Microsoft Graph API Deep Dive

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Speaker Introduction

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- Code for presentation on Github
 - https://github.com/mhenroid/devup2024-msgraphapi-demo



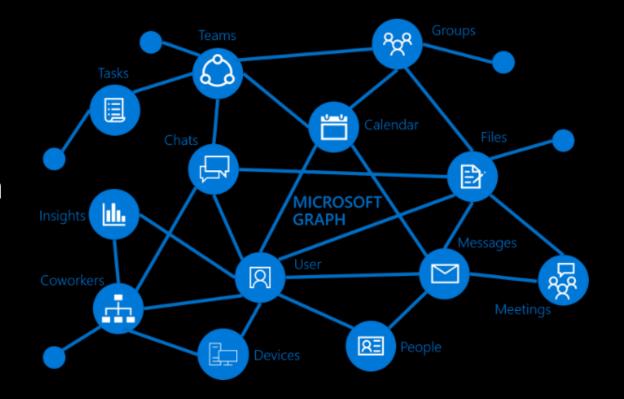
Agenda

- Intro to Microsoft Graph API
- Microsoft Graph API Explorer
- Access Graph using Postman
- Demo App intro
- App Registration
- Run the App



What is Microsoft Graph?

- Gateway to data and intelligence in Microsoft 365
- Services for managing user and device identity, access, compliance and security
- Single endpoint for access to rich people-centric data
- Accessible via REST APIs and language specific SDKs



What can you do with Microsoft Graph?

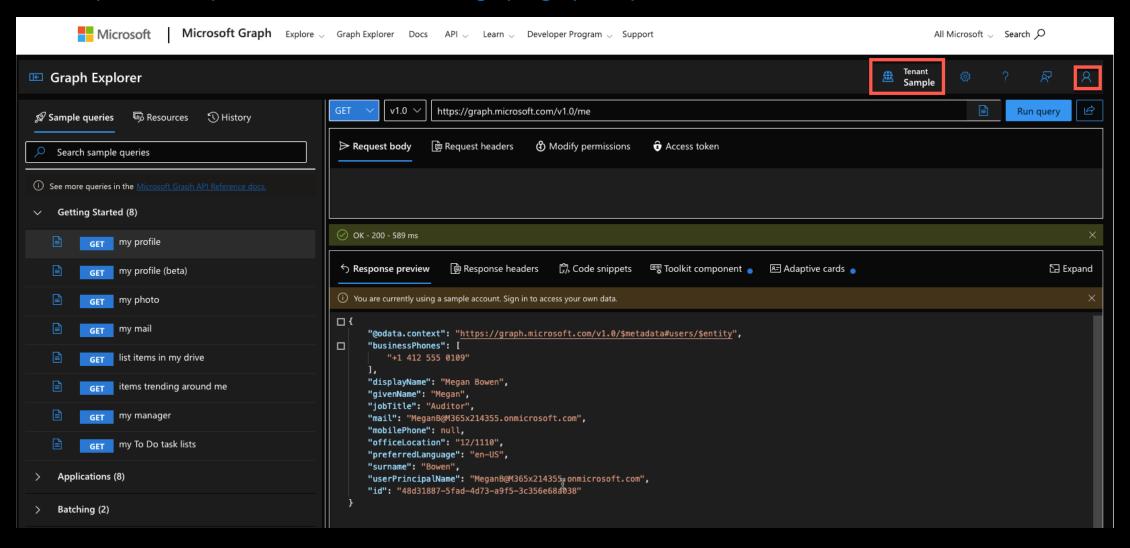
- View your profile and other people in your organization
- Search your personal and shared OneDrive drives
- Create, Read, Update, Delete files in OneDrive and SharePoint
- Access information in Calendars, Teams, Tasks, Email, OneNote, Groups, etc.
- Automate meeting creation
- Subscribe to changes in calendars or files and send alerts
- View related information for core resources

Graph API Explorer

The easiest way to get started

Microsoft Graph API Explorer

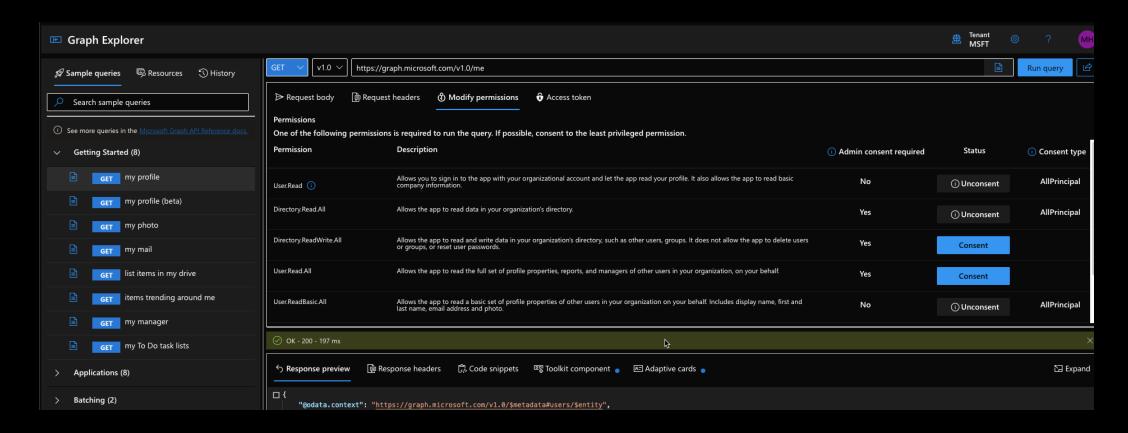
https://developer.microsoft.com/en-us/graph/graph-explorer



^{*} By default, Graph Explorer uses a sample tenant. Use the login button to use your own business tenant

