Lab Notes: Investigating File Integrity in Microsoft OneDrive Using the Graph API

Setup:

Environment:

OS: Windows 11.NET version: 8.0.403IDE: Visual Studio 2022

Initial Setup:

- Installed NuGet packages using "dotnet add package {package_name}" command: Azure.Identity (1.15.0), Microsoft.Graph(5.91.0)
 Microsoft.Extensions.Configuration.Json(9.0.8)
- Created Personal Microsoft Account
- Created an App registration for the Application in Azure Portal->Azure Active Directory (Figure 1) and Added Permissions(User.Read and Files.ReadWrite) for Microsoft Graph as delegated permissions.(Figure 2)

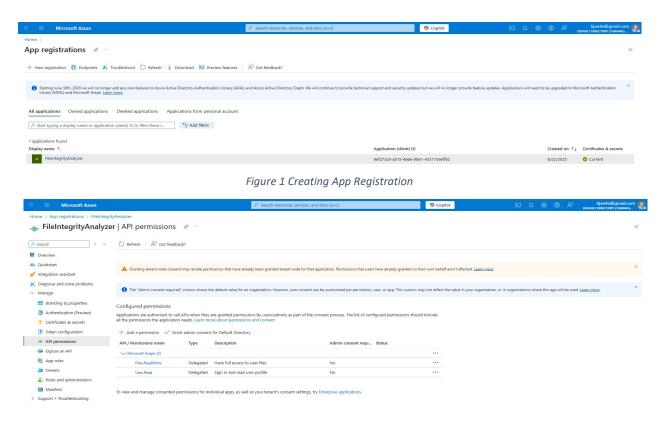


Figure 2 Adding Permissions for Microsoft Graph API

Project Setup:

- Main entry point Program.cs for analysis checks if hashes of file that is uploaded and file that is downloaded from OneDrive match.
- Chosen to divide the workflow into different classes
 - 1. Authentication handles authentication using device code flow to Microsoft Graph and returns a GraphServiceClient.
 - 2. Uploader handles uploading file to folder in signed-in user's OneDrive.
 - 3. Downloader handles downloading file from signed-in user's OneDrive to a local directory.
 - 4. IntegrityVerifier handles computing the SHA256 hash of a file and compares files' hashes.
- Config file appsettings.json that holds values for files' paths.

Experiments and results:

- Experiment1: Upload and download small text test.txt file and check hashes(Figure3):
 - 1. File size: 394 B
 - 2. First time creating folder in OneDrive
 - 3. Upload time: 42439 ms
 - 4. First time creating local destination folder
 - 5. Download time: 1569 ms
 - 6. Hashes match: TRUE

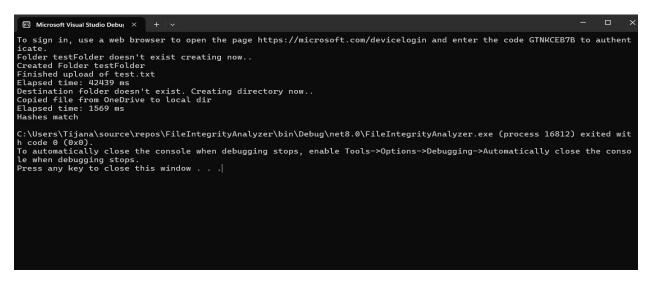


Figure 3 Results for test.txt file

- Experiment2: Upload and download of image testing.jpg file and check hashes(Figure4):
 - 1. File size: 5.27 MB
 - 2. Folder in OneDrive already exists
 - 3. Upload time: 41626 ms

4. Destination folder already created

5. Download time: 2704 ms6. Hashes match: TRUE

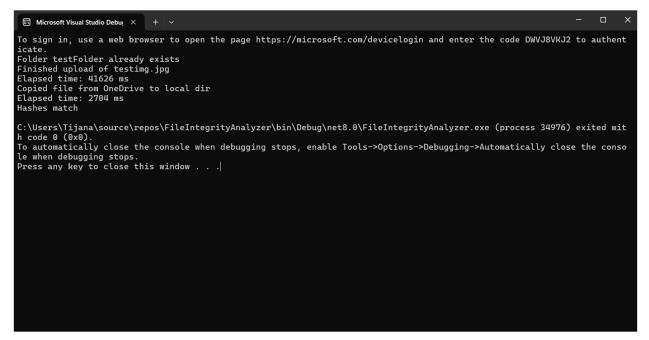


Figure 4 Results for testImg.jpg file

- Experiment3: Upload and download of video testvid.mp4 file and check hashes(Figure5)
 - 1. File size: 121 MB
 - 2. Folder in OneDrive already exists
 - 3. ERROR: "Exception The request was canceled due to the configured HttpClient.Timeout of 100 seconds elapsing." This could be due to slow connection or the size of the file.

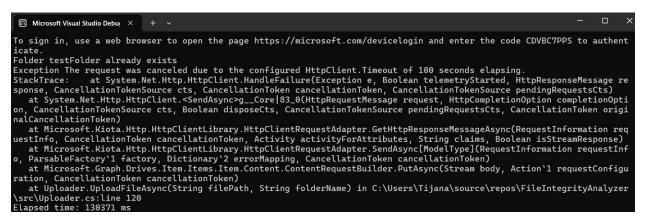


Figure 5 Results for testvid.mp4

• Experiment4: Upload and download of pdf testpdf.pdf file and check hashes(Figure6):

1. File size: 15.6 MB

2. Folder in OneDrive already exists

3. Upload time: 66272 ms

4. Destination folder already exists

5. Download time: 4761 ms6. Hashes match: TRUE

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Elapsed time: 4761 ms
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Figure 6 Results for testpdf.pdf

Errors and challenges:

- Encountered an error when first authenticating because the Allow public client flows was disabled in the Authentication part of the App Registration. By enabling public client flows the app can authenticate the user directly via device code or interactive window without the use of a client secret.
- Timeout error when trying to upload a larger file (reference Experiment4) because the HttpClient.Timeout is 100 seconds. This can be fixed by increasing the timeout on the HttpClient.

Conclusions:

- The biggest takeaway is that OneDrive preserves data integrity meaning the file did not change during the upload and download process.
- Another takeaway is that the time taken to upload and download the files depends on the file size, as well as network speed and number of api requests(like to create a folder in OneDrive to store the file) before the actual api request to upload/download.