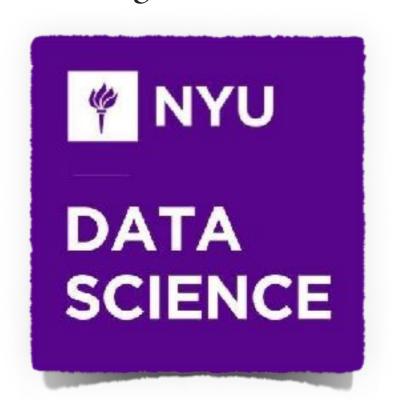
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Lecture II - Online Social Networks

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Authentication Methodologies

- Much of the content available online is only accessible to specific individuals for privacy, copyright protection, etc...
- Three main ways of authenticating users:
 - BasicAuth The first and most basic one. Plain text user name and password sent to the server
 - OAuth 1 Developed by a consortium of Industry leaders to provide transparent and secure authentication.
 - OAuth 2 An improvement on OAuth 1 designed to allow users to more easily share they're content on social media, etc...
 - OpenID A predecessor to OAuth that has gone out of favor.

- "The mother of all authentication protocols"
- Insecure but easy to use with standard implementations in all networking tools
- In particular, in requests:
 - requests.get(url, auth=("user", "pass")) open the given url and authenticate with username="user" and password="pass"

```
import requests
import sys

url = "http://httpbin.org/basic-auth/user/passwd"

request = requests.get(url, auth=("user", "passwd"))

if request.status_code != 200:
    print("Error found", request.get_code(),
file=sys.stderr)

content_type = request.headers["content-type"]

response = request.json()

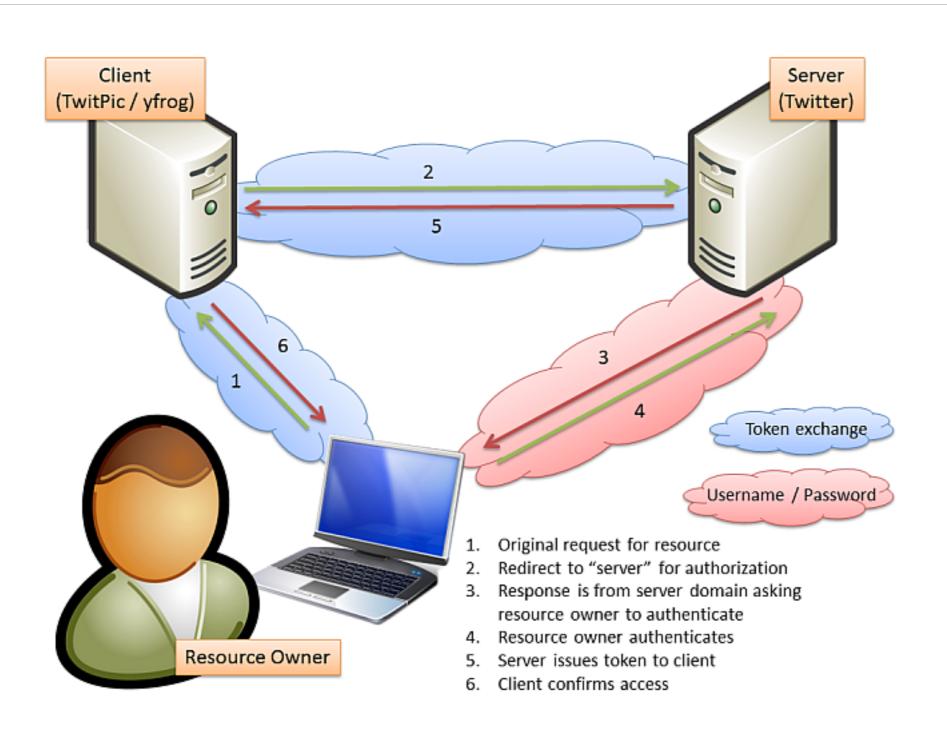
if response["authenticated"]:
    print("Authentication Successful")

basic_auth.py
```

 "An open protocol to allow secure authorization in a simple and standard method from web, mobile and desktop applications."



- The idea is to allow for a safe way to share privileges without divulging private credentials
 - Give XPTO Application permission to post to your Twitter account without having to trust the developers of XPTO with your username/password and while being able to unilaterally revoke privileges.

