Programming the Power BI Service API



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What Is the Power BI Service API?

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 - API built on OAuth2, OpenID Connect, REST and ODATA
 - API secured by Azure Active Directory (AAD)
 - API to program with workspaces, datasets, reports & dashboards
 - API also often called "Power BI REST API"

- What can you do with the Power BI Service API?
 - Publish PBIX project files
 - Update connection details and datasource credentials
 - Create workspaces and clone content across workspaces
 - Embed Power BI reports and dashboards tiles in web pages
 - Create streaming datasets in order to build real-time dashboards



User APIs versus Admin APIs

- Power BI User APIs (e.g. GetGroupsAsync)
 - provides users with access to personal workspace
 - provides users with access to app workspaces
 - provides service principal (SP) with access to app workspaces
- Power BI Admin APIs (e.g. GetGroupsAsAdminAsync)
 - provides users with tenant-level access to all workspaces
 - does not currently support app-only authentication



Getting Started

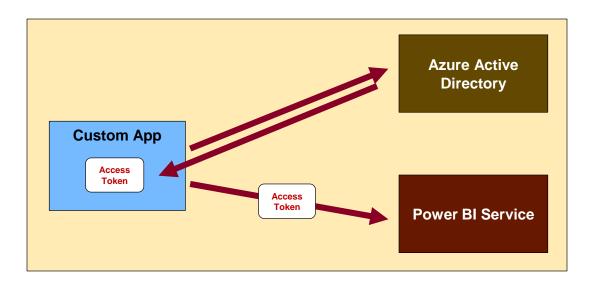
- What you need to get started?
 - Visual Studio 2017 or Visual Studio 2015
 - Organizational account in an Azure AD tenancy
 - License for Power BI Pro
 - Access to Azure portal to create Azure AD applications

- Azure subscription not required!
 - Azure portal used to create Azure AD application
 - Azure subscription helpful to create Azure resources



Authenticating with Azure AD

- User must be authenticated against Azure AD
 - User authentication used to obtain access token
 - Can be accomplished with the Azure AD Authentication Library
 - Access token pass to Power BI Service API in call REST calls





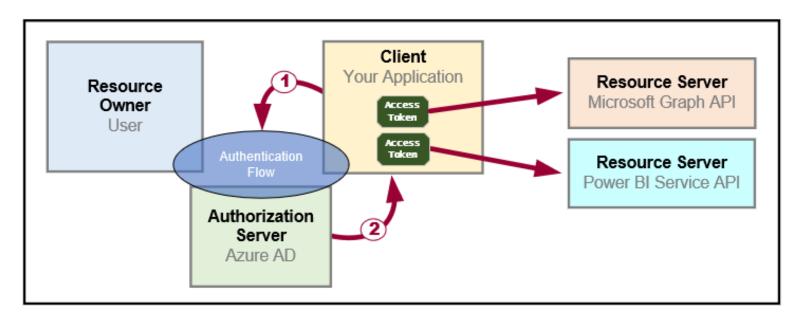
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OAuth 2.0 Fundamentals

- Client application calls to resource server on behalf of a user
 - Client implements authentication flow to acquire access token
 - Access token contains permission grants for client to call resource server
 - Client passes access token when calling to resource server
 - Resource server inspects access token to ensure client has permissions





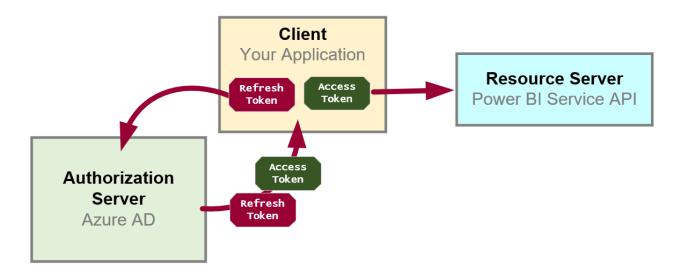
Access Token is a Bearer Token

- It can be used by any who bears (e.g. steals) it
 - Always encrypt with HTTPS when transmitting access tokens

```
"iss": "https://sts.windows.net/f995267b-5b7d-4e65-b929-d3d3e11784f9/",
"amr": [ "pwd" ],
"iat": 1542829619, "nbf": 1542829619, "exp": 1542833519,
"tid": "f995267b-5b7d-4e65-b929-d3d3e11784f9",
"appid": "b52f8e53-d0bf-45c2-9c39-d9c1e96e572c",
"aud": "https://analysis.windows.net/powerbi/api",
"scp": "Dashboard.Read.All Dataset.Read.All Group.Read.All Report.ReadWrite.All",
"oid": "32573058-0ac0-4935-a39d-cd57d5a5a894",
"unique name": "maxwells@sharepointconfessions.onmicrosoft.com",
"upn": "maxwells@sharepointconfessions.onmicrosoft.com",
"name": "Maxwell Smart",
"family name": "Maxwell",
"given name": "Smart",
"ipaddr": "47.200.98.132",
"ver": "1.0"
```

