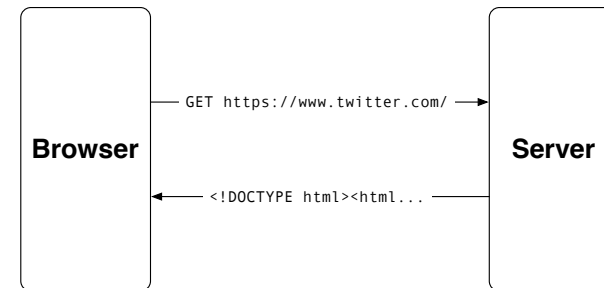


Homework

- Lab open M–F 8:00am–4:30pm
- On github.com
 - Join team Everyone
 - Class materials at <http://github.com/Ling583/notes>
 - Read *Bad Data Handbook* Chapter 4: “Bad Data Lurking in Plain Text”
 - Updated python in `baddata4.ipynb`
- On datacamp.com
 - Finish *Intro to Python for Data Science* and *Introduction to Shell for Data Science*
 - Do *Intermediate Python for Data Science*

Web APIs

- Online sources often make text available through an API (an interface that allows two programs to talk to each other)
- ‘RESTful’ APIs are built on top of the web’s native HTTP protocol



Web APIs

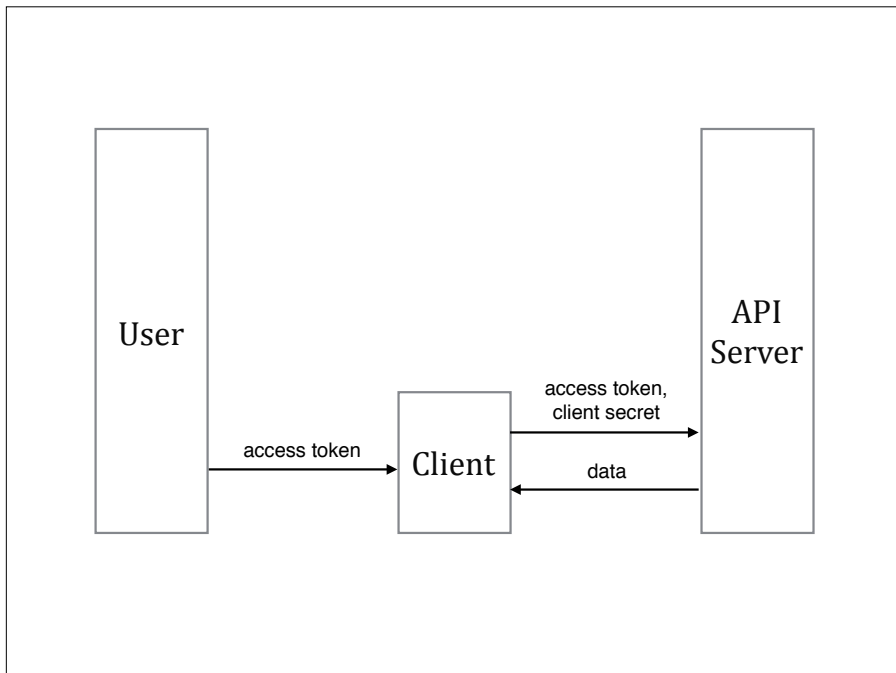
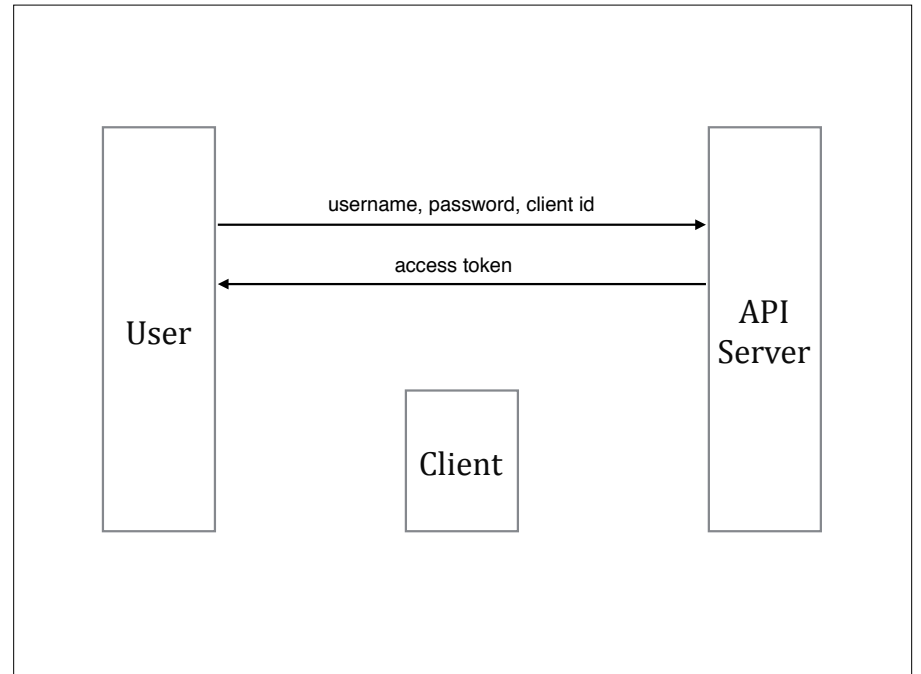
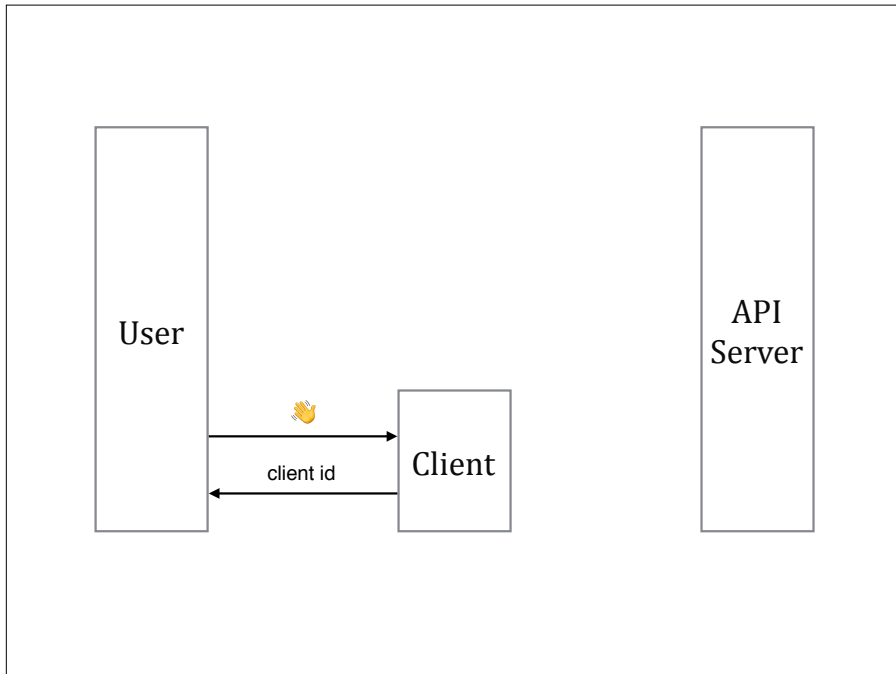
- Specialized URLs retrieve data (usually in XML or JSON)

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Web API

- Easy to handle HTTP requests in Python using the ‘requests’ module
- APIs define endpoints (URLs) and request types (GET, PUT, POST, DELETE, ...)
- Authentication to control access to data
 - Control who has access to private data
 - Limit quantity of data that can be retrieved and/or the rate at which it can be retrieved
- Most Web APIs support OAuth2 authentication

