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# fix: exclude JWT token from workload repr to prevent log exposure #62964

**Merged** [kaxil](#) merged 14 commits into [apache:main](#) from [SibtainOcn:fix/redact-token-from-...](#) on Mar 7

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**SibtainOcn** commented on Mar 5 • edited by eladkal

Contributor

## What

Prevents JWT tokens from leaking into task logs by setting `repr=False` on the `token` field in `BaseWorkloadSchema`.

Closes: [#62428](#)

Closes: [#62773](#)

## Why

When workload objects are logged (e.g. `log.info('Executing workload', workload=workload)` in `execute_workload.py`), Pydantic's auto-generated `__repr__` includes all fields — including the raw JWT token. This is a security concern since tokens grant API access and should never appear in log output.

The log output currently looks like:

```
ExecuteTask(token='eyJhbGciOi...full_token_here', ti=TaskInstance(...), ...)
```

## How

Uses Pydantic's built-in `Field(repr=False)` on the `token` field in `BaseWorkloadSchema` (the base class for all workload DTOs). This:

1. **Excludes** the token from `repr()` / `str()` output — so it never appears in logs
2. **Preserves** full access via `workload.token` — no functional change

3. **Fixes all executors** at the model level — KubernetesExecutor, CeleryExecutor, ECS, etc.

After the fix, log output shows:

```
ExecuteTask(ti=TaskInstance(...), dag_rel_path=..., type='ExecuteTask')
```

## Comparison with #62782

PR #62782 takes a different approach: it modifies the logging call sites to log individual fields and adds a structlog regex redactor. Our approach fixes the **root cause** at the model level (1 line change vs 4 files), ensuring the token is hidden from repr regardless of where or how the workload object is logged.

Both approaches are valid and complementary — `Field(repr=False)` prevents the leak at the source, while a structlog redactor provides defense-in-depth.



## Changes

- `airflow-core/src/airflow/executors/workloads/base.py` : Add `Field` import; set `repr=False` on `token` field
- `airflow-core/tests/unit/executors/test_workloads.py` : Add regression test verifying token is excluded from repr
- `airflow-core/newsfragments/62428.bugfix.rst` : Changelog entry

## Testing

- Added unit test `test_token_excluded_from_workload_repr` that creates an `ExecuteTask` with a fake JWT and asserts `repr()` does not contain it
- Verified locally with Pydantic 2.12.5

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  SibtainOcn requested review from [XD-DENG](#), [ashb](#), [dheerajturaga](#), [hussein-awala](#), [o-nikolas](#) and [pierrejeambrun](#) as [code owners last month](#)

**boring-cyborg**  commented on [Mar 5](#)

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 **boring-cyborg** (bot) added the `area:Executors-core` label on Mar 5

 **kaxil** reviewed on Mar 5

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> `airflow-core/src/airflow/executors/workloads/base.py`

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 **kaxil** reviewed on Mar 5

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> `airflow-core/tests/unit/executors/test_workloads.py`

Outdated

 Show resolved

 **kaxil** requested a review from **Copilot** last month

 **kaxil** approved these changes on Mar 5

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 **kaxil** added this to the **Airflow 3.2.0** milestone [on Mar 5](#)

 **Copilot** started reviewing on behalf of **kaxil** [last month](#)

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 **Copilot** AI reviewed [on Mar 5](#)

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 **Copilot** AI left a comment

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## Pull request overview

This PR fixes a security issue where JWT tokens were being exposed in task logs via Pydantic's auto-generated `__repr__` output. When workload objects are logged (e.g., `log.info("Executing workload", workload=workload)`), the full JWT token was visible in structured log output. The fix uses Pydantic's `Field(repr=False)` on the `token` field in `BaseWorkloadSchema`, the base class for all workload DTOs.

### Changes:

- Set `repr=False` on the `token` field in `BaseWorkloadSchema` to prevent JWT tokens from appearing in `repr/str` output
- Added a regression test to verify the token is excluded from `repr()` while remaining accessible as an attribute
- Added a changelog newsfragment for the bugfix

### Reviewed changes

Copilot reviewed 3 out of 3 changed files in this pull request and generated 2 comments.

File	Description
<code>airflow-core/src/airflow/executors/workloads/base.py</code>	Added <code>Field</code> import and set <code>repr=False</code> on the <code>token</code> field in <code>BaseWorkloadSchema</code>
<code>airflow-core/tests/unit/executors/test_workloads.py</code>	Added regression test <code>test_token_excluded_from_workload_repr</code> verifying token exclusion from <code>repr</code>
<code>airflow-core/newsfragments/62428.bugfix.rst</code>	Changelog entry for the bugfix

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> airflow-core/tests/unit/executors/test\_workloads.py Outdated Show resolved

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**SibtainOcn** added 2 commits [last month](#)

[fix: move imports to top of file and simplify docstring per review](#) ec00988

[Merge branch 'main' into fix/redact-token-from-workload-repr](#) 498bb4d

**eladkal** previously requested changes [on Mar 5](#)

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> test\_fix\_verification.py Outdated Show resolved

**SibtainOcn** added 2 commits [last month](#)

[fix: remove local verification script from PR](#) fe488e2

[Merge branch 'fix/redact-token-from-workload-repr' of https://github... ...](#) 567aeec

