

Integrating PowerApps with External Systems



Agenda

- Calling External Services using HTTP Actions
- Executing Child Flows from a Parent Flow
- Creating and Testing Custom Connector
- Configuring a Custom Connector to use OAuth



Working With REST-based Web Service

- Calling REST-based web service involve creating structured URLs
 - `http://subliminalsystems.com/api/Customers/?$select=LastName,FirstName,CustomerId`
- REST-based URL structured into several parts

<code>http://subliminalsystems.com/api/</code>	<code>Customers/</code>	?	<code>\$select=LastName,FirstName,CustomerId</code>
Web Service Base URL	Resource		Query String Parameters



OData Query String Parameters

- Many web services support OData
 - OData is a REST-based specification for CRUD operations
 - OData defines standard query string parameters
- Commonly-used OData query string parameters
 - **\$select** – allows you to select which properties are returned
 - **\$filter** – allows you to filter rows returned in result
 - **\$orderby** – allows you to sort rows in result
 - **\$top** – allows you to specify how many rows should be returned
 - **\$skip** – allows you to skip over rows that are not needed
 - **\$expand** – allows you to retrieve more data in one round trip



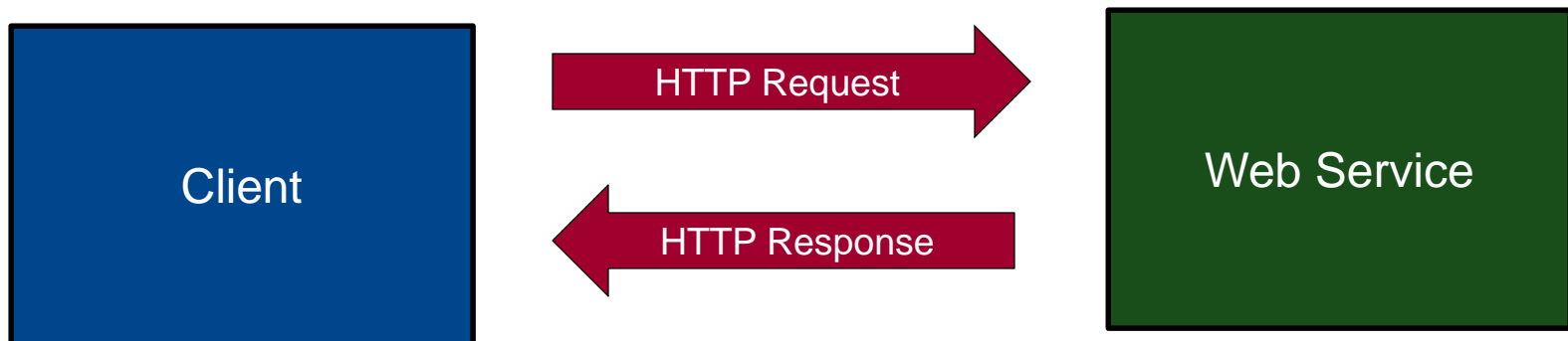
OData URL Examples

- Select properties returned
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- Filter Rows returned
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- Select properties and filter rows
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- Return single entity instance by passing ID
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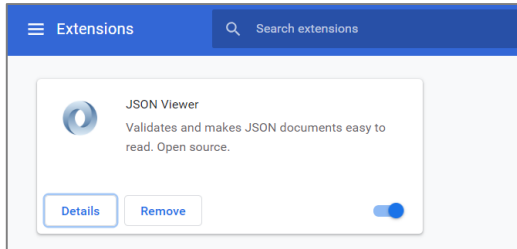
HTTP Request and Response

- HTTP Request
 - URL
 - Verb (e.g. GET, POST, PUT, PATCH, etc)
 - Headers
 - Body
- HTTP Response
 - Status code
 - Headers
 - Body