Permissions

- You may not have all the permissions (or scopes) you need to access certain resources
- Use the Modify permissions tab to consent
- Some permissions require an account Admin to consent to limit what can be shared



Top Level Resources

- Use documentation to learn about available resources <u>https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/graph/api/overview?view=graph-rest-1.0</u>
- Resources have properties and relationships to other resources

URL	Description
https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/me	My profile
https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/groups	All groups in organization
https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/users	All users in organization
https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/sites/root	Root SharePoint site for organization
https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/applications	Registered applications
https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/drives	OneDrive drives the current user has access to

Relationships

Each resource can have relationships to other resources

URL	Description
https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/me/drives	List all my drives
https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/me/drive/quota	List the quotas on my default drive
https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/groups	List all groups
https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/groups/ <groupid>/members</groupid>	See all members for a specific group
https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/me/drive/root/search(q='My	Search for a particular document by
Excel Document')	name
https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/me/drives/ <driveid>/items/roo t/children</driveid>	See all files in a specific drive

Query Parameters

- Use Query Parameters to filter, sort, search resources, select properties, and expand children
- https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/graph/query-parameters

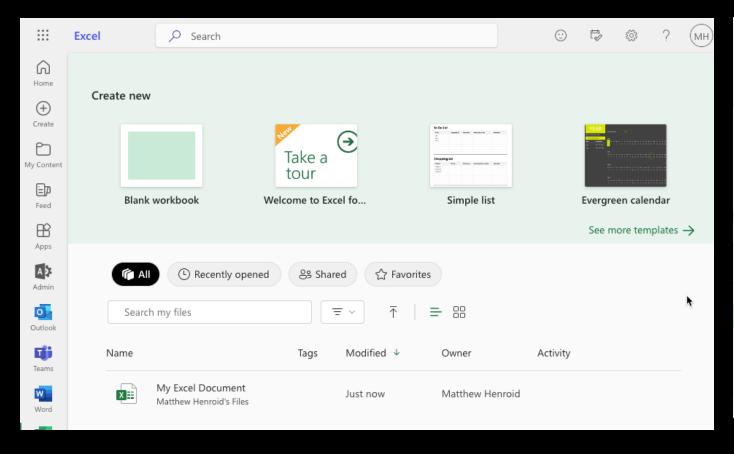
Name	Description	Example
\$count	Retrieves the total count of matching resources.	/me/messages? \$top=2&\$count=true
\$expand	Retrieves related resources.	/groups?\$expand=members
\$filter	Filters results (rows).	/users? \$filter=startswith(givenName,'J')
\$format	Returns the results in the specified media format.	/users?\$format=json
\$orderby	Orders results.	/users?\$orderby=displayName desc
\$search	Returns results based on search criteria.	/me/messages?\$search=pizza
\$select	Filters properties (columns).	/users?\$select=givenName,surname
\$skip	Indexes into a result set. Also used by some APIs to implement paging and can be used together with \$top to manually page results.	/me/messages?\$skip=11
\$top	Sets the page size of results.	/users?\$top=2

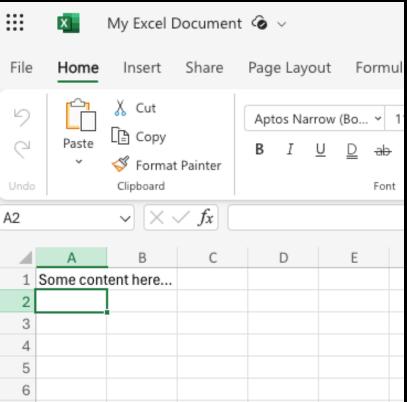
Query Parameters

URL	Description
https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/users?\$select=id,displayname,mail	Display only specific fields
https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/users?\$search="displayName:Matthew" Requires request header "ConsistencyLevel: eventual"	Search users by displayName
https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/users?\$filter=startsWith(givenName, 'M')	Filter users where givenName starts with 'M'
https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/users?\$top=2	Display only the top 2 users (see skip token)
https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/users?\$top=2&\$skiptoken= <skiptoken></skiptoken>	Go to the next page to display 2 more users
https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/groups?\$expand=members	Display all groups and also members for those groups
https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/groups?\$select=id,displayName,description&\$expand=members(\$select=id,displayName)	Display all groups and members but only display certain fields

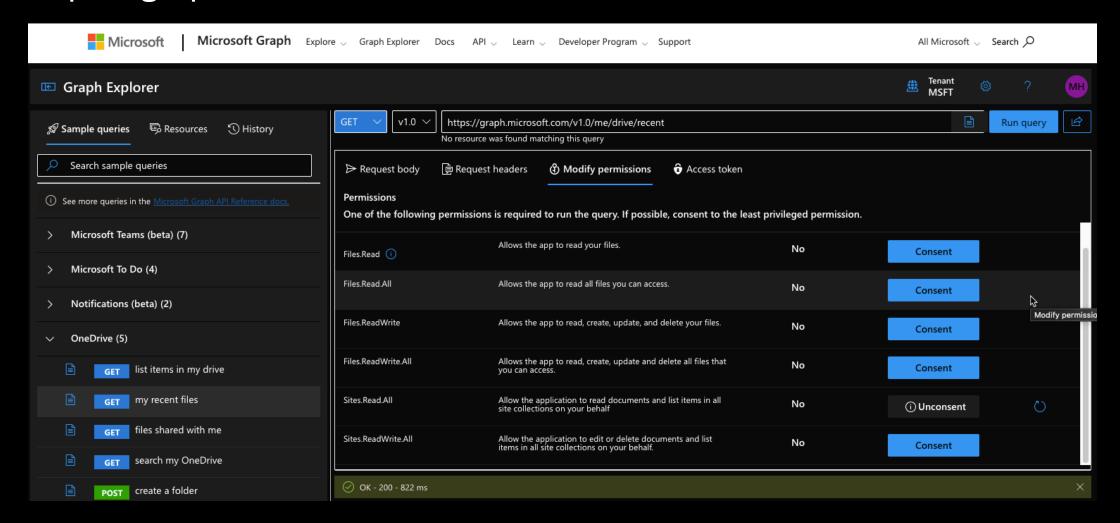
- By default search results don't always display all properties. Use documentation + \$select to display the fields you need
- You're encouraged to use \$select to limit search results which improves performance