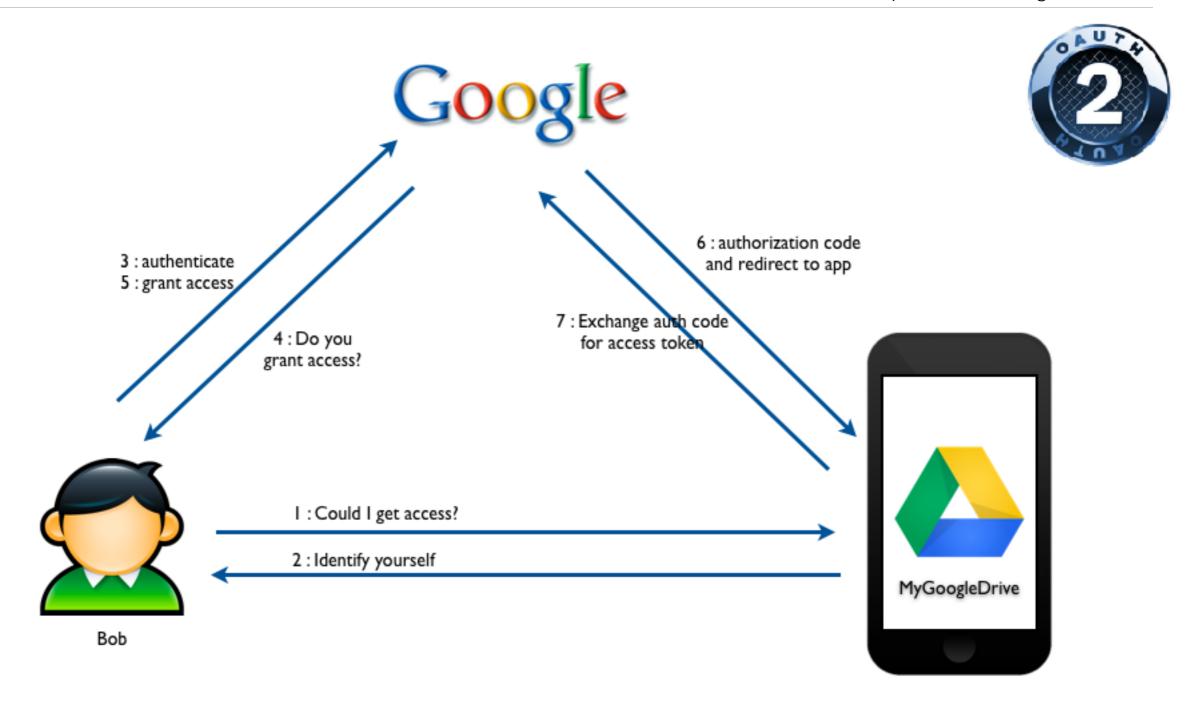




After the "OAuth dance" is concluded, client application has two sets of keys:



- one that uses to identify itself as a valid application (api_key, api_secret)
- one that uses to identify the user it wants to access (token, token_secret)
- You can revoke access at any time by letting the token provider that a given app is no long authorized (invalidating token and token_secret).



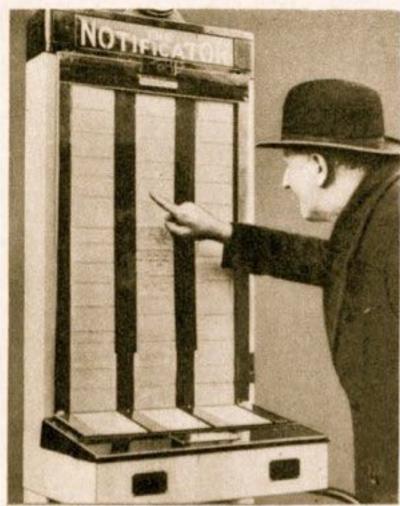
Latest version of OAuth protocol



- Similar "dance" required
- Allows for "bearer tokens" access is given to anyone able to provide a valid token without any further restrictions or authentication
- access tokens are provided along with the request for the resource through a secure connection
- tokens can expire automatically
- We will use both OAuth and OAuth2 over the next few days.

Twitter

Robot Messenger Displays Person-to-Person Notes In Public



For a small sum Londoners may leave messages for friends in public places. When written on "notificator," message moves up behind window, remaining in view for two hours.

TO AID persons who wish to make or cancel appointments or inform friends of their whereabouts, a robot message carrier has been introduced in London, England.

Known as the "notificator," the new machine is installed in streets, stores, railroad stations or other public places where individuals may leave messages for friends.

The user walks up on a small platform in front of the machine, writes a brief message on a continuous strip of paper and drops a coin in the slot. The inscription moves up behind a glass panel where it remains in public view for at least two hours so that the person for whom it is intended may have sufficient time to observe the note at the appointed place. The machine is similar in appearance to a candy-vending device.

Source: Modern Mechanix (Aug. 1935)



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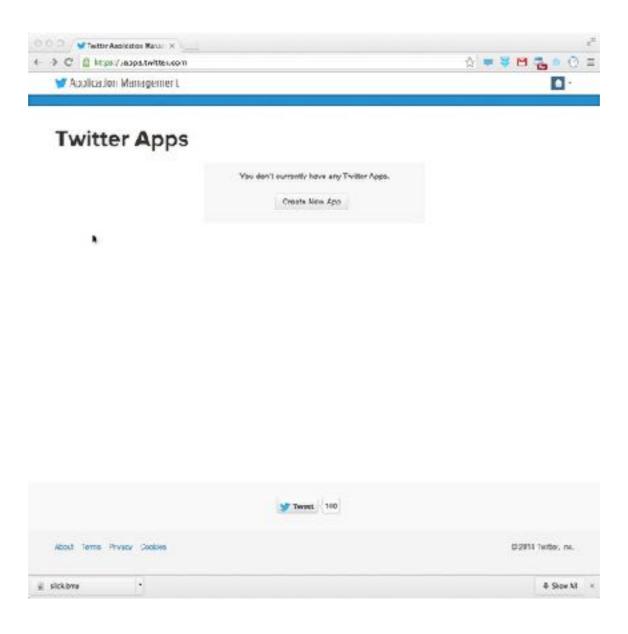


