# sanic-jwt Documentation

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Sanic JWT adds authentication protection and endpoints to Sanic.

It is both **easy** to get up and running, and **extensible** for the developer. It can act to *protect endpoints* and also *provide authentication scoping*, all wrapped into a nice JWT.

Pick your favorite user management system, run a single class to initialize, and you are all set.

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## CHAPTER 1

### **Getting Started**

In order to add **Sanic JWT**, all you need to do is initialize it by passing the sanic\_jwt.initialize method the Sanic() instance, and an *authentication function*.

```
from sanic_jwt import Initialize

async def authenticate(request):
    return dict(user_id='some_id')

app = Sanic()
Initialize(app, authenticate)
```

You now will have a couple endpoints at your disposal:

- /auth
- /auth/verify

To obtain a token, just send a POST call to the /auth endpoint:

```
curl -X POST http://localhost:8000/auth
```

You should get back a bit of JSON like this:

```
{
    "access_token": "<JWT>"
}
```

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Installation

### Install from pypi using:

pip install sanic-jwt

Not much else to say. Depending upon whether or not you change the encryption algorithm, you may be prompted to also install cryptography. But, we only do that if you know you will need it.:

pip install cryptography

### Simple Usage

Let's take a look at a real simple example on how to use Sanic JWT to see the core concepts. Suppose we have a very simple user management system that stores User objects in a list. You can also access a user through a dict index on the user\_id and the username.

```
class User(object):
    def __init__(self, id, username, password):
        self.user_id = id
        self.username = username
        self.password = password
    def __str__(self):
        return "User(id={})".format(self.id)
    def to_dict(self):
        return {
            'user_id': self.user_id,
            'username': self.username,
        }
users = [
   User(1, 'user1', 'abcxyz'),
    User(2, 'user2', 'abcxyz'),
username_table = {u.username: u for u in users}
userid_table = {u.user_id: u for u in users}
```

We want to be able to pass in a **username** and a **password** to authenticate our user, and then receive back an **access token** that can be used later on to access protected (aka private) data.

To get **Sanic JWT** started, we know that we need to *initialize* with the authenticate method. The job of this method is to take the request and determine if there is a valid user to be authenticated. Since the developer decides upon the user management system, it is our job to figure out what this method should do.

Very simple. Since we want to pass a username and a password to authenticate our user, we just need to check that

the credentials are correct. If yes, we return the user. If no, we raise an exception.

```
from sanic_jwt import exceptions

async def authenticate(request, *args, **kwargs):
    username = request.json.get('username', None)
    password = request.json.get('password', None)

if not username or not password:
    raise exceptions.AuthenticationFailed("Missing username or password.")

user = username_table.get(username, None)
    if user is None:
        raise exceptions.AuthenticationFailed("User not found.")

if password != user.password:
        raise exceptions.AuthenticationFailed("Password is incorrect.")

return user
```

**Warning:** In a real production setting it is advised to **not** tell the user why their authentication failed. Simply raising exceptions. AuthenticationFailed should be enough. Here, for example purposes, we added some helper messages just to make it clear where we are failing.

Our whole application now looks like this:

```
from sanic import Sanic
from sanic_jwt import exceptions
from sanic_jwt import Initialize
class User(object):
   def __init__(self, id, username, password):
       self.user_id = id
       self.username = username
       self.password = password
   def __str__(self):
       return "User(id='%s')" % self.id
users = [
   User(1, 'user1', 'abcxyz'),
   User(2, 'user2', 'abcxyz'),
username_table = {u.username: u for u in users}
userid_table = {u.user_id: u for u in users}
async def authenticate(request, *args, **kwargs):
   username = request.json.get('username', None)
   password = request.json.get('password', None)
    if not username or not password:
       raise exceptions. Authentication Failed ("Missing username or password.")
```

```
user = username_table.get(username, None)
if user is None:
    raise exceptions.AuthenticationFailed("User not found.")

if password != user.password:
    raise exceptions.AuthenticationFailed("Password is incorrect.")

return user

app = Sanic()
Initialize(
    app,
    authenticate=authenticate,)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    app.run(host="127.0.0.1", port=8888)
```

#### Let's try and get an access token now:

```
curl -iv -H "Content-Type: application/json" -d '{"username": "user1", "password":
    →"wrongpassword"}' http://localhost:8888/auth
```

#### Here is our response:

```
Trying 127.0.0.1...
* TCP_NODELAY set
* Connected to localhost (127.0.0.1) port 8888 (#0)
> POST /auth HTTP/1.1
> Host: localhost:8888
> User-Agent: curl/7.55.1
> Accept: */*
> Content-Type: application/json
> Content-Length: 50
* upload completely sent off: 50 out of 50 bytes
< HTTP/1.1 401 Unauthorized
HTTP/1.1 401 Unauthorized
< Connection: keep-alive
Connection: keep-alive
< Keep-Alive: 60
Keep-Alive: 60
< Content-Length: 22
Content-Length: 22
< Content-Type: text/plain; charset=utf-8
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=utf-8
* Connection #0 to host localhost left intact
Password is incorrect.
```

### Oops! Looks like we entered the wrong password. Let's try again:

#### Response:

```
Trying 127.0.0.1...
* TCP_NODELAY set
* Connected to localhost (127.0.0.1) port 8888 (#0)
> POST /auth HTTP/1.1
> Host: localhost:8888
> User-Agent: curl/7.55.1
> Accept: */*
> Content-Type: application/json
> Content-Length: 43
* upload completely sent off: 43 out of 43 bytes
< HTTP/1.1 200 OK
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
< Connection: keep-alive
Connection: keep-alive
< Keep-Alive: 60
Keep-Alive: 60
< Content-Length: 140
Content-Length: 140
< Content-Type: application/json
Content-Type: application/json
* Connection #0 to host localhost left intact
{"access_token": "eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.
→eyJ1c2VyX2lkIjoxLCJleHAiOjE1MTY2NTExNDB9.vmfQbfx0H8vIR6wIL1LqS82bJILdwecfWlFRQuHb3Ck
→"}
```

That looks better. We can head over to jwt.io and enter the access\_token to see what the token consists of.

### Header

```
{
  "typ": "JWT",
  "alg": "HS256"
}
```

#### **Payload**

```
{
    "user_id": 1,
    "exp": 1516651140
}
```

Now, we can confirm that this token works.

### Response:

```
* Trying 127.0.0.1...
* TCP_NODELAY set
* Connected to localhost (127.0.0.1) port 8888 (#0)
> GET /auth/verify HTTP/1.1
```

```
> Host: localhost:8888
> User-Agent: curl/7.55.1
> Accept: */*
> Authorization: Bearer eyJ0eXAiOiJKV1QiLCJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.
 \rightarrow \texttt{eyJ1c2VyX21kIjoxLCJ1eHAiOjE1MTY2NTExNDB9.vmfQbfx0H8vIR6wIL1LqS82bJILdwecfWlFRQuHb3Ck} \\
< HTTP/1.1 200 OK
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
< Connection: keep-alive
Connection: keep-alive
< Keep-Alive: 60
Keep-Alive: 60
< Content-Length: 14
Content-Length: 14
< Content-Type: application/json
Content-Type: application/json
* Connection #0 to host localhost left intact
{"valid":true}
```

Excellent. Now that we can generate and verify tokens, we can get to work.

