

Identity & Access Control

(Past) Present & Future

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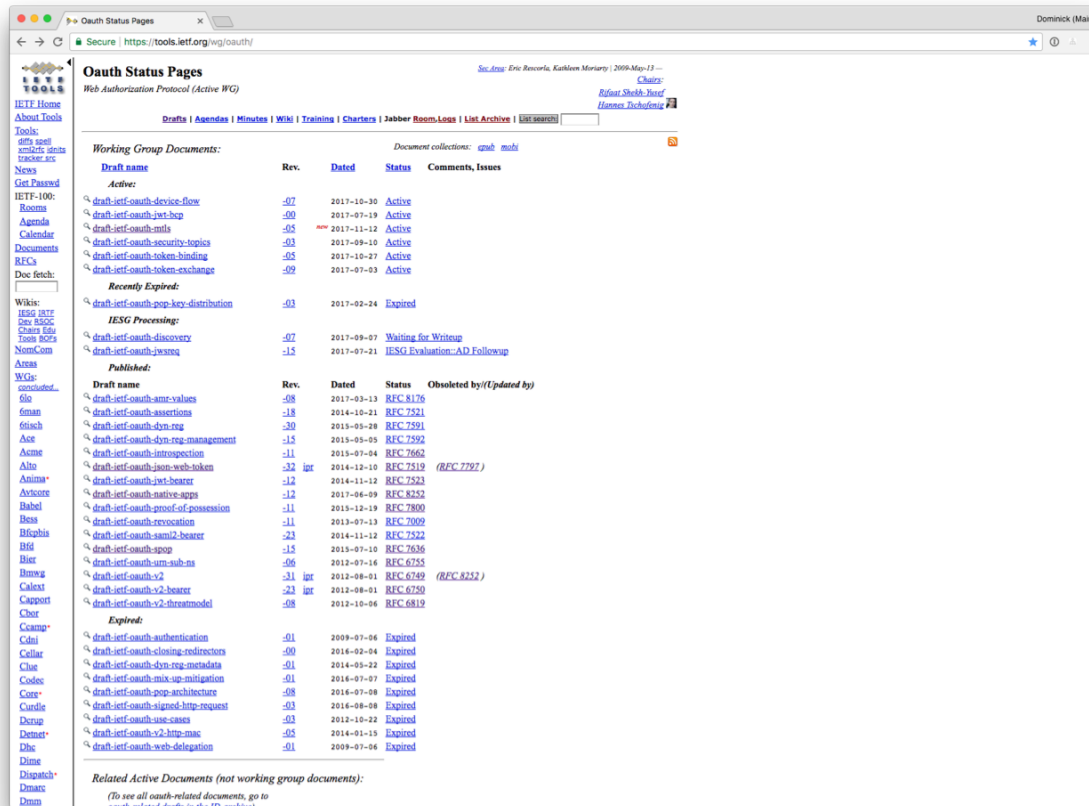
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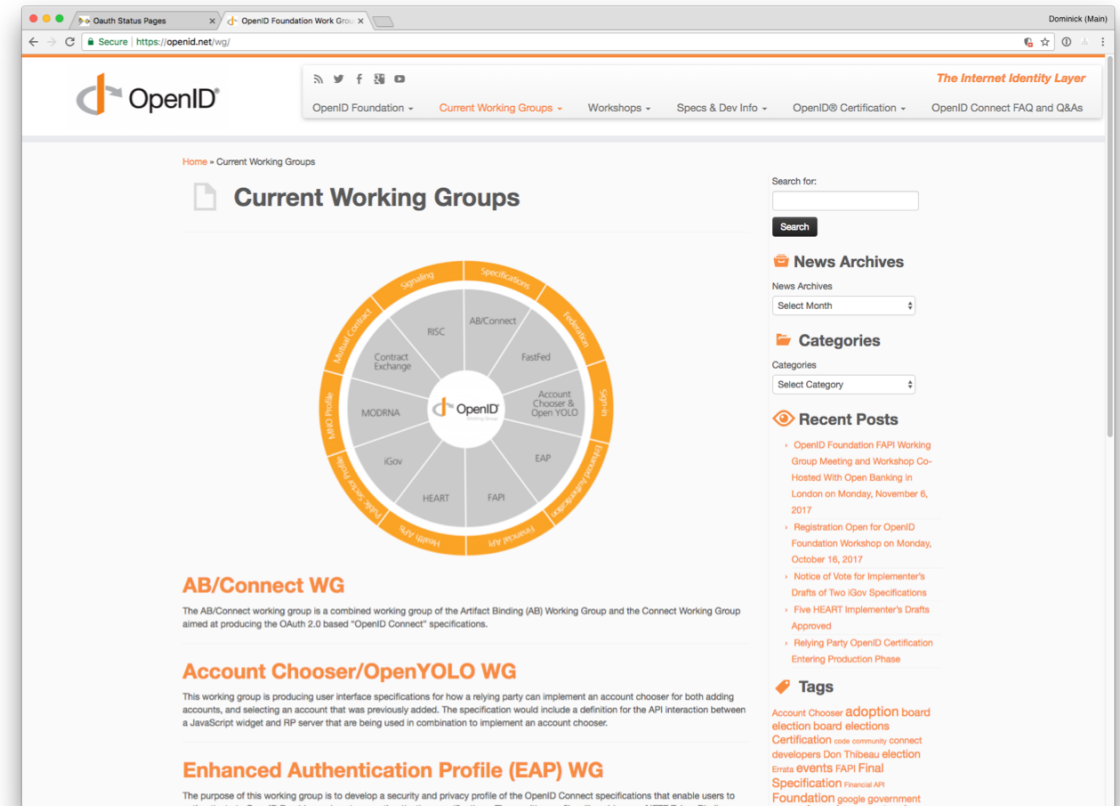


Where to look?