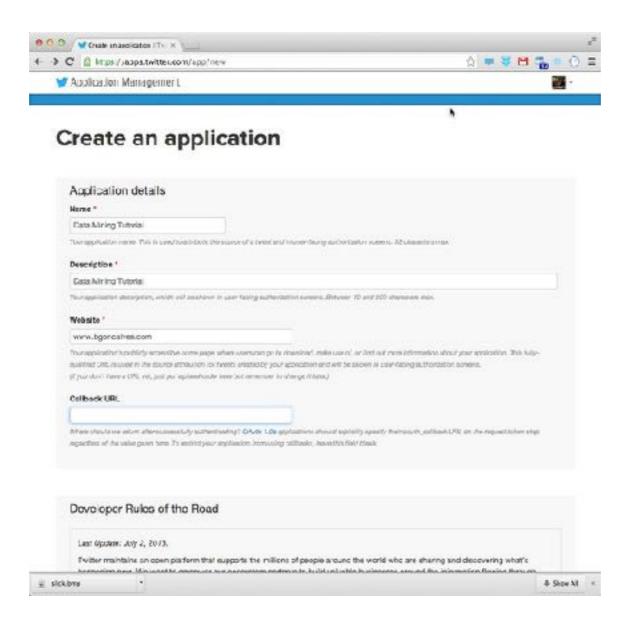
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u'truncated',
u'text',
u'in reply to status id',
u'id',
u'favorite count',
u'source',
u'retweeted',
u'coordinates',
u'entities',
u'in reply to screen name',
u'in reply to user id',
u'retweet count',
u'id str',
u'favorited',
u'user',
u'geo',
u'in reply to user id str',
u'possibly sensitive',
u'lang',
u'created at',
u'in_reply_to_status_id_str',
u'place',
u'metadata']
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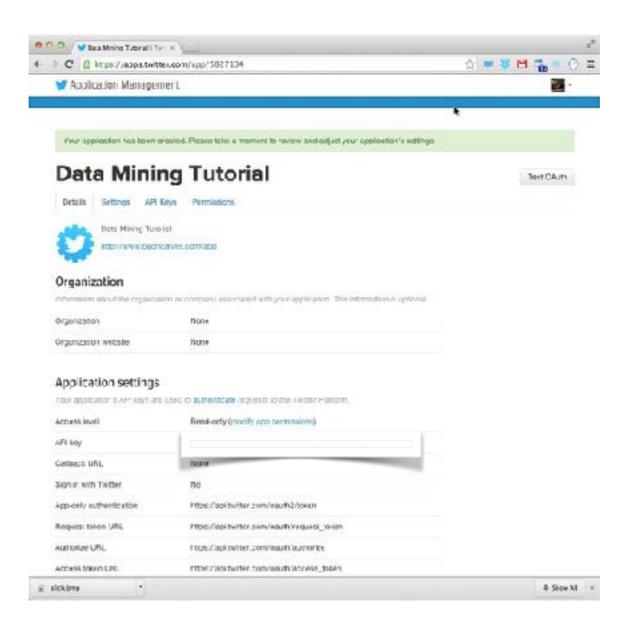
```
[u'follow request sent',
[u'contributors',
                         u'profile use background image',
u'truncated',
                         u'default profile image',
u'text',
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u'in_reply_to_status_id',u'profile_background_image_url_https',
u'id',
                          u'verified',
u'favorite_count',
                          u'profile text color',
u'source',
                          u'profile image url https',
u'retweeted',
                          u'profile_sidebar fill color',
u'coordinates',
                          u'entities',
u'entities',
                          u'followers count',
u'in_reply_to_screen_named',profile_sidebar_border_color',
u'in reply_to_user_id', u'id str',
u'retweet count',
                          u'profile background_color',
u'id str',
                          u'listed count',
u'favorited',
                          u'is translation enabled',
                                                        u'profile background tile',
u'user'),
                          u'utc offset',
                                                        u'favourites count',
u'geo',
                          u'statuses count',
                                                        u'name',
u'in reply to user id stnd', description',
                                                        u'notifications',
u'possibly_sensitive', u'friends count',
                                                        u'url',
u'lang',
                          u'location',
                                                        u'created at',
                          u'profile link_color',
u'created at',
                                                        u'contributors enabled',
u'in_reply_to_status_id_st'pprofile image url',
                                                        u'time zone',
u'place',
                          u'following',
                                                        u'protected',
u'metadata']
                          u'geo enabled',
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                          u'lang',
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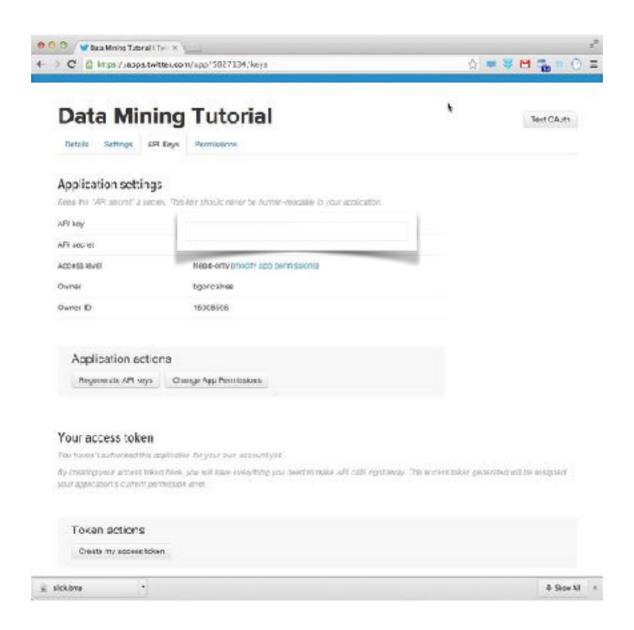
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(u'text'),
                               u"I'm at Terminal Rodovi\xe1rio de Feira de Santana
u'in_reply_to_status_id',
                                (Feira de Santana, BA) http://t.co/WirvdHwYMq"
u'id',
u'favorite count',
u'source',
                              u'<a href="http://foursquare.com" rel="nofollow">
u'retweeted',
                                 foursquare</a>'
u'coordinates',
                               [u'symbols',
u'entities'
                               u'user mentions',
u'in reply to screen name',
                               u'hashtags',
u'in reply to user id',
                                u'urls'l
u'retweet count',
u'id str',
u'favorited',
                               [u'type',
u'user',
                               u'coordinates']
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u'metadata']
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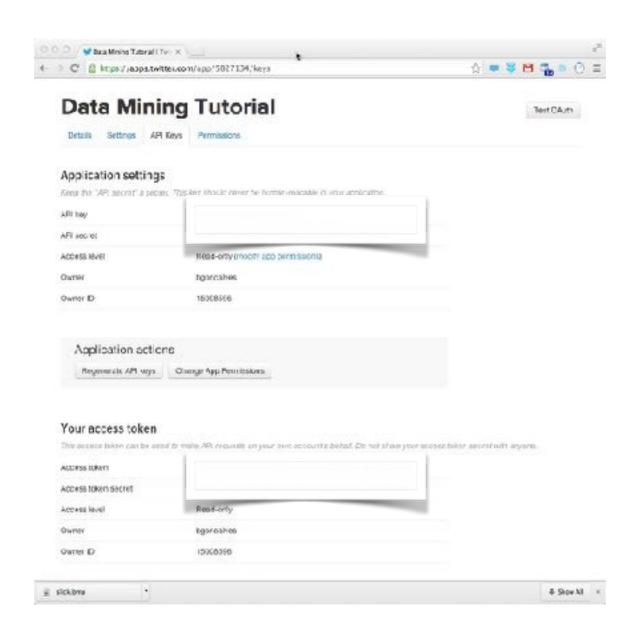
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u'source',
                              u'<a href="http://foursquare.com" rel="nofollow">
u'retweeted',
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u'retweet count',
                                            u'expanded url': u'http://4sq.com/1k5MeYF',
u'id str',
                                            u'indices': [70, 92],
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u'user',
                               u'coordinates']
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u'lang',
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u'metadata']
```











