

# User Details

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# Chapter 1. Introduction

In previous sections we looked closely at how to authenticate a user obtained from a demonstration user source. The focus was on the obtained user and the processing that went on around it to enforce authentication using an example credential mechanism. There was a lot to explore with just a single user relative to establishing the security filter chain, requiring authentication, supplying credentials with the call, completing the authentication, and obtaining the authenticated user identity.

In this chapter we will focus on the `UserDetailsService` framework that supports the `AuthenticationProvider` so that we can implement multiple users, multiple user information sources, and to begin storing those users in a database.

## 1.1. Goals

You will learn:

- the interface roles in authenticating users within Spring
- how to configure authentication and authentication sources for use by a security filter chain
- how to implement access to user details from different sources
- how to implement access to user details using a database

## 1.2. Objectives

At the conclusion of this lecture and related exercises, you will be able to:

1. build various `UserDetailsService` implementations to host user accounts and be used as a source for authenticating users
2. build a simple in-memory `UserDetailsService`
3. build an injectable `UserDetailsService`
4. build a `UserDetailsService` using access to a relational database
5. configure an application to display the database UI
6. encode passwords

# Chapter 2. AuthenticationManager

The focus of this chapter is on providing authentication to stored users and providing details about them. To add some context to this, lets begin the presentation flow with the `AuthenticationManager`.

`AuthenticationManager` is an abstraction the code base looks for in order to authenticate a set of credentials. Its input and output are of the same interface type — `Authentication` — but populated differently and potentially implemented differently.

The input `Authentication` primarily supplies the principal (e.g., username) and credentials (e.g., plaintext password). The output `Authentication` of a successful authentication supplies resolved `UserDetails` and provides direct access to granted authorities — which can come from those user details and will be used during later authorizations. Although the credentials (e.g., encrypted password hash) from the stored `UserDetails` is used to authenticate, it's contents are cleared before returning the response to the caller.

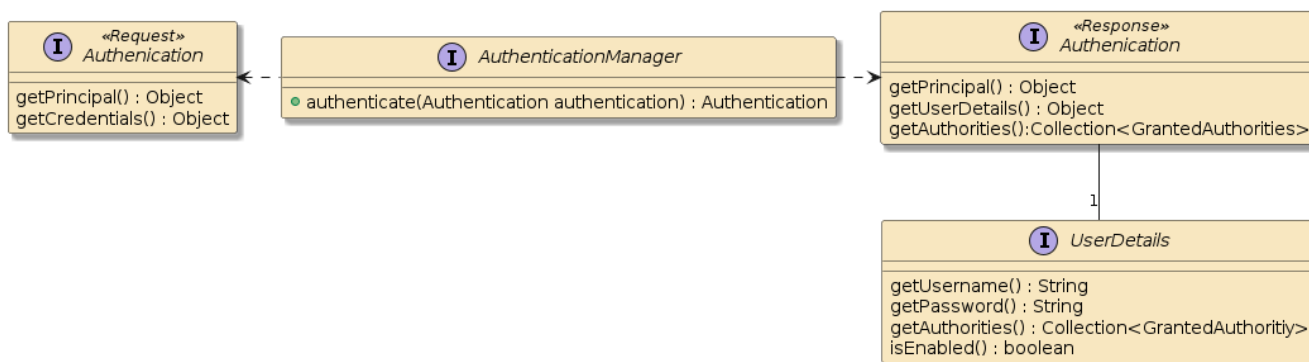


Figure 1. `AuthenticationManager` and `UserDetails`

## 2.1. ProviderManager

The `AuthenticationManager` is primarily implemented using the `ProviderManager` class and delegates authentication to its assigned `AuthenticationProviders` and/or parent `AuthenticationManager` to do the actual authentication. Some `AuthenticationProvider` classes are based off a `UserDetailsService` to provide `UserDetails`. However, that is not always the case — therefore the diagram below does not show a direct relationship between the `AuthenticationProvider` and `UserDetailsService`.

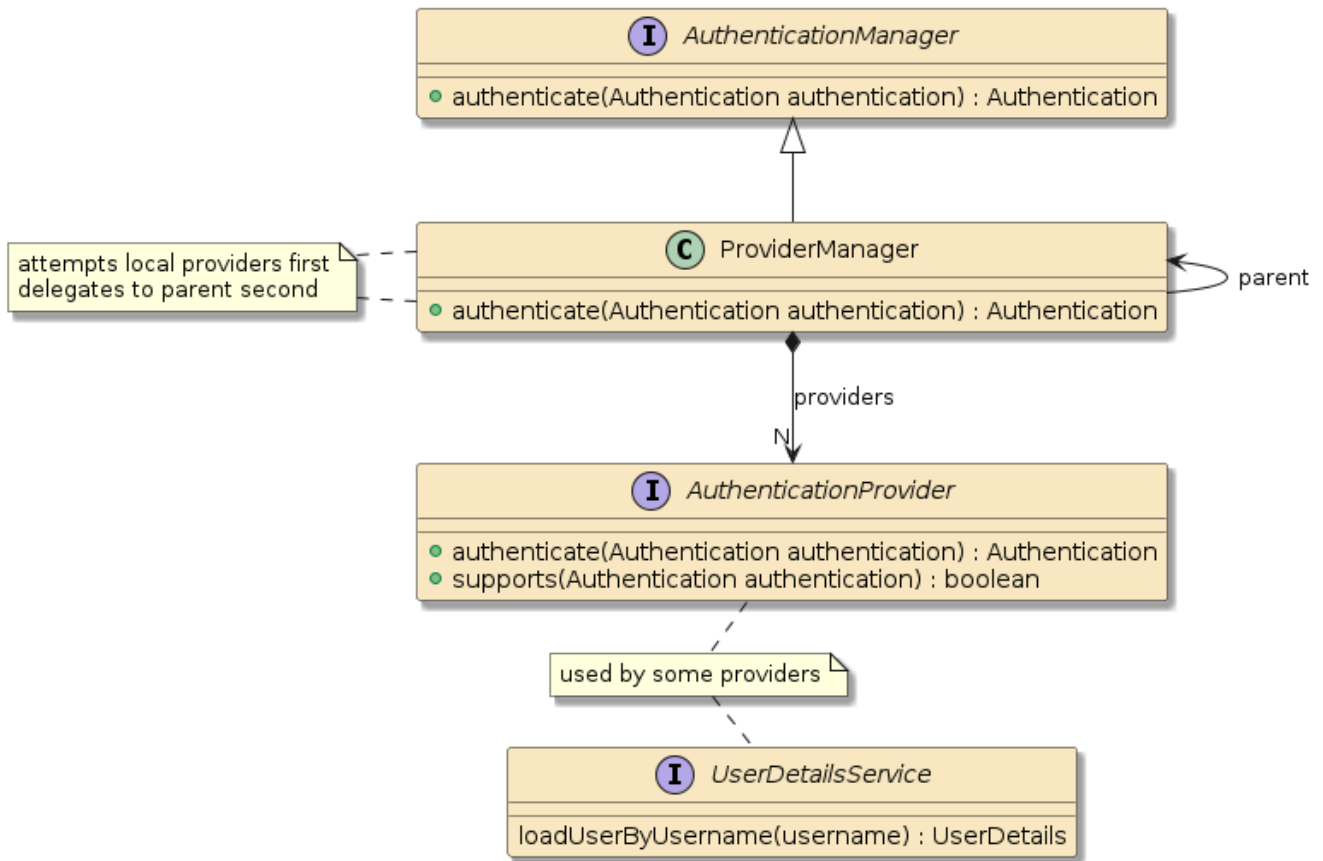


Figure 2. *ProviderManager*

## 2.2. AuthenticationManagerBuilder

It is the job of the `AuthenticationManagerBuilder` to assemble an `AuthenticationManager` with the required `AuthenticationProviders` and—where appropriate—`UserDetailsService`. The `AuthenticationManagerBuilder` is configured during the assembly of the `SecurityFilterChain` in both the `WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter` and Component-based approaches.