<https://tools.ietf.org/wg/oauth/>



<https://openid.net/wg/>



IETF

- **Done**
 - RFC6749: The OAuth 2.0 Authorization Framework
 - RFC6750: The OAuth 2.0 Authorization Framework: Bearer Token Usage
 - RFC6819: OAuth 2.0 Threat Model and Security Considerations
 - RFC7009: OAuth 2.0 Token Revocation
 - RFC7519: JSON Web Tokens (JWT)
 - RFC7521: Assertion Framework for Client Authentication and Authorization Grants
 - RFC7522: SAML Profile
 - RFC7523: JWT Profile
 - RFC7591: OAuth 2.0 Dynamic Client Registration Protocol
 - RFC7592: OAuth 2.0 Dynamic Client Registration Management Protocol
 - RFC7636: Proof Key for Code Exchange by OAuth Public Clients
 - RFC7662: OAuth 2.0 Token Introspection
 - RFC7800: Proof-of-Possession Key Semantics for JSON Web Tokens (JWTs)
 - RFC8176: Authentication Method Reference Values
 - RFC8252: OAuth 2.0 for Native Apps
- **Processing**
 - OAuth 2.0 Device Flow for Browserless and Input Constrained Devices
 - OAuth 2.0 Authorization Server Metadata
 - JWT Secured Authorization Request
 - OAuth 2.0 Token Exchange
- **Active**
 - JSON Web Token Best Current Practices
 - OAuth Security Topics
 - Mutual TLS Profile for OAuth 2.0
 - OAuth 2.0 Token Binding
- **Recently expired**
 - OAuth 2.0 Proof-of-Possession: Authorization Server to Client Key Distribution

OpenID Foundation

- **OpenID Connect**

- Core
- Discovery
- Dynamic Registration
- Session Management
 - Front-Channel Logout
 - Back-Channel Logout
- Federation

- **Other Working Groups**

- Enhanced Authentication Profiles (EAP)
- Financial APIs (FAPI)
- Mobile Operator Discovery, Registration & authentication (MODRNA)
- Health Relationship Trust (HEART)
- International Government Assurance (iGov)
- more...

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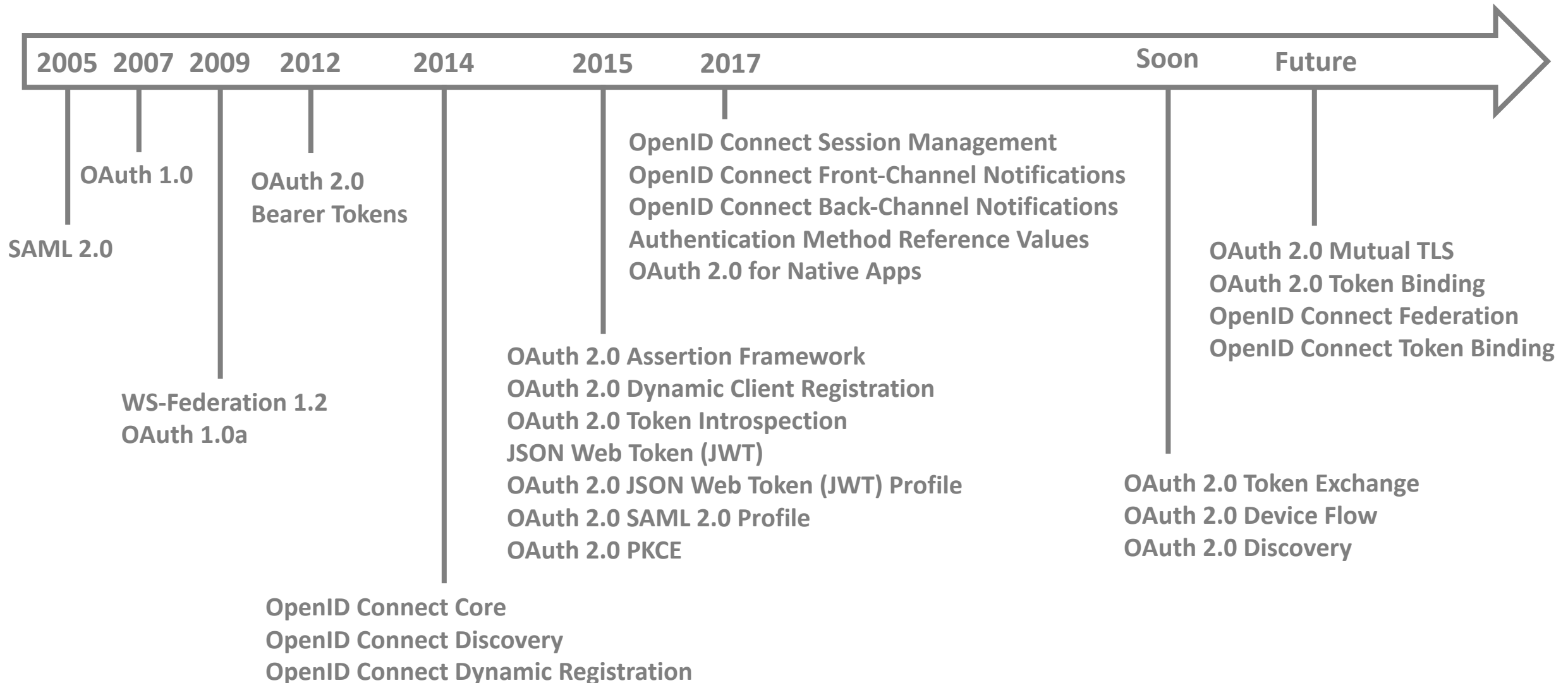
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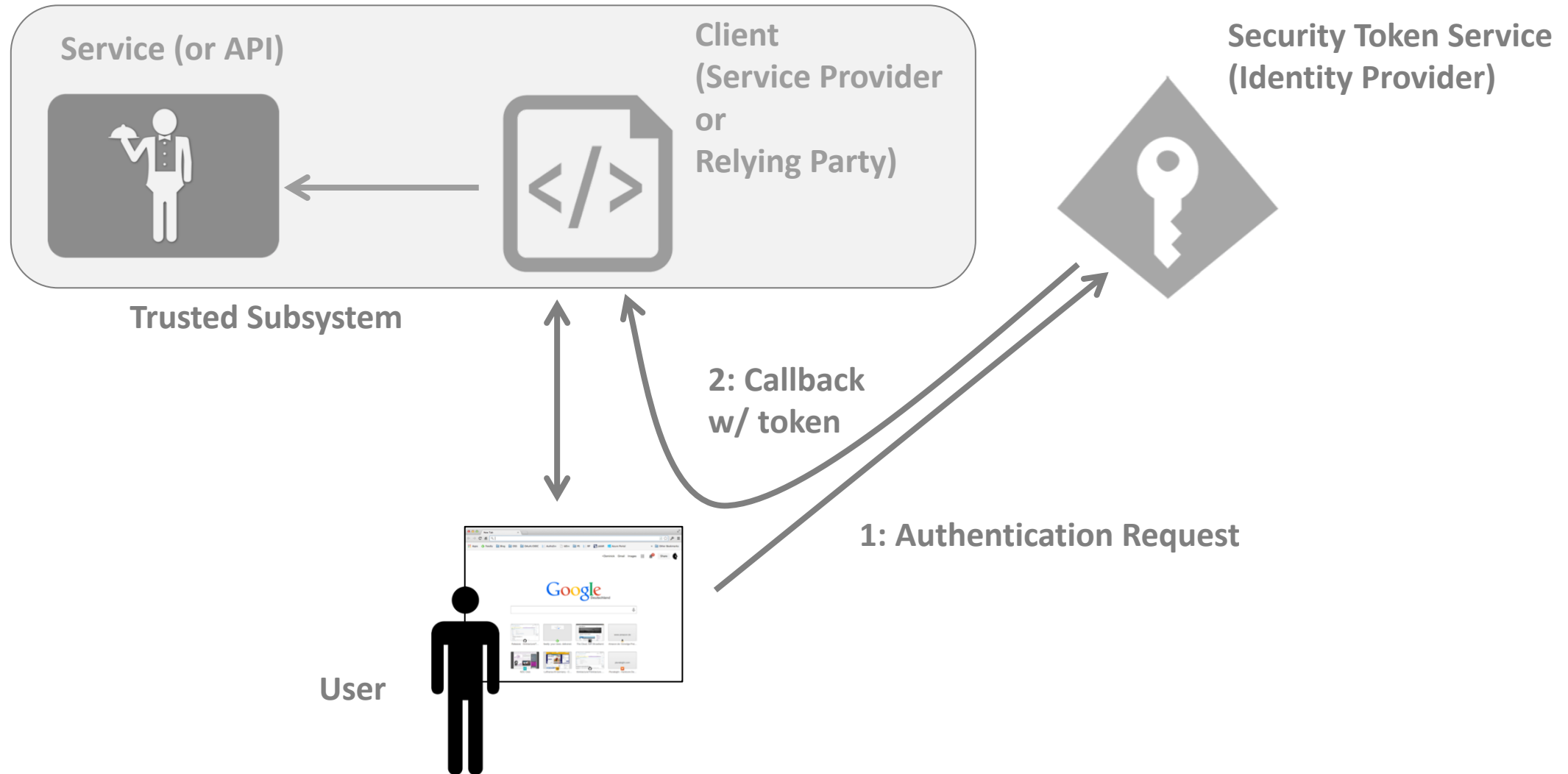
Blogs

