OAuth and OpenID Connect
(IN PLAIN ENGLISH)

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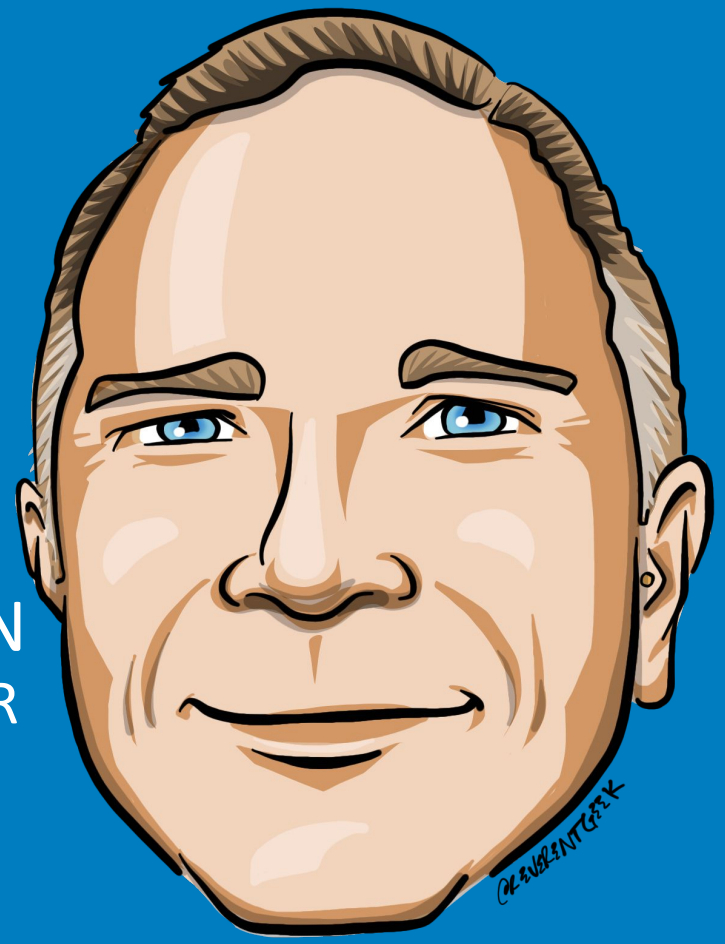

Identity use cases (circa 2007)

- ★ Simple login – forms and cookies
- ★ Single sign-on across sites – SAML
- ★ Mobile app login – ???
- ★ Delegated authorization – ???

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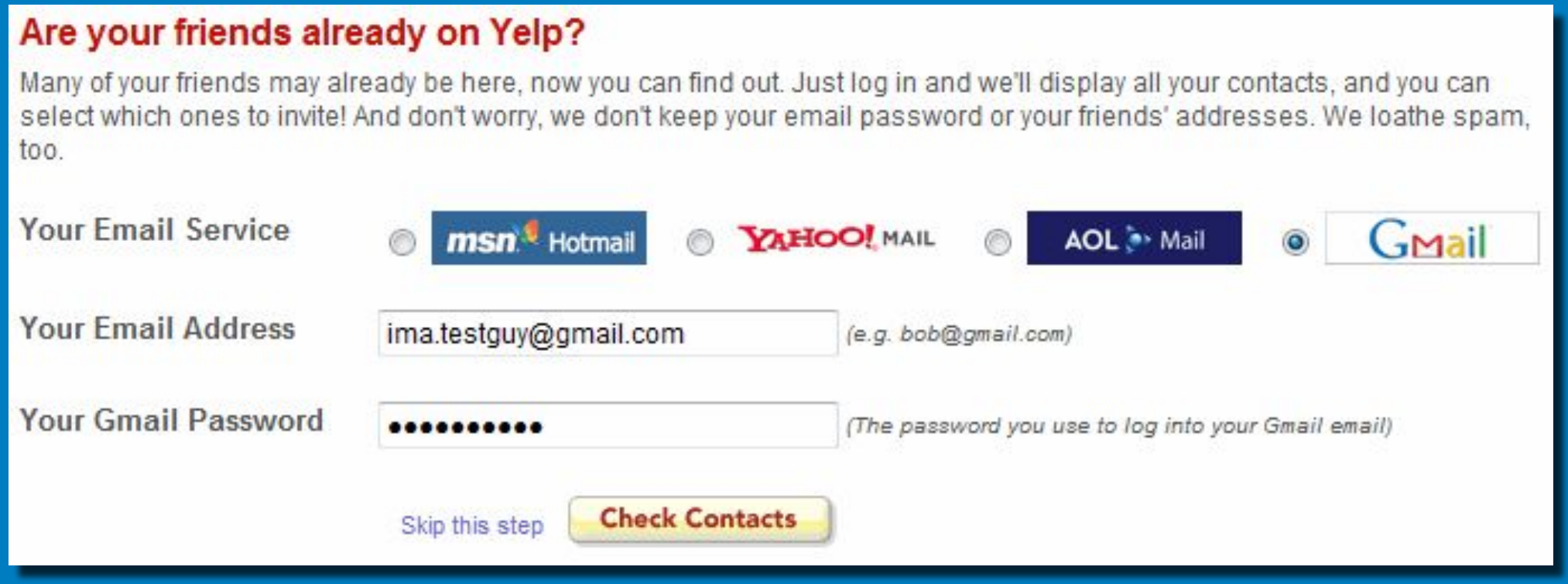

