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# Security

Powerful and complete  
Security for your apps!

You can use:

- Security Component (Standalone)
- SecurityBundle (integrates Security Component on Symfony)

Contains sub-components:  
Core, Http, Guard, Csrf

## Security Component (Standalone)

Install `$ composer require symfony/security-core`

## Authentication

Who you are

(a token will be  
generated to  
represent you)

HTTP Security component uses `listeners` attached to `kernel.request` to `create tokens`.

## Tokens

Create a token representing the user input

<code>UsernamePasswordToken</code>	username and password token
<code>RememberMeToken</code>	uses a browser cookie
<code>SwitchUserToken</code>	token representing a user who temporarily impersonates another one
<code>AnonymousToken</code>	represents an anonymous token

use `Symfony\Component\Security\Core\Authentication\Token\UsernamePasswordToken`;

```
$inputToken = new UsernamePasswordToken('john', 'myPassword987', 'default');
```

*often used in traditional apps*

*input from the user*

*UsernamePasswordFormAuthenticationListener creates a UsernamePasswordToken based on the login form submit*

## User Providers

<code>ChainUserProvider</code>	calls several providers in a chain until one is able to handle the request
<code>InMemoryUserProvider</code>	simple non persistent user provider. Useful for testing, demonstration, prototyping, and for simple needs (a backend with a unique admin for instance) e.g.: fetch users from a PHP array
<code>LdapUserProvider</code>	user provider on top of LDAP
<code>MissingUserProvider</code>	dummy user provider used to throw proper exception when a firewall requires a user provider but none was defined

You can also create your own custom user provider

```
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\User\InMemoryUserProvider;

$userProvider = new InMemoryUserProvider([
    'john' => [
        'password' => 'myPassword987',
        'roles' => ['POST_CREATE']
    ],
]);

$myUser = $userProvider->loadUserByUsername('john');
```

*find the user*

## Password Encoders

`Argon2iPasswordEncoder`  
`BCryptPasswordEncoder`  
`NativePasswordEncoder`  
`SodiumPasswordEncoder`

*These encoders do not require a user-generated salt*

`MigratingPasswordEncoder`  
`MessageDigestPasswordEncoder`  
`Pbkdf2PasswordEncoder`

*Hashes passwords using the best available encoder*

`PlaintextPasswordEncoder`  
`UserPasswordEncoder`

```
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\Encoder\EncoderFactory;
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\Encoder\PlaintextPasswordEncoder;
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\User\User;

$encoderFactory = new EncoderFactory([
    User::class => new PlaintextPasswordEncoder(),
]);

$encoderFactory->getEncoder(User::class)
->isPasswordValid($myUser->getPassword(), 'myPassword987', '');
```

*get the encoder associated with this user (other users can use other encoders)*

*check if matches the user's password*



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*AuthenticationManagerInterface is responsible for this*

## Authenticate the Token: AuthenticationManager

`AuthenticationProviderManager` - authentication manager based on authentication providers:

**Authentication Providers** ← *Transform an unauthenticated token (user input) into an authenticated token (security identity)*

<code>AnonymousAuthenticationProvider</code>	validates <code>AnonymousToken</code> instances. Always returns a token representing an anonymous user
<code>DaoAuthenticationProvider</code> ← <i>most used</i>	uses a user provider ( <code>UserProviderInterface</code> ) to retrieve a user matching the input and then matches the password (using a password encoder <code>UsernamePasswordToken</code> ).
<code>LdapBindAuthenticationProvider</code>	authenticates a user against an LDAP server
<code>RememberMeAuthenticationProvider</code>	authenticates a remember-me cookie
<code>SimpleAuthenticationProvider</code>	deprecated since Symfony 4.2, use Guard instead

## Instantiate the Authentication Manager

*After:*  
 - create a token representing the user input  
 - load the user from some User Provider  
 - encode & check the password  
 we can create the `AuthenticationProviderManager`

```
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\Authentication\AuthenticationProviderManager;
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\Authentication\Provider\DaoAuthenticationProvider;
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\User\UserChecker;
```

```
$authenticationManager = new AuthenticationProviderManager([
    new DaoAuthenticationProvider(
        $userProvider,
        new UserChecker(), ← Check some "user flags" after the user is fetched from
                           user provider (e.g. if the user is activated, ...)
        'default', ← The provider key (same provided when create the token).
                   Used to make sure the token is from our app and
                   to know which provider should handle the token
        $encoderFactory
    ),
]);
```

## Authenticate the Token

```
$authenticatedToken = $authenticationManager->authenticate($inputToken);
echo 'Hi ' . $authenticatedToken->getUsername();
```

## Authorization

*what you are allowed to do  
 (determine whether or not you  
 have access to something)*

## Authorize Actions: AccessDecisionManager

The default implementation uses "Security voters" to decide whether the user is allowed to execute an action.

These voters are provided with an attribute (representing the action) and optionally some context (the subject of the action).

```
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\Authorization\AccessDecisionManager;
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\Authorization\Voter\RoleVoter;

$this voter checks if the User's getRoles() contains the provided attribute
$accessDecisionManager = new AccessDecisionManager([
    new RoleVoter('POST_'), ← POST_ is the prefix an attribute must have in order to be managed by this voter
]);

$isSupervisor = $accessDecisionManager->decide(
    $authenticatedToken,
    ['POST_CREATE'] ← uses the access decision manager to see if the authenticated token has the "POST_CREATE" role
);
```

## Voters

The default Symfony voters don't validate an action, but validate the user's identity.