Best of luck creating an authentication scheme that works for you. If you have any questions about how to implement Sanic JWT (or to make it better), please create an issue or get in touch.

## CHAPTER 4

What is a JWT?

JSON Web Tokens ("JWT") are an easy way to pass authentication information to a web-based backend system. They are easy to work with, but admittedly they can be confusing for someone who has never used them. In short, here are some key concepts you should know.

This is meant to give someone a high level overview of JWTs and a practical working knowledge of what is needed to get up and running with them in an application. For more information, I suggest you read jwt.io.

### 4.1 What does it look like?

JWTs are string of a bunch of characters:

```
eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.

→eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwibmFtZSI6IkpvaG4gRG9lIiwiYWRtaW4iOnRydWV9.

→TJVA95OrM7E2cBab30RMHrHDcEfxjoYZgeFONFh7HgQ
```

Upon closer inspection, it consists of three parts separated by a period:

```
    eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9
    eyJzdWIiOiIxMjM0NTY3ODkwIiwibmFtZSI6IkpvaG4gRG9lIiwiYWRtaW4iOnRydWV9
    TJVA95OrM7E2cBab30RMHrHDcEfxjoYZgeFONFh7HgQ
```

In order, these parts are the **Header**, the **Payload**, and the **Signature**.

They can be decoded using base64.

```
The Header
{
    "alg": "HS256",
    "typ": "JWT"
}
```

```
The Payload
{
    "sub": "1234567890",
    "name": "John Doe",
    "admin": true
}
The Signature
<some mess of stuff>
```

### 4.2 The Parts of a JWT

First, the header contains information about how the token's is encoded, and what it is.

Third, the signature is used to verify that it came from a trusted source. It is encrypted using a secret only known to the application. The secret is **NOT** passed along inside the token, and should **NOT** be shared.

Both of these sections, you will not need to concern yourself with to get started.

The Second section is the **payload**. This bit of JSON contains key/value pairs of information. Each one of these is called (in JWT terminology) a **claim**.

In the above example, there are three claims: sub, name, and admin.

### 4.3 The Payload

As an application developer, this is where you can send information from your server that authenticated a user (with a valid user name and password, for example) to a client application that needs to know what to display for the user. You can provide it with almost any bit of information you want that fits in JSON of course. And, because of the signature, you can be comfortable that the information inside the payload has not been compromised.

Warning: The payload is readable to anyone that gets a hold of it. DO NOT pass sensitive information in it.

While there are no real restrictions on what claims are inside of a JWT, there are some industry standards. Below is a list that Sanic JWT has integrated for you to easily use.

exp - (short for *expires*) This claim is a timestamp that dictates when the access token will no longer be available. Because JWT access tokens cannot be invalidated after they are issued, they are typically given a short life span.

nbf - (short for *not before*) This claim is a timestamp that allows the token to be created and issued, but not yet enabled for usage until after a certain time.

iat - (short for *issued at*) This claim is a timestamp that provides the creation time of the JWT.

iss - (short for issuer) This claim is typically a URI or other identifier to say who created and issued the token.

aud - (short for *audience*) This claim identifies what service the JWT is intended to be used with. Typically it is a URI or other identifier that says the name of the client server that is supposed to be validating the token.

In addition to these claims, there is another claim that generally is important for Sanic JWT: user\_id. This is meant to be some unique indentification of the user that requested the token. Other than that, you are free to add whatever information you would like. See *Payloads* for information on how to modify the payload in Sanic JWT.

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## CHAPTER 5

Initialization

Sanic JWT operates under the hood by creating a Blueprint, and attaching a few routes to your application. This is accomplished by instanciating the Initialize class.

```
from sanic_jwt import Initialize
from sanic import Sanic

async def authenticate(request):
    return dict(user_id='some_id')

app = Sanic()
Initialize(app, authenticate=authenticate)
```

### 5.1 Concept

Sanic JWT is a user authentication system that does not require the developer to settle on any single user management system. This part is left up to the developer. Therefore, you (as the developer) are left with the responsibility of telling Sanic JWT how to tie into your user management system.

### 5.2 The Initialize class

This is the gateway worker into Sanic JWT. When initialized, it allows you to pass run time configurations to it, and gives you a window into customizing how the module will work for you. There are **five main parts** to it when initializing:

- the instance of your Sanic app or a Sanic blueprint | REQUIRED
- handler methods | the authenticate handler REQUIRED

- · any runtime configurations you want to make
- · custom view classes
- · component overrides

### 5.2.1 Instance

In most cases, the developer wants to add authentication to their web application. Simply instantiate Sanic, and then tell Sanic JWT.

```
from sanic_jwt import Initialize
from sanic import Sanic

app = Sanic()
Initialize(app, authenticate=lambda: True)
```

You can now go ahead and *protect* any route (whether on a blueprint or not).

```
from sanic_jwt import protected
from sanic.response import json

...
@app.route("/")
@protected
async def test(request):
    return json({ "protected": True })
```

What if we ONLY want the authentication on some subset of our web application? Say, a Blueprint. Not a problem. Just initialize on the blueprint instance and continue as normal.

```
from sanic_jwt import Initialize
from sanic import Sanic, Blueprint

app = Sanic()
bp = Blueprint('my_blueprint')
Initialize(app, authenticate=lambda: True)
app.blueprint(bp)
```

**Warning:** If you are initializing on a blueprint, be careful of the ordering of app.blueprint() and Initialize. Putting them in the wrong order will cause the authentication endpoints to not properly attach.

**Note:** If you decide to initialize more than one instance of Sanic JWT (on multiple blueprints, for example), than an access token generated by one will be acceptable on **ALL** your instances unless they have different a secret.

Under the hood, Sanic JWT creates its own Blueprint for holding all of the *Endpoints and Responses*. If you decide to use your own blueprint, just know that Sanic JWT will not create its own, and instead attach to the one that you passed to it.

This is a very powerful tool that allows you to really gain some granularity in your applications authentication system.

```
async def authenticate(request, *args, **kwargs):
    return get_my_user()

app = Sanic()
bp1 = Blueprint('my_blueprint_1')
bp2 = Blueprint('my_blueprint_2')

Initialize(app, authenticate=authenticate)
Initialize(bp1, authenticate=authenticate, access_token_name='mytoken')
Initialize(bp2, authenticate=authenticate, access_token_name='yourtoken')
```

In the above example, I now have three independent instances of Sanic JWT running side by side. Each is isolated to its own environment.

### 5.2.2 Handlers

There is a set of methods that Sanic JWT uses to hook into your application code. Each of them can be either a method or an awaitable. You decide.

```
# This works
async def authenticate(request, *args, **kwargs):
    ...

# And so does this
def authenticate(request, *args, **kwargs):
    ...
```

### authenticate - Required

**Purpose**: Just like Django's authenticate method, this is responsible for taking a given request and deciding whether or not there is a valid user to be authenticated. If yes, it **MUST** return:

- a dict with a user\_id key, or
- an instance with an id and to dict property.