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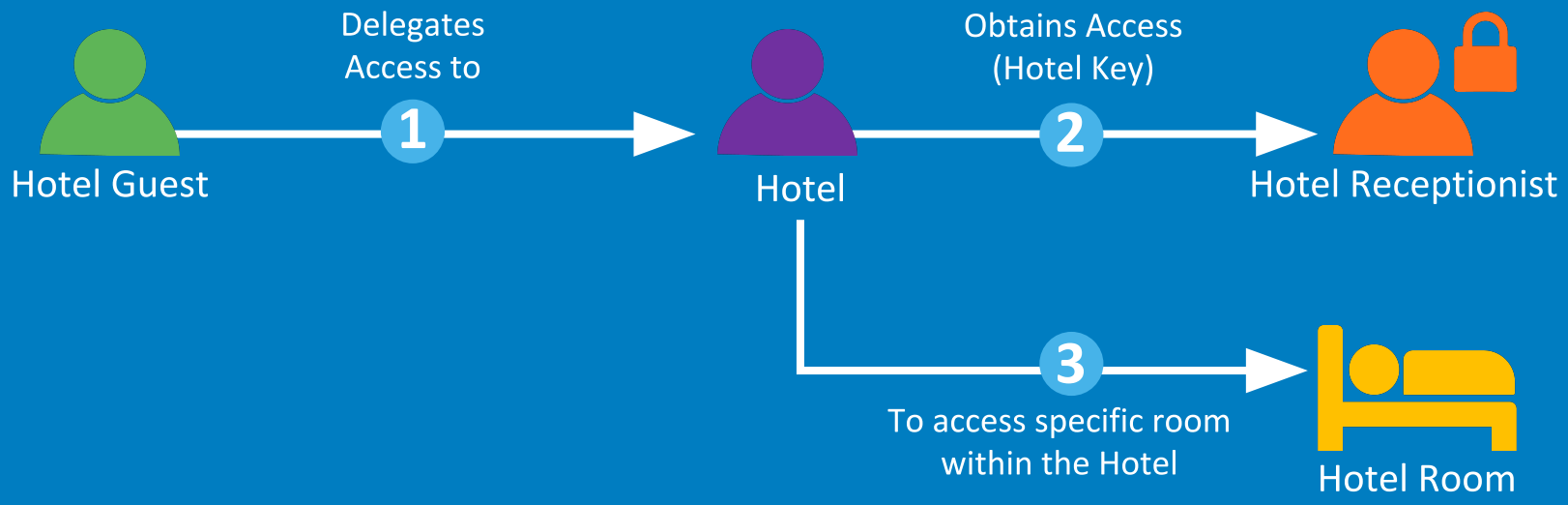
The delegated authorization problem

HOW CAN I LET A WEBSITE ACCESS MY DATA, WITHOUT GIVING IT MY PASSWORD?

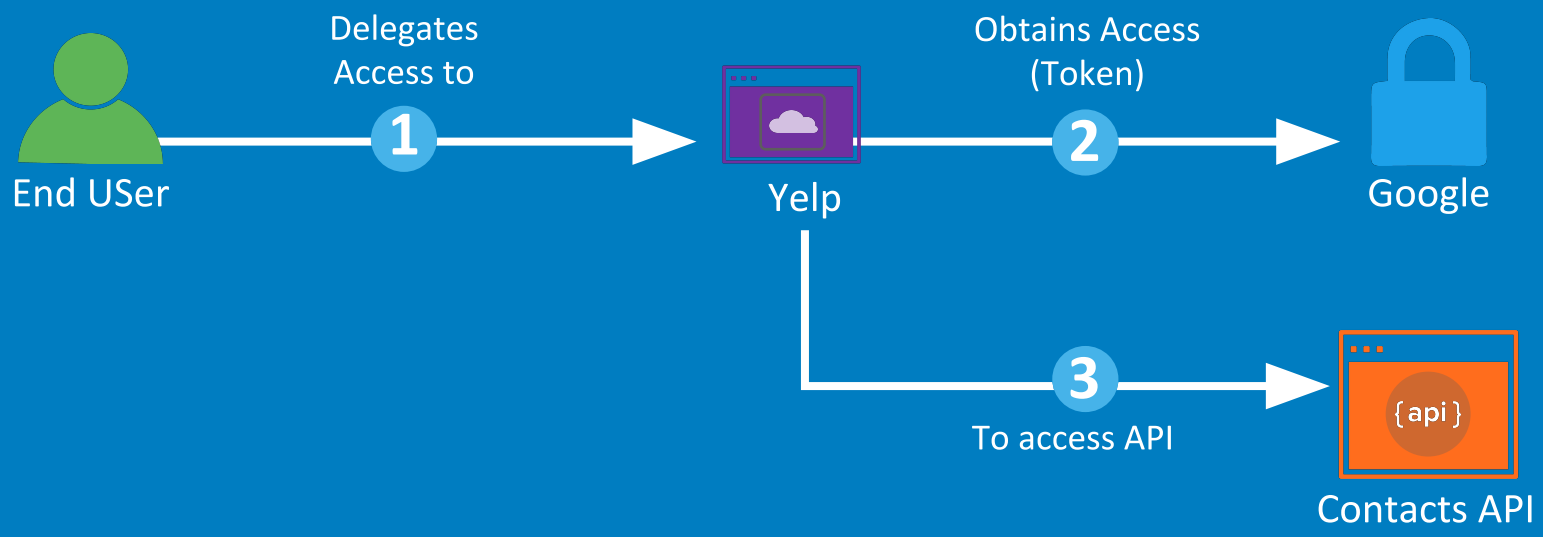
A lot of confusion around OAuth & OIDC

- ✕ Terminology and jargon
- ✕ Incorrect advice
- ✕ To understand OpenID Connect, you need to learn first about OAuth
- ✕ Hard to find a life-like example