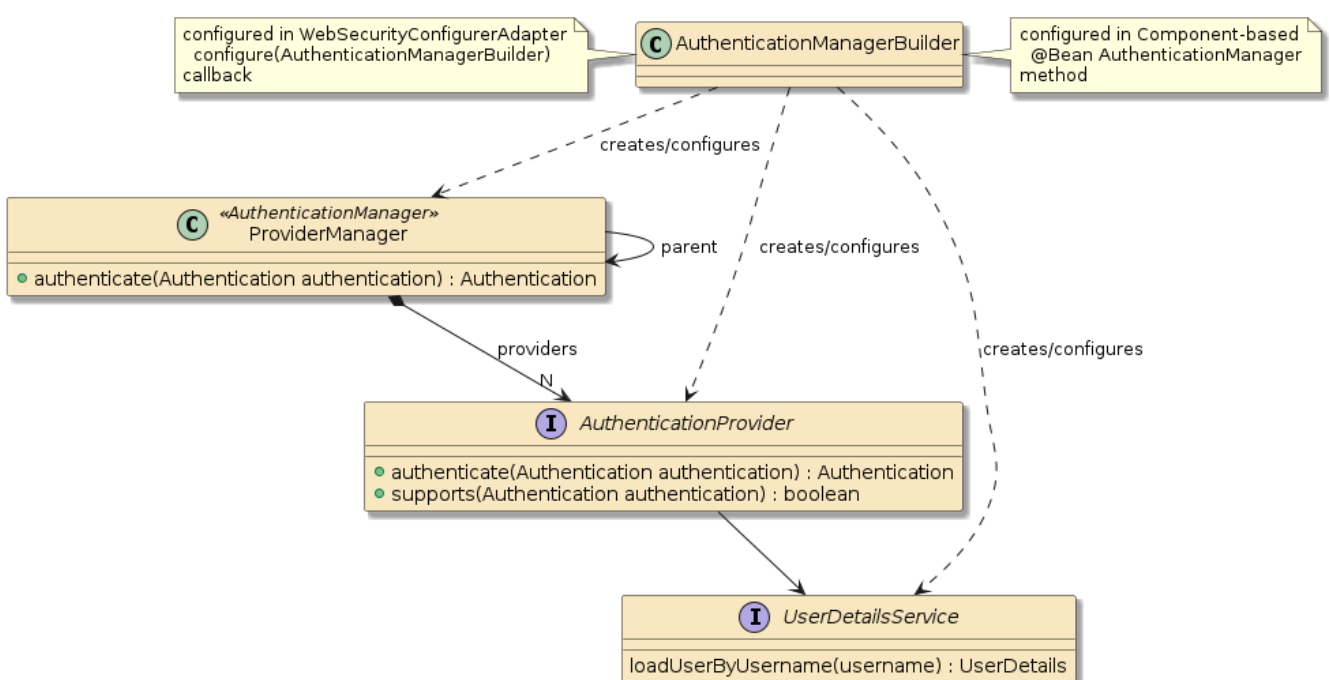


Figure 3. *AuthenticationManagerBuilder*

One can custom-configure the `AuthenticationProviders` for the `AuthenticationManagerBuilder` in the `WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter` approach by overriding the `configure()` callback.

*Configure AuthenticationManagerBuilder in WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter Approach*

```
@Configuration(proxyBeanMethods = false)
public static class APIConfiguration extends WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter {
    @Override
    protected void configure(AuthenticationManagerBuilder auth) throws Exception {
        ... ①
    }
}
```

① can custom-configure `AuthenticationManagerBuilder` here during a `configure()` callback

One can custom-configure the `AuthenticationProviders` for the `AuthenticationManagerBuilder` in the component-based approach by obtaining it from an injected `HttpSecurity` object using the `getSharedObject()` call.

*Configure AuthenticationManagerBuilder in Component-based Approach*

```
@Bean
public AuthenticationManager authnManager(HttpSecurity http, ...) throws Exception {
    AuthenticationManagerBuilder builder =
        http.getSharedObject(AuthenticationManagerBuilder.class);
    ... ①

    builder.parentAuthenticationManager(null); //prevent from being recursive ②
    return builder.build();
}
```

① can obtain and custom-configure `AuthenticationManagerBuilder` using injected `HttpSecurity` object

② I found the need to explicitly define "no parent" in the Component-based approach

## 2.3. AuthenticationManagerBuilder Builder Methods

We can use the local builder methods to custom-configure the `AuthenticationManagerBuilder`. These allow us to assemble one or more of the well-known `AuthenticationProvider` types. The following is an example of configuring an `InMemoryUserDetailsManager` that our earlier examples used in the previous chapters. However, in this case we get a chance to explicitly populate with users.



This is an early example demonstration toy

*Example InMemoryAuthentication Configuration*

```
PasswordEncoder encoder = ...
builder.inMemoryAuthentication() ①
    .passwordEncoder(encoder) ②
    .withUser("user1").password(encoder.encode("password1")).roles() ③
```

```
.and()
.withUser("user2").password(encoder.encode("password1")).roles();
```

- ① adds a `UserDetailsService` to `AuthenticationManager` implemented in memory
- ② `AuthenticationProvider` will need a password encoder to match passwords during authentication
- ③ users placed directly into storage must have encoded password

### 2.3.1. Assembled AuthenticationProvider

The results of the builder configuration are shown below where the builder assembled an `AuthenticationManager` (`ProviderManager`) and populated it with an `AuthenticationProvider` (`DaoAuthenticationProvider`) that can work with the `UserDetailsService` (`InMemoryUserDetailsManager`) we identified.

The builder also populated the `UserDetailsService` with two users: `user1` and `user2` with an encoded password using the `PasswordEncoder` also set on the `AuthenticationProvider`.

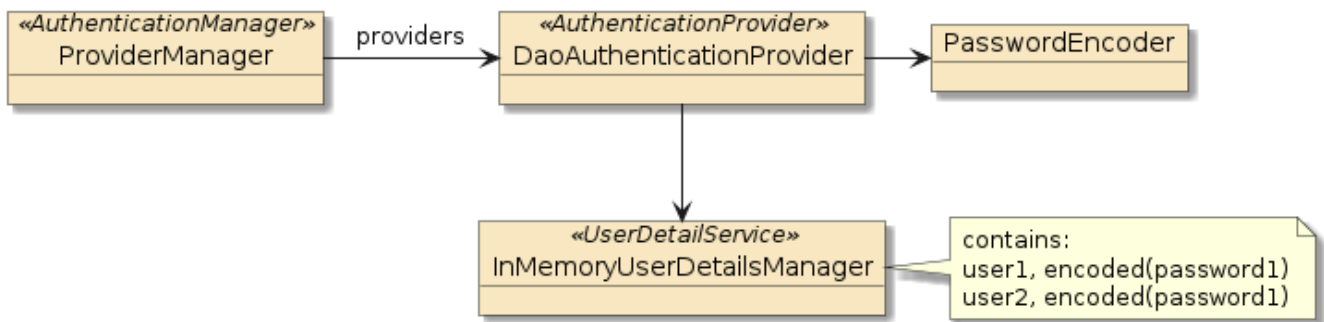


Figure 4. Example `InMemoryUserDetailsManager`

### 2.3.2. Builder Authentication Example

With that in place—we can authenticate our two users using the `UserDetailsService` defined and populated using the builder.

#### Builder Authentication Example

```
$ curl http://localhost:8080/api/authn/hello?name=jim -u user1:password1
hello, jim :caller=user1

$ curl http://localhost:8080/api/authn/hello?name=jim -u user2:password1
hello, jim :caller=user2

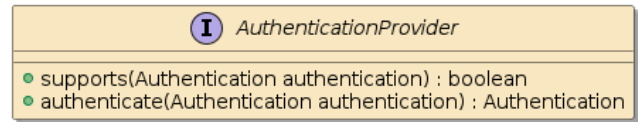
$ curl http://localhost:8080/api/authn/hello?name=jim -u userX:password -v
< HTTP/1.1 401
```

## 2.4. AuthenticationProvider

The `AuthenticationProvider` can answer two (2) questions:



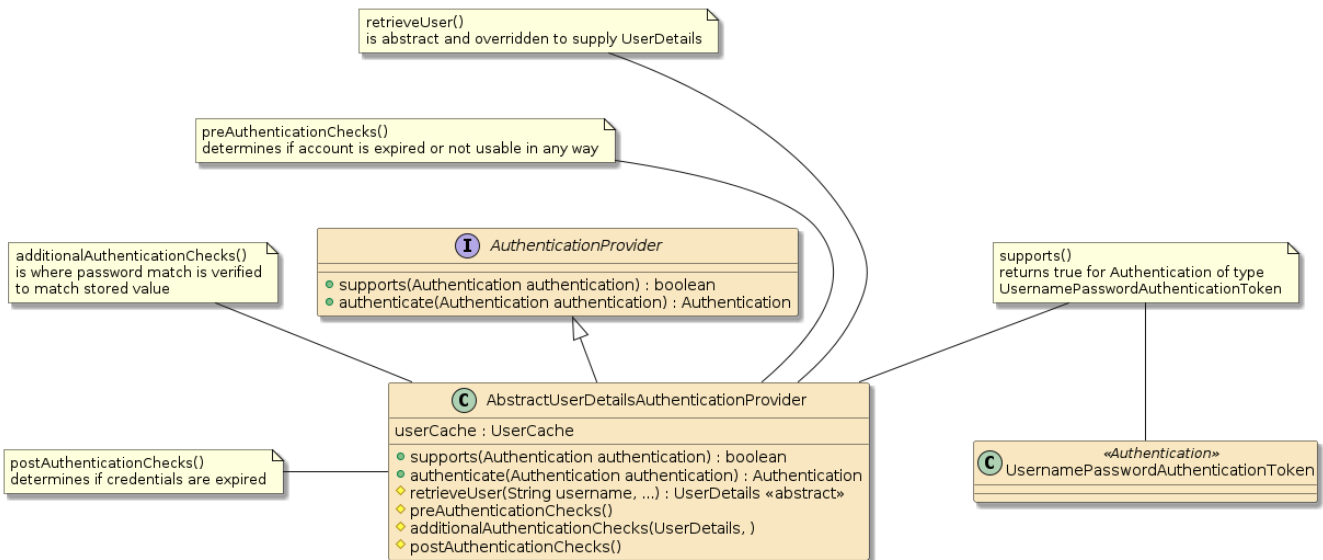
- do you support this type of authentication
- can you authenticate this attempt