By default, it looks for the id on the user\_id property of a user instance. However, you can *change that to another* property.

If your user should **not** be authenticated, then you should *raise* an *exception*, preferably AuthenticationFailed.

#### **Example:**

```
async def authenticate(request, *args, **kwargs):
    username = request.json.get('username', None)
    password = request.json.get('password', None)

if not username or not password:
    raise exceptions.AuthenticationFailed("Missing username or password.")

user = await User.get(username=username)
    if user is None:
        raise exceptions.AuthenticationFailed("User not found.")

if password != user.password:
    raise exceptions.AuthenticationFailed("Password is incorrect.")
```

```
return user
Initialize(app, authenticate)
```

### store\_refresh\_token - Optional \*

Default: None

**Purpose**: It is a handler to persist a refresh token to disk. See refresh tokens for more information.

**Example:** 

```
async def store_refresh_token(user_id, refresh_token, *args, **kwargs):
    key = 'refresh_token_{user_id}'.format(user_id=user_id)
    await aredis.set(key, refresh_token)

Initialize(
    app,
    authenticate=lambda: True,
    store_refresh_token=store_refresh_token)
```

**Warning:** \* This parameter is *not* required. However, if you decide to enable refresh tokens (by setting SANIC\_JWT\_REFRESH\_TOKEN\_ENABLED=True) then the application will raise a RefreshTokenNotImplemented exception if you forget to implement this.

#### retrieve refresh token - Optional \*

Default: None

Purpose: It is a handler to retrieve refresh token from disk. See refresh tokens for more information.

Example:

```
async def retrieve_refresh_token(user_id, *args, **kwargs):
    key = 'refresh_token_{user_id}'.format(user_id=user_id)
    return await aredis.get(key)

Initialize(
    app,
    authenticate=lambda: True,
    retrieve_refresh_token=retrieve_refresh_token)
```

**Warning:** \* This parameter is *not* required. However, if you decide to enable refresh tokens (by setting SANIC\_JWT\_REFRESH\_TOKEN\_ENABLED=True) then the application will raise a RefreshTokenNotImplemented exception if you forget to implement this.

### retrieve\_user - Optional

Default: None

**Purpose**: It is a handler to retrieve a user object from your application. It is used to return the user object in the /auth/me endpoint. It should return:

- a dict, or
- an instance with a to\_dict method.

#### Example:

```
class User(object):
    ...

def to_dict(self):
    properties = ['user_id', 'username', 'email', 'verified']
    return {prop: getattr(self, prop, None) for prop in properties}

async def retrieve_user(request, payload, *args, **kwargs):
    if payload:
        user_id = payload.get('user_id', None)
        user = await User.get(user_id=user_id)
        return user
    else:
        return None

Initialize(
    app,
    authenticate=lambda: True,
    retrieve_user=retrieve_user)
```

You should now have an endpoint at /auth/me that will return a serialized form of your currently authenticated user.

```
{
    "me": {
        "user_id": "4",
        "username": "joe",
        "email": "joe@joemail.com",
        "verified": true
    }
}
```

**Warning:** \* This parameter is *not* required. However, if you decide to enable refresh tokens (by setting SANIC\_JWT\_REFRESH\_TOKEN\_ENABLED=True) then the application will raise a RefreshTokenNotImplemented exception if you forget to implement this.

### add\_scopes\_to\_payload - Optional \*

Default: None

**Purpose**: It is a handler to add scopes to an access token. See *Scopes* for more information.

#### **Example:**

```
async def add_scopes_to_payload(user):
   return await user.get_scopes()
Initialize(
```

```
app,
authenticate=lambda: True,
add_scopes_to_payload
```

### 5.2.3 Runtime Configuration

There are several ways to *configure the settings* for Sanic JWT. One of the easiest is to simply pass the configurations as keyword objects on Initialize.

```
Initialize(
    app,
    access_token_name='mytoken',
    cookie_access_token_name='mytoken',
    cookie_set=True,
    user_id='id',
    claim_iat=True,
    cookie_domain='example.com',)
```

### 5.2.4 Additional Views

Sometimes you may need to add some endpoints to the authentication system. When this need arises, create a class based view, and map it as a tuple with the path and handler.

As an example, perhaps you would like to create a "passwordless" login. You could create a form that sends a POST with a user's email address to a MagicLoginHandler. That handler sends out an email with a link to your /auth endpoint that makes sure the link came from the email.

```
class MagicLoginHandler(HTTPMethodView):
    async def options(self, request):
        return response.text('', status=204)
    async def post(self, request):
        helper = MyCustomUserAuthHelper(app, request)
        token = helper.get_make_me_a_magic_token()
        helper.send_magic_token_to_user_email()
        # Persist the token
        kev = f'magic-token-{token}'
        await app.redis.set(key, helper.user.uuid)
        response = {
            'magic-token': token
        return json(response)
def check_magic_token(request):
    token = request.json.get('magic_token', '')
   key = f'magic-token-{token}'
   retrieval = await request.app.redis.get(key)
    if retrieval is None:
        raise Exception ('Token expired or invalid')
    retrieval = str(retrieval)
```

**Note:** Your class based views will probably also need to handle preflight requests, so do not forget to add an options response.

```
async def options(self, request):
   return response.text('', status=204)
```

### 5.2.5 Component Overrides

There are **three** components that are used under the hood that you can subclass and control:

- Authentication for more advanced usage, see source code
- Configuration see *Configuration* for more information
- Responses see Endpoints and Responses for more information

Simply import, modify, and attach.

```
from sanic_jwt import Authentication, Configuration, Responses, Initialize

class MyAuthentication(Authentication):
    pass

class MyConfiguration(Configuration):
    pass

class MyResponses(Responses):
    pass

Initialize(
    app,
    authentication_class=MyAuthentication,
    configuration_class=MyConfiguration,
    responses_class=MyResponses,)
```

### 5.3 The initialize method

The old method for initializing Sanic JWT was to do so with the initialize method. It still works, and is in fact now just a wrapper for the Initialize class. However, it is recommended that you use the class because it is more explicit that you are declaring a new instance.

## CHAPTER 6

### **Endpoints and Responses**

Sanic JWT sets itself up to run as a Sanic Blueprint at the /auth path.

```
http://localhost:8000/auth
```

This is can be changed via the url\_prefix setting. See settings for more.

```
Initialize(app, url_prefix='/api/authentication')
```

All Sanic JWT endpoints will now be available at:

```
http://localhost:8000/api/authentication
```

### 6.1 Default Endpoints

By default, there are four endpoints that ship with Sanic JWT. You can change the path that they attach to by following configuration pattern below:

```
Initialize(
    app,
    path_to_authenticate='/my_authenticate',
    path_to_retrieve_user='/my_retrieve_user',
    path_to_verify='/my_verify',
    path_to_refresh='/my_refresh',
)
```

### 6.1.1 Authenticate

**Default Path**: /auth **Acceptable Methods**: POST

**Purpose**: Generates an access token if the authenticate *method* is **truthy**.

Example:

### Request

### Response

```
200 Response {
    "access_token": "<JWT>"
```

### 6.1.2 Verification

**Default Path**: /auth/verify **Acceptable Methods**: GET

Purpose: Check whether or not a given access token is valid.