Refresh Tokens

- OAuth 2.0 provide solution for access token expiration
 - Access tokens have default lifetime of 60 minutes
 - Authorization server passes refresh token along with access token
 - Refresh token used as a credential to redeem new access token.
 - Refresh token default lifetime is 14 days (max 90 days)
 - Refresh tokens often persistent in database or browser storage
 - Refresh tokens lesson need for user to enter security credentials





Authentication Flows

- User Password Credential Flow (public client)
 - Used in Native clients to obtain access code
 - Requires passing user name and password across network
- Authorization Code Flow (confidential client)
 - Client first obtains authorization code then access token
 - Access token acquired in server-to-server call
 - Access token never passes through browser or client device
- Implicit Flow (public client)
 - Used in SPAs built with JavaScript and AngularJS
 - Application obtains access token w/o acquiring authorization code
- Client Credentials Flow (confidential client)
 - Authentication based on SSL certificate with public-private key pair
 - Used to obtain access token when using app-only permissions



OAuth 2.0 Client Registration

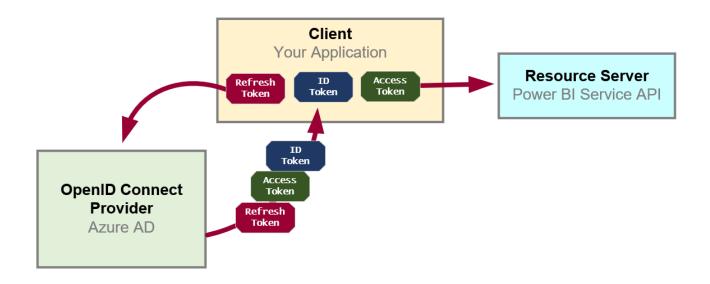
- Client must be registered with authorization server
 - Authorization server tracks each client with unique Client ID
 - Client should be registered with one or more Reply URLs
 - Reply URL should be fixed endpoint on Internet
 - Reply URL used to transmit security tokens to clients
 - Client registration tracks permissions and other attributes

Authorization Server Azure AD				
Registered Applications				
Name	App ID	Permissions	Reply URL	Credentials
App1	guid1		none	none
App2	guid2			secret key
App3	guid3			X.509 Certificate



OpenID Connect Extends OAuth 2.0

- OAuth 2.0 has shortcomings with authentication & identity
 - It does not provide client with means to validate access tokens
 - Lack of validation makes client vulnerable to token forgery attacks
- Open ID Connect is standard which extends OAuth 2.0
 - OpenID Connect provider passes ID token in addition to OAuth 2.0 tokens
 - OpenID Connect provider provides client with keys for token validation





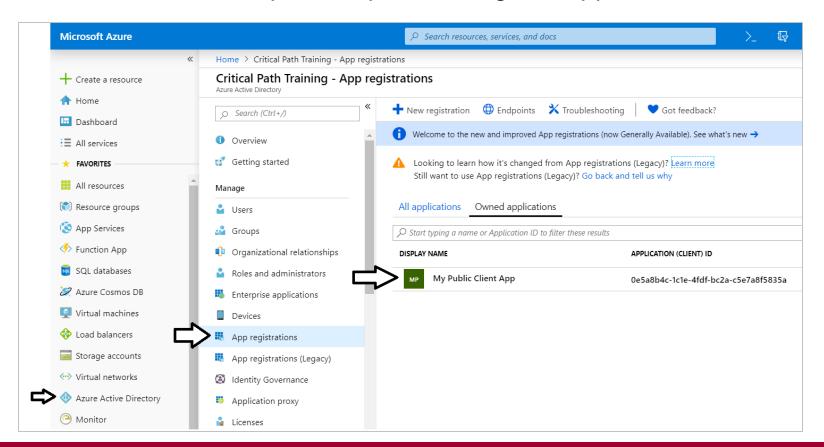
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The Azure Portal