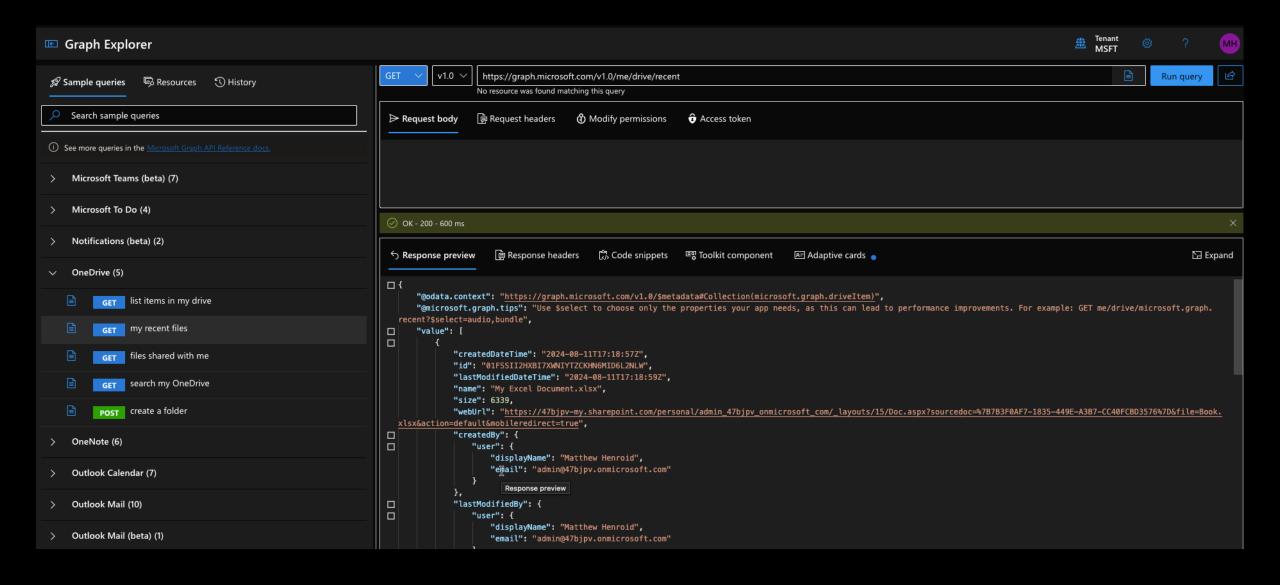
Let's create an Excel document





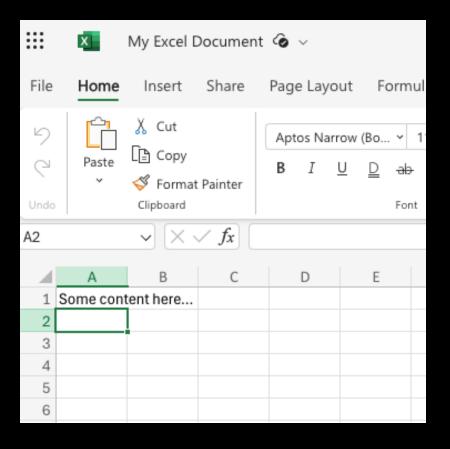
Let's view recently accessed files https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/me/drive/recent





What about viewing contents of an Excel document?

https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/me/drive/items/01FSSII2HXBI7XWNIYTZCKHN6MID6L2NLW/workbook/worksheets/Sheet1/range/cell(row=0,column=0)



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Response headers
                                          ி, Code snippets
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      "rowHidden": false,
      "numberFormat": [
             "General"
      "columnIndex": 0,
      "text": [
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             "Some content here..."
      "formulas": [
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      "formulasLocal": [
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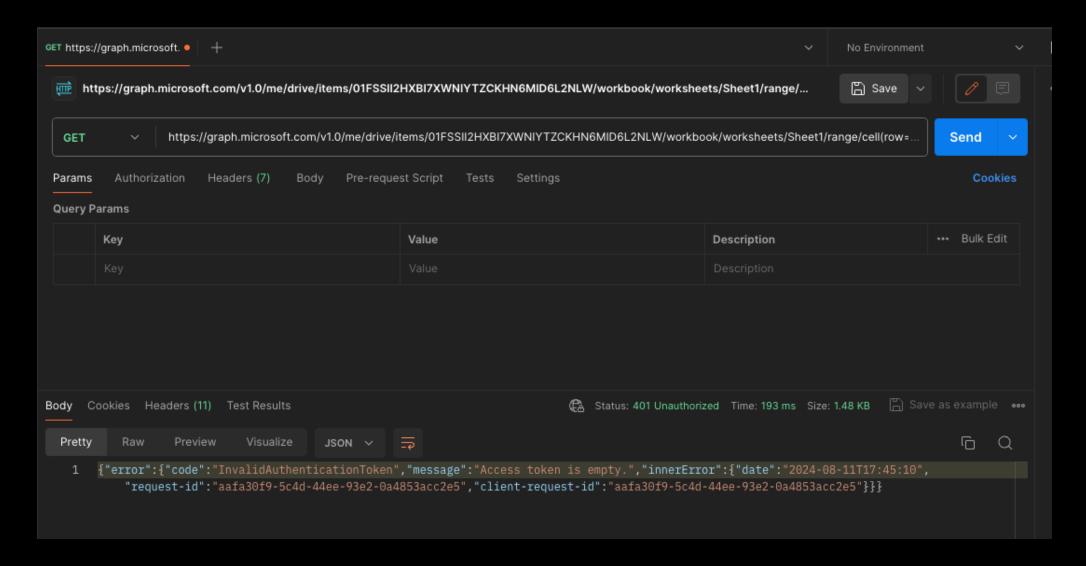
Postman