Example:

### Request

```
curl -X GET -H "Authorization: Bearer <JWT>" http://localhost:8000/auth/verify
```

### Response

```
200 Response
{
    "valid": true
}

## or

400 Response
{
    "valid": false,
    "reason": "Signature has expired"
}
```

### 6.1.3 Current User Details

**Default Path**: /auth/me **Acceptable Methods**: GET

Purpose: Retrieve information about the currently authenticated user.

Example:

#### Request

```
curl -X GET -H "Authorization: Bearer <JWT>" http://localhost:8000/auth/me
```

### Response

```
200 Response {
    "user_id": 123456
}
```

**Note:** Because this package does not know about you user management layer, you need to have a user object that either is a dict or a python object instance with a to\_dict() method. The output of these methods will be used to generate the /me response.

### 6.1.4 Refresh Token

**Default Path**: /auth/refresh **Acceptable Methods**: POST

**Purpose**: Ask for a new access token given an existing refresh token

Example:

### Request

### Response

```
{
    "access_token": "<JWT>"
}
```

**Note:** Do not forget to supply an existing access\_token. Even if it is expired, you **must** send the token along so that the application can get the user\_id from the token's payload and cross reference it with the refresh\_token. Think of it as an additional level of security. To understand why, checkout Issue #52.

### **6.2 Modify Responses**

The responses for each of the default endpoints is extendable by subclassing the Responses class, and hooking into the appropriate method. Just make sure you return a dict.

```
from sanic_jwt import Responses
class MyResponses (Responses):
   @staticmethod
   def extend_authenticate(request,
                            user=None,
                            access_token=None,
                            refresh_token=None):
        return {}
    @staticmethod
    def extend_retrieve_user(request, user=None, payload=None):
        return {}
    @staticmethod
    def extend_verify(request, user=None, payload=None):
        return {}
    @staticmethod
    def extend_refresh(request,
                       user=None,
                       access_token=None,
                       refresh_token=None,
                       purported_token=None,
                       payload=None):
        return {}
Initialize(app, response_class=MyResponses)
```

### 6.3 Custom Endpoints

Sometimes you may find the need to add another endpoint to your authentication system. You can do this by hooking it up at *initialization*.

#### **Example:**

What if we wanted a /register endpoint? It could easily be added like this:

```
from sanic_jwt import BaseEndpoint

class Register(BaseEndpoint):
    async def post(self, request, *args, **kwargs):
```

```
username = request.json.get('username', None)
        email = request.json.get('email', None)
        helper = MyCustomUserAuthHelper()
        user = helper.register_new_user(username, email)
        access_token, output = await self.responses.get_access_token_output(
            request,
            user,
            self.config,
            self.instance)
        refresh_token = await self.instance.auth.get_refresh_token(request, user)
        output.update({
            self.config.refresh_token_name: refresh_token
        })
        response = self.responses.get_token_reponse(
            request,
            access_token,
            output,
            refresh_token=refresh_token,
            config=self.config)
        return response
my\_views = (
    ('/register', Register),
Initialize(app, class_views=my_views)
```

You hook up your custom endpoints at *initialization* by providing Initialize with a class\_views argument naming your endpoint and its path.

```
my_endpoints = (
     ('/path/to/endpoint', MyCustomClassBasedView)
)
```

**Note:** It must be a class based view. While it is certainly possible to subclass Sanic's sanic.views. HTTPMethodView, it is recommended that you subclass sanic\_jwt.BaseEndpoint instead so you have access to:

- self.instance (the current Sanic JWT),
- self.config (all current configurations), and
- self.responses (the current response class instance).

## 6.4 Exception Handling

You can customize how Sanic JWT handles responses on an exception by subclassing the Responses class, and overriding exception\_response.

## CHAPTER 7

### **Payloads**

As discussed, JWTs have a payload that is essentially a key/value store of information.

With Sanic JWT, there are three main uses of the payload:

- passing claims (See What is a JWT? for more information)
- passing scope (See *Scopes* for more information)
- passing arbitrary information to the client

### 7.1 Built in Claims

Sanic JWT ships with the capability to add, and later verify, five standard claims: exp, nbf, iat, iss, and aud.

### 7.1.1 Expires - exp

**Purpose**: This claim is a timestamp that dictates when the access token will no longer be available. Because JWT access tokens cannot be invalidated after they are issued, they are typically given a short life span.

Enabled by default: Yes.

**Warning:** It is possible to disable token expiration. Do **NOT** do this unless you know what you are doing and why you are doing it.

Initialize(app, verify\_exp=False)

### 7.1.2 Audience - aud

**Purpose**: This claim identifies what service the JWT is intended to be used with. Typically it is a URI or other identifier that says the name of the client server that is supposed to be validating the token.

Enabled by default: No.

How to use: Set claim\_aud to a str

Example:

Initialize(app, claim\_aud='my\_client\_domain.com')

### 7.1.3 Issued at - iat

**Purpose**: This claim is a timestamp that provides the creation time of the JWT.

Enabled by default: No.

How to use: Set claim\_iat to True

Example:

Initialize(app, claim\_iat=True)

### 7.1.4 Issuer - iss

**Purpose**: This claim is typically a URI or other identifier to say who created and issued the token.

Enabled by default: No.

**How to use**: Set claim\_iss to a str

Example:

Initialize(app, claim\_iss='my\_server\_domain.com')

### 7.1.5 Not before - NBF

**Purpose**: This claim is a timestamp that allows the token to be created and issued, but not yet enabled for usage until after a certain time.

**Enabled by default**: No.

How to use: Set claim\_nbf to True, and claim\_nbf\_delta to an offset in seconds

Example:

Initialize(app, claim\_nbf=True, claim\_nbf\_delta=(60 \* 3))

# 7.2 Payload Handlers

As discussed, there are a few handlers on the Initialize instance that can be used to modify the payload.

# 7.2.1 Adding Scopes

Argument: add\_scopes\_to\_payload

**Purpose**: If you are using the @scoped *decorator*, then you will need a way to inject the payload with the user's scopes. It should return either a single scope, or a list of scopes. *Read about scopes* for more information.

Return: str or a list of str

Example:

```
async def my_scope_extender(user, *args, **kwargs):
    return user.scopes
Initialize(app, add_scopes_to_payload=my_scope_extender)
```

Note: The return of the authenticate method will be injected into this handler as user for your convenience.

# 7.2.2 Extending the payload

Argument: extend\_payload

Purpose: To add an arbitrary set of claims or information to the payload.

Return: dict Example:

```
def my_foo_bar_payload_extender(payload, *args, **kwargs):
    payload.update({
        'foo': 'bar'
    })
    return payload
Initialize(app, extend_payload=my_foo_bar_payload_extender)
```

# 7.3 Token signing

JWTs need to be digitally signed to allow for cryptographically verifying that an access token was generated by your application.

```
secret = 'XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Initialize(
   app,
   secret=mysecret)
```

There are several hashing algorithms that can be used to accomplish this. Check out the *Configuration* page to see which algorithms are supported, and read this for more information.