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 - <http://self-issued.info/>
- **John Bradley**
 - <http://www.thread-safe.com/>
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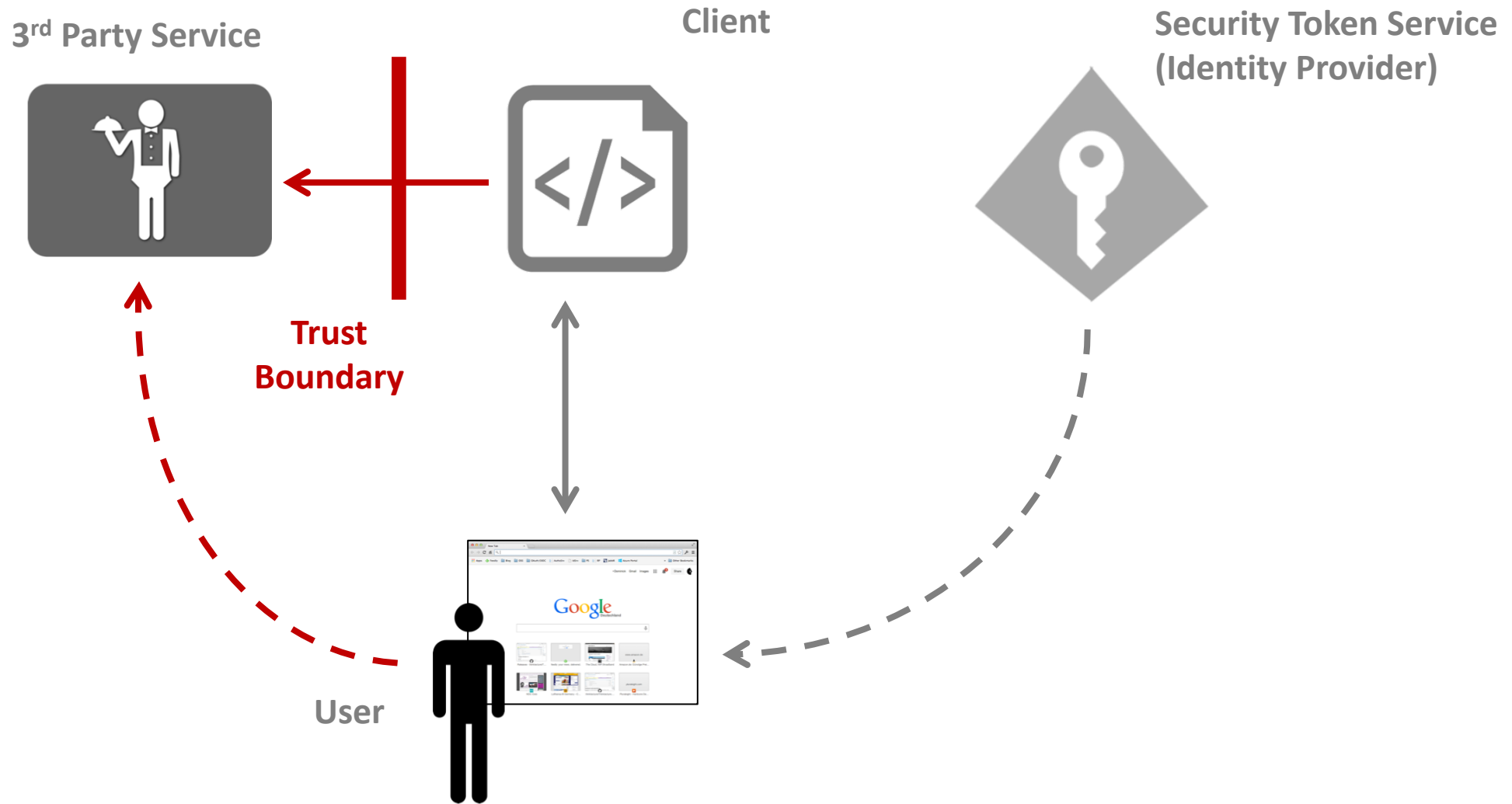
Timeline