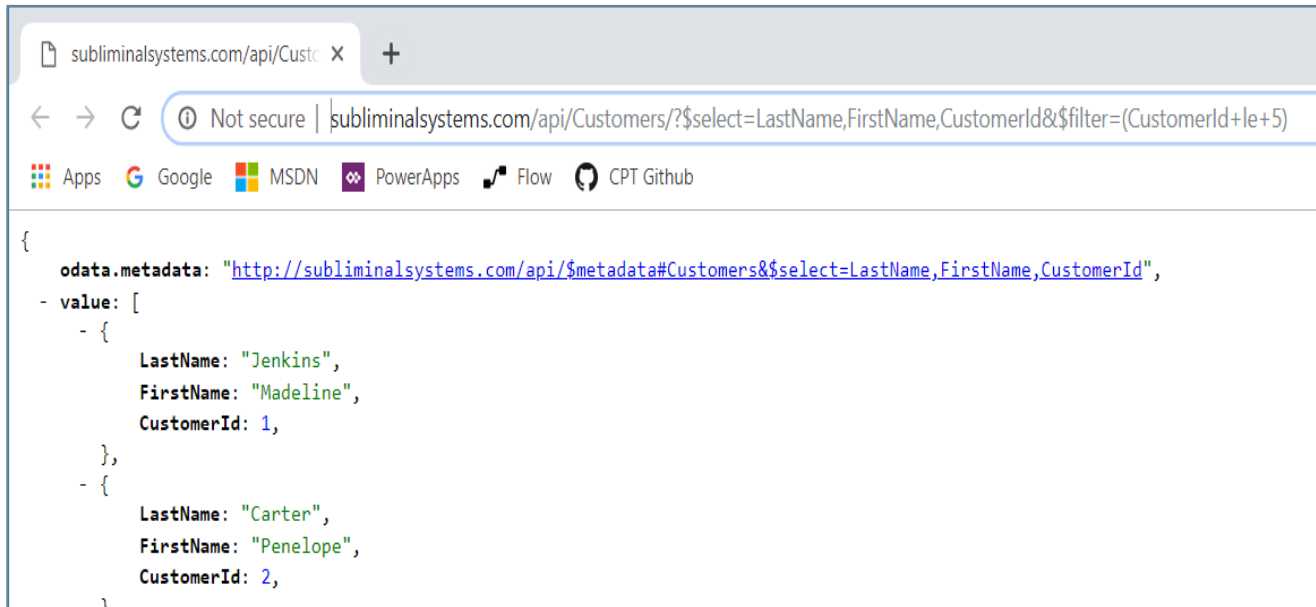


Using the JSON Viewer Chrome Extension

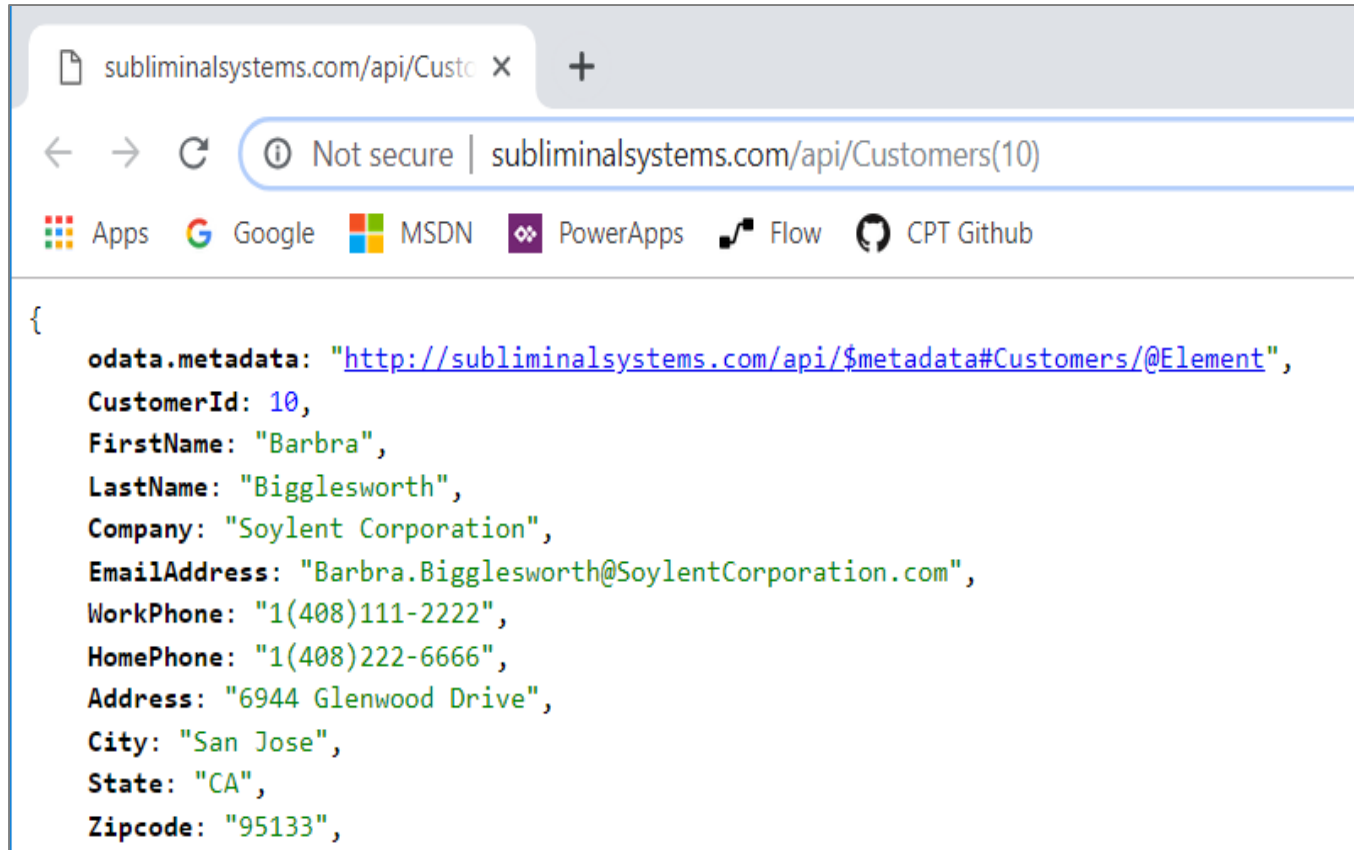
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- XXXXX