`AuthenticatedVoter`  
`ExpressionVoter`  
`RoleVoter`  
`RoleHierarchyVoter`



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Install

```
$ composer require symfony/security-bundle
```

## Symfony (SecurityBundle)

*Integrates the Security Component on Symfony apps*

## Authentication

### The User Class

```
$ php bin/console make:user
```

The name of the security user class (e.g. User) [User]:

> User *← Call the class: User*

Do you want to store user data in the database (via Doctrine)? (yes/no)[yes]:

> yes *← e.g. config to store user info in the database*

Enter a property name that will be the unique "display" name for the user (e.g. email, username, uuid [email]):

> email

Does this app need to hash/check user passwords? (yes/no) [yes]:

> yes

created: src/Entity/User.php

created: src/Repository/UserRepository.php

updated: src/Entity/User.php

updated: config/packages/security.yaml

*configured one User Provider in your security.yaml file under the providers key*

```
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\User\UserInterface;
```

```
/**
 * @ORM\Entity(repositoryClass="App\Repository\UserRepository")
 */
```

```
class User implements UserInterface
```

```
{
```

```
    // ...
```

```
}
```

*The User class must implement UserInterface*

*Visual identifier that represents the user (isn't the username), could be an email for e.g. Only used to display who is currently logged in on the web debug toolbar*

```
public function getUsername(): string
{
    return (string) $this->email;
}
```

### Enable the User Class as a User Provider

```
# config/packages/security.yaml
```

```
security:
```

```
    providers:
```

```
        app_user_provider:
```

```
            entity:
```

```
                class: App\Entity\User
```

```
                property: email
```

```
namespace Symfony\Component\Security\Core\User;
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\Role\Role;
```

```
interface UserInterface
```

```
{
```

```
    /**
```

```
     * Returns the roles granted to the user.
```

```
     *
```

```
     * public function getRoles()
```

```
     * {
```

```
     *     return ['ROLE_USER'];
```

```
     * }
```

```
     *
```

```
     * Alternatively, the roles might be stored on a ``roles`` property,
     * and populated in any number of different ways when the user object
     * is created.
```

```
     *
```

```
     * @return (Role|string)[] The user roles
```

```
    */
```

```
public function getRoles();
```

```
/**
```

```
     * Returns the password used to authenticate the user.
```

```
     *
```

```
     * This should be the encoded password. On authentication, a plain-text
     * password will be salted, encoded, and then compared to this value.
```

```
     *
```

```
     * @return string The password
```

```
    */
```

```
public function getPassword();
```

```
/**
```

```
     * Returns the salt that was originally used to encode the password.
```

```
     *
```

```
     * This can return null if the password was not encoded using a salt.
```

```
     *
```

```
     * @return string|null The salt
```

```
    */
```

```
public function getSalt();
```

```
/**
```

```
     * Returns the username used to authenticate the user.
```

```
     *
```

```
     * @return string The username
```

```
    */
```

```
public function getUsername();
```

```
/**
```

```
     * Removes sensitive data from the user.
```

```
     *
```

```
     * This is important if, at any given point, sensitive information like
     * the plain-text password is stored on this object.
```

```
    */
```

```
public function eraseCredentials();
```

```
}
```



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Load users from some resource, reload User data from the session, and some other optional features, like remember me, and impersonation (switch\_user). Configured under "providers" key in security.yml

## User Providers

- Entity User Provider** loads users from database
- LDAP User Provider** loads users from LDAP server
- Memory User Provider** loads users from configuration file
- Chain User Provider** merges two or more user providers into a new user provider

## Entity User Provider

Common for traditional web apps. Users are stored in a database and the user provider uses Doctrine to retrieve them

```
providers:
  users:
    entity:
      class: 'App\Entity\User'
      property: 'username'
      # manager_name: 'customer'
```

the class of the entity that represents users

the property used to query by (can only query from one field)

optional: if you're using multiple Doctrine entity managers, this option defines which one to use

## Memory User Provider

Useful in app prototypes. Stores all user information in a configuration file, including their passwords

```
providers:
  backend_users:
    memory:
      users:
        john_admin: { password: '$2y$13$a...', roles: ['ROLE_ADMIN'] }
        jane_admin: { password: '$2y$13$c...', roles: ['ROLE_ADMIN', 'ROLE_SUPER_ADMIN'] }
```

## LDAP User Provider

```
providers:
  my_ldap:
    ldap:
      service: Symfony\Component\Ldap\Ldap
      base_dn: dc=example,dc=com
      search_dn: "cn=read-only-admin,dc=example,dc=com"
      search_password: password
      default_roles: ROLE_USER
      uid_key: uid
```

```
# config/services.yaml
services:
  Symfony\Component\Ldap\Ldap:
    arguments: ['@Symfony\Component\Ldap\Adapter\ExtLdap\Adapter']
  Symfony\Component\Ldap\Adapter\ExtLdap\Adapter:
    arguments:
      - host: my-server
        port: 389
        encryption: tls
        options:
          protocol_version: 3
          referrals: false
```

configure the LDAP client in services.yaml

\$ composer require symfony/ldap ← install

## Chain User Provider

Combines two or more user providers (entity, memory, and LDAP) to create a new user provider

```
providers:
  backend_users:
    memory:
      # ...

  legacy_users:
    entity:
      # ...

  users:
    entity:
      # ...

  all_users:
    chain:
      providers: ['legacy_users', 'users', 'backend']
```

