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Before you start

All of the tutorials assume you have already completed the <u>Get started guide</u>, which gets you set up with a Cloudflare Workers account, and the Workers CLI tool, Wrangler <u>C</u>.

Overview

In this tutorial, you will integrate Autho , an identity management platform, into a Cloudflare Workers application. Adding authorization and authentication to an application is a common task for developers. By implementing it using Cloudflare Workers, you can take advantage of the Workers platform to simplify how and when your application needs user data.

Assumptions:

- wrangler version -> 👛 wrangler 2.12.0
- node --version -> v16.13.0
- ESModule syntax for Workers 🔀

What you will learn

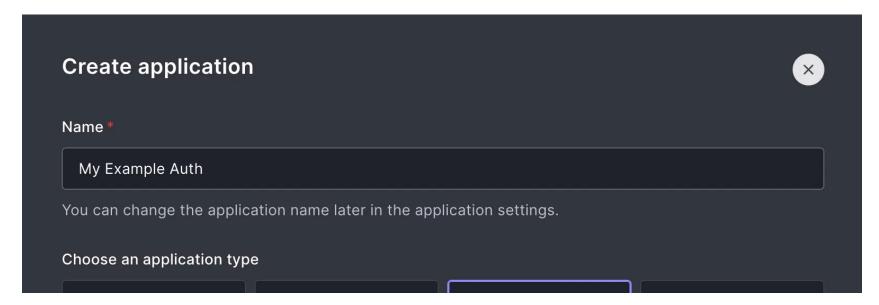
- How to authorize and authenticate users in Workers.
- How to persist authorization credentials inside of Workers KV.
- How to protect routes using itty-router middleware configured to authorize requests.
- How to use Auth0 user information inside of your Workers application.

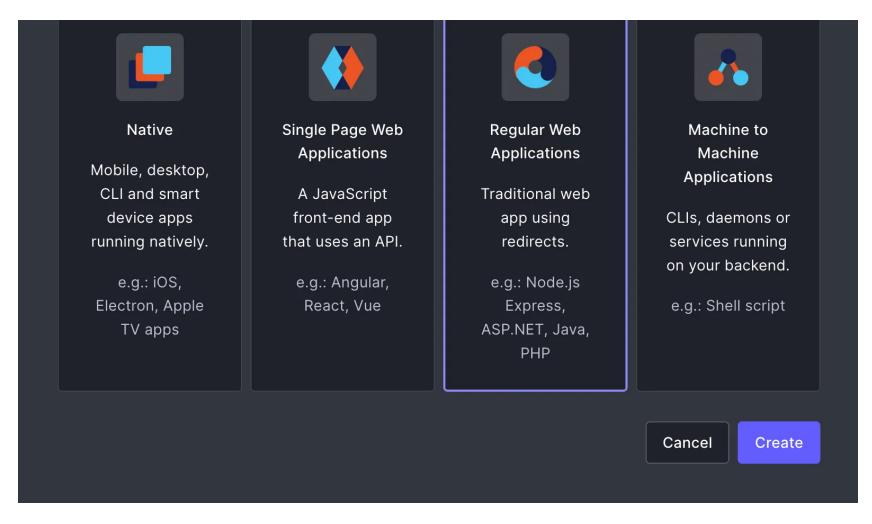
Set up Auth0

If you do not already have an Auth0 account, sign up for a free account at <u>auth0.com </u> This tutorial supports integration with Auth0's free tier.

Configure an Auth0 application

Every Auth0 account contains applications, which allow developers to create login/signup flows that are verified by Auth0. To integrate Auth0 with Workers, create an application in your Auth0 dashboard. If you have created an account for this tutorial, the **Default (Generic)** application provided by Auth0 will work; otherwise, create a new application with the type **Regular Web Application**.





Inside of your application's settings, the "Domain", "Client ID" and "Client Secret" are keys that you will provide to your Workers application to authenticate with Auth0. There are several settings and configuration options, but relevant to this tutorial are the **Allowed Callback URLs** and **Allowed Web Origins** options. In the **Publish** section of this tutorial, you will later fill in these values with the final deployed URL of your application.