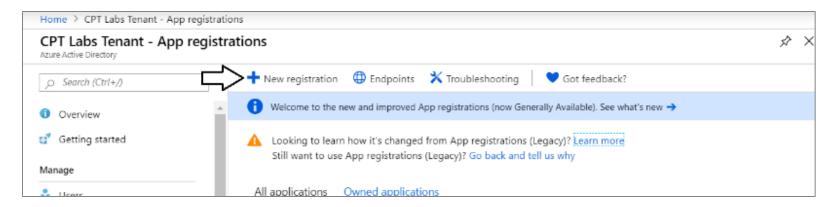
- Azure portal allows you to register Azure AD applications
 - Azure Portal accessible at https://portal.azure.com
 - No Azure subscription required to register applications





Azure AD Applications

- Creating applications required for AAU authentication
 - Applications are as Native application or Web Applications
 - Application identified using GUID known as application ID
 - Application ID often referred to as client ID or app ID





Application Types

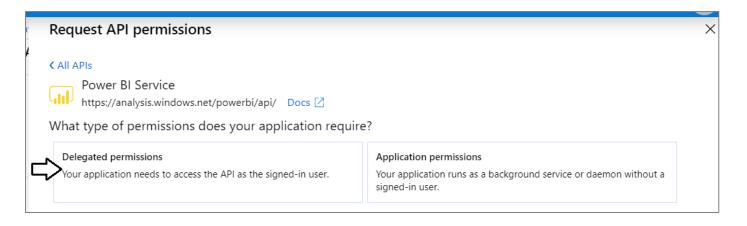
- Azure AD Application Types
 - Public client (mobile and desktop)
 - Web





Delegated Permissions vs Application Permissions

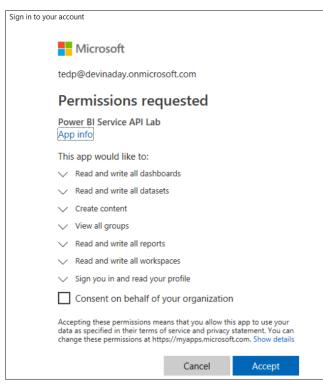
- Permissions categorized into two basic types
 - Delegated permissions are (app + user) permissions
 - Application permissions are app-only permissions (far more powerful)
 - Not all application types and APIs support application permissions
 - Power BI Service API does not support application permission





Interactive Consent for Delegated Permissions

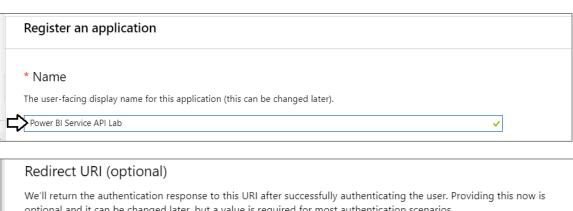
- Users must consent to delegated permissions
 - User prompted during first log in
 - User must click Accept
 - Only occurs once for each user

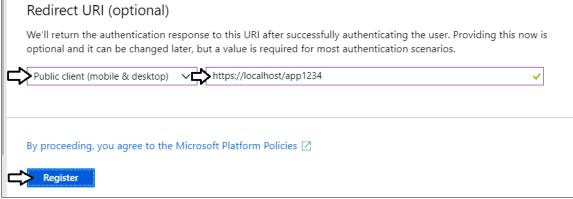




Creating a Native Application

- Power BI supports Native applications
 - Can be used for desktop applications and Console applications
 - Can be used in third party embedding (App Owns Data model)
 - Application type should be configured as Public client
 - Requires Redirect URI with unique string not an actual URL

