# Authorizing Access to the API



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#### Client Credentials Flow

Machine to machine communication

No human involved: no username/password

Can be used to obtain access tokens using client credentials

Must only be used by **confidential** clients (because a public client cannot safely store the client secret)



#### Client Credentials Flow

Client

**Authorization Server** 



## Client Credentials Flow

Learn how to use the Client Credentials flow from ASP .NET MVC



# Can't We Use This in an Angular Application?



The thing with security is that a lot of approaches will work, but most are not a good idea

# Implicit Flow

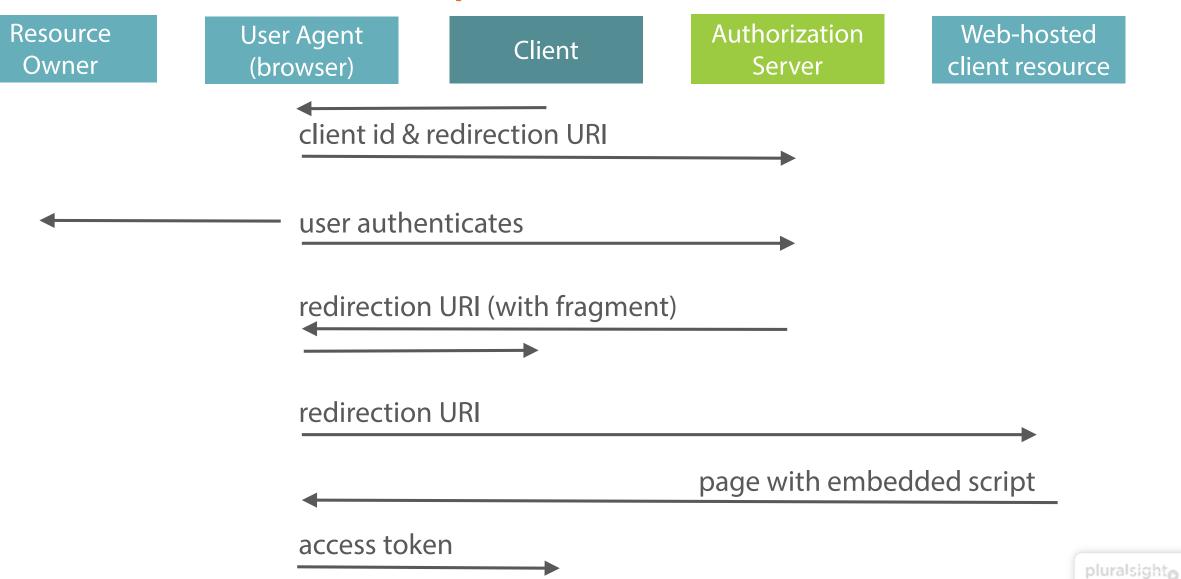
Optimized for **public** clients at predefined redirection uri (but it can be used by confidential clients as well)

Can be used to obtain access tokens ... but no refresh tokens

No client authentication (a public client can't safely store the secret anyway)



# Implicit Flow



# Implicit Flow

Learn how to use the Implicit Flow from Angular



# Automatically Adding an Authorization Header in Angular

Learn how to improve on the previous demo by using an interceptor



#### **Authorization Code Flow**

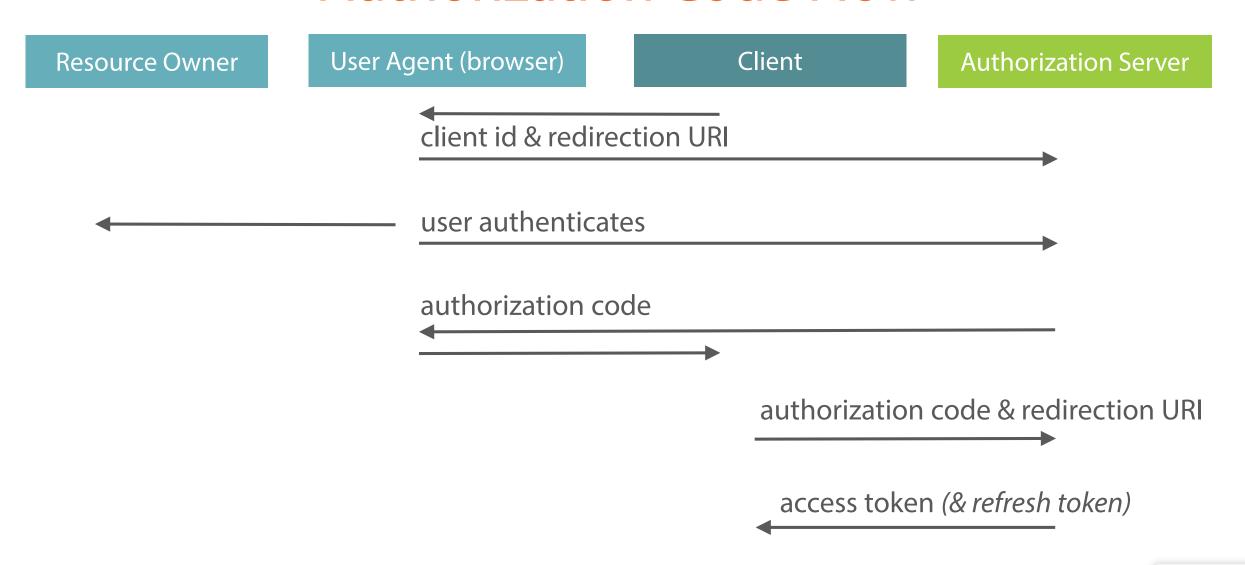
Optimized for **confidential** clients (but it can be used by public clients as well)