## Using a Custom Query to Load the User

e.g. you want to find a user by email or username

```
// src/Repository/UserRepository.php
namespace App\Repository;

use Doctrine\ORM\EntityRepository;
use Symfony\Bridge\Doctrine\Security\User\UserLoaderInterface;

class UserRepository extends EntityRepository implements UserLoaderInterface
{
    // ...

    public function loadUserByUsername($usernameOrEmail)
    {
        return $this->createQueryBuilder('u')
            ->where('u.username = :query OR u.email = :query')
            ->setParameter('query', $usernameOrEmail)
            ->getQuery()
            ->getOneOrNullResult();
    }
}
```

implement this interface

define the logic in this method

HEADS UP! remove the property key from the entity provider in security.yml

## How Users are Refreshed from Session

End of every request	User object is serialized to the session
Beginning of the next request	User object is deserialized & passed to the user provider to "refresh" it (e.g. Doctrine queries the DB for a fresh user).
	Then, the original User object from the session and the refreshed User object are "compared" to see if they are "equal".
	If any of these are different, your user will be logged out.

By default, the core AbstractToken class compares the return values of the: getPassword(), getSalt(), getUsername()



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## Custom User Provider

*if you're loading users from a custom location (e.g. legacy database connection), you'll need to create a custom user provider*

```
// src/Security/UserProvider.php
namespace App\Security;

use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\Exception\UnsupportedUserException;
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\Exception\UsernameNotFoundException;
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\User\UserInterface;
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\User\UserProviderInterface;

class UserProvider implements UserProviderInterface
{
    /**
     * Symfony calls this method if you use features like switch_user
     * or remember_me.
     *
     * If you're not using these features, you don't need to implement
     * this method.
     *
     * @return UserInterface
     *
     * @throws UsernameNotFoundException if the user is not found
     */
    public function loadUserByUsername($username)
    {
        // Load a User object from your data source or throw UsernameNotFoundException.
        // The $username argument may not actually be a username:
        // it is whatever value is being returned by the getUsername() method in your User class.
        throw new \Exception('TODO: fill in loadUserByUsername() inside '.__FILE__);
    }

    /**
     * Refreshes the user after being reloaded from the session.
     *
     * When a user is logged in, at the beginning of each request, the
     * User object is loaded from the session and then this method is
     * called. Your job is to make sure the user's data is still fresh by,
     * for example, re-querying for fresh User data.
     *
     * If your firewall is "stateless: true" (for a pure API), this method is not called.
     *
     * @return UserInterface
     */
    public function refreshUser(UserInterface $user)
    {
        if (!$user instanceof User) {
            throw new UnsupportedUserException(sprintf('Invalid user class "%s".', get_class($user)));
        }

        // Return a User object after sure its data is "fresh" or throw a UsernameNotFoundException if user no longer exists
        throw new \Exception('TODO: fill in refreshUser() inside '.__FILE__);
    }

    public function supportsClass($class)
    {
        return User::class === $class;
    }
}
```

## Enable the Custom User Provider

```
# config/packages/security.yaml
security:
    providers:
        your_custom_user_provider:
            id: App\Security\UserProvider
```

*the name of your user provider can be anything*

*tells Symfony to use this provider for this User class*



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## Encoding Passwords

Defines the algorithm used to encode passwords.

If your app defines more than one user class, each of them can define its own encoding algorithm.

```
security:
# ...
encoders:
  App\Entity\User:
    algorithm: bcrypt
    cost: 12
```

*your user class name*

*bcrypt or sodium are recommended. sodium is more secure, but requires PHP 7.2 or the Sodium extension*

```
security:
# ...
encoders:
  App\Entity\User:
    algorithm: auto
```

**recommended:**  
will use the best algorithm available on your system

Use the `UserPasswordEncoderInterface` service to encode and check passwords. E.g. using fixtures:

```
// src/DataFixtures/UserFixtures.php

use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\Encoder\UserPasswordEncoderInterface;

class UserFixtures extends Fixture
{
    private $passwordEncoder;

    public function __construct(UserPasswordEncoderInterface $passwordEncoder)
    {
        $this->passwordEncoder = $passwordEncoder;
    }

    public function load(ObjectManager $manager)
    {
        $user = new User();
        $user->setPassword($this->passwordEncoder->encodePassword(
            $user,
            'the_new_password'
        ));
    }
}
```

## Manually Encode a Password

```
$ php bin/console security:encode-password
```

## Authenticating Users

Instead of building a route & controller to handle login, you'll activate an authentication provider: some code that runs automatically before your controller is called.

## Authentication Providers

- form\_login
- http\_basic
- LDAP via HTTP Basic or Form Login
- json\_login
- X.509 Client Certificate Authentication (x509)
- REMOTE\_USER Based Authentication (remote\_user)
- simple\_form
- simple\_pre\_auth

*At the beginning of every request, Symfony calls a set of "authentication listeners", or "authenticators"*

**Guard Authenticator**

**recommended:**  
allows you to control every part of the authentication process

If your application logs users in via a third-party service such as Google, Facebook or Twitter (social login), check out the `HWIOAuthBundle` community bundle.

## Comparing Users Manually with EquatableInterface

If you need more control over the "compare users" process, make your User class implement `EquatableInterface`. Then, your `isEqualTo()` method will be called when comparing users.



