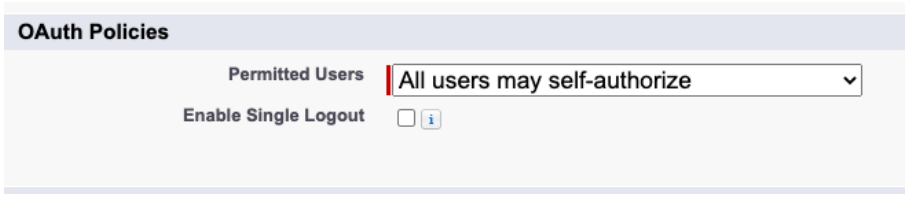
JWT Token flow in Salesforce

Before we begin some important notes on gotchas

1) When you define a connected App that will be used for a JWT token flow then note when you set your policies you cannot allow "All users may self_authorize"

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{"error":"in
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If you do this then your JWT flow will fail and if you do see and error It will be

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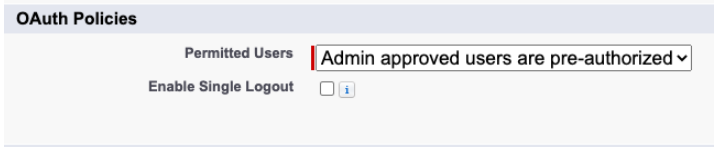
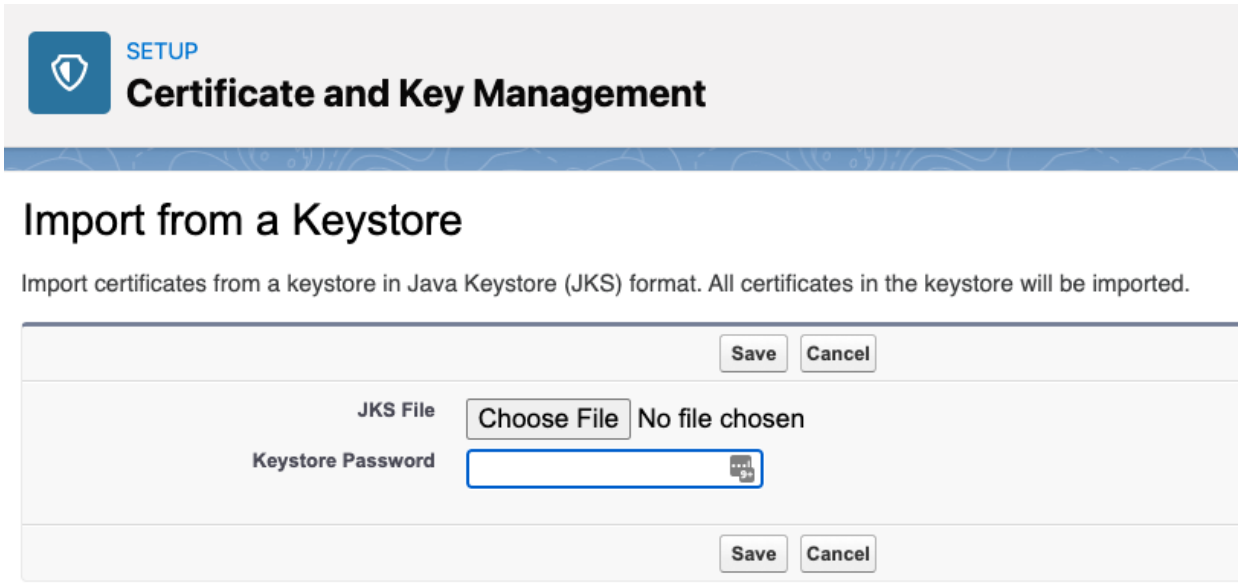


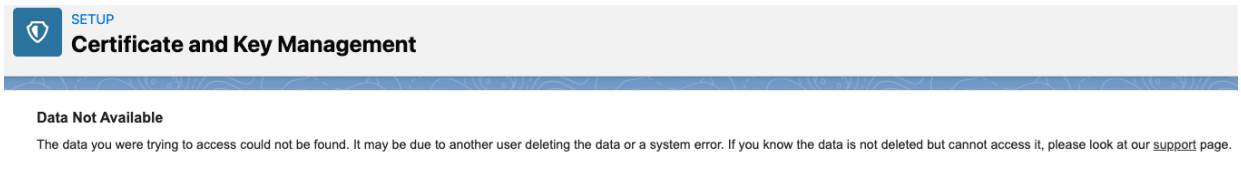
Make sure that you have selected Admin approved users are pre-Authorized. And then make sure the managed app you have set up is available to the profiles that will be using the JWT connection via the app

2) Later on in this how to guide you are going to need to import a Java Keystore file with your private key / cert in it

