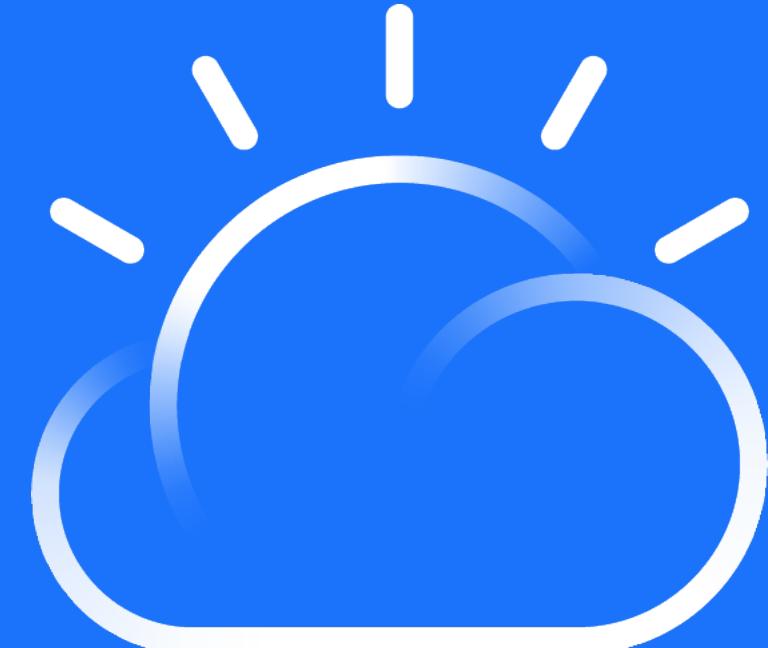


Security Best Practice

API Connect & DataPower

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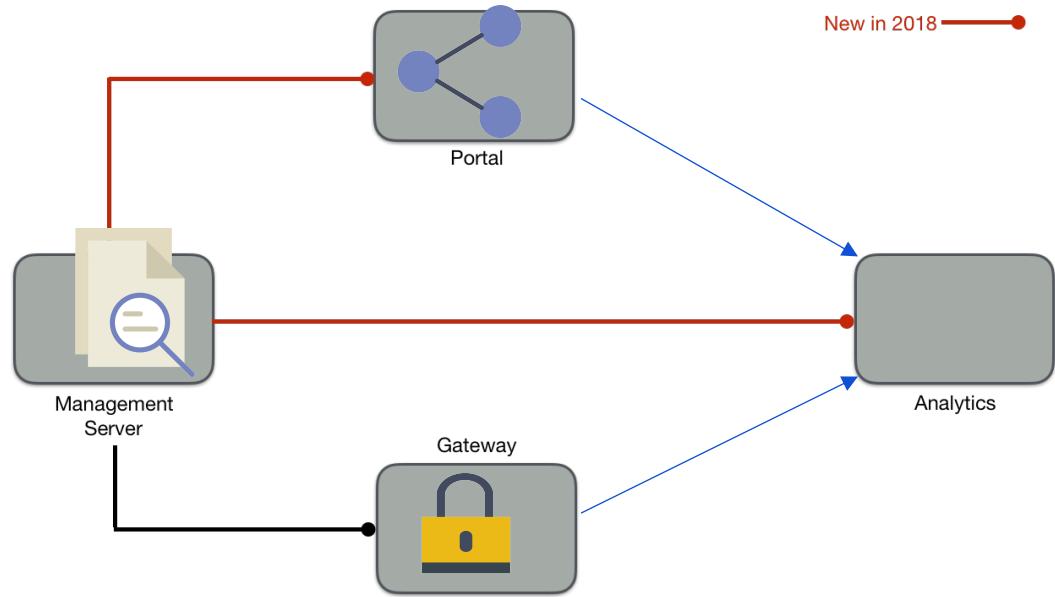
- Availability
- Configurable
- Standard
- Ease of use
- Monitoring
- Resource consumption
- ...

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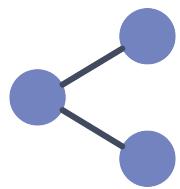


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API Security



New in 2018



API Manager:

- Plan/product design
- Policy administration
- API plan usage analytics
- API Governance
- **Security**

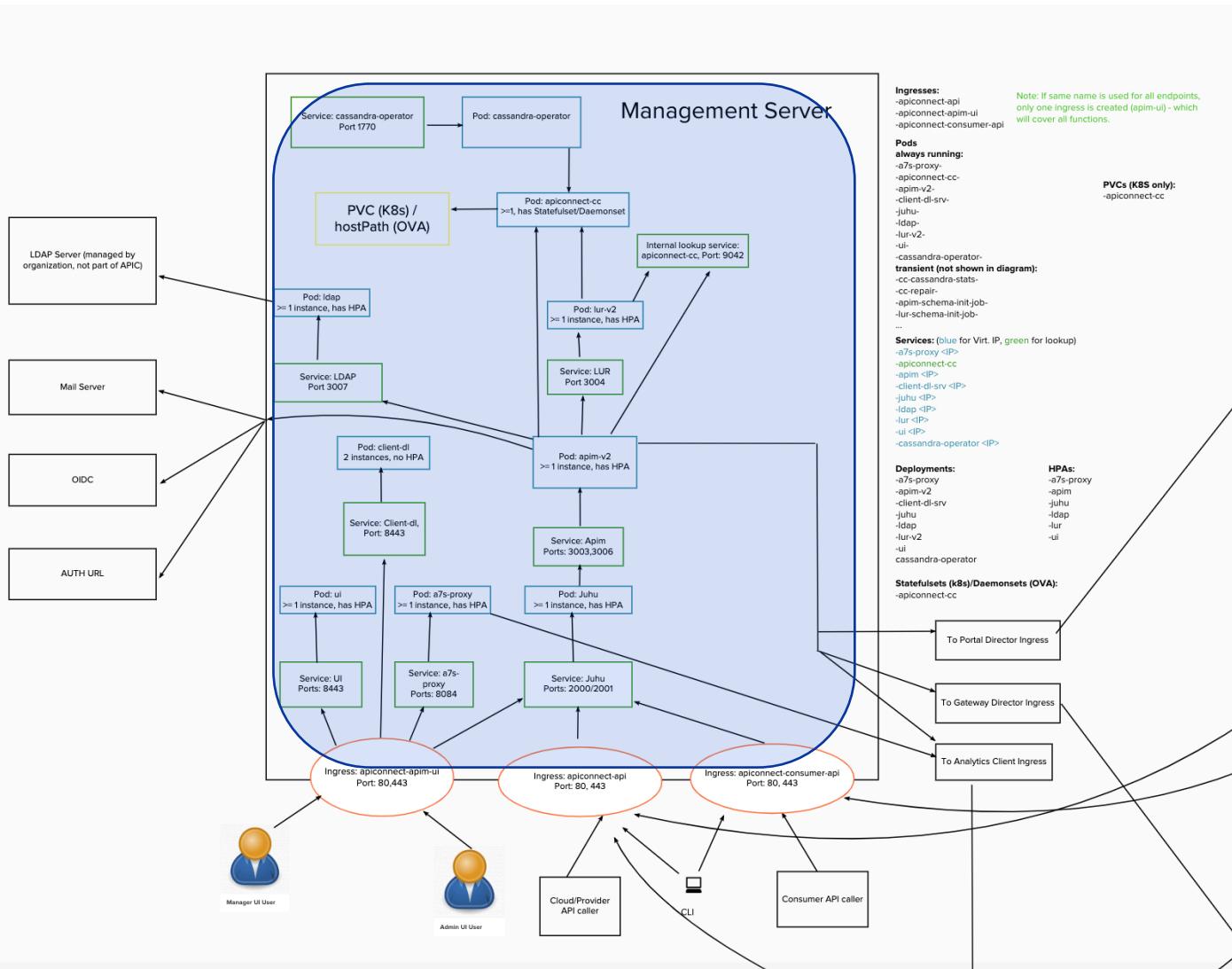
Developer portal:

- API discovery
- Self subscription/administration
- Account usage analytics
- Monetization
- **Security**

API Gateway:

- Decoupling/routing
- Traffic management
- **Security**
- Translation

Management Server



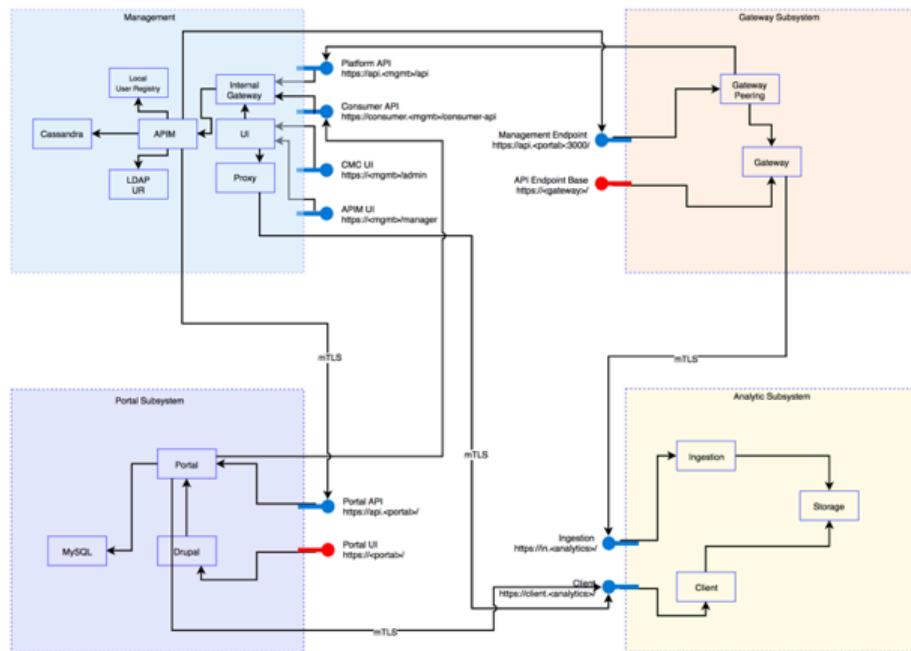
Service Name
r0dc9ac8ca3-cassandra-operator
r3383eaabb4-dynamic-gateway-service
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r83f584144e-apic-portal-admin-all
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rf01f435561-apiconnect-cc
rf01f435561-apim
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rf01f435561-juhu
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APIC under the hook

- Internal services communicating vs mTLS
- Quorum, with 3 being the magic number
- APIC is the match maker, it introduces each subsystem to each others
 - APIM, Portal, Analytics, Gateway
 - How does APIM <-> Portal
 - How does APIM <-> Analytics
 - How does APIM <-> Gateway
 - How does Portal <-> Analytics
 - How does Gateway <-> Analytics
- Configurable, extensible