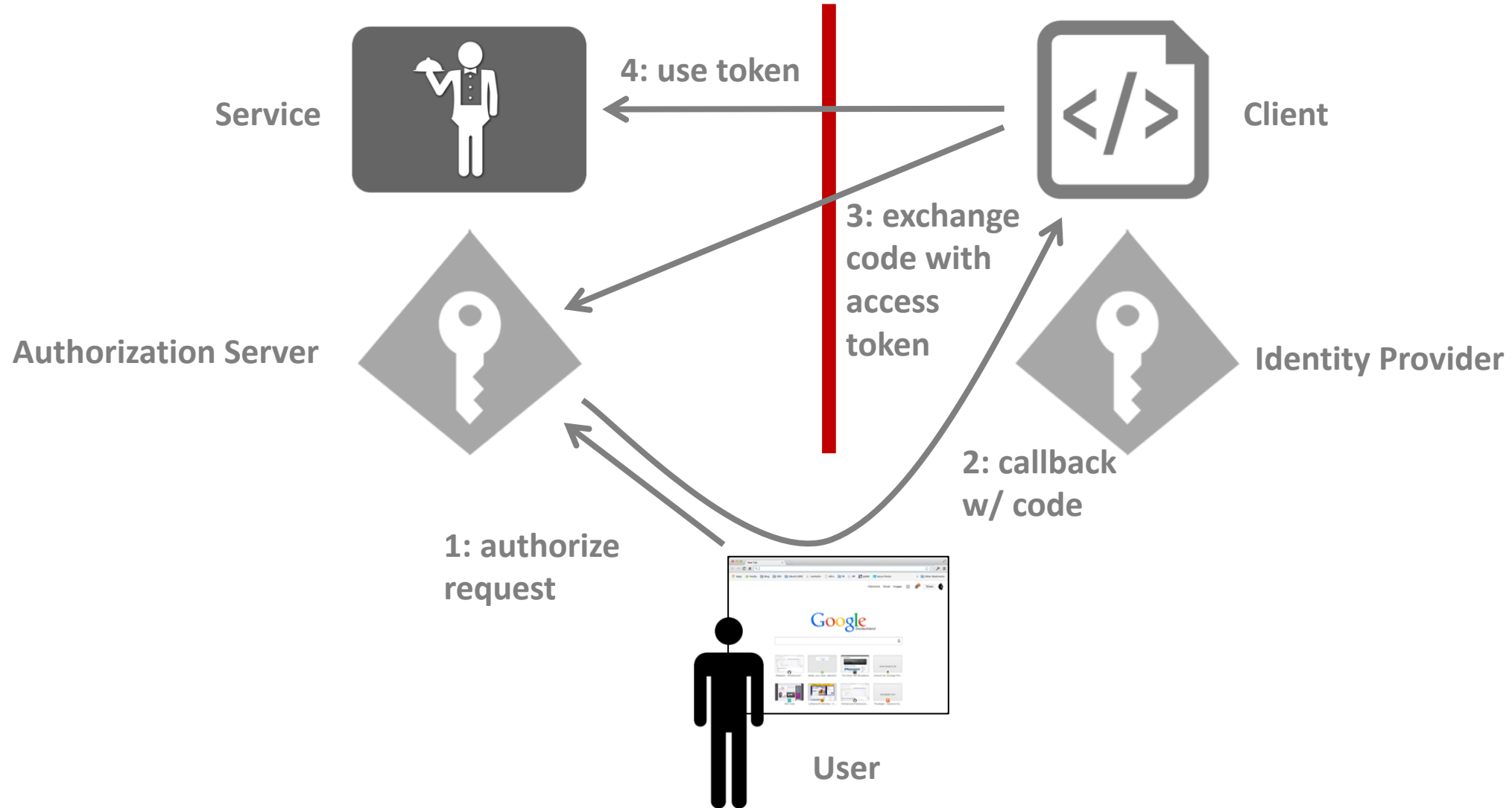
How it all began: Web-based SSO



3rd Parties / Identity Delegation



OAuth



Public Clients



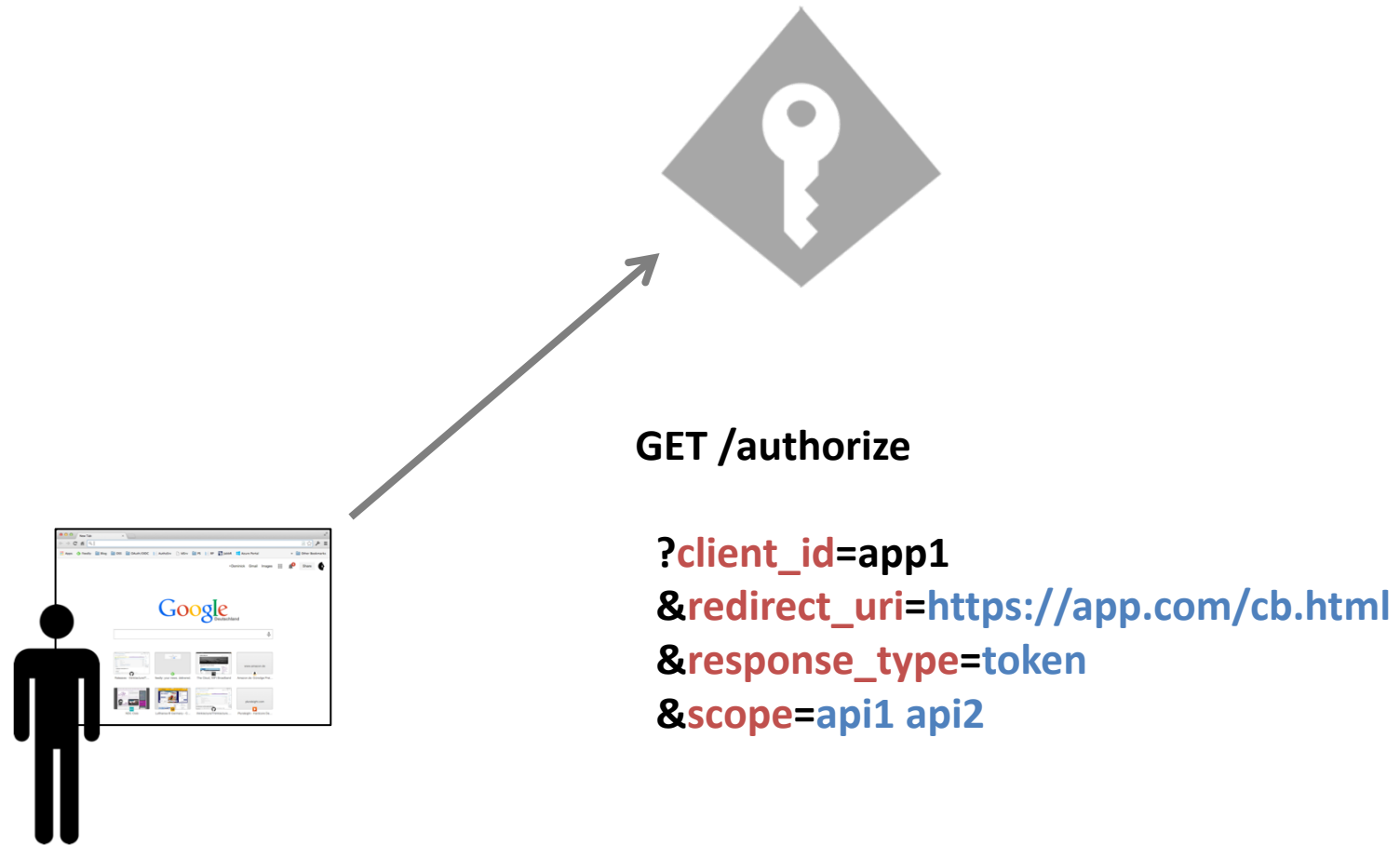
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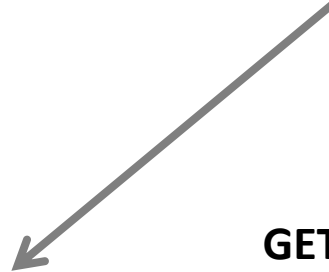
OAuth 2