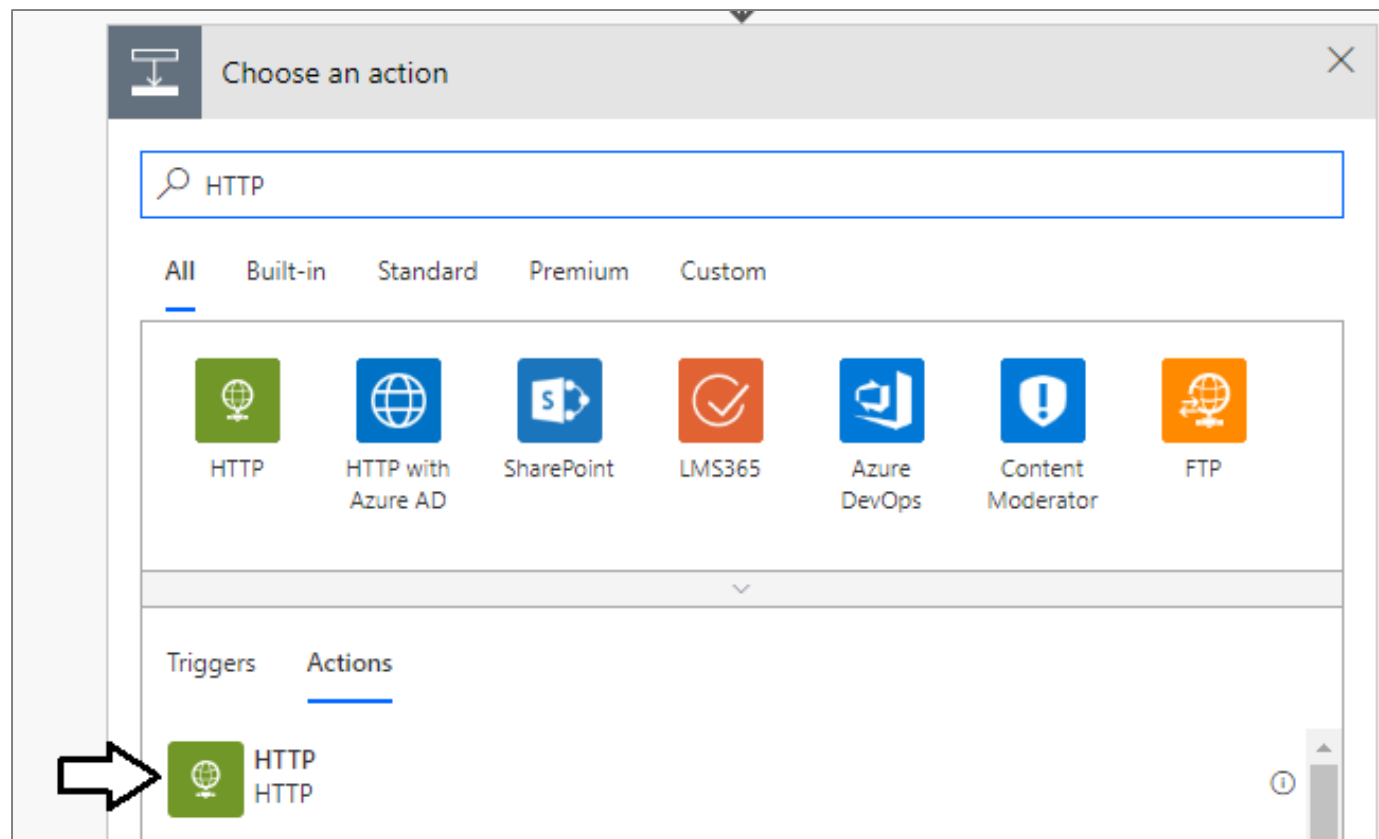
Retrieving a Single OData Instance

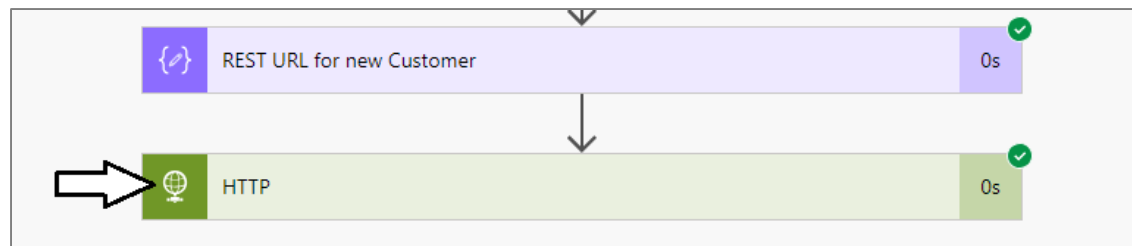


The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `subliminalsystems.com/api/Custo` and a plus sign for additional tabs. The address bar also shows navigation icons (back, forward, refresh) and a status indicator "Not secure". Below the address bar, there is a row of application shortcuts: Apps, Google, MSDN, PowerApps, Flow, and CPT Github. The main content area of the browser displays a JSON object representing an OData instance for a customer with ID 10.

```
{
  odata.metadata: "http://subliminalsystems.com/api/$metadata#Customers/@Element",
  CustomerId: 10,
  FirstName: "Barbra",
  LastName: "Bigglesworth",
  Company: "Soylent Corporation",
  EmailAddress: "Barbra.Bigglesworth@SoylentCorporation.com",
  WorkPhone: "1(408)111-2222",
  HomePhone: "1(408)222-6666",
  Address: "6944 Glenwood Drive",
  City: "San Jose",
  State: "CA",
  Zipcode: "95133",
}
```





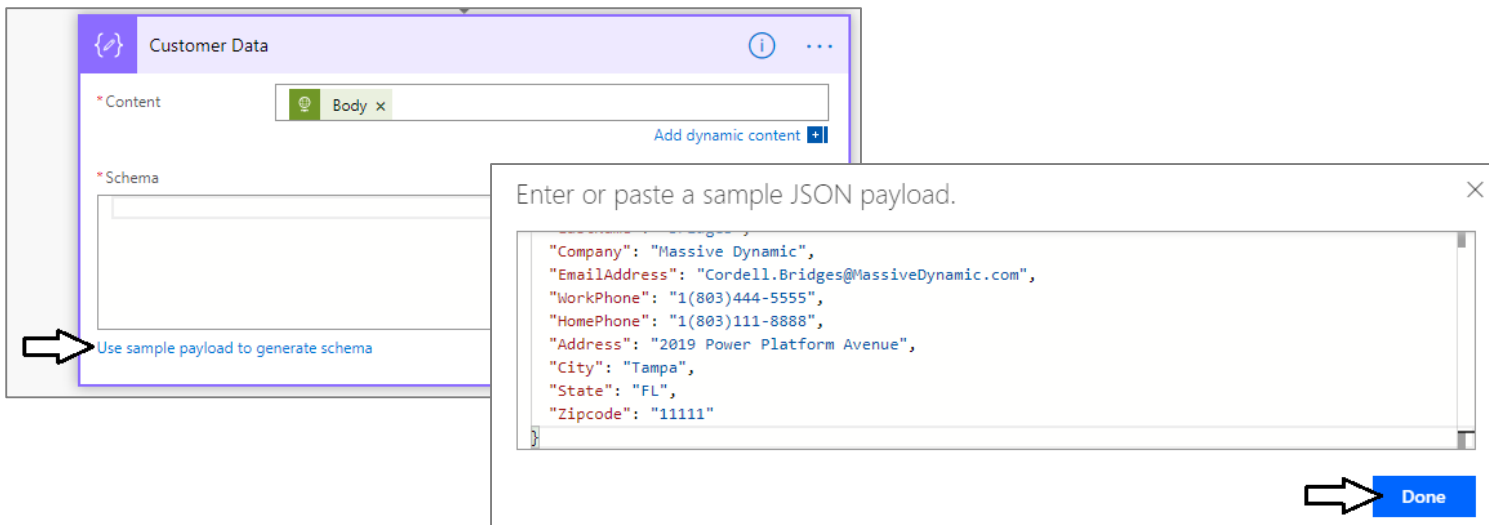
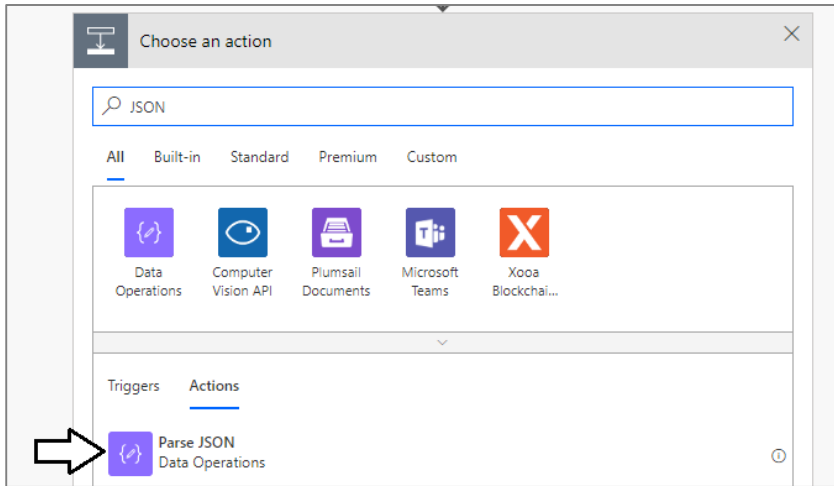