Micro services

```
-/dev/apim (⎈) kubectl get pods
NAME                                         READY   STATUS    RESTARTS   AGE
r305ac78e55-a7s-proxy-5d44df74c-pv1rv      1/1     Running   0          2d
r305ac78e55-apiconnect-cc-0                 1/1     Running   0          2d
r305ac78e55-apim-v2-7ffdf57685-tgd48       1/1     Running   0          1d
r305ac78e55-client-dl-srv-599ffd7cd5-st5v6  1/1     Running   0          2d
r305ac78e55-jihu-7bc8685c94-bdqnz        1/1     Running   0          2d
r305ac78e55-ldap-7d95d4cd6-qhpqg         1/1     Running   0          2d
r305ac78e55-lur-v2-57c578b78f-6jhk        1/1     Running   0          2d
r305ac78e55-ui-7d64db9797-zp2x5        1/1     Running   0          2d
r3451a94256-analytics-client-85f6dc4d4f-j648q 1/1     Running   0          2d
r3451a94256-analytics-ingestion-6cd5976d8-zckh6 1/1     Running   0          2d
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r3451a94256-analytics-storage-6595bfc7-rkxr 1/1     Running   0          2d
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r3451a94256-analytics-storage-data-0        1/1     Running   0          2d
r3451a94256-analytics-storage-master-0      1/1     Running   0          2d
r969ade2f3c-dynamic-gateway-service-0       1/1     Running   0          2d
r773af3f30785-apic-portal-db-0             2/2     Running   0          2d
r773af3f30785-apic-portal-nginx-58745777df-q97wh 1/1     Running   0          2d
r773af3f30785-apic-portal-www-0            2/2     Running   0          2d
r59641e774-cassandra-operator-59cf5b6d8f-4svxm 1/1     Running   0          2d
~/dev/apim (⎈)
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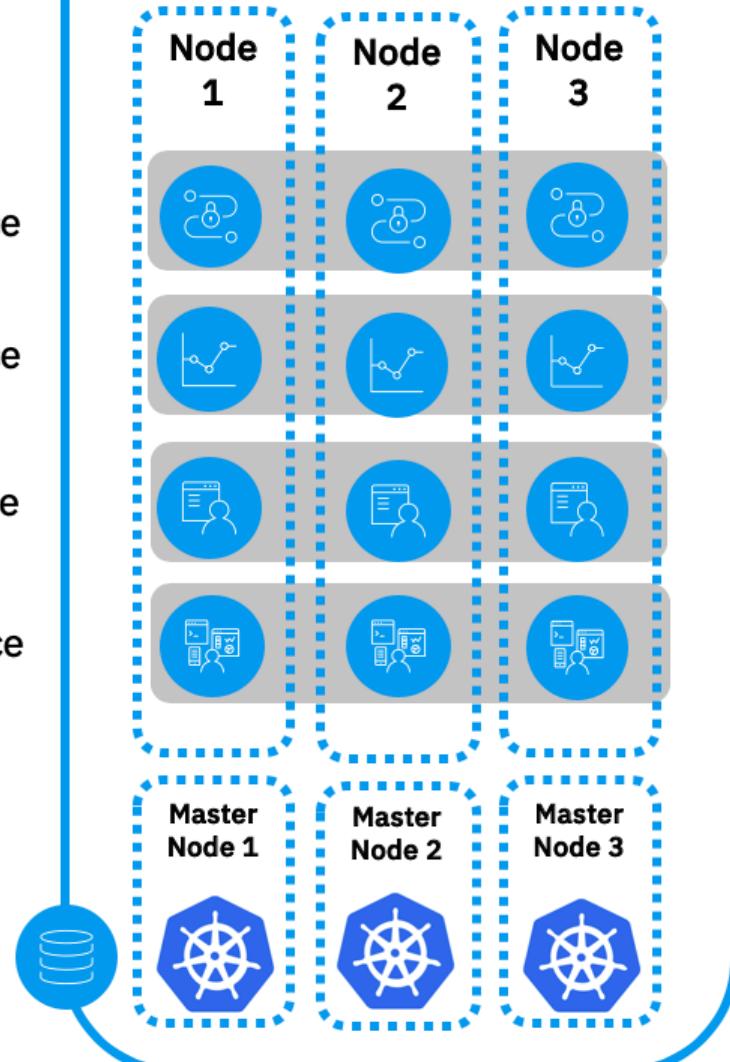
Gateway Service

Analytics Service

Portal Service

Management Service

Kubernetes Cluster



API Manager

- **User Registry support**

- Authenticate URL
- LDAP (supports group authentication)
 - Search DN
 - Compose DN
 - Compose UPN
- Local User Registry (LUR)
 - Protection against timing attack
 - Protection against brute force attack

- OIDC/Social Login (Federated Identity)
 - Portal
 - Admin/Provider Organization
 - OOTB : Google, Facebook, Linkedin, Slack, WindowLive, Github, Standard
 - Public Key for Code Exchange
 - Nonce
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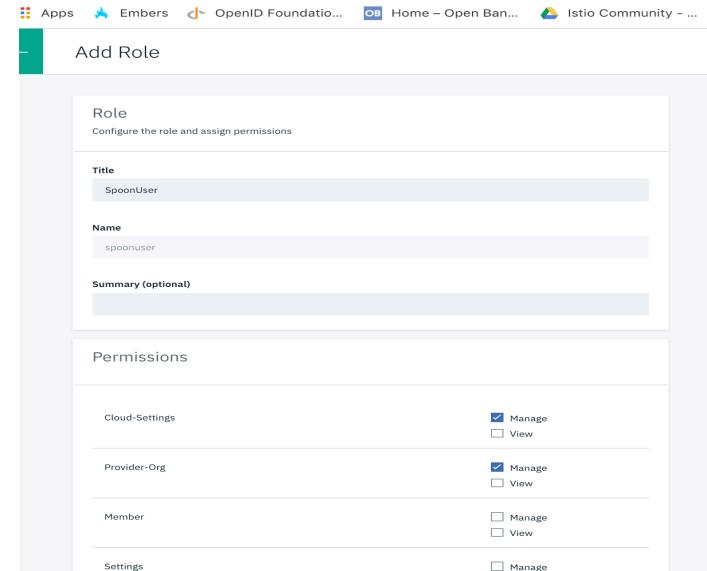
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API Manager

- **Token (JWT)**
 - OAuth 2.0 (no basicauth, no more cookie)
- **Role**
 - Custom role
- **Token ttl (invitation, oauth 2)**
 - ttl



- {
- Data at Rest
 - Data at Transit
 - Introduction of microservices to each others
 - Webhook
- }



API Manager

- API are published
 - Publish in openapi v2 format
 - apim vs consumer
 - WebGUI/toolkits/portal/BYO
 - RateLimit

Drinking Our Own Champagne

Get an access_token

access_token must contain the right scope

Permission is checked



Is token valid



Token contains necessary scope ?



Does User has the proper permission ?

```
# -----  
# User Registry Collection  
#/orgs/{org}/user-registries':  
  
    description: The collection of User Registry operations  
  
parameters:  
  - $ref: '#/components/parameters/org'  
  
post:  
  summary: Create a User Registry object  
  description: Create a User Registry object  
  operationId: user_registry_create  
  security:  
    - oauth:  
      - org:manage  
  externalDocs:  
    description: Additional documentation  
    url: 'https://www.ibm.com/knowledge-center/api-connect/platform-apis/user-registry#create'  
  requestBody:  
    content:  
      application/json:  
        schema:  
          $ref: '#/components/schemas/UserRegistry'  
      application/yaml:  
        schema:  
          $ref: '#/components/schemas/UserRegistry'  
  responses:  
    '201':  
      description: Successful create  
      content:  
        application/json:  
          schema:  
            $ref: '#/components/schemas/UserRegistry'  
        application/yaml:  
          schema:  
            $ref: '#/components/schemas/UserRegistry'  
    headers:  
      Location:  
        $ref: '#/components/headers/Location'  
  5XX:  
    $ref: '#/components/responses/Error'
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Hardened Portal Security