If you decide to use an RSA or an EC algorithm, then you **must** provide Sanic JWT with both a public key and a private key to handle the encoding and decoding of the tokens.

```
from pathlib import Path

public_ec_key = Path('/path') / 'to' / 'my-ec-public-key.pem'
private_ec_key = Path('/path') / 'to' / 'my-ec-private-key.pem'

Initialize(
    app,
    public_key=public_ec_key,
    private_key=private_ec_key,
    algorithm='ES256')
```

# **Protecting Routes**

The purpose of this package, beyond the creation of JWTs, is to protect routes so that only users with a valid access token can reach certain resources. Endpoints in your application can be protected using the <code>@protected</code> decorator.

# 8.1 The @protected decorator

Purpose: To protect an endpoint from being accessed without a valid access token.

Example:

```
from sanic_jwt.decorators import protected

@app.route("/")
async def open_route(request):
    return json({"protected": False})

@app.route("/protected")
@protected()
async def protected_route(request):
    return json({"protected": True})
```

Now, anyone can access the / route. But, only users that pass a valid access token can reach protected.

If you have initialized Sanic JWT on a Blueprint, then you will need to pass the instance of that blueprint into the @protected decorator.

```
bp = Blueprint('Users')
Initialize(bp)

@bp.get('/users/<id>')
@protected(bp)
async def users(request, id):
...
```

#### 8.1.1 Class based views

Using the standard Sanic methodology, you can protect class based views with the same decorator.

```
class PublicView(HTTPMethodView):
    def get(self, request):
        return json({"protected": False})

class ProtectedView(HTTPMethodView):
        decorators = [protected()]

        async def get(self, request):
            return json({"protected": True})

app.add_route(PublicView.as_view(), '/')
        app.add_route(ProtectedView.as_view(), '/protected')
```

# 8.2 Passing the Token

There are two general methodologies for passing a token: cookie based, and header based. By default, Sanic JWT will expect you to send tokens thru HTTP headers.

```
curl -X GET -H "Authorization: Bearer <JWT>" http://localhost:8000/auth/me
```

#### 8.2.1 Header Tokens

Header tokens are passed by adding an Authorization header that consists of two parts:

- 1. the word Bearer
- 2. the JWT access token

If you would like, you can modify this behavior by changing the settings for authorization\_header and authorization\_header\_prefix.

```
Initialize(
    app,
    authorization_header='somecustomheader',
    authorization_header_prefix='MeFirst',)
```

```
curl -X GET -H "somecustomheader: MeFirst <JWT>" http://localhost:8000/auth/me
```

# 8.2.2 Cookie Tokens

If you would like to use tokens in cookies instead of headers, you need to first set cookie\_set=True

```
Initialize(app, cookie_set=True)
```

Now, Sanic JWT will reject any request that does not have a valid access token in its cookie. As the developer, you can control how the cookie is generated with the following settings:

```
cookie_domain - changes domain associated with a cooke (defaults to '')
cookie_httponly - whether to set an httponly flag on the cookie (defaults to True)
cookie_access_token_name - the name where the cookie is stored
```

```
Initialize(
    app,
    cookie_set=True,
    cookie_domain='mydomain.com',
    cookie_httponly=False,
    cookie_access_token_name='some-token',)
```

**Warning:** If you are using cookies to pass JWTs, then it is recommended that you do not disable cookie\_httponly. Doing so means that any javascript running on the client can access the token. Bad news.

#### 8.2.3 Both Header and Cookie

If you enable <code>cookie\_set</code>, you will get a <code>MissingAuthorizationCookie</code> exception if the cookie is not present. However, sometimes you may want to fall back and look for a header token if the cookie is not there.

Is such cases, change cookie\_strict to False.

```
Initialize(
    app,
    cookie_set=True,
    cookie_strict=False,)
```

#### 8.2.4 Per view declaration

Coming soon - the ability to decide at the view level which token to accept

# Scopes

In addition to protecting routes to authenticated users, they can be scoped to require one or more scopes by applying the @scoped() decorator. This means that only users with a particular scope can access a particular endpoint.

**Note:** If you are using the @scoped decorator, you do **NOT** also need the @protected decorator. It is assumed that if you are scoping the endpoint, that it is also meant to be protected.

# 9.1 Requirements for a scoped

A **scope** is a string that consists of two parts:

- namespace
- actions

For example, it might look like this: user:read.

namespace - A scope can have either one namespace, or no namespacesaction - A scope can have either no actions, or many actions

# 9.2 Example Scopes

```
Example #1
scope:
          user
namespace: user
action:
Example #2
scope: user:read
namespace: user
action: read
Example #3
scope: user:read:write
namespace: user
action: [read, write]
Example #4
scope: :read
namespace: --
action:
          read
Example #5
scope:
          :read:write
namespace: --
action:
          [read, write]
```

# 9.3 How are scopes accepted?

In defining a scoped route, you define one or more scopes that will be acceptable.

A scope is accepted if the payload contains a scope that is **equal to or higher** than what is required.

For sake of clarity in the below explanation, required\_scope means the scope that is required for access, and user\_scope is the scope that the access token has in its payload.

A scope is acceptable ...

• If the required\_scope namespace and the user\_scope namespace are equal

```
# True
required_scope = 'user'
user_scope = 'user'
```

- If the required\_scope has actions, then the user\_scope must be:
  - top level (no defined actions), or
  - also has the same actions

```
# True
required_scope = 'user:read'
user_scope = 'user'

# True
required_scope = 'user:read'
user_scope = 'user:read'
```

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```
# True
required_scope = 'user:read'
user_scope = 'user:read:write'

# True
required_scope = ':read'
user_scope = ':read'

# False
required_scope = 'user:write'
user_scope = 'user:read'
```

# 9.4 Examples

Here is a list of example scopes and whether they pass or not:

```
required scope
                  user scope(s)
                                                  outcome
_____
                  -----
                                                  _____
'user'
                 ['something']
                                                  False
'user'
                 ['user']
                                                  True
'user:read'
                 ['user']
                                                  True
'user:read'
                 ['user:read']
                                                  True
'user:read'
                 ['user:write']
                                                  False
'user:read'
                 ['user:read:write']
                                                  True
'user'
                  ['user:read']
                                                  False
'user:read:write'
                  ['user:read']
                                                  False
'user:read:write'
                  ['user:read:write']
                                                  True
'user:read:write'
                  ['user:write:read']
                                                  True
'user'
                  ['something', 'else']
                                                  False
                  ['something', 'else', 'user']
'user'
                                                  True
'user:read'
                 ['something:else', 'user:read'] True
'user:read'
                  ['user:read', 'something:else']
                                                  True
':read'
                  [':read']
':read'
                   ['admin']
                                                  True
```

# 9.5 The @scoped decorator

#### **9.5.1 Basics**

In order to protect a route from being accessed by tokens without the appropriate scope(s), pass in one or more scopes:

```
@app.route("/protected/scoped/1")
@scoped('user')
async def protected_routel(request):
    return json({"protected": True, "scoped": True})
```

In the above example, only an access token with a payload containing a scope for user will be accepted (such as the payload below).

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```
{
    "user_id": 1,
    "scopes: ["user"]
}
```

You can also define multiple scopes:

```
@scoped(['user', 'admin'])
```

In the above example with a ['user', 'admin'] scope, a payload MUST contain both user and admin.