Generate a new project

Using wrangler's generate command, begin building a new application using a Workers template. For this tutorial, you

will modify the default template for Workers Sites, which deploys a static HTML application:

```
header: Generate a new project

wrangler generate my-auth-example worker-sites

wrangler 2.12.0

Creating a worker in my-auth-example from worker-sites

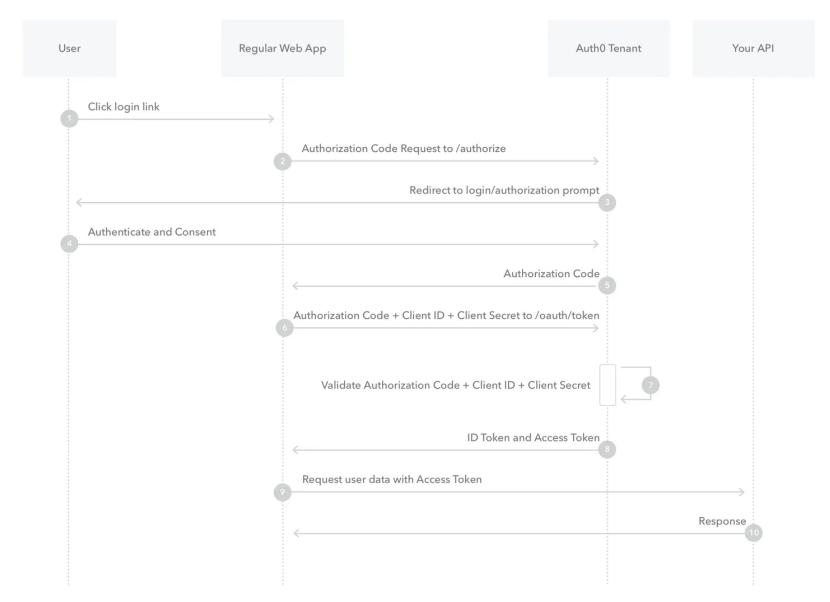
Success!
```

Building an authorizer

Before implementing an authorizer in your application, which will verify that a user is logged in, it is useful to understand how Auth0's login flow works. The condensed version of this flow is below (review a longer writeup in Auth0's documentation [2]):

- 1. A user makes a request to the Workers application.
- 2. If the user is not logged in, they are redirected to the login page. By default this is hosted by Auth0.
- 3. After logging in, the user is redirected back to the Workers application with a login code query parameter.
- 4. The Workers application takes the login code parameter and exchanges it with Auth0 for authorization tokens.
- 5. The Workers application verifies the tokens and extracts information about the user from them.

In a traditional application that is attached to a database, the authorization tokens Auth0 returns are often persisted in a database. This will allow users to return to the application and continue to use it without the need for reauthorization. With a Workers application, you have access to a quick and easy-to-use data storage solution that lives right next to your serverless application: Workers KV. Using Workers KV, you will store authorization tokens and tie them to a user using an authorization cookie.