Hotel Analogy



OAuth: App Scenario



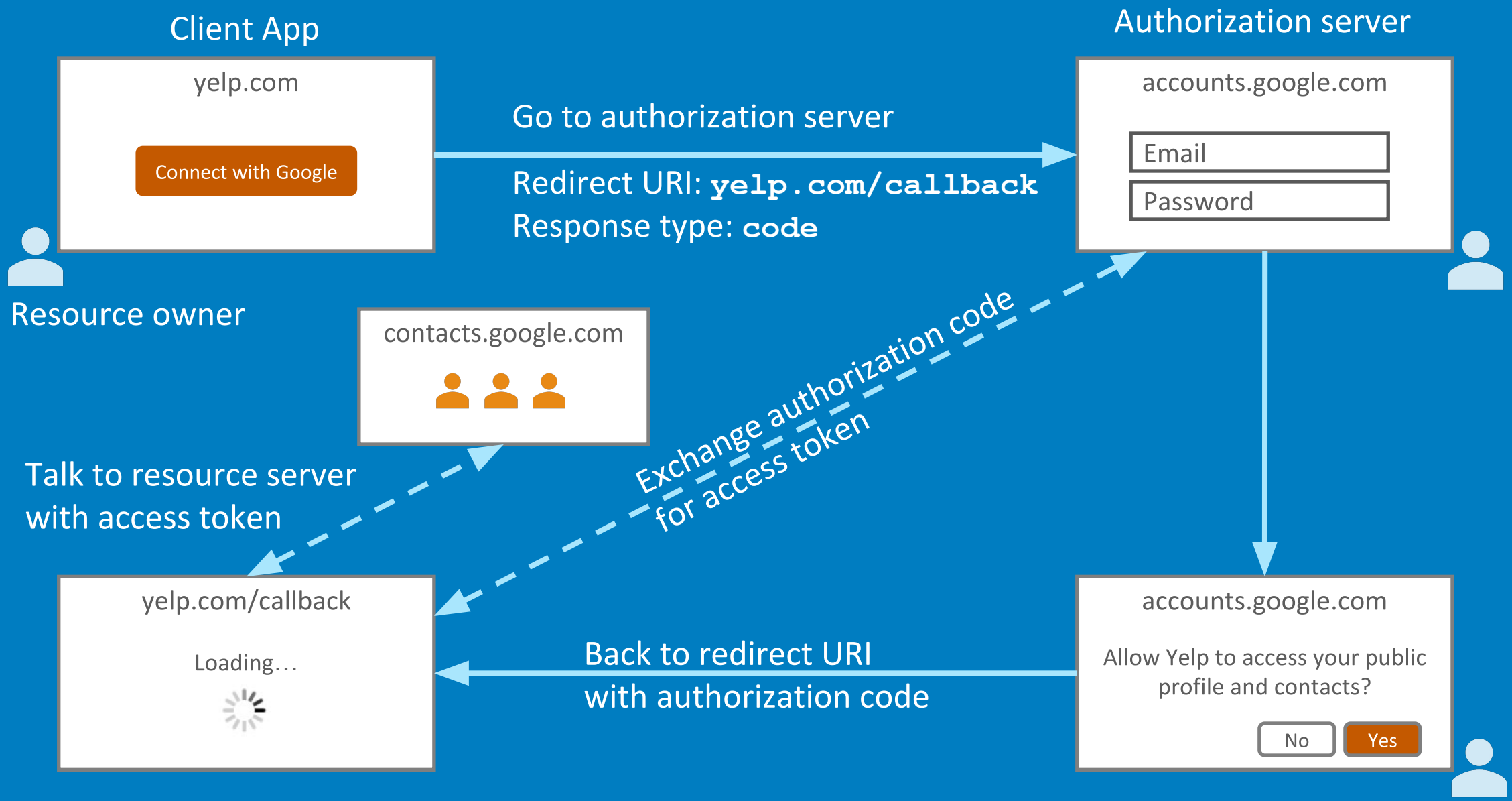
OAuth 2.0 Terminology

Hotel	App	OAuth	Description
Hotel Guest	End User	Resource Owner	Wants a Client App to do something on their behalf
Hotel	Yelp	Client Application	Needs authorization to interact with an API on behalf of a user
Hotel Receptionist	Google	Authorization Server	Grants access (in the form of tokens) to an app
Hotel Room	Contacts API	Resource Server	Has an API that an app can use if presented with a token