But, what if we only want to require one of the scopes, and not both user AND admin? Easy:

```
@scoped(['user', 'admin'], False)
```

Now, having a scope of either user OR admin will be acceptable.

If you have initialized Sanic JWT on a Blueprint, then you will need to pass the instance of that blueprint into the @scoped decorator.

```
bp = Blueprint('Users')
Initialize(bp)

@bp.get('/users/<id>')
@scoped(['user', 'admin'], initialized_on=bp)
async def users(request, id):
...
```

#### 9.5.2 Parameters

The @scoped() decorator takes three parameters:

- scopes
- requires\_all default True
- require\_all\_actions default True

#### scopes - Required

Either a single string, or a list of strings that are the defined scopes for the route. Or, a callable or awaitable that returns the same.

```
@scoped('user')
...
```

Or

```
@scoped(['user', 'admin'])
...
```

Or

```
def get_some_scopes(request, *args, **kwargs):
    return ['user', 'admin']
```

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```
@scoped(get_some_scopes)
...
```

Or

```
async def get_some_scopes(request, *args, **kwargs):
    return await something_that_returns_scopes()

@scoped(get_some_scopes)
...
```

## require\_all - Optional

A boolean that determines whether all of the defined scopes, or just one must be satisfied. Defaults to True.

```
@scoped(['user', 'admin'])
...
# A payload MUST have both 'user' and 'admin' scopes

@scoped(['user', 'admin'], require_all=False)
...
# A payload can have either 'user' or 'admin' scope
```

# require\_all\_actions - Optional

A boolean that determines whether all of the **actions** on a defined scope, or just one must be satisfied. Defaults to True.

```
@scoped(':read:write')
...
# A payload MUST have both the `:read` and `:write` actions in scope

@scoped(':read:write', require_all_actions=False)
...
# A payload can have either the `:read` or `:write` action in scope
```

# 9.6 Handler

See *Payloads* for how to add scopes to a payload using add\_scopes\_to\_payload.

# 9.7 Sample Code

```
from sanic import Sanic
from sanic.response import json
from sanic_jwt import exceptions
from sanic_jwt import initialize
```

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```
from sanic_jwt.decorators import protected
from sanic_jwt.decorators import scoped
class User(object):
   def __init__(self, id, username, password, scopes):
        self.user_id = id
        self.username = username
        self.password = password
        self.scopes = scopes
    def __str__(self):
        return "User(id='%s')" % self.id
users = [
   User(1, 'user1', 'abcxyz', ['user']),
   User(2, 'user2', 'abcxyz', ['user', 'admin']),
   User(3, 'user3', 'abcxyz', ['user:read']),
   User(4, 'user4', 'abcxyz', ['client1']),
username_table = {u.username: u for u in users}
userid_table = {u.user_id: u for u in users}
async def authenticate(request, *args, **kwargs):
   username = request.json.get('username', None)
   password = request.json.get('password', None)
    if not username or not password:
        raise exceptions. AuthenticationFailed ("Missing username or password.")
   user = username_table.get(username, None)
   if user is None:
        raise exceptions. Authentication Failed ("User not found.")
   if password != user.password:
        raise exceptions.AuthenticationFailed("Password is incorrect.")
    return user
async def my_scope_extender(user, *args, **kwargs):
   return user.scopes
app = Sanic()
Initialize(
   app,
   authenticate=authenticate,
   add_scopes_to_payload=my_scope_extender)
@app.route("/")
async \operatorname{def} test(request):
   return json({"hello": "world"})
```

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```
@app.route("/protected")
@protected()
async def protected_route(request):
    return json({"protected": True, "scoped": False})
@app.route("/protected/scoped/1")
@protected()
@scoped('user')
async def protected_route1(request):
    return json({"protected": True, "scoped": True})
@app.route("/protected/scoped/2")
@protected()
@scoped('user:read')
async def protected_route2(request):
    return json({"protected": True, "scoped": True})
@app.route("/protected/scoped/3")
@protected()
@scoped(['user', 'admin'])
async def protected_route3(request):
    return json({"protected": True, "scoped": True})
@app.route("/protected/scoped/4")
@protected()
@scoped(['user', 'admin'], False)
async def protected_route4(request):
    return json({"protected": True, "scoped": True})
@app.route("/protected/scoped/5")
@scoped('user')
async def protected_route5(request):
    return json({"protected": True, "scoped": True})
@app.route("/protected/scoped/6/<id>")
@scoped(lambda *args, **kwargs: 'user')
async def protected_route6(request, id):
    return json({"protected": True, "scoped": True})
def client_id_scope(request, *args, **kwargs):
    return 'client' + kwargs.get('id')
@app.route("/protected/scoped/7/<id>")
@scoped(client_id_scope)
async def protected_route7(request, id):
   return json({"protected": True, "scoped": True})
```

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```
if __name__ == "__main__":
    app.run(host="127.0.0.1", port=8888)
```

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**Refresh Tokens** 

# 10.1 What is a refresh token?

Access tokens are disposable. Because they cannot be expired, they have a *short* lifespan. However, without a refresh token, the client would need to reauthenticate every time the access token expired. Access tokens are generated, and sent to the client. They are not persisted.

Refresh tokens solve this problem. It is a token that is stored by the server. At any time a client can send the refresh token to the server and ask for a new access token.

The server takes the refresh token, looks up in its data store to see if it is acceptable. If yes, then a new access token is stored.

# 10.2 Configuration

Sanic JWT facilitates the creation and passing of refresh tokens. However, just like with authentication, the storage and retrieval of the tokens is left to the developer. This allows the you to decide how to persist the token, and allows you to deactivate a token at any time.

There are three steps needed:

- 1. Enable refresh tokens via the settings configuration (refresh\_token\_enabled)
- 2. Initialize Sanic JWT with a method for storing refresh tokens (store\_refresh\_token)
- 3. Initialize Sanic JWT with a method for retrieving refresh tokens (retrieve\_refresh\_token)

# 10.3 Handlers

# 10.3.1 store\_refresh\_token

When running Initialize, pass it an attribute that can go to your data store and persist a refresh token. The method is passed user\_id (which comes from the user object returned from the authenticate method), and refresh\_token.

It can be **either** a callable or an awaitable. Here are two different examples that all do the same thing: persist a refresh\_token to Redis.

```
async def store_refresh_token(user_id, refresh_token, *args, **kwargs):
    key = f'refresh_token_{user_id}'
    await aredis.set(key, refresh_token)
```

```
def store_refresh_token(user_id, refresh_token, *args, **kwargs):
    key = f'refresh_token_{user_id}'
    redis.set(key, refresh_token)
```

Then you hook it up to the initialize script like this:

```
Initialize(
    app,
    authenticate=lambda: True,
    store_refresh_token=store_refresh_token)
```

## 10.3.2 retrieve\_refresh\_token

When running Initialize, pass it an attribute that can go to your data store and retrieve a refresh token. The method is passed user\_id (which comes from the user object returned from the authenticate method), and the request object to determine if it contains what is needed to retrieve a token.

