Use Google OpenIDConnect OAuth2

OpenIDConnect Google OAuth2

Abstract

Google offers a Spring-centric tool to provide OAuth2 protection, called OpenIDConnect. There are three form-factors that Google's OpenIDConnect OAuth2 product supports:

Android devices iOS devices Browsers (User-Agent)

This document explores how to register the latter User Agent – a browser.

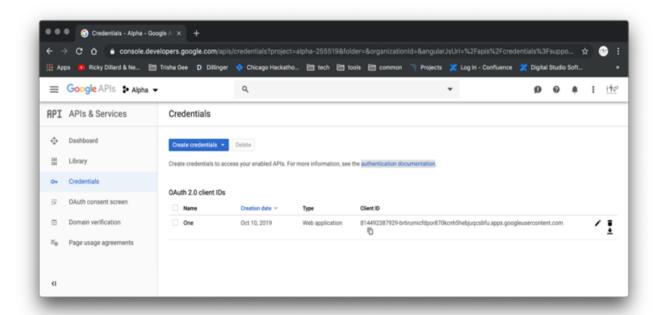
NB Because of the very nature of a browser, please clear cache for the browser on successive sessions "runs". This assures that you are accessing the OpenIDConnect-protected application in a way that consistently presents a modal login (challenge-response) dialog box.

Setup, Example

The screen shot below shows a completed Credential entry for a web application in the Google Developers API Console.

Notice that the value in the Name column becomes the title of the challenge/response login page.

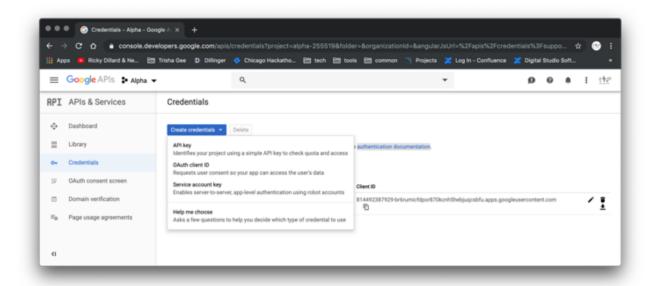
The value in the Client ID column below becomes the Key part of the K/V pair in the Spring's canonical application.properties file. This mapping, along with four other mappings, is shown later in this doc.



Setup, Process

The section illustrates how to create a Credential in Google's adaptation for OpenIDConnect OAuth2.

Below, choose the **OAuth client ID** option from the **Create credentials** pick list.

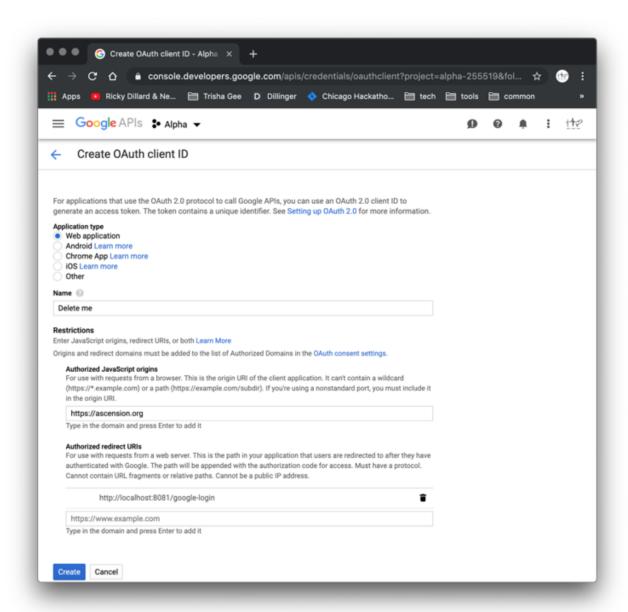


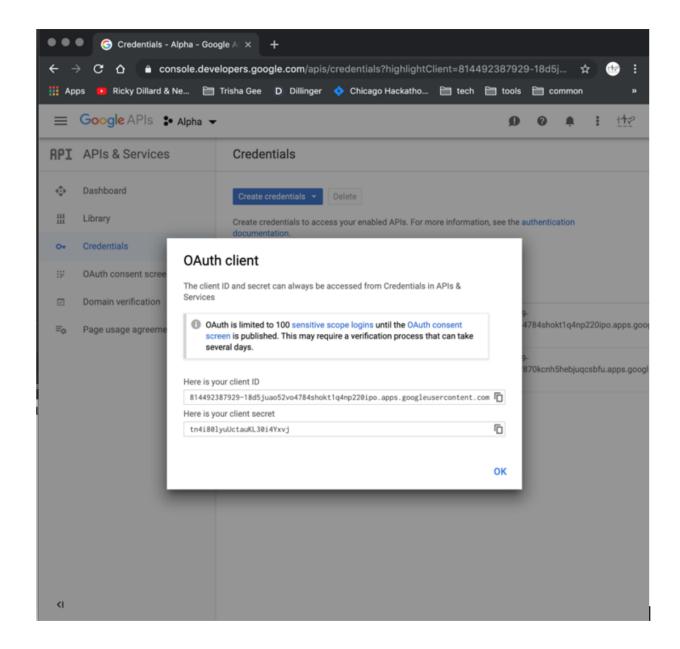
Below, choose the Web application radio button (option) in the Application type section.