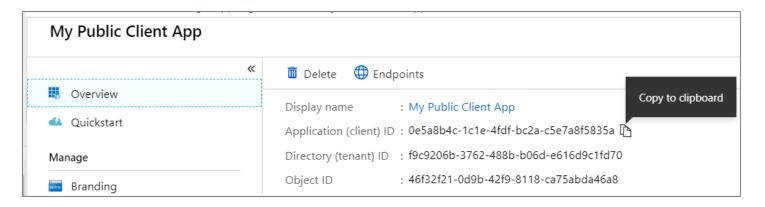






Copying the Application ID

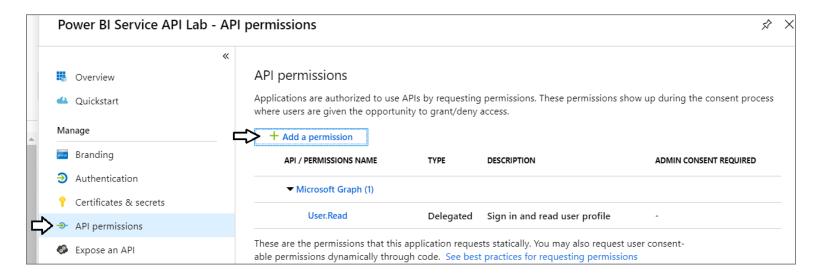
- Each new application created with Application ID
 - You cannot supply your own GUID for application ID
 - Azure AD will always create this GUID
 - You can copy the application ID from the Azure portal





Configuring Required Permissions

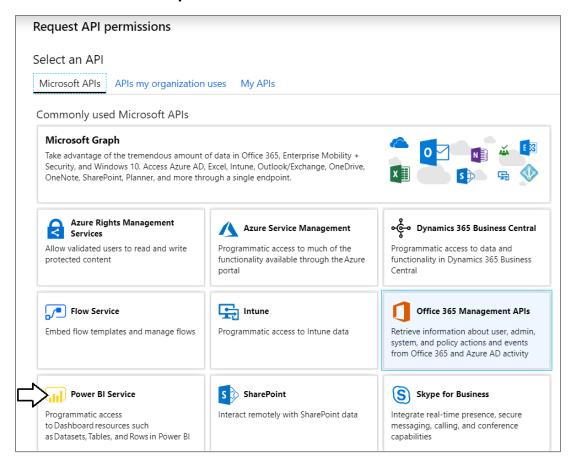
- Application configured with permissions
 - Default permissions allows user authentication but that's it
 - To use APIs, you can assign permissions to the application





Choosing an API

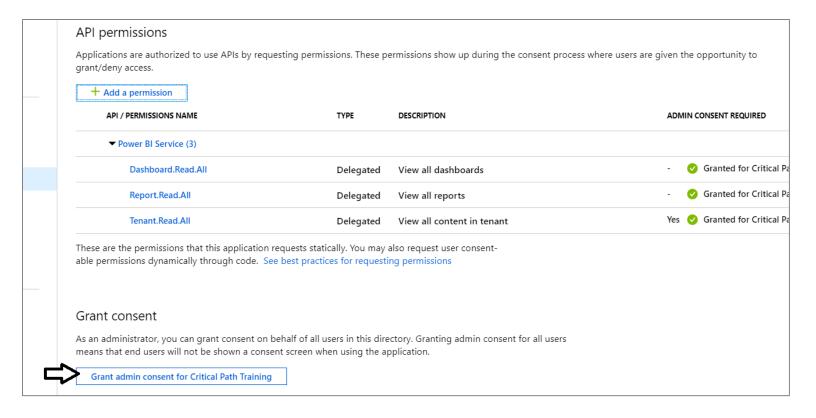
- There are lots of APIs to choose from
 - Microsoft Graph, Power BI Service, etc.





Granting Delegated Permissions

- It can be helpful to Grant Permissions in Azure portal
 - Prevents the need for interactive granting of application by user
 - Might be required when authenticating in non-interactive fashion





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Access Token Acquisition (Native Client)

With interactive login

With User Password Credential flow (non-interactive)



Access Token Acquisition (web app)

```
private static string aadInstance = "https://login.microsoftonline.com/";
private static string resourceUrlPowerBi = "https://analysis.windows.net/powerbi/api";
private static string urlPowerBiRestApiRoot = "https://api.powerbi.com/":
private static string clientId = ConfigurationManager.AppSettings["client-id"];
private static string clientSecret = ConfigurationManager.AppSettings["client-secret"]:
private static string redirectUrl = ConfigurationManager.AppSettings["reply-url"];
private static async Task<string> GetAccessTokenAsync() {
 // determine authorization URL for current tenant
 string tenantID = ClaimsPrincipal.Current.FindFirst("http://schemas.microsoft.com/identity/claims/tenantid").Value;
 string tenantAuthority = aadInstance + tenantID;
 // create ADAL cache object
 ApplicationDbContext db = new ApplicationDbContext();
 string signedInUserID = ClaimsPrincipal.Current.FindFirst(ClaimTypes.NameIdentifier).Value;
 ADALTokenCache userTokenCache = new ADALTokenCache(signedInUserID);
 // create authentication context
 AuthenticationContext authenticationContext = new AuthenticationContext(tenantAuthority, userTokenCache);
 // create client credential object using client ID and client Secret"];
 ClientCredential clientCredential = new ClientCredential(clientId, clientSecret):
 // create user identifier object for logged on user
 string objectIdentifierId = "http://schemas.microsoft.com/identity/claims/objectidentifier";
 string userObjectID = ClaimsPrincipal.Current.FindFirst(objectIdentifierId).Value;
 UserIdentifier userIdentifier = new UserIdentifier(userObjectID, UserIdentifierType.UniqueId):
  // get access token for Power BI Service API from AAD
 AuthenticationResult authenticationResult =
    await authenticationContext.AcquireTokenSilentAsync(
        resourceUrlPowerBi,
        clientCredential.
        userIdentifier):
 // return access token back to user
 return authenticationResult.AccessToken:
```