It can be **either** a callable or an awaitable. Here are two different examples that all do the same thing: retrieve a refresh\_token from Redis.

```
async def retrieve_refresh_token(request, user_id, *args, **kwargs):
    key = f'refresh_token_{user_id}'
    return await aredis.get(key)
```

```
def retrieve_refresh_token(request, user_id, *args, **kwargs):
    key = f'refresh_token_{user_id}'
    return redis.get(key)
```

Then you hook it up to the initialize script like this:

```
Initialize(
    app,
    authenticate=lambda: True,
    retrieve_refresh_token=retrieve_refresh_token)
```

# 10.4 Using the refresh token

In order to get a new access token, you need to hit the refresh token endpoint. See *Endpoints and Responses* for more information.

# 10.5 Can I have an expirable refresh token?

This question has come up a couple times in the past. Allow us to explain why this is not a feature of Sanic JWT.

When enabled, Sanic JWT issues a refresh token that is a utf-8 encoded string containing 24 characters. It is **not** a JWT. Therefore, it does not have a payload and is not subject to validation.

The core of deciding whether or not to accept a refresh token is left to the developer. That is the purpose of store\_refresh\_token and retrieve\_refresh\_token.

Therefore, if you would like to expire the token, then this is something for you to handle at the application layer.

For more information on this, see Issue #34 and Issue #66.

We agree. Having the control expire a token is wonderful. Having it be done automatically? Even better. But, this is something that seems better left to the individual developer to decide upon, rather than Sanic JWT making that choice for you.

# **Exceptions**

There is a standard set of exceptions that Sanic JWT uses to communicate. Here is a subset of exceptions that you may find helpful while creating your application.

- AuthenticationFailed
- MissingAuthorizationHeader
- MissingAuthorizationCookie
- InvalidAuthorizationHeader
- MissingRegisteredClaim
- Unauthorized

It is recommended that you use exceptions in your Sanic JWT implementation. If an exception occurs, then you can control what message to return to the client. See *Endpoints and Responses* for more information.

Configuration

# 12.1 How to add settings

There are several ways to configure Sanic JWT depeding upon your project's complexity and use case.

# 12.1.1 The Sanic way

Any way that Sanic offers to load configration will work. Simply convert the setting name to all caps, and add the SANIC\_JWT\_prefix.

```
app = Sanic()
app.config.SANIC_JWT_ACCESS_TOKEN_NAME = 'jwt'
Initialize(app)
```

If you choose this approach, Sanic JWT will only know about configurations set \_BEFORE\_ you call Initialize.

# 12.1.2 Inline at initialization

One of the easiest methods is to simply name the setting and value as a keyword argument on the Initialize object.

```
Initialize(
    app,
    access_token_name='jwt')
```

# 12.1.3 Configuration class

For a more fine grain control, you can subclass the Configuration class and provide the settings as attributes on the class.

```
from sanic_jwt import Configuration

class MyConfiguration(Configuration):
    access_token_name='jwt'

Initialize(
    app,
    configuration_class=MyConfiguration)
```

What if you need to calculate a setting? No problem. Each of the settings can be declared at initialization with the set\_<setting>() method.

```
from sanic_jwt import Configuration

class MyConfiguration(Configuration):
    def set_access_token_name(self):
        return 'jwt'

Initialize(
    app,
    configuration_class=MyConfiguration)
```

# 12.2 Settings

# 12.2.1 access\_token\_name

**Purpose**: The key to be used by the application to identify the access token.

Default: 'access\_token'

## 12.2.2 algorithm

**Purpose**: The hashing algorithm used to generate the tokens. Your available options are listed below.

Default: 'HS256'

```
HS256 - HMAC using SHA-256 hash algorithm (default)
HS384 - HMAC using SHA-384 hash algorithm
HS512 - HMAC using SHA-512 hash algorithm
ES256 - ECDSA signature algorithm using SHA-256 hash algorithm
ES384 - ECDSA signature algorithm using SHA-384 hash algorithm
ES512 - ECDSA signature algorithm using SHA-512 hash algorithm
RS256 - RSASSA-PKCS1-v1_5 signature algorithm using SHA-256 hash algorithm
RS384 - RSASSA-PKCS1-v1_5 signature algorithm using SHA-384 hash algorithm
RS512 - RSASSA-PKCS1-v1_5 signature algorithm using SHA-384 hash algorithm
RS512 - RSASSA-PSS signature using SHA-256 and MGF1 padding with SHA-256
PS384 - RSASSA-PSS signature using SHA-384 and MGF1 padding with SHA-384
PS512 - RSASSA-PSS signature using SHA-512 and MGF1 padding with SHA-512
```

## 12.2.3 authorization header

**Purpose**: The HTTP request header used to identify the token.

Default: 'authorization'

## 12.2.4 authorization\_header\_prefix

**Purpose**: The prefix for the JWT in the HTTP request header used to identify the token.

Default: 'Bearer'

## 12.2.5 authorization\_header\_refresh\_prefix

Purpose: Reserved. Not in use.

Default: 'Refresh'

## 12.2.6 claim aud

**Purpose**: The aud (audience) claim identifies the recipients that the JWT is intended for. Each principal intended to process the JWT MUST identify itself with a value in the audience claim. If the principal processing the claim does not identify itself with a value in the aud claim when this claim is present, then the JWT MUST be rejected. In the general case, the aud value is an array of case-sensitive strings, each commonly containing a string or URI value. In the special case when the JWT has one audience, the aud value MAY be a single case-sensitive string containing a string or URI value. Use of this claim is OPTIONAL. If you assign a str value, then the aud claim will be generated for all requests, and will be required to verify a token.

Default: None

#### 12.2.7 claim iat

**Purpose**: The iat (issued at) claim identifies the time at which the JWT was issued. This claim can be used to determine the age of the JWT. Its value will be a numeric timestamp. Use of this claim is *OPTIONAL*. If you assign a True value, then the iat claim will be generated for all requests.

Default: False

## 12.2.8 claim iss

**Purpose**: The iss (issuer) claim identifies the principal that issued the JWT. The iss value is a case-sensitive string usually containing a string or URI value. Use of this claim is *OPTIONAL*. If you assign a str value, then the iss claim will be generated for all requests, and will be required to verify a token.

Default: None, requires a str value

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# 12.2.9 claim\_nbf

**Purpose**: The nbf (not before) claim identifies the time before which the JWT MUST NOT be accepted for processing. The processing of the nbf claim requires that the current date/time MUST be after or equal to the not-before date/time listed in the nbf claim. Implementers MAY provide for some small leeway, usually no more than a few minutes, to account for clock skew. Its value will be a numeric timestamp. Use of this claim is *OPTIONAL*. If you assign a True value, then the nbf claim will be generated for all requests, and will be required to verify a token. If True, the nbf claim will be set to the current time of the generation of the token. You can modify this with two additional settings: nbf\_delta (the number of seconds to add to the timestamp) and leeway (the number of seconds of leeway you want to allow for).

