Learning OAuth 2.0

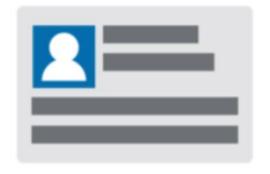
Wei Yao

Authentication and Authorization

- Authentication is the process of confirming the identity of a user or a device (e.g. an entity)
 - Login your amazon or google account with username and password
 - Check In hotel room with your driver license.
 - Face recognition unlock your iphone.

- Authorization is the process of verifying what resources entities (users or devices) can access, or what actions they can perform.
 - A hotel key card is a permit for entering your room after you checked in.
 - Software application use Token during authorization.

Authentication leads to authorization, but authorization does not lead to authentication.





Who you are



Authorization

What you can do

What is OAuth?

- OAuth is *not* an API or a service, but an open *standard* for **authorization**.
- OAuth is a delegated authorization framework for REST/APIs.

Used by:

- server-to-server apps
- browser-based apps
- mobile/native apps
- IoT devices

There two versions of OAuth: OAuth 1.0a and OAuth 2.0. https://www.oauth.com/oauth2-servers/differences-between-oauth-1-2/

Often OAuth is solving this type of question:

"How can I allow an app to access my data without necessarily giving it my password?"

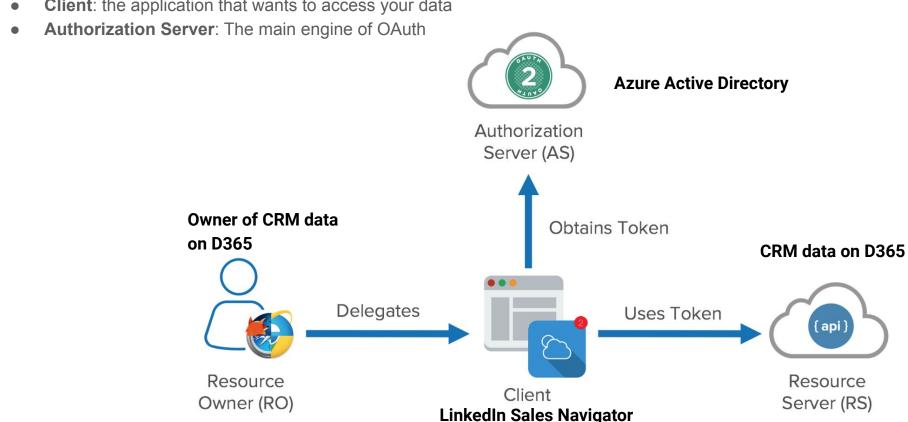
OAuth is built on the following central components:

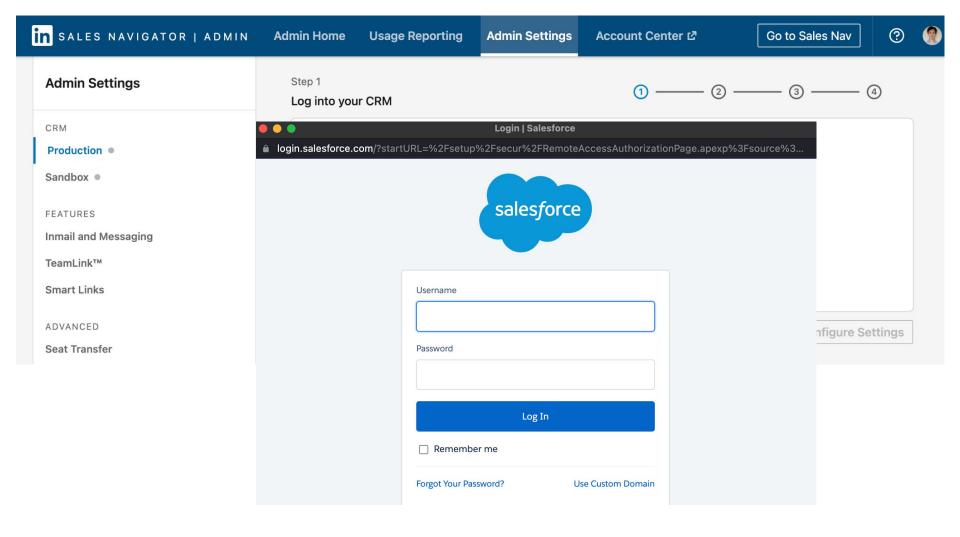
- Scopes and Consent
- Actors
- Clients
- Tokens
- **Authorization Server**
- Flows



The actors in OAuth flows are as follows:

- **Resource Owner**: owns the data in the resource server.
- Resource Server: The API which stores data the application wants to access
- **Client**: the application that wants to access your data



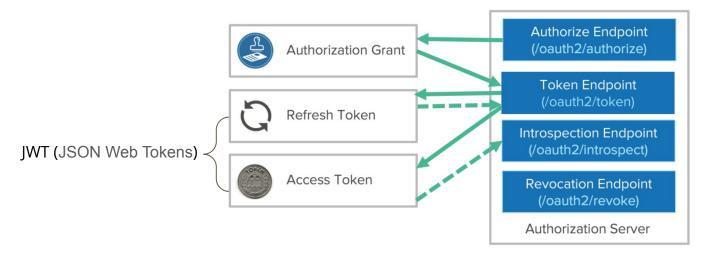


OAuth Tokens

Access tokens are the token the client uses to access the Resource Server (API). Short-lived, hours or minutes. It can't be revoked, but waiting it to expire.