Delegated authorization with OAuth 2.0

{ Live Action OAuth Theater! }

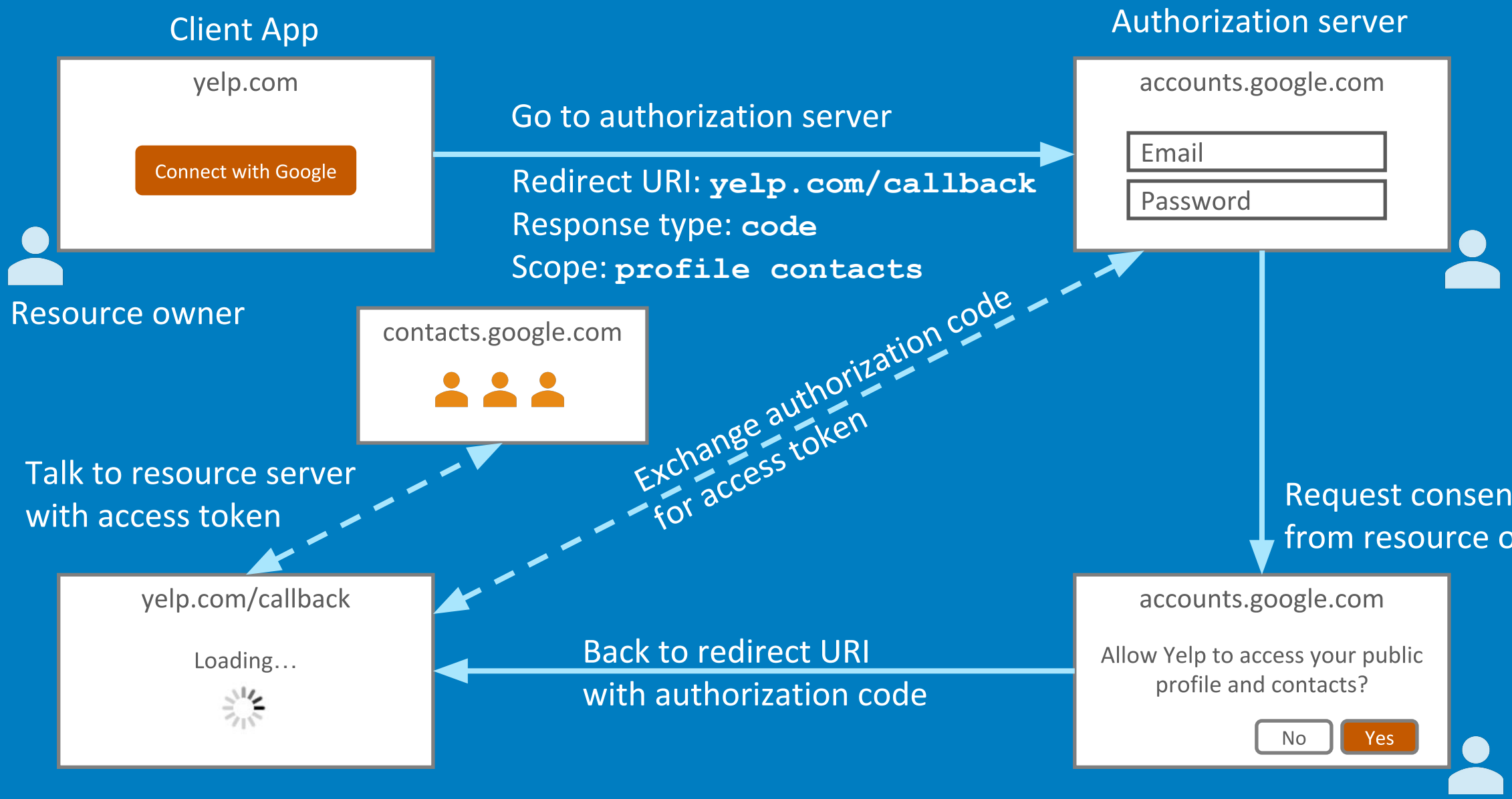
OAuth 2.0 authorization code flow



More OAuth 2.0 terminology

- ★ Scope
- ★ Consent

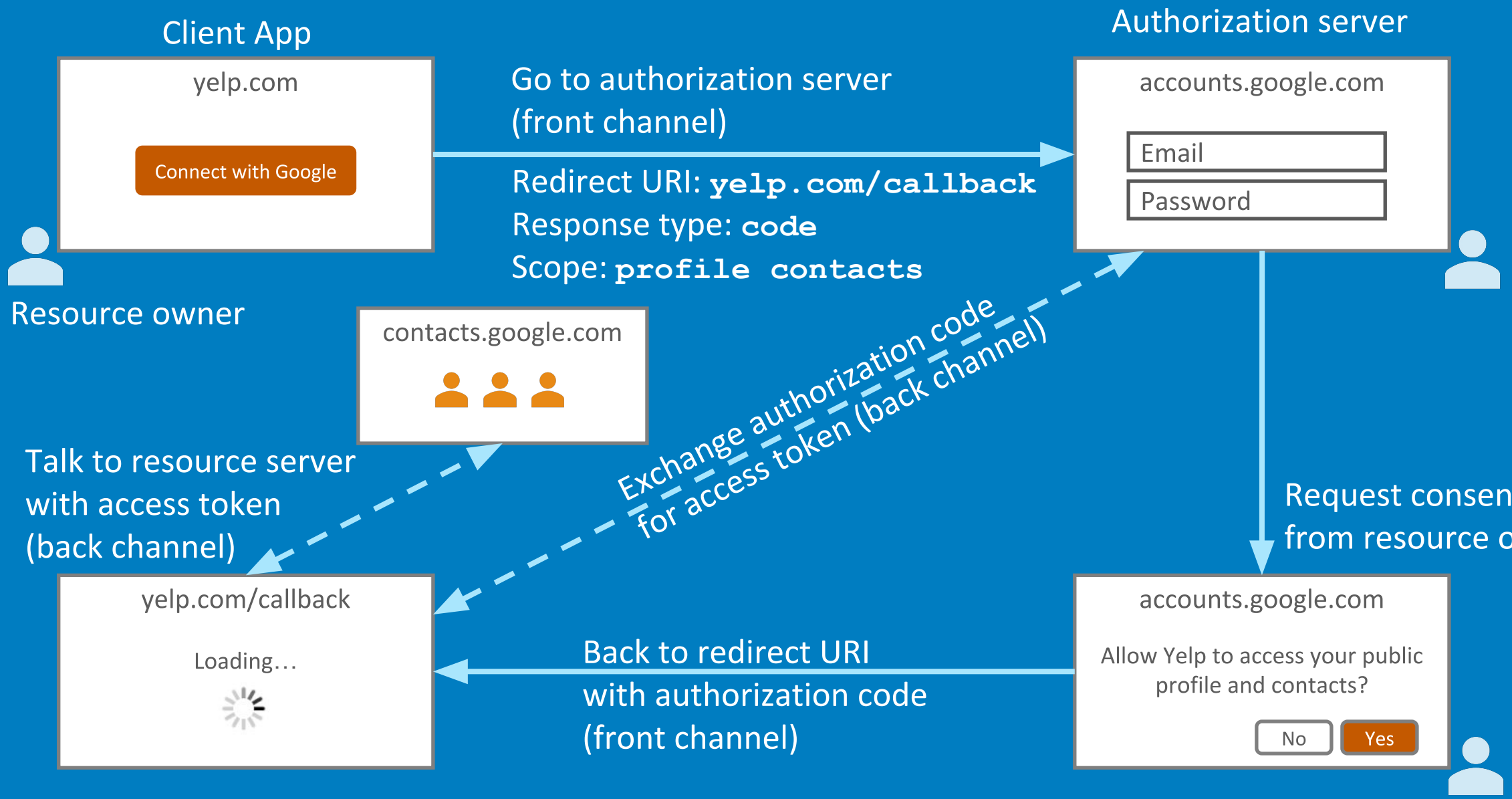
OAuth 2.0 authorization code flow



Even more OAuth 2.0 terminology

- ★ Back channel (highly secure channel)
- ★ Front channel (less secure channel)