## 2.5. AbstractUserDetailsAuthenticationProvider

For username/password authentication, Spring provides an `AbstractUserDetailsAuthenticationProvider` that supplies the core authentication workflow that includes:

- a `UserCache` to store `UserDetails` from previous successful lookups
- obtaining the `UserDetails` if not already in the cache
- pre and post-authorization checks to verify such things as the account locked/disabled/expired or the credentials expired.
- additional authentication checks where the password matching occurs



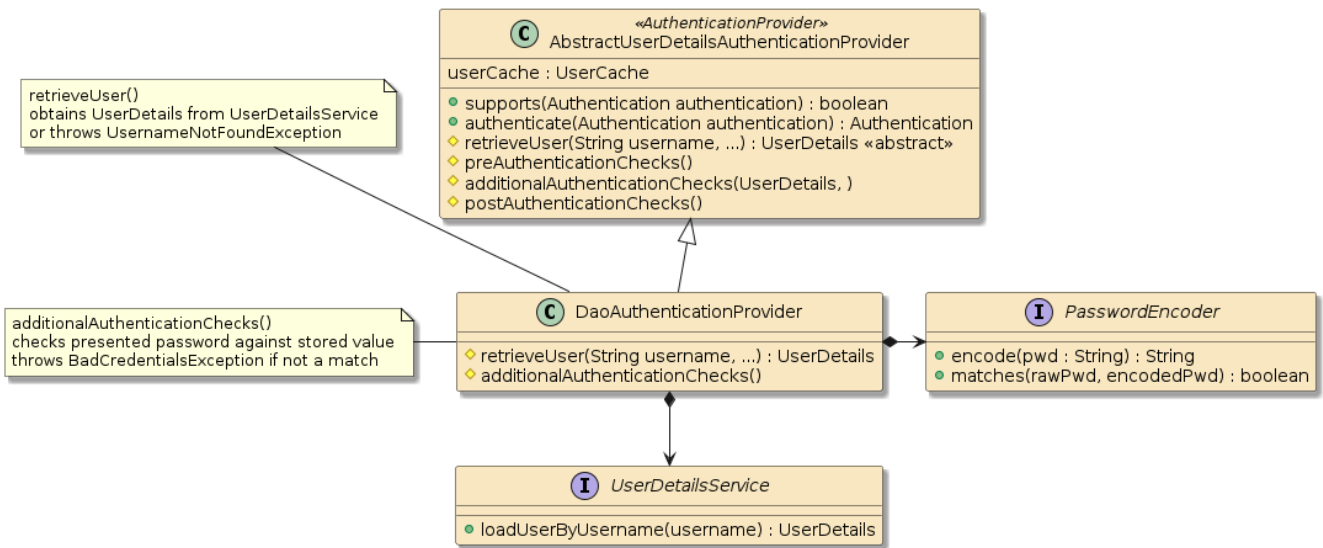
The instance will support any authentication token of type `UsernamePasswordAuthenticationToken` but will need at least two things:

- user details from storage
- a means to authenticate presented password

## 2.6. DaoAuthenticationProvider

Spring provides a concrete `DaoAuthenticationProvider` extension of the `AbstractUserDetailsAuthenticationProvider` class that works directly with:

- `UserDetailsService` to obtain the `UserDetails`
- `PasswordEncoder` to perform password matching

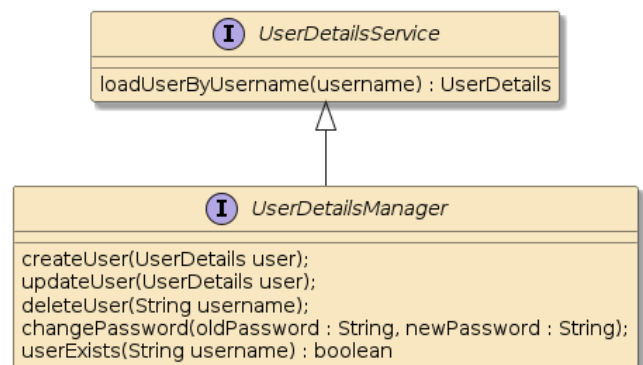


Now all we need is a `PasswordEncoder` and `UserDetailsService` to get all this rolling.

## 2.7. UserDetailsManager

Before we get too much further into the details of the `UserDetailsService`, it will be good to be reminded that the interface supplies only a single `loadUserByUsername()` method.

There is an extension of that interface to address full lifecycle `UserDetails` management and some of the implementations I will reference implement one or both of those interfaces. We will, however, focus only on the authentication portion and ignore most of the other lifecycle aspects for now.



# Chapter 3. AuthenticationManagerBuilder Configuration

At this point we know the framework of objects that need to be in place for authentication to complete and how to build a toy `InMemoryUserDetailsManager` using builder methods within the `AuthenticationManagerBuilder` class.

In this section we will learn how we can configure additional sources with less assistance from the `AuthenticationManagerBuilder`.

## 3.1. Fully-Assembled AuthenticationManager

We can directly assign a fully-assembled `AuthenticationManager` to other `SecurityFilterChains` by first exporting it as a `@Bean`.

- The `WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter` approach provides a `authenticationManagerBean()` helper method that can be exposed as a `@Bean` by the derived class.

*@Bean AuthenticationManager — WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter approach*

```
@Configuration
public class APIConfiguration extends WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter {
    @Bean
    @Override
    public AuthenticationManager authenticationManagerBean() throws Exception {
        return super.authenticationManagerBean();
    }
}
```

- The custom configuration of the `AuthenticationManagerBuilder` within the Component-based approach occurs within the `@Bean` factory that exposes it.

*@Bean AuthenticationManager — Component-based approach*

```
@Bean
public AuthenticationManager authnManager(HttpSecurity http,...) throws Exception {
    AuthenticationManagerBuilder builder =
        http.getSharedObject(AuthenticationManagerBuilder.class);
    ...
    builder.parentAuthenticationManager(null); //prevent from being recursive
    return builder.build();
}
```

With the fully-configured `AuthenticationManager` exposed as a `@Bean`, we can look to directly wire it into the other `SecurityFilterChains`.

## 3.2. Directly Wire-up AuthenticationManager

We can directly set the `AuthenticationManager` to one created elsewhere. The following examples shows setting the `AuthenticationManager` during the building of the `SecurityFilterChain`

- `WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter` approach

*Assigning Parent AuthenticationManager — WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter Approach*

```
@Configuration
@Order(500)
@RequiredArgsConstructor
public static class H2Configuration extends WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter {
    private final AuthenticationManager authenticationManager; ①

    @Override
    protected void configure(HttpSecurity http) throws Exception {
        http.requestMatchers(m->m.antMatchers("/login", "/logout", "/h2-console/**"
    ));
        ...
        http.authenticationManager(authenticationManager); ②
    }
}
```

① `AuthenticationManager` assembled elsewhere and injected in this `@Configuration` class

② injected `AuthenticationManager` to be the `AuthenticationManager` for what this builder builds

- Component-based approach

*Assigning AuthenticationManager — Component-based Approach*

```
@Order(500)
@Bean
public SecurityFilterChain h2SecurityFilters(HttpSecurity http, ①
    AuthenticationManager authMgr) throws
Exception {
    http.requestMatchers(m->m.antMatchers("/login", "/logout", "/h2-console/**"));
    ...
    http.authenticationManager(authMgr); ②
    return http.build();
}
```

① `AuthenticationManager` assembled elsewhere and injected in this `@Bean` factory method

② injected `AuthenticationManager` to be the `AuthenticationManager` for what this builder builds

## 3.3. Directly Wire-up Parent AuthenticationManager

We can instead set the parent `AuthenticationManager` using the `SecurityAuthenticationManagerBuilder`.

- The following example shows setting the parent `AuthenticationManager` during a `WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter.configure()` callback in the `WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter` approach.

#### Assigning Parent AuthenticationManager — WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter Approach

```

@Configuration
@Order(500)
@RequiredArgsConstructor
public static class H2Configuration extends WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter {
    private final AuthenticationManager authenticationManager;

    @Override
    protected void configure(AuthenticationManagerBuilder auth)
        throws Exception {
        auth.parentAuthenticationManager(authenticationManager); ①
    }
}

```

① injected `AuthenticationManager` to be the parent `AuthenticationManager` of what this builder builds

- The following example shows setting the parent `AuthenticationManager` during the build of the `SecurityFilterChain` using `http.getSharedObject()`.

