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Introduction

Authentication and Authorization

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Derafu: Auth

PSR-15 compliant authentication and authorization library for PHP applications with Keycloak integration.

Features

- **PSR-15 Middleware:** Standard-compliant middleware.
- **Keycloak Integration:** OAuth2/OpenID Connect.
- **Session Management:** Secure session handling.
- **Token Refresh:** Automatic token refresh.
- **Route Protection:** Flexible route-based auth.
- **CSRF Protection:** State parameter validation.

Quick Start

Installation

Install the package:

```
composer require derafu/auth
```

Environment Variables

Configure, at the very least, the following environment variables:

```
KEYCLOAK_URL=http://localhost:8080
KEYCLOAK_CLIENT_ID=your-client-id
KEYCLOAK_CLIENT_SECRET=your-client-secret
KEYCLOAK_REDIRECT_URI=http://localhost/auth/callback
```

Routes

Import the routes to your `routes.yaml`:

```
imports:
  - { resource: '../vendor/derafu/auth/resources/config/auth-routes.yaml' }
```

Services

Import the services to your `services.yaml`:

```
imports:
  - { resource: '../vendor/derafu/auth/resources/config/auth-services.yaml' }
```

Middleware

Add the middleware to your `services.yaml`:

```
Psr\Http\Server\RequestHandlerInterface:
  class: Derafu\Http\Service\RequestHandler
  public: true
  arguments:
    $middlewares:
      - '@Derafu\Auth\Middleware\AuthenticationMiddleware'
```

Note: the `AuthenticationMiddleware` needs to be placed before the `DispatcherMiddleware`.

Access User Information

Directly with the attribute `user` or `access_token`:

```
$user = $request->getAttribute('user');
$accessToken = $request->getAttribute('access_token');
```

Using the `UserInterface` from the `mezzio/mezzio-authentication` package:

```
$user = $request->getAttribute(UserInterface::class);
if ($user) {
    $identity = $user->getIdentity();
    $roles = iterator_to_array($user->getRoles());
    $email = $user->getDetail('email');
}
```

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Configuration

Configuration options for Derafu Auth

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Configuration

Environment Variables

Variable	Type	Required	Default	Description
KEYCLOAK_URL	string	Yes	-	Keycloak server URL
KEYCLOAK_CLIENT_ID	string	Yes	-	OAuth2 client ID
KEYCLOAK_CLIENT_SECRET	string	Yes	-	OAuth2 client secret
KEYCLOAK_REDIRECT_URI	string	Yes	-	OAuth2 redirect URI
KEYCLOAK_REALM	string	No	master	Keycloak realm
KEYCLOAK_SCOPES	json	No	["openid", "profile", "email"]	OAuth2 scopes
KEYCLOAK_PROTECTED_ROUTES	json	No	["/dashboard", "/profile", "/admin"]	Protected routes
KEYCLOAK_CALLBACK_ROUTE	string	No	/auth/callback	Callback route
KEYCLOAK_LOGOUT_ROUTE	string	No	/auth/logout	Logout route
KEYCLOAK_SESSION_LIFETIME	int	No	3600	Session lifetime
KEYCLOAK_SECURE_COOKIES	bool	No	false	Secure cookies
KEYCLOAK_HTTP_TIMEOUT	int	No	30	HTTP timeout
KEYCLOAK_HTTP_CONNECT_TIMEOUT	int	No	30	HTTP connect timeout
KEYCLOAK_HTTP_VERIFY	bool	No	false	SSL verification

Required Configuration

The following parameters are **mandatory** and must be provided:

```
# Keycloak server configuration.
KEYCLOAK_URL=https://<YOUR_KEYCLOAK_SERVER>

# OAuth2 client credentials.
KEYCLOAK_CLIENT_ID=your-client-id
KEYCLOAK_CLIENT_SECRET=your-client-secret

# OAuth2 redirect URI.
KEYCLOAK_REDIRECT_URI=https://<YOUR_APP_URL>/auth/callback
```

Routes Configuration

```
auth_callback:
  path: /auth/callback
  handler: Derafu\Auth\Controller\CallbackController::handle
```