- The twitter module provides the oauth interface. We just need to provide the right credentials.
- Best to keep the credentials in a dict and parametrize our calls with the dict key. This way we can switch between different accounts easily.
- .Twitter(auth) takes an OAuth instance as argument and returns a Twitter object that we can use to interact with the API
- Twitter methods mimic API structure
- 4 basic types of objects:
 - Tweets
 - Users
 - Entities

Authenticating with the API

- In the remainder of this course, the accounts dict will live inside the twitter_accounts.py file
- 4 basic types of objects:
 - Tweets
 - Users
 - Entities
 - Places

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twitter_authentication.py

- .search.tweets(query, count)
 - query is the content to search for
 - count is the maximum number of results to return
- returns dict with a list of "statuses" and "search_metadata"

```
{u'completed_in': 0.027,
  u'count': 15,
  u'max_id': 438088492577345536,
  u'max_id_str': u'438088492577345536',
  u'next_results': u'?max_id=438088485145034752&q=soccer&include_entities=1',
  u'query': u'soccer',
  u'refresh_url': u'?since_id=438088492577345536&q=soccer&include_entities=1',
  u'since_id': 0,
  u'since_id_str': u'0'}
```

• search_results["search_metadata"]["next_results"] can be used to get the next page of results

```
query = "instagram"
count = 200
search results = twitter api.search.tweets(q=query, count=count)
statuses = search results["statuses"]
tweet count = 0
while True:
    try:
        next results = search results["search metadata"]["next results"]
        args = dict(parse.parse qsl(next results[1:]))
        search results = twitter api.search.tweets(**args)
        statuses = search results["statuses"]
        print(search results["search metadata"]["max id"])
        for tweet in statuses:
            tweet count += 1
            if tweet count % 10000 == 0:
                print(tweet count, file=sys.stderr)
            print (tweet["text"])
    except:
        break
```

twitter_search.py

- The Streaming api provides realtime data, subject to filters
- Use TwitterStream instead of Twitter object (.TwitterStream(auth=twitter_api.auth))
- .status.filter(track=q) will return tweets that match the query q in real time
- Returns generator that you can iterate over

User profiles

- .users.lookup() returns user profile information for a list of user_ids or screen_names
- list should be comma separated and provided as a string

- .friends.ids() and .followers.ids() returns a list of up to 5000 of a users friends or followers for a given screen_name or user_id
- result is a dict containing multiple fields:

```
[u'next_cursor_str',
  u'previous_cursor',
  u'ids',
  u'next_cursor',
  u'previous cursor str']
```