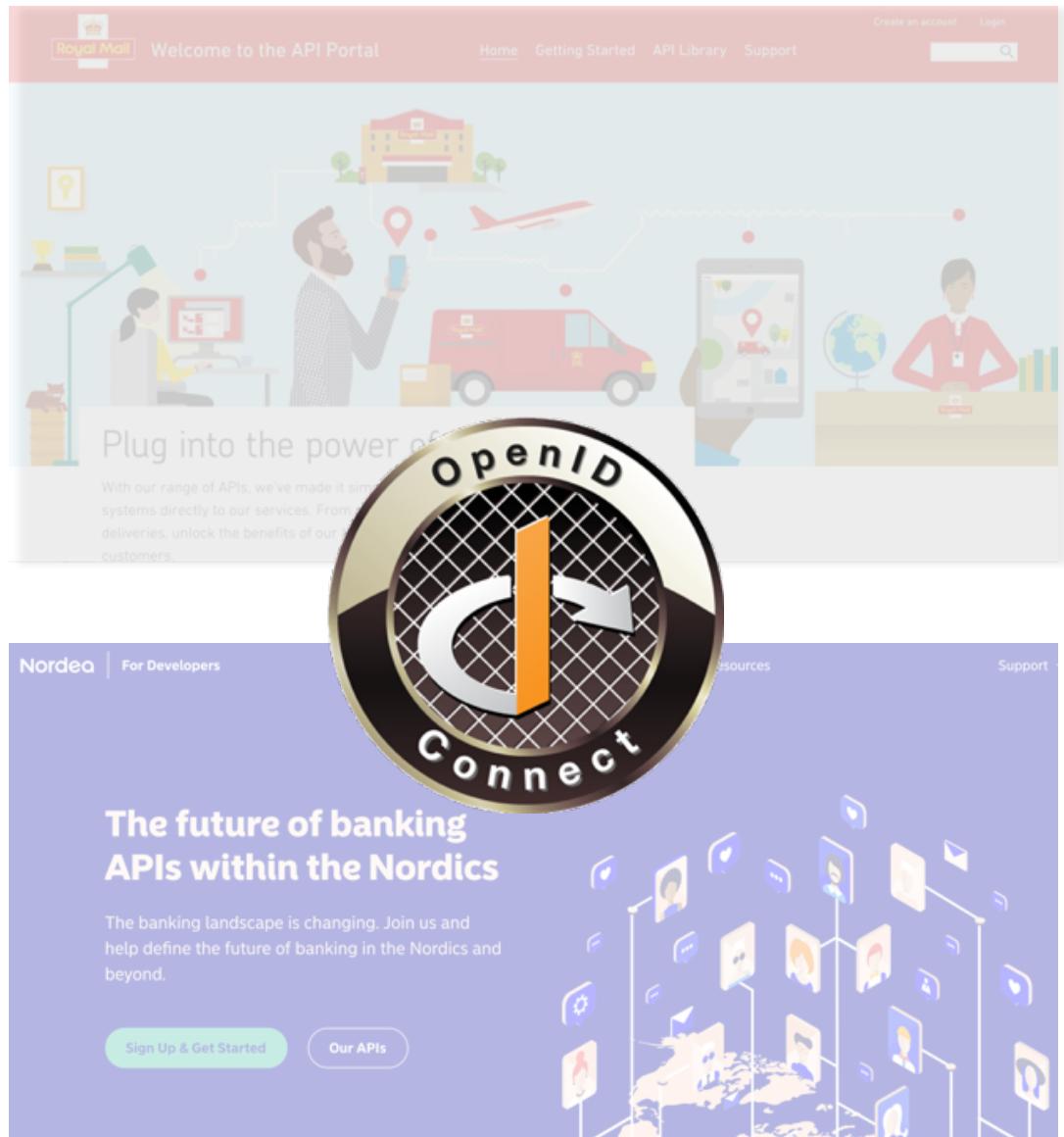
Supports OpenID Connect for accelerated developer on-boarding and social login

Enable PSD2/ Open Banking compliance to programmatically onboard consumers using REST Management APIs and OpenID Connect

Enhanced spam protection against spam bots with CAPTCHA and honeypot

Detect and prevent malicious attacks with perimeter and DNS check

Detect and prevent flood attacks



Configure Portal Behavior

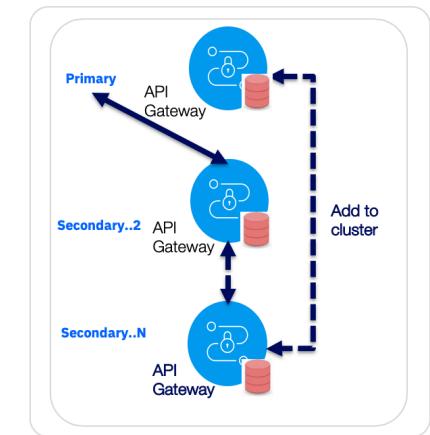
The screenshot shows the AEM Administration interface with the 'Configuration' tab selected in the top navigation bar. The left sidebar lists various configuration categories: Apps, Blogs, People, Reports, Help, Extend, Configuration, System, Content authoring, User interface, Development, Media, Search and metadata, Regional and language, Security, Web services, and Workflow. The 'System' category is currently expanded, showing options like IBM API Connect, Basic site settings, EU Cookie Compliance, Mail System, Mime Mail, Content Security Policy, Cron, Encryption profiles, Flood unblock, and Keys. At the bottom of the sidebar, there is a link to 'Security Kit settings'.

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Runtime Scale for Usage Spikes

APIManager with Gateway

- **Gateway must be 24 * 7 (without API manager)**
- **API gateway introduce a gateway director manager**
 - Using clustering technology to track configuration from APIM
 - Heartbeat from APIm to make sure Gateway will have the latest information
 - 911 protocol to handle catastrophic failure
- **Gateway director allows auto scaling of the additional gateway**
 - Configuration/Key Materials
 - State of the processing



Performant and Secure



- **Istio Integration** for improved performance & security by passing API header and tokens into Istio
- **Open API V3 support** to meet security industry standards (i.e. PSD2) & improve reuse
- **OpenBanking & PSD2 Compliant** including flexible JWT and OAuth features
- **5X Improved Performance** with cloud-native API-centric Gateway Service
- **Fast Time to Value** through Out of the Box policies for API Gateway Service
- **Enterprise Specific Security Support** through OAuth flow customization
- **Expanded Security** with OIDC, CAPTCHA, Perimeter, DNS check on Portal, etc.