#### Assigning Parent AuthenticationManager — Component-based Approach

```

@Order(500)
@Bean
public SecurityFilterChain h2SecurityFilters(HttpSecurity http,
    AuthenticationManager authMgr) throws
Exception {
    ...
    AuthenticationManagerBuilder builder =
        http.getSharedObject(AuthenticationManagerBuilder.class);
    builder.parentAuthenticationManager(authMgr); ①
    return http.build();
}

```

① injected `AuthenticationManager` to be the parent `AuthenticationManager` of what this builder builds

## 3.4. Define Service and Encoder @Bean

Another option in supplying a `UserDetailsService` is to define a globally accessible `UserDetailsService @Bean` to inject to use with our builder. However, in order to pre-populate the `UserDetails` passwords, we must use a `PasswordEncoder` that is consistent with the `AuthenticationProvider` this `UserDetailsService` will be combined with. We can set the default `PasswordEncoder` using a `@Bean` factory.

## Defining a Default PasswordEncoder for AuthenticationProvider

```
@Bean ①
public PasswordEncoder passwordEncoder() {
    return ...
}
```

① defining a `PasswordEncoder` to be injected into default `AuthenticationProvider`

## Defining Injectable UserDetailsService

```
@Bean
public UserDetailsService sharedUserDetailsService(PasswordEncoder encoder) { ①
    User.UserBuilder builder = User.builder().passwordEncoder(encoder::encode); ②
    List<UserDetails> users = List.of(
        builder.username("user1").password("password2").roles().build(), ③
        builder.username("user3").password("password2").roles().build()
    );
    return new InMemoryUserDetailsManager(users);
}
```

① using an injected `PasswordEncoder` for consistency

② using different `UserDetails` builder than before — setting password encoding function

③ username user1 will be in both `UserDetailsService` with different passwords

### 3.4.1. Inject UserDetailsService

We can inject the fully-assembled `UserDetailsService` into the `AuthenticationManagerBuilder` — just like before with the `inMemoryAuthentication`, except this time the builder has no knowledge of the implementation being injected. We are simply injecting a `UserDetailsService`. The builder will accept it and wrap that in an `AuthenticationProvider`

#### Inject Fully-Assembled UserDetails Service — `WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter` Approach

```
@Configuration
@Order(0)
@RequiredArgsConstructor
public static class APIConfiguration extends WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter {
    private final List<UserDetailsService> userDetailsService; ①

    @Override
    protected void configure(AuthenticationManagerBuilder auth) throws Exception {
        ...
        for (UserDetailsService uds: userDetailsService) {
            auth.userDetailsService(uds); ②
        }
    }
}
```

① injecting `UserDetailsService` into configuration class

② adding additional `UserDetailsService` to create additional `AuthenticationProvider`

The same can be done in the Component-based approach and during the equivalent builder configuration I demonstrated earlier with the `inMemoryAuthentication`. The only difference is that I found the more I custom-configured the `AuthenticationManagerBuilder`, I would end up in a circular configuration with the `AuthenticationManager` pointing to itself as its parent unless I explicitly set the parent value to null.

*Inject Fully-Assembled UserDetailsService — Component-based Approach*

```
@Bean
public AuthenticationManager authnManager(HttpSecurity http,
    List<UserDetailsService> userDetailsService ) throws Exception { ①
    AuthenticationManagerBuilder builder = http.getSharedObject
    (AuthenticationManagerBuilder.class);
    ...
    for (UserDetailsService uds : userDetailsService) {
        builder.userDetailsService(uds); ②
    }

    builder.parentAuthenticationManager(null); //prevent from being recursive
    return builder.build();
}
```

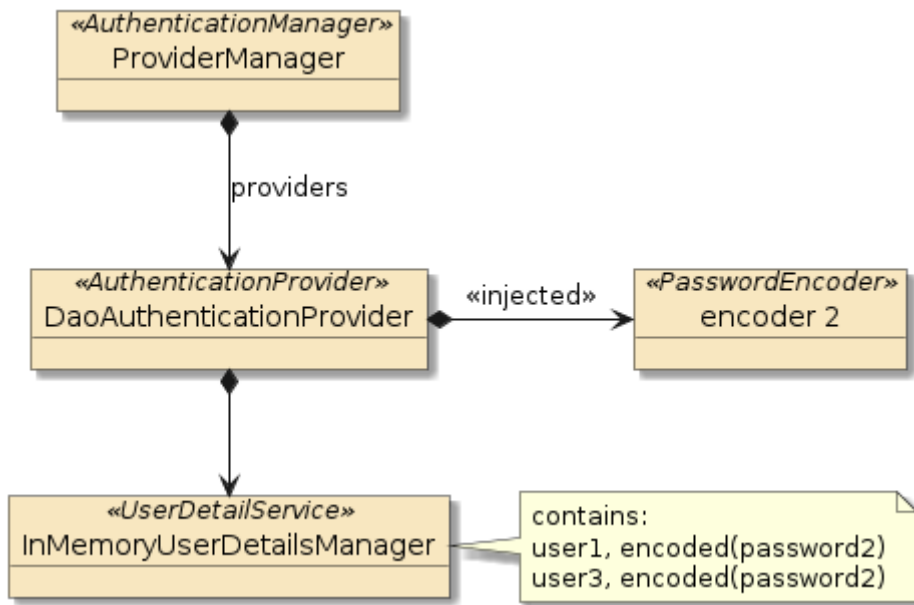
① injecting `UserDetailsService` into bean method

② adding additional `UserDetailsService` to create additional `AuthenticationProvider`

### 3.4.2. Assembled Injected UserDetailsService

The results of the builder configuration are shown below where the builder assembled an `AuthenticationProvider` (`DaoAuthenticationProvider`) based on the injected `UserDetailsService` (`InMemoryUserDetailsManager`).

The injected `UserDetailsService` also had two users—`user1` and `user3`—added with an encoded password based on the injected `PasswordEncoder` bean. This will be the same bean injected into the `AuthenticationProvider`.



### 3.4.3. Injected UserDetailsService Example

With that in place, we can now authenticate `user1` and `user3` using the assigned passwords using the `AuthenticationProvider` with the injected `UserDetailsService`.

*Injected UserDetailsService Authentication Example*

```

$ curl http://localhost:8080/api/authn/hello?name=jim -u user1:password2
hello, jim :caller=user1

$ curl http://localhost:8080/api/authn/hello?name=jim -u user3:password2
hello, jim :caller=user3

$ curl http://localhost:8080/api/authn/hello?name=jim -u userX:password -v
< HTTP/1.1 401
  
```

## 3.5. Combine Approaches

As stated before—the `ProviderManager` can delegate to multiple `AuthenticationProviders` before authenticating or rejecting an authentication request. We have demonstrated how to create an `AuthenticationManager` multiple ways. In this example, I am integrating the two `AuthenticationProviders` into a single `AuthenticationManager`.

*Defining Multiple AuthenticationProviders*

```

//AuthenticationManagerBuilder auth
PasswordEncoder encoder = ... ①
auth.inMemoryAuthentication().passwordEncoder(encoder)
    .withUser("user1").password(encoder.encode("password1")).roles()
    .and()
    .withUser("user2").password(encoder.encode("password1")).roles();
for (UserDetailsService uds : userDetailsServices) { ②
    builder.userDetailsService(uds);
}
  
```



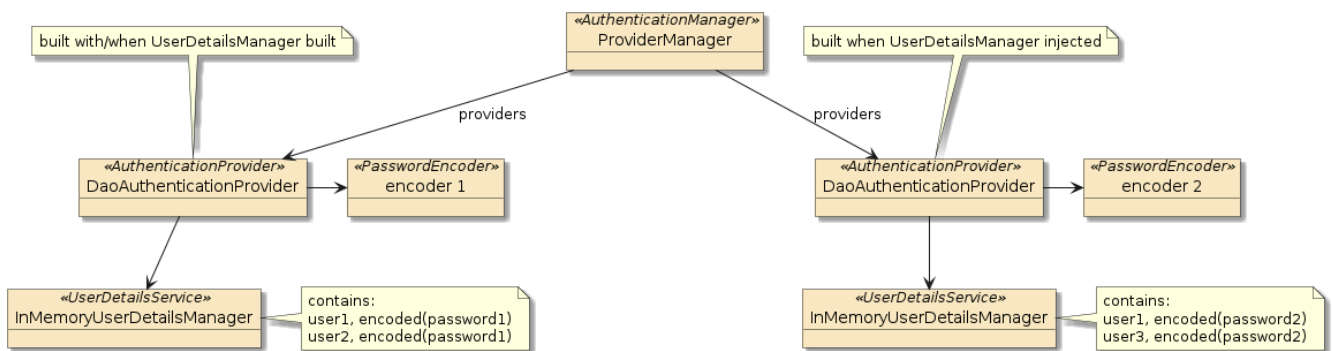
```
}
```

- ① locally built `AuthenticationProvider` will use its own encoder
- ② `@Bean`-built `UserDetailsService` injected and used to form second `AuthenticationProvider`

### 3.5.1. Assembled Combined AuthenticationProviders

The resulting `AuthenticationManager` ends up with two custom-configured `AuthenticationProviders`. Each `AuthenticationProviders` are

- implemented with the `DaoAuthenticationProvider` class
- make use of a `PasswordEncoder` and `UserDetailsService`



The left `UserDetailsService` was instantiated locally as an `InMemoryUserDetailsService`, using a `@Bean` factory that instantiated the builder methods from the `InMemoryUserDetailsService` directly. Since it was `AuthenticationManagerBuilder`. Since it was shared as a `@Bean`, the factory method used an locally built, it was building the injected `PasswordEncoder` to assemble. `AuthenticationProvider` at the same time and could define its own choice of `PasswordEncoder`

The two were brought together by one of our configuration approaches and now we have two sources of credentials to authenticate against.

