Programming with the Microsoft Graph API



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Microsoft Released Office 365 APIs in 2014

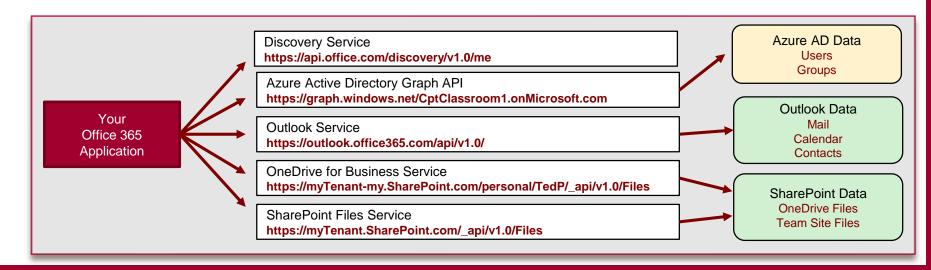
- Office 365 APIs created for accessing data in Office 365
 - Implemented as RESTful services based on ODATA version 4.0
 - Provides authentication and authorization based on OAuth 2.0
 - Provides extra authentication support for OpenID Connect
- Open standards provide wide range of accessibility
 - Many choices for tools, languages and development platforms
 - Microsoft has created Office 365 SDKs for specific platforms
- Office 365 APIs set the stage for the Microsoft Graph API
 - Microsoft Graph API created to simplify accessing Office 365





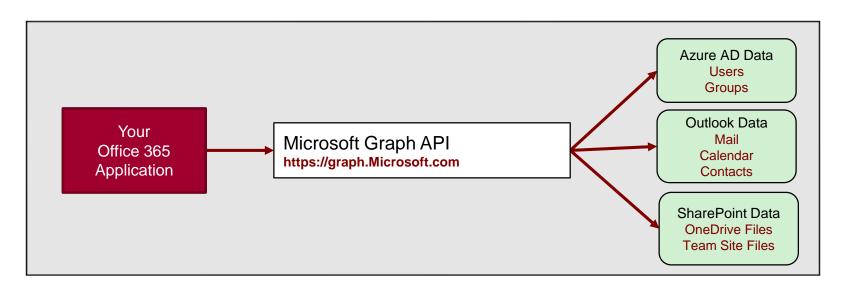
Office 365 API Endpoint in Initial Release

- Azure Endpoints
 - Azure Graph API
- Office 365 API Endpoints
 - Outlook service
 - OneDrive for Business Service
 - SharePoint Files Service
 - Discovery Services



The Microsoft Graph API

- Designed as a single, more-comprehensive service
 - Abstracts away divisions between AD, Exchange and SharePoint
 - No need to discover endpoints using the Discovery Service
 - You can acquire and cache a single access token per user





What Does It Do?

- Single resource that proxies multiple Microsoft services
- Allows for easy traversal of objects and relationships
- Simplifies token acquisition and management
- Eliminates the need to traditional discovery
 - It does this by using "me" and "myorganization"



Universal Access

Direct REST API

- Any platform
- Any language
- Any framework

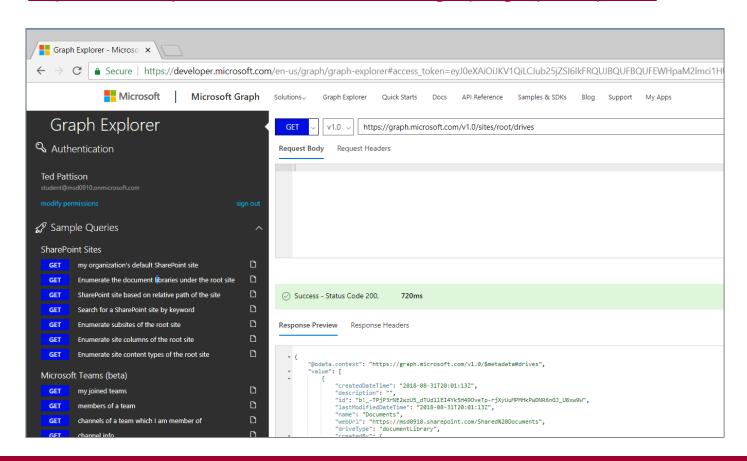
Native SDKs

- Utilize framework & platform specific implementations
- Abstracts the details of building & processing requests over HTTP
- .NET, iOS, Android, PhP, Ruby, JavaScript, etc.