- **Simplification**
 - bearer tokens
- **Support for public clients**
 - client secret optional
 - implicit grant type specifically made for JavaScript
 - client credentials grant for server-to-server communication
 - password grant type for legacy applications

Access Token Request



Response



GET /callback.html

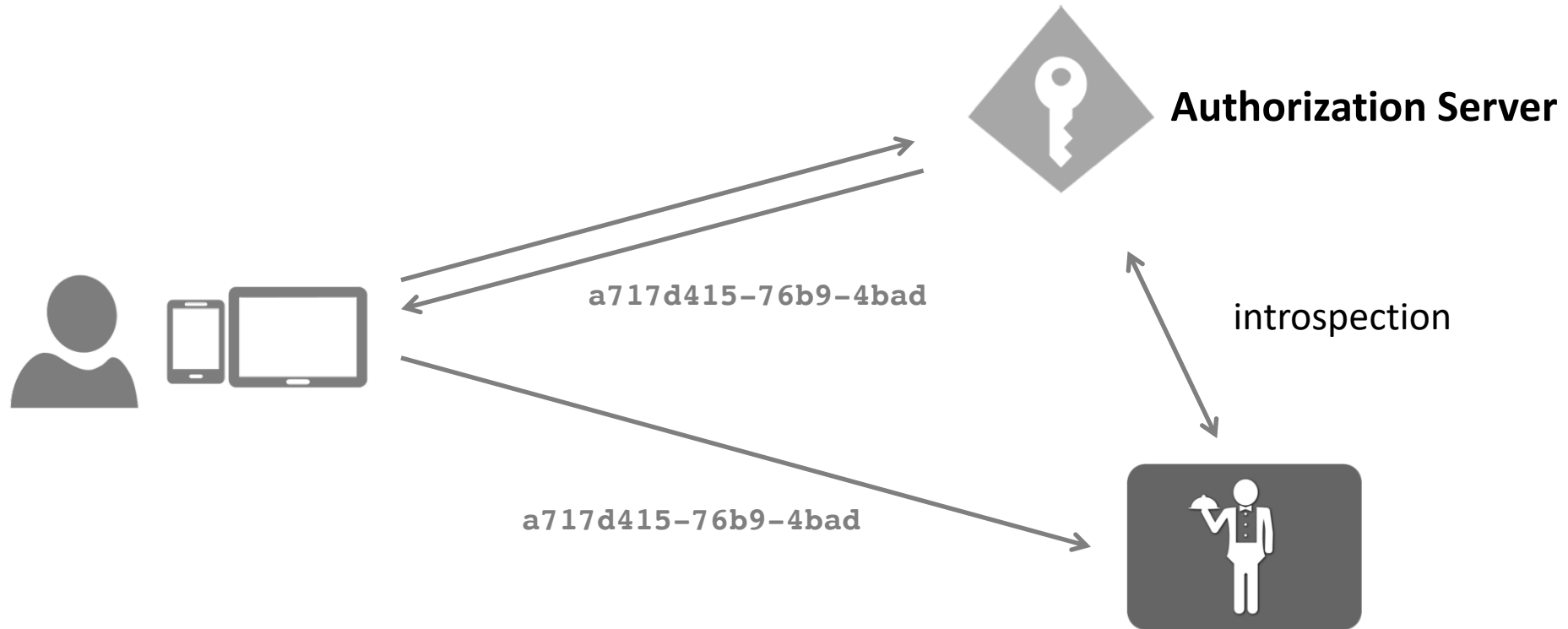
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&expires_in=3600
&token_type=Bearer



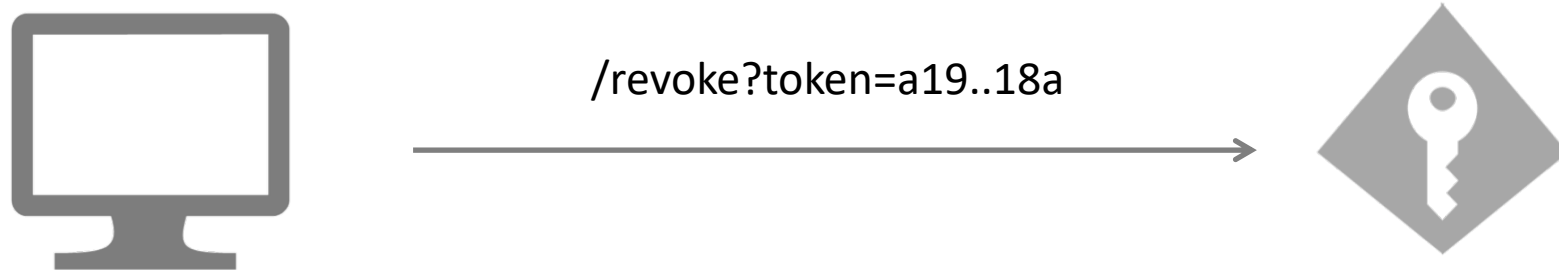
The token problem (Part 1)

