Architecture Deep Dive in Spring Security

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3 Key Areas in Security

- Authentication
- Authorization
- Exception Handling

User Database

Username	Password	Authorities
joe@example.com	password	ROLE_USER
rob@example.com	password	ROLE_USER
admin@example.com	password	ROLE_USER, ROLE_ADMIN

Demo

Authentication

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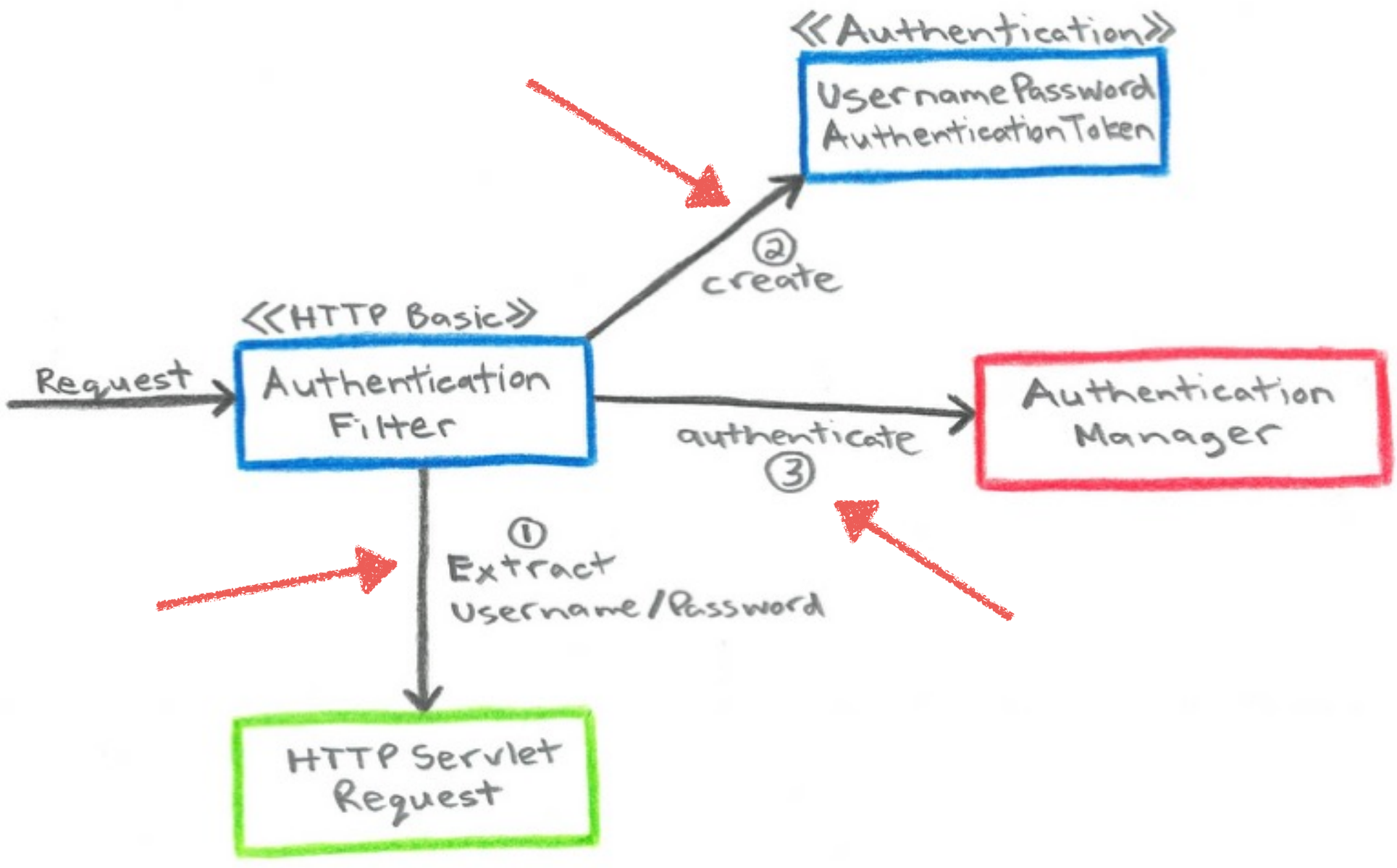
Exception Handling

