You've got Microservices Now Secure Them!

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Goals

- Talk a little about Microservices
- A little about centralized authentication
- See it in Action

Microservices





A monolithic application puts all its functionality into a single process...



... and scales by replicating the monolith on multiple servers









A microservices architecture puts each element of functionality into a separate service...

... and scales by distributing these services across servers, replicating as needed.











Key Points

- Distributed services rather than monolith
- Best practice seems to be 1 functional area per service
- No sneaky backdoors, everything goes through APIs and Messaging Services
- No specific technology required!

Some Architectural Patterns



What you used to do

- A monolith where all authentication used to happen.
- Maybe a distributed cache to handle session state

The new fancy way

- You have an authentication service just like all the other services.
- It should be distributed and fault tolerant
- It should be able to scale independently
- It should have a standard way to interact

So how do I get my hands on this hotness

- Stormpath
- Auth0
- We are going to show an installable FOSS project from Red Hat called Keycloak



Open Source Identity and Access Management by Red Hat



SERVICE 3

Authentication

- Keycloak deals with authentication
- Safely store passwords
- Two factor authentication
- Customizable flows
- Single Sign On

Protocols

- OpenID Connect
- SAML v2

Kerberos SSO Bridge

Clustering

- Scalability
- High availability
- Based on Infinispan caches

Admin Console

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Account Management

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Client Adapters

- Easy to use client libraries
- JavaEE, Spring, JavaScript, NodeJS and mobile
- More to come
- Can also use
 - OpenID Connect Resource Provider libraries
 - SAML v2 Service Provider libraries

Service Provider Interfaces (SPIs)

- Keycloak aims to be an out of the box solution
- But! Some people have custom requirements
- That's why we have SPIs
 - User Store
 - User Federation
 - Authentication
 - Required Actions
 - And many more, even pluggable protocols

Themes





User Federation



Demo Time!

- Take some microservices with different patterns
- Show how easily we added Keycloak
- Show the magic we can now do
- PROFIT!!!

Architecture



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Take Aways

- Microservices architecture brings some interesting application capabilities
- It also adds some interesting challenges authentication being a BIG one
- Make your authentication just another service
- Products/projects like Keycloak, Stormpath, and Auth0 can make it easy to bring the authentication love