### 3.5.2. Multiple Provider Authentication Example

With the two `AuthenticationProvider` objects defined, we can now login as user2 and user3, and user1 using both passwords. The user1 example shows that an authentication failure from one provider still allows it to be inspected by follow-on providers.

*Multiple Provider Authenticate Example*

```
$ curl http://localhost:8080/api/authn/hello?name=jim -u user1:password1
hello, jim :caller=user1

$ curl http://localhost:8080/api/authn/hello?name=jim -u user1:password2
hello, jim :caller=user1

$ curl http://localhost:8080/api/authn/hello?name=jim -u user2:password1
```

```
hello, jim :caller=user2
```

```
$ curl http://localhost:8080/api/authn/hello?name=jim -u user3:password2
```

```
hello, jim :caller=user3
```

# Chapter 4. UserDetails

So now we know that all we need is to provide a `UserDetailsService` instance and Spring will take care of most of the rest. `UserDetails` is an interface that we can implement any way we want. For example—if we manage our credentials in MongoDB or use Java Persistence API (JPA), we can create the proper classes for that mapping. We won't need to do that just yet because Spring provides a `User` class that can work for most POJO-based storage solutions.

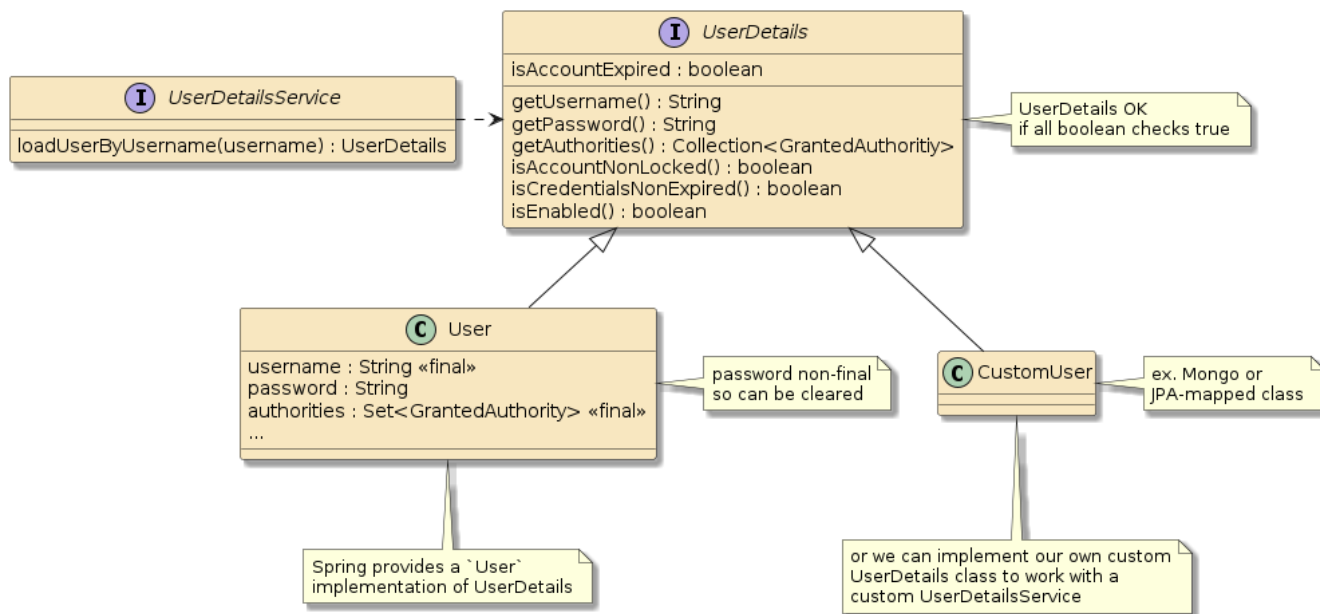


Figure 5. `UserDetailsService`

# Chapter 5. PasswordEncoder

I have made mention several times about the `PasswordEncoder` and earlier covered how it is used to create a cryptographic hash. Whenever we configured a `PasswordEncoder` for our `AuthenticationProvider` we have the choice of many encoders. I will highlight three of them.

## 5.1. NoOpPasswordEncoder

The `NoOpPasswordEncoder` is what it sounds like. It does nothing when encoding the plaintext password. This can be used for early development and debug but should not — obviously — be used with real credentials.

## 5.2. BCryptPasswordEncoder

The `BCryptPasswordEncoder` uses a very strong Bcrypt algorithm and likely should be considered the default in production environments.

## 5.3. DelegatingPasswordEncoder

The `DelegatingPasswordEncoder` is a jack-of-all-encoders. It has one default way to encode but can match passwords of numerous algorithms. This encoder writes and relies on all passwords starting with an `{encoding-key}` that indicates the type of encoding to use.

*Example DelegatingPasswordEncoder Values*

```
{noop}password  
{bcrypt}$2y$10$UvKwr1n7xPp35c5sbj.9kuZ9jY9VYg/Vy1VTu88ZSCYy/YdcdP/Bq
```

Use the `PasswordEncoderFactories` class to create a `DelegatingPasswordEncoder` populated with a full compliment of encoders.

*Example Fully Populated DelegatingPasswordEncoder Creation*

```
import org.springframework.security.crypto.factory.PasswordEncoderFactories;  
  
@Bean  
public PasswordEncoder passwordEncoder() {  
    return PasswordEncoderFactories.createDelegatingPasswordEncoder();  
}
```



*DelegatingPasswordEncoder encodes one way and matches multiple ways*

`DelegatingPasswordEncoder` encodes using a single, designated encoder and matches against passwords encoded using many alternate encodings — thus relying on the password to start with a `{encoding-key}`.

# Chapter 6. JDBC UserDetailsService

Spring provides two Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) implementation classes that we can easily use out of the box to begin storing `UserDetails` in a database:

- `JdbcDaoImpl` - implements just the core `UserDetailsService` `loadUserByUsername` capability
- `JdbcUserDetailManager` - implements the full `UserDetailsManager` CRUD capability



*JDBC is a database communications interface containing no built-in mapping*

JDBC is a pretty low-level interface to access a relational database from Java. All the mapping between the database inputs/outputs and our Java business objects is done outside of JDBC. There is no mapping framework like with Java Persistence API (JPA).

`JdbcUserDetailManager` extends `JdbcDaoImpl`. We only need `JdbcDaoImpl` since we will only be performing authentication reads and not yet be implementing full CRUD (Create, Read, Update, and Delete) with databases. However, there would have been no harm in using the full `JdbcUserDetailManager` implementation in the examples below and simply ignored the additional behavior.

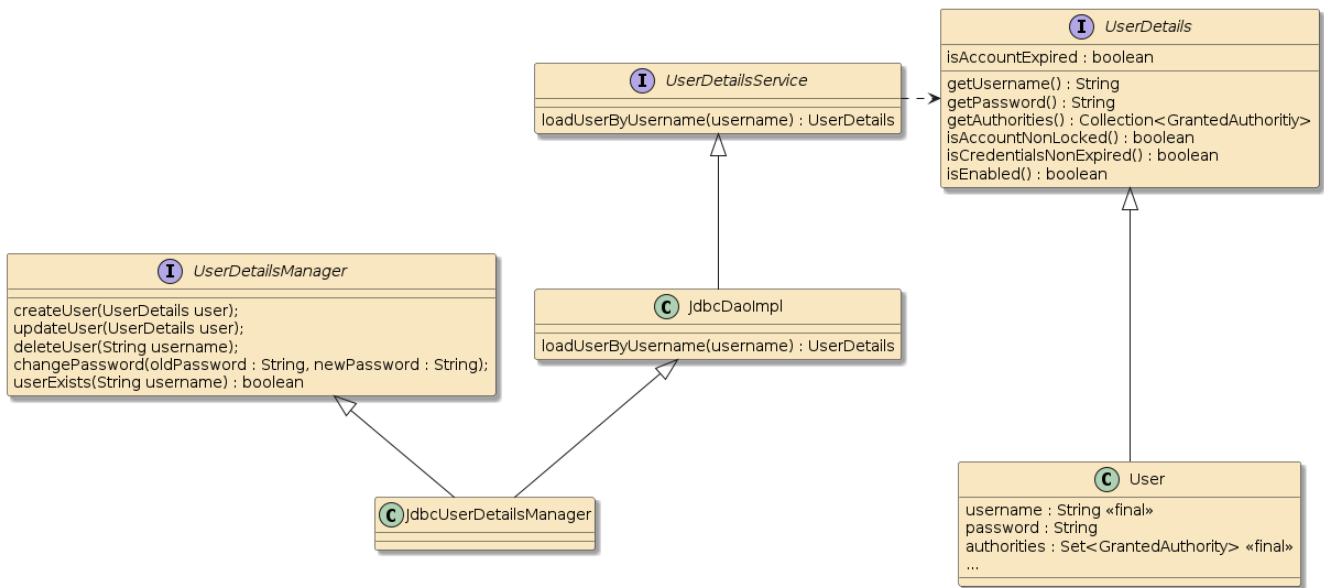


Figure 6. JDBC UserDetailsService

To use the JDBC implementation, we are going to need a few things:

- A relational database - this is where we will store our users
- Database Schema - this defines the tables and columns of the database
- Database Contents - this defines our users and passwords
- `javax.sql.DataSource` - this is a JDBC wrapper around a connection to the database
- construct the `UserDetailsService` (and potentially expose as a `@Bean`)
- (potentially inject and) add JDBC `UserDetailsService` to `AuthenticationManagerBuilder`

## 6.1. H2 Database

There are [several lightweight databases](#) that are very good for development and demonstration (e.g., [h2](#), [hsqldb](#), [derby](#), [SQLite](#)). They commonly offer in-memory, file-based, and server-based instances with minimal scale capability but extremely simple to administer. In general, they supply an interface that is compatible with the more enterprise-level solutions that are more suitable for production. That makes them an ideal choice for using in demonstration and development situations like this. For this example, I will be using the [h2](#) database but many others could have been used as well.