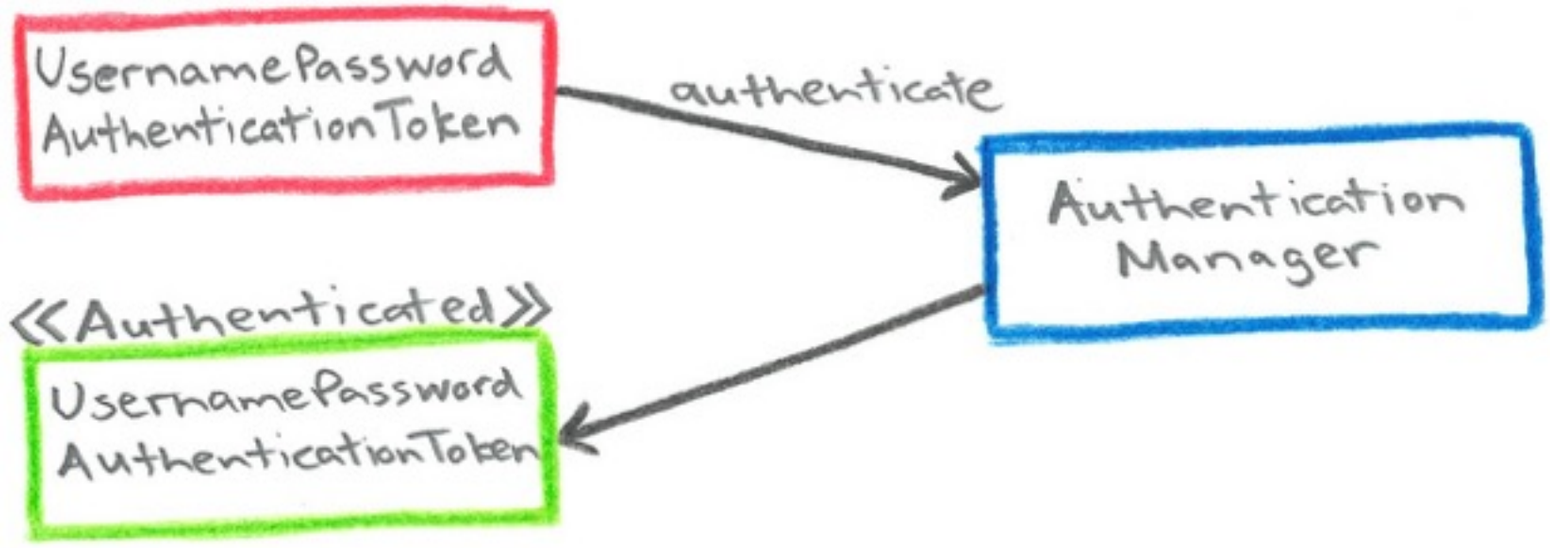
Authentication Filter



Authentication

Authentication	
Principal:	joe@example.com
Credentials:	password
Authorities:	——
Authenticated:	FALSE

Authentication	
Principal:	UserDetails
Credentials:	——
Authorities:	ROLE_USER
Authenticated:	TRUE




```
public interface Authentication extends Principal, Serializable {

   Object getPrincipal();

   Object getCredentials();

   Collection<? extends GrantedAuthority> getAuthorities();

   . . .
}
```

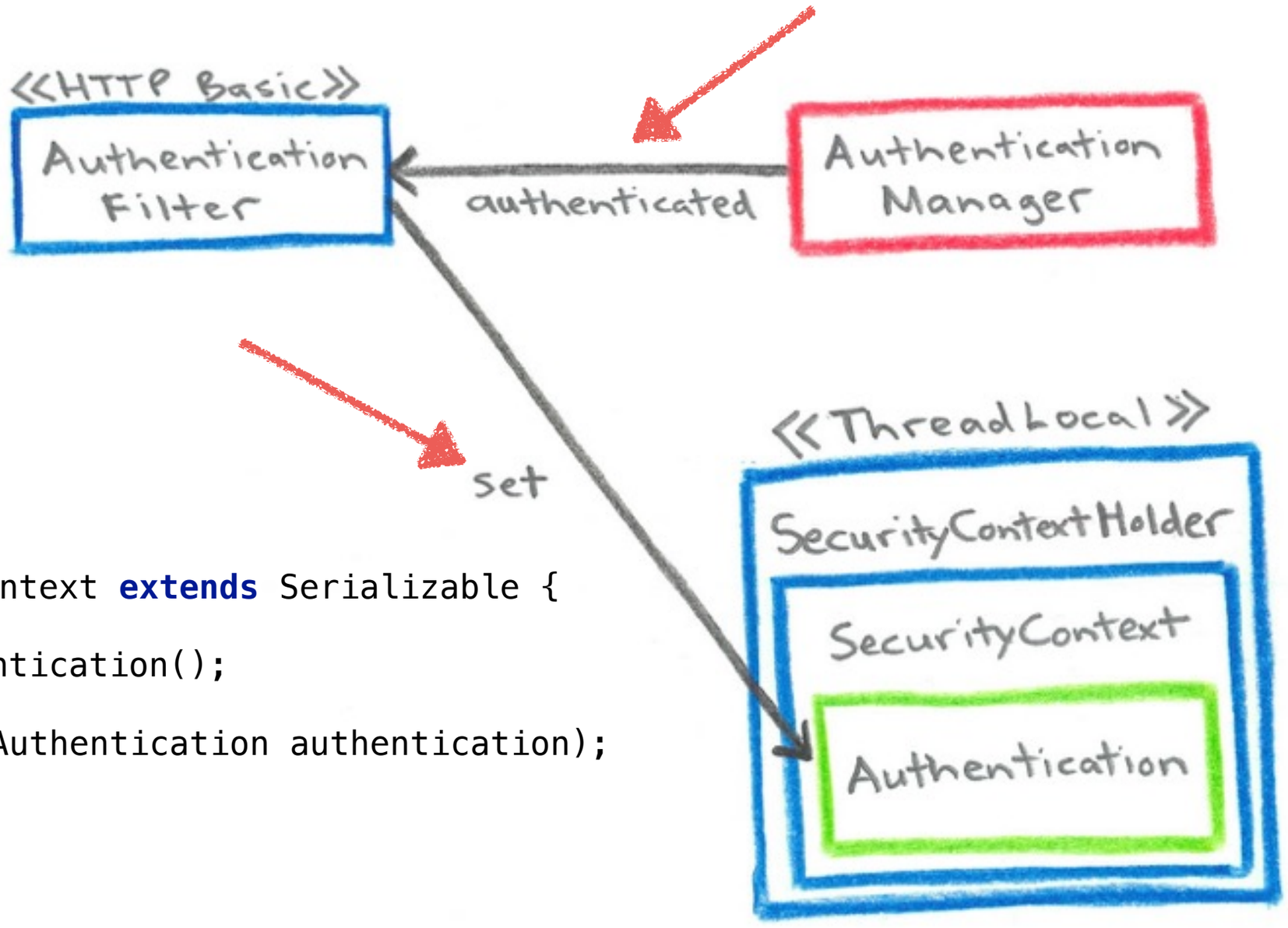
UserDetails / Service

```
public interface UserDetailsService {

   UserDetails loadUserByUsername(String username)
         throws UsernameNotFoundException;

}
```