Authenticating a user

Begin implementing the login flow described in the previous section. When a user makes a request to the Workers application, you should verify that the user is authenticated. To define this logic, create a new file — src/auth0.mjs - which will contain the authorization logic for your application:

```
filename: src/auth0.mjs
import cookie from 'cookie'
import * as jose from 'jose'
/**
* Gets the supplied date in seconds
* @param {Date} d
 * @returns number
 */
export const dateInSecs = d => Math.ceil(Number(d) / 1000)
/**
* Class for authenticating users with AuthO within the Workers runtime
 * @param {Object} env Pass in the environment from module-style Workers
*/
export default class Auth0 {
  #env = null // module-style Workers environment
  #clientSecret = null // Auth0 client secret
  constructor(env) {
    this.\#env = env
    this.domain = env.AUTH0 DOMAIN
                                                    // Auth0 tenant domain
    this.clientId = env.AUTH0 CLIENT ID
                                                    // Auth0 client ID
```

```
this.#clientSecret = env.AUTH0 CLIENT SECRET // Auth0 client secret
  this.callbackUrl = env.AUTHO CALLBACK URL // Current application's callback U
  this.cookieKey = env.AUTH0 COOKIE KEY
                                                  // Key for auth cookie, non-secret
  this.cookieDomain = env.AUTH0 COOKIE DOMAIN
                                                 // Domain for auth cookie, e.g. example // Domain for auth cookie, e.g.
  this.logoutUrl =
    `https://${this.domain}/v2/logout` +
    `?client id=${this.clientId}&returnTo=${env.AUTH0 LOGOUT URL}`
}
// Validate a token like those described here:
// https://auth0.com/docs/secure/tokens/access-tokens#sample-access-token
async validateToken(token) {
 // Get remote keyset
  const jwks = jose.createRemoteJWKSet(
    new URL(`https://${this.domain}/.well-known/jwks.json`),
  // Verify JWT. AuthO recommends jose: https://jwt.io/libraries?language=JavaScript
  const { payload } = await jose.jwtVerify(token, jwks, {
    audience: this.clientId, // verify audience claim
   maxTokenAge: '12 hours', // verify max age of token
  })
  // Verify issuer claim
  const iss = new URL(payload.iss).hostname
  if (iss !== this.domain) {
    throw new Error(
      `Token iss value (${iss}) doesn't match configured AUTHO DOMAIN`,
```

```
}
 // Verify expires time
  const date = new Date()
  if (payload.exp < dateInSecs(date)) {</pre>
    throw new Error(`Token exp value is before current time`)
  }
 // Return payload
  return payload
// Utility to store a state param in KV
// Predominantly the value is the URL requested by the user when this authorize is ca
async generateStateParam(data) {
  const resp = await fetch('https://csprng.xyz/v1/api')
  const { Data: state } = await resp.json()
  await this.#env.KV.put(`state-${state}`, data, {
    expirationTtl: 600,
  })
  return state
}
/**
 * Verify a user's session against the KV store
* @param {Request} request
 * @returns object with auth info or null
 */
async verifySession(request) {
  const cookieHeader = request.headers.get('Cookie')
```

```
// Check existing cookie
if (cookieHeader && cookieHeader.includes(this.cookieKey)) {
  const cookies = cookie.parse(cookieHeader)
  if (typeof cookies[this.cookieKey] !== 'string') {
    return null
  const id = cookies[this.cookieKey]
  const kvData = await this.getSession(id)
  if (!kvData) {
    // We have a cookie but the KV data is missing or expired
    return null
  let kvStored = null
  let userInfo = null
  try {
    // this is the response body from the AuthO token endpoint, saved by persistAut
    kvStored = JSON.parse(kvData)
    userInfo = await this.validateToken(kvStored.id token)
  } catch (err) {
    // Invalid stored session
    await this.deleteSession(id)
    throw new Error('Unable to parse auth information from Workers KV')
  if (!userInfo || !userInfo.sub) {
    return null
```

```
const { access token: accessToken, id token: idToken } = kvStored
    return { accessToken, idToken, userInfo }
  return null
// Utility functions to handle session-storage in KV
// If we want an extra layer of security, we can encrypt the values in KV
async deleteSession(id) {
  await this.#env.KV.delete(`id-${id}`)
async getSession(id) {
  return this.#env.KV.get(`id-${id}`)
// Store session data and return the id
async putSession(data) {
  const id = crypto.randomUUID()
  await this.#env.KV.put(`id-${id}`, data, {
    expirationTtl: 86400, // 1 day
  })
  return id
/**
 * Gateway method to handle all auth requests, calls multiple other methods in this c
 * @param {Request} request
 * @param {string} successPath Return path after auth
 * @returns Array of [result: boolean, payload: object]
```

```
*/
async authorize(request, successPath) {
  const auth = await this.verifySession(request)
  if (auth && auth.accessToken) {
    return [true, auth]
  } else {
    const url = new URL(request.url)
    const target = new URL(successPath, url.origin)
    const state = await this.generateStateParam(target.href)
    return [false, { redirectUrl: this.redirectUrl(state) }]
  }
}
```

The Autho class gets instantiated with the Workers environment object, from which the class can access several secrets. Those are encrypted values that can be defined and used by your script. In the **Publish** section of this tutorial, you will define these secrets using the wrangler secret command.

The validateToken method verifies a JWT token against the JWKs hosted in your Auth0 tenant. This step is critical, as it allows your application to trust the contents of the JWT. For more information about JWT best practices, refer to the the Auth0 documentation \square .

It also examines the iss, and and exp fields inside of the decoded token. You SHOULD also verify the iat field. Ensure that:

- The iss field matches the AUTHO DOMAIN
- The aud field matches the AUTHO CLIENT ID
- The exp field is after the current time
- The iat field was issued in the last day

Finally, validateToken unpacks the JWT and returns the payload. This includes the profile and email scopes you requested from AuthO when the user logged in, which you will return as userInfo, along with accessToken and idToken

The generateStateParam method will be used to prevent Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) attacks ... generateStateParam generates a random state parameter that you will store in Workers KV to verify incoming authorization requests.