API Security leveraging AI and Machine Learning

Power your APIs with API Behavioral Security (ABS), integrated with Ping Intelligence to detect attacks against your APIs

Detect and block cyberattacks that target

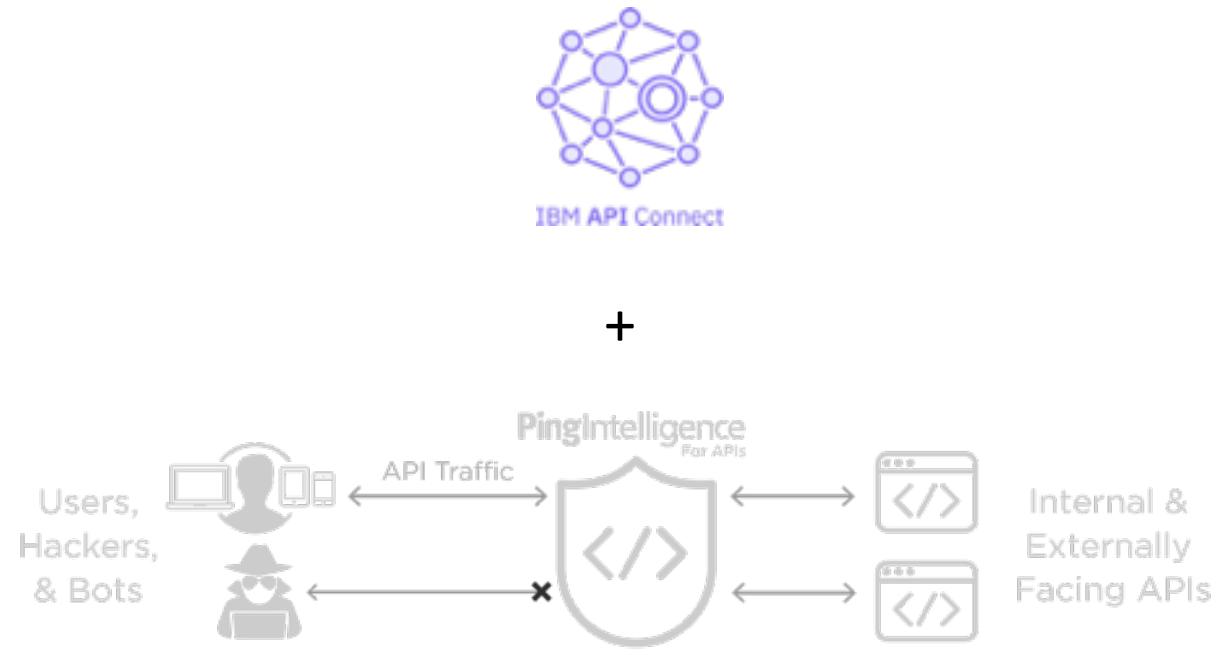
APIs, such as:

- Data, Application and System attacks
- API DDoS attacks
- Login Attacks (credential stuffing, fuzzing, stolen cookies & tokens)

Easily enable AI-powered threat protection on every API using Global Policy support

<https://www.pingidentity.com/en/platform/api-security.html>

<https://developer.ibm.com/apiconnect/2019/02/12/ping-identity-and-ibm-partner-to-protect-against-api-cyberattacks/>



Under the hook

Pre-req : ase-token

Global Policy (x-correlationid)

Pre-hook :

is request ok ?

authorization header ?

appId ?

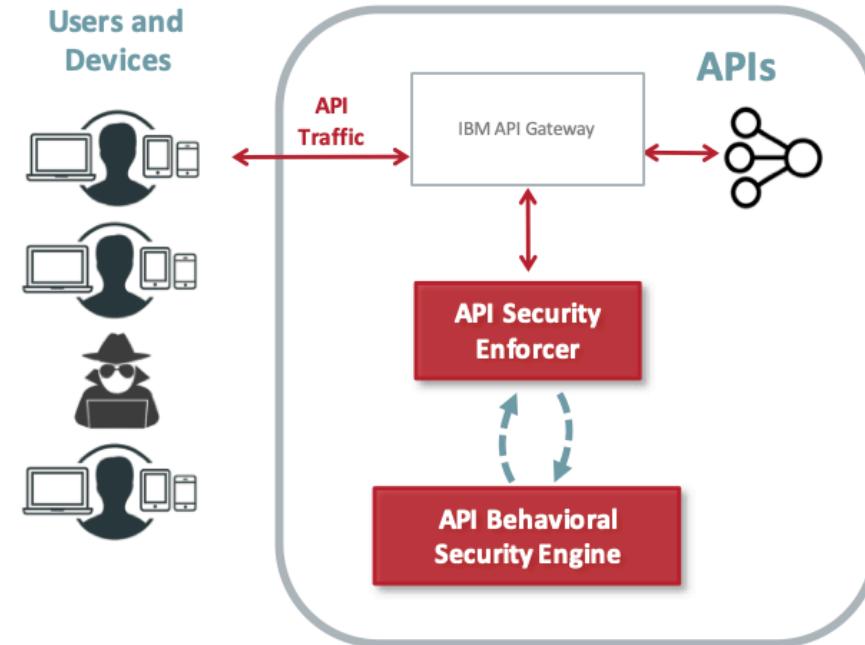
cookie ?

Post-hook :

backend response

redact (record) for learning

Sideband with API Gateways or PingAccess



Response Codes

#	Condition	Error Code
1	Good request (Normal User)	200 OK
2	Bad Request (Attacker)	403 Forbidden
3	Incorrect JSON format	400 Bad Request
4	Unknown API.	503 Service Unavailable
5	Authentication failure (ASE-Token)	401 Unauthorized

Comprehensive API Security with Ping and IBM



IBM API Connect

Scalable Multi-Cloud API Platform



IBM DataPower
Gateways



AI-powered Threat Protection for APIs

Data & Application Attacks Advanced Persistent Threats, Data exfiltration, Deletion
DoS & DDoS Attacks DDoS API attack, Login service DDoS attack, Botnet attacking API
Login Attacks Stolen tokens or cookies, Credential stuffing, fuzzing,
Message Security JSON/XML threat protection, SQL injection, XSS, Schema validation, Encryption & signature, Redaction, AV scanning
Access Control Authentication, Authorization, Token Translation
Rate Limiting Client throttling, Provider throttling, Quotas
Network Privacy SSL/TLS