Authentication	
Principal:	UserDetails
Credentials:	——
Authorities:	ROLE_USER
Authenticated:	TRUE

```
public interface UserDetails extends Serializable {

   String getUsername();

   String getPassword();

   Collection<? extends GrantedAuthority> getAuthorities();

   . . .
}
```

Security Context




```
public interface SecurityContext extends Serializable {

    Authentication getAuthentication();

    void setAuthentication(Authentication authentication);

}
```

```
SecurityContextHolder.getContext().setAuthentication(authenticated);
```

Authentication Recap

- **Authentication Filter** creates an *"Authentication Request"* and passes it to the **Authentication Manager**

- Authentication Manager delegates to the **Authentication Provider**

- Authentication Provider uses a **UserDetailsService** to load the **UserDetails** and returns an *"Authenticated Principal"*

- Authentication Filter sets the **Authentication** in the **SecurityContext**

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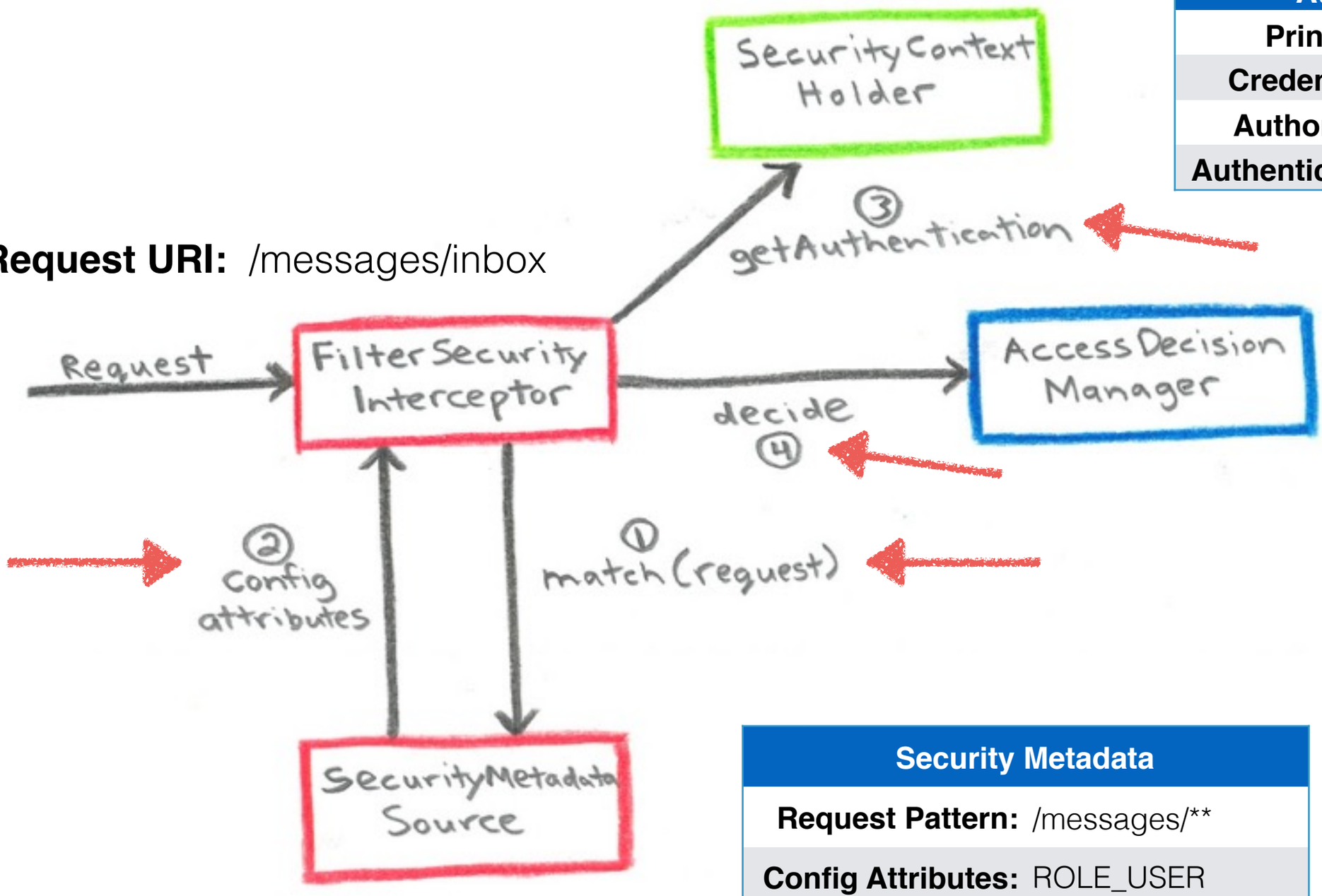
Filter Security Interceptor

Request URI: /messages/inbox



Authentication	
Principal:	UserDetails
Credentials:	——
Authorities:	ROLE_USER
Authenticated:	TRUE

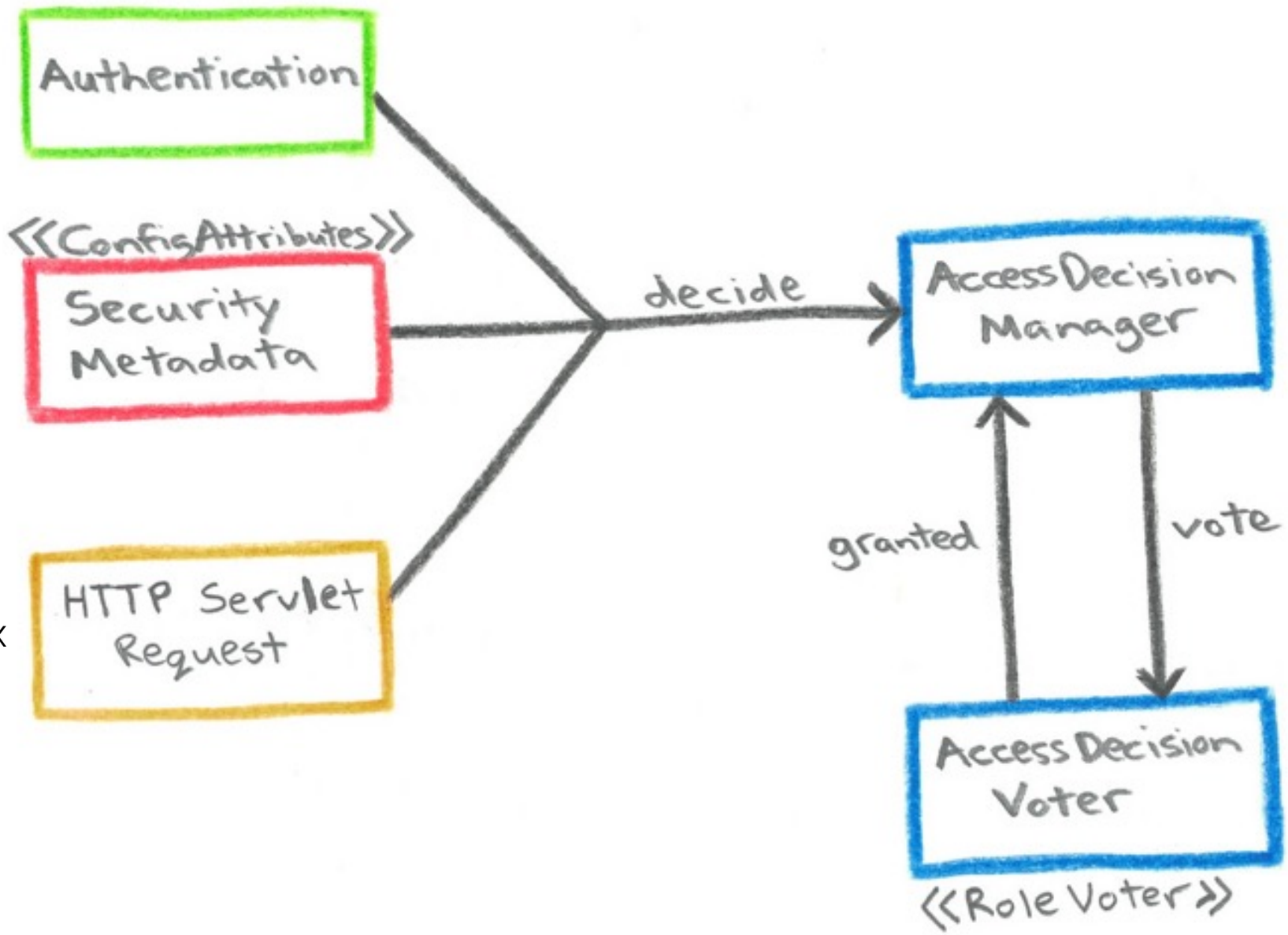
Security Metadata	
Request Pattern:	/messages/**
Config Attributes:	ROLE_USER