To correctly protect against CSRF attacks, your application needs to provide a state parameter to the Auth0 login URL. When the user logs in and is redirected back to your application, you can compare the state parameter in the redirect URL to your previously stored state, confirming that the user is beginning and ending the login flow via your application.

In the example, this piece of state is generated using <code>csprng.xyz</code>, a Cloudflare API service for generating random data. The API endpoint <code>csprng.xyz/v1/api</code> returns a JSON object with the key <code>Data</code> that you will use as the random value:

```
{
    "Data": "PTBsWkQ7Zg5pAXAq5/YJS1mtFL97q1k/qUVJNdirEl0=",
    "Time": "2020-05-29T13:22:54.840Z",
    "Status": 200
}
```

The application will use Workers KV to persist this random data for 600 seconds, which is configured via the expirationTtl option. After the expires time, KV will automatically discard the state-\${state} key.

The verifySession method checks for an authorization cookie, and gets a corresponding value from the Workers KV. This is similar to the cookie-based approached described in Auth0's documentation .

We're treating the KV as a session-handler, and as such there are a few utility methods to interact with it. Notably, putSession uses crypto.randomUUID() to generate a random ID for the session. This ID is used as the key in

Workers KV, and is also set as a cookie in the response, later.

The authorize method waits for the response from the verifySession. It returns an array that can be used to determine how the application should proceed.

```
filename: /index.js
import { Router } from 'itty-router'
import Auth0 from './src/auth0'
import manifestJSON from '__STATIC_CONTENT_MANIFEST'
const assetManifest = JSON.parse(manifestJSON)
// Create a new router
const router = Router()
// Auth middleware
const withAuth = async (request, env) => {
  const auth0 = new Auth0(env)
  const sessionData = await auth0.verifySession(request)
  if (!sessionData) {
    return respondWithError(401)
  request.userInfo = sessionData.userInfo
// User info endpoint @withAuth
router.get('/userinfo', withAuth, async (request, env) => {
  return Response.json(request.userInfo)
})
```

```
// Login
router.get('/login', async (request, env) => {
  const auth0 = new Auth0(env)
  const returnPath = '/userinfo'
  // We're just forwarding to the userinfo endpoint for now
  const [authorized, payload] = await auth0.authorize(request, returnPath)
  if (!authorized) {
    // User is not authenticated. We're in the login flow
    // If the authorize method returns a payload with a redirectUrl, redirect the user
    if (payload && payload.redirectUrl) {
      return new Response('', {
        status: 302,
        headers: {
          Location: payload.redirectUrl,
        },
      })
    } else {
      return respondWithError(500, 'Unable to authenticate')
  // This takes the user to an arbitrary page in the app.
  // In this example, it's the /userinfo endpoint
  return new Response('', {
    status: 302,
    headers: {
      Location: returnPath,
    },
  })
})
```

```
// Catch-all route
router.all('*', () => respondWithError(404))
export default {
  async fetch(request, env, ctx) {
    if (
      request.method === 'GET' &&
      new URL(request.url).pathname.startsWith('/assets')
      try {
        return await getAssetFromKV(
          {
            request,
            waitUntil(promise) {
              return ctx.waitUntil(promise)
            },
          },
            ASSET NAMESPACE: env. STATIC CONTENT,
            ASSET MANIFEST: assetManifest,
          },
      } catch (err) {
        if (err instanceof NotFoundError) {
          return respondWithError(404)
        } else {
          return respondWithError(500)
```

```
} else {
    try {
       return router.handle(request, env)
    } catch (err) {
       // Handle exceptions thrown from router calls
       return respondWithError(500)
    }
  }
}
```