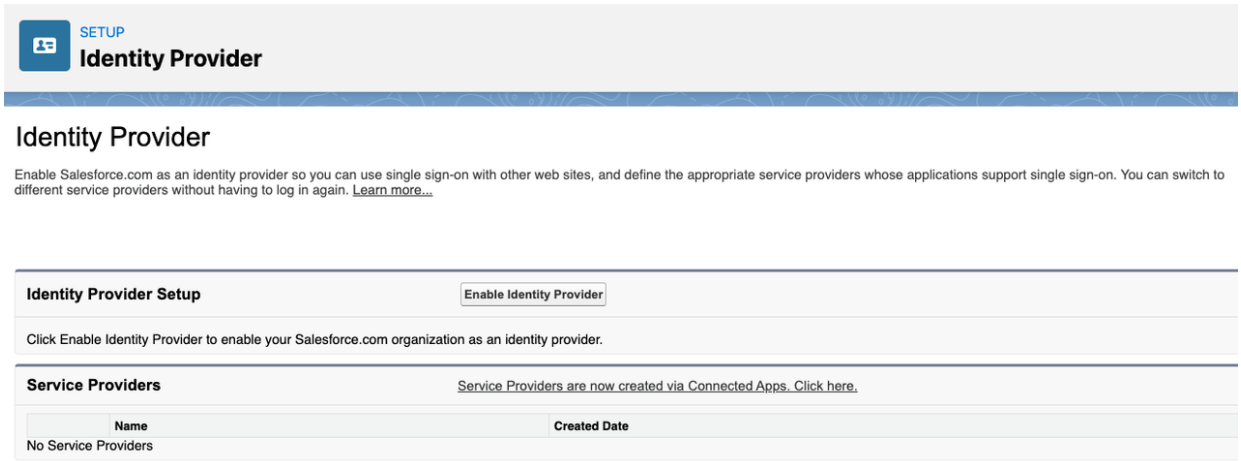
more than likely this will not work



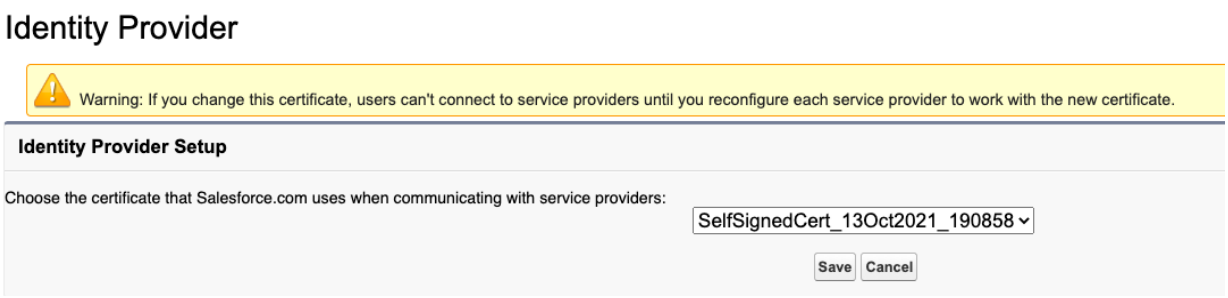
You will go to the Certificate and key management option under security in setup. You will attempt to upload your JKS file. Only to get the following error



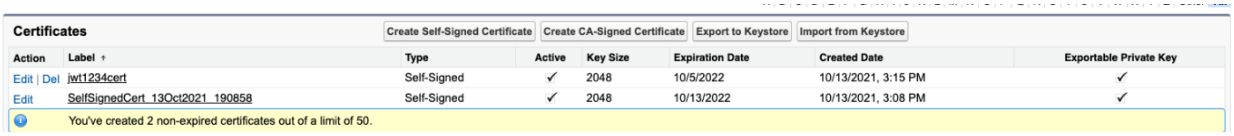
There is a super secret way to fix this . You must go to Identity provider in setup and enable it



And ignore the scary warnings



Once this has need done got back to Certificates and key management. You will now be able to successfully upload your JKS file to the certificates store jwt1234cert in the screenshot below was mine. This works because REASONS.



You can now go back and disable Identity Provider.

OK NOW WE HAVE COVERED ALL THE GOTCHAS WE CAN GO AHEAD WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR SETTING UP A SALESFORCE TO SALESFORCE CONNECTION VIA JWT TOKEN FLOW. THESE ARE MAC BASED INSTRUCTIONS

We will be using OpenSSl and Keytool to check if these are already installed then type the following into your terminal
openssl version

david.vickers@dvickerfs-ltm JWTCertsAndKeys % openssl version
LibreSSL 2.8.3

If you get a response with a version then you are good

For Keytool just type keytool into the prompt you should get a list of commands if it is installed

david.vickers@dvickerfs-ltm JWTCertsAndKeys % keytool
Key and Certificate Management Tool

Commands:

-certreq Generates a certificate request
 -changealias Changes an entry's alias ..... etc

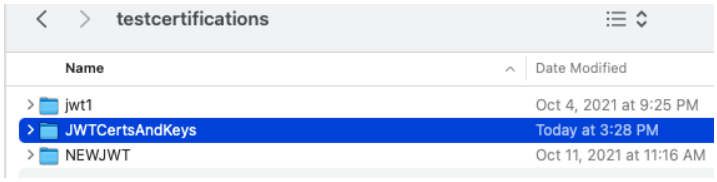
If you have Java installed then Keytool should be installed

If you do not have openssl then the simplest way to install is via Brew

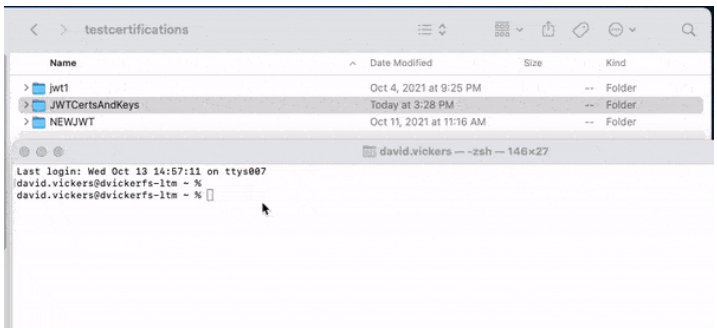
david.vickers@dvickerfs-ltm JWTCertsAndKeys % brew install openssl
If you do not have brew (homebrew) installed then WhyNot ????? ok but seriously if you don't then follow the instructions here:-
https://treehouse.github.io/installation-guides/mac/homebrew

Once you have Keytool and Open SSL then let's begin

Go to finder and create a folder to store the keys and certs you are about to generate



Now open a terminal window and drag the folder in



Now just use your arrow keys to navigate to the beginning path string and insert cd in front of your path and then hit enter.
example
`david.vickers@dvickerfs-ltm ~ % cd /Users/david.vickers/Documents/testcertifications/JWTCertsAndKeys`

This makes the next steps easier as all the files you create will end up in the same directory.
we are going to use the following commands in order

`openssl genrsa -des3 -passout pass:MyjwtDemo -out server.pass.key 2048`

`openssl rsa -passin pass:MyjwtDemo -in server.pass.key -out myserver.key`

`openssl req -new -key myserver.key -out myserver.csr`

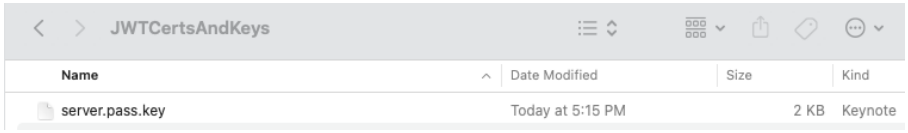
`openssl x509 -req -sha256 -days 365 -in myserver.csr -signkey myserver.key -out myserver.crt`

At the command Prompt paste in

`openssl genrsa -des3 -passout pass:MyjwtDemo -out server.pass.key 2048`

Note you are specifying a password (pass:) of `MyjwtDemo`
and creating an output file (-out) called server.pass.key

you should now have server.pass.key file



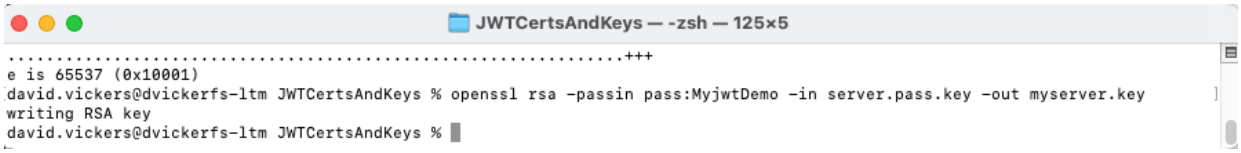
Now insert the next command

`openssl rsa -passin pass:MyjwtDemo -in server.pass.key -out myserver.key`

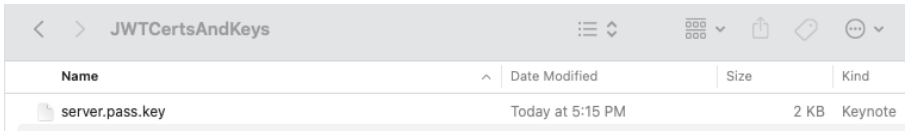
note you are passing in the password you set before `-passin pass:MyjwtDemo`

and the input (-in) is your server.pass.key so if you changed that then change it here too!