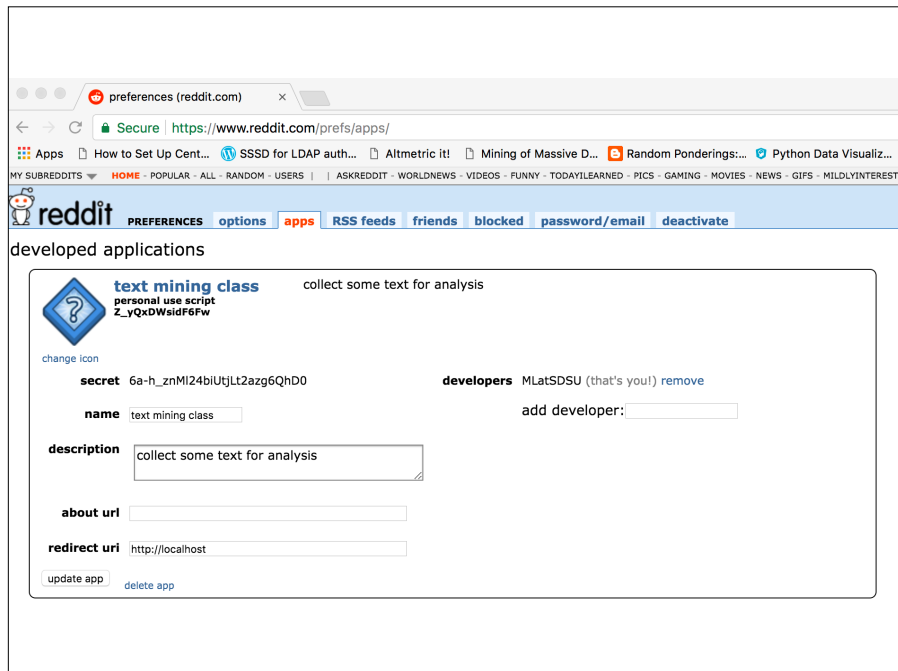
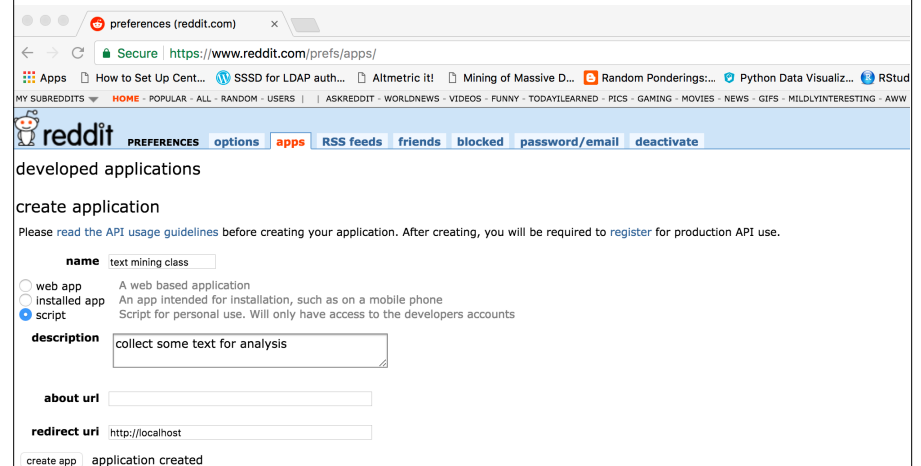


Web API

- Big-name web sites have site-specific Python libraries that wrap API calls in Python functions
- Most also handle OAuth2 authentication for you as well
- Quality of documentation varies
- A few deal with rate throttling, etc
- twython, praw

Text project

- The task for the first project is to collect and analyze text from Reddit comments
- More specifically: collect comment text and metadata from a specific subreddit and find keywords for specific users
- More more specifically:
 - register a reddit script application
 - write script application to download a sample of comments from a sub reddit
 - save comments in a pandas dataframe and group by author
 - calculate PMI for how often each word is employed by author



Text project

- Data collection will take time (due to bandwidth limits and rate throttling), so ...
- Write program to download data
- Collect a small development sample
- Run program to download lots of data
- Using development sample, write (and test) program to analyze data
- When done with full data collection, apply finished analysis program