The Graph Explorer

- Graph Explorer used to execute calls into Microsoft Graph API
 - Great place to discover what he API can do
 - https://developer.microsoft.com/en-us/graph/graph-explorer





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Calling the Graph API

```
https://graph.microsoft.com
/{version}/{resource}/{id}/{property} ?{query-parameters}
```

HTTP verbs dictate the request intent: GET | POST | PATCH | PUT | DELETE

- Version: /v1.0 or /beta
- Resource: /users, /groups, /sites, /drives, /devices, more...
- Member from collection: /users/AAA
- Property: /users/AAA/department
- Traverse to related resources via navigations: /users/AAA/events
- Query parameters: /users/AAA/events?\$top=5

```
Format results: $select | $orderby

Control results: $filter | $expand

Paging: $top | $skip | $skiptoken
```



Pagination

Graph uses serverside page size limits When querying collections, Graph may return the results in many pages

Always expect an @odata.nextLink property in the response

Contains the URL to the next page



Request

GET https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/me/messages?\$select=subject,from

Response

1.

Always handle the possibility that the responses are paged in nature

2.

Follow the @odata.nextLink to obtain the next page of results

3.

Final page will not contain an @odata.nextLink property 4

Treat the entire URL as an opaque string



Querying data | Use filters

Choose the records your app really needs and no more

Don't send unnecessary data over the wire

Tip Use **\$filter**

GET https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/users?

\$filter=department eq 'Sales' & \$select=givenName,mail



POST/PATCH/PUT | no response required

If your code doesn't need to get a response, then opt out Don't send unnecessary data over the wire Tip

Use HTTP

Prefer return=minimal request header



With Microsoft Graph

Get insights based on activities



```
GET /me/insights/trending
"value" : [
  {"name": "presentation.pptx", ...},
  {"name": "forecast.xlsx", ...}
GET /me/drive/recent
"value" : [
  {"name": "guidelines.pptx", ...},
  {"name": "budget.xlsx", ...}
GET people/?$search="topic: planning"
"value" : [
  {"displayName": "Data", ...},
  {"displayName": "Worf", ...},
POST: /me/findMeetingTimes
  "attendees": [
      "type": "required",
      "emailAddress": {
        "address": "riker@contoso.com"
  "meetingDuration": "2h"
```

Read data from existing SharePoint site

GET https://graph.microsoft.com/beta/sites/ {siteId}/lists/{listId}/items?expand=columnSet

```
{ "value": [ {
    "createdBv": { "user" : {"id":"d54e4cdd-d2ca-4c39-bfa5-35895bca12f0", "displayName":"John"}},
    "createdDateTime":"2017-09-20T08:16:21Z",
    "eTag": "1610ac6a-24f6-4458-9733-1e5977c63caa, 1",
    "id": "1610ac6a-24f6-4458-9733-1e5977c63caa",
    "lastModifiedBy":{"user":{"id":"d54e4cdd-d2ca-4c39-bfa5-35895bca12f0","displayName":"John"}},
    "lastModifiedDateTime": "2017-09-0T08:16:21Z",
    "webUrl": "https://site.sharepoint.com/sites/mysite/Lists/mytasks/1 .000",
    "listItemId":1,
    "columnSet": {
      "Title": "Project Upgrade: Use the Microsoft Graph",
      "Description": "Set up group for new technologies.",
      "id":"1",
} } ] }
```

OneDrive + Excel Services

```
GET https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/me/drive/
             root/search(g='.xlsx')?select=name,id,webUrl
GET https://graph.microsoft.com/1.0/me/drive/
       items/<id>/workbook/worksheets
GET https://graph.microsoft.com/beta/me/drive/
             items/{itemId}/workbook/worksheets('Time')/
             range (address='a2:d4')
```



Update Excel Timesheet Data

```
PATCH https://graph.microsoft.com/beta/me/drive/
    items/{itemId}/workbook/worksheets('Sheet1')/
    range(address='a2:b2')
{
    "values": [ ["September", "200.0"] ],
    "valueTypes": [ ["String", "Double"] ],
}
```



New Capabilities

- Traversal of relationships
- Query parameters
- Batching preview
- Notifications users & groups preview
- Track changes GA
- Extensions GA



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Microsoft Graph JavaScript SDK

Microsoft Graph is accessible via REST API & various SDKs

- Client-side solutions can leverage the JavaScript SDK
 - https://github.com/microsoftgraph/msgraph-sdk-javascript
 - Requires initialization with an Azure AD provided OAuth2 access token to create the client



Initializing the Microsoft Graph JS SDK

```
var client = MicrosoftGraph.Client.init({
 authProvider: (done) => {
  done(null, access_token);
});
client
 .api('/me')
 .get((err, res) => {
  console.log(res);
 });
```



Microsoft Graph TypeScript Type Declarations

- Use the Microsoft Graph JavaScript SDK in TypeScript applications
- TypeScript type declarations introduce strong types and documentation to client-side projects
 - https://github.com/microsoftgraph/msgraph-typescript-typings