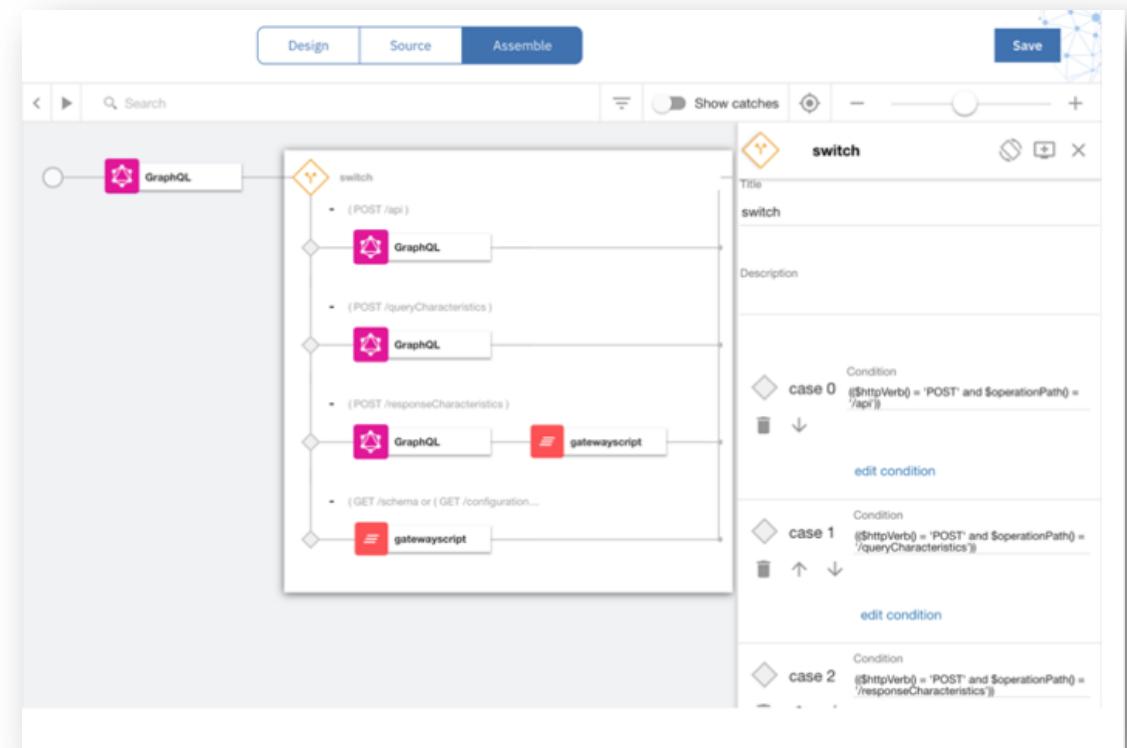
Secure & Manage GraphQL Endpoints

Next-Gen evolution of Gateway technology
beyond Web services and REST with
GraphQL support

Secure and Manage APIs with GraphQL
backends, efficiently managing compute
intensive services

Threat Protection against cyberattacks using
advance query complexity analysis to prevent
API-based attacks

Rate Limit GraphQL queries with consumer
plans based on number of API calls &
backend compute time



<https://www.ibm.com/blogs/research/2019/02/graphql-api-management/>
<https://developer.github.com/v4/guides/resource-limitations/>

GraphQL Endpoints security breakdown

1. Access Control

- Who can access the data and what data
- APIc
 - Client credential (application)
 - User credential (who)

2. Load Control

- How much effort for the server to fulfill the request
 - Complexity
 - Type (object type)
 - Resolve
 - nesting

Cloud-Native API Gateway Service in DataPower

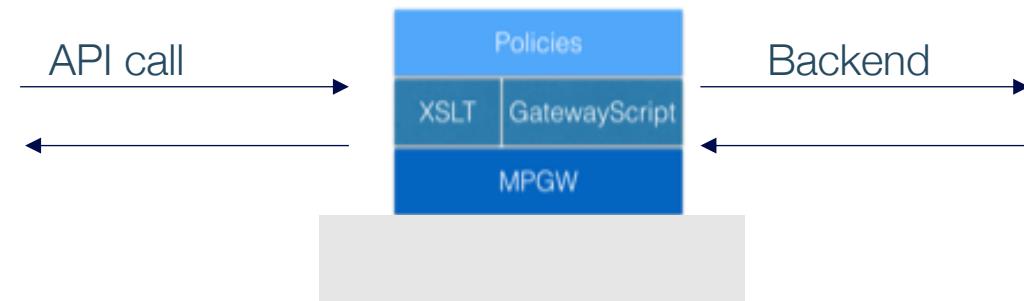
Up to 5X+ increased performance with natively built API Gateway using purpose-built technology for native OpenAPI/Swagger REST and SOAP APIs

Multi-cloud scalability and extensibility to help meet SLAs and improve client user experience

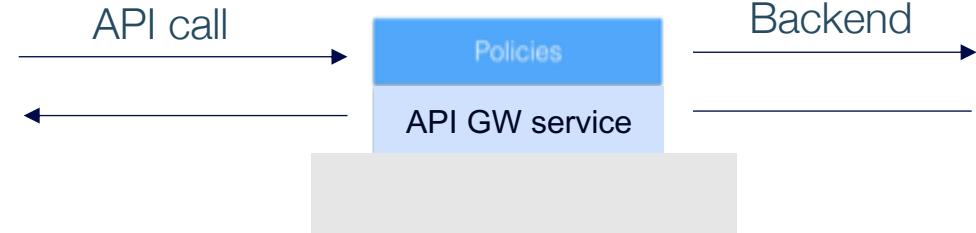
Optimized drag & drop built-in policies for security, traffic control and mediation including flexible OAuth, enhanced JSON & XML threat protection

Secure to the core with self-contained signed & encrypted image to minimize risk, plus proven security policies to quickly protect APIs

Before: DP Multi protocol
Gateway Service



New: Native API
Gateway Service



Policies for Enforcement on API Gateway Service

Gateway Script and XSLT policy support

provides flexible message mediation & dynamic security enforcement

Dynamic Routing support through Conditional Policy

Enforce strong security through Parse, JSON and XML Schema Validation policy

OpenID Connect support to enable banks to meet PSD2 / Open Banking regulations

OAuth Token revocation to enable self-service token management

Foundational	Security	Mediation
Invoke	API Key	Map
Activity Log	JWT Validate	JSON-XML
Rate Limit	JWT Generate	Gateway Script
Throw	OAuth Policy	XSLT
Set Variable	Parse (Threat Detection)	
Conditional	Validate	
	User Security	
	OpenID Connect	

