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feat: add isValidRedirectUrl helper, ctx on Redirect, and helper tests

Extract redirect URL validation into a reusable isValidRedirectUrl helper that handles relative paths, protocol-relative rejection, and optional host validation for absolute URLs. Refactor getPreviousUrl to delegate to it. Add ctx property to Redirect for use by session-based macros. Add comprehensive tests for both helpers.

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src/helpers.ts
@@ -31,14 +31,71 @@ import {
31 31
32 32 export { createURL }

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34 + /**
35 +  * Validates that a URL is safe to use as a redirect destination.
36 +  *
37 +  * - Relative URLs must start with `\/` and not be protocol-relative (`//`)
38 +  * - Absolute URLs must parse successfully and their host must match
39 +  *   `currentHost` or be listed in `allowedHosts`
40 +  *
41 +  * When `currentHost` and `allowedHosts` are omitted, absolute URLs
42 +  * are accepted as long as they parse successfully.
43 +  *
44 +  * @param url - The URL to validate
45 +  * @param currentHost - The current request's Host header value
46 +  * @param allowedHosts - Array of additionally allowed hosts
47 +  */
48 + export function isValidRedirectUrl(
49 +   url: string,
50 +   currentHost?: string,
51 +   allowedHosts?: string[]
52 + ): boolean {
53 +   if (typeof url !== 'string' || url.trim() === '') {
54 +     return false
55 +   }
56 +
57 +   if (url.startsWith('//')) {
58 +     return false
59 +   }
60 +
61 +   if (url.startsWith('/')) {
62 +     try {
63 +       const parsed = new URL(url, 'http://localhost')
64 +       return parsed.host === 'localhost'
65 +     } catch {
66 +       return false
67 +     }
68 +   }
69 +
70 +   try {
71 +     const parsed = new URL(url)
72 +
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73 +   /**
74 +    * When no host constraints are provided, accept any
75 +    * parseable absolute URL
76 +    */
77 +    if (!currentHost && (!allowedHosts || allowedHosts.length === 0)) {
78 +      return true
79 +    }
80 +
81 +    if (currentHost && parsed.host === currentHost) {
82 +      return true
83 +    }
84 +
85 +    if (allowedHosts && allowedHosts.length > 0 &&
      allowedHosts.includes(parsed.host)) {
86 +      return true
87 +    }
88 +
89 +    return false
90 +  } catch {
91 +    return false
92 +  }
93 + }
94 +

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34 95   /**
35 96    * Returns the previous URL from the request's `Referer` header,
36 97    * validated against the request's `Host` header and an optional
37 -    * list of allowed hosts.
38 -    *
39 -    * The referrer is accepted when its host matches the request's
40 -    * `Host` header or is listed in `allowedHosts`. Otherwise the
41 -    * `fallback` value is returned.

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98 +    * list of allowed hosts using `isValidRedirectUrl`.

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42 99    *
43 100   * @param headers - The incoming request headers
44 101   * @param allowedHosts - Array of allowed referrer hosts

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@@ -58,17 +115,8 @@ export function getPreviousUrl(

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58 115     referrer = referrer[0]
59 116   }
60 117

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61 -   try {

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62     -   const parsed = new URL(referrer)
63     -   const host = headers['host']
64     -   if (host && parsed.host === host) {
65     -     return referrer
66     -   }
67     -   if (allowedHosts.length > 0 && allowedHosts.includes(parsed.host)) {
68     -     return referrer
69     -   }
70     - } catch {
71     -   // malformed URL
118 +   if (isValidRedirectUrl(referrer, headers['host'], allowedHosts)) {
119 +     return referrer
72 120   }
73 121
74 122   return fallback