Microsoft Graph TypeScript Type Declarations

```
import * as MicrosoftGraph from '@microsoft/microsoft-graph-types';
// init Microsoft Graph client
client
 .api('/me')
 .get((error: any, user: MicrosoftGraph.User, rawResponse?: any) => {
  console.log('name: ', user.displayName);
  console.log('email: ', user.displmailayName);
  console.log('phone: ', user.businessPhones[0]);
  });
 });
```



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SharePoint Online User Already Authenticated

- Users in SharePoint Online & Office 365 are already authenticated
 - SharePoint Online has same Azure AD dependency as Microsoft Graph
 - Users login to Office 365 with their Work & School account (Azure AD)
- Calls to the Microsoft Graph are proxied through SharePoint Online
 - Eliminates the need for creation of a separate Azure AD application
 - Does not bypass any permission / scope requirements
 - Can only access business entities, not consumer entities



Calling Services from Client-side Code

- Calling a secured service requires the acquisition of token
 - Authenticate and get authorized in Azure AD application
 - Interactive login & programmatic acquisition of access token
- Client-side components cannot do the same
 - Components cannot securely do this across domains seamlessly
 - Can't store application ID's and secrets client side
 - Require an authentication prompt with a popup or redirection



SPFx Includes Microsoft Graph Client

- MSGraphClient: Microsoft Graph Client fpr SPFx
 - Abstracts the token acquisition from the SPFx development
 - Wraps the Microsoft Graph JavaScript SDK line

```
let graphClient: MSGraphClient =
    this.context.serviceScope.consume(MSGraphClient.serviceKey);
```



SPFx Proxy Calls through Existing Application

- SharePoint Online already has an Azure AD application
 - Client-side solutions in SharePoint Online call the SharePoint REST API in the same domain
 - No extra authentication required
 - Provided these tenants have granted the necessary scopes,
 SharePoint will call the Microsoft Graph
 - Responses from the Microsoft Graph are returned back to the client-side application
- Permission requests to Azure AD applications
 - Only SharePoint Online tenant administrators can [grant|reject] permission requests
 - Approved permissions are available to all client-side solutions in a tenant



SPFx Solutions Declare Permission Requests

```
// package-solution.json
 "$schema": "https://developer.microsoft.com/json-schemas/spfx-build/package-solution.schema.json",
 "solution": {
  "name": "ms-graph-sp-fx-client-side-solution",
  "id": "dfb230b7-4f61-431f-9b65-a34e83922663",
  "version": "1.0.0.0",
  "includeClientSideAssets": true.
  "webApiPermissionRequests": [
   { "resource": "Microsoft Graph", "scope": "User.ReadBasic.All" },
   { "resource": "Microsoft Graph", "scope": "Calendars.Read" },
   { "resource": "Microsoft Graph", "scope": "Tasks.Read" }
 "paths": {
  "zippedPackage": "solution/ms-graph-sp-fx.sppkg"
```



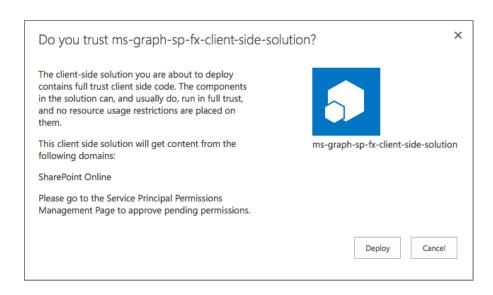
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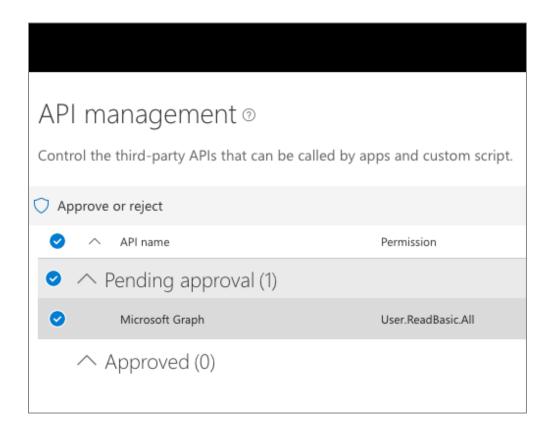
Add Package to SharePoint App Catalog

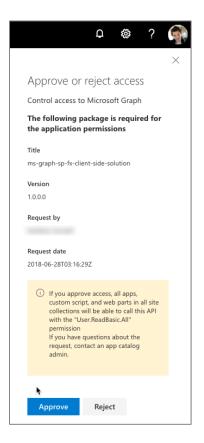
- Extra note in dialog notifies of additional step required
- While application can be installed in SharePoint sites, it does not have the permissions granted that it needs to access Azure AD protected resources





Approve / Reject with SharePoint Online API Management Page







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