## 6.2. DataSource: Maven Dependencies

To easily create a default DataSource, we can simply add a compile dependency on [spring-boot-starter-data-jdbc](#) and a runtime dependency on the [h2](#) database. This will cause our application to start with a default DataSource connected to the an in-memory database.

*DataSource Maven Dependency*

```
<dependency>
  <groupId>org.springframework.boot</groupId>
  <artifactId>spring-boot-starter-data-jdbc</artifactId>
</dependency>
<dependency>
  <groupId>com.h2database</groupId>
  <artifactId>h2</artifactId>
  <scope>runtime</scope>
</dependency>
```

## 6.3. JDBC UserDetailsService

Once we have the [spring-boot-starter-data-jdbc](#) and database dependency in place, Spring Boot will automatically create a default [javax.sql.DataSource](#) that can be injected into a [@Bean](#) factory so that we can create a [JdbcDaoImpl](#) to implement the JDBC [UserDetailsService](#).

*JDBC UserDetailsService*

```
import javax.sql.DataSource;
...
@Bean
public UserDetailsService jdbcUserDetailsService(DataSource userDataSource) {
    JdbcDaoImpl jdbcUds = new JdbcDaoImpl();
    jdbcUds.setDataSource(userDataSource);
    return jdbcUds;
}
```

From there, we can inject the JDBC [UserDetailsService](#)—like the in-memory version we injected earlier and add it to the builder.

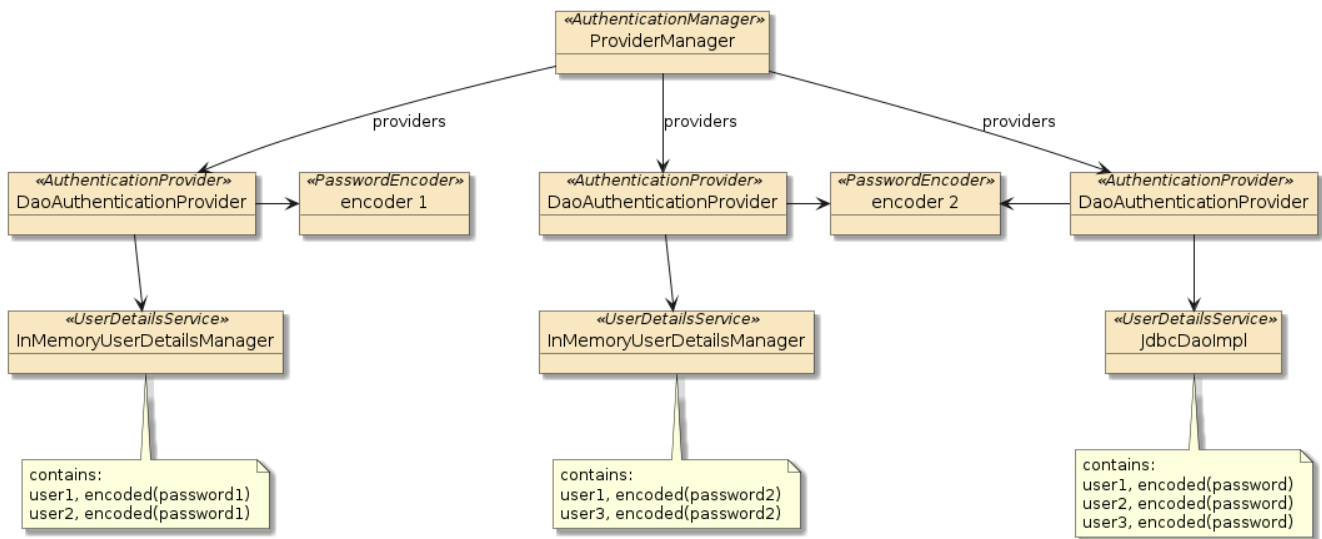


Figure 7. Aggregate Set of UserDetailsService and AuthenticationProviders

## 6.4. Autogenerated Database URL

If we restart our application at this point, we will get a generated database URL using a UUID for the name.

*Autogenerated Database URL Output*

```
H2 console available at '/h2-console'. Database available at
'jdbc:h2:mem:76567045-619b-4588-ae32-9154ba9ac01c'
```

## 6.5. Specified Database URL

We can make the URL more stable and well-known by setting the `spring.datasource.url` property.

*Setting DataSource URL*

```
spring.datasource.url=jdbc:h2:mem:users
```

*Specified Database URL Output*

```
H2 console available at '/h2-console'. Database available at 'jdbc:h2:mem:users'
```



*h2-console URI can be modified*

We can also control the URI for the h2-console by setting the `spring.h2.console.path` property.

## 6.6. Enable H2 Console Security Settings

The h2 database can be used headless, but also comes with a convenient UI that will allow us to inspect the data in the database and manipulate it if necessary. However, with security

enabled — we will not be able to access our console by default. We only addressed authentication for the API endpoints. Since this is a chapter focused on configuring authentication, it is a good exercise to go through the steps to make the h2 UI accessible but also protected. The following will:

- require users accessing the `/h2-console/**` URIs to be authenticated
- enable FORM authentication and redirect successful logins to the `/h2-console` URI
- disable frame headers that would have placed constraints on how the console could be displayed
- disable CSRF for the `/h2-console/**` URI but leave it enabled for the other URIs
- wire in the injected `AuthenticationManager` configured for the API

### 6.6.1. H2 Configuration - WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter Approach

*H2 UI Security Configuration - WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter Approach*

```
@Configuration
@Order(500)
@RequiredArgsConstructor
public static class H2Configuration extends WebSecurityConfigurerAdapter {
    private final AuthenticationManager authenticationManager; ①

    @Override
    protected void configure(HttpSecurity http) throws Exception {
        http.requestMatchers(m->m.antMatchers("/login", "/logout", "/h2-console/**"));
        http.authorizeRequests(cfg->cfg.antMatchers("/login", "/logout").permitAll())
;②
        http.authorizeRequests(cfg->cfg.antMatchers("/h2-console/**").authenticated()
);③
        http.csrf(cfg->cfg.ignoringAntMatchers("/h2-console/**")); ④
        http.headers(cfg->cfg.frameOptions().disable()); ⑤
        http.formLogin().successForwardUrl("/h2-console"); ⑥
        http.authenticationManager(authenticationManager); ⑦
    }
}
```

- ① injected `AuthenticationManager` bean exposed by `APIConfiguration`
- ② apply filter rules to H2 UI URIs as well as login/logout form
- ③ require authenticated users by the application to reach the console
- ④ turn off CSRF only for the H2 console
- ⑤ turn off display constraints for the H2 console
- ⑥ route successful logins to the H2 console
- ⑦ use pre-configured `AuthenticationManager` for authentication to UI



## 6.6.2. H2 Configuration — Component-based Approach

### H2 UI Configuration — Component-based Approach

```
@Order(500)
@Bean
public SecurityFilterChain h2SecurityFilters(HttpSecurity http, ①
    AuthenticationManager authMgr) throws Exception {
    http.requestMatchers(m->m.antMatchers("/login", "/logout", "/h2-console/**")); ②
    http.authorizeRequests(cfg->cfg.antMatchers("/login", "/logout").permitAll());
    http.authorizeRequests(cfg->cfg.antMatchers("/h2-console/**").authenticated()); ③
    http.csrf(cfg->cfg.ignoringAntMatchers("/h2-console/**")); ④
    http.headers(cfg->cfg.frameOptions().disable()); ⑤
    http.formLogin().successForwardUrl("/h2-console"); ⑥

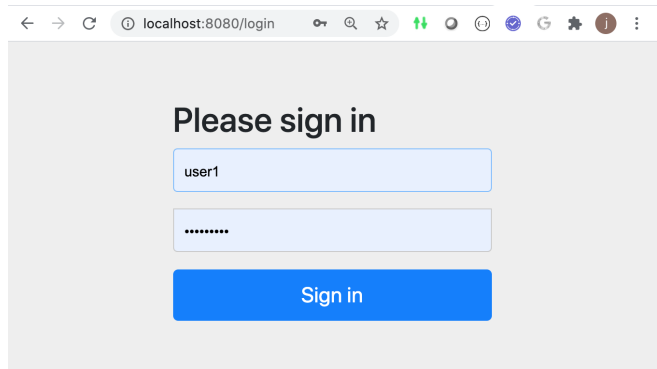
    http.authenticationManager(authMgr); ⑦
    return http.build();
}
```