- ids are contained in results["ids"].
- results["next_cursor"] allows us to obtain the next page of results.
- .friends.ids(screen_name=screen_name, cursor=results["next_cursor"]) will return the next page of results
- cursor=0 means no more results

```
import twitter
from twitter accounts import accounts
app = accounts["social"]
auth = twitter.oauth.OAuth(app["token"],
                           app["token secret"],
                           app["api key"],
                           app["api secret"])
twitter api = twitter.Twitter(auth=auth)
screen name = "stephen wolfram"
cursor = -1
followers = []
while cursor != 0:
    result = twitter api.followers.ids(screen name=screen name,
cursor=cursor)
    followers += result["ids"]
    cursor = result["next cursor"]
print("Found", len(followers), "Followers")
```

- .statuses.user_timeline() returns a set of tweets posted by a single user
- Important options:
 - include_rts='true' to Include retweets by this user
 - count=200 number of tweets to return in each call
 - trim_user='true' to not include the user information (save bandwidth and processing time)
 - max_id=1234 to include only tweets with an id lower than 1234
- Returns at most 200 tweets in each call. Can get all of a users tweets (up to 3200) with multiple calls using max_id

```
import twitter
from twitter accounts import accounts
app = accounts["social"]
auth = twitter.oauth.OAuth(app["token"],
                            app["token secret"],
                            app["api key"],
                            app["api secret"])
twitter api = twitter.Twitter(auth=auth)
screen name = "BarackObama"
args = { "count" : 200,
         "trim user": "true",
         "include rts": "true"
tweets = twitter_api.statuses.user_timeline(screen_name = screen_name, **args)
tweets new = tweets
while len(tweets new) > 0:
    \max id = tweets[-1]["id"] - 1
    tweets new = twitter api.statuses.user timeline(screen name = screen name, max id=max id, **args)
    tweets += tweets new
print("Found", len(tweets), "tweets")
```

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twitter_timeline.py

Social Interactions

```
import twitter
from twitter accounts import accounts
app = accounts["social"]
auth = twitter.oauth.OAuth(app["token"],
                           app["token secret"],
                           app["api key"],
                           app["api secret"])
twitter api = twitter.Twitter(auth=auth)
screen name = "BarackObama"
args = { "count" : 200, "trim user": "true", "include rts": "true"}
tweets = twitter api.statuses.user timeline(screen name=screen name, **args)
tweets new = tweets
while len(tweets new) > 0:
   \max id = tweets[-1]["id"] - 1
   tweets new = twitter api.statuses.user timeline(screen name=screen name, max id=max id, **args)
   tweets += tweets new
user = tweets[0]["user"]["id"]
for tweet in tweets:
   if "retweeted status" in tweet:
       print(user, "->", tweet["retweeted status"]["user"]["id"])
   elif tweet["in reply to user id"]:
       print(tweet["in_reply_to_user_id"], "->", user)
```

Streaming Geocoded data

https://dev.twitter.com/streaming/overview/request-parameters#locations

- The Streaming api provides realtime data, subject to filters
- Use TwitterStream instead of Twitter object (.TwitterStream(auth=twitter_api.auth))
- .status.filter(track=q) will return tweets that match the query q in real time
- Returns generator that you can iterate over
- .status.filter(locations=bb) will return tweets that occur within the bounding box bb in real time
- bb is a comma separated pair of lon/lat coordinates.
 - -180,-90,180,90 World
 - -74,40,-73,41 **NYC**

```
import twitter
from twitter accounts import accounts
import sys
import gzip
app = accounts["social"]
auth = twitter.oauth.OAuth(app["token"],
                           app["token secret"],
                           app["api key"],
                           app["api secret"])
stream api = twitter.TwitterStream(auth=auth)
query = "-74, 40, -73, 41" # NYC
stream_results = stream api.statuses.filter(locations=query)
tweet count = 0
fp = gzip.open("NYC.json.gz", "a")
for tweet in stream results:
    try:
        tweet count += 1
        print (tweet count, tweet["id"])
        print(tweet, file=fp)
    except:
        pass
    if tweet count % 10000 == 0:
        print(tweet count, file=sys.stderr)
        break
```