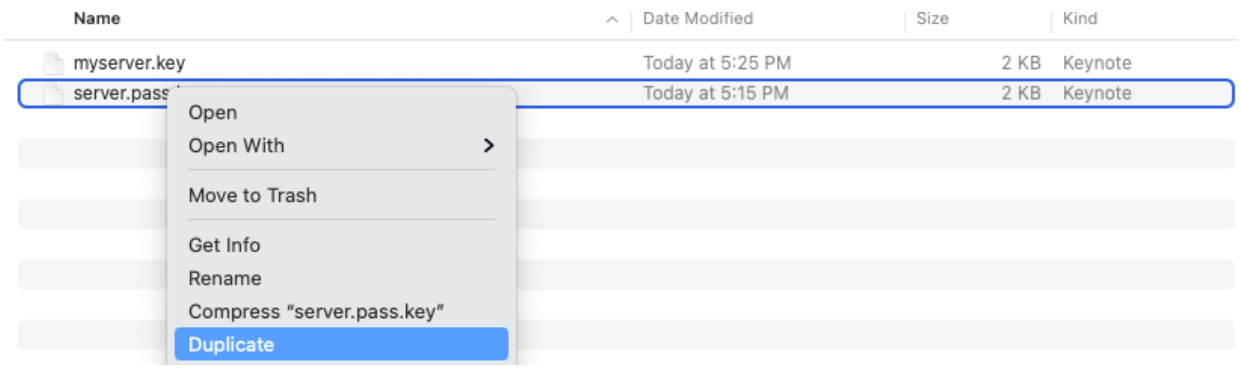
(-out) you are creating a file called myserver.key



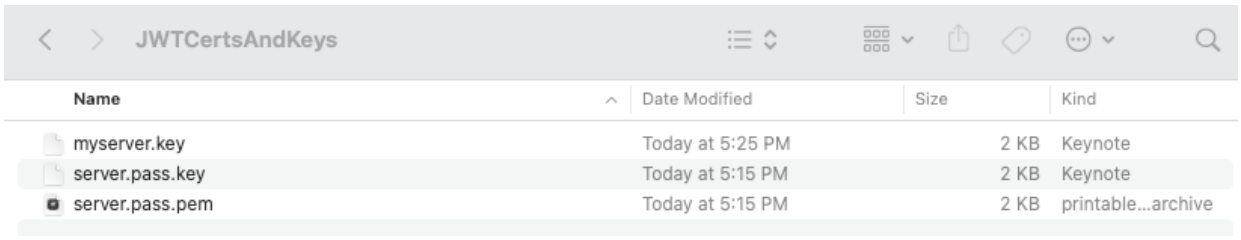
and you should now have a myserver.key file in your directory



Why you are here right click on server.pass.key and duplicate this file



Rename the duplicated of your key file to server.pass.pem. we will need the pem file later!



Ok back to the terminal window and paste in the next command

`openssl req -new -key myserver.key -out myserver.csr`

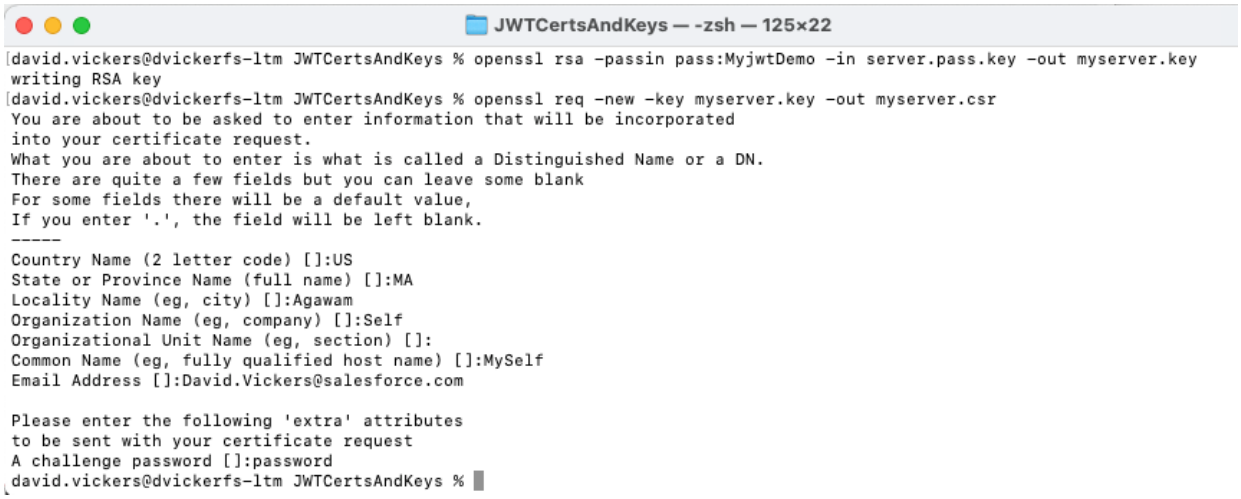
so here we read in the key file and output a csr!

When you enter this you will get questions !

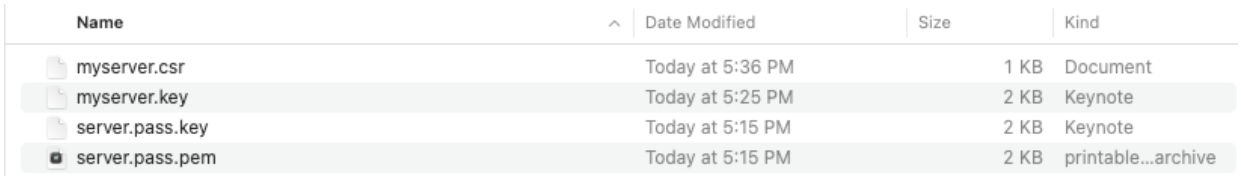
You can fill in as much as you like

You will also be asked to create a password I suggest for the next steps keeping the same password as it's much easier to keep track off. This password protects you certificate so you need to remember it

I will use the cunning password .....password



Check your Directory again and you will see you have a CSR file.