Refresh tokens are used to get new access tokens after authentication of confidential clients. Long-lived, days, months, years. It can be revoked.

The Authorization Server generated a **Client ID** and **Client Secret**, sometimes called the App ID and App Secret, and gave them to the Client to use for all future OAuth exchanges.



OAuth 2.0 Http Request Details

Authorization Grant:

```
Request: GET https://accounts.google.com/o/oauth2/auth?scope=gmail.insert gmail.send &redirect uri=https://app.example.com/oauth2/callback &response_type=code&client_id=812741506391&state=af0ifjsldkj
```

```
Response: HTTP/1.1 302 Found
```

Location: https://app.example.com/oauth2/callback?code=MsCeLvIaQm6bTrgtp7&state=af0 ifjsldkj

Request Token:

```
POST /oauth2/v3/token HTTP/1.1
```

Request: Host: www.googleapis.com

Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded code=MsCeLvIaQm6bTrgtp7&client id=812741506391&client secret={client secret}&redirect uri=https://app.example.com/oauth2/callback&grant_type=authorization code

Response:

```
{"access token": "2YotnFZFEjr1zCsicMWpAA",
"token type": "Bearer",
"expires_in": 3600,
"refresh_token": "tGzv3J0kF0XG5Qx2TlKWIA"}
```

curl -H "Authorization: Bearer 2YotnFZFEjr1zCsicMWpAA" \
 https://www.googleapis.com/gmail/v1/users/1444587525/messages

What is SSO? Use case: LinkedIn Sales Navigator

Single Sign-on: one login can be used across multiple applications

Sales Navigator SSO allows your company's employees to authenticate with SSO sign in using their corporate credentials before being prompted to verify their LinkedIn credentials. After this initial authentication, a cached sign in is stored, for both the SSO and LinkedIn sign in (depending on browser and SSO settings), for up to 12 hours before requiring re-authentication.

Using SSO allows you to:

- Leverage your existing company's authentication.
- Increase security when employees use your company's established password protocols rather than their individual accounts.
- Manage users more easily when employees leave your company.

LinkedIn is SAML 2.0 certified, however, we don't support OAuth2.0 or OpenID at this time.

SAML and OpenID Connect

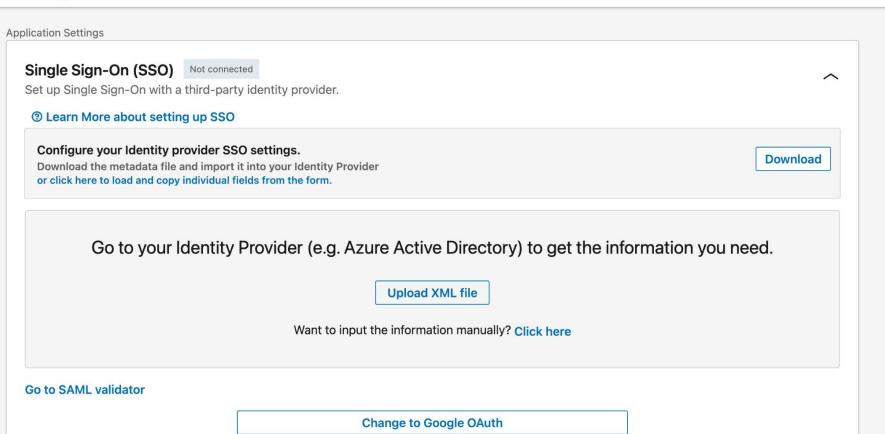
Security Assertion Markup Language (**SAML**) is an XML-based open standard used for SSO implementations.

OpenID Connect is simple identity layer on top of the OAuth 2.0 protocol that allows for 'Federated Authentication'. It is similar to the OAuth2 authorization flow with the major difference being a 'id-token' that allows the user authentication.

	SAML 2.0	OAuth2	OpenID Connect
What is it?	Open standard for authorization and authentication	Open standard for authorization	Open standard for authentication
History	Developed by OASIS in 2001	Developed by Twitter and Google in 2006	Developed by the OpenID Foundation in 2014
Primary use case	SSO for enterprise apps	API authorization	SSO for consumer apps
Format	XML	JSON	JSON







Reports 2

Learning Resources:

General knowledge on OAuth 2.0:

www.oauth.com

https://developer.okta.com/blog/2017/06/21/what-the-heck-is-oauth

Authentication vs Authorization:

https://auth0.com/intro-to-iam/authentication-vs-authorization/

An Illustrated Guide to OAuth and OpenID Connect:

https://developer.okta.com/blog/2019/10/21/illustrated-guide-to-oauth-and-oidc

Identity Management: SAML vs. OAuth2 vs. OpenID Connect

https://jads.blog/identity-management-saml-vs-oauth2-vs-openid-connect-c9a06548b4c5