OAuth 2.0 authorization code flow



Starting the flow

```
https://accounts.google.com/o/oauth2/v2/auth?
 client_id=abc123&
 redirect_uri=https://yelp.com/callback&
 scope=profile&
 response_type=code&
 state=foobar
```

Calling back

```
https://yelp.com/callback?
  error=access_denied&
  error_description=The user did not consent.
```

```
https://yelp.com/callback?
  code=oMsCeLvIaQm6bTrgtp7&
  state=foobar
```

Exchange code for an access token

```
POST www.googleapis.com/oauth2/v4/token
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded

code=oMsCeLvIaQm6bTrgtp7&
client_id=abc123&
client_secret=secret123&
grant_type=authorization_code
```

Authorization server returns an access token


```
{
  "access_token": "fFAGRNJru1FTz70BzhT3Zg",
  "expires_in": 3920,
  "token_type": "Bearer",
}
```

Use the access token

```
GET api.google.com/some/endpoint
Authorization: Bearer fFAGRNJru1FTz70BzhT3Zg
```

★ Validate token
★ Use token scope for authorization

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OAuth 2.0 flows

- ★ Authorization code (front channel + back channel)
- ★ Authorization code w/ PKCE (front channel + back channel)
- ★ ~~Implicit (front channel only)~~

- ★ ~~Resource owner password (back channel only)~~
- ★ Client credentials (back channel only)

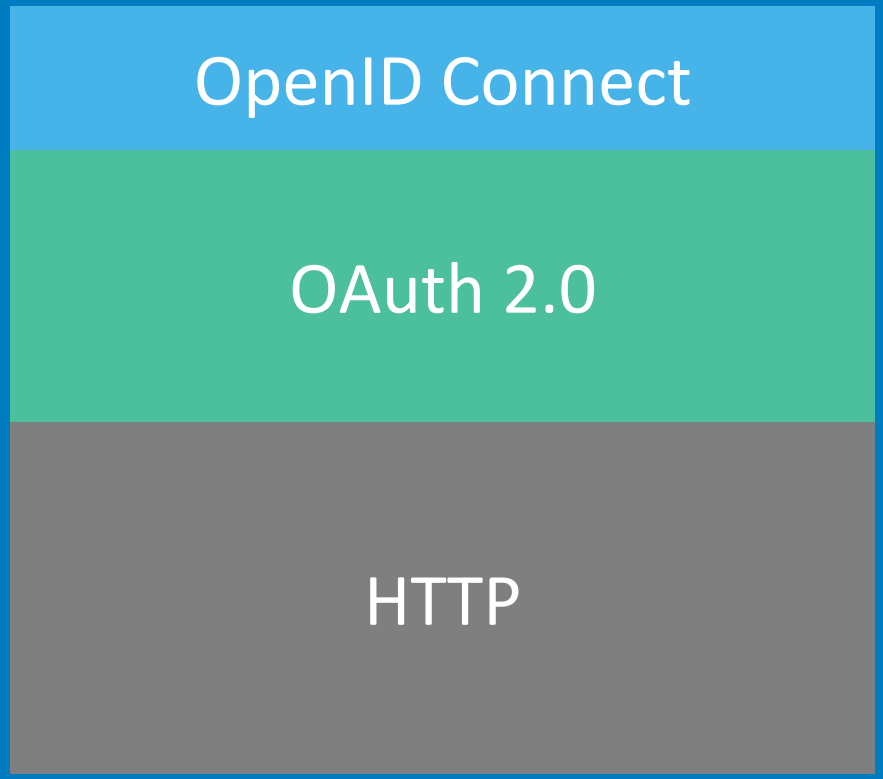
Identity use cases (circa 2012)

★ Simple login – OAuth 2.0	Authentication
★ Single sign-on across sites – OAuth 2.0	Authentication
★ Mobile app login – OAuth 2.0	Authentication
★ Delegated authorization – OAuth 2.0	Authorization

Problems with OAuth 2.0 for **authentication**

- ★ No standard way to get the user's information
- ★ Every implementation is a little different
- ★ No common set of scopes