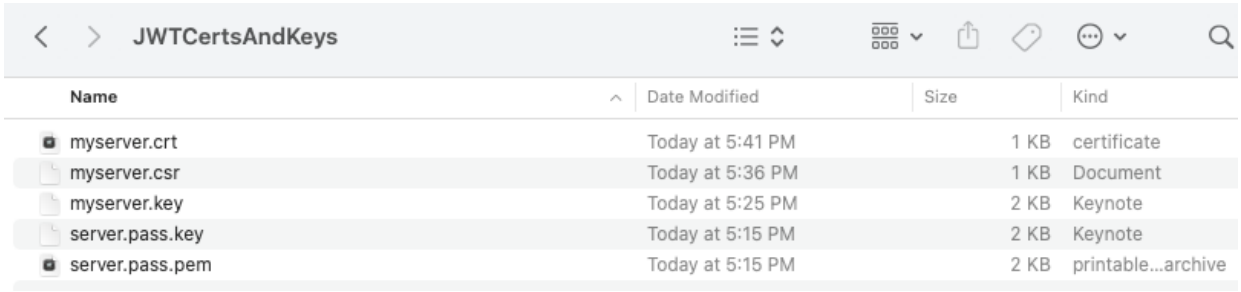


We need a 509 certificate so now we can use our csr file to create that
paste in the next command

`openssl x509 -req -sha256 -days 365 -in myserver.csr -signkey myserver.key -out myserver.crt`

note this reads in both your CSR and your signing (private key) that you created earlier and outputs a cert valid for 365 days (max for a `sha256` cert)

And with that you will have a valid certificate in your directory



Ok for creating a connected app to support a JWT token flow this is all you need, but for a Salesforce to Salesforce connection we are going to be using Named Credentials and for that we are going to need to store our certificate in Salesforce and for that we need this in a Java Key store format (jks)

So onward!!! here are the next commands we will use

`Openssl pkcs12 -export -in myserver.crt -inkey server.pass.pem -out mykeystore.p12`

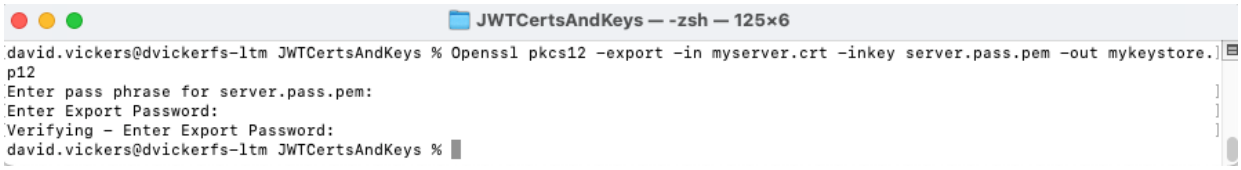
`Keytool -importkeystore -srckeystore mykeystore.p12 -srcstoretype pkcs12 -destkeystore servercert.jks -deststoretype JKS`

`Keytool -keystore servercert.jks -changealias -alias 1 -destalias jwtDemo`

First we paste into the terminal window
`Openssl pkcs12 -export -in myserver.crt -inkey server.pass.pem -out mykeystore.p12`
Note this uses that PEM file we created earlier (the copy of the key file)
This routing takes in the cert and the pem file and outputs a keystore in a p12 format you will need to input your PEM password, so if you forgot that then you are now SOL! but this was the password you used to generate the key remember

`openssl genrsa -des3 -passout pass:MyjwtDemo -out server.pass.key 2048`
Note you are specifying a password (pass:) of MyjwtDemo

If you get this right then your terminal window will look as below and ask for an export password and to verify that

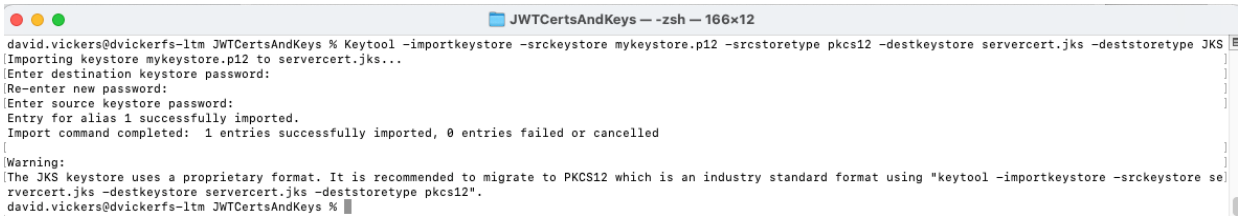


and you will get a 2kb mykeystore.p12 file. if you get a zero kb file then the operation failed delete the file and try again

So now with your p12 file you need to make it a .jks file so we run the next command

`Keytool -importkeystore -srckeystore mykeystore.p12 -srcstoretype pkcs12 -destkeystore servercert.jks -deststoretype JKS`

we will be prompted for a password. this is the password you set for the export password in the previous step you will then be asked for a destination password you will begin to see that there are a lot of passwords in this sequence so staying with the same one all the way though makes things simpler! Your terminal window will look like this

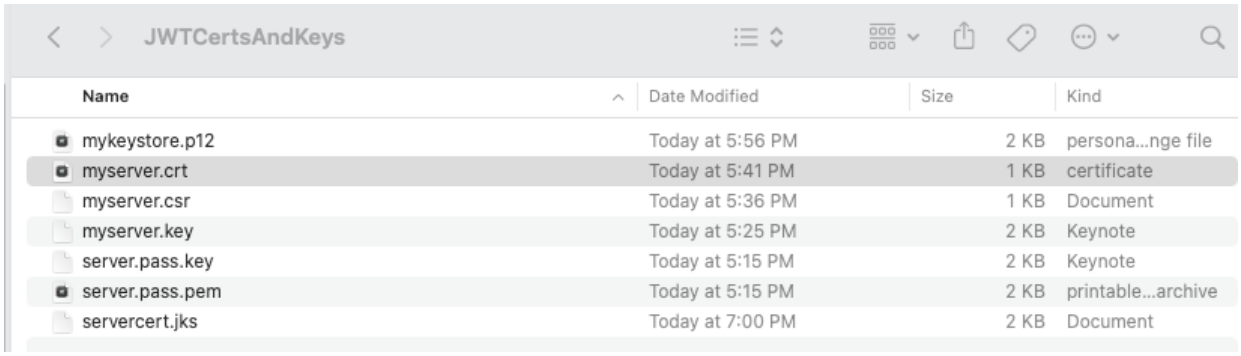


don't worry about the warning

Okay we are nearly done there is one final issue this PKS file will have the default alias of 1. Salesforce does not allow you to upload a JKS file with the default alias so we need to change it. The Alias you give will be the label of the Certificate / keystore entry when you upload it to Salesforce.
Paste in the final command

`Keytool -keystore servercert.jks -changealias -alias 1 -destalias jwtDemo`

Enter your password and hit enter. you will get the same warning as before but your JKS file will now have a new alias in this case "jwtdemo" (unless you picked a different alias)
Your directory now should look like this



you now have all the files you will need!