REST Calls to the Power BI Service API

```
static string ExecuteGetRequest(string restUrl) {
   HttpClient client = new HttpClient();
   HttpRequestMessage request = new HttpRequestMessage(HttpMethod.Get, restUrl);
   request.Headers.Add("Authorization", "Bearer " + GetAccessToken());
   request.Headers.Add("Accept", "application/json; odata.metadata=minimal");
   HttpResponseMessage response = client.SendAsync(request).Result;
   if (response.StatusCode != HttpStatusCode.OK) {
        throw new ApplicationException("Error occured calling the Power BI Servide API");
   }
   return response.Content.ReadAsStringAsync().Result;
}

static void Main() {
   // get report data from app workspace
   string restUrl = "https://api.powerbi.com/v1.0/myorg/groups/" + appWorkspaceId + "/reports/";
   var json = ExecuteGetRequest(restUrl);
   ReportCollection reports = JsonConvert.DeserializeObject<ReportCollection>(json);
   foreach (Report report in reports.value) {
        Console.WriteLine("Report Name: " + report.name);
        Console.WriteLine("Report Name: " + report.name);
    }
}
```

```
public class Report {
  public string id { get; set; }
  public string name { get; set; }
  public string webUrl { get; set; }
  public string embedUrl { get; set; }
  public bool isOwnedByMe { get; set; }
  public string datasetId { get; set; }
}

public class ReportCollection {
  public List<Report> value { get; set; }
}
```



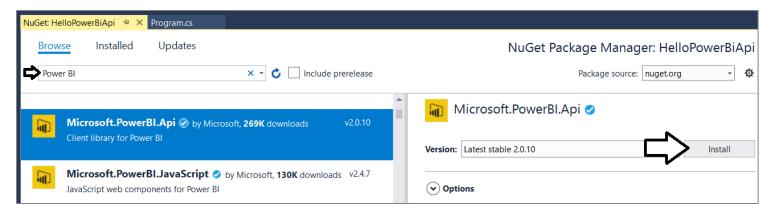
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Power BI Service SDK

Added as a NuGet package





The Power BI SDK Classes

SDK provides object model of classes

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Initializing an Instance of PowerBIClient

- PowerBIClient object serves as top-level object
 - Used to execute calls against Power BI Service
 - Initialized with function to retrieve AAD access token

```
static string GetAccessToken() ...

static PowerBIClient GetPowerBiClient() {
   var tokenCredentials = new TokenCredentials(GetAccessToken(), "Bearer");
   return new PowerBIClient(new Uri(urlPowerBiRestApiRoot), tokenCredentials);
}

static void Main() {
   PowerBIClient pbiClient = GetPowerBiClient();
   var reports = pbiClient.Reports.GetReports().Value;
   foreach (var report in reports) {
        Console.WriteLine(report.Name);
   }
}
```



Enumerating Collections with PowerBiClient

```
static void DisplayAppWorkspaceAssets() {
 PowerBIClient pbiClient = GetPowerBiClient();
 Console.WriteLine("Listing assets in app workspace: " + appWorkspaceId);
 Console.WriteLine("Datasets:");
 var datasets = pbiClient.Datasets.GetDatasetsInGroup(appWorkspaceId).Value;
  foreach (var dataset in datasets) {
   Console.WriteLine(" - " + dataset.Name + " [" + dataset.Id + "]");
 Console.WriteLine();
 Console.WriteLine("Reports:");
 var reports = pbiClient.Reports.GetReportsInGroup(appWorkspaceId).Value;
  foreach (var report in reports) {
   Console.WriteLine(" - " + report.Name + " [" + report.Id + "]");
 Console.WriteLine();
 Console.WriteLine("Dashboards:");
 var dashboards = pbiClient.Dashboards.GetDashboardsInGroup(appWorkspaceId).Value;
  foreach (var dashboard in dashboards) {
   Console.WriteLine(" - " + dashboard.DisplayName + " [" + dashboard.Id + "]");
```