Access Decision

Authentication	
Principal:	UserDetails
Credentials:	——
Authorities:	ROLE_USER
Authenticated:	TRUE

Security Metadata	
Request Pattern:	/messages/**
Config Attributes:	ROLE_USER

Request URI: /messages/inbox



Authorization Recap

- **FilterSecurityInterceptor** obtains the ***"Security Metadata"*** by matching on the current request

- FilterSecurityInterceptor gets the current **Authentication**

- The Authentication, Security Metadata and Request is passed to the **AccessDecisionManager**

- The AccessDecisionManager delegates to it's **AccessDecisionVoter(s)** for decisioning

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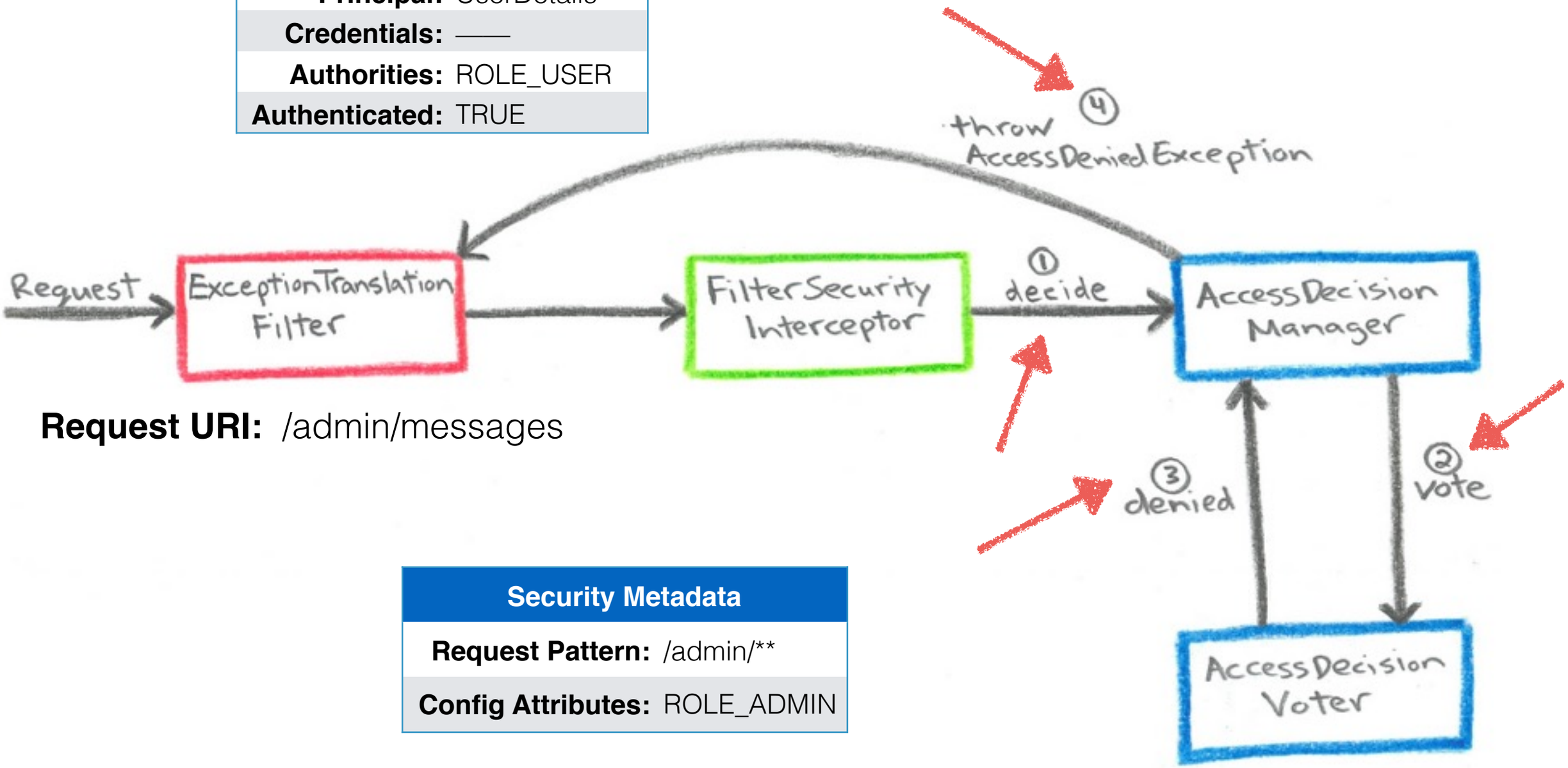
Access Denied

