

Web Data Collection with R

OAuth API Case Study

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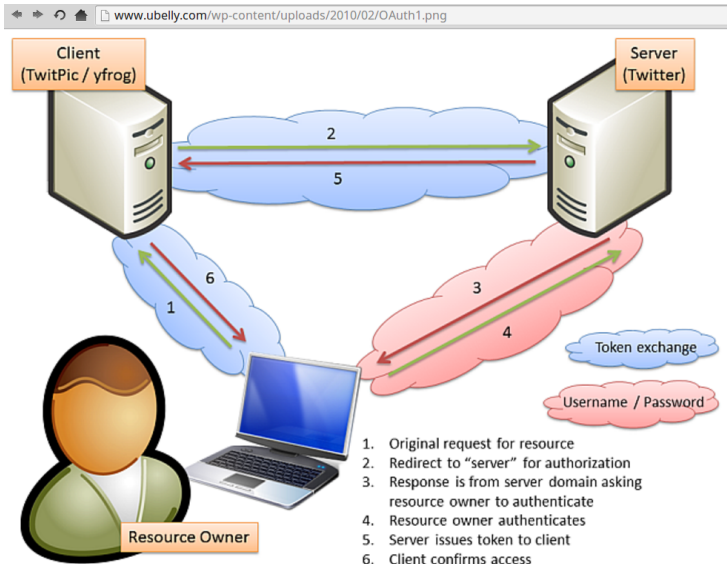
API with authentication

- ▶ provides API for tweeting, accessing tweets and user information
- ▶ more complex interface
- ▶ access needs OAuth authentication
 - ▶ get account / developer account
 - ▶ create/register application
 - ▶ use credentials to authorize

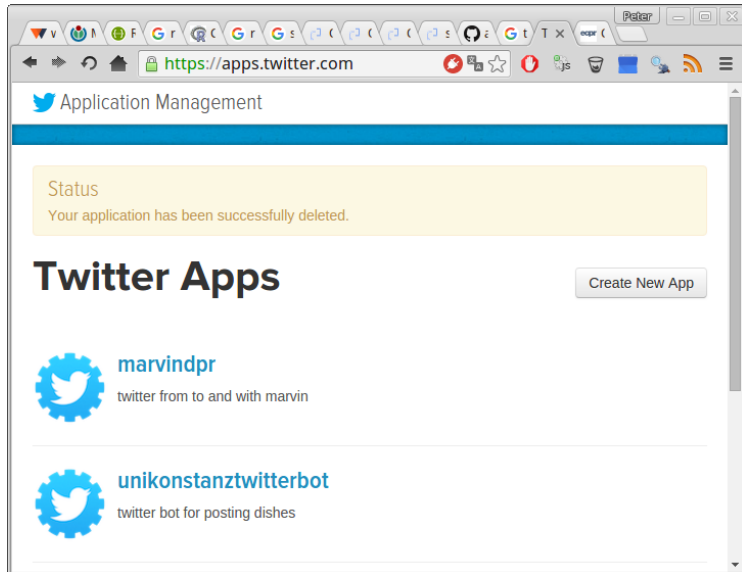
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- ▶ *[httr]* has capabilities and some examples:
<https://github.com/hadley/httr/tree/master/demo>
- ▶ use an already written package
- ▶ ... twitterR package by Jeff Gentry (!must read!:
<http://geoffjentry.hexdump.org/twitterR.pdf>)