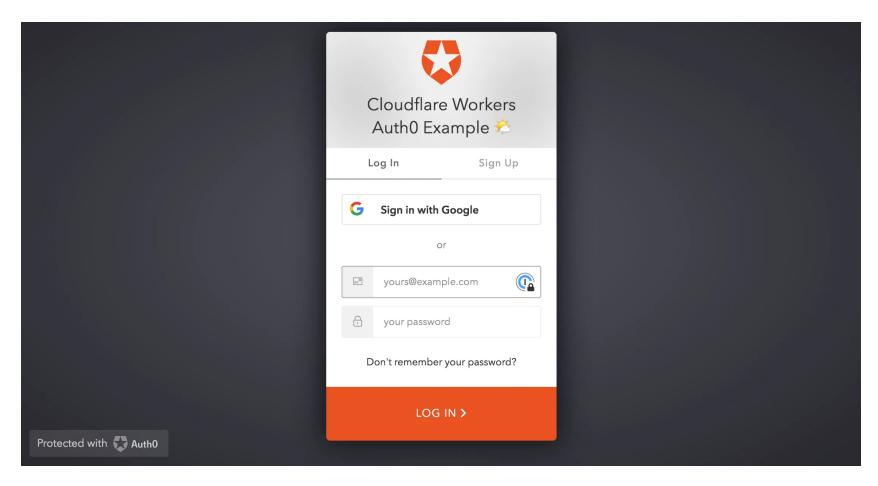
In /index.js, import the Autho class from ./src/autho.mjs and use it inside of your route handlers. The default catch-all route responds with a 404 Not Found. respondWithError and respondWithRedirect are utility functions that return a Response object configured accordingly. For brevity we won't go into detail on those functions here. MDN has thorough documentation on Response objects ...

The default export defines the fetch event handler for your Worker. The fetch event is fired when a client makes a request to the Worker. The fetch handler checks if the request is for an asset, and if so, it will return the asset from Workers KV. If the request is not for an asset, the request is passed to the router.

When the /login endpoint is requested, the Auth0.authorize method is called, which in turn calls Auth0.verifySession to check for an existing valid session. If one is found, it returns an array with a boolean authorized as true and an authorization object constaining an accessToken, idToken, and userInfo object. If no valid session is found, authorized will be false and the object will contain a redirectUrl property, which sends the user to Auth0's login form.

When a user logs in via Auth0's login form, they will be redirected back to the callback URL specified by your application. In the next section, you will handle that redirect and get a user access token as part of the login code flow.





Once the user is logged-in, they can request protected routes. Notice that the <code>/userinfo</code> route handler gets the withAuth middleware passed-in as the second argument.

The withAuth middleware calls Auth0.verifySession. If valid sessionData is returned, the userInfo object is added to the request object. This is a common pattern in Express and other frameworks, and it allows you to easily access the user's information in your route handlers. In our simple /userinfo example, we reflect the userInfo object as JSON to the logged-in user. In practice, you probably wouldn't do this.

If verifySession fails to validate a session, a 401 Unauthorized response is returned. You can choose to handle this based on your needs. Beware that if your application automatically redirects users to the /login endpoint on a 401, there is the risk of an infinite redirect loop.

Handling a login redirect

To handle the login code flow as defined by Auth0, a /auth/callback endpoint will be set up to receive the authorization code parameter. By making another API request to Auth0, providing your applications's client ID and secret, you can exchange the login code for an access token. The token can be persisted in the Workers KV store, identified by a unique session ID that is stored in a cookie, in the user's browser.

In the Autho class, we'll add the required methods.

```
filename: src/auth0.mjs
  //...
 // Returns initialization object for Response
  async handleCallback(request) {
    const url = new URL(request.url)
   // Check state param
    let state = url.searchParams.get('state')
    if (!state) {
      return null
    state = decodeURIComponent(state)
    // Fetch stored state (from this.generateStateParam)
    const storedState = await this.#env.KV.get(`state-${state}`)
    if (!storedState) {
      return null
    // We're using code type flow, exchange for auth token
```

```
const code = url.searchParams.get('code')
 if (code) {
   // Return value is defined by this.persistAuth
    return this.exchangeCode(code, storedState)
  return null
// Make a request for an auth token and store it in KV
async exchangeCode(code, storedState) {
  const body = JSON.stringify({
    grant type: 'authorization code',
    client id: this.clientId,
    client secret: this.#clientSecret,
    code,
    redirect uri: this.callbackUrl,
  })
  // Persist in KV
  return this.persistAuth(
    await fetch(`https://${this.domain}/oauth/token`, {
      method: 'POST',
      headers: { 'content-type': 'application/json' },
      body,
    }),
    storedState,
}
/**
 * Calls this.validateToken and persists the token in KV session store
```

```
* @param {Promise} exchange Response from the token exchange endpoint
 * @param {*} storedState Stored state from original auth request
 * @returns object with status and headers for setting the cookie
 */
async persistAuth(exchange, storedState) {
  // Get the token exchange response
  const body = await exchange.json()
  if (body.error) {
   throw new Error(body.error)
 // Validate and decode the token
  let decoded = null
 try {
    decoded = await this.validateToken(body.id token)
  } catch (err) {
    return { status: 401 }
  if (!decoded || !decoded.sub) {
    return { status: 401 }
  }
  // Store exchange response body in KV (session handling) after validation
  const id = await this.putSession(JSON.stringify(body))
  const date = new Date()
  date.setDate(date.getDate() + 1) // 1 day
  // Make headers and set cookie with session ID
  const headers = {
    Location: new URL(storedState).href | '/',
```

```
'Set-Cookie': this.serializedCookie(this.cookieKey, id, {
        expires: date,
      }),
    return { headers, status: 302 }
  // Returns a serialized cookie string ready to be set in headers
  serializedCookie(key, value, options = {}) {
    options = {
      domain: this.cookieDomain,
      httpOnly: true,
      path: '/',
      secure: true, // requires SSL certificate
      sameSite: 'lax',
      ...options,
    }
    return cookie.serialize(key, value, options)
Then a route handler for the callback.
filename: /index.js
// Auth0 callback
router.get('/auth/callback', async (request, env) => {
  const auth0 = new Auth0(env)
  const resultHeaders = await auth0.handleCallback(request)
```

```
return new Response('', resultHeaders)
})
```