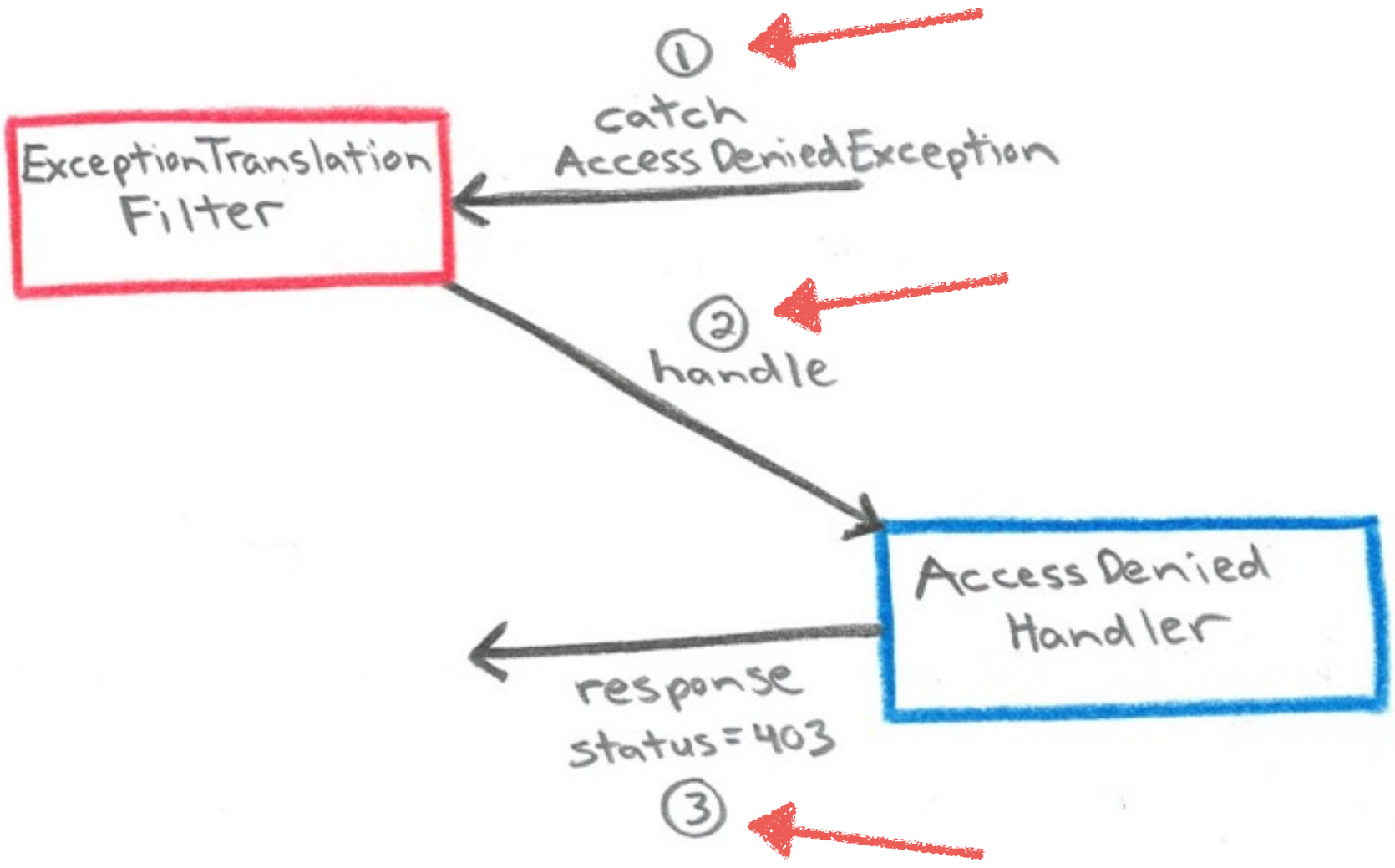
Authentication	
Principal:	UserDetails
Credentials:	——
Authorities:	ROLE_USER
Authenticated:	TRUE