Default: False

## 12.2.10 claim\_nbf\_delta

**Purpose**: The offset in seconds between the moment of token generation and the moment when you would like the token to be valid in the future.

**Default**: 60 \* 3

# 12.2.11 cookie\_access\_token\_name

**Purpose**: The name of the cookie to be set for storing the access token if using cookie based authentication.

Default: 'access\_token'

#### 12.2.12 cookie domain

Purpose: The domain to associate a cookie with.

Default: ''

## 12.2.13 cookie\_httponly

Purpose: It enables HTTP only cookies. HIGHLY recommended that you do not turn this off, unless you know

what you are doing.

Default: True

#### 12.2.14 cookie refresh token name

**Purpose**: The name of the cookie to be set for storing the refresh token if using cookie based authentication.

Default: 'refresh token'

## 12.2.15 cookie set

**Purpose**: By default, the application will lookie for access tokens in the HTTP request headers. If you would instead prefer to send them through cookies, enable this to True.

Default: False

## 12.2.16 cookie strict

**Purpose**: If cookie\_set is enabled, an exception will be raised if the cookie is not present. To allow for an authorization header to be used as a fallback, turn cookie\_strict to False.

Default: True

# 12.2.17 cookie\_token\_name

Alias for cookie\_access\_token\_name

# 12.2.18 debug

**Purpose**: Used for development and testing of the package.

Default: False

# 12.2.19 expiration\_delta

**Purpose**: The length of time that the access token should be valid. Since there is NO way to revoke an access token, it is recommended to keep this time period short, and to enable refresh tokens (which can be revoked) to retrieve new access tokens.

**Default**: 60 \* 5 \* 6, aka 30 minutes

# 12.2.20 leeway

**Purpose**: The number of seconds of leeway that the application will use to account for slight changes in system time configurations.

**Default**: 60 \* 3, aka 3 minutes

# 12.2.21 path\_to\_authenticate

Purpose: The path to the authentication endpoint.

Default: '/'

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# 12.2.22 path\_to\_refresh

Purpose: The path to the token refresh endpoint.

Default: '/refresh'

# 12.2.23 path\_to\_retrieve\_user

**Purpose**: The path to the view current user endpoint.

Default: '/me'

# 12.2.24 path\_to\_verify

**Purpose**: The path to the token verification endpoint.

Default: '/verify'

## 12.2.25 private key

Purpose: A private key used for generating web tokens, dependent upon which hashing algorithm is used.

Default: None

# 12.2.26 public\_key

Alias for secret

# 12.2.27 refresh\_token\_enabled

**Purpose**: Whether or not you would like to generate and accept refresh tokens.

Default: False

## 12.2.28 refresh token name

**Purpose**: The key to be used by the application to identify the refresh token.

Default: 'refresh\_token'

# 12.2.29 scopes\_enabled

**Purpose**: Whether or not you would like to use the scopes module and add scopes to the payload.

Default: False

# 12.2.30 scopes\_name

**Purpose**: The key to be used by the application to identify the scopes in the payload.

Default: 'scopes'

## 12.2.31 secret

**Purpose**: The secret used by the hashing algorithm for generating and signing JWTs. This should be a string unique to your application. Keep it safe.

Default: 'This is a big secret. Shhhhh'

# 12.2.32 strict\_slashes

Purpose: Whether to enforce strict slashes on endpoints.

Default: False

# 12.2.33 url\_prefix

**Purpose**: The url prefix used for all URL endpoints. Note, the placement of /.

Default: '/'

## 12.2.34 user id

Purpose: The key or property of your user object that contains a user id.

Default: 'user\_id'

# 12.2.35 verify\_exp

Purpose: Whether or not to check the expiration on an access token.

Default: True

**Warning: IMPORTANT**: Changing verify\_exp to False means that access tokens will **NOT** expire. Make sure you know what you are doing before disabling this.

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This is a potential **SECURITY RISK**.

# Examples

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Contributing

# 14.1 Shout out to @vltr

A special shout out to @vltr for all his work on Sanic JWT. This project received a nice kick and was taken up a notch due to his generous contribution of time, and skill.

# 14.2 Want to help?

Truly, this project has been a labor of love. We want to empower you to have an easy experience implementing best practices for a secure web application, yet still make it possible to be highly in control.

Do you think we did something wrong? Tell us

Have a better way? We're listening

If you want to get involved, here's how.

# Changelog

The format is based on Keep a Changelog and this project adheres to Semantic Versioning.

# 15.1 Version 1.0.2 - 2018-03-04

## **Fixed**

- Typo in docs for refresh token page
- Custom endpoints passing parameters to BaseEndpoint

# 15.2 Version 1.0.1 - 2018-02-27

## Added

- OPTIONS handler method for BaseEndpoint

## **Fixed**

- Some tests for claims that were not using UTC timestamps
- Consistency of docs with class\_views

# 15.3 Version 1.0.0 - 2018-02-25

#### Added

- Initialize class

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- New methods for adding configuration settings
- Customizable components
- Customizable responses
- Ability to fallback to header based authentication if cookie based fails
- Initialize on a blueprint and isolate configuration

#### **Fixed**

- @protected implementation on class based views
- Usage of signing algorithms with public and private keys

#### **Deprecated**

- SANIC\_JWT\_PAYLOAD\_HANDLER
- SANIC\_JWT\_HANDLER\_PAYLOAD\_EXTEND
- SANIC\_JWT\_HANDLER\_PAYLOAD\_SCOPES

# 15.4 Legend

- Added for new features.
- Changed for changes in existing functionality.
- Deprecated for once-stable features removed in upcoming releases.
- Removed for deprecated features removed in this release.
- **Fixed** for any bug fixes.
- **Security** to invite users to upgrade in case of vulnerabilities.

# What is new in Version 1.0?

If you have been using Sanic JWT, there should really not be that much different, although under the hood **a lot** has changed. For starters, the initialize method still works. But, the new recommended way to start Sanic JWT is to use the new Initialize class as seen above.

Using this class allows you to subclass it and really dive deep into modifying and configuring your project just the way you need it. Want to change the authentication responses? No problem. Want to add some new authentication endpoints? Easy.

One of the bigger changes is that we have enabled a new way to add configuration settings. You can of course continue to set them as recommended by Sanic by making them in all capital letters, and giving it a SANIC\_JWT\_ prefix.

```
app.config.SANIC_JWT_ACCESS_TOKEN_NAME = 'mytoken'
```

Or, you can simply pass your *configurations* into the Initialize class as keyword arguments.

```
Initialize(
    app,
    access_token_name='mytoken'
)
```

Do you need some more complicated logic, or control? Then perhaps you want to subclass the Configuration class.

```
class MyConfig(Configuration):
    access_token_name='mytoken'
    def get_refresh_token_name(self):
        return some_crazy_logic_to_get_token_name()

Initialize(
    app,
    configuration_class=MyConfig
)
```

The point is, with Version 1, we made the entire package extremely adaptable and extensible for you to get done what you need without making decisions for you.

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Have fun, and happy coding.