

Send login credentials via JSON (Password grant) - Authorization Server

In the `doFilter` method, within `JsonToUrlEncodedAuthenticationFilter`, we rely on the `request` field, which is private, in order to convert the json object sent from our client. This scenario is what we typically have when we send an Ajax call where a JSON object is sent. To do so we use reflection and set the field as accessible.

The request field at this stage should contain data in the form of a hashmap instead of JSON data. The reason behind is that the OAuth2 original standard requires to use `application/x-www-form-urlencoded` and Spring Security does not allow other possibilities contrary to Postman for example. At this stage the urlencoded data in the request are expected to be in the form of a `HashMap`. Therefore what we need to do is to convert the data from JSON (as sent by our Javascript client) to `HashMap`.

```
@Override
@sneakyThrows
public void doFilter(ServletRequest request, ServletResponse response, FilterChain chain) {
    Field f = request.getClass().getDeclaredField("request");
    f.setAccessible(true);
    Request realRequest = (Request) f.get(request);

    //Request content type without spaces (inner spaces matter)
    //trim deletes spaces only at the beginning and at the end of the string
    String contentType = realRequest.getContentType().toLowerCase().chars()
        .mapToObj(c -> String.valueOf((char) c))
        .filter(x->!x.equals(" "))
        .collect(Collectors.joining());

    if ((contentType.equals(MediaType.APPLICATION_JSON_UTF8_VALUE.toLowerCase()) |
        contentType.equals(MediaType.APPLICATION_JSON_VALUE.toLowerCase())
        && Objects.equals((realRequest).getServletPath(), "/oauth/token")) {

        InputStream is = realRequest.getInputStream();
        try (BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(is), 16384)) {

            String json = br.lines()
                .collect(Collectors.joining(System.lineSeparator()));
            HashMap<String, String> result = mapper.readValue(json, HashMap.class);

            HashMap<String, String[]> r = new HashMap<>();

            for (String key : result.keySet()) {
                String[] val = new String[1];
                val[0] = result.get(key);
                r.put(key, val);
            }
            String[] val = new String[1];
            val[0] = (realRequest).getMethod();
            r.put("_method", val);

            HttpServletRequest s = new MyServletRequestWrapper(((HttpServletRequest) request), r);
            chain.doFilter(s, response);
        }

    } else {
        chain.doFilter(request, response);
    }
}
```

All of those ceremonies allow us to send some data inside the body field of our request object with `application/json` content type instead of `application/x-www-form-urlencoded`. This implies that I will be able to send this data more conveniently when using Javascript as I will be able to use the http client of choice (for example `fetch`) in straightforward manner, meaning I won't have to use hidden form inputs to hold the contents of my object.

GET NEW ACCESS TOKEN

Token Name

Token

Grant Type

Password Credentials

Access Token URL ⓘ

http://localhost:5050/oauth/token

Username

pippo

Password

123

☒ Show Password

Client ID ⓘ

fooClientIdPassword

Client Secret ⓘ

secret

Scope ⓘ

read

Client Authentication

Send client credentials in body

Request Token

Example of Oauth2 Password grant with Postman