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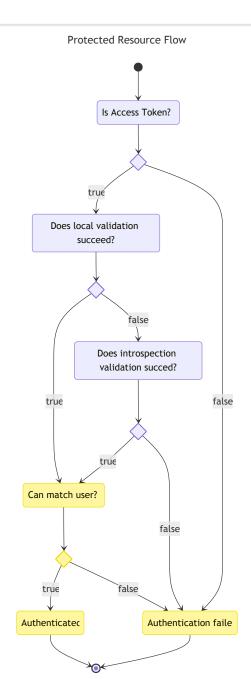
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- Abstracted Mapping of JWTs to iRODS users
- Previously built-in mapping now plugins
 - user_attribute_mapping -> libirods_http_api_plugin-local_file.so
 - irods_user_claim -> libirods_http_api_plugin-user_claim.so
- Flexible mapping
 - e.g. query an external service for the mappings

User Mapping - Overview







- Simple C interface
- Full documentation in *interface.h*

```
1 /// Initializes the user mapping plugin.
2 int user_mapper_init(const char* _args);
3
4 /// Matches the given information to a user.
5 int user_mapper_match(const char* _param, char** _match);
6
7 /// Frees a C-string generated from the user mapping plugin.
8 void user_mapper_free(char* _data);
9
10 /// Executes clean-up for the user mapping plugin.
11 int user_mapper_close();
```

User Mapping - Local File Configuration Example



```
New
Configuration
```

```
2 // Defines relevant information related to the User Mapping plugin system.
3 // Allows for the selection and configuration of the plugin.
4 "user_mapping": {
5    // The full path to the desired plugin to load.
6    "plugin_path": "/some/path/libirods_http_api_plugin-local_file.so",
7
8    // The configuration information required by
9    // the selected plugin to execute properly.
10    "configuration": {
11        "file_path": "/some-file.json"
12    }
13  }
14 ...
```



```
1 {
2     "rodsAlice": {
3         "email": "alice@example.org",
4         "sub": "123-abc-456-xyz"
5     },
6     "rodsBob": {
7         "email": "bob@example.org",
8         "phone": "56709"
9     }
10 }
```

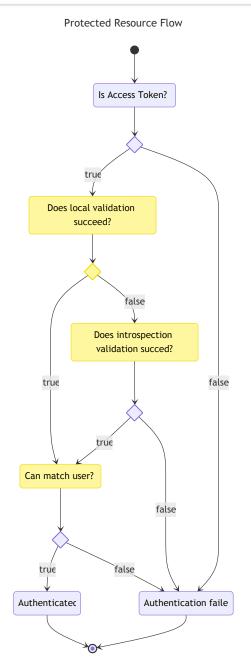
Local File Mapping Example



```
Old
2 "irods_user_claim": "irods_username"
Configuration 3 ...
```

Local JWT Access Token Validation







- Validate Tokens locally using JWKs
- Similar to access token introspection
- Retrieve JWKs on first validation attempt
 - Minimal communication to OpenID Provider
- Support for more OpenID Providers

Local JWT Access Token Validation - Supported Algorithms



"alg" Param Value	Digital Signature or MAC Algorithm	Implementation Requirements
HS256	HMAC using SHA-256	Required
HS384	HMAC using SHA-384	Optional
HS512	HMAC using SHA-512	Optional
RS256	RSASSA-PKCS1-v1_5 using SHA-256	Recommended
RS384	RSASSA-PKCS1-v1_5 using SHA-384	Optional
RS512	RSASSA-PKCS1-v1_5 using	Optional
ES256	ECDSA using P-256 and SHA-256	Recommended+
ES384	ECDSA using P-384 and SHA-384	Optional
ES512	ECDSA using P-521 and SHA-512	Optional
PS256	RSASSA-PSS using SHA-256 and MGF1 with SHA-256	Optional
PS384	RSASSA-PSS using SHA-384 and MGF1 with SHA-384	Optional
PS512	RSASSA-PSS using SHA-512 and MGF1 with SHA-512	Optional
none	No digital signature or MAC performed	 Optional