The handleCallback method extracts and verifies the state parameter from the incoming request against the stored states in your Workers KV. If the state is valid, the code parameter is extracted and passed to exchangeCode. The exchangeCode method makes a request to Auth0's token exchange endpoint, and returns a response body with an id_token, assuming no errors. It will also contain an access_token and other fields \(\sigma\).

The persistAuth method validates the token, and if valid, stores the response body in Workers KV using a unique session ID generated by crypto.randomUUID(). The Web Crypto API 2 is available inside the Workers runtime. It's important that this ID is cryptographically unique. A request bearing this ID in the cookie header will assume ownership of the stored id token.

On successful authentication, the user is redirected to the URL that was stored in the Workers KV record identified by the state parameter, with a cookie set, containing the session ID. On future requests, whenever a route is called that uses the withAuth middleware, the Auth0.verifySession method will be called again, which checks the cookie for a valid session ID.

You have now completed the authorization/authentication portion of the tutorial. Your application will authorize any incoming users, redirecting them to Auth0 and verifying their access tokens before they are allowed to access protected routes.

To configure your deployment and publish the application, you can go to the **Publish** section. The next few portions of the tutorial will review some interesting additions to this project.

Improvements and customizations

This tutorial introduces concepts for implementing authentication in Workers using Auth0. There are several potential customizations and improvements to this codebase that are out-of-scope for this tutorial. This tutorial will briefly mention a few in this section, along with links to learn more.

Using user data in your application

In the previous section of the tutorial, you made middleware for your instance of itty-router, which provides information such as name and email address for use in your protected routes. Using Workers' HTML Rewriter, you can embed the userInfo object directly into your site by creating an instance of the HTMLRewriter class and attaching a handler to any found head tags that pass through the rewriter. The handler will add a new script tag with an ID of edge state, which you can parse and utilize in any front-end JavaScript code you might deploy with your application.

Logging out users

While a user's authentication cookie expires after a day, you may want to offer the ability for a user to log out manually. To implement this feature, instead of letting the cookie expire automatically, your Workers application should pass a Set-cookie header that nulls out the cookieKey you previously defined.

We can add a logout method to the Autho class, which will be called by a route handler for the /logout route. This method will delete the existing cookie, and also delete the session from Workers KV.

```
filename: src/auth0.mjs
---

// Logs user out locally and at Auth0
async logout(request) {
    // Get cookies
    const cookieHeader = request.headers.get('Cookie')
    // Set up headers
    let headers = {
        Location: this.logoutUrl,
    }
    // Delete existing cookie
    if (cookieHeader && cookieHeader.includes(this.cookieKey)) {
```

```
// Reset cookie in response header
      headers['Set-Cookie'] = this.serializedCookie(this.cookieKey, '', {
        expires: new Date(), // expire now
      })
      // Parse incoming cookie to identify session
      const cookies = cookie.parse(cookieHeader)
      // We have an existing session, so delete it
      if (typeof cookies[this.cookieKey] !== 'undefined') {
        const id = cookies[this.cookieKey]
        await this.deleteSession(id)
    return { headers, status: 302 }
filename: /index.js
router.get('/logout', async (request, env) => {
  const auth0 = new Auth0(env)
  const resultHeaders = await auth0.logout(request)
  return new Response('', resultHeaders)
})
```

Deploying to origin/originless

While this tutorial assumes that you are deploying a Workers Sites application, you may want to put this authorization logic in front of an existing domain. This concept, known as deploying to an origin or proxying an origin, is in contrast to the originless deploy, where your Workers deployment *is* the final destination for any requests from users of your

application.

