Software Architecture

Service Security

How do we secure a service?

Securing MicroServices

- User name/password
- API Keys
 - Opaque API keys
 - Structured tokens e.g. JWT
- Protocols:
 - OAuth & OpenID
 - SAML

Securing MicroServices

- Where should we implement authentication?
 - At gateway ?, At each service ?,...
- Where should we keep the credentials?
 - Shared DB for all services?
 - A dedicated micro service, who owns it ?
- What about 3rd party? (e.g. login via Google)

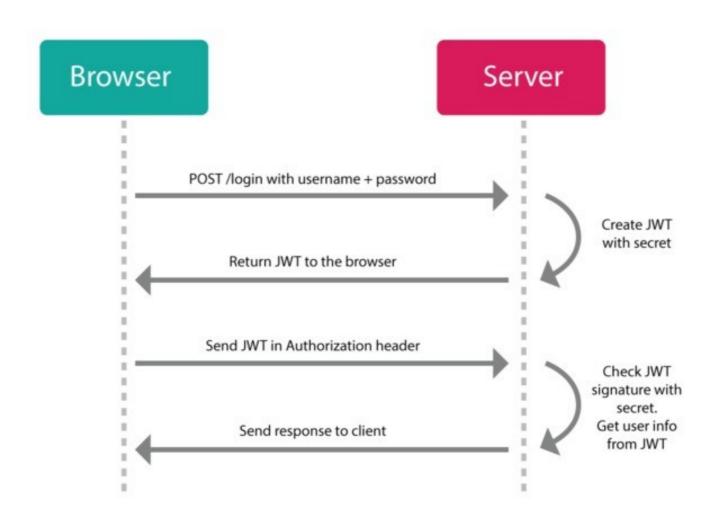
Trade offs

- Let's check first 30 mins of
 - Securing Microservices with Spring Cloud Security | Will Tran
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=USMI2GNg2r0
 - Slides:
 - https://www.slideshare.net/SpringCentral/securingmicroservices-with-spring-cloud-security-53170178

Authentication as a service

- If you got extra time:
 - Authentication as a Microservice | Brian Pontarelli
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=SLc3cTlypwM

JSON Web Token (JWT)



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Header

base64enc({ "alg": "HS256", "typ": "JWT" 1)

Payload

base64enc()
"iss": "toptal.com",
"exp": 1426420800,
"company": "Toptal",
"awesome": true
))

Signature

HMACSHA256(base64enc(header) + '.' +, base64enc(payload) , secretKey)



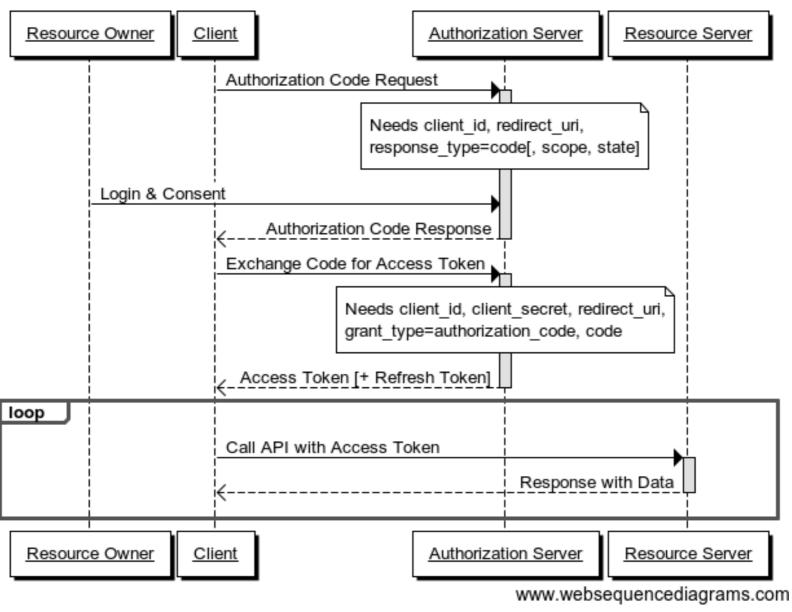
JSON Web Token (JWT)

- Checkout:
 - https://jwt.io/
- Request header:
 - Authorization: Bearer <token>
- Verification, Refresh tokens, revocation ,...