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## Guard Authentication Provider Create a Login Form Authenticator

```
$ php bin/console make:auth
```

create an authenticator

class used when you choose "Login form authenticator" on make:auth command

You can use `AbstractGuardAuthenticator` instead to create an API authenticator

```
namespace App\Security;
...
class LoginFormAuthenticator extends AbstractFormLoginAuthenticator
{
    public function __construct(UserRepository $userRepository,
        RouterInterface $router, CsrfTokenManagerInterface $csrfTokenManager,
        UserPasswordEncoderInterface $passwordEncoder)
    {
        ...
        $this->csrfTokenManager = $csrfTokenManager;
    }

    public function supports(Request $request)
    {
        // do your work when we're POSTing to the login page
        return $request->attributes->get('_route') === 'login'
            && $request->isMethod('POST');
    }

    public function getCredentials(Request $request)
    {
        return [
            'email' => $request->request->get('email'),
            'password' => $request->request->get('password'),
            'csrf_token' => $request->request->get('_csrf_token'),
        ];
    }
}
```

### Enable the Authenticator

```
# config/packages/security.yaml
firewalls:
    main:
        guard:
            authenticators:
                - App\Security\LoginFormAuthenticator
```

When activated, at the beginning of every request, the `supports()` method of the authenticator will be called

if return:  
false - nothing else happens. It doesn't call any other methods on the authenticator  
true - call `getCredentials()`

read the authentication credentials of the request and return them.  
Call `getUser()` and pass this array back to us as the first `$credentials` argument:

### CSRF Protection

templates/security/login.html.twig

```
...
<input type="hidden" name="_csrf_token"
    value="{{ csrf_token('authenticate') }}">
...
```

```
public function getUser($credentials, UserProviderInterface $userProvider)
{
    $token = new CsrfToken('authenticate', $credentials['csrf_token']);
    if (!$this->csrfTokenManager->isTokenValid($token)) {
        throw new InvalidCsrfTokenException();
    }

    return $this->userRepository->findOneBy(['email' => $credentials['email']]);
}
```

Use the `$credentials` to return a `User` object, or null if the user isn't found.

if return:  
null - the authentication process stop, and the user will see an error  
User object - calls `checkCredentials()`, and passes to it the same `$credentials` and `User` object

```
public function checkCredentials($credentials, UserInterface $user)
{
    return $this->passwordEncoder->isPasswordValid($user, $credentials['password']);
}
```

check to see if the user's password is correct, or any other security checks.

if return:  
false - authentication would fail and the user see an "Invalid Credentials" message.  
true - authentication is successful, calls `onAuthenticationSuccess()`

```
public function onAuthenticationSuccess(Request $request, TokenInterface $token, $providerKey)
{
    if ($targetPath = $this->getTargetPath($request->getSession(), $providerKey)) {
        return new RedirectResponse($targetPath);
    }

    return new RedirectResponse($this->router->generate('homepage'));
}
```

where to redirect after a successful login

if there is a referer, redirect to it, if not, to homepage

if return:  
- Response object: will be immediately sent back to the user  
- nothing: the request would continue to the controller

```
protected function getLoginUrl()
{
    return $this->router->generate('login');
}
```

on failure, the authenticator class calls `getLoginUrl()` and try to redirect here



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## Guard Authentication Provider

### Guard Authenticator Methods

```
supports(Request $request)
getCredentials(Request $request)
getUser($credentials, UserProviderInterface $userProvider)
checkCredentials($credentials, UserInterface $user)
onAuthenticationSuccess(Request $request, TokenInterface $token, $providerKey)
onAuthenticationFailure(Request $request, AuthenticationException $exception)
start(Request $request, AuthenticationException $authException = null)
supportsRememberMe()
```

*you don't need to handle these 3 methods when using `AbstractFormLoginAuthenticator`. They are handled automatically*

### Login and Logout Methods

```
// src/Controller/SecurityController.php
```

```
namespace App\Controller;
```

```
use Symfony\Bundle\FrameworkBundle\Controller\AbstractController;
```

```
use Symfony\Component\Security\Http\Authentication\AuthenticationUtils;
```

```
class SecurityController extends AbstractController
```

```
{
```

```
/**
 * @Route("/login", name="login")
 */
```

*the route name compared in supports method of LoginFormAuthenticator class*

```
public function login(AuthenticationUtils $authenticationUtils)
```

```
{
```

```
    $error = $authenticationUtils->getLastAuthenticationError();
```

*get the login error if there is one*

```
    $lastUsername = $authenticationUtils->getLastUsername();
```

*last username entered by the user*

```
    return $this->render('security/login.html.twig', [
        'last_username' => $lastUsername,
        'error'         => $error,
    ]);
}
```

```
/**
 * @Route("/logout", name="logout")
 */
```

*just write the method and add the path defined in security.yaml! Symfony will automatically log the user out and then redirect them*

```
public function logout()
```

```
{
}
```

```
}
```

### Control What Happens After Logout

```
# config/packages/security.yaml
```

```
security:
```

```
    firewalls:
```

```
        main:
```

```
            logout:
```

```
                path: logout
```

```
                success_handler: logout_success_handler
```

*point it to a service id of a class that implements LogoutSuccessHandlerInterface*

### Display Login Error Messages in Templates

```
templates/security/login.html.twig
```

```
{% if error %}
```

```
{{ error.messageKey|trans(error.messageData, 'security') }}
```

```
{% endif %}
```





