



# The ICAT pluggable authentication system

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# History

- ICAT 3 – compile time changeable user single plug-in
- ICAT 4.0/4.1 – deploy time changeable single plug-in
- ICAT 4.2 – new ‘Authenticator’ interface. New login method signature. Multiple plugins. ‘Live’ configurable. IP address parameter



# 3.3 'Login' method

```
String sessionId = port.login("tom", "mypassword");
```



# 4.2 'Login' method

```
String sessionId = port.login("tom", "mypassword");
```

```
Login.Credentials.Entry usernameEntry = new Login.Credentials.Entry();  
usernameEntry.setKey("username");  
usernameEntry.setValue("tom");  
Login.Credentials.Entry passwordEntry = new Login.Credentials.Entry();  
passwordEntry.setKey("password");  
passwordEntry.setValue("mypassword");  
Login.Credentials creds = new Login.Credentials();  
creds.getEntry().add(usernameEntry);  
creds.getEntry().add(passwordEntry);  
String sessionId = port.login("db", creds);
```



## 4.2 'Login' method

```
Login.Credentials.Entry certEntry = new Login.Credentials.Entry();
usernameEntry.setKey("certificate");
usernameEntry.setValue("24854854642516545487865465487465487...");
Login.Credentials creds = new Login.Credentials();
creds.getEntry().add(certEntry);
String sessionId = port.login("certificate", creds);
```



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usernameEntry.setKey("certificate");
usernameEntry.setValue("24854854642516545487865465487465487...");
Login.Credentials creds = new Login.Credentials();
creds.getEntry().add(certEntry);
String sessionId = port.login("certificate", creds);
```



# Authenticator Interface

```
public interface Authenticator {  
    Authentication authenticate (Map<String, String> credentials,  
    String remoteAddr)  
        throws IcatException;  
}
```

Also provides 'AddressChecker'

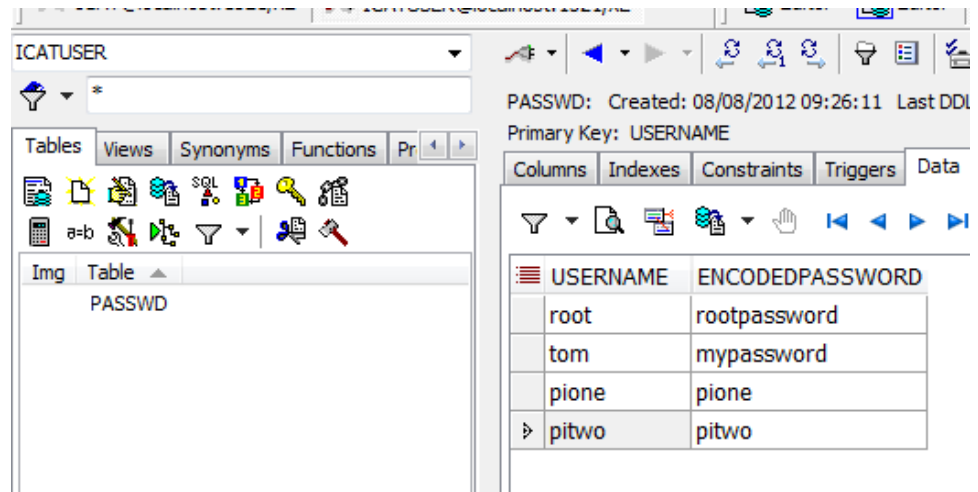
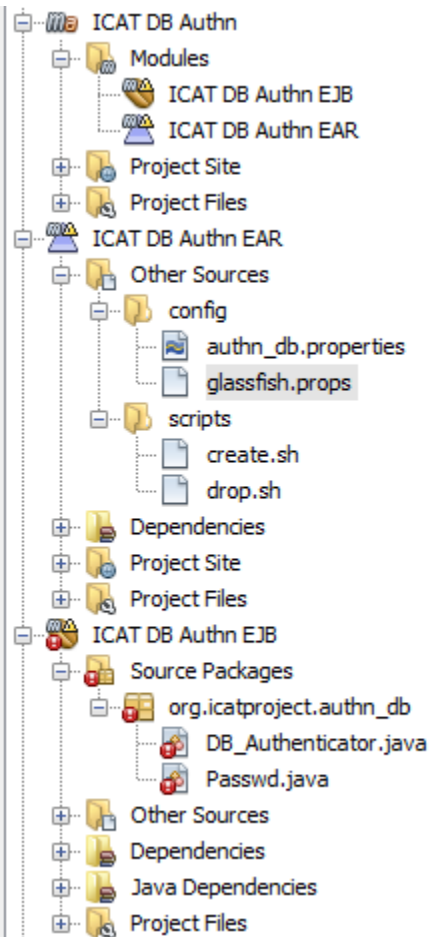
Validates calling IP address against a pattern

Can be optionally called by Authenticator implementation



# Example – ‘db’

Simple classes, packages as JAR then EAR





# Example – ‘db’