OAuth & OpenID

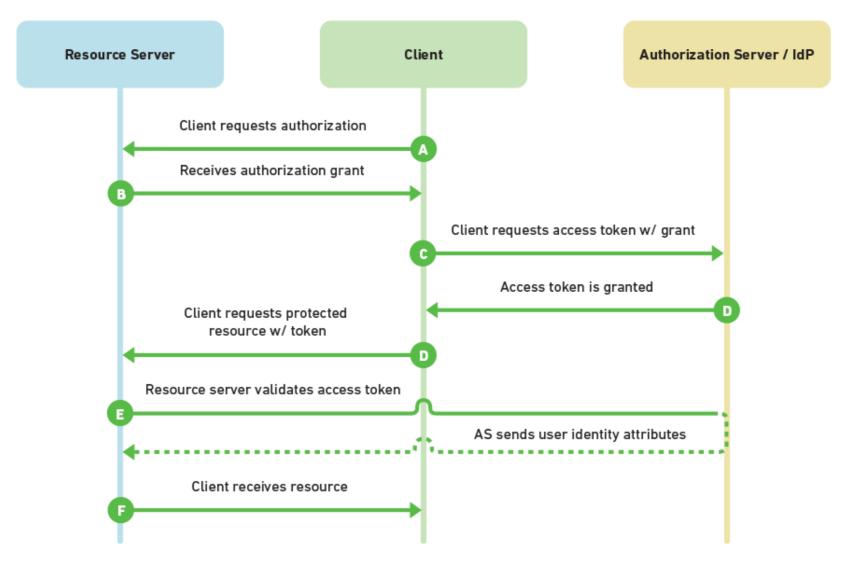
- Let's watch OAuth 2.0 and OpenID Connect (in plain English) | Nate Barbettini
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=996OiexHze0

Authorization Code Grant Flow



http://www.bubblecode.net/en/2016/01/22/understanding-oauth2/

Oauth sample flow



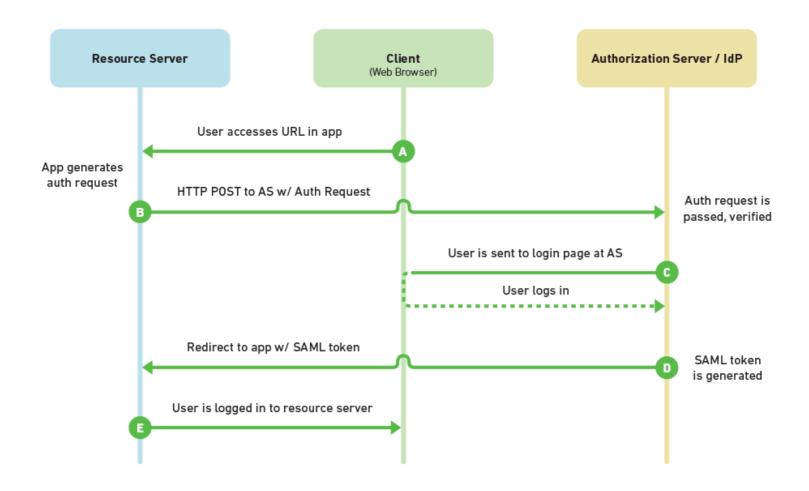
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SAML

- Just FYI, older spec, XML based but still common in enterprises
- Some similarities with OAuth
- If you got time checkout
 - SAML vs OAuth2
 - https://www.mutuallyhuman.com/blog/ choosing-an-sso-strategy-saml-vsoauth2/

SSO via SAML

SAML 2.0 Flow



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Securing Microservices

- Got time ?
 - Top 10 Security Best Practices to secure your Microservices - AppSecUSA 2017
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=VtUQINsYXDM

Final Thoughts

- We can depend on other systems to provide Identity and basic user info
 - DIY Oath provider?, check (UAA) User Account and Authentication Server
- OAuth is an authorization standard
- OpenID is an authentication extension
- Spring supports these protocols
 - Checkout: Spring Boot Security OAuth 2
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=wfaKvQ0qY3E