Using Postman or other API tools

Using Postman

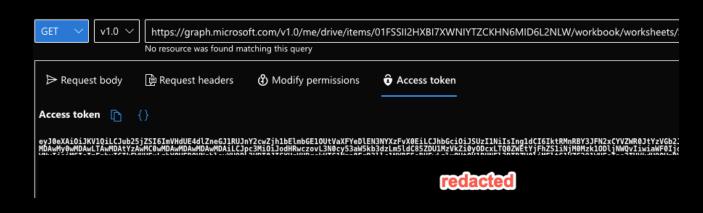
Can we do the same with Postman?

Looks like there's an error because of a missing Access Token



Access Tokens

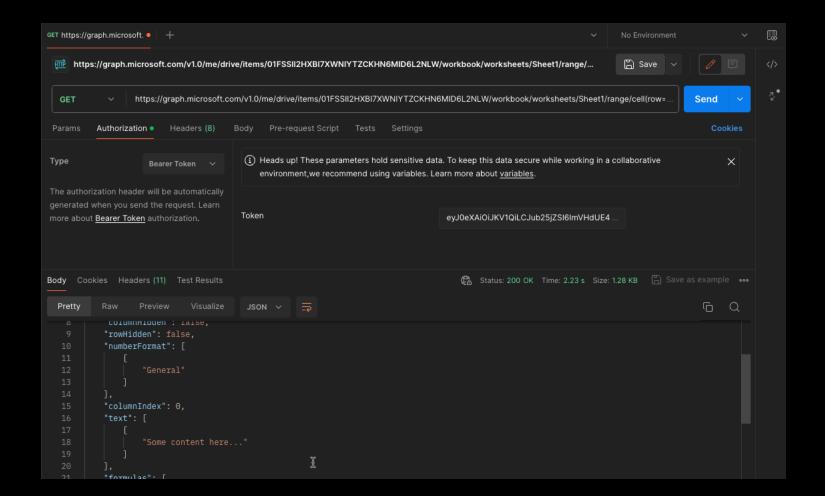
- Use the Access token tool in Graph Explorer to get a temporary access token
- Never, ever, ever share an access token with anyone (you might as well give them your password)
- Tokens expire after 20-28 hours
- Use jwt.ms to decode a JWT (which is created by Microsoft; don't use any other or risk getting hacked)



```
"typ":
"nonce
"alg":
"x5t"
"kid":
"aud": "00000003-0000-0000-c000-000000000000",
"iss": "https://sts.windows.net/9d5535df-2871-44ea-b1ae-b63439589c5d/",
"iat": 1723395926.
"nbf": 1723395926.
"exp": 1723482626.
"acct": 0,
"acr": "1"
"app_displayname": "Graph Explorer",
"appid": "de8bc8b5-d9f9-48b1-a8ad-b748da725064",
"appidacr": "0",
"family_name": "Henroid",
"given_name": "Matthew",
"idtyp": "user"
"ipaddr": "96.35.38.3",
"name": "Matthew Henroid".
"oid": "78d9f9b9-04e0-45a5-99ba-98aca3c35d48".
"platf": "5",
'scp": "openid profile Sites.Read.All User.Read email"
```

Setting Bearer token

- Use the Authorization tab and set the Bearer token
- Now everything works (for at least the next day)



Access Tokens

- Remember, our Access Token is short lived
- It's also tied directly to a specific application

 It is also tightly coupled to the available permission / scopes allowed / requested

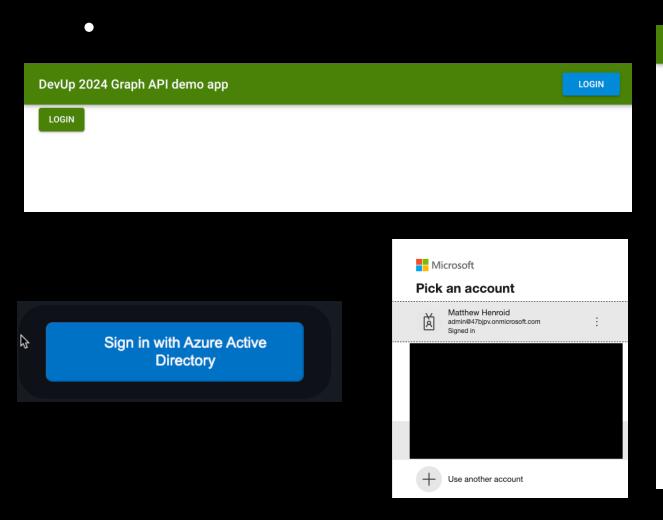
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"aud": "00000003-0000-0000-c000-00000000000",
"iss": "https://sts.windows.net/9d5535df-2871-44ea-b1ae-b63439589c5d/",
"iat": 1723395926,
"nbf": 1723395926,
"exp": 1723482626,
"acct": 0,
"acr": "1",
"aio":
"app_displayname": "Graph Explorer",
"appid": "de8bc8b5-d9f9-48b1-a8ad-b748da725064"
"appidacr": "0",
"family_name": "Henroid",
"given_name": "Matthew",
"scp": "openid profile Sites.Read.All User.Read email",
```

Demo App

Creating a custom app to access Graph data

Demo App

- Uses Next.js hosted on web server (confidential app)
- Uses NextAuth library to to manage authentication

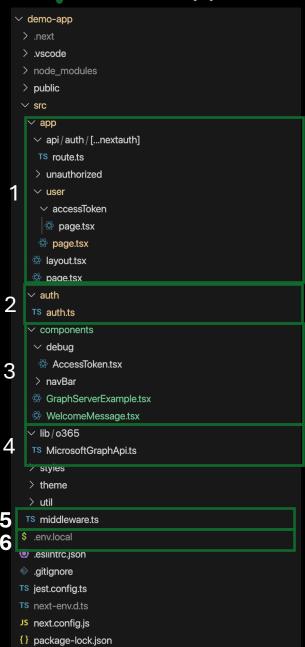