Built-in policies

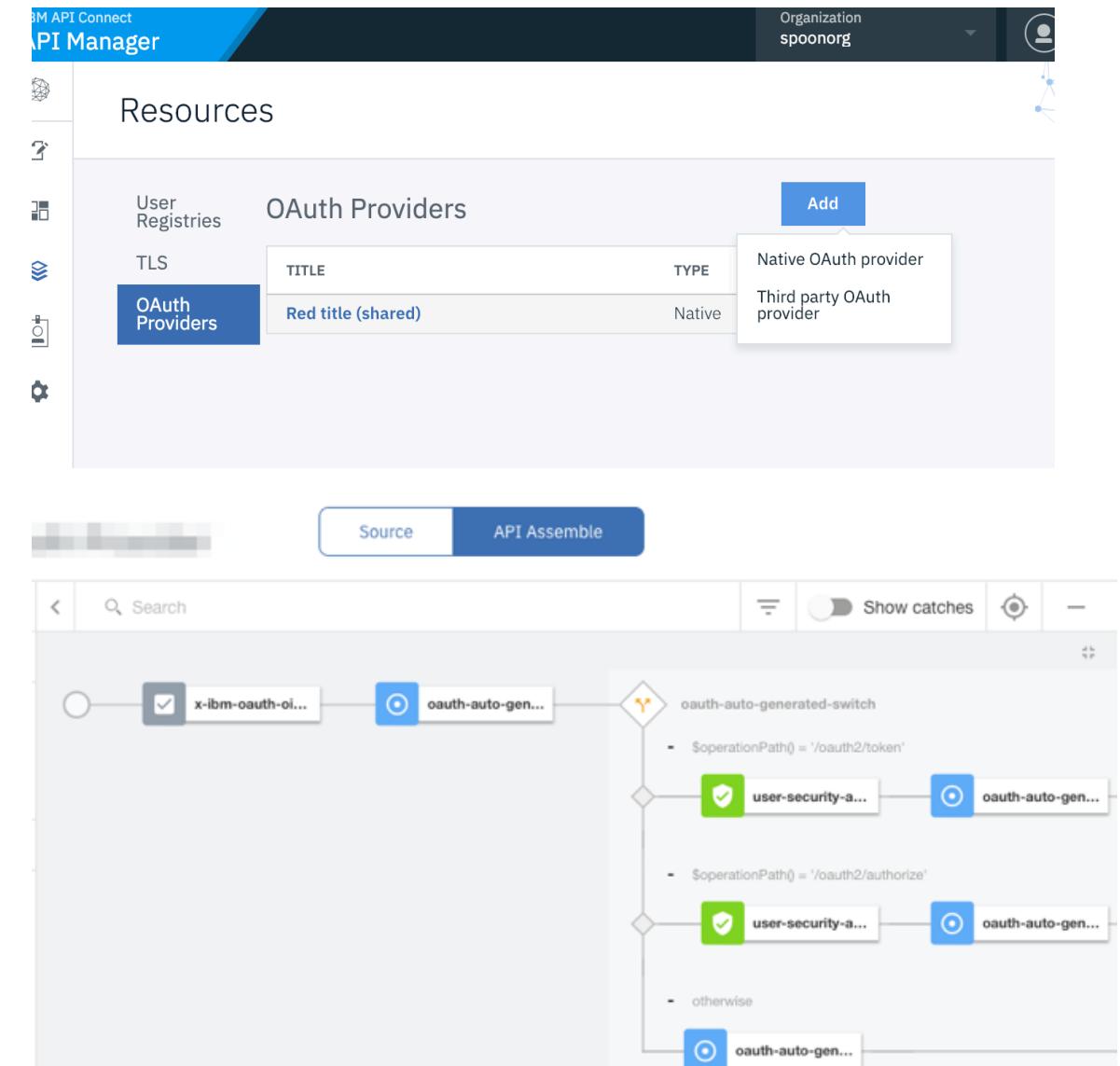
Meeting Security Needs through New Flexible OAuth Provider

Rapid OAuth policy creation to quickly create OAuth provider security without deep security expertise

Improved governance capabilities on managing OAuth providers with flexible administrative access control to enforce enterprise standards

Ability to meet business demands with customizable OAuth assembly

New User Security policy to enforce authentication & authorization in API assembly, adapting to unique enterprise security needs



Feature list of OAuth in APIC V5, v2018+V5GW, v2018+APIGW

Features	V4	V5	v2018 + V5 CompatGW	v2018 + APIGW
Basic OAuth Support				
Distinct Client ids and Secrets	×			
Separate API	×			
Access Control	×	×		
Seamless packaging within product		×		
Tight coupling with Provider	×	×	*	
PKCE, Metadata, Token introspection, Revocation/Token Management, Advanced scope handling	×			
Customize OAuth Assembly	×	×	×	
Dynamic configuration updates	×	× **	× **	
Context variable driven	×	×	×	
Independent Resource Owner Security	×	×	×	
Out of the box OIDC support	×	× ***	× ***	
Out of the box JWT Authorization Grant	×	× **	× **	

* Tight coupling is only at the APIManager API level, not in the backend V5 Gateway

** Can be done with gateway extension

*** Supported by a set of rule in the assembly

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managing OAuth providers
administrative tasks
enterprise standards