- **OAuth 2.0 did not define a token format**
 - many homegrown (and thus incompatible) implementations
- **Token introspection**
 - turn opaque tokens into claims
- **Token revocation**
 - get rid of tokens

Token Introspection (RFC 7662)



Token Revocation (RFC 7009)



JSON Web Tokens (JWT)

- **Family of RFCs dealing with structure, signatures, encryption, key material..**
- **Standard claim types**
 - <https://www.iana.org/assignments/jwt/jwt.xhtml>

Header

```
{  
  "typ": "JWT",  
  "alg": "RS256"  
  "kid": "1"  
}
```

Payload

```
{  
  "iss": "http://myIssuer",  
  "exp": "1340819380",  
  "aud": "http://myResource",  
  
  "client_id": "client1",  
  "user_id": "bob"  
}
```

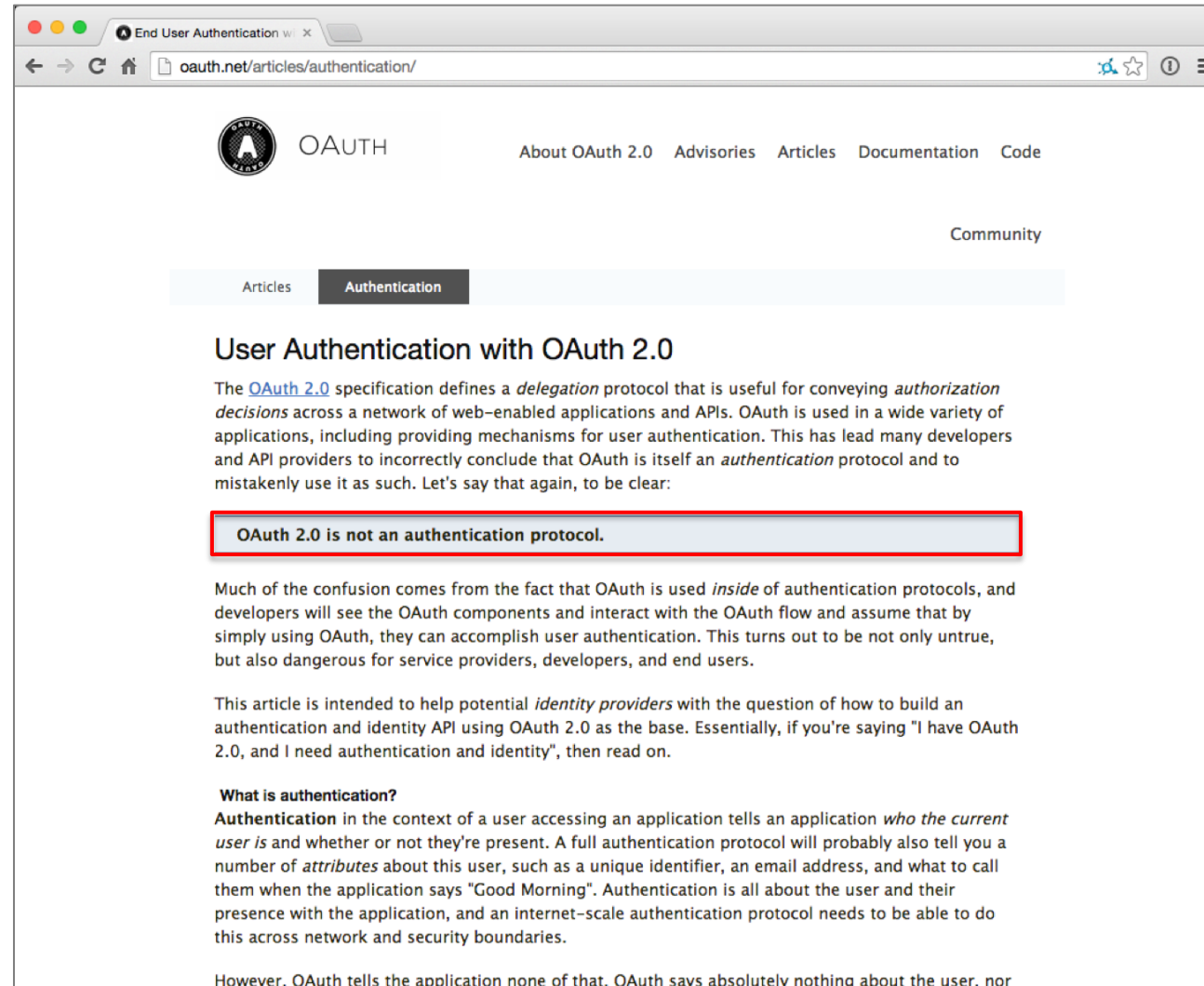
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Header

Payload

Signature

The "success" of OAuth 2



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'oauth.net/articles/authentication/'. The page features the OAuth logo and navigation links: 'About OAuth 2.0', 'Advisories', 'Articles', 'Documentation', and 'Code'. A 'Community' link is also present. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for 'Articles' and 'Authentication', with 'Authentication' being the active tab. The main heading is 'User Authentication with OAuth 2.0'. The text explains that the OAuth 2.0 specification defines a delegation protocol for conveying authorization decisions, but it is often misused for authentication. A key point is highlighted in a red-bordered box: 'OAuth 2.0 is not an authentication protocol.' The text further elaborates on the confusion and the intended use of OAuth 2.0 as a base for authentication and identity APIs. It defines authentication in the context of user access and mentions attributes like unique identifiers and email addresses. The article concludes by stating that OAuth itself does not provide user information to the application.

End User Authentication w/ X

oauth.net/articles/authentication/

OAuth

About OAuth 2.0 Advisories Articles Documentation Code

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User Authentication with OAuth 2.0

The [OAuth 2.0](#) specification defines a *delegation* protocol that is useful for conveying *authorization decisions* across a network of web-enabled applications and APIs. OAuth is used in a wide variety of applications, including providing mechanisms for user authentication. This has lead many developers and API providers to incorrectly conclude that OAuth is itself an *authentication* protocol and to mistakenly use it as such. Let's say that again, to be clear:

OAuth 2.0 is not an authentication protocol.