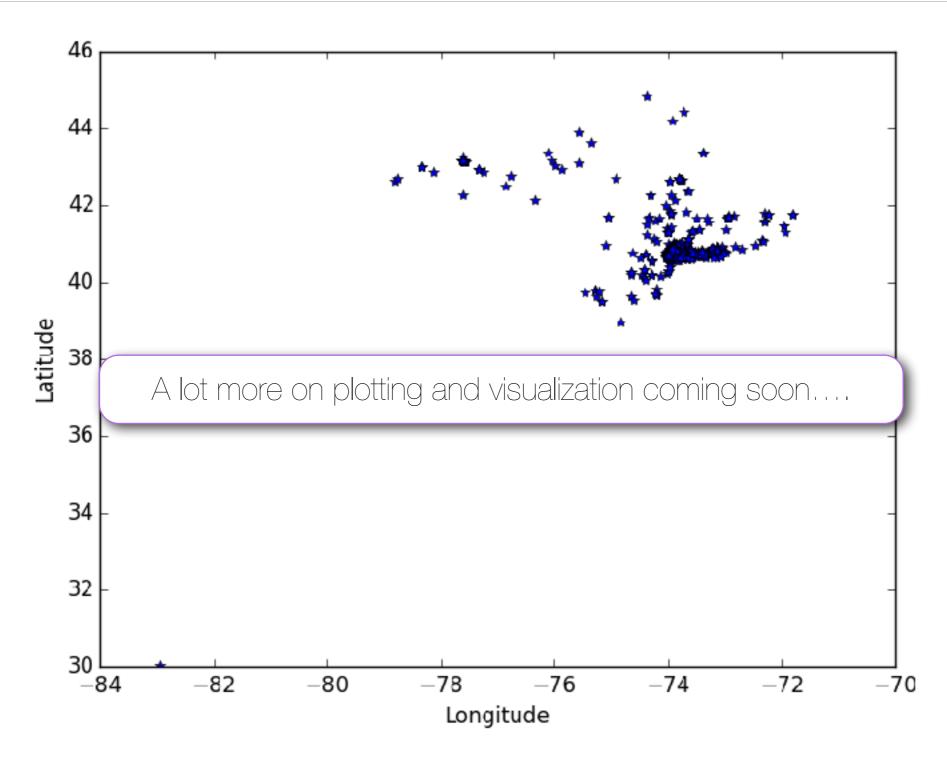
Plotting geolocated tweets

```
import sys
import gzip
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
X = []
y = []
line count = 0
try:
    for line in gzip.open(sys.argv[1]):
        try:
            tweet = eval(line.strip())
            line count += 1
            if "coordinates" in tweet and tweet["coordinates"] is not None:
                x.append(tweet["coordinates"]["coordinates"][0])
                y.append(tweet["coordinates"]["coordinates"][1])
        except:
            pass
except:
    pass
print("Read", line count, "and found", len(x), "geolocated tweets", file=sys.stderr)
plt.plot(x, y, '*')
plt.xlabel('Longitude')
plt.ylabel('Latitude')
plt.savefig(sys.argv[1] + '.png')
plt.close()
```