- ① injected `AuthenticationManager` bean exposed by API Configuration
- ② apply filter rules to H2 UI URIs as well as login/logout form
- ③ require authenticated users by the application to reach the console
- ④ turn off CSRF only for the H2 console
- ⑤ turn off display constraints for the H2 console
- ⑥ route successful logins to the H2 console
- ⑦ use pre-configured `AuthenticationManager` for authentication to UI

## 6.7. Form Login

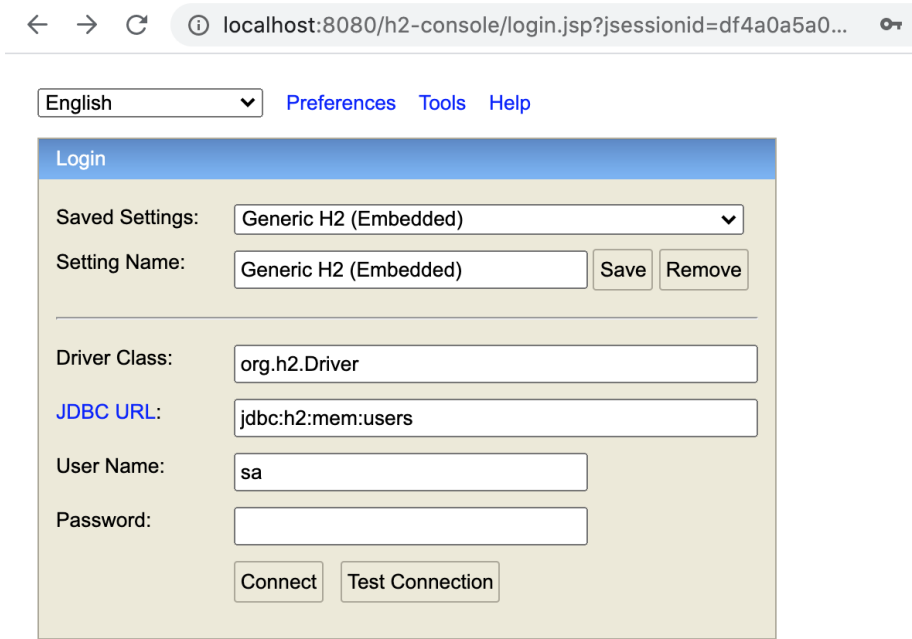
When we attempt to reach a protected URI within the application with FORM authentication active—the FORM authentication form is displayed.

We should be able to enter the site using any of the username/passwords available to the `AuthenticationManager`. At this point in time, it should be `user1/password1`, `user1/password2`, `user2/password1`, `user3/password2`.



If you enter a bad username/password at the point in time you will receive a JDBC error since we have not yet setup the user database.

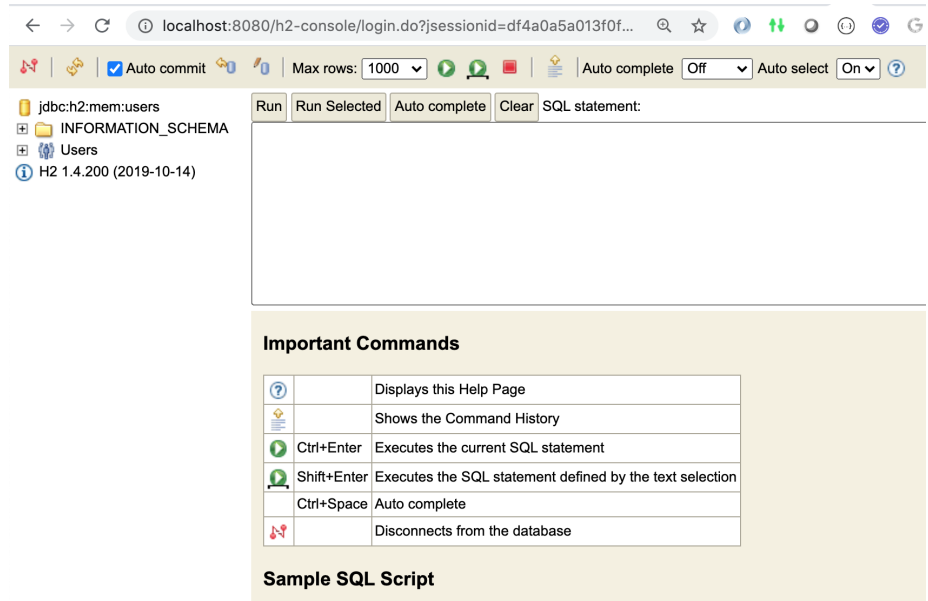
## 6.8. H2 Login



Once we get beyond the application FORM login, we are presented with the H2 database login. The JDBC URL should be set to the value of the `spring.datasource.url` property (`jdbc:h2:mem:users`). The default username is "sa" and has no password. These can be changed with the `spring.datasource.username` and `spring.datasource.password` properties.

## 6.9. H2 Console

Once successfully logged in, we are presented with a basic but functional SQL interface to the in-memory H2 database that will contain our third source of users—which we need to now setup.



## 6.10. Create DB Schema Script

From the point in time when we added the `spring-boot-starter-jdbc` dependency, we were ready to add database schema—which is the definition of tables, columns, indexes, and constraints of our database. Rather than use a default filename, it is good to keep the schemas separated.

The following file is being placed in the `src/main/resources/database` directory of our source tree. It will be accessible to use within the classpath when we restart the application. The bulk of this implementation comes from the [Spring Security Documentation Appendix](#). I have increased the size of the password column to accept longer Bcrypt encoded password hash values.

### Example JDBC UserDetails Database Schema

```
--users-schema.ddl ①
drop table authorities if exists; ②
drop table users if exists;

create table users( ③
    username varchar_ignorecase(50) not null primary key,
    password varchar_ignorecase(100) not null,
    enabled boolean not null);

create table authorities ( ④
    username varchar_ignorecase(50) not null,
    authority varchar_ignorecase(50) not null,
    constraint fk_authorities_users foreign key(username) references users(username));⑤
create unique index ix_auth_username on authorities (username,authority); ⑥
```

- ① file places in `src/main/resources/database/users-schema.ddl`
- ② dropping tables that may exist before creating
- ③ `users` table primarily hosts username and password
- ④ `authorities` table will be used for authorizing accesses after successful identity authentication
- ⑤ `foreign key` constraint enforces that `user` must exist for any `authority`
- ⑥ `unique index` constraint enforces all authorities are unique per user and places the foreign key to the users table in an efficient index suitable for querying

The schema file can be referenced through the `spring.database.schema` property by prepending `classpath:` to the front of the path.

### Example Database Schema Reference

```
spring.datasource.url=jdbc:h2:mem:users
spring.sql.init.schema-locations=classpath:database/users-schema.ddl
```

## 6.11. Schema Creation

The following shows an example of the application log when the schema creation in action.

### Example Schema Creation

```
Executing SQL script from class path resource [database/users-schema.ddl]
SQL: drop table authorities if exists
SQL: drop table users if exists
SQL: create table users( username varchar_ignorecase(50) not null primary key,
    password varchar_ignorecase(100) not null, enabled boolean not null)
SQL: create table authorities ( username varchar_ignorecase(50) not null,
    authority varchar_ignorecase(50) not null,
    constraint fk_authorities_users foreign key(username) references users(username))
```

```
SQL: create unique index ix_auth_username on authorities (username,authority)
Executed SQL script from class path resource [database/users-schema.ddl] in 48 ms.
H2 console available at '/h2-console'. Database available at 'jdbc:h2:mem:users'
```

## 6.12. Create User DB Populate Script

The schema file took care of defining tables, columns, relationships, and constraints. With that defined, we can add population of users. The following user passwords take advantage of knowing we are using the DelegatingPasswordEncoder and we made `{noop}plaintext` an option at first.

The JDBC UserDetailsService requires that all valid users have at least one authority so I have defined a bogus `known` authority to represent the fact the username is known.

### Example User DB Populate Script

```
--users-populate.sql
insert into users(username, password, enabled) values('user1','{noop}password',true);
insert into users(username, password, enabled) values('user2','{noop}password',true);
insert into users(username, password, enabled) values('user3','{noop}password',true);

insert into authorities(username, authority) values('user1','known');
insert into authorities(username, authority) values('user2','known');
insert into authorities(username, authority) values('user3','known');
```

We reference the population script thru a property and can place that in the application.properties file.

