



# OAuth Practice

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Using the OAuth Playground

# Exercise: OAuth 2.0 Playground

<https://www.oauth.com/playground/>



Choose  
"Authorization  
Code" Flow

Choose an OAuth flow

To begin, [register a client and a user](#) (don't worry, we'll make it quick)

Authorization Code

PKCE

Implicit

Device Code

OpenID Connect

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Choose "**Authorization Code**" flow.

Work through the exercise.

**Note:**

you need to save the User **login** and **password** the site gives. Click "open in new window" to preserve it.

**Next Slide for Important Terms**

# OAuth Terms

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**Client** - application that wants access to a "user's" resource(s).

**Authorization Server** - a host that handle authentication on behalf of the Resource Server. This is where you register a Client application.

**User** - any end user of the Client application.



# OAuth 2.0 Playground

## Client Registration

In order to use an OAuth API, you'll need to first register your application. Typically this involves setting up a developer account at the service, then answering some questions about your application, uploading a logo, etc.

For the purposes of this demo, we don't require that you sign up for an account. Instead, you can click "Register" below, and we will register a client automatically.

This will create an application, register the redirect URI, as well as create a user account you can use for testing.

Register

## Client Registration



### Great!

Great! A new OAuth 2.0 client was created for you along with a user account. You can see the registration info below. This information is stored in a cookie in your browser. **Save the user login and password**, since you'll need those in order to authenticate as that user during the OAuth flow!

### Client Registration

client_id	4yrbpMhBPQ3lI1QptejN_lFd
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client_secret	AfQQglasQNfYjigIAAaz4il26CpgaiBvzppJto7j-RJQc2Vf
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### User Account

login	talented-cockroach@example.com
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password	Exuberant-Tarsier-89
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Continue

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## 1. Build the Authorization URL

Before authorization begins, it first generates a random string to use for the `state` parameter. The client will need to store this to be used in the next step.

```
https://authorization-server.com/authorize?
  response_type=code
  &client_id=YxXDvN-gzLRpsj2naTGzltPL
  &redirect_uri=http://oauth.com/playground/authorization-code.html
  &scope=photo+offline_access
  &state=uZLFukwuMguNFdY2
```

For this demo, we've gone ahead and generated a random state parameter (shown above) and saved it in a cookie.

Click "Authorize" below to be taken to the authorization server. You'll need to enter the username and password that was generated for you.

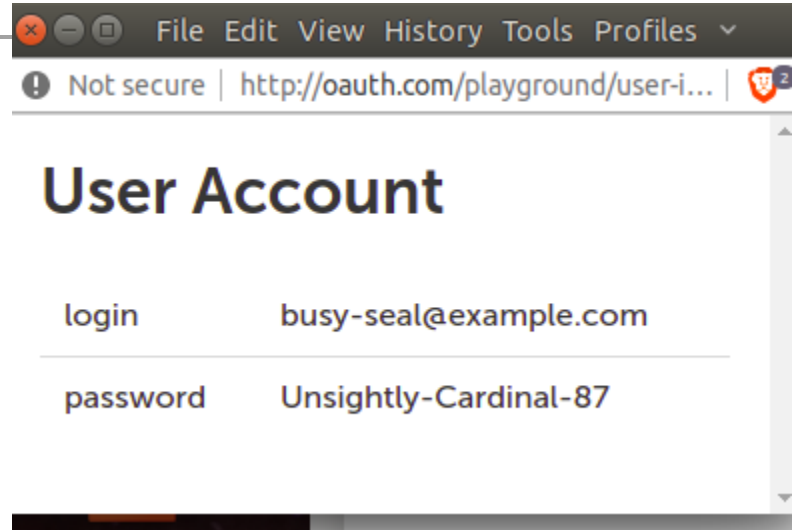
## Log In

**Username**

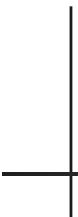
**Password**

[Forgot your password?](#)

Log In







## An application would like to connect to your account

The application "OAuth 2.0 Playground" would like the ability to access your photos.

Approve

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**Step 1**

Build the authorization URL and redirect the user to the authorization server

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**Step 2**

After the user is redirected back to the client, verify the state matches

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**Step 3**

Exchange the authorization code for an access token

## 2. Verify the state parameter

The user was redirected back to the client, and you'll notice a few additional query parameters in the URL:

```
?state=hN1ToIBvTL8JoNwR&code=0RcieHnJ7_-itr38ZbJI1uyqwHUFLk8o0fMVexPC5l_PNXJF
```

You need to first verify that the `state` parameter matches the value stored in this user's session so that you protect against CSRF attacks.

Depending on how you've stored the `state` parameter (in a cookie, session, or some other way), verify that it matches the state that you originally included in step 1. Previously, we had stored the state in a cookie for this demo.

Does the state stored by the client ( `hN1ToIBvTL8JoNwR` ) match the state in the redirect ( `hN1ToIBvTL8JoNwR` )?

It Matches, Continue!

It's Wrong, Start Over!

### 3. Exchange the Authorization Code

Now you're ready to exchange the authorization code for an access token.

The client builds a POST request to the token endpoint with the following parameters:

```
POST https://authorization-server.com/token

grant_type=authorization_code
&client_id=YxXDvN-gzLRpsj2naTGzltPL
&client_secret=AzSszAZgFNJ2Bx_jtKxxSd0GyDpifM09KNSMioHkKFWUzdIC
&redirect_uri=http://oauth.com/playground/authorization-code.html
&code=0RcieHnJ7_-itr38ZbJI1uyqwHUFLk8o0fMVexPC5l_PNXJF
```

Note that the client's credentials are included in the POST body in this example. Other authorization servers may require that the credentials are sent as a HTTP Basic Authentication header.

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## Token Endpoint Response

Here's the response from the token endpoint! The response includes the access token and refresh token.

```
{
  "token_type": "Bearer",
  "expires_in": 86400,
  "access_token": "pJ8McuNxt-HWp7pP2tBCj_iA73GZ6RfME_v2uLkrxy4rV3SA2_LieU50xjPRHF4v-Lty4vwb",
  "scope": "photo offline_access",
  "refresh_token": "cuonhqtQkE9fmtgKcn8KL_Nh"
}
```

Great! Now your application has an access token, and can use it to make API requests on behalf of the user.

You did it! • [Try another flow](#)