**SibtainOcn** requested a review from **eladkal** [last month](#)

[Merge branch 'main' into fix/redact-token-from-workload-repr](#) 42b22e2

**XD-DENG** requested changes [on Mar 6](#)

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> airflow-core/newsfragments/62964.bugfix.rst Show resolved

 **SibtainOcn** added 2 commits [last month](#)

  [fix: rename newsfragment to use PR number per review](#) 5d341f8

  Merge branch 'fix/redact-token-from-workload-repr' of <https://github.com/apache/airflow> 9496980

 **XD-DENG** approved these changes [on Mar 6](#)

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  [style: fix assert formatting to match Airflow linter](#) 9c7ed28

 **tirkarathi** approved these changes [on Mar 6](#)

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  **XD-DENG** mentioned this pull request [on Mar 6](#)

### Add CI workflow to validate newsfragment PR numbers #62975

 Merged

 1 task

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  **eladkal** added the type:bug-fix label [on Mar 6](#)

  **eladkal** mentioned this pull request [on Mar 6](#)

### Fix JWT tokens appearing in task logs #62782

 Closed

 1 task

  **eladkal** dismissed their [stale review](#) [last month](#)

stale

 eladkal added the **backport-to-v3-1-test** label [on Mar 6](#)

 eladkal modified the milestones: **Airflow 3.2.0**, **Airflow 3.1.9** [on Mar 6](#)

 SibtainOcn added 2 commits [last month](#)

  Merge branch 'main' into fix/redact-token-from-workload-repr 5a75072

  Merge branch 'main' into fix/redact-token-from-workload-repr a6c9985

SibtainOcn commented [on Mar 6](#)

Contributor Author

Hey, all the review comments have been addressed and pushed. Just waiting on CI workflow approval whenever someone gets a chance.

 SibtainOcn added 3 commits [last month](#)

  style: remove trailing blank lines per pre-commit hook 1629990

  Merge branch 'fix/redact-token-from-workload-repr' of <https://github.com/apache/airflow> 3c975cb

  style: remove trailing blank line to pass static checks 46bb29f

SibtainOcn commented [on Mar 6](#)

Contributor Author

I done fix for the trailing blank line that keeps failing the static checks. Verified locally with pre-commit and trailing-whitespace, end-of-file checks pass now. Hope this goes through, if it still fails, could use some help understanding what the hook expects ?

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**kaxil** merged commit **b196cf3** into `apache:main` on Mar 7

74 checks passed

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**boring-cyborg** (bot) commented on Mar 7

Awesome work, congrats on your first merged pull request! You are invited to check our [Issue Tracker](#) for additional contributions.

**github-actions** (bot) commented on Mar 7

Contributor

### Backport failed to create: v3-1-test. View the failure log [Run details](#)

Note: As of [Merging PRs targeted for Airflow 3.X](#)

the committer who merges the PR is responsible for backporting the PRs that are bug fixes (generally speaking) to the maintenance branches.

In matter of doubt please ask in [#release-management](#) Slack channel.

Status	Branch	Result
✘	v3-1-test	Commit <b>b196cf3</b>

You can attempt to backport this manually by running:

```
cherry_picker b196cf3 v3-1-test
```



This should apply the commit to the v3-1-test branch and leave the commit in conflict state marking the files that need manual conflict resolution.

After you have resolved the conflicts, you can continue the backport process by running:

```
cherry_picker --continue
```



If you don't have cherry-picker installed, see the [installation guide](#).



**SibtainOcn** deleted the `fix/redact-token-from-workload-repr` branch [last month](#)

Member

**pierrejeambrun** commented [on Mar 9](#)**@kaxil** needs manual backport

Member

**kaxil** commented [on Mar 9](#)**@kaxil** needs manual backport**@vatsrahul1001** Can you do it?**vatsrahul1001** pushed a commit that referenced this pull request [on Mar 11](#)fix: Exclude JWT token from workload repr to prevent log exposure ([#6...](#)) [d336be1](#)

Contributor

**vatsrahul1001** commented [on Mar 11](#)**@kaxil** needs manual backport**@vatsrahul1001** Can you do it?backport PR [#63328](#)**vatsrahul1001** added a commit that referenced this pull request [on Mar 11](#)fix: Exclude JWT token from workload repr to prevent log exposure ([#6...](#)) [56c28a5](#)**dominikhei** pushed a commit to dominikhei/airflow that referenced this pull request [on Mar 11](#)fix: Exclude JWT token from workload repr to prevent log exposure ([ap...](#)) [6168ee4](#)**vatsrahul1001** added a commit that referenced this pull request [3 weeks ago](#)fix: Exclude JWT token from workload repr to prevent log exposure ([#6...](#)) [bd3d855](#)**pierrejeambrun** modified the milestones: **Airflow 3.1.9**, **Airflow 3.2.0** [2 weeks ago](#)**pierrejeambrun** mentioned this pull request [2 weeks ago](#)

### JWT tokens appearing in task logs #62428

Closed

2 tasks

nixpkgs-security-tracker (bot) mentioned this pull request 16 hours ago

### Apache Airflow: JWT token appearing in logs NixOS/nixpkgs#510874

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- dheerajturaga  ●
- eladkal ●

#### Assignees

No one assigned

#### Labels

- area:Executors-core type:bug-fix

#### Projects

None yet

#### Milestone

## Airflow 3.2.0

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### Development

Successfully merging this pull request may close these issues.

- ✔ **JWT tokens appearing in logs**
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### 8 participants

