



Explain it to me like I'm 5: OAuth 2

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Goals

In the simplest way possible, I hope you will learn about...



When & why: OAuth2 & OpenID Connect



Concepts: OAuth2 & OpenID Connect



How to protect your apps



Demos!



Oauth2 & OpenID Connect



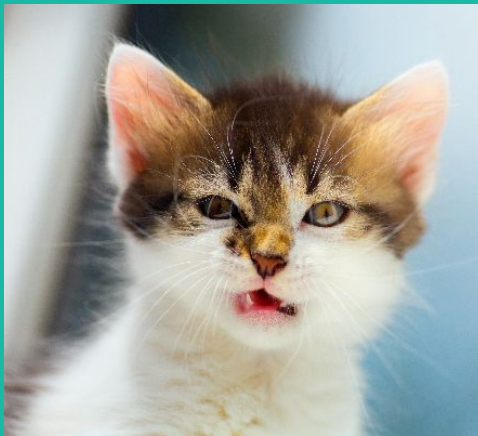
When & why you need this?

When

- You are developing apps that...
 - have users & require login
 - different types or roles of user
 - need to share users
- You don't want to manage user accounts, password reset and account validation
- Internal/Intranet Apps Single Sign-On
- Users should login through Google, Facebook, Github, (Some Other Site™)
- You want access to data on Google, Facebook, Github, (Some Other Site™)
- You want to provide your own great API

Why

- Managing user accounts correct is hard
 - Secure password storage
 - Strong password requirements
 - Password reset & user support
 - Captcha/Abuse prevention
 - Account logout
- Less vectors for attack/hackers
- Let someone else deal with it
- Users may not want to create another password
- API Access
 - Many public API's require it
 - You can secure your API's with it
- Your Boss Said so



So what now?

Concepts - Core

Adults

- Authentication



- Authorization



Kids

- Stranger Danger
 - Who are you?
 - Do I trust you?
- Going to school
 - You are a student
 - You are a teacher

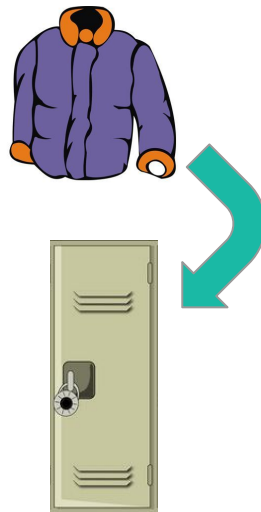
Concepts - OAuth2 Roles

Adults

- Resource Owner
- Resource Server
- Authorization Server
- Client / Application

Kids

- You bring your jacket to school
 - Jacket is the resource
 - You are the resource owner
- You put it in your locker
 - The resource server
- Your locker is locked
 - The authorization server
- Anyone who goes into your locker to get your coat, other than you
 - Client / Application



Concepts - Tokens

Adults

- Access Token
 - Bearer token?



- Refresh Token



Kids

- Ticket to the carnival
 - Possession is the law



- Mom or Dad's Credit Card, good to buy more tickets to the carnival

Concepts - Scopes

Adults

- Often mapped to roles or permissions
- OAuth2 does not require a specific format
- But often dot separated like
 - feed.me.cookies
- But some providers like Google use a URL
 - <https://www.googleapis.com/auth/calendar.readonly>