Request URI: /admin/messages

Security Metadata	
Request Pattern:	/admin/**
Config Attributes:	ROLE_ADMIN

Access Denied Handler



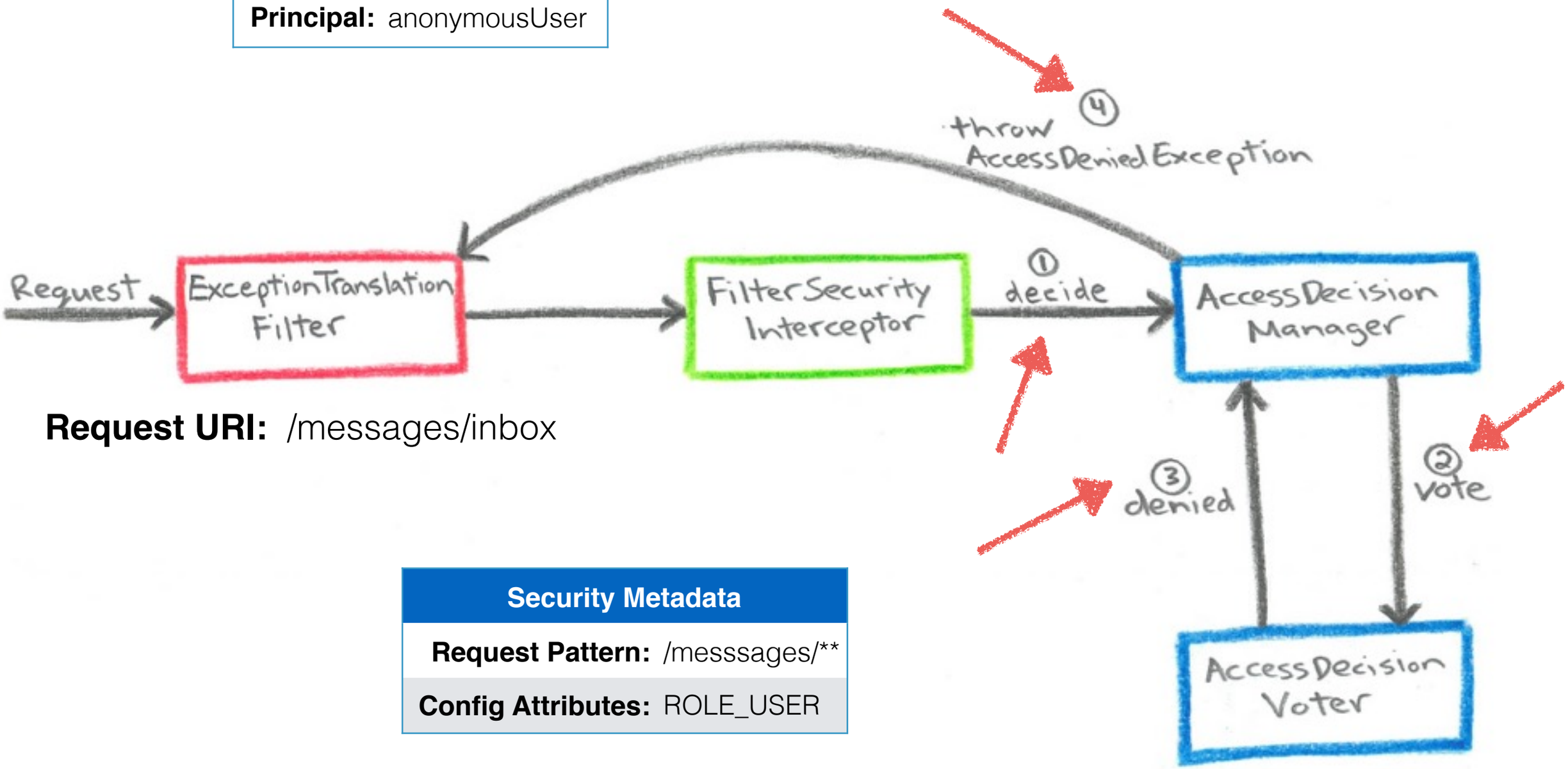

```
public interface AccessDeniedHandler {

  void handle(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse response,
       AccessDeniedException accessDeniedException) throws IOException, ServletException;

}
```

“Unauthenticated”