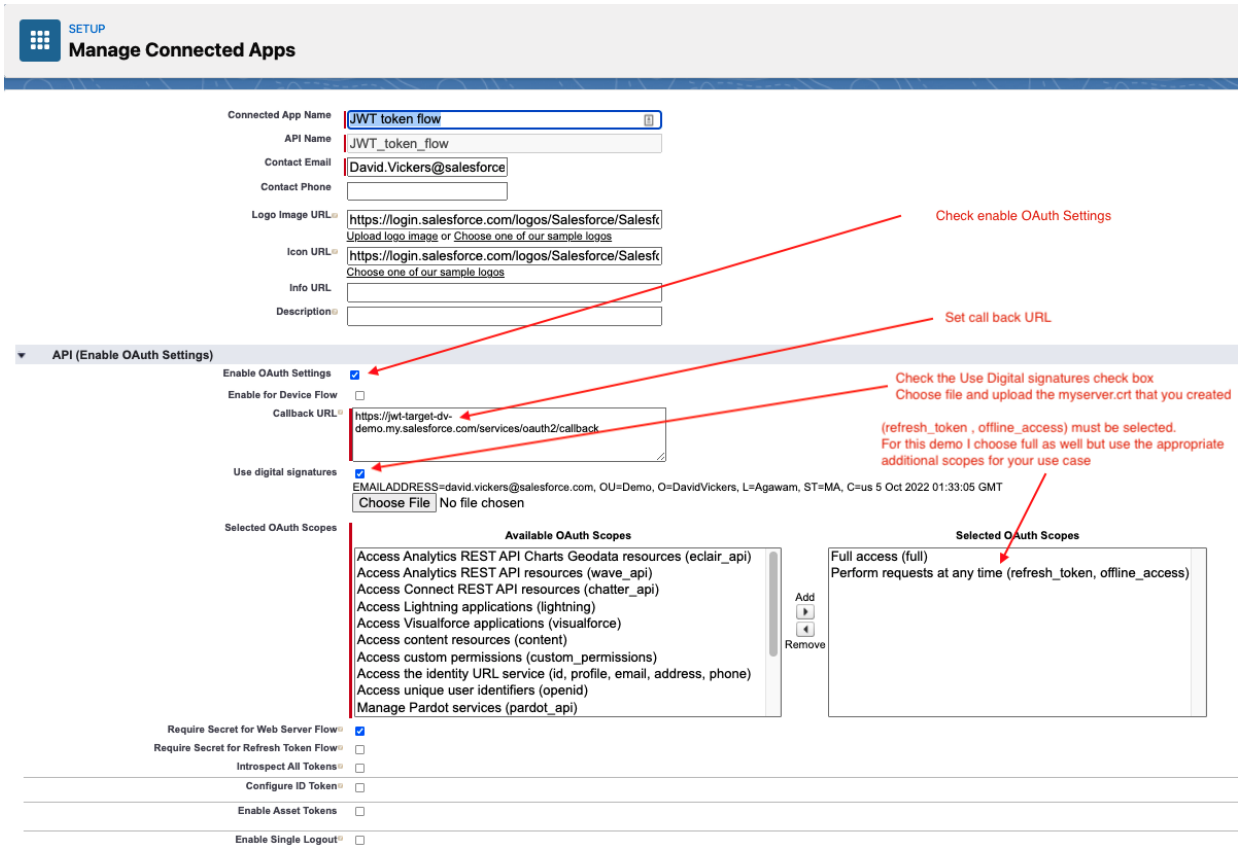
Setting Up your Target Salesforce Org

Your Target org is going to need a connected app that will be used to make the connection into