### Example Database Populate Script Reference

```
spring.datasource.url=jdbc:h2:mem:users
spring.sql.init.schema-locations=classpath:database/users-schema.ddl
spring.sql.init.data-locations=classpath:database/users-populate.sql
```

## 6.13. User DB Population

After the wave of schema commands has completed, the row population will take place filling the tables with our users, credentials, etc.

### Example User DB Populate

```
Executing SQL script from class path resource [database/users-populate.sql]
SQL: insert into users(username, password, enabled)
values('user1','{noop}password',true)
SQL: insert into users(username, password, enabled)
values('user2','{noop}password',true)
SQL: insert into users(username, password, enabled)
values('user3','{noop}password',true)
SQL: insert into authorities(username, authority) values('user1','known')
```

```
SQL: insert into authorities(username, authority) values('user2','known')
SQL: insert into authorities(username, authority) values('user3','known')
Executed SQL script from class path resource [database/users-populate.sql] in 7 ms.
H2 console available at '/h2-console'. Database available at 'jdbc:h2:mem:users'
```

## 6.14. H2 User Access

With the schema created and users populated, we can view the results using the H2 console.

The screenshot shows the H2 console interface. The left sidebar displays the database structure: jdbc:h2:mem:users, AUTHORTIES, USERS, INFORMATION\_SCHEMA, Users, and H2 1.4.200 (2019-10-14). The main area shows a SQL statement: `SELECT * FROM USERS;`. Below the statement, the results are displayed in a table:

USERNAME	PASSWORD	ENABLED
user1	{noop}password	TRUE
user2	{noop}password	TRUE
user3	{noop}password	TRUE

Below the table, it indicates "(3 rows, 3 ms)" and an "Edit" button.

## 6.15. Authenticate Access using JDBC UserDetailsService

We can now authenticate to access to the API using the credentials in this database.

*Example Logins using JDBC UserDetailsService*

```
$ curl http://localhost:8080/api/anonymous/hello?name=jim -u user1:password
hello, jim :caller=user1 ①

$ curl http://localhost:8080/api/anonymous/hello?name=jim -u user1:password1
hello, jim :caller=user1 ②

$ curl http://localhost:8080/api/anonymous/hello?name=jim -u user1:password2
hello, jim :caller=user1 ③
```

- ① authenticating using credentials from JDBC UserDetailsService
- ② authenticating using credentials from directly configured in-memory UserDetailsService
- ③ authenticating using credentials from injected in-memory UserDetailsService

However, we still have plaintext passwords in the database. Lets look to clean that up.

## 6.16. Encrypting Passwords

It would be bad practice to leave the user passwords in plaintext when we have the ability to store

cryptographic hash values instead. We can do that through Java and the `BCryptPasswordEncoder`. The follow example shows using a shell script to obtain the encrypted password value.

### *Bcrypt Plaintext Passwords*

```
$ htpasswd -bnBC 10 user1 password | cut -d\: -f2 ① ②
$2y$10$UvKwrln7xPp35c5sbj.9kuZ9jY9VYg/VyLVtu88ZSCYy/YdcdP/Bq

$ htpasswd -bnBC 10 user2 password | cut -d\: -f2
$2y$10$9tYKBY7act5dN.2d7kumu0sHytIJW8i23Ua2Qogcm60M638IXMmLS

$ htpasswd -bnBC 10 user3 password | cut -d\: -f2
$2y$10$AH6uepcNasVx1Ye0hXX20.OX4cI3nXX.LsicoDE5G6bCP34URZZF2
```

- ① script outputs in format `username:encoded-password`
- ② `cut` command is breaking the line at the ":" character and returning second field with just the encoded value

## 6.16.1. Updating Database with Encrypted Values

I have updated the populate SQL script to modify the `{noop}` plaintext passwords with their `{bcrypt}` encrypted replacements.

### *Update Plaintext Passwords with Encrypted Passwords SQL*

```
update users
set password='{bcrypt}$2y$10$UvKwrln7xPp35c5sbj.9kuZ9jY9VYg/VyLVtu88ZSCYy/YdcdP/Bq'
where username='user1';
update users
set password='{bcrypt}$2y$10$9tYKBY7act5dN.2d7kumu0sHytIJW8i23Ua2Qogcm60M638IXMmLS'
where username='user2';
update users
set password='{bcrypt}$2y$10$AH6uepcNasVx1Ye0hXX20.OX4cI3nXX.LsicoDE5G6bCP34URZZF2'
where username='user3';
```

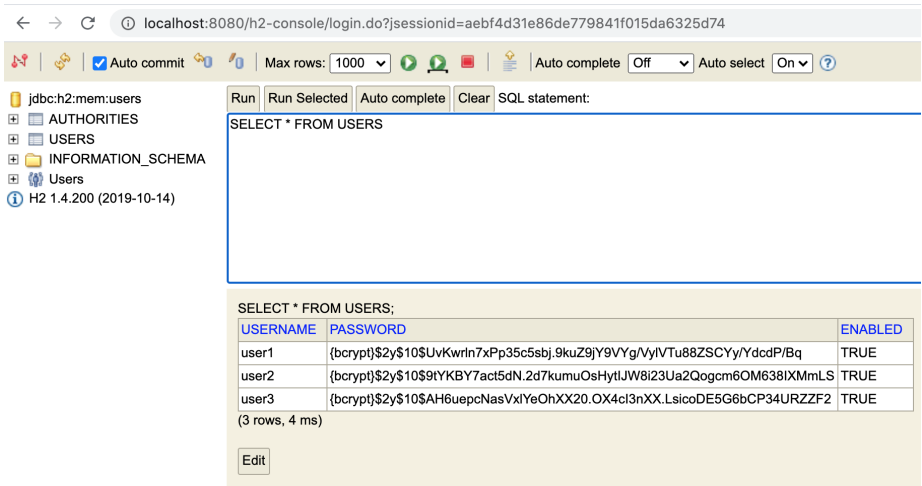


#### *Don't Store Plaintext or Decode-able Passwords*

The choice of replacing the plaintext INSERTs versus using UPDATE is purely a choice made for incremental demonstration. Passwords should always be stored in their Cryptographic Hash form and never in plaintext in a real environment.

## 6.16.2. H2 View of Encrypted Passwords

Once we restart and run that portion of the SQL, the plaintext {noop} passwords have been replaced by {bcrypt} encrypted password values in the H2 console.



The screenshot shows the H2 console interface. The SQL statement entered is `SELECT * FROM USERS;`. The results are displayed in a table with three rows and three columns: `USERNAME`, `PASSWORD`, and `ENABLED`. The passwords are now encrypted using bcrypt.

USERNAME	PASSWORD	ENABLED
user1	{bcrypt}\$2y\$10\$UvKwrin7xPp35c5sbj.9kuZ9jY9VYg/VylIVTu88ZSCYy/YdcdP/Bq	TRUE
user2	{bcrypt}\$2y\$10\$9YKBY7act5dN.2d7kumuOsHytJW8i23Ua2Qogcm6OM638IXMmLS	TRUE
user3	{bcrypt}\$2y\$10\$AH6uepcNasVxlYeOhXX20.OX4cl3nXX.LsicoDE5G6bCP34URZZF2	TRUE

(3 rows, 4 ms)

Figure 8. H2 User Access to Encrypted User Passwords

# Chapter 7. Final Examples

## 7.1. Authenticate to All Three UserDetailsServices

With all `UserDetailsService` in place, we are able to login as each user using one of the three sources.

*Example Logins to All Three UserDetailsServices*

```
$ curl http://localhost:8080/api/authn/hello?name=jim -u user1:password -v ②
> Authorization: Basic dXNlcjE6cGFzc3dvcmQ= ①
hello, jim :caller=user1

$ curl http://localhost:8080/api/authn/hello?name=jim -u user2:password1 ③
hello, jim :caller=user2

$ curl http://localhost:8080/api/authn/hello?name=jim -u user3:password2 ④
hello, jim :caller=user3
```

- ① we are still sending a base64 encoding of the plaintext password. The cryptographic hash is created server-side.
- ② `password` is from the H2 database
- ③ `password1` is from the original in-memory user details
- ④ `password2` is from the injected in-memory user details

## 7.2. Authenticate to All Three Users

With the JDBC `UserDetailsService` in place with encoded passwords, we are able to authenticate against all three users.

*Example Logins to Encrypted UserDetails*

```
$ curl http://localhost:8080/api/authn/hello?name=jim -u user1:password ①
hello, jim :caller=user1

$ curl http://localhost:8080/api/authn/hello?name=jim -u user2:password ①
hello, jim :caller=user2

$ curl http://localhost:8080/api/authn/hello?name=jim -u user3:password ①
hello, jim :caller=user3
```

- ① three separate user credentials stored in H2 database



# Chapter 8. Summary

In this module we learned:

- the various interfaces and object purpose that are part of the Spring authentication framework
- how to wire up an `AuthenticationManager` with `AuthenticationProviders` to implement authentication for a configured security filter chain
- how to implement `AuthenticationProviders` using only `PasswordEncoder` and `UserDetailsService` primitives
- how to implement in-memory `UserDetailsService`
- how to implement a database-backed `UserDetailsService`
- how to encode and match encrypted password hashes
- how to configure security to display the H2 UI and allow it to be functional