```
DevUp 2024 Graph API demo app
                                                                                      LOGOUT
Demo Home
Welcome: Matthew Henroid (admin@47bjpv.onmicrosoft.com)

    View current access token

Graph API call from server
  "@odata.context": "https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/$metadata#users/$entity",
  "businessPhones": [
    "13146041309"
  "displayName": "Matthew Henroid",
  "givenName": "Matthew",
  "jobTitle": null,
  "mail": "admin@47bjpv.onmicrosoft.com",
  "mobilePhone": null,
  "officeLocation": null.
  "preferredLanguage": "en",
  "surname": "Henroid",
  "userPrincipalName": "admin@47bjpv.onmicrosoft.com",
  "id": "78d9f9b9-04e0-45a5-99ba-98aca3c35d48"
```

Demo App



- 1. File based routing, pages, layouts and /api routes (authorization)
- 2. NextAuth library configurations
- 3. Various React components used in pages
- 4. Helper class that handles communication with Microsoft Graph Client via the @microsoft/microsoft-graph-client Node library.
- 5. Middleware that handles authentication using NextAuth library
- 6. Env file where we store all our configurations and secrets. Not checked into source control!

```
AZURE_AD_CLIENT_ID=

AZURE_AD_CLIENT_SECRET=

AZURE_AD_TENANT_ID=

AZURE_AD_SCOPES=openid profile email offline_access Directory.Read.All Files.Read.All User.Read

NEXTAUTH_SECRET=

NEXTAUTH_URL=http://localhost:3000
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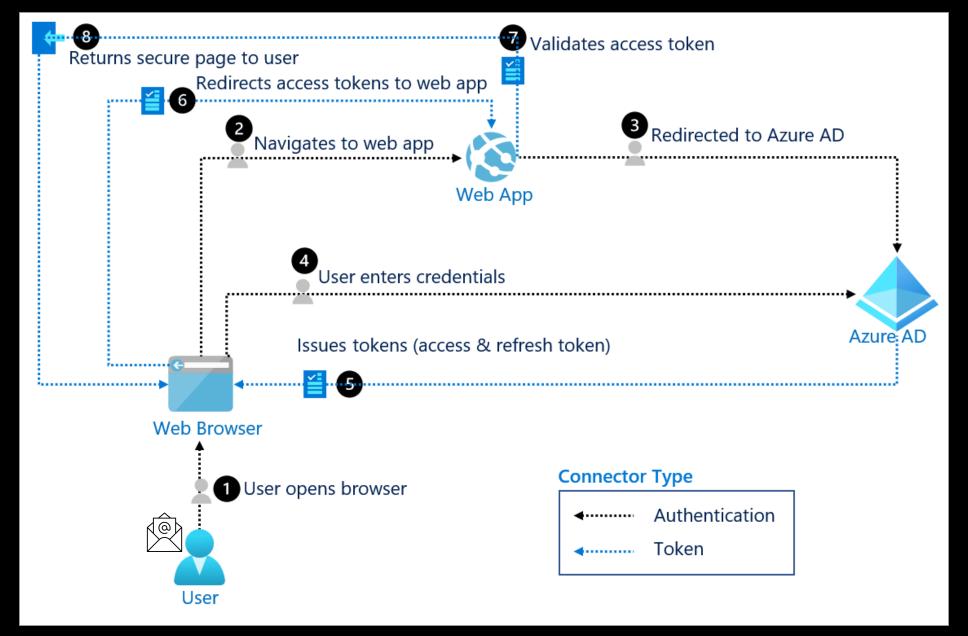
Registering our app with Microsoft

The type of authentication flow is dependent on the type of app we're building

App Type	Available Authentication Flows	Notes
Web App on Server	OAuth 2.0 authorization code flow	Only for Confidential Applications (OAuth app secret must be stored on server).
Single Page App (SPA)	 OAuth 2.0 authorization code + Proof Key for Code Exchange (PKCE) OAuth 2.0 implicit grant flow 	Cannot be trusted with app secret
Native / Mobile app	 OAuth 2.0 authorization code + Proof Key for Code Exchange (PKCE) 	Device installed apps similar security to SPA. Also cannot be trusted with an app secret.
Server, daemons and scripts	OAuth 2.0 client credentials grant flow	Uses its own credentials instead of impersonating a user