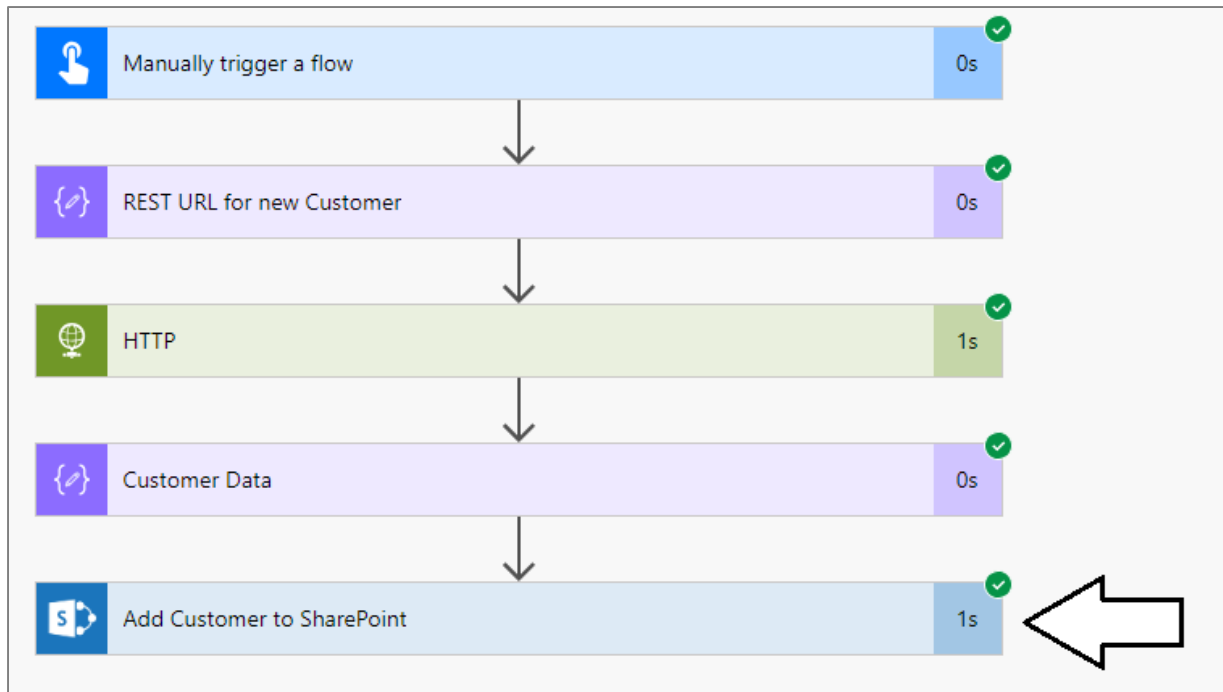
Body

```
{
  "odata.metadata": "http://subliminalsystems.com/api/$metadata#C",
  "CustomerId": 47,
  "FirstName": "Cordell",
  "LastName": "Bridges",
  "Company": "Massive Dynamic",
  "EmailAddress": "Cordell.Bridges@MassiveDynamic.com",
  "WorkPhone": "1(800)444-5555"
}
```



Parsing JSON



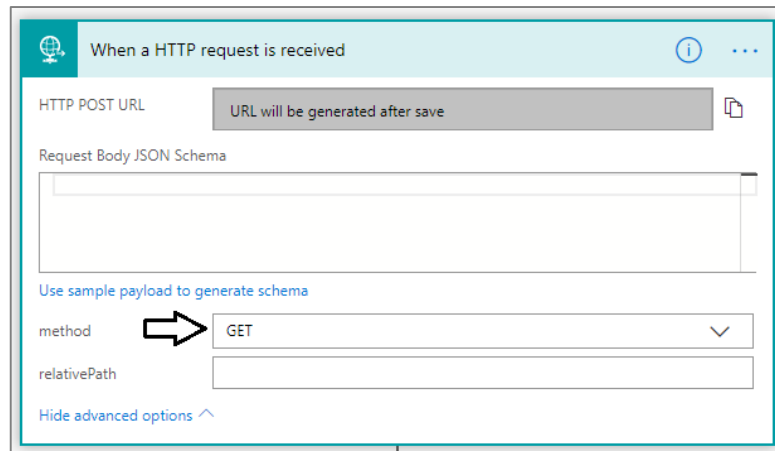
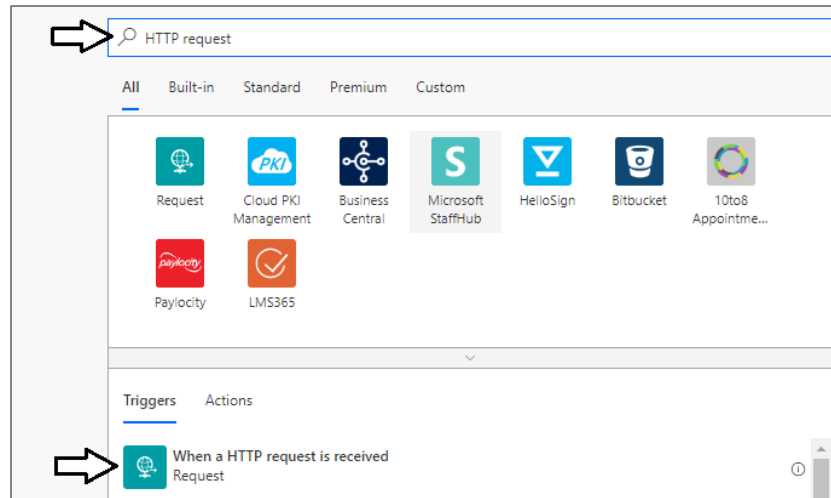