Can be used to obtain access tokens and refresh tokens

Includes a client authentication step



#### **Authorization Code Flow**



# **Authorization Code Flow**

Learn how to use the Authorization Code Flow from ASP .NET MVC



#### Resource Owner Password Credentials Flow

The client must be capable of obtaining the **resource owner's credentials** 

(typically through an in-app login screen)

Only for **trusted** applications

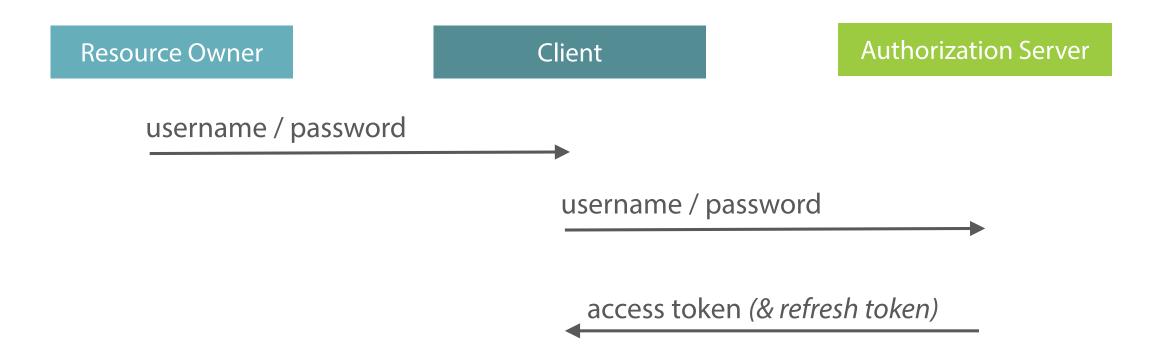
Can be used to obtain access tokens and refresh tokens, and includes a client authentication step

Greater risk than the other flows

Only use this if other flows aren't viable!



#### Resource Owner Password Credentials Flow



# Resource Owner Password Credentials Flow – Part 1

Learn how to use the Resource Owner Password Credentials Flow from Angular



# Angular and Cross-Origin Resource Sharing

Browser security prevents a web page from making AJAX requests to **another domain** 

Cross-origin Resource Sharing (**CORS**) is a W3C standard that allows a server to relax the same-origin policy

Origin: <a href="http://example.com">http://example.com</a>

http://example.net
Different domain

http://example.com:9000/foo.html Different port

https://example.com/foo.html Different scheme

http://www.example.com/foo.html
Different subdomain

# Resource Owner Password Credentials Flow – Part 2

Learn how to use the Resource Owner Password Credentials Flow from Angular



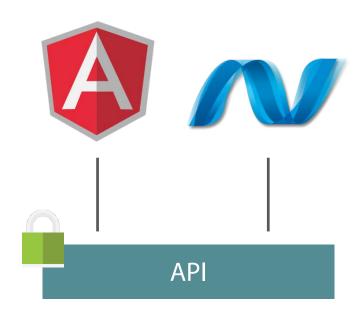
## Summary



# OAuth 2.0 describes **4 different flows** to achieve authorization

- Client Credentials Flow
- Implicit Flow
- Authorization Code Flow
- Resource Owner Password Credentials Flow

# Summary



We know nothing about the user
We are not signed in
...does signing in even make
sense?

We need a different kind of token