Then, supply this value for the Authorized redirect URIs textbox:

http://localhost:8081/google-login

Click the Create button.

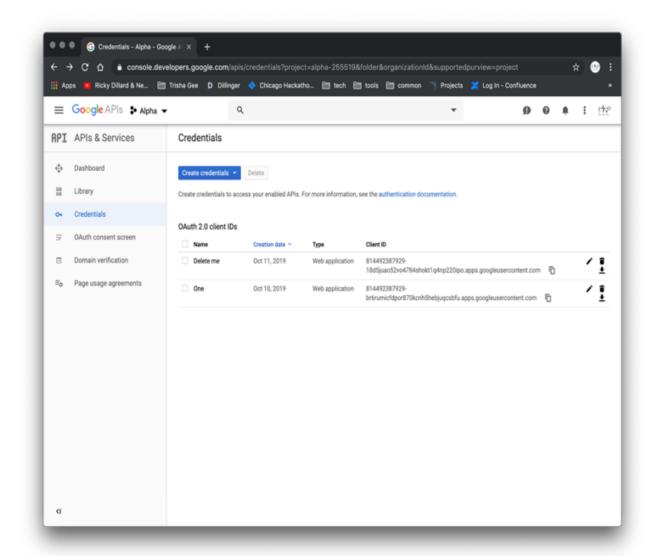




The pair of values generated by the Google's OpenIDConnect OAuth2 product are used as entries in Spring's canonical application.properties file.

They are the Client ID and the Client Secret.

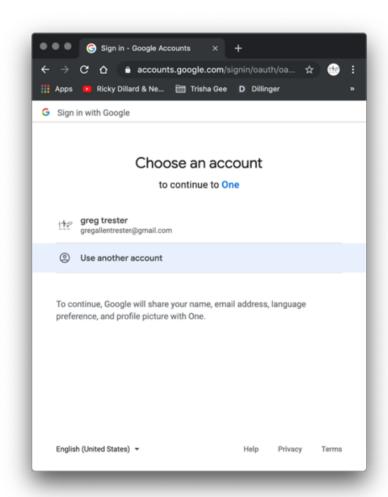
The screen shot below shows a second, completed Credential entry in the Google Developers API Console, for the web application that we just registered.

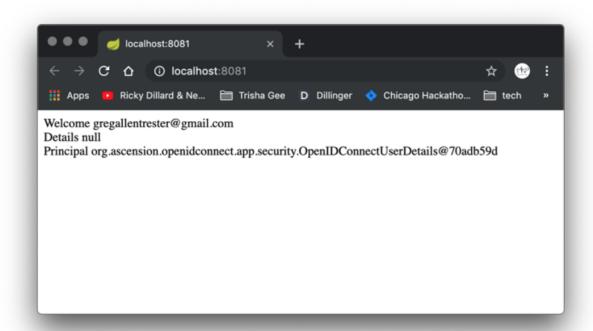


Usage

The browser URL/link for ingress into the OpenIDConnect-protected demo app is (by configurable design):

http://localhost:8081/google-login





The applications' console readout shows that a secure password has been generated (at the application/session scope); ACLs are not a part of the constraints being applied (for that, adopt the concept of a Principal).

The concept of a Principal provides an affordance of a standardized way to enforce a finer granularity of access to application assets (View/Update/Delete).



The Code

A Java application's part of the contract with OpenIDConnect is relatively unobtrusive.

The Spring Boot demo application that is discussed in this document uses a few annotations and some (5) entries in the canonical application.properties file.

NB In production, the application properties file should have "locked-down" read only file permissions (e.g. 400).

Notice above, that the values for the clientId and the clientSecret keys (lines 3 & 4, respectively) must match the values that were auto generated in the Credential section of the OpenID Console.

ßuild-Run

If you happen to have not stopped the Spring-boot application gracefully, the script show next will identify and kill your Spring-boot application.

Then, it compiles and executes the app by simply "sourcing" the script (w/o an extension, named:

ok

After killing the errant Spring-boot app, the ok script makes a delegating call to:

mvn spring-boot:run

BTW, you can modify Line 3 in the above script to point to a fragment-of-a-name of any runtime image/process (ps, or process status).

Invocation

The browser URL/link for ingress into the OpenIDConnect-protected demo app is (by configurable design):

http://localhost:8081/google-login

Addendum

These links originate with Google; however, they represent best-practices for the OAuth2 topic.

https://developers.google.com/identity/protocols/OpenIDConnect#consentpageexperience

 $https://developers.google.com/identity/protocols/OAuth2?hl=en_US$

https://openid.net/connect/

https://developers.google.com/identity/protocols/OpenIDConnect

https://github.com/eugenp/tutorials/tree/master/spring-security-openid

https://console.developers.google.com/apis/credentials?project=firstproject-98293&folder&organizationId

https://console.developers.google.com/apis/dashboard?project=firstproject-98293

https://developers.google.com/identity/protocols/OpenIDConnect#validating an idtoken