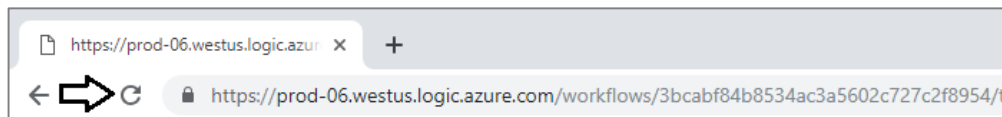
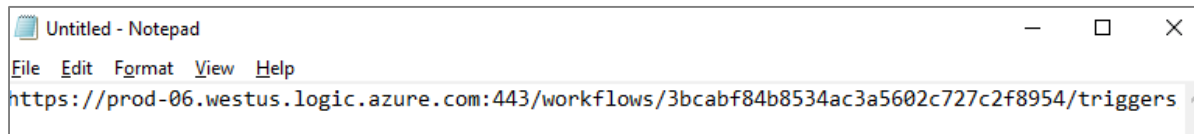
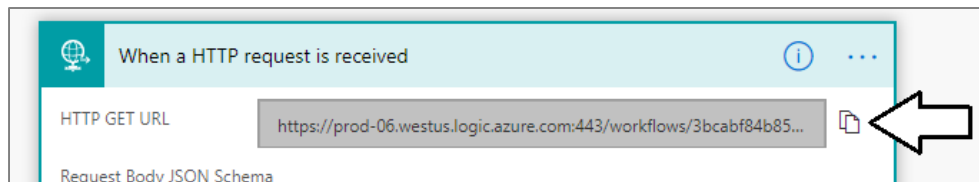
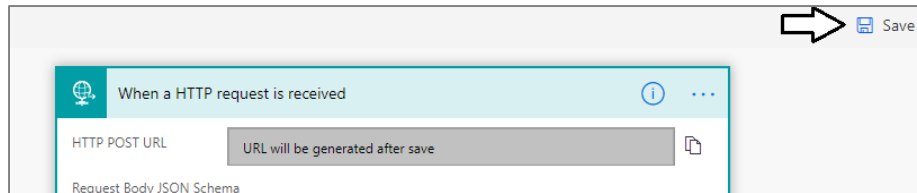
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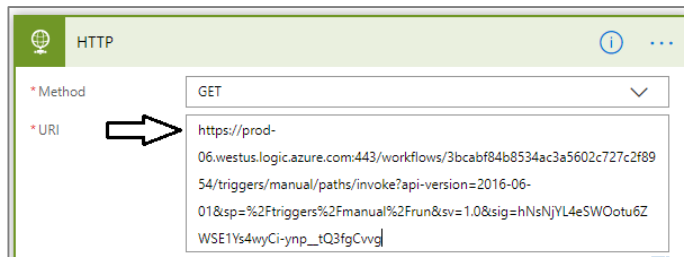
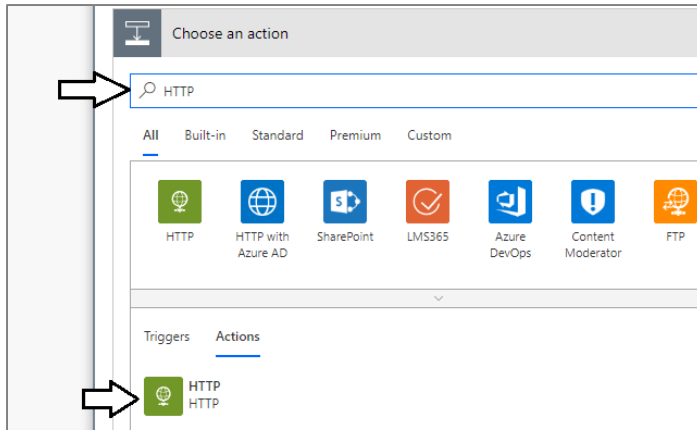


Creating the Child Flow





Parent Flow



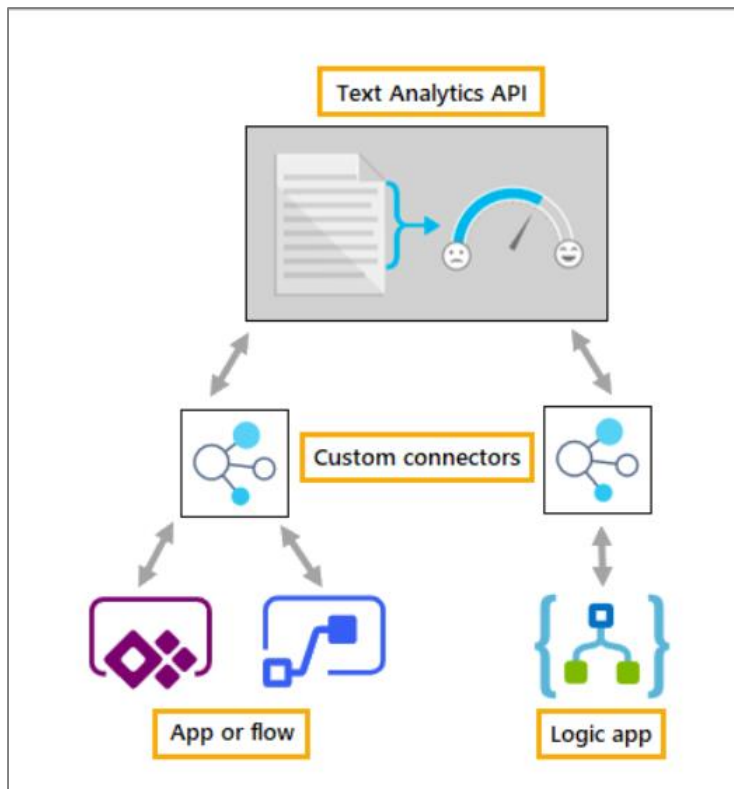
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Standard Connectors vs Custom Connectors

- PowerApps Supports two types of connectors
 - Standard connectors supplied out-of-box and vetted by Microsoft
 - Custom connectors created by organizations for their own use



OpenAPI Specification and Swagger

- OpenAPI specification (OAS)
 - Community-driven open specification
 - defines a standard, programming language-agnostic interface description for REST APIs
 - allows both humans and computers to discover and understand web service API
 - OpenAPI Specification removes guesswork in calling a service.
- API description defined using JSON