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## Remember Me

*This is the special name  
that Symfony uses*

```
<input type="checkbox" name="_remember_me"> Remember me
```

## Enable it

```
# config/packages/security.yaml
security:
    firewalls:
        main:
            remember_me:
                secret: '%kernel.secret%'
                lifetime: 2592000 # 30 days in seconds
```

## Impersonating a User

You can go to any URL and add `?_switch_user=` and the user identifier (e.g. email) of an user that you want to impersonate.

```
http://example.com/somewhere?_switch_user=john@example.com
```

## Enable it

```
security:
    firewalls:
        main:
            switch_user: true
```

Requires you to have the `ROLE_ALLOWED_TO_SWITCH`

```
security:
    role_hierarchy:
        ROLE_ADMIN: [ROLE_ALLOWED_TO_SWITCH]
```

## Switch Back to the Original User

```
?_switch_user=_exit
```

```
http://example.com/somewhere?_switch_user=_exit
```

## Find the Original User

```
$token = $this->security->getToken();

if ($token instanceof SwitchUserToken) {
    $impersonatorUser = $token->getOriginalToken()->getUser();
}
```

## Knowing when Impersonation is Active

When we are switched to another user, Symfony gives us a special role called

```
ROLE_PREVIOUS_ADMIN
```

```
{% if is_granted('ROLE_PREVIOUS_ADMIN') %}
    <a href="{{ path('homepage', {'_switch_user': '_exit'}) }}">Exit</a>
{% endif %}
```

## Custom User Checker

*if you need additional checks  
before and after user authentication*

```
namespace App\Security;
```

```
use App\Security\User as AppUser;
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\Exception\AccountExpiredException;
use App\Exception\AccountDeletedException;
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\User\UserCheckerInterface;
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\User\UserInterface;
```

```
class UserChecker implements UserCheckerInterface
```

*must implement  
UserCheckerInterface*

```
{
    public function checkPreAuth(UserInterface $user)
    {
        if (!$user instanceof AppUser) {
            return;
        }

        if ($user->isDeleted()) {
            throw new AccountDeletedException();
        }

        public function checkPostAuth(UserInterface $user)
        {
            if (!$user instanceof AppUser) {
                return;
            }

            if ($user->isExpired()) {
                throw new AccountExpiredException('...');
            }
        }
    }
}
```

*user is deleted, show a generic  
Account Not Found message*

*user account is expired,  
the user may be notified*

## Enable it

```
# config/packages/security.yaml
security:
    firewalls:
        main:
            pattern: ^/
            user_checker: App\Security\UserChecker
```

*defined per firewall*



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## Authorization

Decide if a user can access some resource  
This decision will be made by an instance  
of `AccessDecisionManagerInterface`

### The Authorization Process Consists of:

1. Add roles: user receives a specific set of roles when logging in (e.g. `ROLE_ADMIN`)
2. Check permissions: a resource (e.g. URL, controller) requires a specific role (like `ROLE_ADMIN`) to be accessed

### 1. ROLES (define what the user can access)

When a user logs in, the `getRoles()` method on your `User` object is called to determine which roles the user has

Are strings used to grant access to users (e.g. "edit a blog post", "create an invoice"). You can freely choose those strings. The only requirement is that they must start with `ROLE_` (e.g. `ROLE_POST_EDIT`, `ROLE_INVOICE_CREATE`).

### Standard ROLES

you have to return at least one role  
(e.g. `ROLE_USER`) for the user

<code>ROLE_USER</code>	Add to all logged users	<code>ROLE_PREVIOUS_ADMIN</code>	Added when we are switched to another user
<code>ROLE_ADMIN</code>		<code>ROLE_ALLOWED_TO_SWITCH</code>	Allow switch to another user
<code>ROLE_SUPER_ADMIN</code>		<code>ROLE_YOUR_DEFINED_NAME</code>	

### Special "ROLES"

you can use these anywhere roles are used: like `access_control`, controller or in Twig  
you can use these roles to check if a user is logged in

<code>IS_AUTHENTICATED_REMEMBERED</code>	All logged in users have this. Even if you don't use the remember me functionality, you can use this to check if the user is logged in
<code>IS_AUTHENTICATED_FULLY</code>	Users who are logged in only because of a "remember me" have <code>IS_AUTHENTICATED_REMEMBERED</code> but not have <code>IS_AUTHENTICATED_FULLY</code>
<code>IS_AUTHENTICATED_ANONYMOUSLY</code>	All users (even anonymous ones) have this

### 2. Checking Permissions (handle authorization)

Calls the "voter" system

Symfony takes the responses from all voters and makes the final decision (allow or deny access to the resource) according to the strategy defined (affirmative, consensus or unanimous)

- for protecting broad URL patterns, use `access_control` in `security.yaml`
- whenever possible, use the `@Security` annotation in your controller
- check security directly on the `security.authorization_checker` service (`isGranted`) for complex situations
- define a custom security voter to implement fine-grained restrictions

### Checking Permissions in the Controller

You can use:

- annotations (`@Security` or `@IsGranted`)
- methods (`denyAccessUnlessGranted()` or `isGranted()`)

#### Using `@Security` Annotation

```
use App\Entity\Post;
use Sensio\Bundle\FrameworkExtraBundle\Configuration\Security;

/**
 * @Security("is_granted('ROLE_ADMIN')")
 */
public function new()
{
}

/**
 * @Security("user.getEmail() == post.getAuthorEmail()")
 */
public function edit(Post $post)
{
}
```