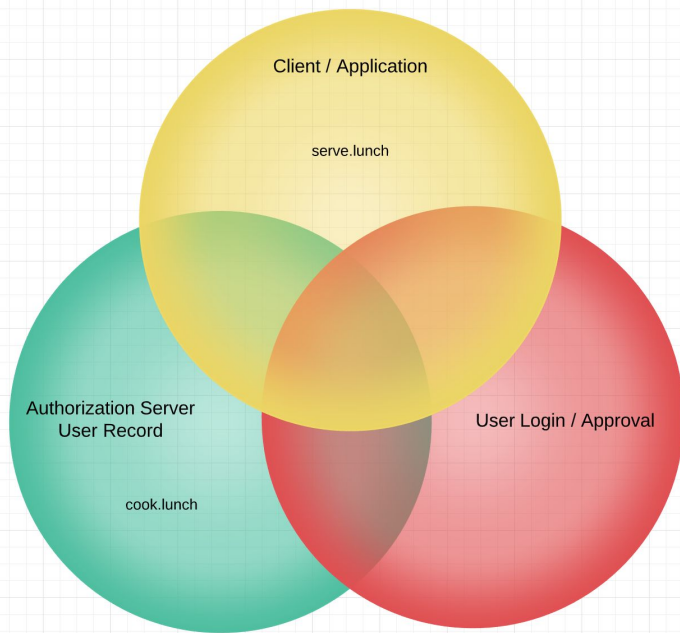
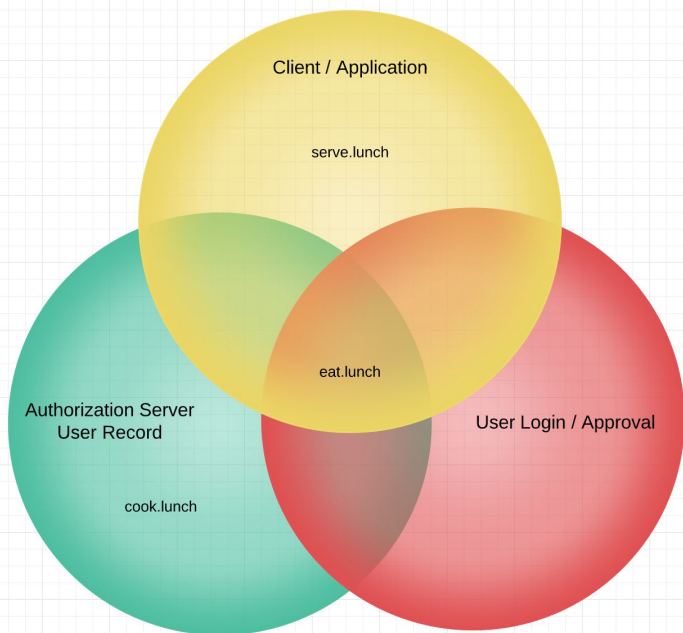
Kids

- At school:
 - Use the restroom
 - Visit the nurse
- At home:
 - Stay up late
 - Eat a cookie
 - Play video games



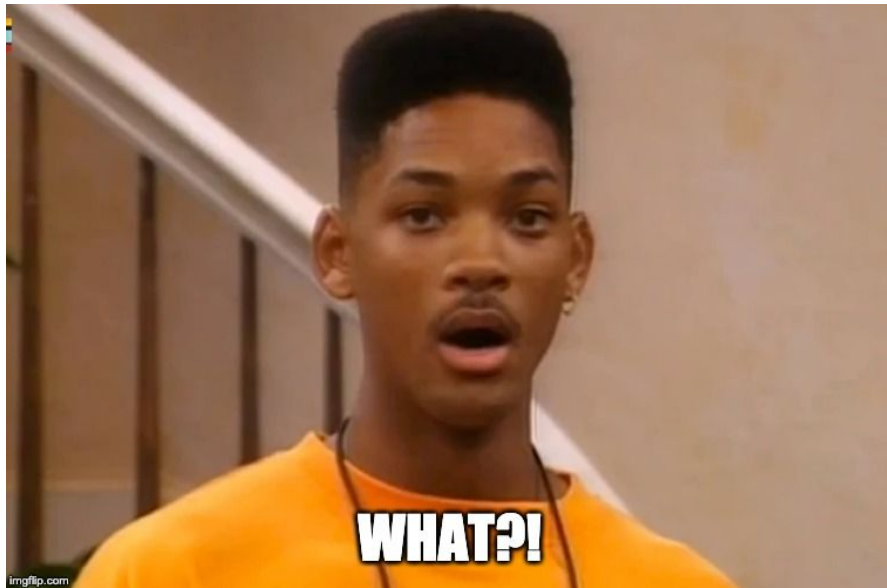
Concepts - How Scopes are Applied

- Scopes are restrictive and filtered in multiple places
- The remaining set is what's available for a user accessing a specific application
- Scopes are enforced or required at the resource server



Concepts - Grant Types

- The three you'll use often:
 - [Authorization Code](#)
 - [Client Credentials](#)
 - [Refresh Token](#)
- Two you might hear about but should try to avoid ([legacy](#)):
 - [Implicit](#)
 - [Password](#)
- One for unique circumstances:
 - [Device Code](#)





Grant Types

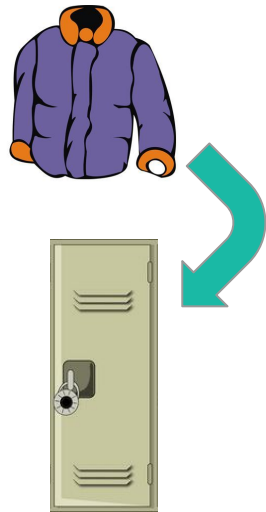
Grant Types - Client Credentials

Adults

- Simplest flow
- Machine-to-Machine or automated interactions
- Flow
 - Client has id & secret
 - Requests a token from the authorization server using id & secret
 - Receives access token back
- Client can now interact with the resource server
- Ex: Cloud Foundry CLI
 - Can use client credentials for automations

Kids

- You bring your jacket to school
 - Jacket is the resource
 - You are the resource owner
- You put it in your locker
 - The resource server
- Your locker is locked
 - The authorization server
- You forgot your key and need your coat
 - Janitor (client) has keys (id/secret), opens lock (get tokens), gets your coat for you (resource).