```
@PostConstruct
private void init() {
    File f = new File("authn_db.properties");
    Properties props = null;
    props = new Properties();

    props.load(new FileInputStream(f));
    String authips = props.getProperty("ip");

    if (authips != null) {
        addressChecker = new AddressChecker(authips);
    }
    mechanism = props.getProperty("mechanism");

    log.debug("Initialised DB_Authenticator");
}
```



# Example – ‘db’

```
@Override
public Authentication authenticate(Map<String, String> credentials, String
    remoteAddr) throws IcatException {

    if (addressChecker != null) {
        if (!addressChecker.check(remoteAddr)) {
            throw new IcatException(IcatException.IcatExceptionType.SESSION,
                "authn_db does not allow log in from your IP address " +
                remoteAddr);
        }
    }

    String username = credentials.get("username");

    String password = credentials.get("password");

    Passwd passwd = this.manager.find(Passwd.class, username);

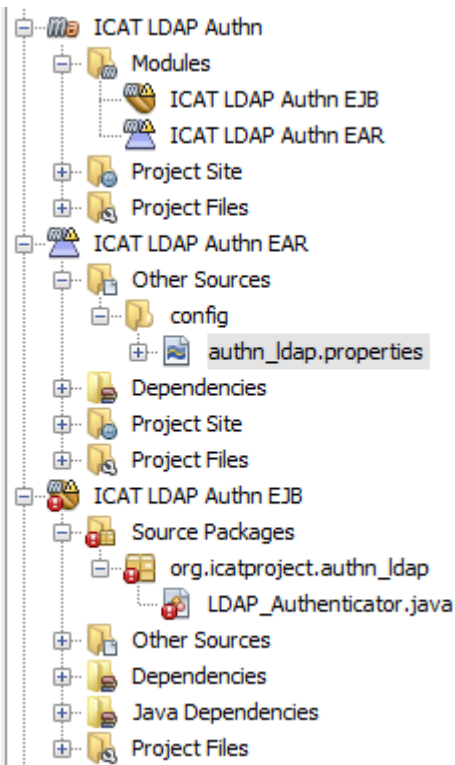
    if (!passwd.getEncodedPassword().equals(password)) {
        throw new IcatException(IcatException.IcatExceptionType.SESSION,
            "The username and password do not match");
    }

    log.info(username + " logged in successfully");
    return new Authentication(username, mechanism);
}
```



# Example – ‘LDAP’

Simple classes, packages as JAR then EAR



# Example – ‘LDAP’

```
@PostConstruct
private void init() {
    File f = new File("authn_ldap.properties");
    Properties props = null;
    props = new Properties();
    props.load(new FileInputStream(f));

    //same IP address checker stuff as before

    String providerUrl = props.getProperty("provider_url");
    if (providerUrl == null) {
        String msg = "provider_url not defined in " + f.getAbsolutePath();
        log.fatal(msg);
        throw new IllegalStateException(msg);
    }
    String securityPrincipal = props.getProperty("security_principal");
    if (securityPrincipal == null) {
        String msg = "security_principal not defined in " + f.getAbsolutePath();
        log.fatal(msg);
        throw new IllegalStateException(msg);
    }
    ...
    ...
}
```



# Example – ‘LDAP’

```
...  
...  
  