Services Configuration

```
services:

  _defaults:
    autowire: true
    autoconfigure: true
    public: false

  Derafu\Auth\Contract\AuthConfigurationInterface:
    class: Derafu\Auth\Configuration\AuthConfiguration
    arguments:
      $config:
        keycloak_url: '%env(default::string:KEYCLOAK_URL)%'
        realm: '%env(default::string:KEYCLOAK_REALM)%'
        client_id: '%env(default::string:KEYCLOAK_CLIENT_ID)%'
        client_secret: '%env(default::string:KEYCLOAK_CLIENT_SECRET)%'
        redirect_uri: '%env(default::string:KEYCLOAK_REDIRECT_URI)%'
        scopes: '%env(default::json:KEYCLOAK_SCOPES)%'
        protected_routes: '%env(default::json:KEYCLOAK_PROTECTED_ROUTES)%'
        callback_route: '%env(default::string:KEYCLOAK_CALLBACK_ROUTE)%'
        logout_route: '%env(default::string:KEYCLOAK_LOGOUT_ROUTE)%'
        session_lifetime: '%env(default::int:KEYCLOAK_SESSION_LIFETIME)%'
        secure_cookies: '%env(default::bool:KEYCLOAK_SECURE_COOKIES)%'
        http_client_options:
          timeout: '%env(default::int:KEYCLOAK_HTTP_TIMEOUT)%'
          connect_timeout:
            '%env(default::int:KEYCLOAK_HTTP_CONNECT_TIMEOUT)%'
          verify: '%env(default::bool:KEYCLOAK_HTTP_VERIFY)%'
```

```
Derafu\Auth\Contract\AuthenticationProviderInterface:  
    class: Derafu\Auth\Service\KeycloakAuthenticationService  
  
Derafu\Auth\Contract\SessionManagerInterface:  
    class: Derafu\Auth\Service\SessionService  
  
Derafu\Auth\Contract\RouteValidatorInterface:  
    class: Derafu\Auth\Validator\RouteValidator  
  
Derafu\Auth\Middleware\AuthenticationMiddleware: ~  
  
Derafu\Auth\Controller\CallbackController:  
    public: true
```

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Route Protection

Route protection capabilities in Derafu Auth

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Route Protection

The Derafu Auth package provides route protection through a simple array-based configuration system.

How It Works

The `RouteValidator` class determines which routes require authentication by checking if the requested path starts with any of the configured protected routes.

```
public function requiresAuth(string $path): bool
{
    foreach ($this->config->getProtectedRoutes() as $route) {
        if (str_starts_with($path, $route)) {
            return true;
        }
    }

    return false;
}
```

Configuration

Environment Variable

```
KEYCLOAK_PROTECTED_ROUTES='["/dashboard", "/profile", "/admin"]'
```

Default Protected Routes

If not specified, the package uses these default protected routes:

```
["/dashboard", "/profile", "/admin"]
```

Route Protection Examples

Basic Protection

Protect specific routes:

```
KEYCLOAK_PROTECTED_ROUTES=["/dashboard", "/profile", "/admin"]
```

This configuration will protect:

- `/dashboard` - Exact match.
- `/dashboard/settings` - Starts with `/dashboard`.
- `/profile` - Exact match.
- `/profile/edit` - Starts with `/profile`.
- `/admin` - Exact match.
- `/admin/users` - Starts with `/admin`.

API Protection

Protect API routes:

```
KEYCLOAK_PROTECTED_ROUTES=["/api/v1", "/api/v2"]
```

This will protect all routes starting with `/api/v1` or `/api/v2`:

- `/api/v1/users`
- `/api/v1/users/123`
- `/api/v2/admin`
- `/api/v2/admin/settings`

Admin Panel Protection

Protect admin panel:

```
KEYCLOAK_PROTECTED_ROUTES=["/admin", "/moderator"]
```

This protects:

- `/admin` - Admin panel
- `/admin/users` - User management
- `/admin/settings` - Settings
- `/moderator` - Moderator panel
- `/moderator/comments` - Comment moderation

Limitations

The current implementation has the following limitations:

1. **Prefix Matching Only:** Routes are protected using `str_starts_with()`, so `/admin` will also protect `/admin-panel` and `/administer`.
2. **No Regex Support:** The package does not support regular expressions for route matching.
3. **No Wildcard Support:** There is no support for wildcard patterns like `/admin/*`.
4. **No Negative Patterns:** Cannot exclude specific routes from protection.
5. **No Role-Based Protection:** All protected routes require the same level of authentication. But you can use authorization to protect specific routes based on the user's roles.