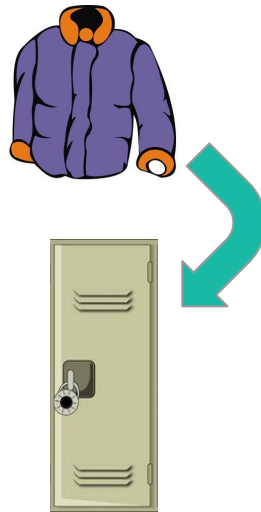
Grant Types - Password

Adults

- Also a simple flow
- Client obtains actual password ****INSECURE****
- Flow
 - Client obtains user's credentials
 - Requests a token from the authorization server with user's and client's credentials
 - Receives access token back
- Client can now interact with the resource server
- Ex: Cloud Foundry CLI
 - Default mode of authentication

Kids

- You bring your jacket to school
 - Jacket is the resource
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- You put it in your locker
 - The resource server
- Your locker is locked
 - The authorization server
- You need your friend to get your coat
 - Your Friend (client) gets your combination (credentials), opens lock (gets token), gets your coat for you (resource).



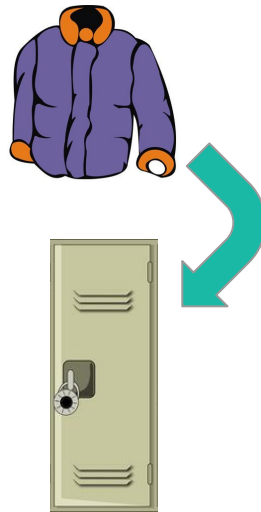
Grant Types - Authorization Code

Adults

- Slightly more complicated
- Confidential, secure - browser based
- Flow
 - Client App redirects user's browser to authorization server
 - User logs in and approves client access
 - User's browser is redirected back to client app with an authorization code
 - Client app uses authorization code to get access and refresh tokens
- Client can now interact with the resource server

Kids

- You bring your jacket to school
 - Jacket is the resource
 - You are the resource owner
- You put it in your locker
 - The resource server
- Your locker is locked
 - The authorization server
- You want to lend your jacket to your friend
 - Your friend (client) sends you to your locker (redirect), you enter combination (login), put a different lock on locker, give friend code to that lock (auth code), friend opens lock (tokens), able to borrow your jacket (resource)



Demo

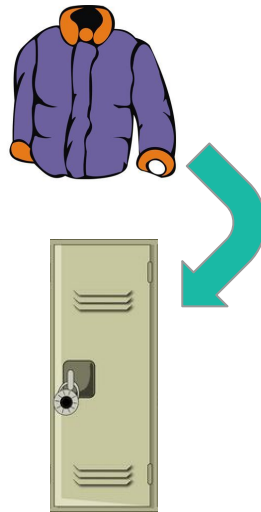
Grant Types - Implicit

Adults

- Less complicated variation on Authorization Code
- No authorization code, just returns access token
****INSECURE****
- Flow
 - Client App redirects user's browser to authorization server
 - User logs in and approves client access
 - User's browser is redirected back to client app with an access token
- Client can now interact with the resource server

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 - Jacket is the resource
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 - The resource server
- Your locker is locked
 - The authorization server
- You want to lend your jacket to your friend
 - Your friend (client) sends you to your locker (redirect), you enter combination (login), locker open (tokens), friend gets access, able to borrow your jacket (resource)



Grant Types - Authorization Code w/PKCE

Adults

- Extension to Authorization Code
- Flow
 - Client App redirects user's browser to authorization server **and includes a secret (cryptographically random string)**
 - User logs in and approves client access
 - User's browser is redirected back to client app with an authorization code
 - Client app uses its secret plus the authorization code to get access and refresh tokens
- Client can now interact with the resource server

Kids

- Scenario is the same as with Authorization Code
- You want to lend your jacket to your friend
 - Your friend (client) sends you to your locker (redirect) and includes a secret
 - You enter combination (login)
 - You put a different lock on locker, the combination is half one you make and half the secret code from your friend
 - You give your friend your half of the combination to that lock (auth code)
 - Your friend opens the lock (tokens) and is able to borrow your jacket (resource)