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plot_tweets.py

Plotting geolocated tweets



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Anatomy of a Checkin

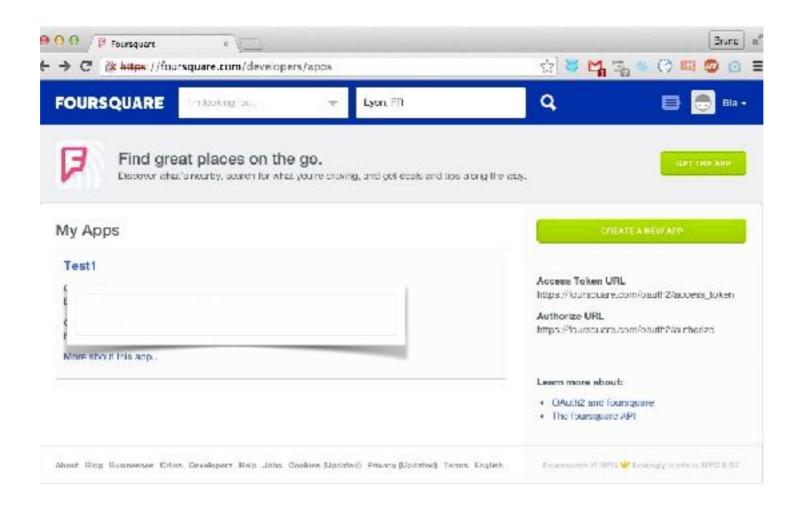


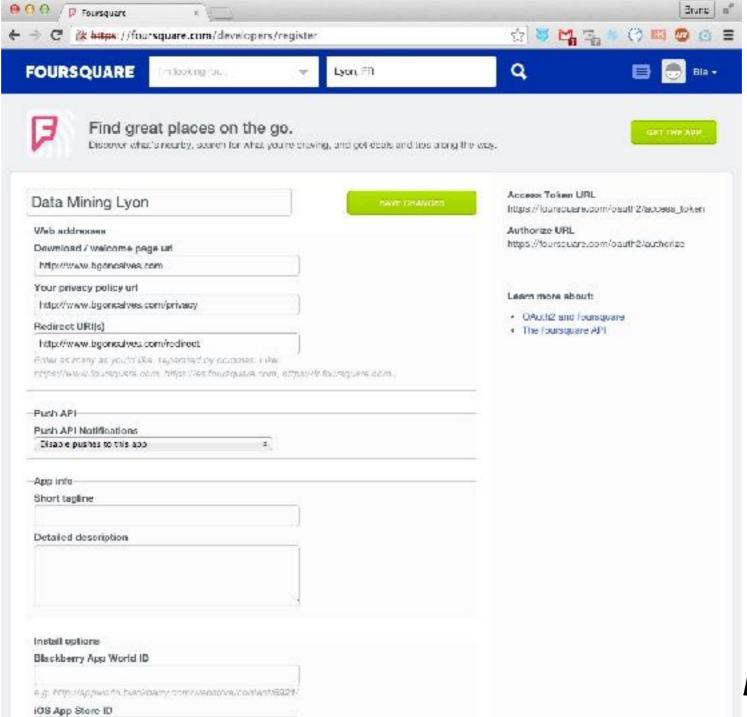
Anatomy of a Checkin

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[u'venue',
  u'like',
  u'photos',
  u'source',
  u'visibility',
  u'entities',
  u'shout',
  u'timeZoneOffset',
  u'type',
  u'id',
  u'createdAt',
  u'likes']
```

Anatomy of a Checkin

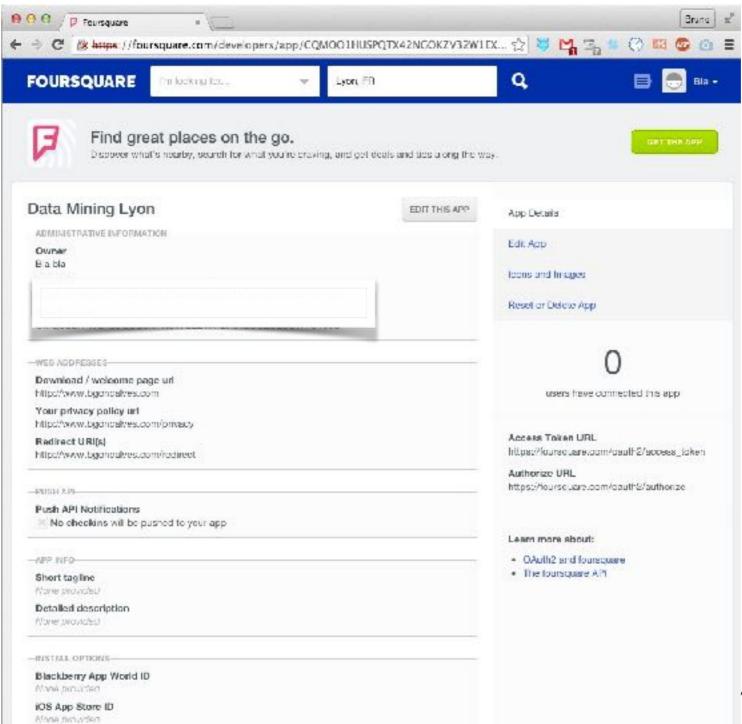
```
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                    u'id',
                    u'categories',
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                    u'likes'l
u'like',
u'photos',
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u'source',
                     u'object': {u'url': u'http://go.nasa.gov/9kpN5g'},
u'visibility',
                     u'type': u'url'}]
u'entities')
                   u"We've got a new 'Curiosity Explorer' badge. Explore your
u'shout'
                   curiosity at science museums & planetariums to earn it http://
u'timeZoneOffset',
                   go.nasa.gov/9kpN5g"
u'type',
u'id',
                   {u'count': 1837,
u'createdAt',
                    u'groups': [{u'count': 1837, u'items': [], u'type': u'others'}],
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                    u'summary': u'1837 likes'}
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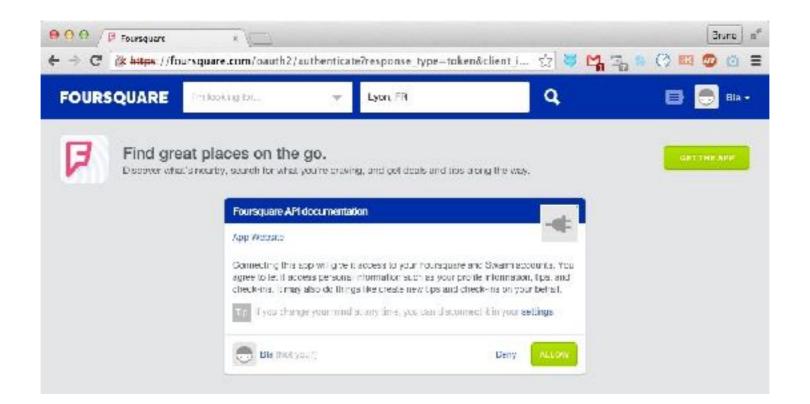
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- We now have our client_id and client_secret that we can use to request an access token.
- First we request an **auth_url**, a URL where the "user" will be asked to login to foursquare and authorize our app

• In the remainder of this lecture, the accounts dict will live inside the foursquare_accounts.py file

 Now we must access our auth_uri in a browser, login and authorize the application



 Afterwards we will be redirected automatically to out "redirect_uri" we used when registering the application



- Don't worry about the error. What we need is just the **code** portion of the url (the part between the "=" and the "#".
- This is the final piece of the puzzle.

 with this code we can now request an auth_token which will allow us to authenticate with the Foursquare API

```
access_token = client.oauth.get_token('CODE')
```

This will return the OAuth2 access_token that we can then use directly.

```
import foursquare
from foursquare_accounts import accounts

app = accounts["tutorial"]

client = foursquare.Foursquare(client_id=app["client_id"],

client_secret=app["client_secret"])

client.set_access_token(app["access_token"])
```

- Much simpler and intuitive
- Less prone to mistakes
- Automatically takes care of all the dirty details

Objects

- Two main types of objects:
 - Users
 - Venues
- Multiple possible actions (by Users on Venues)
 - Checkin

 - Tip

API Limitations

- Users have privacy concerns with respect to publicly sharing their location.
 - "Stalker apps"
 - "Please Rob Me"
- Privacy is a big concern for Foursquare
- API structure reflects this
- "Easy" to get information on users and on venues. Connecting users to venues much harder to obtain.