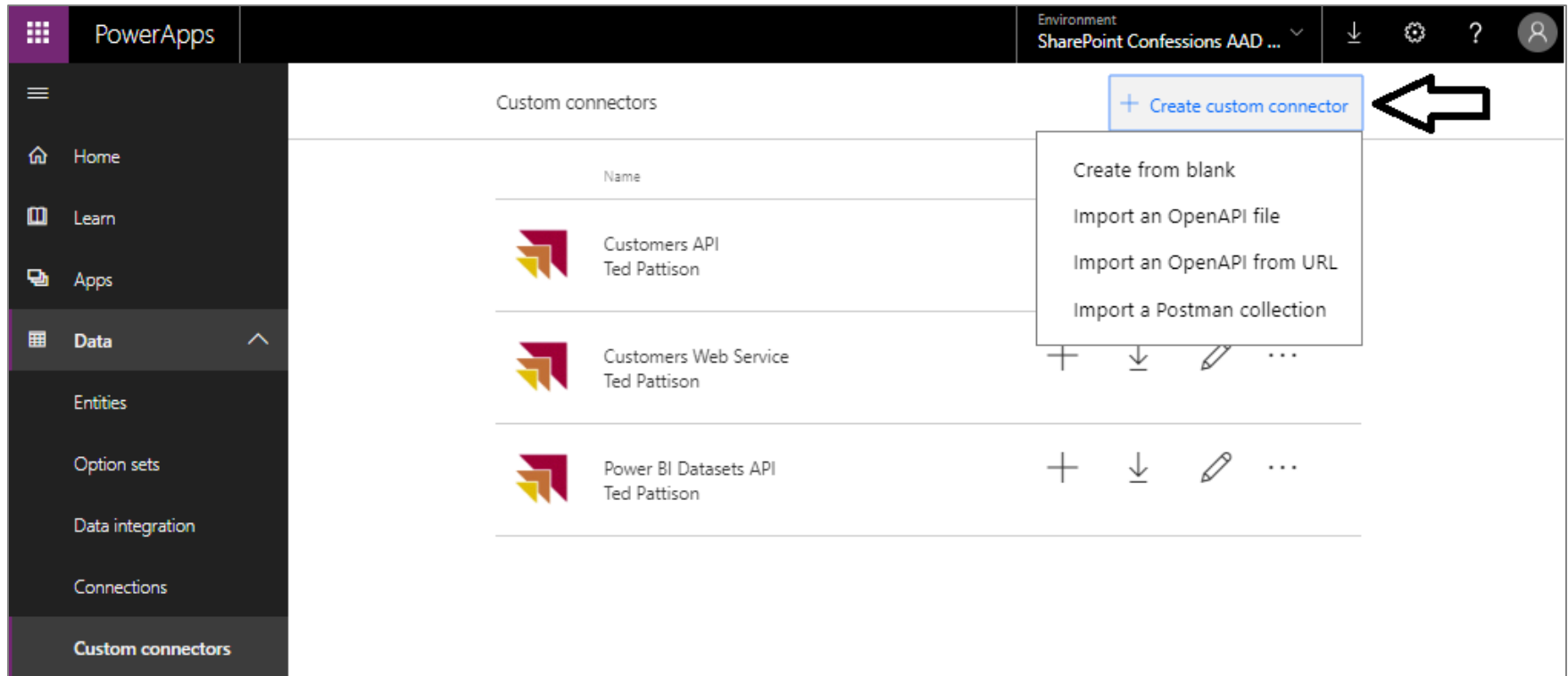










Open API Concepts

- Paths
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- Parameters
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- Responses
 - s
- Security
 - s



Creating a New Custom Connector

The screenshot shows the PowerApps interface. The top navigation bar includes the PowerApps logo, the environment name 'SharePoint Confessions AAD ...', and icons for download, settings, help, and user profile. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Home, Learn, Apps, Data (selected), Entities, Option sets, Data integration, Connections, and Custom connectors. The main area is titled 'Custom connectors' and displays a table of existing connectors. A blue button '+ Create custom connector' is located at the top right of the table, with a large black arrow pointing to it. A dropdown menu is open below this button, showing four options: 'Create from blank', 'Import an OpenAPI file', 'Import an OpenAPI from URL', and 'Import a Postman collection'.

Custom connectors	
Name	
 Customers API Ted Pattison	
 Customers Web Service Ted Pattison	   
 Power BI Datasets API Ted Pattison	   



Defining Requests

Request + Import from sample

* Verb

The verb describes the operations available on a single path.

GET

* URL

This is the request URL.

http://subliminalsystems.com/api/Customers/

Path

Path is used together with Path Templating, where the parameter value is actually part of the operation's URL.

Query

Query parameters are appended to the URL. For example, in /items?id=####, the query parameter is id.

Headers

These are custom headers that are part of the request.

Body

The body is the payload that's appended to the HTTP request. There can only be one body parameter.

Request + Import from sample

* Verb

The verb describes the operations available on a single path.

GET

* URL

This is the request URL.

http://subliminalsystems.com/api/Customers({CustomerId})

Path

Path is used together with Path Templating, where the parameter value is actually part of the operation's URL.

* CustomerId ...

Query

Query parameters are appended to the URL. For example, in /items?id=####, the query parameter is id.

Headers

These are custom headers that are part of the request.

Body

The body is the payload that's appended to the HTTP request. There can only be one body parameter.



Defining the Response

Connector Name: Customers Web Service

1. General > 2. Security > **3. Definition** > 4. Test

✓ Update connector ✕ Close

▼ Actions (2)

Actions determine the operations that users can perform. Actions can be used to read, create, update or delete resources in the underlying connector.

- 1 GetCustomers ...
- 2 **GetCustomer** ...
- + New action

▼ References (0)

References are reusable parameters used by both actions and triggers.

← Back

Response + Import from sample

* Name

default

Headers

These are custom headers that are part of the response.

References Used

The following are the references used by this entity

Body

The payload that is available on the response. These are the tokens that will show up as the outputs in designer.

Address ... BirthDate ... City ... Company ... CustomerId ...

EmailAddress ... FirstName ... FirstPurchaseDate ... Gender ...

HomePhone ... LastName ... LastPurchaseDate ... State ... WorkPhone ...

Zipcode ... odata.metadata ...

Validation

This helps you identify potential issues with this response.

Validation ✓

Validation succeeded.