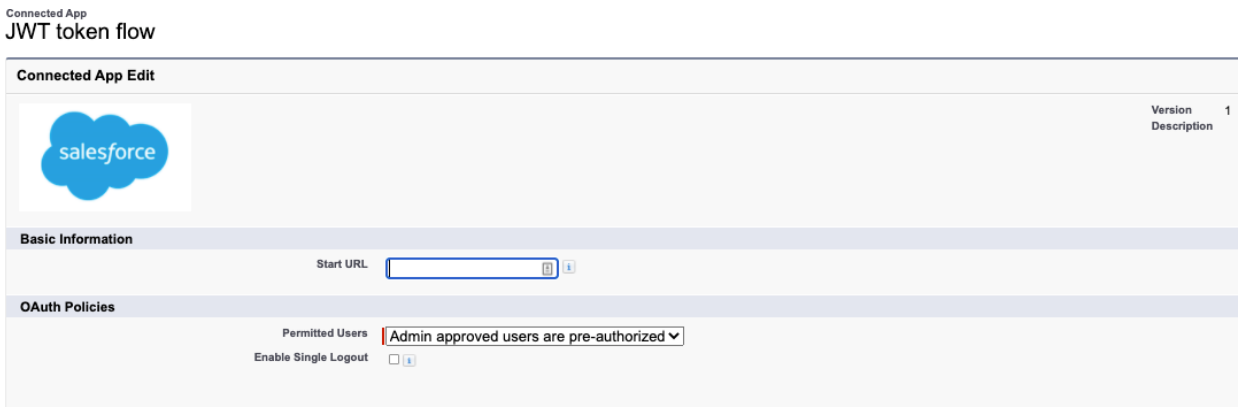
Setup
Apps → app manager

Click New connected app

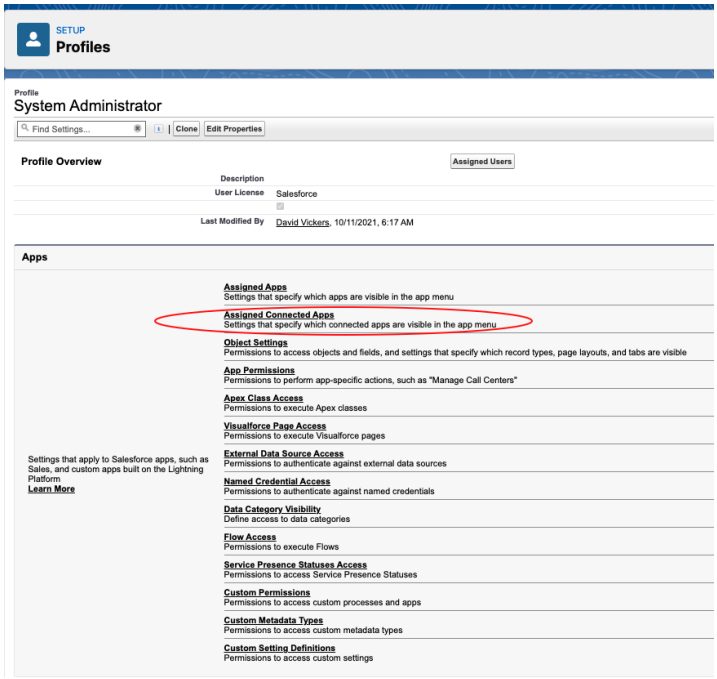
Fill in the connected app page in a similar fashion to that shown below. key details to pay attention to are indicated via the red arrows

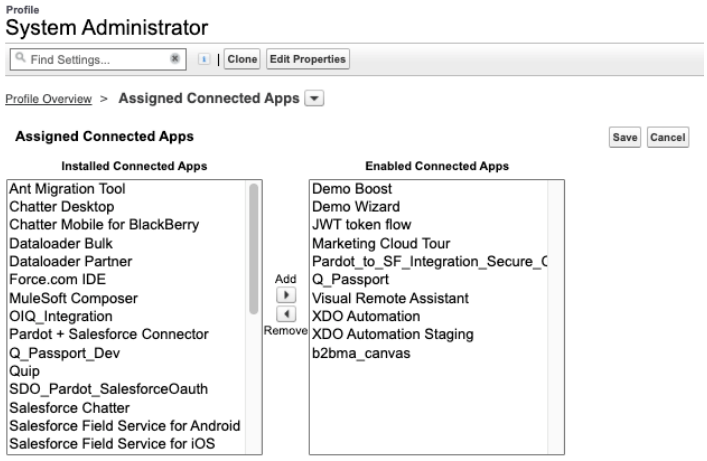


Save your connected app
Now click on Manage to manage you connected app and Edit Policies



Make sure to set permitted users to “admin approved users are re-authorized
Go to the profile / profiles that you want to be able to connect to SF via this connected app
Select assigned connected apps.



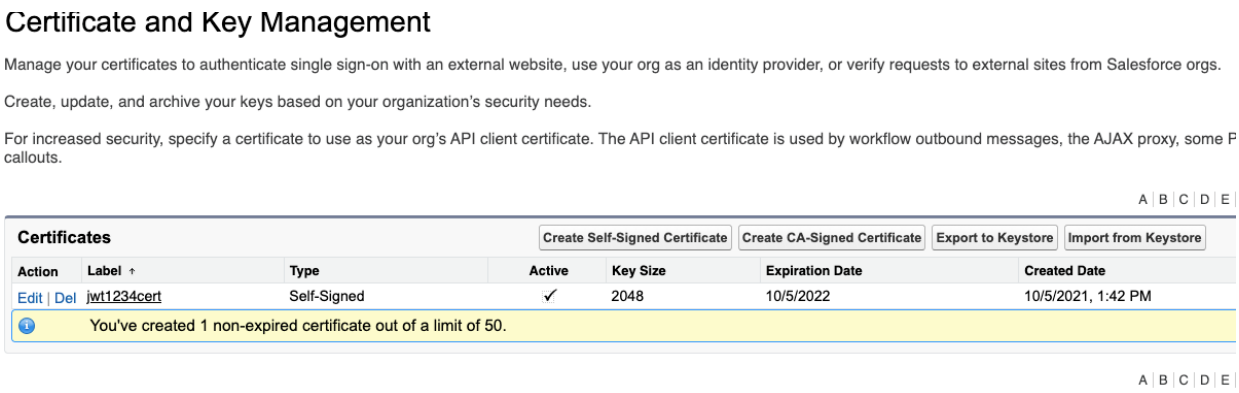


Select the connected app you just created (JWT token flow in my case) and move it into the enabled connected apps and save.