The **Publish** section of this tutorial assumes deployment to Workers' built-in deployment target, *.workers.dev, but if you want to handle deploying to an existing domain, you will need to update the catch-all route handler with a request to your origin:

```
filename: /index.js
---

// Catch-all route
router.all('*', () => {
  return await fetch(request)
})
```

The router will intercept any defined routes and pass them to the appropriate handler, but if no route is matched, the request will be passed to the fetch event handler, which will make a request to your origin.

Publish

You are ready to deploy your application to Workers. Before you can deploy your application, you need to set some configuration values both in Workers and Auth0.

Secrets

In src/auth0.js, this tutorial referred to several Auth0 constants, such as "Client ID", and "Client Secret". Before you can deploy your application, set up these secrets, using wrangler's secret command, which will make them available to reference as constants in the Workers runtime environment.

Using wrangler secret, set each secret directly in the command line:

```
header: Set secret values

wrangler secret put AUTHO_DOMAIN

wrangler secret put AUTHO_CLIENT_ID

wrangler secret put AUTHO_CLIENT_SECRET

wrangler secret put AUTHO_CALLBACK_URL

wrangler secret put AUTHO_COOKIE_KEY

wrangler secret put AUTHO_COOKIE_DOMAIN

wrangler secret put AUTHO_LOGOUT URL
```

Setting the callback url

To correctly set the callback URL for your application, you will need to determine where your application will be deployed. Regardless of whether you are setting up an originless or origin-based deploy, the callback handler for this project is defined at /auth/callback. This means that if you are testing or deploying a staging version of this project, your callback URL will likely be something like https://my-auth-example.

This tutorial assumes the usage of a *.workers.dev subdomain, which is provided for free to all developers using Workers. You can determine your callback URL by combining the name of your application (chosen during the wrangler generate phase – in this tutorial, my-auth-example was used) and your *.workers.dev subdomain:

`https://\${applicationName}.\${subdomain}.workers.dev/auth/callback`

Allowed origin/callback URLs

Auth0 has security defaults and any callback URLs or origins that you will use as sources to log in from need to be explicitly provided in the Auth0 dashboard as part of your application configuration. Using the above *.workers.dev example, ensure the following values are set in the application settings page of your Auth0 dashboard, along with any

additional URLs used as part of testing (for example, localhost:8787)

Allowed Callback URLs

http://127.0.0.1:8787/api/auth/callback

After the user authenticates we will only call back to any of these URLs. You can specify multiple valid URLs by comma-separating them (typically to handle different environments like QA or testing). Make sure to specify the protocol (https://) otherwise the callback may fail in some cases. With the exception of custom URI schemes for native clients, all callbacks should use protocol https://. You can use Organization URL parameters in these URLs.

Publishing your application

With your wrangler.toml file successfully configured, use wrangler's publish command to deploy your application:

```
header: Publish your project
---
$ wrangler publish
```

Wrangler will compile your code, upload the associated Workers Sites folder (public , by default), and begin handling

requests sent to your *.workers.dev application, or to your zone. To confirm everything works as expected, you should:

- 1. Visit your application (for example, https://my-auth-example.<your_subdomain>.workers.dev/login).
- 2. Log in with an email/password or an identity provider enabled for your Auth0 application.
- 3. Let Auth0 redirect you to /auth/callback, and then to /userinfo. As this is happening, your Workers application has exchanged a login code with Auth0 for an access token, persisted it to Workers KV, and registered you as an authorized user via a cookie.
- 4. If you see your /userinfo endpoint, you have successfully authorized users to your Workers application, using AuthO.

Related resources

You can build a lot more with Workers, such as serving static and JAMstack-style applications using Workers Sites, or transforming HTML responses using HTMLRewriter. Below are some more tutorials for you to review and experiment with.

- Build a Slack bot
- Handle form submissions with Airtable
- Localize a website using HTMLRewriter

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