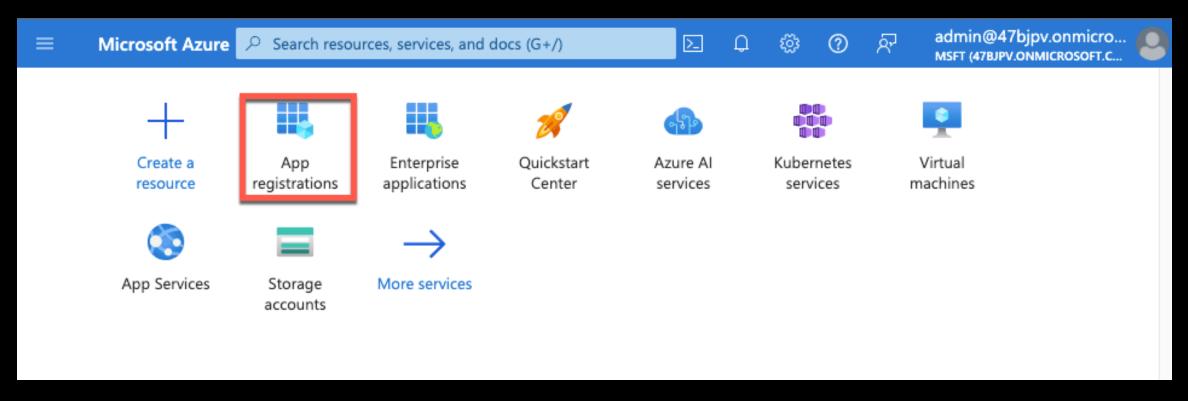
We'll use OAuth 2.0 authorization code flow since our Web App is hosted on a web server and can be trusted with our App Registrtion secret

OAuth 2.0 authorization code flow

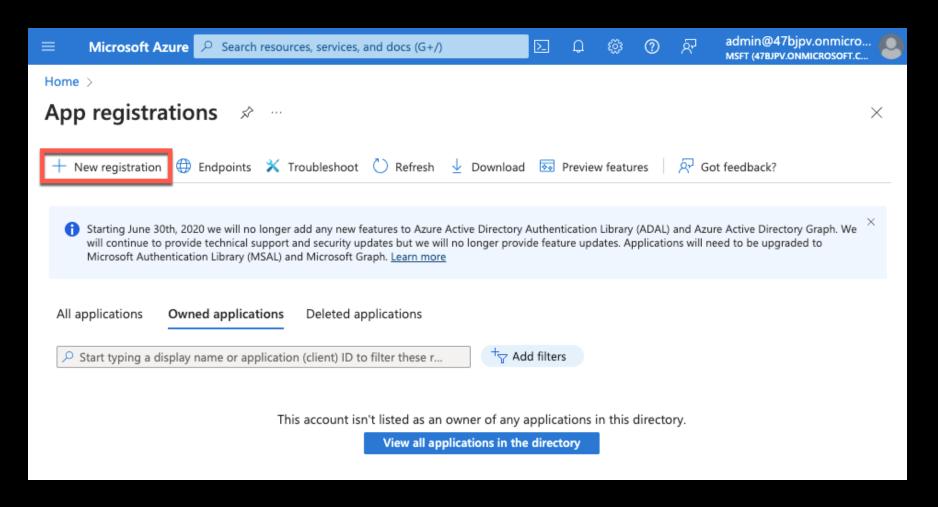


https://portal.azure.com

Here's an article on how to create a Development O365 Tenant https://medium.com/@antoniosql/how-to-get-a-microsoft-365-demo-tenant-8381d712b305

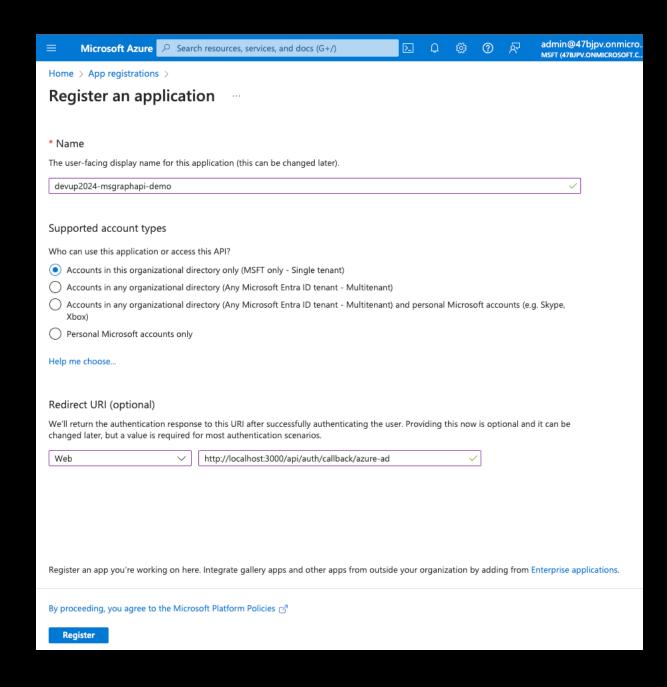


Choose New registration

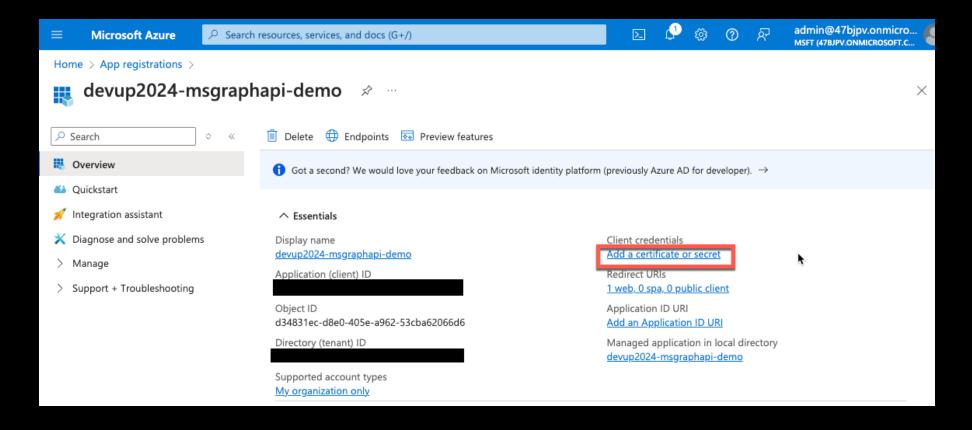


- Choose a name for your app
- Choose whether app can be used only on this tenant or multiple
- Choose 'Web' and enter Redirect URI