#### Using `@IsGranted` Annotation

```
use Sensio\Bundle\FrameworkExtraBundle\Configuration\IsGranted;

/**
 * @IsGranted("ROLE_ADMIN")
 */
class AdminController extends AbstractController
{
    /**
     * @IsGranted("ROLE_ADMIN")
     */
    public function adminDashboard()
    {
    }
}
```



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## Using isGranted() and denyAccessUnlessGranted() Methods

```
if (!$post->isAuthor($this->getUser())) {
    $this->denyAccessUnlessGranted('edit', $post);
}
```

If access is not granted, a **AccessDeniedException** is thrown:

- not logged: redirect to the login page
- logged in: show the 403 access denied page

```
$this->denyAccessUnlessGranted('ROLE_ADMIN');
$hasAccess = $this->isGranted('ROLE_ADMIN');
```

Equivalent code without using the "denyAccessUnlessGranted()" shortcut:

```
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\Exception\AccessDeniedException;
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\Authorization\AuthorizationCheckerInterface
...

public function __construct(AuthorizationCheckerInterface $authorizationChecker)
{
    $this->authorizationChecker = $authorizationChecker;
}
...

if (!$this->authorizationChecker->isGranted('edit', $post)) {
    throw $this->createAccessDeniedException();
}
```

## Checking Permissions in Templates (Twig)

```
{% if is_granted('ROLE_USER') %}
    ....
{% else %}
    <a href="{{ path('app_login') }}">Login</a>
{% endif %}
```

## Access Decision Manager

deciding whether or not a user is authorized to perform a certain action

Depends on multiple voters, and makes a final verdict based on all the votes (either positive, negative or neutral) it has received. It recognizes several strategies:

- affirmative (default)** grant access as soon as there is one voter granting access
- consensus** grant access if there are more voters granting access than there are denying
- unanimous** only grant access if none of the voters has denied access

```
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\Authorization\AccessDecisionManager;
```

```
$voters = [...]; ← instances of
                Symfony\Component\Security\Core\Authorization\Voter\VoterInterface
$strategy = ...; ← one of "affirmative", "consensus", "unanimous"
$allowIfAllAbstainDecisions = ...; ← whether or not to grant access when all voters abstain
$allowIfEqualGrantedDeniedDecisions = ...; ← whether or not to grant access when there is no
                                             majority (only to the "consensus" strategy)
$accessDecisionManager = new AccessDecisionManager(
    $voters,
    $strategy,
    $allowIfAllAbstainDecisions,
    $allowIfEqualGrantedDeniedDecisions
);
```

## Get the User Who is Logged In

### Controller

```
$user = $this->getUser();
```

### Template (Twig)

```
{{ app.user.firstName }}
```

### Service

```
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\Security;
class SomeService
{
    private $security;

    public function __construct(Security $security)
    {
        $this->security = $security;
    }

    public function someMethod(): string
    {
        $user = $this->security->getUser();
    }
}
```

## Change the Default Strategy

```
# config/packages/security.yaml
security:
    access_decision_manager:
        strategy: unanimous
        allow_if_all_abstain: false
```



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Are the most granular way of checking permissions **Voters**

When your security logic is complex use custom voters

## Creating a Custom Voter

```
namespace App\Security;
```

```
use App\Entity\Post;
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\Authentication\Token\TokenInterface;
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\Authorization\AccessDecisionManagerInterface;
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\Authorization\Voter\Voter;
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\User\UserInterface;
```

```
class PostVoter extends Voter ← or implement VoterInterface
```

```
{
    const CREATE = 'create';
    const EDIT = 'edit';
```

```
private $decisionManager;
private $security;
```

```
public function __construct(AccessDecisionManagerInterface $decisionManager,
    Security $security)
```

```
{
    $this->decisionManager = $decisionManager;
    $this->security = $security;
}
```

```
protected function supports($attribute, $subject) ←
```

```
{
    if (!in_array($attribute, [self::CREATE, self::EDIT])) {
        return false;
    }
```

```
if (!$subject instanceof Post) {
    return false;
}
```

```
return true; ← If return true, voteOnAttribute() will be called
```

```
protected function voteOnAttribute($attribute, $subject, TokenInterface $token)
```

```
{
    $user = $token->getUser();
```

```
if (!$user instanceof UserInterface) {
    return false; ← the user must be logged in; if not, deny access
}
```

```
if ($this->security->isGranted('ROLE_SUPER_ADMIN')) {
    return true;
}
```

Checking for Roles inside a Voter

```
/** @var Post $post */
$post = $subject; ← you know $subject is a Post object, thanks to supports method
```

```
switch ($attribute) {
    case self::CREATE:
        if ($this->decisionManager->decide($token, ['ROLE_ADMIN'])) {
            return true;
        }
        break;
```

if the user is an admin, allow them to create new posts

```
case self::EDIT:
    if ($user->getEmail() === $post->getAuthorEmail()) {
        return true;
    }
    break;
```

if the user is the author of the post, allow them to edit the posts

```
return false; ← return: true - to allow access false - to deny access
```

In the Http component, an AccessListener checks access using this manager based on the configured access\_control rules