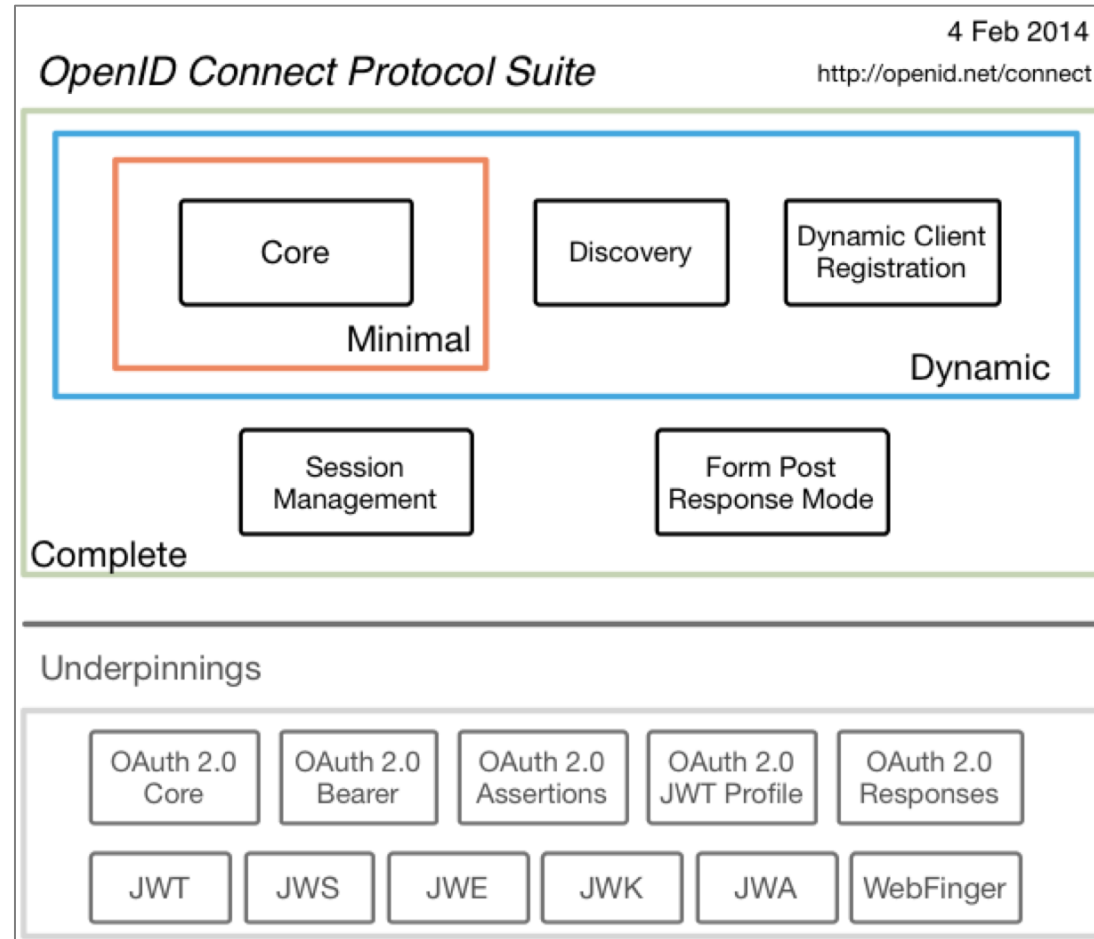
Much of the confusion comes from the fact that OAuth is used *inside* of authentication protocols, and developers will see the OAuth components and interact with the OAuth flow and assume that by simply using OAuth, they can accomplish user authentication. This turns out to be not only untrue, but also dangerous for service providers, developers, and end users.

This article is intended to help potential *identity providers* with the question of how to build an authentication and identity API using OAuth 2.0 as the base. Essentially, if you're saying "I have OAuth 2.0, and I need authentication and identity", then read on.

What is authentication?

Authentication in the context of a user accessing an application tells an application *who the current user is* and whether or not they're present. A full authentication protocol will probably also tell you a number of *attributes* about this user, such as a unique identifier, an email address, and what to call them when the application says "Good Morning". Authentication is all about the user and their presence with the application, and an internet-scale authentication protocol needs to be able to do this across network and security boundaries.

However, OAuth tells the application none of that. OAuth says absolutely nothing about the user, nor