Demo

Grant Types - Device Code

Adults

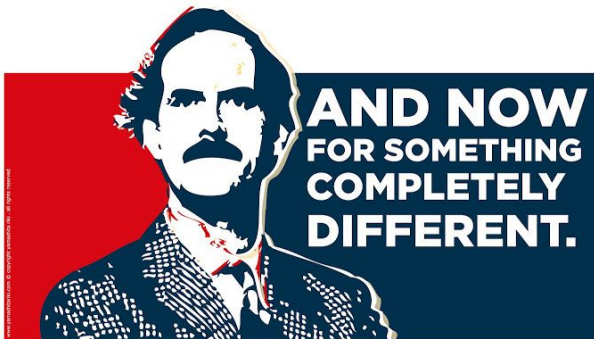
- Browserless or input constrained clients
- Flow
 - Client App requests a device code from Authorization Server
 - Client instructs user to visit url, login & enter the device code
 - Client polls the token endpoint to wait for the user to enter the code
 - Client gets `authorization_pending` until the user enters the device code. Gets access code after user enters device code.
- Client can now interact with the resource server

Kids

- You want lunch, but Lunch lady (client) must confirm who you are to know if you get lunch
- Lunch Lady calls down to the office and requests a token (device code), gives it to you.
- You must take the token (device code) to the office and prove your identity (login)
- Lunch Lady calls back to the office and asks if you've used the token. Continues calling until you use the token.
- Once used, the office tells the lunch lady it's OK to give out a lunch (access token)



OpenID Connect



Or Not...

- OpenID Connect is an extension to OAuth2
 - Provide authentication (i.e. identity) on top of OAuth2
 - Introduces ...
 - JWT (JSON Web Token) standard token format
 - An ID token with private information identifying the user (not an access token, not used for accessing resources)
 - Some standard scopes like openid, profile, email, etc..
 - Some standard endpoints like /login, /token and /userinfo
 - And other things like discovery, logout, etc...
 - Still has all the OAuth2 Goodness

OpenID Connect Authorization Code

Adults

- Should look very familiar...
- Confidential, secure - browser based
- Flow
 - Client App redirects user's browser to authorization server
 - User logs in
 - User's browser is redirected back to client app with an authorization code
 - Client app uses authorization code **to get an id token**
- Hybrid flow variation where you get id token and an access token

Kids

- You are in line for lunch
- Lunch lady (client) must confirm who you are to know if you get lunch
- Sends you (redirect) to the Office (authorization server)
- You prove your identity (login) in the office and are sent back to the lunch lady with a number
- The lunch lady takes your number (authorization code) to the Office and gets an envelope with your id (id token)
- The lunch lady knows you are you and gives you lunch.



Demo



How to enable your Apps

How to Implement?

- DIY? NO!!
 - OAuth2 & OpenID Connect look easy enough on the surface, it's tempting...
 - But there's enough complication and nuance it's not worth it
 - Plus, it's security. It's high stakes.
- **Use a Library!!!**
 - There are plenty available in your language of choice
 - Java
 - [Spring Security](#) & [Others](#)
 - Dotnet
 - [ASP .Net Core Authentication](#), [Steeltoe Security Providers](#) & [Others](#)
 - [Node.js](#), [Python](#), [Golang](#) and [Others](#)
 - Keys in a Library:
 - Look for one that is well maintained and standards compliant
 - Do your homework and investigate. It's worth a little effort to pick the right library for your app

Demo

Resources

- OAuth2 Reference - <https://oauth.net/2/>
- OAuth Playground - <https://www.oauth.com/playground/index.html>
- JWT Token Decoder - <https://jwt.io/>
- Java & Spring Security
 - Docs - <https://docs.spring.io/spring-security/site/docs/5.2.2.BUILD-SNAPSHOT/reference/htmlsingle/#spring-security-oauth2-core>
 - Samples - <https://github.com/spring-projects/spring-security/tree/master/samples/boot>
- Dotnet Core
 - <https://developer.okta.com/blog/2019/07/12/secure-your-aspnet-core-app-with-oauth>
 - <https://github.com/oktadeveloper/okta-aspnet-oauth2-starter-example.git>
- Static Apps
 - https://github.com/zmartzone/mod_auth_openidc
- Authorization Server
 - UAA - <https://github.com/cloudfoundry/uaa>
 - UAA Client - <https://github.com/cloudfoundry-incubator/uaa-cli/releases>
 - KeyCloak - <https://www.keycloak.org/>

Questions?