When isGranted() or denyAccessUnlessGranted() is called, the first argument is passed here as \$attribute (e.g. ROLE\_USER, edit) and the second argument (if any) is passed as \$subject (e.g. null, a Post object)

If return false this voter is done: some other voter should process this

The \$token can be used to find the current user object (if any)

## Using the Custom Voter

you can use the voter with the @Security annotation:

```
/**
 * @Security("is_granted('edit', post)")
 */
public function edit(Post $post)
{
    // ...
}
```

You can also use this directly with the security.authorization\_checker service or via the even easier shortcut in a controller:

```
/**
 * @Route("/{id}/edit", name="admin_post_edit")
 */
public function edit($id)
{
    $post = ...; // query for the post

    $this->denyAccessUnlessGranted('edit', $post);
}
```



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## SecurityBundle Configuration (security.yaml)

Where the security system is configured

```
# config/packages/security.yaml
```

```
security:
  access_denied_url: null
  always_authenticate_before_granting: false
  erase_credentials: true
  hide_user_not_found: true
  session_fixation_strategy: migrate
```

where user is redirected after a 403 HTTP error (unless there is a custom access deny handler)

if true: user is asked to authenticate before each call to the isGranted() in services, controllers, or templates

if true: eraseCredentials() method of the user object is called after authentication

if true: when a user isn't found a generic BadCredentialsException exception is thrown w/ msg "Bad credentials"  
if false: UsernameNotFoundException exception is thrown and includes the given not found username

protection against session fixation:  
Possible values:   
 NONE: session isn't changed  
 MIGRATE: session id is updated, attributes are kept  
 INVALIDATE: session id is updated, attributes are lost

```
providers:
  app_user_provider:
    entity:
      class: App\Entity\User
      property: email
```

user providers

```
encoders:
```

password encoders

```
App\Entity\User:
  algorithm: auto
App\Entity\User: 'bcrypt'
App\Entity\User:
  algorithm: 'bcrypt'
  cost: 15
App\Entity\User: 'sodium'
App\Entity\User:
  algorithm: 'sodium'
  memory_cost: 16384
  time_cost: 2
  threads: 4
App\Entity\User:
  algorithm: argon2i
  memory_cost: 256
  time_cost: 1
  threads: 2
App\Entity\User: 'sha512'
app_encoder:
  id: 'App\Security\Encoder\MyCustomPasswordEncoder'
```

use the best possible algorithm available on your system

bcrypt encoder with default options

bcrypt encoder with custom options

sodium encoder with default options

sodium encoder with custom options

Amount in KiB (16384=16 MiB)

Number of iterations

Number of parallel threads

argon2i encoder with custom options

PBKDF2 encoder using SHA512 hashing with default options

custom named encoder: create your own password encoders as services

```
extra_secure:
  algorithm: sodium
  memory_cost: 16384
  time_cost: 2
  threads: 4
```

```
providers:
  users:
    entity:
      class: 'App\Entity\User'
      property: 'username'
      # manager_name: 'customer'
  my_ldap:
    ldap:
      service: Symfony\Component\Ldap\Ldap
      base_dn: dc=example,dc=com
      search_dn: "cn=read-only-admin,dc=example,dc=com"
      ...
  backend_users:
    memory:
      users:
        user: {password: userpass, roles: ['ROLE_USER']}
        admin: {password: adminpass, roles: ['ROLE_ADMIN']}
  custom_user_provider:
    id: App\Security\UserProvider
  all_users:
    chain:
      providers: ['my_ldap', 'users', 'backend']
```

User Providers

### Different Password Encoder for Each User

```
// src/Acme/UserBundle/Entity/User.php
namespace Acme\UserBundle\Entity;

use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\Encoder\EncoderAwareInterface;
use Symfony\Component\Security\Core\User\UserInterface;

class User implements UserInterface, EncoderAwareInterface
{
    public function getEncoderName()
    {
        if ($this->isAdmin()) {
            return 'extra_secure';
        }

        return null;
    }
}
```

use the 'extra\_secure' encoder only for admin users

use the default encoder



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Firewalls are listeners of the HTTP component that defines the authentication mechanism used for each URL (or URL pattern) of your app

all firewalls are one AuthenticationProviderManager (and thus, one security system)

firewalls:

```

main:
  switch_user: true
  # switch_user:
  # role: ROLE_ADMIN
  # parameter: _change_user
  # AnonymousAuthenticationProvider
  anonymous: true
  # Use UsernamePasswordToken & DaoAuthenticationProvider
  form_login: true

  logout:
    path: app_logout
    target: app_any_route
    success_handler: logout_success_handler

  remember_me:
    secret: '%kernel.secret%'
    lifetime: 604800 # 1 week in seconds
    path: /
    domain: null
    secure: false
    httponly: true
    samesite: null
    remember_me_parameter: _remember_me
    catch_exceptions: false
    token_provider: token_provider_id
    #always_remember_me: true

  stateless: false
  user_checker: App\Security\UserChecker
  
```

*name of the firewall (can be chosen freely)*

*impersonating users can be done by activating the switch\_user firewall listener*

*allow change the ROLE and query string used*

*allow anonymous requests so users can access public pages*

*handles a login form POST automatically*

*where to redirect after logout*

*default: one year*

*if set to 'strict', the cookie will not be sent with cross-site requests*

*always enable remember me*

*enable custom user checker*

*name of the firewall*

main:

```

# ...
x509:
  provider: your_user_provider
  remote_user:
    provider: your_user_provider
  simple_preauth:
    # ...
  guard:
    authenticators:
      - App\Security\LoginFormAuthenticator
      - App\Security\FacebookConnectAuthenticator
    entry_point: App\Security\LoginFormAuthenticator
  