Special Routes

The package automatically handles these special routes:

- **Callback Route:** Default is `/auth/callback`.
- **Logout Route:** Default is `/auth/logout`.

These routes are automatically excluded from authentication requirements.

Custom Route Validator

You can create a custom route validator by implementing the `RouteValidatorInterface`:

```
use Derafu\Auth\Contract\RouteValidatorInterface;

class CustomRouteValidator implements RouteValidatorInterface
{
    public function requiresAuth(string $path): bool
    {
        // Your custom logic here
        return str_starts_with($path, '/protected');
    }

    public function isCallbackPath(string $path): bool
    {

```

```
        return $path === '/auth/callback';
    }

    public function isLogoutPath(string $path): bool
    {
        return $path === '/auth/logout';
    }

    public function getProtectedRoutes(): array
    {
        return ['/protected'];
    }

    public function getCallbackRoute(): string
    {
        return '/auth/callback';
    }

    public function getLogoutRoute(): string
    {
        return '/auth/logout';
    }
}
```

Then configure it in your services:

```
services:
    Derafu\Auth\Contract\RouteValidatorInterface:
        class: App\Auth\CustomRouteValidator
```

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Authorization

Authorization and permissions in Derafu Auth

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Authorization

Derafu Auth handles **authentication** (who you are) and helps with **authorization** (what you can do). The last one depends on the roles and permissions you set in Keycloak.

What comes from the package?

When a user is authenticated, the package automatically provides:

- **Basic data:** sub, email, name, preferred_username, etc.
- **Roles:** Come directly from Keycloak (e.g., user, admin, moderator).

What you need to implement?

Option 1: Role-based authorization (Recommended)

Advantages:

- Simple to implement.
- Roles already come from Keycloak.
- No additional configuration required.

How it works:

1. Keycloak assigns roles to users.
2. Your application maps permissions to roles.
3. You verify if the user has the required role.

Mapping example:

- Permission user:read → Roles user, admin, moderator.
- Permission user:write → Roles admin, moderator.
- Permission admin:access → Only role admin.

Option 2: Permission-based authorization

Advantages:

- More granular.
- Specific permissions per action.
- Better access control.

Disadvantages:

- Requires additional Keycloak configuration.
- More complex to maintain.

Keycloak configuration for permissions

Step 1: Create a custom scope

1. Go to **Clients** → Your Client → **Client Scopes**
2. Create a new scope called `permissions`.
3. Add it to your client.

Step 2: Configure Token Mapper

1. In the `permissions` scope, go to **Mappers**.
2. Create a new mapper:
 - **Name:** `permissions`
 - **Mapper Type:** `User Attribute`
 - **User Attribute:** `permissions`
 - **Token Claim Name:** `permissions`
 - **Claim JSON Type:** `String`
 - **Full group path:** `false`

Step 3: Assign permissions to users

1. Go to **Users** → Select a user → **Attributes**
2. Add the attribute:
 - **Key:** `permissions`
 - **Value:** `user:read,user:write,admin:access`

Step 4: Configure the scope in your application

```
KEYCLOAK_SCOPES=["openid", "profile", "email", "permissions"]
```

How do permissions work?

Authorization flow:

1. **User authenticates** → Keycloak generates token with permissions.
2. **Token arrives at your app** → Derafu Auth extracts the data.
3. **Your code verifies** → If the user has the required permission.
4. **Access granted/denied** → Based on the verification.

Recommended permission structure:

```
resource:action
```

Examples:

- `user:read` - Read users.
- `user:write` - Create/edit users.
- `user:delete` - Delete users.
- `admin:access` - Access admin panel.
- `report:generate` - Generate reports.

Key differences

Aspect	Roles	Permissions
Configuration	Automatic	Requires Keycloak
Granularity	Access groups	Specific actions
Maintenance	Easy	More complex
Flexibility	Limited	High

Recommendation

Start with role-based authorization because:

- It's simpler to implement.
- No additional Keycloak configuration required.
- Sufficient for most applications.
- You can migrate to permissions later if needed.

Summary

- **Authentication:** Handled automatically by Derafu Auth.
- **Authorization:** Implementation based on roles or permissions.
- **Roles:** Come automatically from Keycloak.
- **Permissions:** Require additional Keycloak configuration.
- **Recommendation:** Start with roles, migrate to permissions if you need more granularity.