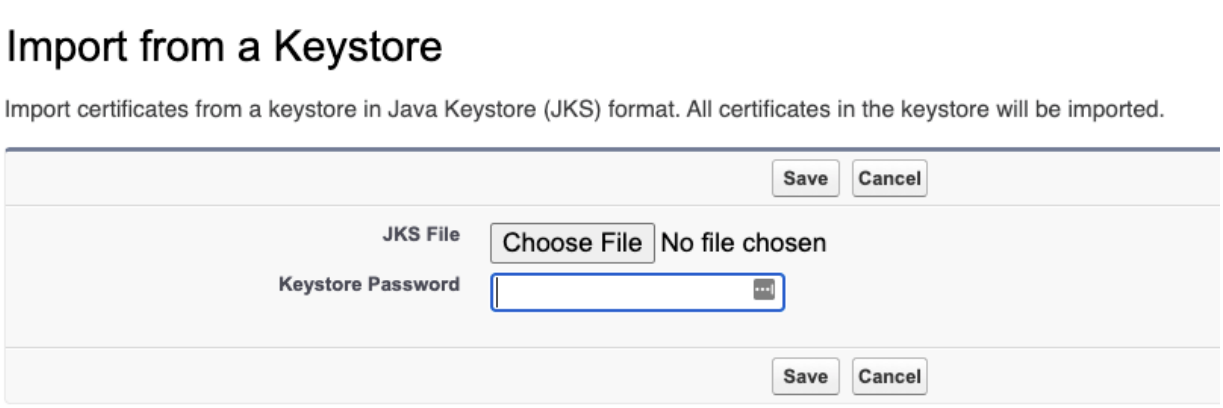
You are now done with this ORG

Now To Set the sending org

Got to Setup → Security → Certificate and Key Management



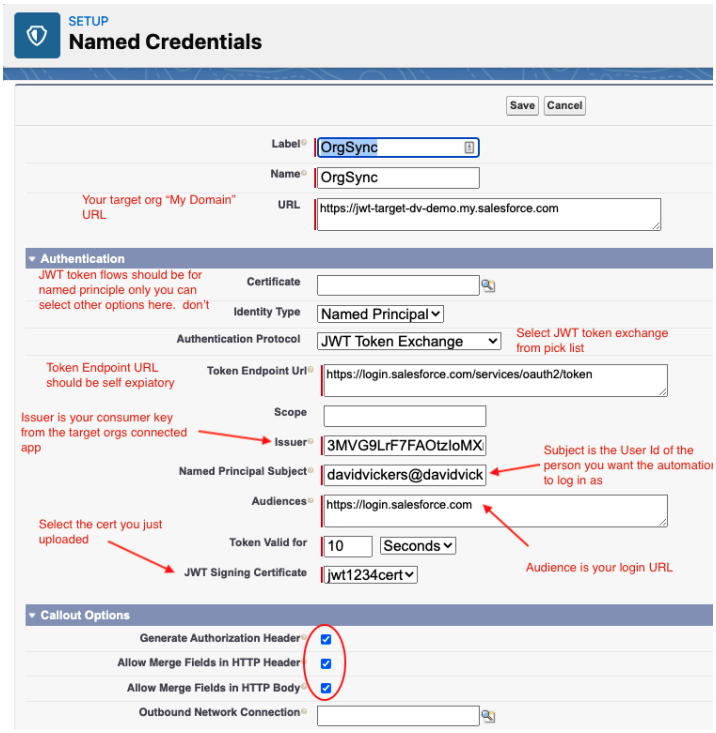
Click on import from keystore



Choose file and select the JKS file you created earlier, I hope you remembered the password :-)
Click Save. If you get and error " data not available" then see the gotchas at the very beginning of this quip. Follow those steps there and try again. It will work

Your JKS file will be uploaded with the label being the Alias you set in the earlier step. Again an JKS file with the default alias of 1 will not be uploaded so make sure you followed the last keytool step in the previous instructions.

Ok now we go to Setup → Security → Named Credentials
Set the nabed credential as shown. your URL , named principal etc will of course be different



Save this and you should be ready to go

Now let's see if your set up has worked

Open an developer console
Debug → Open Execute Anonymous Window (CTRL+E)
past in the following

```
string service_limits = '/services/data/v52.0/limits';
httpRequest req = new httpRequest();
req.setEndpoint('callout:OrgSync'+service_limits);
req.setMethod('GET');
http h = new Http();
httpResponse res = h.send(req);
System.debug(res.getBody());
system.debug(res.getStatusCode());
```

NOTE ('callout:OrgSync') Orgsync was what I named my named credential , if you named yours differently then you need the name of your org credential here.

In this code I am adding the limits api endpoint to create the full endpoint URL you can use any endpoint available in your target org.

If all the steps have worked you should get two debug lines the first with your limits status the second with 200

Execution Log

Timestamp	Event	Details
09:37:41:445	USER_DEBUG	[7]|DEBUG|{"AnalyticsExternalDataSizeMB":{"Max":40960,"Remaining":40960},"BOZosCalloutHourlyLimit":{"Max":20000,"Remaining":200
09:37:41:446	USER_DEBUG	[8]|DEBUG|200

That's it you have now connected two salesforce orgs with a JWT token flow.

OK SO WHAT IS YOU HAVE AN EXTERNAL APP AY PYTHON BASED?

No Problem you target org needs a connected app set up Just as we did above. Then Try the code below!
The Code simply needs the Private Key and your consumer Key and then it constructs a valid JWT token
your Json payload to construct the cert should contain
iss = Consumer key from your connected app
exp = expiration time in unix time code format
aud = https://login.salesforce.com. or https://test.salesforce.com (later for sandbox login)
sub = The user name that the token will be used to log in as

```
import jwt
import time
import requests
import json
import os
key_file='key_file.key'

from dotenv import load_dotenv
load_dotenv()

myurl= os.getenv('url')
issuer = os.getenv('iss')
user = os.getenv('user')

with open(key_file) as fd:
  private_key = fd.read()

payload = {
      'iss': issuer,
      'exp': int(time.time()) + 300,
      'aud': myurl,
      'sub': user
    }

encoded = jwt.encode(payload, private_key, algorithm='RS256')
print('JWT:', encoded )

r = requests.post(myurl + '/services/oauth2/token', data = {
    'grant_type': 'urn:ietf:params:oauth:grant-type:jwt-bearer',
    'assertion': encoded,
  })

print('Status:', r.status_code)
access_token = r.json().get("access_token")
instance_url = r.json().get("instance_url")
print("Access Token:", access_token)
print("Instance URL", instance_url)
```

.env file

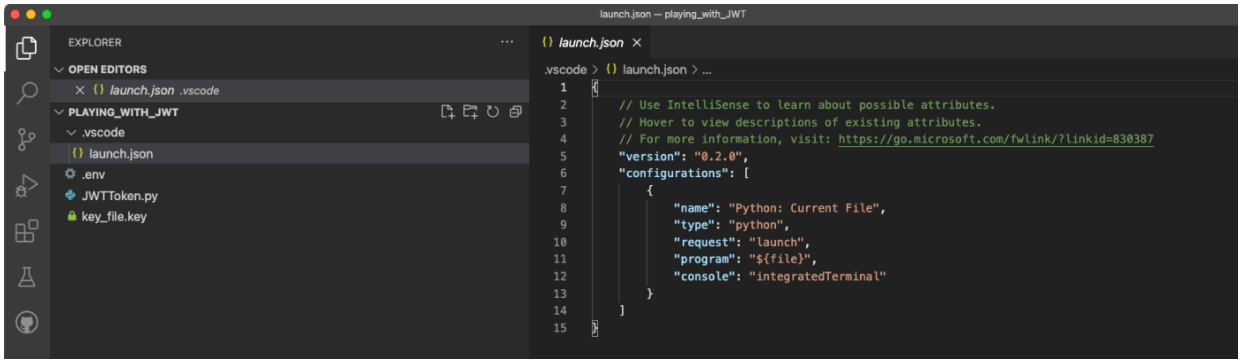
```
iss=YOUR CONSUMER KEY
user=YourUserNAME
url=https://login.salesforce.com
```

and I put the Private key in the same VS code folder as the python project
/Users/david.vickers/Python_Projects/playing_with_JWT/key_file.key