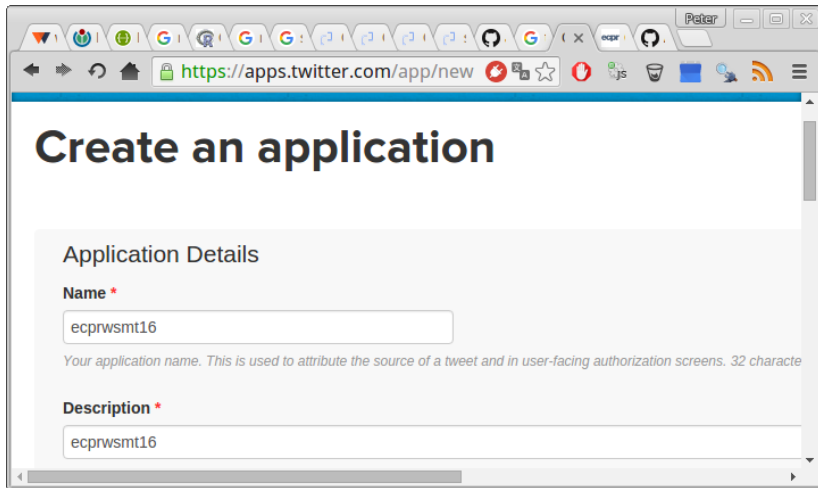
OAuth



twitter app



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A screenshot of a web browser window showing the Twitter 'Create an application' page. The browser's address bar displays the URL <https://apps.twitter.com/app/new>. The page title is 'Create an application'. Below the title, there is a section titled 'Application Details'. This section contains two required fields: 'Name *' and 'Description *'. Both fields have the text 'ecprwsmt16' entered. A small note below the 'Name' field states: 'Your application name. This is used to attribute the source of a tweet and in user-facing authorization screens. 32 characters'.

Create an application

Application Details

Name *

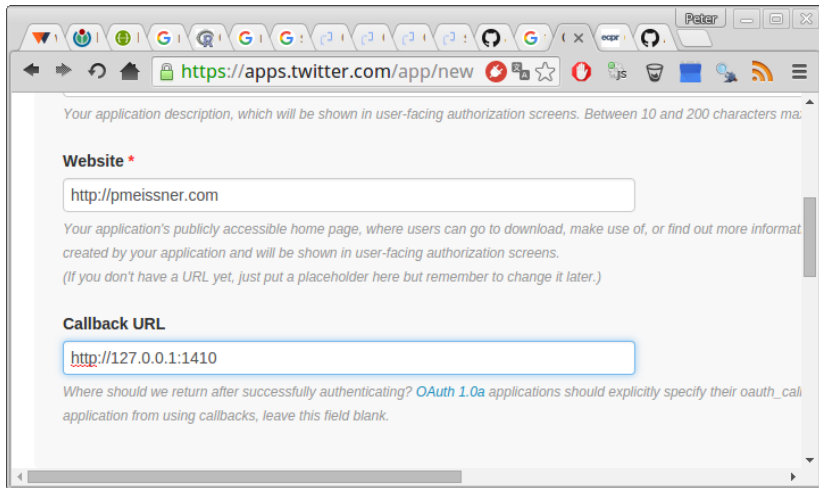
ecprwsmt16

Your application name. This is used to attribute the source of a tweet and in user-facing authorization screens. 32 characters

Description *

ecprwsmt16

twitter app



A screenshot of a web browser window showing the Twitter app creation page. The browser's address bar displays `https://apps.twitter.com/app/new`. The page content includes a description field, a 'Website' section with a text input containing `http://pmeissner.com`, and a 'Callback URL' section with a text input containing `http://127.0.0.1:1410`. The browser's tab bar shows multiple tabs, and the user's name 'Peter' is visible in the top right corner of the browser window.

Your application description, which will be shown in user-facing authorization screens. Between 10 and 200 characters max.

