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Handle OAuth Authorization in REST API Using REST Assured



A Day in the Life of an Automation Test Engineer

Thomas has successfully parsed the XML and JSON response using REST Assured. Now, however, he is concerned about the authentication of data from API. So, he must gain knowledge about some authentication tools.

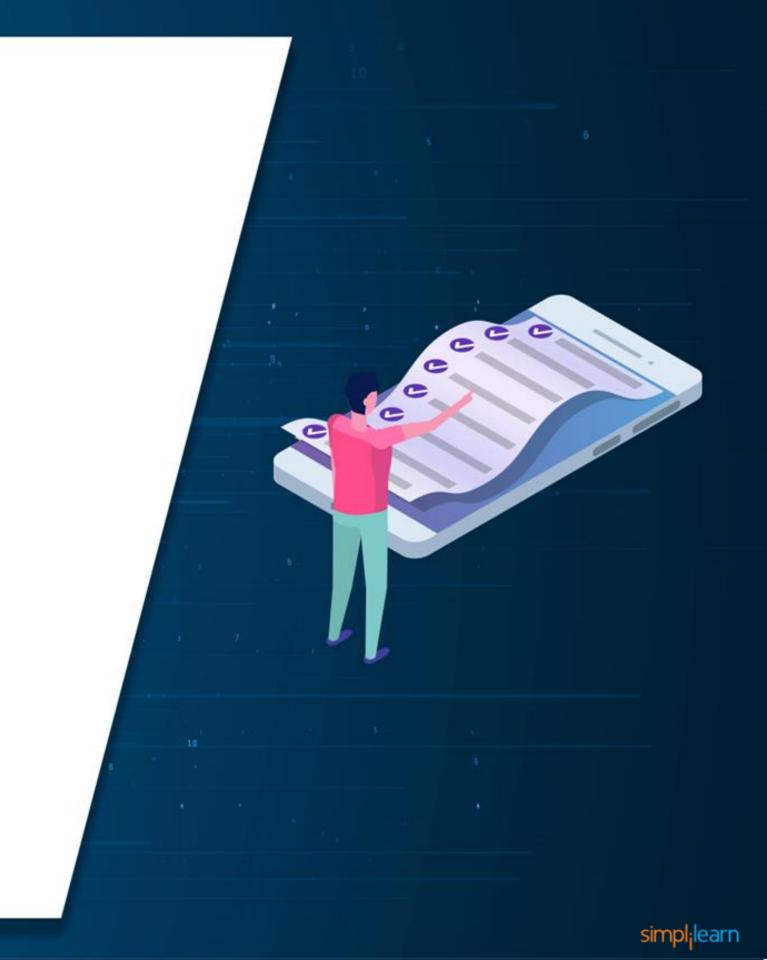
To achieve the above goal, he must learn OAuth and its various versions, and the process to handle authorization through them.



Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- Understand the basics of authorization
- Analyze the types of authentication
- Explain OAuth
- Handle authorization using OAuth

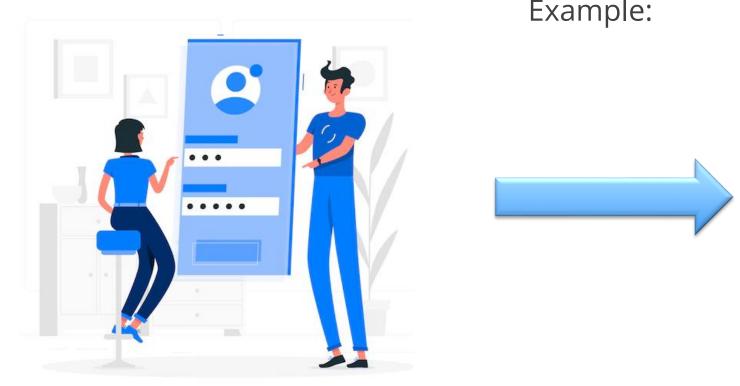


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What Is Authentication?

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Authentication refers to the process of validating a user's authority to access any resource over an API.



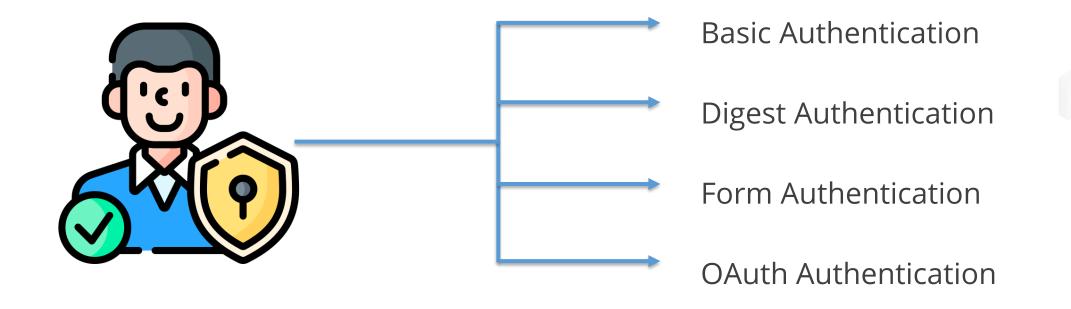
Example:

Users get access after validation.