[u'rating',
 u'reasons',

u'likes',

u'mayor',

- Venues correspond to physical locations
- Are perhaps the most important object in the Foursquare universe
- API is particularly generous, allowing for 5000 requests per hour.
- .venues(venue_id)
 Returns a venue object
- .venues.similar(venue_id)
 Returns a list of similar venues (abbreviated)
- .venues.search({"query":query, "near":location})
 Searches for places matching the query
 ("pizza", "Eiffel Tower", etc) near location ("Paris", etc).

```
u'createdAt',
              u'verified',
              u'id',
              u'shortUrl',
              u'pageUpdates',
              u'location',
[u'city',
              u'tips',
u'cc',
              u'listed',
u'country',
              u'canonicalUrl',
u'state',
              u'tags',
u'address',
              u'photos',
u'lat',
              u'attributes',
u'lng']
              u'stats',
              u'dislike',
[u'count',
u'groups',
              (u'hereNow')
              u'categories',
u'summary']
              u'name',
              u'like',
              u'phrases',
              u'specials',
              u'contact',
              u'popular',
```

u'timeZone'l

foursquare_venues.py

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- Users interact with venues in multiple ways:
 - checkin
 - leaving a "tip"
 - "liking"
- Users connect to each other through friendship/colocation
- .users(user_id) Returns the user object
- users.friends(user_id) Returns the list of friends for a user
- .users.checkins(user_id) Returns list of (public) checkins
- .users.search({"twitter":screen_name}) Search for the user with the given twitter screen_name. Returns abbreviated user object

- Users can leave tips in venues at any time (without checking in)
- (Reduced) Tips for a venue can be accessed using .venues.tips(venue_id)
- Limited to a maximum of 500 per call, defined with the "count" parameter. Get further tips with "offset" parameter (same as for friends).
- Full Tip objets can be obtained with .tips(tip_id)
- Contain (Reduced) User object and are public, providing an easy way to connect users with venues.

```
import foursquare
from foursquare accounts import accounts
app = accounts["tutorial"]
client = foursquare.Foursquare(client id = app["client id"],
                            client secret = app["client secret"])
client.set access token(app["access token"])
venue id = "43695300f964a5208c291fe3"
tips = client.venues.tips(venue id)
tips list = tips["tips"]["items"]
tip count = tips["tips"]["count"]
while len(tips list) < tip count:</pre>
    tips = client.venues.tips(venue id, {"offset":
len(tips list) })
    tips list += tips["tips"]["items"]
print len(tips list), tip count
for tip in tips list:
    print tip["user"]["id"], tip["text"]
```



Checkins

https://developer.foursquare.com/docs/checkins/checkins.html

- Checkins are the *Raison d'être* of Foursquare.
- They connect Users with Venues providing valuable temporal and demographic information.
- .checkins(checkin_id) Returns the Checkin object
- .users.checkins(user_id) Returns the list of *Public* checkins for User user_id or all checkins if user_id is friends of the user using the application.

```
import foursquare
from foursquare_accounts import accounts

app = accounts["tutorial"]

client = foursquare.Foursquare(client_id=app["client_id"],

client_secret=app["client_secret"])

client.set_access_token(app["access_token"])

checkin_id = "5089b44319a9974111a6c882"

checkin = client.checkins(checkin_id)
 user_name = checkin["checkin"]["user"]["firstName"]

print(checkin id, "was made by", user name)
```

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foursquare_checkins.py

- Users have the option of sharing their checkins through Twitter and Facebook, making them publicly accessible
- The status text is shared along with the URL of the web version of the checkin.
- To allow Twitter and Facebook friends to access the checkin, a special "access_token", called a signature, is added to the checkin URL.
- Each signature is valid for just a single checkin and it allows anyone to access the respective checkin

• Signed checkin urls are of the form:

https://foursquare.com/<user>/checkin/<checkin_id>?s=<signature>&ref=tw

For example:

https://foursquare.com/tyayayayaa/checkin/5304b652498e734439d8711f? s=ScMqmpSLg1buhGXQicDJS4A_FVY&ref=tw

- corresponds to user tyayayaya performing checkin 5304b652498e734439d8711f and has signature ScMqmpSLg1buhGXQicDJS4A_FVY
- .checkins(checkin_id, {"signature": signature}) can be used to query the API using the signature key to access a private checkin

Check-in Details

https://api.foursquare.com/v2/checkins/CHECKIN_ID

Get details of a check-in.

HTTP Method	GET
Requires Acting User	Yes (learn more)
Modes supported	swarm (learn more)

Parameters

All parameters are optional, unless otherwise indicated.

CHECKIN_ID	IHR8THISVNU	The ID of the check-in to retrieve additional information for.
signature	ASDJKASLJDLA	This is now deprecated—see the checkins/resolve endpoint for how to retrieve check-in details from public feeds. However, check-ins still shared from legacy Foursquare clients to public feeds such as Twitter will have a signature (s=xxxxxxx) that allows users to bypass the friends-only access restriction on checkins. The same value can be used here for programmatic access to otherwise inaccessible checkins. Callers should use the bit.ly API to first expand any 4sq.com links.

Response fields

checkin	A complete check-in object.
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Resolving checkins... the hard way!

```
from foursquare accounts import accounts
from urllib import parse
import posixpath
import requests
app = accounts["tutorial"]
url base = "https://api.foursquare.com/v2/checkins/resolve?shortId=%s&oauth token=%s&v=20160912"
swarm url = "https://www.swarmapp.com/c/j0cBYuhNHki"
parsed url = parse.urlparse(swarm url)
short id = posixpath.basename(parsed url.path)
url = url base % (short id, app["access token"])
req = requests.get(url)
checkin = req.json()["response"]["checkin"]
checkin id = checkin["id"]
user name = checkin["user"]["firstName"]
print(short id, ":", checkin id, "was made by", user name)
```