← Security Test →

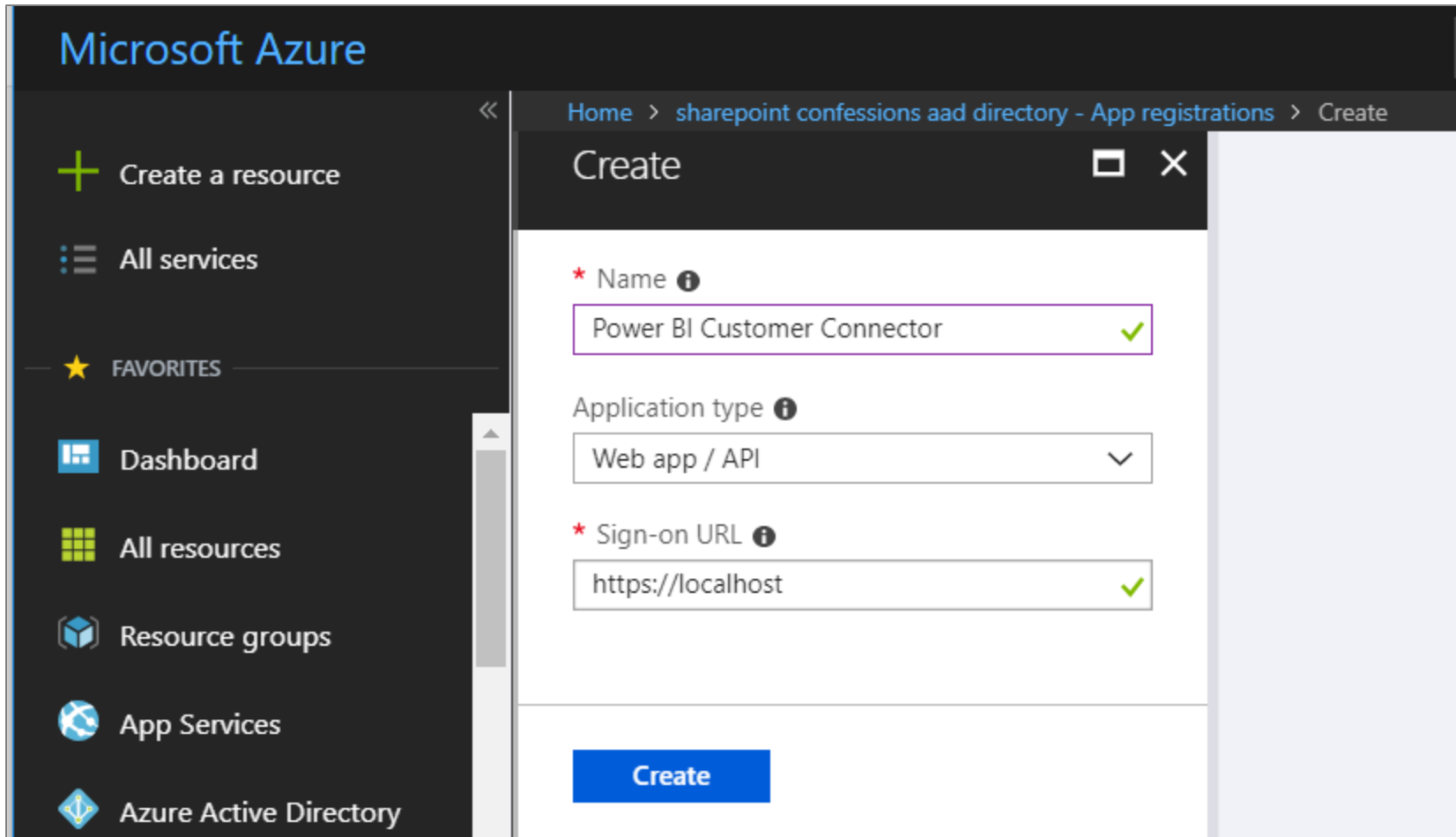


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Creating an Azure AD Application



The screenshot shows the Microsoft Azure portal interface. On the left is a dark sidebar with navigation options: 'Create a resource', 'All services', 'FAVORITES', 'Dashboard', 'All resources', 'Resource groups', 'App Services', and 'Azure Active Directory'. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > sharepoint confessions aad directory - App registrations > Create'. Below the breadcrumb is a 'Create' modal window. Inside the modal, there are three required fields, each with an information icon (i):

- 'Name' with the value 'Power BI Customer Connector' and a green checkmark.
- 'Application type' with a dropdown menu showing 'Web app / API'.
- 'Sign-on URL' with the value 'https://localhost' and a green checkmark.

At the bottom of the modal is a blue 'Create' button.

Microsoft Azure

Home > sharepoint confessions aad directory - App registrations > Create

Create

* Name ⓘ
Power BI Customer Connector ✓

Application type ⓘ
Web app / API ▼

* Sign-on URL ⓘ
https://localhost ✓

Create



Application ID (aka Client ID)

Home > sharepoint confessions aad directory - App registrations > Power BI Customer Connector

Power BI Customer Connector

Registered app

Settings Manifest Delete

Display name	Application ID
Power BI Customer Connector	0d956d63-2b3a-4a6b-8b21-5b43db48cc77
Application type	Object ID
Web app / API	07aee325-93c9-44bb-a770-71773f948223
Home page	Managed application in local directory
https://localhost	Power BI Customer Connector

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Click to copy



Configuring Permissions

Home > sharepoint confessions aad directory - App registrations > Power BI Customer Connector > Settings

Power BI Customer Connector

Registered app

⚙ Settings ✎ Manifest 🗑 Delete

Display name	Application ID
Power BI Customer Connector	0d956d63-2b3a-4a6b-8b21-5b43db48cc77
Application type	Object ID
Web app / API	07aee325-93c9-44bb-a770-71773f948223
Home page	Managed application in local directory
https://localhost	Power BI Customer Connector

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Settings


🔍 Filter settings

GENERAL

- 📋 Properties >
- 🔗 Reply URLs >
- 👤 Owners >

API ACCESS

- 🔑 Required permissions >
- 🔑 Keys >



Select the Power BI Service for the API

BI Customer Connector > Settings > Required permissions > Add API access > Select an API

Add API access

1

Select an API
Power BI Service

>

2

Select permissions

>

Select an API

Windows Azure Active Directory

Office 365 Exchange Online

Microsoft Graph

Office 365 SharePoint Online

Skype for Business Online

Office 365 Yammer

Dynamics CRM Online

Power BI Service


Microsoft Rights Management Services

Microsoft Intune API

Windows Azure Service Management API

Done

Select



Select the Required Permissions

Enable Access

☐ DELEGATED PERMISSIONS

↑↓




REQUIRES ADMIN

<input type="checkbox"/>	Read and write all dataflows	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	View all dataflows	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Read and write all content in tenant	Yes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Read and Write all Reports	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	View users Groups	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	View all Groups	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	View all Reports (preview)	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Create content (preview)	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	View content properties (preview)	No
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Read and Write all Datasets	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	View all Datasets	No

Select



Granting Permissions in Azure AD Portal

Required permissions		
<div> Add  Grant permissions </div>		
API	APPLICATION PERMI...	DELEGATED PE
Windows Azure Active Directory	0	1
Power BI Service	0	3



Generating a Key Secret

onfessions aad directory - App registrations > Power BI Customer Connector > Settings > Keys

Settings

Filter settings

GENERAL

- Properties >
- Reply URLs >
- Owners >

API ACCESS

- Required permissions >
- Keys >**

Keys

Save Discard Upload Public Key

⚠ Copy the key value. You won't be able to retrieve after you leave this blade.

Passwords

DESCRIPTION	EXPIRES	VALUE
Key1	8/14/2019	ejVnaC0zTLRcc3ErbAhgchilb3CTC5SVyKgbvS9HLPk=

Public Keys



Data Required to Create Custom Connector

CustomConnectorAzureAD.txt - Notepad

File Edit Format View Help

Application ID (aka Client ID)

0d956d63-2b3a-4a6b-8b21-5b43db48cc77

Secret Key

ejVnaC0zTLRcc3ErbAhgchi1b3CTC5SVyKgbvS9HLPk=




Creating the New Custom Connector

1. General > 2. Security > 3. Definition > 4. Test

✓ Update connector ✕ Close

General information

Add an icon and short description to your custom connector. Your host and base URL will be automatically generated from the swagger file.



Upload connector icon
Supported file formats are PNG and JPG. (< 1MB)

↑ Upload

Icon background color

Description

☐ Connect via on-premises data gateway [Learn more](#)

Scheme
☒ HTTPS ☐ HTTP

* Host

Base URL

Security →



Configuring the Client Id and Client Secret

←

Connector Name

Power BI Datasets API

1. General > **2. Security** > 3. Definition > 4. Test

✓ Create connector ✕ Cancel


Security

Choose the authentication type and fill in the required fields to set the security for your custom connector.
[Learn more](#)

Authentication type

Choose what authentication is implemented by your API *

OAuth 2.0 ▾

 Edit

OAuth 2.0

Identity Provider

Azure Active Directory ▾

Client id *

0d956d63-2b3a-4a6b-8b21-5b43db48cc77

Client secret *

.....



What About the Redirect URL?

The image shows two side-by-side screenshots of an OAuth 2.0 configuration interface. The left screenshot shows a form with a 'Redirect URL' field containing the text 'Save the custom connector to generate the redirect URL'. A red arrow points from this field to the right screenshot. The right screenshot shows the same form, but the 'Redirect URL' field now contains the URL 'https://msmanaged-na.consent.azure-apim.net/redirect'. Another red arrow points from the 'Redirect URL' field in the left screenshot to this field in the right screenshot. Both forms have the same other fields: Identity Provider (Azure Active Directory), Client id (0d956d63-2b3a-4a6b-8b21-5b43db48cc77), Client secret (masked), Login URL (https://login.windows.net), Tenant ID (common), Resource URL (https://analysis.windows.net/powerbi/api), and Scope (scope).