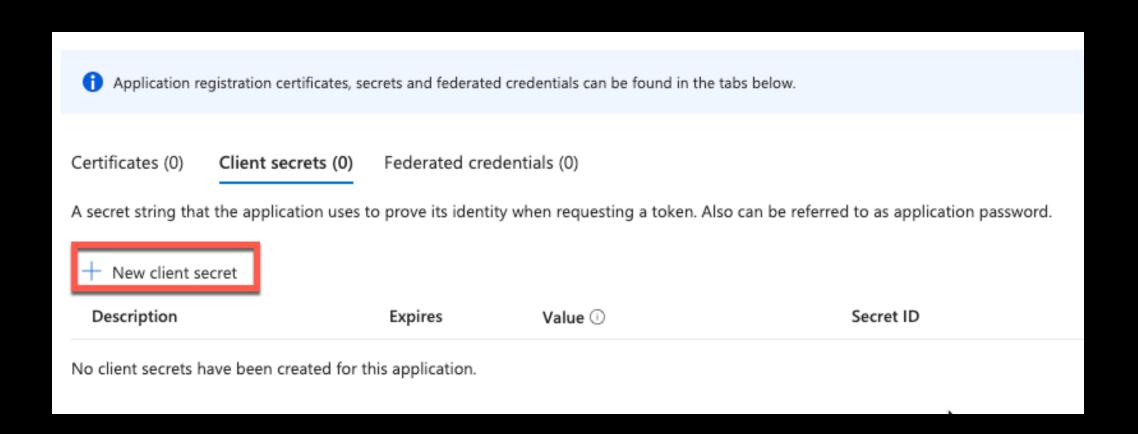
http://localhost:3000/api/auth/callback/azure-ad



- Save the Application ID
- Save the Directory (tenant) ID
- Click Add a client or secret



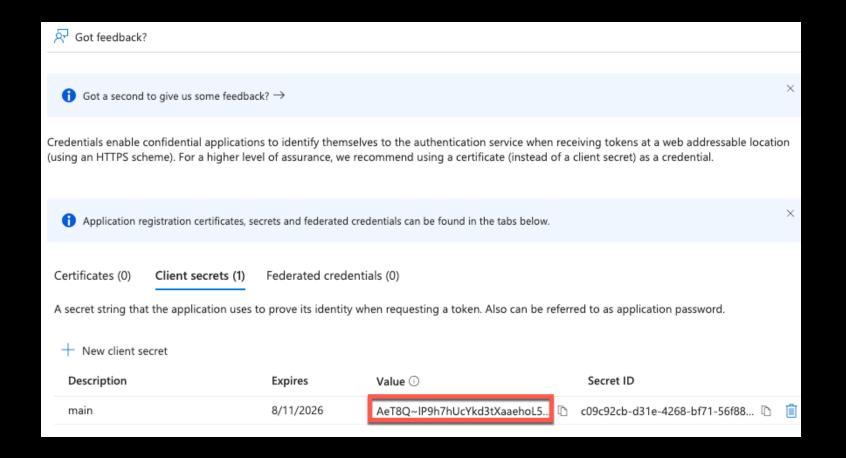
Click New client secret



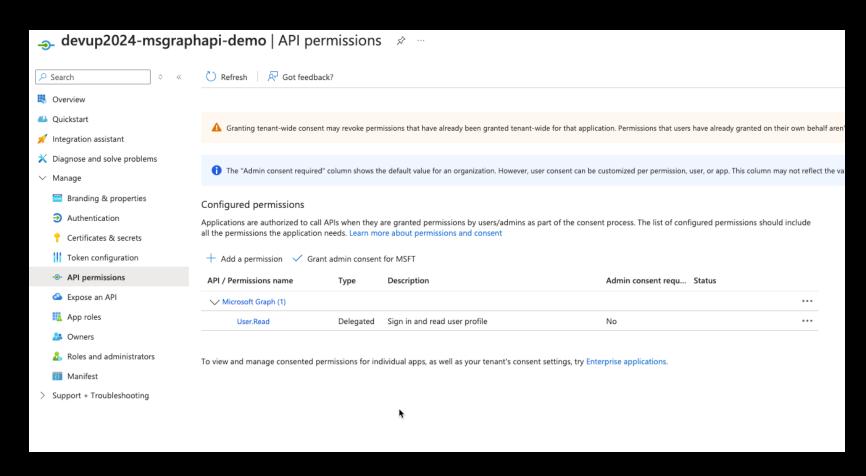
- Enter a description and expiration date
- Save



- Copy the generated secret value (not Secret ID)
- This is the last time you'll be able to access it!



- Navigate to the API permissions tab
- User.Read is available by default
- We also want Files.Read.All and Directory.Read.All
- Click Add a permission



Choose Microsoft Graph

Request API permissions

Select an API

Microsoft APIs

APIs my organization uses

My APIs

Commonly used Microsoft APIs



Microsoft Graph

Take advantage of the tremendous amount of data in Office 365, Enterprise Mobility + Security, and Windows 10. Access Microsoft Entra ID, Excel, Intune, Outlook/Exchange, OneDrive, OneNote, SharePoint, Planner, and more through a single endpoint.