OAuth 2.0 and OpenID Connect



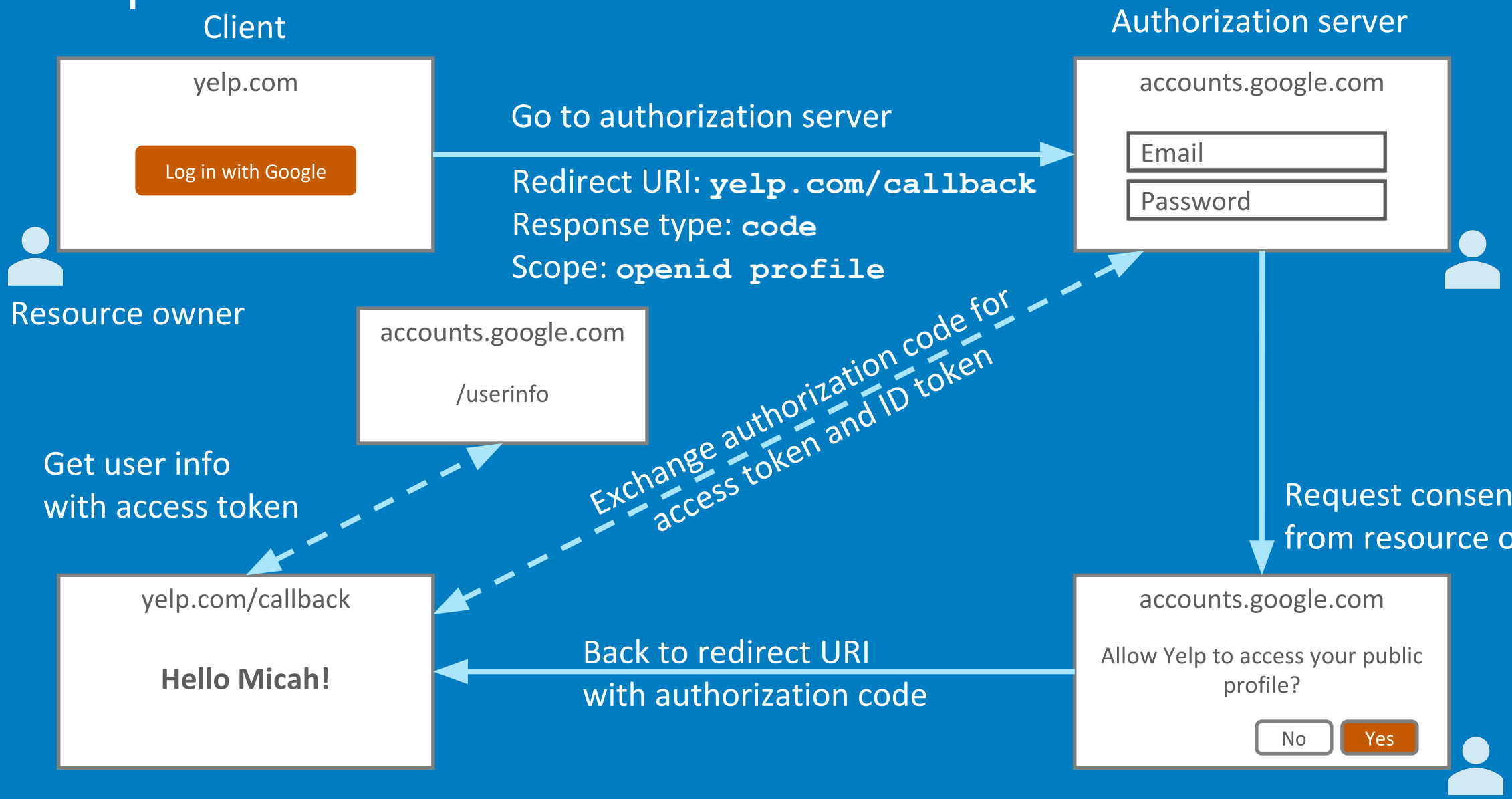
OpenID Connect is for **authentication**

OAuth 2.0 is for **authorization**

What OpenID Connect adds

- ★ ID token
- ★ `/userinfo` endpoint for getting more user information
- ★ Standard set of scopes
- ★ Standardized implementation

OpenID Connect authorization code flow



Getting the discovery document

```
GET https://accounts.google.com/.well-known/openid-configuration

{
 "issuer": "https://accounts.google.com",
 "authorization_endpoint": "https://accounts.google.com/o/oauth2/v2/auth",
 "token_endpoint": "https://www.googleapis.com/oauth2/v4/token",
 "userinfo_endpoint": "https://www.googleapis.com/oauth2/v3/userinfo",
 "response_types_supported": [
   "code",
   "token",
   "id_token",
   "code token",
 ],
 ...
}
```

Starting the flow

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Exchange code for access token **and** ID token

```
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code=oMsCeLvIaQm6bTrgtp7&
client_id=abc123&
client_secret=secret123&
grant_type=authorization_code
```

Authorization server returns access and ID tokens

```
{
  "access_token": "fFAGRNJru1FTz70BzhT3Zg",
  "id_token": "eyJraB03ds3F..."
  "expires_in": 3920,
  "token_type": "Bearer",
}
```

ID token (JWT)


```
eyJhbGciOiJSUzI1NiIsImtpZCI6IkRNa3Itd0JqRU1EYnhOY25xaVJISVhuYUxu
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czoGn71ZFz_1O7FiW4dH6g
```


Header

Payload (claims)

Signature

The ID token (JWT)

```
(Header)
.
{
   "iss": "https://accounts.google.com",
   "sub": "micah.silverman@okta.com",
   "name": "Micah Silverman"
   "aud": "s6BhdRkqt3",
   "exp": 1311281970,
   "iat": 1311280970,
   "auth_time": 1311280969,
}
.
(Signature)
```

Calling the userinfo endpoint

```
GET www.googleapis.com/oauth2/v4/userinfo
Authorization: Bearer fFAGRNJru1FTz70BzhT3Zg

200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
    "sub": "micah.silverman@okta.com",
    "name": "Micah Silverman"
    "profile_picture": "http://plus.g.co/123"
}
```

Identity use cases (today)

★ Simple login – OpenID Connect	Authentication
★ Single sign-on across sites – OpenID Connect	Authentication
★ Mobile app login – OpenID Connect	Authentication
★ Delegated authorization – OAuth 2.0	Authorization

OAuth and OpenID Connect

Use OAuth 2.0 for:

- Granting access to your API
- Getting access to user data in other systems

(Authorization)

Use OpenID Connect for:

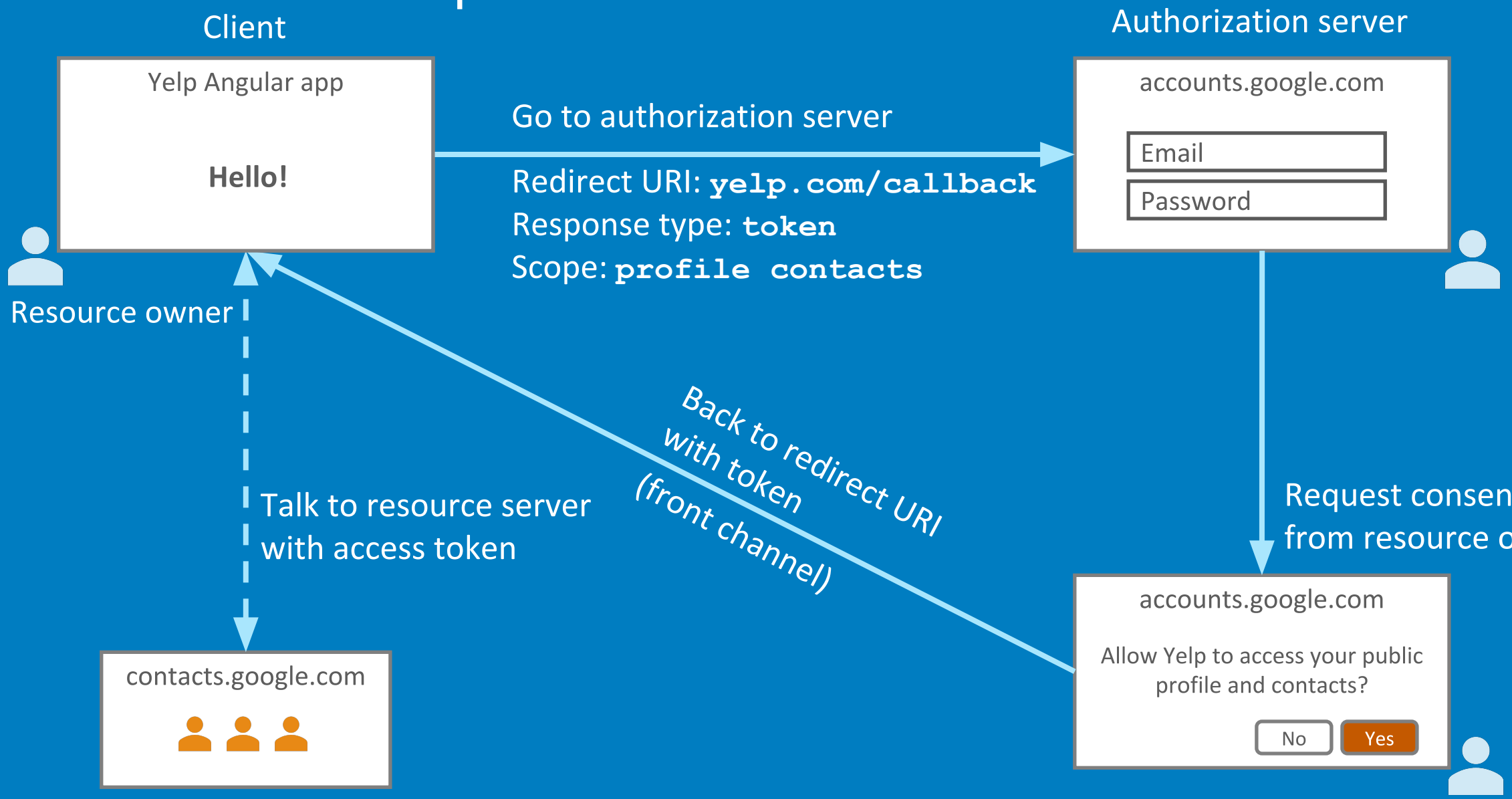
- Logging the user in
- Making your accounts available in other systems

(Authentication)

Which flow (grant type) do I use?

- ★ Web application w/ server backend: **authorization code flow**
- ★ Native or mobile app: **authorization code with PKCE flow**
- ★ JavaScript app (SPA): **authorization code with PKCE flow**
- ★ Microservices and APIs: **client credentials flow**