Supported OAuth components

Ability to meet security needs
customizable OAuth policies

- Validate request
- Generate authorization code

Verify authorization code

Verify refresh token



Collect Metadata

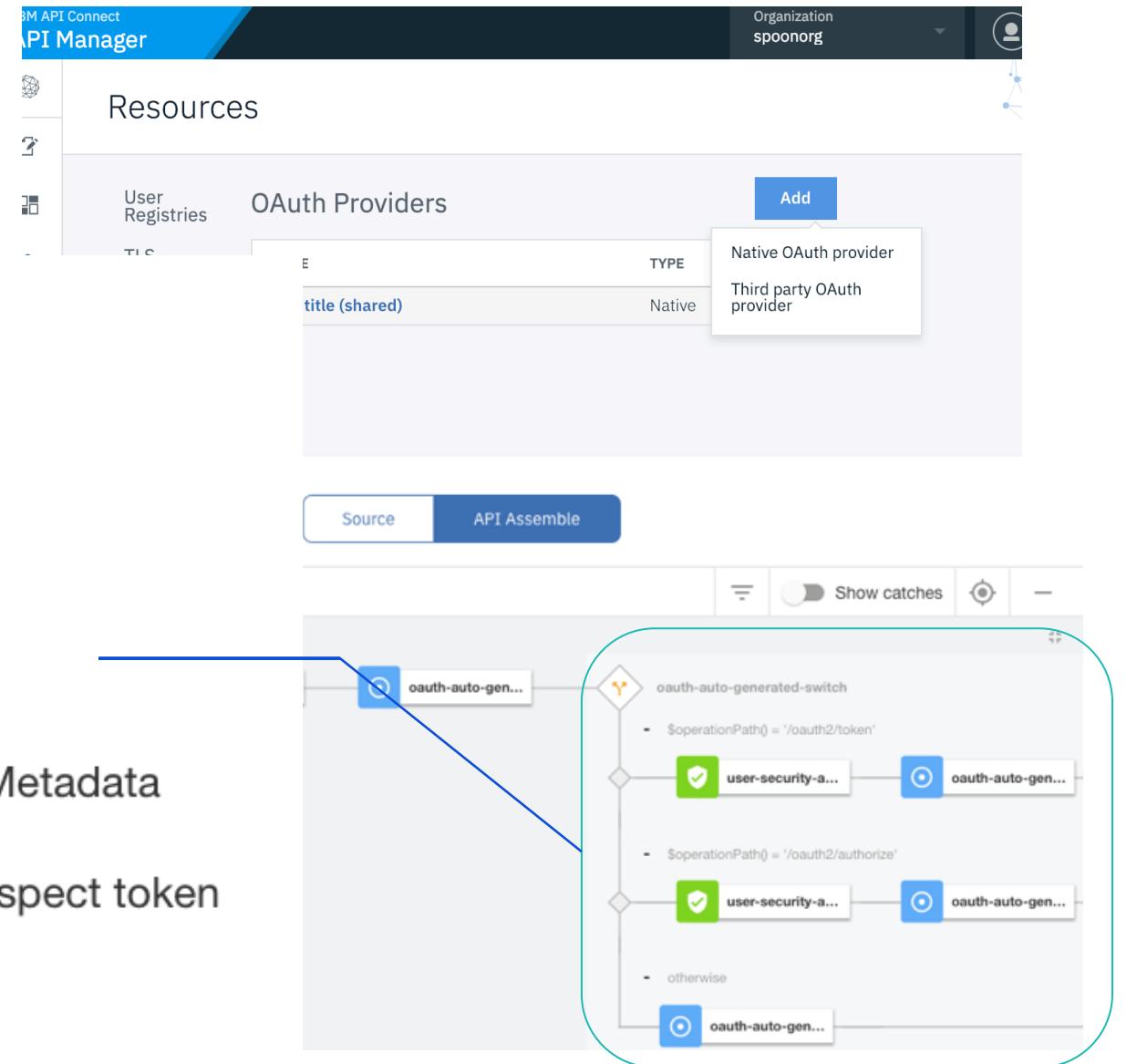
New User Security
authentication mechanisms
adapting to user needs

Generate access token



Introspect token

Revoke token



Out of the box JWT Grant Type Support

Create Native OAuth Provider

Authorize path

/oauth2/authorize

Token path

/oauth2/token

Supported grant types

- Implicit
- Application
- Access code
- Resource owner - Password
- Resource owner - JWT



JWT verification crypto object

JWT verification JWK

Out of the box OIDC Support

Edit Native OAuth Provider

- Info
- Configuration
- Scopes
- User Security
- Tokens
- Token Management
- Introspection
- Metadata
- OpenID Connect**
- API Editor

OpenID Connect

Enable OpenID connect template to generate ID tokens.

Enable OIDC

Support hybrid response types (optional)

code id_token

code token

code id_token token

Auto Generate OIDC API Assembly

ID token issuer

IBM APIConnect

ID token signing crypto object

ID token signing key



Customizable Ease of use

- Crypto material on per OAuth native provider (vs gateway level)
- End user credential gathering (context variable) *
- Consent handling
- Global Policy (and thus inject context variable for processing) *
- Token handling (white listing)
- Flexibility
-

What should I do

- Monitoring IBM PSIRT for IBM APIC (APIm, Portal, Analytics), IBM DataPower
 - <https://www.ibm.com/security/secure-engineering/process.html>
 - Timely upgrade/migration to a new version of firmware
 - Balance your security needs vs platform offered (hardware vs ova vs docker vs ..)
 - How about cloud ? ICP ?
 - APIC Connect White Paper: <https://www.ibm.com/common/ssi/cgi-bin/ssialias?htmlfid=03023503USEN&collid=1>
 - Security **vs** ease of use **vs** compatibility
 - Performance/usage spike
 - HA (rule of 3)
 - Stateless (especially across Availability Zone)
 - Gateway when used as part of APIC 2018, the configuration can be stored as in-memory (default) vs flash (persist)
 - Note that the sensitive information is available and exposed to the admin who has access to the gateway
 - Recommendation : in-memory

Gateway specific

- Is WebGUI needed for production (or any ports)
- Isolate application request traffic from admin request traffic
- Automate deployment (which APIc solves)
- Monitoring gateway (DataPower Operations Dashboard)
- Set up RBM
- Set up Backup administrator (do NOT loss password)
- ACL
- mTLS with your backend services (with right cipher, protocol 1.2, with EC, PFS)



Gateway specific

- Message validation (payload, size, nest level ..)
- Streaming vs no Streaming
- Payload redact
- SLM
- WhiteList vs BlackList
- Monitor tool (like DPOD), latency, cpu, memory ..
- Noisy neighbor (tenant vs application domain – work load isolation)
 - Different version of DP is running
 - Protect against noisy neighbor



Gateway specific

- GWS is expensive
- Context variable access is expensive
- Most of DP extension function is not available thru GWS
- Debug level is expensive (especially probe – payload sensitive data can leak)
- Log is best effort only (except audit event)
- By default, GW will ship what we consider as the secure setting
- Key material can be stored in local:/// , this means the crypto material can be exported with domain export. Do consider keeping key material (especially private key and shared secret) in cert:/// sharedcert:///. Those 2 directories are with roach motel, the key material cannot be exported by GW. It can only be accessible thru secure backup and restore, which is protected by a couple keys, and only another DataPower can import and access the data. (roach motel model)
- Use HSM if paranoid is needed

From you, our audiences

- Your feedbacks ?
- What would you like to see ?
- What can you share with each others on your experience ? Good or Bad

Thank you. Merci. Gracias.



Thank You