That way

```
with open(key_file) as fd:
  private_key = fd.read()
```

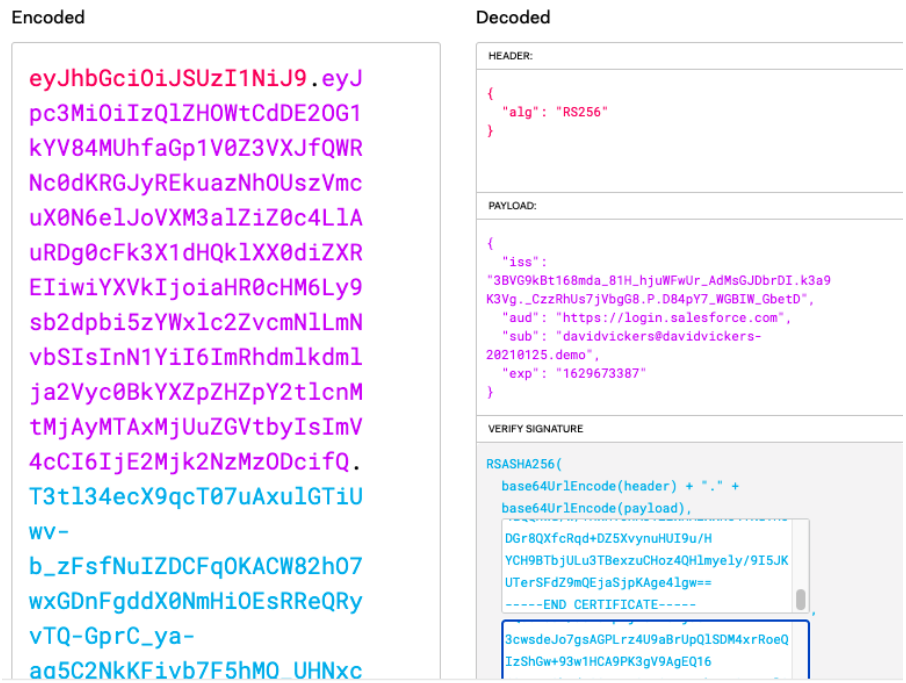
can read the keyfile directly no need for paths!



Note that we can copy paste our JWT token out from the terminal as

```
print('JWT:', encoded )
```

will cause echo out your token that you could use for testing in Postman but you can also manually create a JWT token here https://jwt.io/

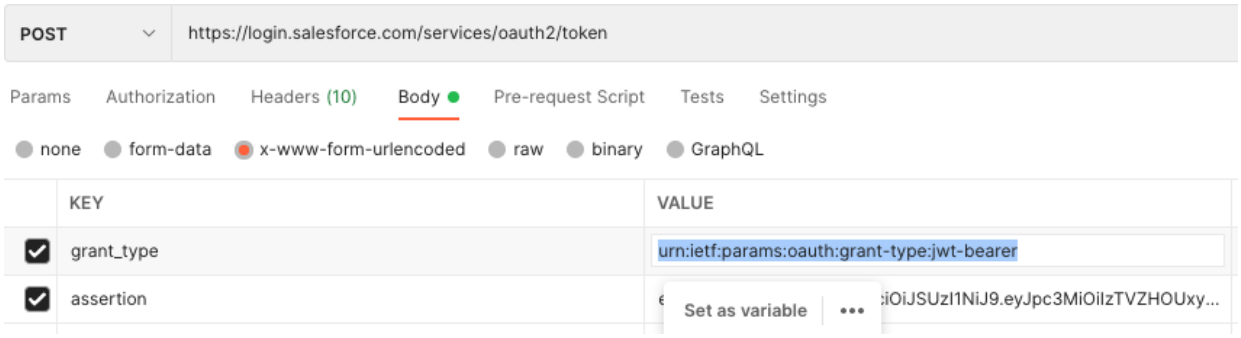


your exp value must be a valid unix time stamp use https://www.unixtimestamp.com/ to get a current value or the log in will fail

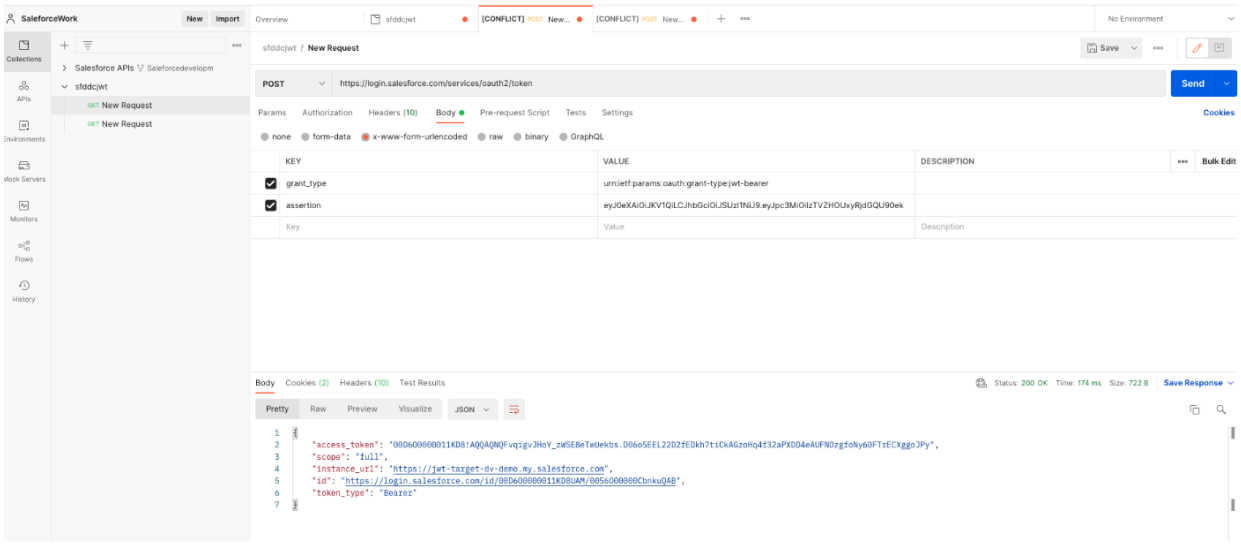
A valid JWT Token can then be used in postman

The grant type is urn:ietf:params:oauth:grant-type:jwt-bearer
The assertion is your valid JWT token

The set up will be like this



When you send it you should get a token back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Headers (10)
Test Results
Status: 200 OK
Time: 174 ms
Size: 722 B
Save Response
Pretty
Raw
Preview
Visualize
JSON
{
"access_token": "00D6O0000011KD8!AQQAQNQFvqigvJHoY_zWSEBeTmUekbs.D06oSEEL22D2fEDkh7tiCkAGzoHq4f32aPXDD4eAUFNDzgfoNy60FTzECXggoJPy",
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"id": "https://login.salesforce.com/id/00D6O0000011KD8UAM/0056O00000CbnkuQAB",
"token_type": "Bearer"
}