Left Screenshot:

- OAuth 2.0
- Identity Provider: Azure Active Directory
- Client id *: 0d956d63-2b3a-4a6b-8b21-5b43db48cc77
- Client secret *: [masked]
- Login URL: https://login.windows.net
- Tenant ID: common
- Resource URL *: https://analysis.windows.net/powerbi/api
- Scope: scope
- Redirect URL: Save the custom connector to generate the redirect URL
- Edit

Right Screenshot:

- OAuth 2.0
- Identity Provider: Azure Active Directory
- Client id *: 0d956d63-2b3a-4a6b-8b21-5b43db48cc77
- Client secret *: [masked]
- Login URL: https://login.windows.net
- Tenant ID: common
- Resource URL *: https://analysis.windows.net/powerbi/api
- Scope: Scope
- Redirect URL: https://msmanaged-na.consent.azure-apim.net/redirect
- Edit



Adding the Redirect URL back in Azure AD

Scope

Scope

Redirect URL

<https://msmanaged-na.consent.azure-apim.net/redirect>

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Settings	×	Reply URLs
<p>🔍 <i>Filter settings</i></p> <p>GENERAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">📋 Properties >📋 Reply URLs >👤 Owners >		<p>💾 Save ✕ Discard</p> <p>https://msmanaged-na.consent.azure-apim.net/redirect</p> <p></p>



GetDatasets

Request

It defines the pre-requirements needed in order to make a request. Describes a single operation parameter. A unique parameter is defined by a combination of a name and location.

Request

+ Import from sample

* Verb

The verb describes the operations available on a single path.

GET

* URL

This is the request URL.

```
https://api.powerbi.com/v1.0/myorg/groups/{workspaceId}/datasets
```



RefreshDataset

Request

It defines the pre-requirements needed in order to make a request. Describes a single operation parameter. A unique parameter is defined by a combination of a name and location.

Request

[+ Import from sample](#)

* Verb

The verb describes the operations available on a single path.

POST

* URL

This is the request URL.

```
https://api.powerbi.com/v1.0/myorg/groups/{workspaceId}/datasets/{datasetId}/refreshes
```

Path

Path is used together with Path Templating, where the parameter value is actually part of the operation's URL.

* workspaceId ...

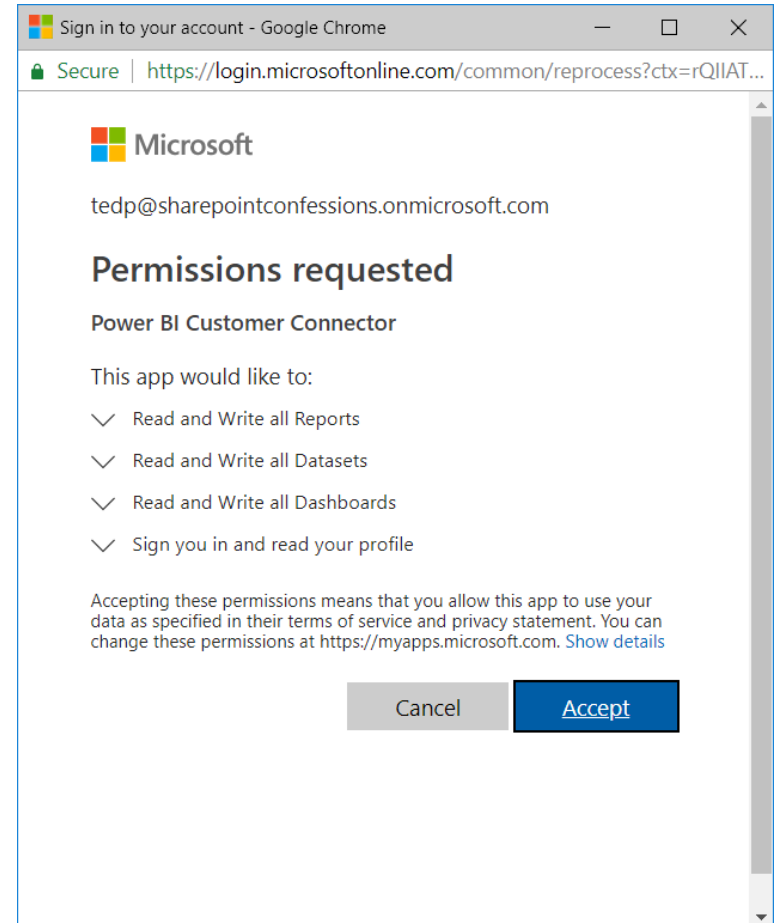
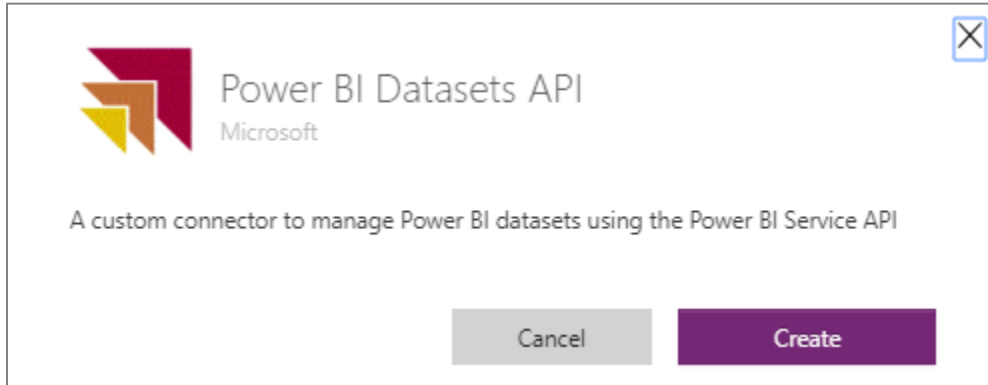
* datasetId ...

Query

Query parameters are appended to the URL. For example, in /items?id=####, the query parameter is id.



Creating a New Connection



Importing Apps that use Custom Connections

Import package

Package details

Created by Ted Pattison on 08/14/2018

Name

Power BI Dataset Manager

Environment



Critical Path Training Labs (default)

Description



N/A

Review Package Content

Choose your import options.

NAME	RESOURCE TYPE	IMPORT SETUP	ACTION
 PBI Dataset Manger	App	Create as new PBI Dataset Manger	

Related resources

NAME	RESOURCE TYPE	IMPORT SETUP	ACTION
 Power BI Service API	Connector	Select during import Power BI Datasets API	

Import

Cancel



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