OAuth 2.0 implicit flow



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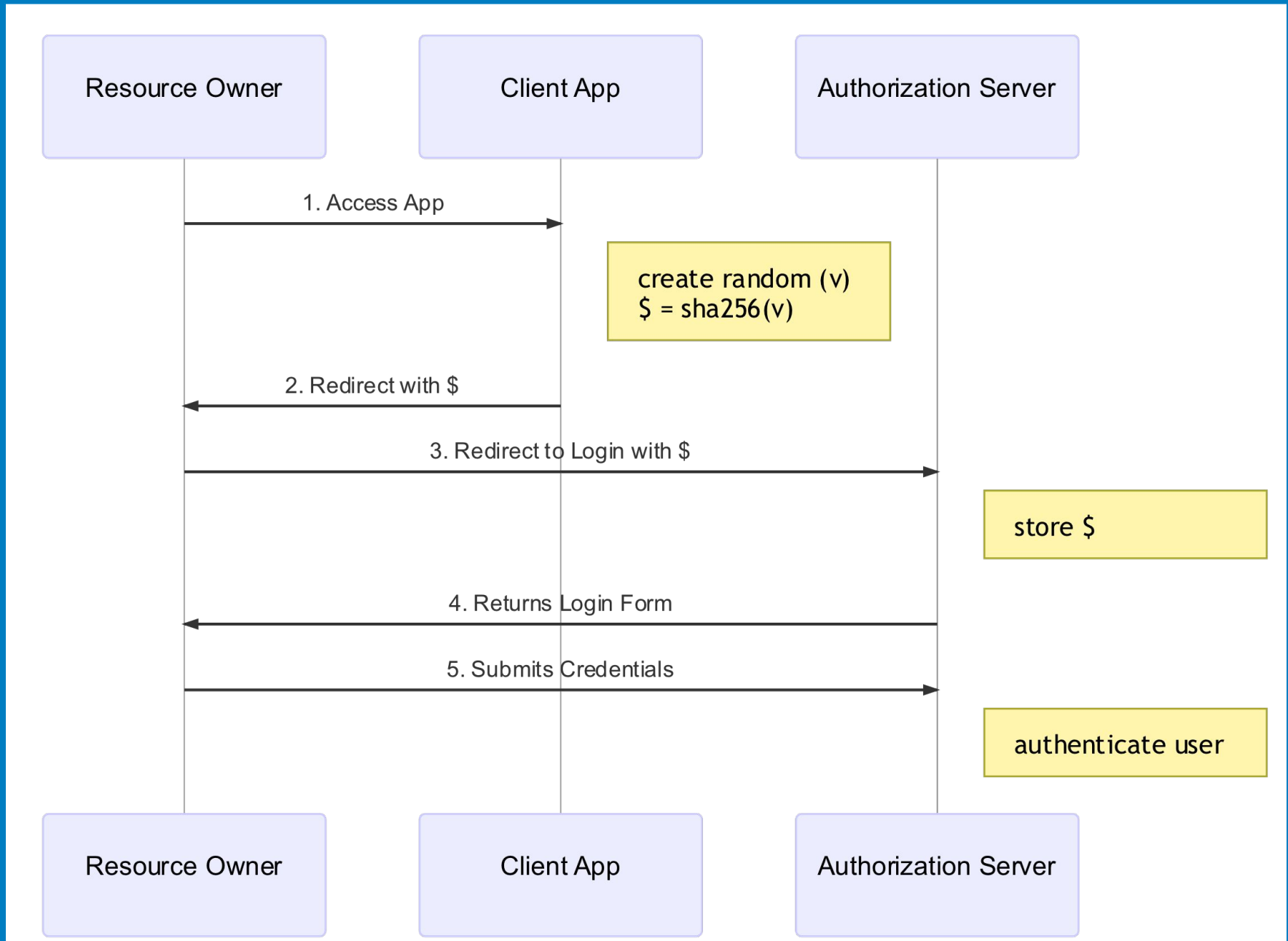
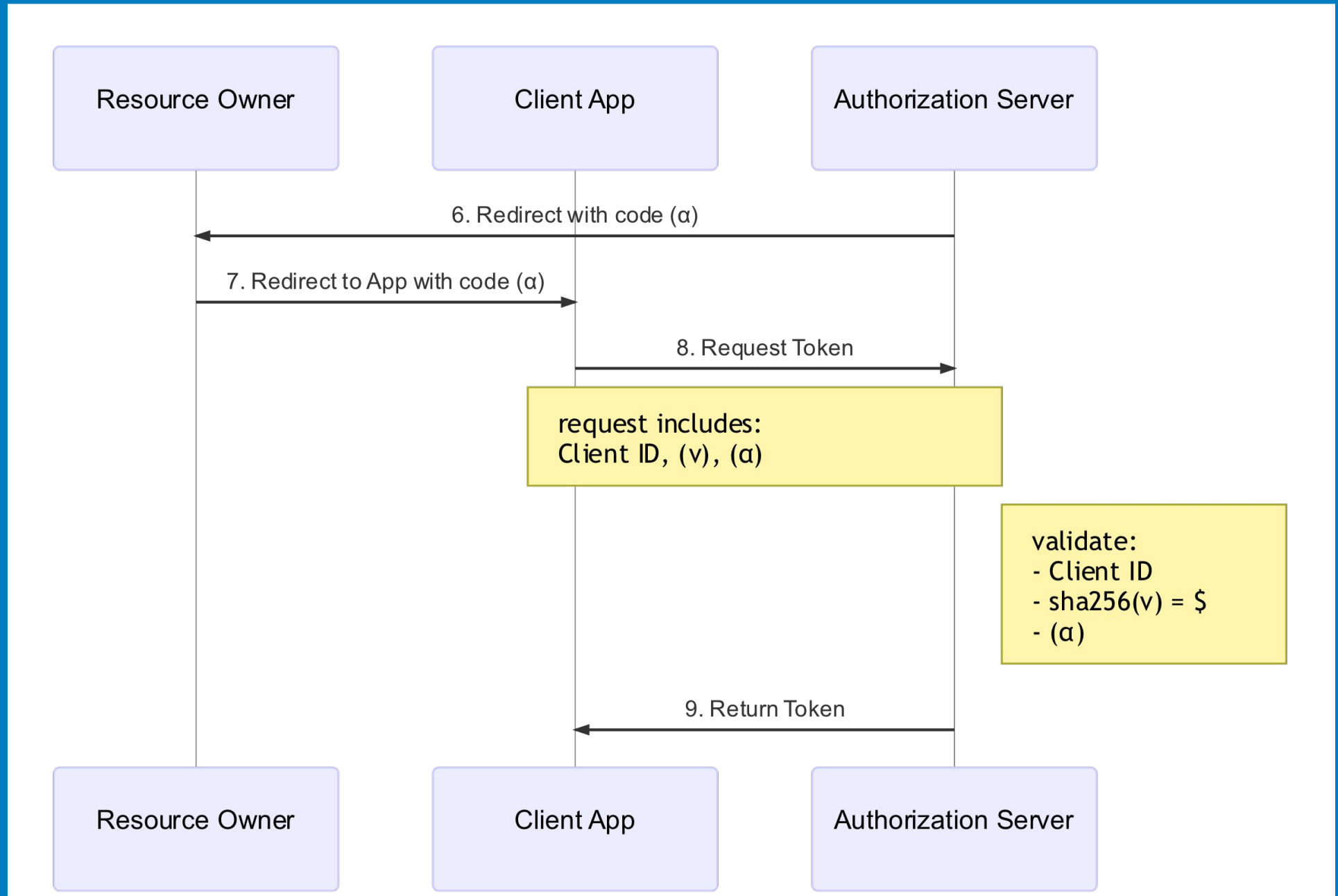
Authorization Code with PKCE Flow (Part 1)



Authorization Code with PKCE Flow (Part 2)



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Token validation

The fast way: local validation

- Validate cryptographic signature
- Check expiration timestamp

The strong way: introspection

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Free hosted authorization server:
developer.okta.com