if (securityPrincipal.indexOf('%') < 0) {  
    String msg = "security_principal value must include a % to be  
substituted by the user name "  
        + f.getAbsolutePath();  
    log.fatal(msg);  
    throw new IllegalStateException(msg);  
}  
this.providerUrl = providerUrl;  
this.securityPrincipal = securityPrincipal;  
  
// Note that the mechanism is optional  
mechanism = props.getProperty("mechanism");  
  
log.debug("Initialised LDAP_Authenticator");  
}
```



# Example – ‘LDAP’

```
@Override
    public Authentication authenticate(Map<String, String> credentials, String
        remoteAddr) throws IcatException {

        if (addressChecker != null) {
            if (!addressChecker.check(remoteAddr)) {
                throw new IcatException(IcatException.IcatExceptionType.SESSION,
                    "authn_db does not allow log in from your IP address " +
remoteAddr);
            }
        }

        String username = credentials.get("username");

        String password = credentials.get("password");

        log.info("Checking username/password with ldap server");
```



# Example – ‘LDAP’

```
Hashtable<Object, Object> authEnv = new Hashtable<Object, Object>();
authEnv.put(Context.INITIAL_CONTEXT_FACTORY,
    "com.sun.jndi.ldap.LdapCtxFactory");
authEnv.put(Context.PROVIDER_URL, providerUrl);
authEnv.put(Context.SECURITY_AUTHENTICATION, "simple");
authEnv.put(Context.SECURITY_PRINCIPAL, securityPrincipal.replace("%",
    username));
authEnv.put(Context.SECURITY_CREDENTIALS, password);

try {
    new InitialDirContext(authEnv);
} catch (NamingException e) {
    throw new IcatException(IcatException.IcatExceptionType.SESSION,
        "The username and password do not match");
}
log.info(username + " logged in succesfully");
return new Authentication(username, mechanism);
}
```



# Example – ‘UO Web service’

```
@Override
public Authentication authenticate(Map<String, String> credentials, String
    remoteAddr) throws IcatException {

    if (addressChecker != null) {
        if (!addressChecker.check(remoteAddr)) {
            throw new IcatException(IcatException.IcatExceptionType.SESSION,
                "authn_db does not allow log in from your IP address " +
                remoteAddr);
        }
    }
    String username = credentials.get("username");
    String password = credentials.get("password");
    try{
        String sessionId = uoPort.login(username, password);
    }
    catch (Exception e) {
        throw new IcatException(IcatException.IcatExceptionType.SESSION,
            "The username and password do not match");
    }
    if (sessionId == null {
        throw new IcatException(IcatException.IcatExceptionType.SESSION,
            "The username and password do not match");
    }
    log.info(username + " logged in successfully");
    return new Authentication(username, mechanism);
}
```





# Configuration

- Each mechanism can define its own config file

```
# Real comments in this file are marked with '#' whereas commented out lines  
# are marked with '!'
```

```
# The following are needed for ldap authentication. The % character in the  
# security_principal will be replaced by the specified user name. If you  
# just use % the  
# user name.
```

```
provider_url ldap  
security_princi
```

```
# If access to  
# IP addresses  
# take the form  
# (starting from  
ip 130.246.0.
```

```
# Real comments in this file are marked with '#' whereas commented out lines  
# are marked with '!'
```

```
# If access to the DB authentication should only be allowed from certain  
# IP addresses then provide a space separated list of allowed values. These  
# take the form of an IPV4 or IPV6 address followed by the number of bits  
# (starting from the most significant) to consider.
```

```
ip 130.246.0.0/16 172.16.68.0/24
```

```
# The mechanism label to appear before the user name. This may be omitted.
```

```
mechanism db
```



# Configuration - ICAT

```
# Real comments in this file are marked with '#' whereas commented out lines
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# The lifetime of a session
lifetimeMinutes 120

# Provide CRUD access to authz tables
rootUserNames root

# Desired authentication plugin mnemonics
authn.list db ldap

# JNDI for each plugin
authn.db.jndi java:global/authn_db.ear-1.0.0/authn_db.ejb-1.0.0/DB_Authenticator
authn.ldap.jndi java:global/authn_ldap.ear-1.0.0/authn_ldap.ejb-1.0.0/LDAP_Authenticator
```





# Questions?

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