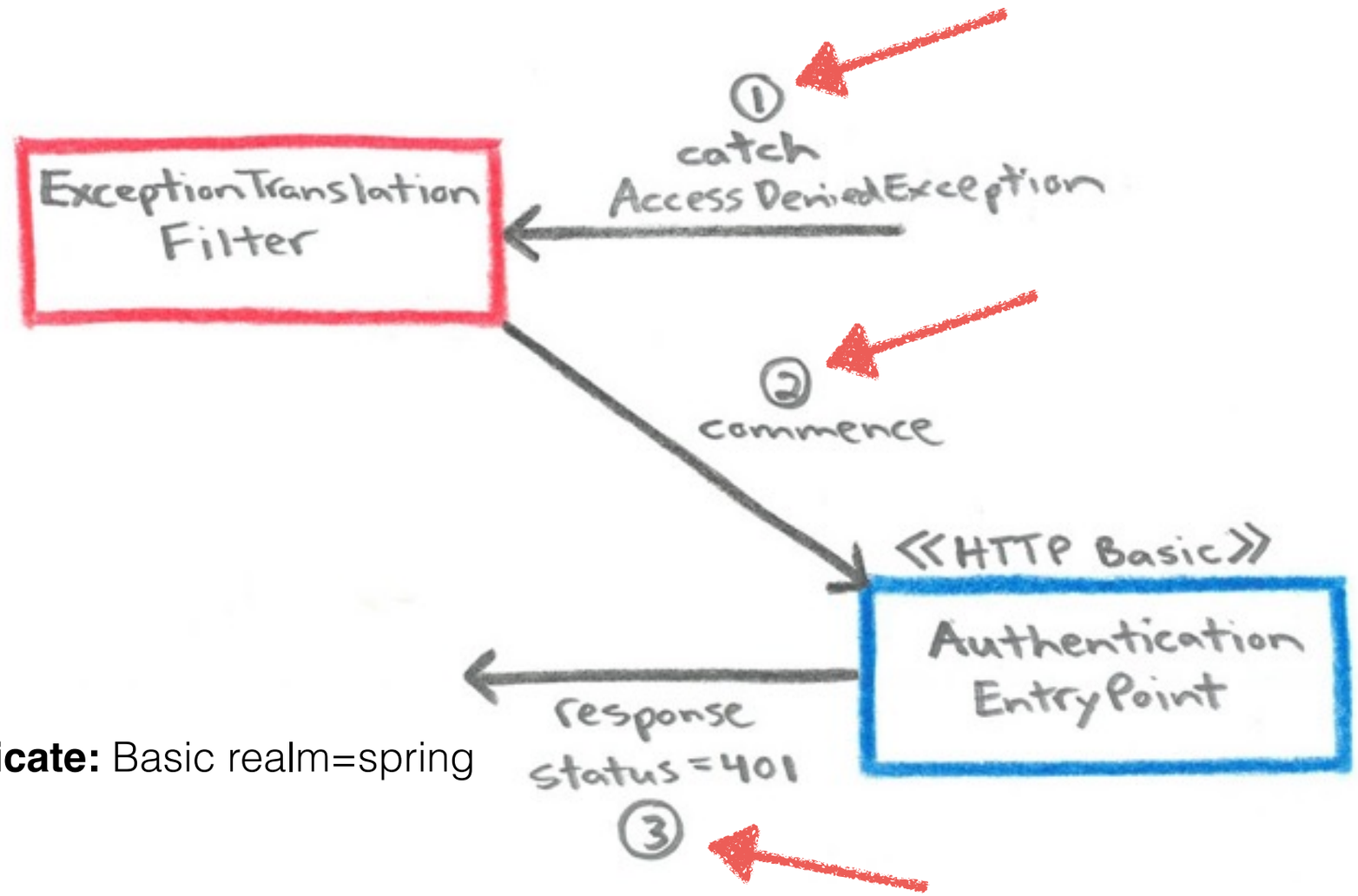
Authentication
Principal: anonymousUser



Request URI: /messages/inbox

Security Metadata
Request Pattern: /messsages/**
Config Attributes: ROLE_USER

Start Authentication



WWW-Authenticate: Basic realm=spring

```
public interface AuthenticationEntryPoint {

    void commence(HttpServletRequest request, HttpServletResponse response,
            AuthenticationException authException) throws IOException, ServletException;

}
```

Exception Handling Recap

- When *"Access Denied"* for current Authentication, the **ExceptionTranslationFilter** delegates to the **AccessDeniedHandler**, which by default, returns a 403 Status.

- When current Authentication is *"Anonymous"*, the **ExceptionTranslationFilter** delegates to the **AuthenticationEntryPoint** to start the Authentication process.

Summary

Authentication

Authorization

Exception Handling

Thank You!

…for coming out

Demo Sample

github.com/jgrandja/messaging-sample

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Spring Security Filter Chain