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Security

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Security

Environment Variables

Always use environment variables for sensitive configuration:

```
# ☑ Good
KEYCLOAK_CLIENT_SECRET=your-secret-here

# ☐ Bad
'client_secret' => 'your-secret-here'
```

HTTPS Configuration

Enable HTTPS in production:

```
# Development.
KEYCLOAK_SECURE_COOKIES=false
KEYCLOAK_HTTP_VERIFY=false

# Production.
KEYCLOAK_SECURE_COOKIES=true
KEYCLOAK_HTTP_VERIFY=true
```

Session Security

```
// Secure session configuration.
$config = new AuthConfiguration([
    'session_lifetime' => 3600,
    'secure_cookies' => true,
]);

// Additional session security that can be set.
ini_set('session.cookie_httponly', true);
ini_set('session.cookie_samesite', 'Lax');
```

```
ini_set('session.use_strict_mode', true);
```

CSRF Protection

The package automatically validates the `state` parameter to prevent CSRF attacks.

Token Security

Never store tokens in client-side storage:

```
// ☑ Good - Server-side session.
$session->set('access_token', $accessToken);

// ☐ Bad - Never expose to client.
return new JsonResponse(['token' => $accessToken]);
```

Authorization

```
// Validate role format.
private function isValidRole(string $role): bool
{
    return preg_match('/^[a-zA-Z0-9_]+$/', $role) === 1;
}

// Check role hierarchy.
private function hasRole(array $userRoles, string $requiredRole): bool
{
    $roleHierarchy = [
        'super_admin' => ['admin', 'user'],
        'admin' => ['user'],
    ];

    if (in_array($requiredRole, $userRoles)) {
        return true;
    }

    foreach ($userRoles as $userRole) {
        if (isset($roleHierarchy[$userRole]) &&
            in_array($requiredRole, $roleHierarchy[$userRole])) {
            return true;
        }
    }

    return false;
}
```

Error Handling

Don't expose sensitive information in production:

```
public function handle(ServerRequestInterface $request, Throwable $exception):
ResponseInterface
{
    $isProduction = getenv('APP_ENV') === 'production';

    if ($exception instanceof AuthenticationException) {
        return new JsonResponse([
            'error' => 'Authentication failed',
            'code' => 'UNAUTHORIZED'
        ], 401);
    }

    return new JsonResponse([
        'error' => $isProduction ? 'Internal server error' : $exception->getMessage(),
        'code' => 'INTERNAL_ERROR'
    ], 500);
}
```

Security Headers

```
class SecurityHeadersMiddleware
{
    public function process(ServerRequestInterface $request, RequestHandlerInterface
$handler): ResponseInterface
    {
        $response = $handler->handle($request);

        return $response
            ->withHeader('X-Content-Type-Options', 'nosniff')
            ->withHeader('X-Frame-Options', 'DENY')
            ->withHeader('X-XSS-Protection', '1; mode=block')
            ->withHeader('Referrer-Policy', 'strict-origin-when-cross-origin')
            ->withHeader('Content-Security-Policy', "default-src 'self'")
            ->withHeader('Strict-Transport-Security', 'max-age=31536000;
includeSubDomains');
    }
}
```

Keycloak Security

Client Configuration

1. **Access Type:** confidential.
2. **Valid Redirect URIs:** Only your application URLs.
3. **Web Origins:** Your application domain.
4. **Client Authentication:** Enabled.

Realm Settings

1. **Password Policy:** Strong password requirements.
2. **Brute Force Detection:** Enabled.
3. **Session Timeout:** Configured appropriately.
4. **SSL Required:** external or all.

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Examples

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Examples

Minimal Setup

```
<?php

require_once 'vendor/autoload.php';

use Derafu\Auth\Configuration\AuthConfiguration;
use Derafu\Auth\Service\KeycloakAuthenticationService;
use Derafu\Auth\Service\SessionService;
use Derafu\Auth\Validator\RouteValidator;
use Derafu\Auth\Middleware\AuthenticationMiddleware;

$config = new AuthConfiguration([
    'keycloak_url' => 'http://localhost:8080',
    'client_id' => 'your-client-id',
    'client_secret' => 'your-client-secret',
    'redirect_uri' => 'http://localhost/auth/callback',
]);

$authService = new KeycloakAuthenticationService($config);
$sessionService = new SessionService($config);
$routeValidator = new RouteValidator($config);

$authMiddleware = new AuthenticationMiddleware(
    $authService,
    $sessionService,
    $routeValidator
);
```