Azure Rights Management Services

Allow validated users to read and write protected content



Azure Service Management

Programmatic access to much of the functionality available through the Azure portal

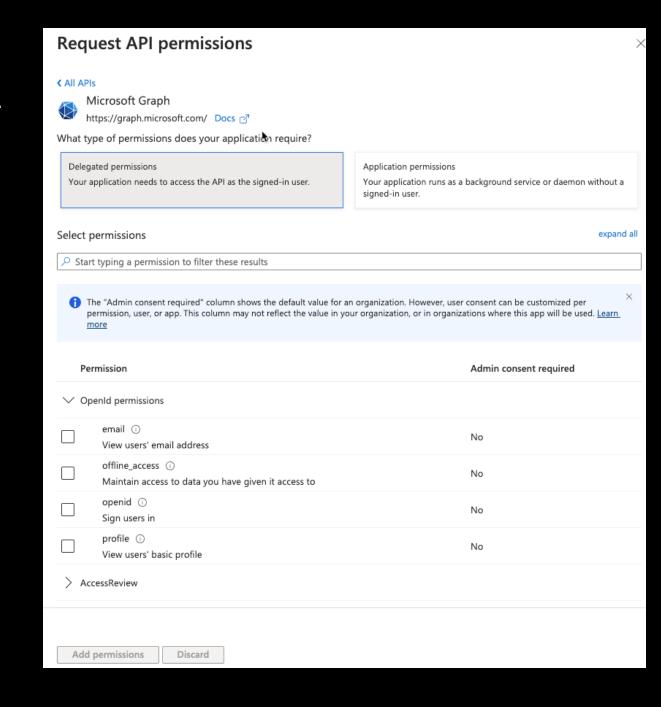




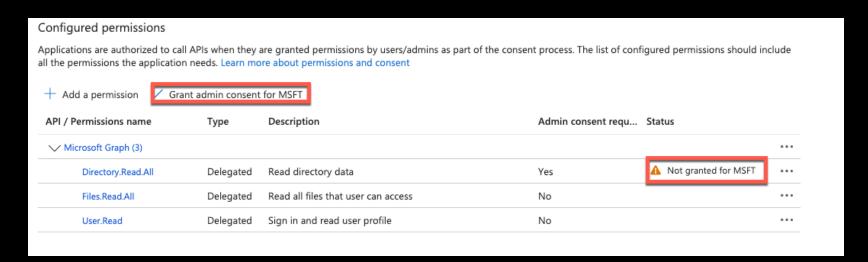
Dynamics CRM

Access the capabilities of CRM business software and ERP systems

- Choose Delegated permissions
- Application permissions are only for background services or daemons where user will not login.
- Search for and select Files.Read.All and Directory.Read.All
- Click Add permissions



- Some permissions require Admin consent to enable
- If you are an Admin for your tenant you can do this yourself
- Click Grant admin consent for <TENANT>
- Grant consent

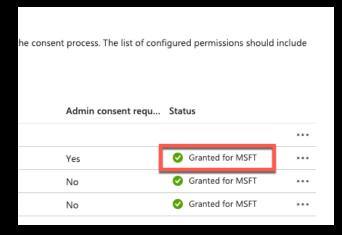


Grant admin consent confirmation.

Do you want to grant consent for the requested permissions for all accounts in MSFT? This will update any existing admin consent records this application already has to match what is listed below.



After consent



Run the App

Using our web server to access Microsoft Graph data

Configure App

- Copy / Rename .env.sample to .env.local
- Enter the Azure client id, client secret and tenant id
- Use openssl to generate a secret for NEXTAUTH_SECRET
- Run the app using 'npm run dev'

```
# Copy this file and rename .env.local or .env.development
     # Do not check these files into source control!
     # The App ID presented immediately after registering your App
     AZURE_AD_CLIENT_ID=
     # A secret that you must generate when registering your App.
     AZURE AD CLIENT SECRET=
     # Your Tenant ID. Visible after you create a new App Registration
10
11
     AZURE_AD_TENANT_ID=
12
13
     # The scopes listed after offline_access should match exactly with what was registered in
     # Make sure you keep openid profile email and offline access
14
15
     AZURE_AD_SCOPES=openid profile email offline_access Directory.Read.All Files.Read.All User
16
17
     # Generate using 'openssl rand -base64 32'
18
     NEXTAUTH_SECRET=
19
     # The Base URL for the web application
20
     NEXTAUTH_URL=http://localhost:3000
22
23
```

Calling the Graph API

/src/components/GraphServerExample.tsx

```
import { useSession } from "next-auth/react";
     import {
       AccessTokenAuthProvider,
       MicrosoftGraphApi,
     } from "@/lib/o365/MicrosoftGraphApi";
     import { getAuthSession } from "@/auth/auth";
     export default async function GraphServerExample() {
       // Get the access token from session state
       let session = await getAuthSession();
       let accessToken = session.access_token;
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       // Initialize our wrapper class
       let graphApi = new MicrosoftGraphApi(
         new AccessTokenAuthProvider(accessToken)
       );
17
18
       // Simple example
       let result = await graphApi.getJson("https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/me");
       // Demonstrate paged results --
       return (
           <h1>Graph API call from server</h1>
           {JSON.stringify(result, undefined, 2)}
       );
```

/src/lib/o365/MicrosoftGraphApi.ts

```
export class MicrosoftGraphApi {
 private authProvider: AuthenticationProvider;
 constructor(authProvider: AuthenticationProvider) {
   if (!authProvider) {
     throw new Error("Missing authProvider parameter");
   this.authProvider = authProvider;
 private getClient(): Client {
   let clientOptions: ClientOptions = {
     authProvider: this.authProvider,
   const client = Client.initWithMiddleware(clientOptions);
   return client;
  public async getJson(url: string): Promise<any> {
    let client = this.getClient();
    let response = await client.api(url).responseType(ResponseType.RAW).get();
   if (response.status == 401) {
     let result = await response.json();
     throw new Error("Unauthorized", { cause: result });
   if (response ok) {
     return await response.json();
   return null:
 public async get(url: string): Promise<Response> {
 public async post(url: string, content: any): Promise<Response> {--
 public async delete(url: string): Promise<Response> {-
 public async patch(url: string, content: any): Promise<Response> {
```

Q&A