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src/redirect.ts



```

@@ -24,6 +24,7 @@ import type {
24 24   } from './types/url_builder.ts'
25 25   import { safeDecodeURI } from './utils.ts'
26 26   import Macroable from '@poppinss/macroable'
27 + import type { HttpContext } from './http_context/main.ts'
27 28
28 29   /**
29 30   * Provides a fluent API for constructing HTTP redirect responses.
@@ -48,6 +49,12 @@ import Macroable from '@poppinss/macroable'
48 49   * ``
49 50   */
50 51   export class Redirect extends Macroable {
52 +   /**
53 +   * HTTP context reference, set by the response when creating
54 +   * the redirect instance during request handling.
55 +   */
56 +   ctx?: HttpContext
57 +
51 58   /**
52 59   * Array of allowed hosts for referrer-based redirects.
53 60   * When empty, only the request's own host is allowed.

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src/response.ts

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@@ -1039,6 +1039,7 @@ export class HttpResponse extends Macroable {
 1039 1039     statusCode: number = ResponseStatus.Found
 1040 1040   ): Redirect | void {
 1041 1041     const handler = new Redirect(this.request, this, this.#router, this.#qs,
        this.#config.redirect)
 1042 +     handler.ctx = this.ctx
 1042 1043
 1043 1044     if (forwardQueryString) {
 1044 1045     handler.withQs()

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tests/helpers/get\_previous\_url.spec.ts

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@@ -0,0 +1,62 @@
 1 + /*
 2 +  * @adonisjs/http-server
 3 +  *
 4 +  * (c) AdonisJS
 5 +  *
 6 +  * For the full copyright and license information, please view the LICENSE
 7 +  * file that was distributed with this source code.
 8 +  */
 9 +
10 + import { test } from '@japa/runner'
11 + import { getPreviousUrl } from '../../src/helpers.ts'
12 +
13 + test.group('getPreviousUrl', () => {
14 +   test('return fallback when no referer header is set', ({ assert }) => {
15 +     assert.equal(getPreviousUrl({}, [], '/fallback'), '/fallback')
16 +   })
17 +
18 +   test('return fallback when referer header is empty', ({ assert }) => {
19 +     assert.equal(getPreviousUrl({ referer: '' }, [], '/'), '/')
20 +   })
21 +
22 +   test('accept referer matching the host header', ({ assert }) => {
23 +     const headers = { referer: 'https://example.com/foo', host: 'example.com' }
24 +     assert.equal(getPreviousUrl(headers, [], '/'), 'https://example.com/foo')

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25 +   })
26 +
27 +   test('accept referer matching an allowed host', ({ assert }) => {
28 +     const headers = { referer: 'https://admin.example.com/bar', host:
    'example.com' }
29 +     assert.equal(
30 +       getPreviousUrl(headers, ['admin.example.com'], '/'),
31 +       'https://admin.example.com/bar'
32 +     )
33 +   })
34 +
35 +   test('return fallback when referer host does not match', ({ assert }) => {
36 +     const headers = { referer: 'https://evil.com/phish', host: 'example.com' }
37 +     assert.equal(getPreviousUrl(headers, [], '/'), '/')
38 +   })
39 +
40 +   test('return fallback for malformed referer', ({ assert }) => {
41 +     const headers = { referer: '//evil.com', host: 'example.com' }
42 +     assert.equal(getPreviousUrl(headers, [], '/'), '/')
43 +   })
44 +
45 +   test('accept relative referer URLs', ({ assert }) => {
46 +     const headers = { referer: '/foo/bar', host: 'example.com' }
47 +     assert.equal(getPreviousUrl(headers, [], '/'), '/foo/bar')
48 +   })
49 +
50 +   test('use the first value when referer is an array', ({ assert }) => {
51 +     const headers = {
52 +       referer: ['https://example.com/a', 'https://example.com/b'] as any,
53 +       host: 'example.com',
54 +     }
55 +     assert.equal(getPreviousUrl(headers, [], '/'), 'https://example.com/a')
56 +   })
57 +
58 +   test('use referrer header when referer is not set', ({ assert }) => {
59 +     const headers = { referrer: 'https://example.com/foo', host: 'example.com' }
    as any
60 +     assert.equal(getPreviousUrl(headers, [], '/'), 'https://example.com/foo')
61 +   })
62 + }
```