Website *

`http://pmeissner.com`

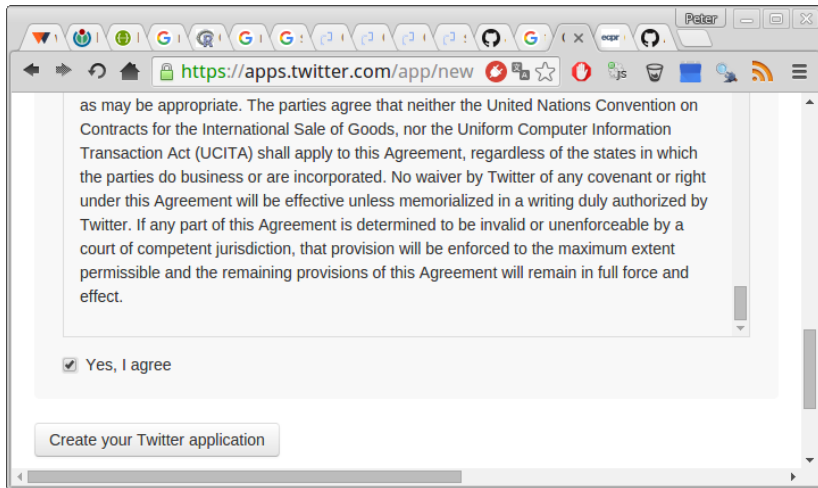
*Your application's publicly accessible home page, where users can go to download, make use of, or find out more information created by your application and will be shown in user-facing authorization screens.
(If you don't have a URL yet, just put a placeholder here but remember to change it later.)*

Callback URL

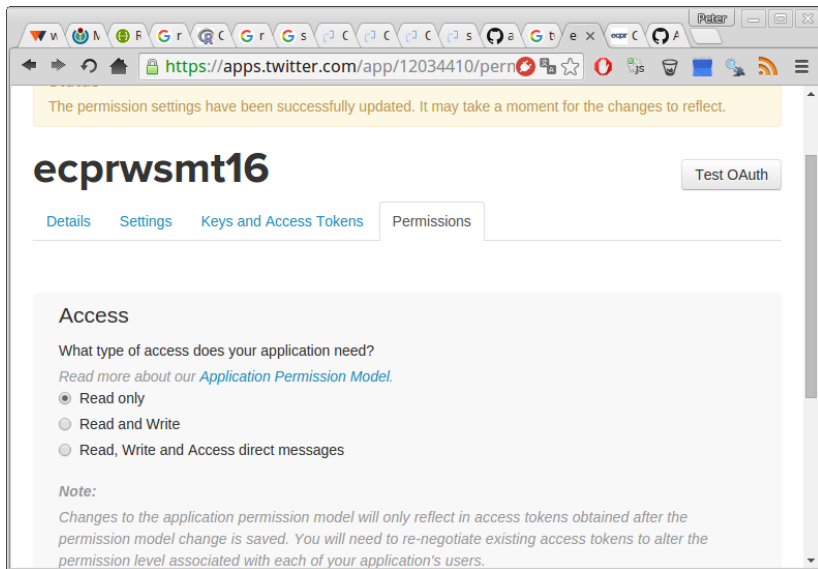
`http://127.0.0.1:1410`

Where should we return after successfully authenticating? OAuth 1.0a applications should explicitly specify their oauth_callback application from using callbacks, leave this field blank.

twitter app



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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://apps.twitter.com/app/12034410/permissions>. A yellow notification banner at the top states: "The permission settings have been successfully updated. It may take a moment for the changes to reflect." The app name "ecprwsmt16" is displayed prominently, with a "Test OAuth" button to its right. Below the app name are four tabs: "Details", "Settings", "Keys and Access Tokens", and "Permissions", with "Permissions" being the active tab. The main content area is titled "Access" and asks "What type of access does your application need?". It provides a link to "Read more about our Application Permission Model." and three radio button options: "Read only" (selected), "Read and Write", and "Read, Write and Access direct messages". A "Note:" section at the bottom explains that changes to the permission model only affect new access tokens and require re-negotiating existing ones.

The permission settings have been successfully updated. It may take a moment for the changes to reflect.

ecprwsmt16

Test OAuth

Details Settings Keys and Access Tokens Permissions

Access

What type of access does your application need?