```

*your web server is doing all the authentication process itself*

*multiple guard authenticators using shared (one) entry point*

*handles a login form POST automatically*

```

form_login:
  login_path: /login
  check_path: /login_check
  csrf_token_generator: security.csrf.token_manager
  csrf_parameter: _csrf_token
  csrf_token_id: a_private_string
  default_target_path: /after_login_route_name
  always_use_default_target_path: false
  use_referer: false
  failure_path: login_failure_route_name
  target_path_parameter: _target_path
  failure_path_parameter: back_to
  username_parameter: _username
  password_parameter: _password
  post_only: true
  use_forward: false
  form_login_ldap:
    service: Symfony\Component\Ldap\Ldap
    dn_string: 'uid={username},dc=example,dc=com'
  json_login:
    check_path: login
    username_path: security.credentials.login
    password_path: security.credentials.password
  simple_form:
    # ...
  http_basic:
    realm: Secured Area
  http_basic_ldap:
    service: Symfony\Component\Ldap\Ldap
    dn_string: 'uid={username},dc=example,dc=com'
  http_digest:
    # ...
  
```

*name of the username field*

*name of the password field*

*if true: user will be forwarded to the login form instead of redirected*

*asks credentials (username & password) using a dialog in the browser*

*You cannot use logout with http\_basic*

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## Restrict Firewalls to a Request

```

security:
  firewalls:
    secured_area:
      pattern: ^/admin
      host: ^admin\.example\.com$
      methods: [GET, POST]
      request_matcher: app.firewall.secured_area.request_matcher
  
```

*name of the firewall*

*by path*

*by host*

*by HTTP methods*

*by service*

'pattern' is a regexp matched against the request URL. If there's a match, authentication is triggered

*name of the firewall*

api:

```

pattern: ^/api/
guard:
  authenticators:
    - App\Security\ApiTokenAuthenticator
  
```

*multiple guard authenticators using separate entry points (firewall)*



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*The order of paths is important!*

*Only one path will be matched per request: Symfony starts at the top of the list and as soon as it finds one access control that matches the URL, it uses that and stops.*

*Each access\_control can also match on IP address, hostname and HTTP methods. It can also be used to redirect a user to the https version of a URL pattern*

*Matching Options can be:*

- path
- ip or ips (netmasks are supported)
- port
- host
- methods

```

access_control:
- { path: ^/login$, roles: IS_AUTHENTICATED_ANONYMOUSLY }
- { path: ^/internal, roles: IS_AUTHENTICATED_ANONYMOUSLY, ips: [127.0.0.1, ::1, 192.168.0.1/24] }
- { path: ^/internal, roles: ROLE_NO_ACCESS }
-
  path: ^/_internal/secure
  allow_if: "'127.0.0.1' == request.getClientIp() or is_granted('ROLE_ADMIN')"
# matches /admin/users/*
- { path: ^/admin/users, roles: ROLE_SUPER_ADMIN }
# matches /admin/* except for anything matching the above rule
- { path: ^/admin, roles: ROLE_ADMIN }
- { path: ^/profile, roles: ROLE_USER }
- { path: ^/admin, roles: ROLE_USER_IP, ip: 127.0.0.1 }
- { path: ^/admin, roles: ROLE_USER_PORT, ip: 127.0.0.1, port: 8080 }
- { path: ^/admin, roles: ROLE_USER_HOST, host: symfony\.com$ }
- { path: ^/admin, roles: ROLE_USER_METHOD, methods: [POST, PUT] }
- { path: ^/admin, roles: ROLE_USER }
- { path: ^/cart/checkout, roles: IS_AUTHENTICATED_ANONYMOUSLY, requires_channel: https }

role_hierarchy:
ROLE_ADMIN:     ROLE_USER
ROLE_SUPER_ADMIN: [ROLE_ADMIN, ROLE_ALLOWED_TO_SWITCH]

access_decision_manager:
strategy: unanimous
allow_if_all_abstain: false
  
```

*'ips' option supports IP addresses and subnet masks*

*using an expression*

*force redirect to HTTPs*

*Instead of giving many roles to each user, you can define role inheritance rules by creating a role hierarchy*

*change the default access decision strategy (decide whether or not a user is authorized to perform a certain action using voters)*

## Console

```

# displays the default config values defined by Symfony
$ php bin/console config:dump-reference security

# displays the actual config values used by your app
$ php bin/console debug:config security
  
```

## Standard Voters

**AuthenticatedVoter** checks if the token is fully authenticated, anonymous, ... votes if IS\_AUTHENTICATED\_FULLY, IS\_AUTHENTICATED\_REMEMBERED, or IS\_AUTHENTICATED\_ANONYMOUSLY is present.

**ExpressionVoter** votes based on the evaluation of an expression created with the ExpressionLanguage component

**RoleVoter** votes if any attribute starts with a given prefix. (supports attributes starting with ROLE\_ and grants access to the user when the required ROLE\_\* attributes can all be found in the array of roles returned by the token's getRoleNames() method)

**RoleHierarchyVoter** understands hierarchies in roles (e.g. "admin is a user"). Extends RoleVoter and uses a RoleHierarchy to determine the roles granted to the user before voting