tests/helpers/is\_valid\_redirect\_url.spec.ts

```
@@ -0,0 +1,78 @@
1 + /*
2 +  * @adonisjs/http-server
3 +  *
4 +  * (c) AdonisJS
5 +  *
6 +  * For the full copyright and license information, please view the LICENSE
7 +  * file that was distributed with this source code.
8 +  */
9 +
10 + import { test } from '@japa/runner'
11 + import { isValidRedirectUrl } from '../../src/helpers.ts'
12 +
13 + test.group('isValidRedirectUrl', () => {
14 +   test('accept relative URLs starting with /', ({ assert }) => {
15 +     assert.isTrue(isValidRedirectUrl('/'))
16 +     assert.isTrue(isValidRedirectUrl('/foo'))
17 +     assert.isTrue(isValidRedirectUrl('/foo/bar'))
18 +     assert.isTrue(isValidRedirectUrl('/foo?bar=baz'))
19 +     assert.isTrue(isValidRedirectUrl('/foo#section'))
20 +   })
21 +
22 +   test('reject empty or non-string values', ({ assert }) => {
23 +     assert.isFalse(isValidRedirectUrl(''))
24 +     assert.isFalse(isValidRedirectUrl(' '))
25 +     assert.isFalse(isValidRedirectUrl(null as any))
26 +     assert.isFalse(isValidRedirectUrl(undefined as any))
27 +     assert.isFalse(isValidRedirectUrl(123 as any))
28 +   })
29 +
30 +   test('reject protocol-relative URLs', ({ assert }) => {
31 +     assert.isFalse(isValidRedirectUrl('//evil.com'))
32 +     assert.isFalse(isValidRedirectUrl('//evil.com/path'))
33 +   })
34 +
35 +   test('reject relative URLs that trick the URL parser', ({ assert }) => {
36 +     assert.isFalse(isValidRedirectUrl('/\\evil.com'))
37 +   })

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38 +
39 +   test('accept absolute URLs when no host constraints are provided', ({ assert
    }) => {
40 +     assert.isTrue(isValidRedirectUrl('https://example.com'))
41 +     assert.isTrue(isValidRedirectUrl('https://example.com/path'))
42 +     assert.isTrue(isValidRedirectUrl('http://localhost:3000/foo'))
43 +   })
44 +
45 +   test('reject malformed absolute URLs', ({ assert }) => {
46 +     assert.isFalse(isValidRedirectUrl('not-a-url'))
47 +     assert.isFalse(isValidRedirectUrl('ftp://'))
48 +   })
49 +
50 +   test('accept absolute URLs matching currentHost', ({ assert }) => {
51 +     assert.isTrue(isValidRedirectUrl('https://example.com/foo', 'example.com'))
52 +     assert.isTrue(isValidRedirectUrl('http://localhost:3000/foo',
    'localhost:3000'))
53 +   })
54 +
55 +   test('reject absolute URLs not matching currentHost', ({ assert }) => {
56 +     assert.isFalse(isValidRedirectUrl('https://evil.com/foo', 'example.com'))
57 +     assert.isFalse(isValidRedirectUrl('https://example.com:8080/foo',
    'example.com'))
58 +   })
59 +
60 +   test('accept absolute URLs in allowedHosts', ({ assert }) => {
61 +     assert.isTrue(isValidRedirectUrl('https://app.example.com/foo', undefined,
    ['app.example.com']))
62 +     assert.isTrue(
63 +       isValidRedirectUrl('https://admin.example.com/foo', 'app.example.com', [
64 +         'admin.example.com',
65 +       ])
66 +     )
67 +   })
68 +
69 +   test('reject absolute URLs not in allowedHosts or currentHost', ({ assert })
    => {
70 +     assert.isFalse(
71 +       isValidRedirectUrl('https://evil.com/foo', 'example.com',
    ['app.example.com'])
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72 +   )
73 + })
74 +
75 +   test('relative URLs ignore host constraints', ({ assert }) => {
76 +     assert.isTrue(isValidRedirectUrl('/foo', 'example.com',
77 +       ['app.example.com']))
78 +   })
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