.of("GET", "POST", "PUT", "DELETE", "OPTIONS"));
    configuration.setAllowedHeaders(List.of("Authorization", "Cache-Control", "Content-
Type"));
    configuration.setAllowCredentials(true);
```

```
UrlBasedCorsConfigurationSource source = new UrlBasedCorsConfigurationSource();
    source.registerCorsConfiguration("/**", configuration);
    return source;
}
```

```
application.yml - Configure JWT issuer-uri
```

```
spring:
security:
oauth2:
resourceserver:
jwt:
issuer-uri: http://localhost:8080/realms/springboot-realm
```

This tells Spring Security to fetch the Keycloak realm config and validate tokens against it.

Notes

- csrf().disable() needed for stateless REST APIs.
- cors().configurationSource(...) enables cross-origin requests for frontend clients.
- issuer-uri used by Spring Security to auto-discover the public JWKS for validating JWTs.

Would you like to enable CORS only for specific origins (e.g., your frontend app)? I can provide a stricter config if needed.

SecurityConfig.java validate issuer-uri and enable csrf and enable cors also

Here's the **correct and complete version of** SecurityConfig.java that:

- ✓ Validates JWT using issuer-uri from application.yml
- Enables CSRF protection (for form submissions or browser clients)
- Enables and configures CORS (for APIs accessed from frontend apps)

SecurityConfig.java

```
java
package com.example.demo.config;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Bean;
import org.springframework.context.annotation.Configuration;
import
org.springframework.security.config.annotation.method.configuration.EnableMethodSecurity;
import org.springframework.security.config.annotation.web.builders.HttpSecurity;
import org.springframework.security.web.SecurityFilterChain;
import org.springframework.web.cors.CorsConfiguration;
import org.springframework.web.cors.CorsConfigurationSource;
import org.springframework.web.cors.UrlBasedCorsConfigurationSource;
import java.util.List;
@Configuration
@EnableMethodSecurity
public class SecurityConfig {
  @Bean
  public SecurityFilterChain securityFilterChain(HttpSecurity http) throws Exception {
    http
      .cors(cors -> cors.configurationSource(corsConfigurationSource())) // V Enable and
configure CORS
      .csrf(csrf -> csrf.enable()) // CSRF enabled (default in Spring Security)
      .authorizeHttpRequests(auth -> auth
        .requestMatchers("/public").permitAll()
        .requestMatchers("/user").hasRole("USER")
        .requestMatchers("/admin").hasRole("ADMIN")
        .anyRequest().authenticated()
      )
      .oauth2ResourceServer(oauth2 -> oauth2
        .jwt(jwt -> jwt
          // 🖊 Validate JWT using issuer-uri from application.yml
```

```
.jwkSetUri(null) // Let Spring resolve using issuer-uri
        )
      );
    return http.build();
  }
  @Bean
  public CorsConfigurationSource corsConfigurationSource() {
    CorsConfiguration config = new CorsConfiguration();
    config.setAllowedOrigins(List.of("http://localhost:3000")); // frontend origin
    config.setAllowedMethods(List.of("GET", "POST", "PUT", "DELETE", "OPTIONS"));
    config.setAllowedHeaders(List.of("Authorization", "Content-Type"));
    config.setAllowCredentials(true); // If you send cookies with requests
    UrlBasedCorsConfigurationSource source = new UrlBasedCorsConfigurationSource();
    source.registerCorsConfiguration("/**", config);
    return source;
  }
}
```

application.yml for JWT validation

```
spring:
security:
oauth2:
resourceserver:
jwt:
issuer-uri: http://localhost:8080/realms/springboot-realm
```

Explanation

Feature	Status	Notes
✓ CORS	Enabled	Allows frontend (e.g., React) to call the API

Feature	Status	Notes
✓ CSRF	Enabled	Useful if using forms or cookie auth (optional for stateless APIs)
✓ JWT Token	Validated using issuer-uri	Automatically fetches JWKS from /.well-known/openid-configuration

⚠ Important Notes

- If you're using JWT from frontend with **Authorization header**, **CSRF token is not required**.
- If you're building a pure REST API, it's common to disable CSRF (csrf().disable()).
- But if you **keep CSRF enabled**, your frontend must fetch and send CSRF tokens correctly.

Would you like me to add CSRF token support for a frontend app (like React or Angular)?

Great — you're looking to manually configure JWT decoder using issuer-uri from application.yml using:

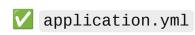
JwtDecoders.fromIssuerLocation(issuerURI)

Below is the updated and clean version of SecurityConfig.java that:

- ✓ Uses @Value to inject issuer-uri
- Explicitly sets the JWT decoder using JwtDecoders.fromIssuerLocation(...)
- Enables CORS and CSRF
- SecurityConfig.java (With Custom Issuer Validation)

java package com.example.demo.config; import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Value; import org.springframework.context.annotation.Bean; import org.springframework.context.annotation.Configuration; import org.springframework.security.config.annotation.method.configuration.EnableMethodSecurity; import org.springframework.security.config.annotation.web.builders.HttpSecurity; import org.springframework.security.oauth2.jwt.JwtDecoder; import org.springframework.security.oauth2.jwt.JwtDecoders; import org.springframework.security.web.SecurityFilterChain; import org.springframework.web.cors.CorsConfiguration; import org.springframework.web.cors.CorsConfigurationSource; import org.springframework.web.cors.UrlBasedCorsConfigurationSource; import java.util.List; @Configuration @EnableMethodSecurity public class SecurityConfig { // 🔽 Inject issuer URI from application.yml @Value("\${spring.security.oauth2.resourceserver.jwt.issuer-uri}") private String issuerURI; @Bean public SecurityFilterChain securityFilterChain(HttpSecurity http) throws Exception { http