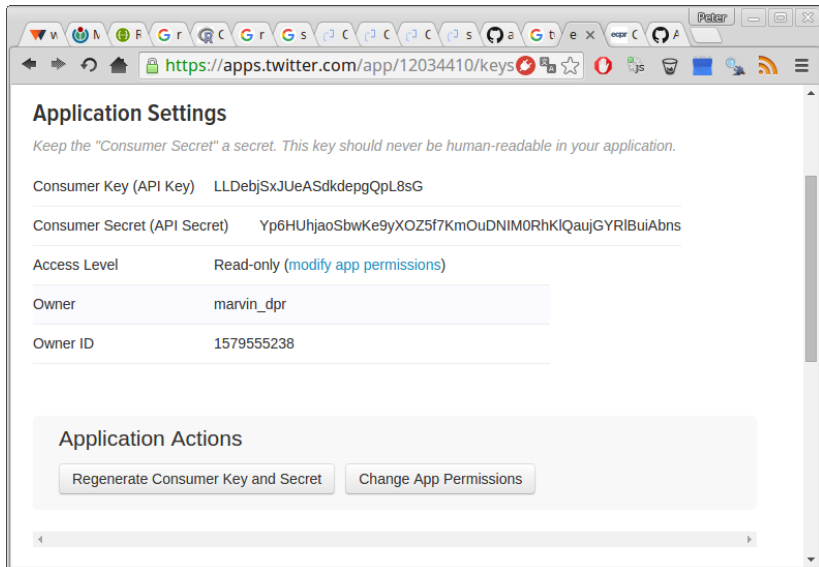
[Read more about our Application Permission Model.](#)

- ☒ Read only
- ☐ Read and Write
- ☐ Read, Write and Access direct messages

Note:

Changes to the application permission model will only reflect in access tokens obtained after the permission model change is saved. You will need to re-negotiate existing access tokens to alter the permission level associated with each of your application's users.

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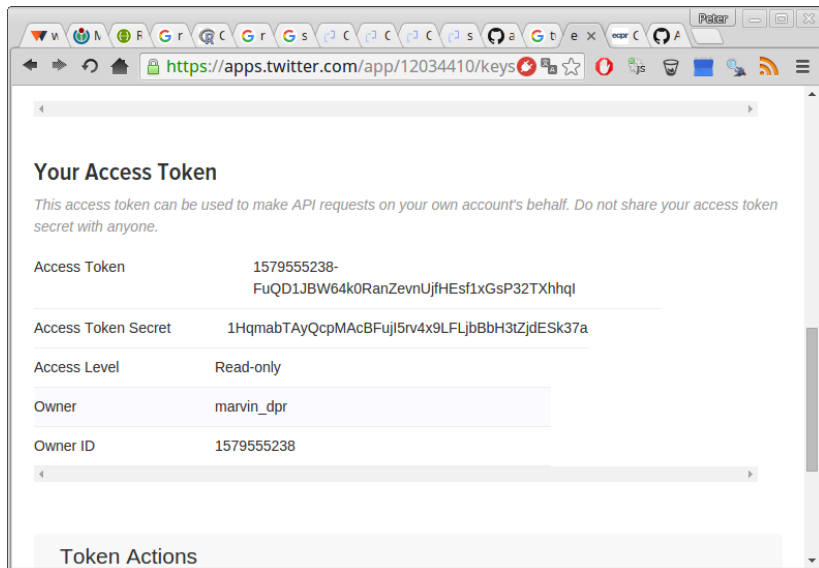


The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://apps.twitter.com/app/12034410/keys>. The page title is "Application Settings". Below the title is a warning: "Keep the 'Consumer Secret' a secret. This key should never be human-readable in your application." The settings are displayed in a table-like format:

Consumer Key (API Key)	LLDebjSxJUeASdkdepgQpL8sG
Consumer Secret (API Secret)	Yp6HUhjaoSbwKe9yXOZ5f7KmOuDNIM0RhKIQaujGYRIBuiAbns
Access Level	Read-only (modify app permissions)
Owner	marvin_dpr
Owner ID	1579555238

Below the settings table is a section titled "Application Actions" containing two buttons: "Regenerate Consumer Key and Secret" and "Change App Permissions".