API Examples

REST API with Authentication

```
class UserApiController
{
```

```

public function getUsers(ServerRequestInterface $request): ResponseInterface
{
    $user = $request->getAttribute('user');

    if (!$user) {
        return new JsonResponse(['error' => 'Not authenticated'], 401);
    }

    if (!$this->isAuthorized($user, 'user:read')) {
        return new JsonResponse(['error' => 'Access denied'], 403);
    }

    $users = $this->getUserList();

    return new JsonResponse(['users' => $users]);
}

private function isAuthorized(array $user, string $permission): bool
{
    $userPermissions = $user['permissions'] ?? [];

    return in_array($permission, $userPermissions);
}
}

```

GraphQL with Authentication

```

use GraphQL\Type\Definition\ObjectType;
use GraphQL\Type\Definition\Type;
use GraphQL\Type\Schema;

class AuthenticatedGraphQLSchema
{
    public function createSchema(): Schema
    {
        $userType = new ObjectType([
            'name' => 'User',
            'fields' => [
                'id' => Type::string(),
                'email' => Type::string(),
                'name' => Type::string(),
                'roles' => Type::listOf(Type::string()),
            ],
        ]);

        $queryType = new ObjectType([
            'name' => 'Query',
            'fields' => [
                'me' => [
                    'type' => $userType,

```

```

        'resolve' => function ($root, $args, $context) {
            $user = $context['user'] ?? null;

            if (!$user) {
                throw new \Exception('Not authenticated');
            }

            return $user;
        },
    ],
]);

return new Schema([
    'query' => $queryType,
]);
}
}

```

Testing Example

```

use PHPUnit\Framework\TestCase;
use Derafu\Auth\Middleware\AuthenticationMiddleware;

class AuthenticationMiddlewareTest extends TestCase
{
    public function testProtectedRouteRequiresAuthentication()
    {
        $config = new AuthConfiguration([
            'keycloak_url' => 'http://localhost:8080',
            'client_id' => 'test-client',
            'client_secret' => 'test-secret',
            'redirect_uri' => 'http://localhost/auth/callback',
            'protected_routes' => ['/dashboard'],
        ]);

        $authService = $this->createMock(KeycloakAuthenticationService::class);
        $sessionService = $this->createMock(SessionService::class);
        $routeValidator = new RouteValidator($config);

        $middleware = new AuthenticationMiddleware(
            $authService,
            $sessionService,
            $routeValidator
        );

        $request = $this->createMock(ServerRequestInterface::class);
        $request->method('getUri')->willReturn(new Uri('/dashboard'));
    }
}

```

```

        $handler = $this->createMock(RequestHandlerInterface::class);

        $response = $middleware->process($request, $handler);

        $this->assertEquals(302, $response->getStatusCode()); // Redirect to login.
    }
}

```

Real-World Examples

E-commerce Application

```

class EcommerceAuthController
{
    public function handleLogin(ServerRequestInterface $request): ResponseInterface
    {
        $user = $request->getAttribute('user');

        if (!$user) {
            return new JsonResponse(['error' => 'Not authenticated'], 401);
        }

        if (!$this->hasPermission($user, 'shop:access')) {
            return new JsonResponse(['error' => 'Access denied'], 403);
        }

        $cart = $this->getUserCart($user['sub']);

        return new JsonResponse([
            'user' => $user,
            'cart' => $cart,
            'permissions' => $user['permissions'] ?? [],
        ]);
    }

    private function hasPermission(array $user, string $permission): bool
    {
        $permissions = $user['permissions'] ?? [];

        return in_array($permission, $permissions);
    }
}

```

Admin Panel

```

class AdminPanelController
{

```

```
public function handleDashboard(ServerRequestInterface $request):
ResponseInterface
{
    $user = $request->getAttribute('user');

    if (!$user) {
        return new JsonResponse(['error' => 'Not authenticated'], 401);
    }

    if (!$this->isAdmin($user)) {
        return new JsonResponse(['error' => 'Access denied'], 403);
    }

    $stats = $this->getAdminStats();

    return new JsonResponse([
        'user' => $user,
        'stats' => $stats,
    ]);
}

private function isAdmin(array $user): bool
{
    $roles = $user['roles'] ?? [];

    return in_array('admin', $roles) || in_array('super_admin', $roles);
}
}
```

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