Creating App Workspaces

```
public static async Task<Group> CreateWorkspacesAsync(string WorkspaceName) {
   PowerBIClient pbiClient = GetPowerBiClient();
   GroupCreationRequest createRequest = new GroupCreationRequest(WorkspaceName);
   var workspace = await pbiClient.Groups.CreateGroupAsync(createRequest);

   var secondaryAdmin = "pbiemasteruser@sharepointconfessions.onmicrosoft.com";
   var userRights = new GroupUserAccessRight("Admin", secondaryAdmin);
   await pbiClient.Groups.AddGroupUserAsync(workspace.Id, userRights);
   return workspace;
}
```



Importing a PBIX File

```
public static async Task UploadPBIX(string WorkspaceId, string pbixName, string importName, bool updateSqlCredentials = false) {
    string PbixFilePath = HttpContext.Current.Server.MapPath("/PBIX/" + pbixName);
    PowerBIClient pbiclient = GetPowerBiClient();
    FileStream stream = new FileStream(PbixFilePath, FileMode.Open, FileAccess.Read);
    var import = await pbiclient.Imports.PostImportWithFileAsyncInGroup(WorkspaceId, stream, importName);
    if (updateSqlCredentials) {
        await PatchSqlDatasourceCredentials(WorkspaceId, importName);
    }
    return;
}
```



Patching Datasource Credentials

```
public static async Task PatchSqlDatasourceCredentials(string WorkspaceId, string importName) {
  PowerBIClient pbiClient = GetPowerBiClient():
  var datasets = (await pbiClient.Datasets.GetDatasetsInGroupAsync(WorkspaceId)).Value;
  foreach (var dataset in datasets) {
    if (importName.Equals(dataset.Name)) {
      string datasetId = dataset.Id;
      var datasources = (await pbiClient.Datasets.GetDatasourcesInGroupAsync(WorkspaceId, datasetId)).Value;
      foreach (var datasource in datasources) {
        if (datasource.DatasourceType == "SQL") {
         var datasourceId = datasource.DatasourceId;
         var gatewavId = datasource.GatewavId:
         // create credentials for Azure SOL database log in
         Creds.BasicCredentials creds = new Creds.BasicCredentials("CptStudent", "pass@word1");
         CredentialDetails details = new CredentialDetails(creds);
         UpdateDatasourceRequest req = new UpdateDatasourceRequest(details);
         // Update credentials through gateway
          await pbiClient.Gateways.UpdateDatasourceAsync(gatewayId, datasourceId, details);
 return;
```



Exporting/Importing PBIX Files

```
var reports = pbiClient.Reports.GetReportsInGroup(sourceAppWorkspaceId).Value;
string downloadPath = @"C:\Student\downloads\";
// create download folder if it doesn't exist
if (!Directory.Exists(downloadPath)) {
  Directory.CreateDirectory(downloadPath);
foreach (var report in reports) {
  var reportStream = pbiClient.Reports.ExportReportInGroup(sourceAppWorkspaceId, report.Id);
  string filePath = downloadPath + report.Name + ".pbix";
  Console.WriteLine("Downloading PBIX file for " + report.Name + "to " + filePath);
  FileStream stream1 = new FileStream(filePath, FileMode.Create, FileAccess.ReadWrite);
  reportStream.CopyToAsync(stream1).Wait();
  reportStream.Close():
  stream1.Close();
  stream1.Dispose():
  FileStream stream = new FileStream(filePath, FileMode.Open, FileAccess.Read);
  Console. WriteLine ("Publishing " + filePath + " to " + targetAppWorkpaceName);
  var import = pbiClient.Imports.PostImportWithFileInGroup(targetAppWorkspaceId, stream, report.Name);
  Console. WriteLine("Deleing file " + filePath);
  stream.Close();
  stream.Dispose():
  File.Delete(filePath);
  Console.WriteLine();
Console.WriteLine("Export/Import process completed"):
```



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