Table in Section 3.1 from JWA RFC 7518



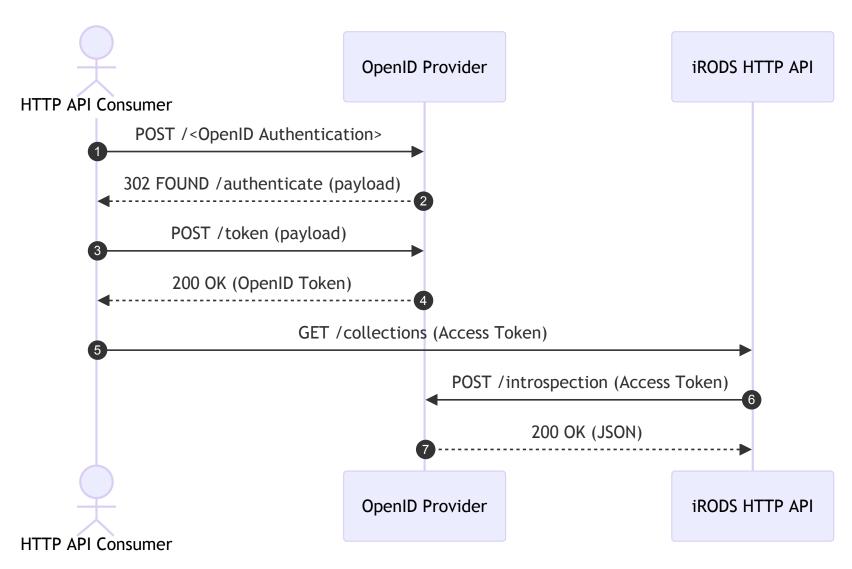
• Some OpenID providers may not use *client_secret* for symmetric ID

Tokens

- Allow for non-standard client secrets (nonstandard_id_token_secret)
- JWT Profile for OAuth 2.0 Access Tokens (RFC 9068)
 - Allow for "jwt" vs strictly "at+jwt" in "typ" header

HTTP API as an OAuth 2.0 Protected Resource

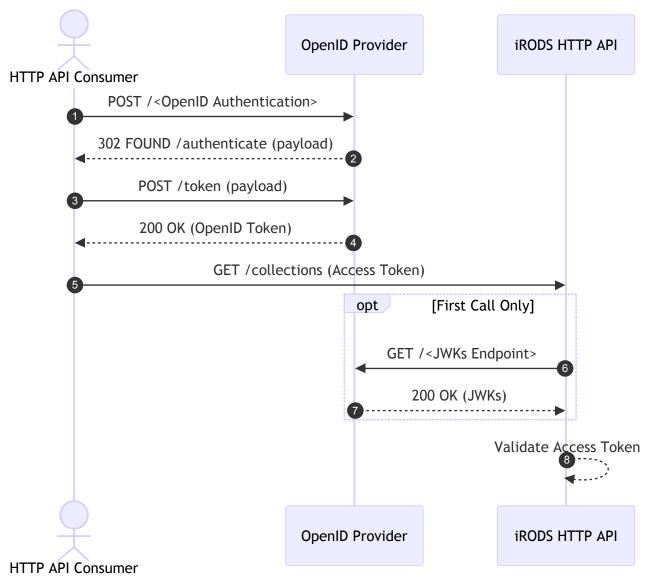




Example of Protected Resource Communications

HTTP API Local Validation





Example of Local Validation



Demo

Future Improvements



- Encrypted JWTs
 - Depends on jwt-cpp library
- Fix timeout issue on some Providers
- Depend on OAuth 2.0 specs only
 - If enough providers support RFC 8414
- Allow configurable Access Token inspection
- Remove Client Mode
- Re-retrieve JWKs when possibly out of date
- Community suggestions

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