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying <https://apps.twitter.com/app/12034410/keys>. The page title is "Your Access Token". Below the title, a warning message states: "This access token can be used to make API requests on your own account's behalf. Do not share your access token secret with anyone." The page displays four key-value pairs for the access token:

Access Token	1579555238- FuQD1JBW64k0RanZevnUjfhESf1xGsP32TXhhql
Access Token Secret	1HqmabTAyQcpMAcBFujl5rv4x9LFLjbBbH3tjdESk37a
Access Level	Read-only
Owner	marvin_dpr
Owner ID	1579555238

At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled "Token Actions".

the twitter example

```
# packages
library(httr)
library(dplyr)
library(magrittr)
library(stringr)
# credentials
cred_file <- "ecpr_wsmt_2016.credentials"
tmp      <- readLines(cred_file)
tmp
```

```
## [1] "twitter_api_key=LLDebjSxJUeASdkdepgQpL8sG"
## [2] "twitter_api_secret=Yp6HUhjaoSbwKe9yX0Z5f7KmOuDNIM0F"
## [3] "twitter_access_token=1579555238-FuQD1JBW64k0RanZevr"
## [4] "twitter_access_token_secret=1HqmabTAyQcpMAcBFujI5rv"
```

the twitter example

```
key = stringr::str_replace(  
  grep("twitter_api_key=", tmp, value = T),  
  "twitter_api_key=", "")  
  
secret = stringr::str_replace(  
  grep("twitter_api_secret=", tmp, value = T),  
  "twitter_api_secret=", "")  
  
token = stringr::str_replace(  
  grep("twitter_access_token=", tmp, value = T),  
  "twitter_access_token=", "")  
  
token_secret = stringr::str_replace(  
  grep("twitter_access_token_secret=", tmp, value = T),  
  "twitter_access_token_secret=", "")
```

the twitter example

```
twitter_token <-  
  Token1.0$new(  
    endpoint      = NULL,  
    params        = list(as_header = TRUE),  
    app           = oauth_app( "twitter", key, secret ),  
    credentials   = list(  
      oauth_token      = token,  
      oauth_token_secret = token_secret  
    )  
  )  
)
```


the twitter example

```
req <-  
  GET(  
    paste0(  
      "https://api.twitter.com/1.1/search/tweets.json",  
      "?q=%23wsmt16&result_type=recent&count=100"  
    ),  
    config(token = twitter_token)  
  )
```

the twitter example

```
tweets <-  
  req %>%  
  content("parsed") %>%  
  extract2("statuses") %>%  
  lapply(`[`, "text") %>%  
  unlist(use.names=FALSE)
```

the twitter example

```
tweets %>% grep("^RT ",. ,invert=TRUE, value=TRUE)
```

```
## [1] "@EJPRjournal special issue on qualitative research  
## [2] "Is it that strong? What part of politics is not ab  
## [3] "Professional development course for instructors on  
## [4] "Advanced network analysis after hours at the @ECPR  
## [5] "Sitting in a beer tasting with 20 methods and stat  
## [6] "Back in the student seat #wsmt16"  
## [7] "Best about teaching? Coming up with examples ... #  
## [8] "\"#polsci is inherently relational\" - strong thes  
## [9] "SNA frontiers and case-oriented research complexit  
## [10] "Lasse Gerrits, Marie Østergaard Møller and Derek R  
## [11] "Prof. Lasse Gerrits will join the Brown Bag Lunch  
## [12] "My verdict on smoke beer: it's like multilevel mod  
## [13] "No social event without self references! #wsmt16 @  
## [14] "Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow @ECPR #wsmt1  
## [15] "I know it's winter school but does it really have  
## [16] "If you're at the #wsmt16 don't miss the Brown Bag
```