Authentication in REST Assured

Authentication in REST Assured can be performed using:



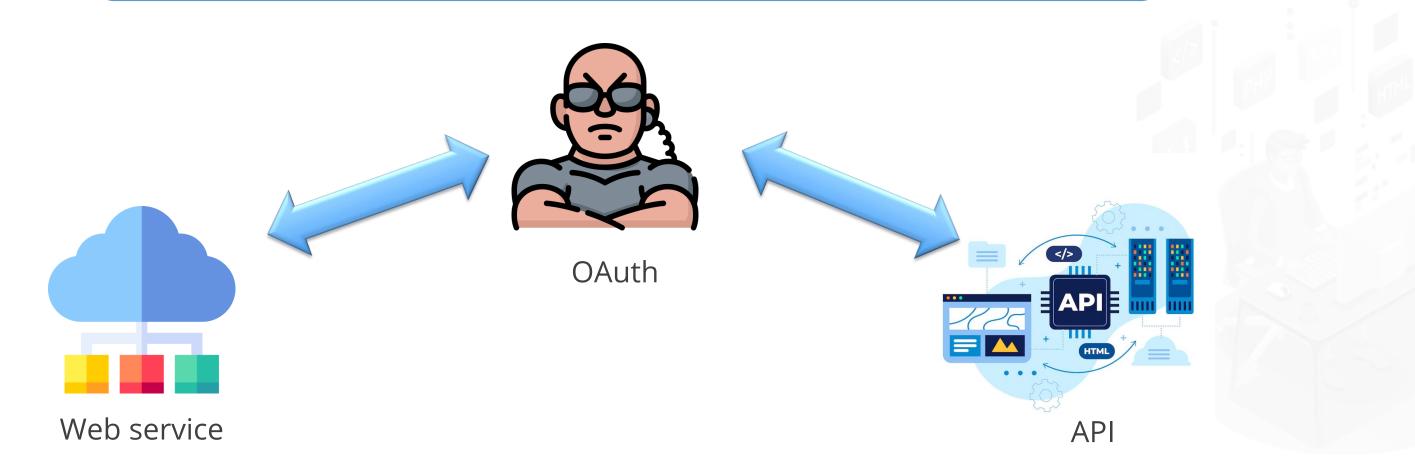


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OAuth is an authorization framework that authorizes consent to an application interacting with the server on behalf of the user.



Versions of OAuth

There are two versions of OAuth:

OAuth 1.0

OAuth 2.0

- It was started by Twitter in 2006.
- It has complex client security handling.
- It has limited scope and is not extensible.

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- Its security is enforced by TSL or SSL (HTTP).
- It helps to separate roles for the client and servers.
- It provides refresh tokens.



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The steps depicting the flow of OAuth authorization in REST Assured are:

Requests access token

Returns access token

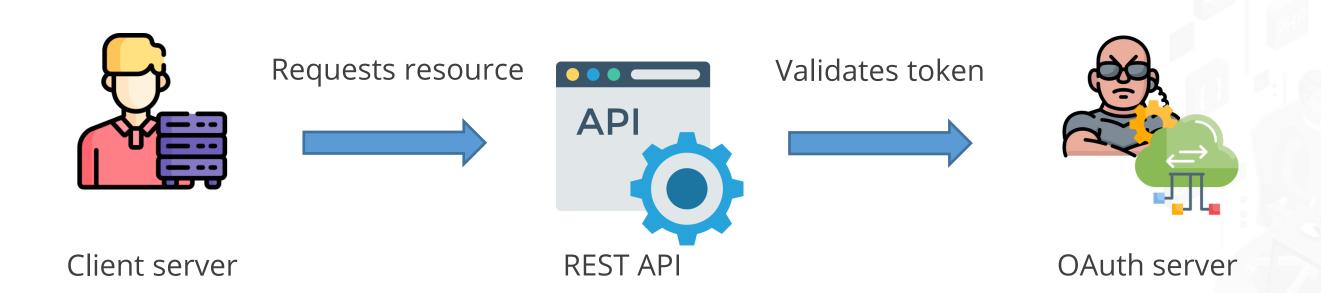
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Verify user consent

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Step 2



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REST API

Step 3



Provides resource



Validates token API





OAuth server



Generating Token in OAuth 2.0

To generate tokens automatically, use the following Java code:

```
given().auth().outh2("Access Token")
.get("The end point URL")
```



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Key Takeaways

- An authentication process validates a user's credentials.
- The authorization is about allowing a user to get access to information.
- OAuth 2.0 is mostly used in industries.
- OAuth allows the generation of fresh tokens automatically.