```
.cors(cors -> cors.configurationSource(corsConfigurationSource())) // 🔽 Enable CORS
      .csrf(csrf -> csrf.enable()) // 🔽 Enable CSRF (default behavior)
      .authorizeHttpRequests(auth -> auth
        .requestMatchers("/public").permitAll()
        .requestMatchers("/user").hasRole("USER")
        .requestMatchers("/admin").hasRole("ADMIN")
        .anyRequest().authenticated()
      )
      .oauth2ResourceServer(oauth2 -> oauth2
        .jwt(jwt -> jwt.decoder(jwtDecoder())) // Custom decoder using issuer URI
      );
    return http.build();
 }
 // 🗹 Use JwtDecoders to create a decoder from issuer-uri
  @Bean
  public JwtDecoder jwtDecoder() {
    return JwtDecoders.fromIssuerLocation(issuerURI);
 }
 // CORS Configuration
  @Bean
  public CorsConfigurationSource corsConfigurationSource() {
    CorsConfiguration config = new CorsConfiguration();
    config.setAllowedOrigins(List.of("http://localhost:3000")); // frontend origin
    config.setAllowedMethods(List.of("GET", "POST", "PUT", "DELETE", "OPTIONS"));
    config.setAllowedHeaders(List.of("Authorization", "Content-Type"));
    config.setAllowCredentials(true);
    UrlBasedCorsConfigurationSource source = new UrlBasedCorsConfigurationSource();
    source.registerCorsConfiguration("/**", config);
    return source;
 }
}
```



yaml

```
spring:
security:
oauth2:
resourceserver:
jwt:
issuer-uri: http://localhost:8080/realms/springboot-realm
```

Optional Validation

If you're seeing token decoding issues, it usually means:

- Issuer URI is incorrect
- Token does not match realm
- Token is expired or signed with the wrong key

You can log the value by adding:

```
@PostConstruct
public void logIssuerUri() {
    System.out.println("Using issuer URI: " + issuerURI);
}
```

Would you like to log token claims or roles from the JWT? I can show how to extract roles from the realm_access claim in Keycloak.

some times .requestMatchers("/user").hasRole("USER") need to give another role

Yes — in Spring Security, if you want to **allow multiple roles to access the same endpoint**, you can do this using either:

```
Option 1: Multiple .hasRole() with .orMatchers() (not ideal)
```

```
.requestMatchers("/user").hasAnyRole("USER", "ADMIN")
```

This is the cleanest and preferred way to allow either USER or ADMIN.

Example inside .authorizeHttpRequests()

```
http
.authorizeHttpRequests(auth -> auth
.requestMatchers("/public").permitAll()
.requestMatchers("/user").hasAnyRole("USER", "ADMIN") // Allow both roles
.requestMatchers("/admin").hasRole("ADMIN")
.anyRequest().authenticated()
)
```

Option 2: Use @PreAuthorize on controller methods

If you want more flexibility, use method-level annotations with <code>@PreAuthorize</code>.

```
@GetMapping("/user")
@PreAuthorize("hasRole('USER') or hasRole('ADMIN')")
public String userEndpoint() {
    return "Hello USER or ADMIN";
}
```

Make sure to enable method security:

```
java
@EnableMethodSecurity
```

🚀 Bonus: Use expression for more control

java

Let me know if you want to build role-based routing with custom claims like realm_access, or map roles from token manually!

then give detailed full configuration for .requestMatchers

Here's a complete and detailed Spring Security configuration using

requestMatchers(...) for multiple endpoints and multiple roles, supporting:

- V public No auth required
- /user Accessible by ROLE_USER, ROLE_ADMIN
- Vadmin Only by ROLE_ADMIN
- /manager Only by ROLE_MANAGER
- All other endpoints Authenticated users only
- CORS enabled
- CSRF enabled
- JWT validation using issuer-uri

SecurityConfig.java (Full config with .requestMatchers)

java

package com.example.demo.config;

import jakarta.annotation.PostConstruct;

import org.springframework.beans.factory.annotation.Value;

import org.springframework.context.annotation.Bean;

import org.springframework.context.annotation.Configuration;

import

org.springframework.security.config.annotation.method.configuration.EnableMethodSecurity;

import org.springframework.security.config.annotation.web.builders.HttpSecurity;

import org.springframework.security.oauth2.jwt.JwtDecoder;

import org.springframework.security.oauth2.jwt.JwtDecoders;

import org.springframework.security.web.SecurityFilterChain;

import org.springframework.web.cors.CorsConfiguration;

```
import org.springframework.web.cors.CorsConfigurationSource;
import org.springframework.web.cors.UrlBasedCorsConfigurationSource;
import java.util.List;
@Configuration
@EnableMethodSecurity
public class SecurityConfig {
  @Value("${spring.security.oauth2.resourceserver.jwt.issuer-uri}")
  private String issuerURI;
  @PostConstruct
  public void logIssuerUri() {
    System.out.println("Using issuer URI: " + issuerURI);
 }
  @Bean
  public SecurityFilterChain securityFilterChain(HttpSecurity http) throws Exception {
    http
      .cors(cors -> cors.configurationSource(corsConfigurationSource())) // 🔽 Enable CORS
      .csrf(csrf -> csrf.enable()) // Z Enable CSRF
      .authorizeHttpRequests(auth -> auth
        // Public endpoint – no authentication required
        .requestMatchers("/public", "/actuator/**").permitAll()
        // /user endpoint – accessible by USER or ADMIN roles
        .requestMatchers("/user").hasAnyRole("USER", "ADMIN")
        // /admin endpoint – only ADMIN role
        .requestMatchers("/admin").hasRole("ADMIN")
        // /manager endpoint – only MANAGER role
        .requestMatchers("/manager").hasRole("MANAGER")
        // All other requests – require authentication
        .anyRequest().authenticated()
      )
      .oauth2ResourceServer(oauth2 -> oauth2
        .jwt(jwt -> jwt.decoder(jwtDecoder())) // // Use custom decoder with issuer-uri
      );
```

```
return http.build();
  }
  // Configure JWT decoder with issuer-uri
  @Bean
  public JwtDecoder jwtDecoder() {
    return JwtDecoders.fromIssuerLocation(issuerURI);
 }
  // CORS configuration for cross-origin frontend apps
  @Bean
  public CorsConfigurationSource corsConfigurationSource() {
    CorsConfiguration config = new CorsConfiguration();
    config.setAllowedOrigins(List.of("http://localhost:3000")); // frontend origin
    config.setAllowedMethods(List.of("GET", "POST", "PUT", "DELETE", "OPTIONS"));
    config.setAllowedHeaders(List.of("Authorization", "Content-Type"));
    config.setAllowCredentials(true); // send cookies if needed
    UrlBasedCorsConfigurationSource source = new UrlBasedCorsConfigurationSource();
    source.registerCorsConfiguration("/**", config);
    return source;
 }
}
```

application.yml

```
spring:
security:
oauth2:
resourceserver:
jwt:
issuer-uri: http://localhost:8080/realms/springboot-realm
```

Example Controller

java

```
@RestController
public class RoleBasedController {
  @GetMapping("/public")
  public String publicEndpoint() {
    return "Public access";
 }
  @GetMapping("/user")
  public String userEndpoint() {
    return "Accessible by USER or ADMIN";
 }
  @GetMapping("/admin")
  public String adminEndpoint() {
    return "Accessible by ADMIN only";
 }
  @GetMapping("/manager")
 public String managerEndpoint() {
    return "Accessible by MANAGER only";
 }
}
```

Key Points

Endpoint	Access Roles
/public	Anyone (no login)
/user	ROLE_USER, ROLE_ADMIN
/admin	ROLE_ADMIN
/manager	ROLE_MANAGER
/** others	Any authenticated

Note: Spring automatically prefixes roles from JWT with ROLE_. So hasRole("USER") maps to claim realm_access.roles: ["USER"].

Optional: Extract roles from a different claim?

If your roles are not in $realm_access.roles$, let me know — I can show how to use a custom JwtAuthenticationConverter.

Would you like to include that too?