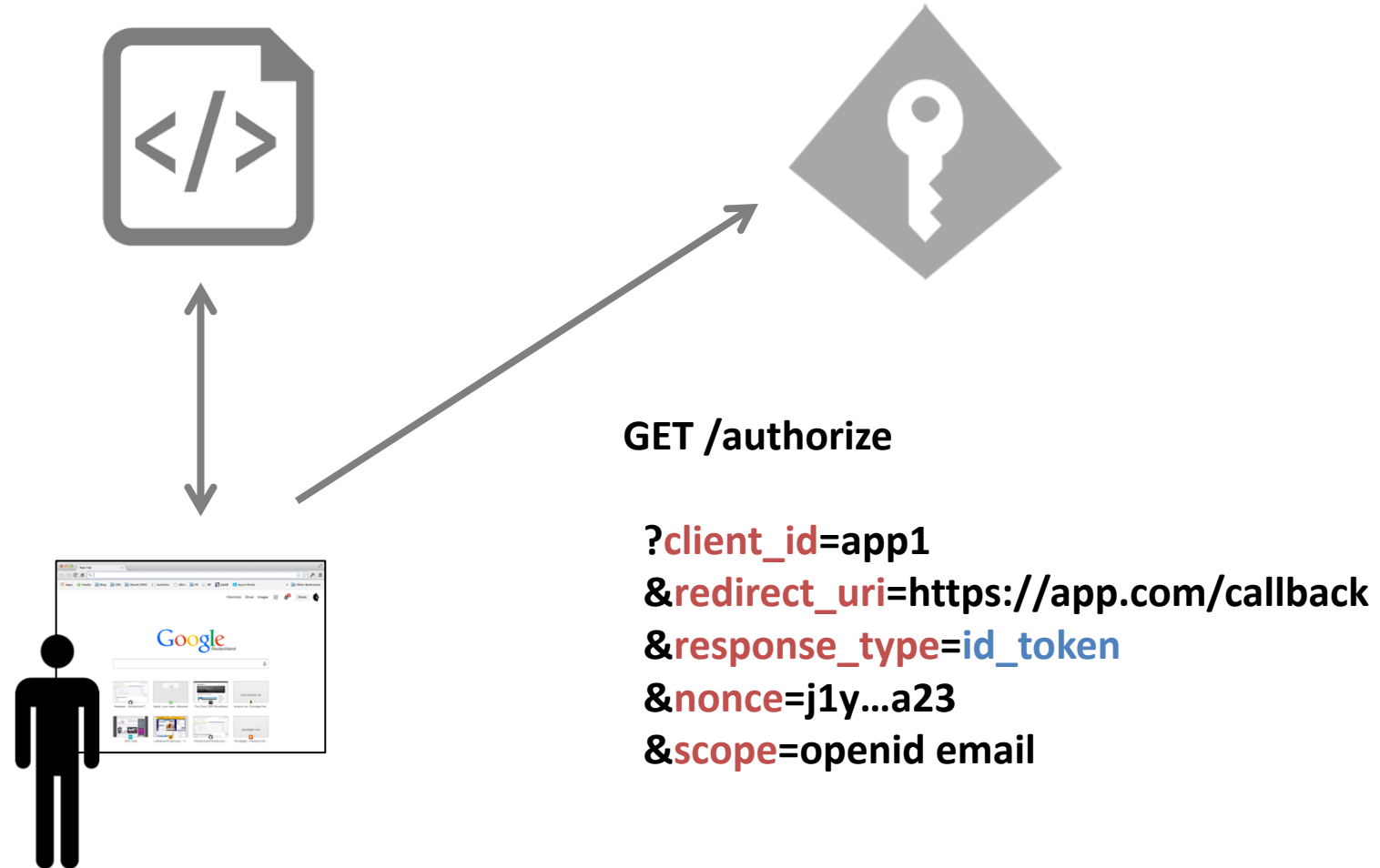


<http://openid.net/connect/>

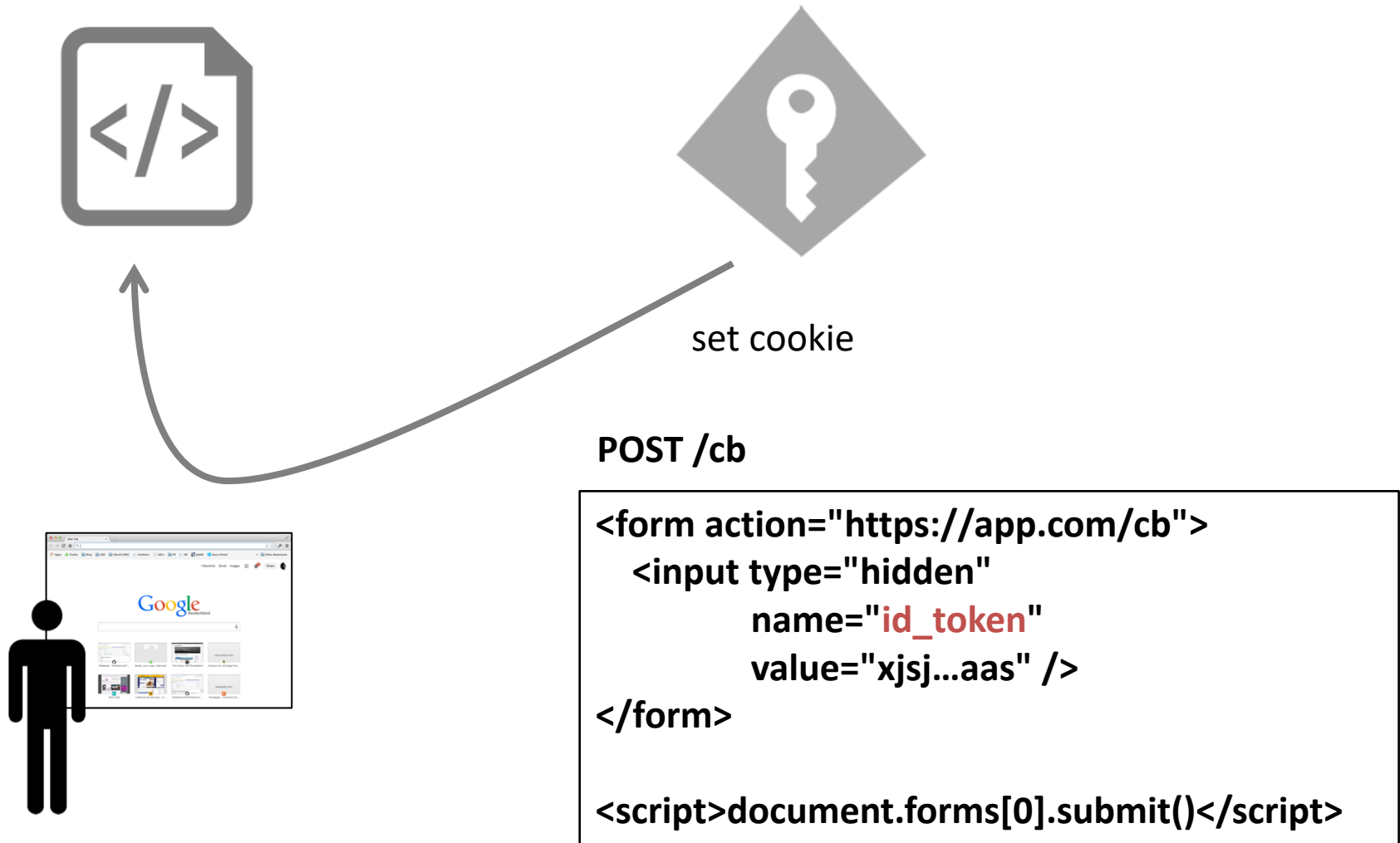
Key OpenID Connect Features

- **Identity tokens**
 - signed protocol response
 - authentication metadata
 - helps mitigate various attacks
- **Discovery (metadata)**
- **Multiple response types**
 - allows requesting identity and access tokens in a single protocol interaction
- **Session management**
- **Interop**
 - <https://openid.net/certification/>

Authentication-only



Response



Identity Token

Header

```
{  
  "typ": "JWT",  
  "alg": "RS256",  
  "kid": "mj399j..."  
}
```

Payload

```
{  
  "iss": "https://issuer",  
  "exp": 1340819380,  
  "iat": 1340818761,  
  "aud": "app1",  
  "nonce": "j1y...a23",  
  "amr": [ "pwd" ],  
  "auth_time": 12340819300  
  
  "sub": "182jmm199",  
  "name": "Alice",  
}
```

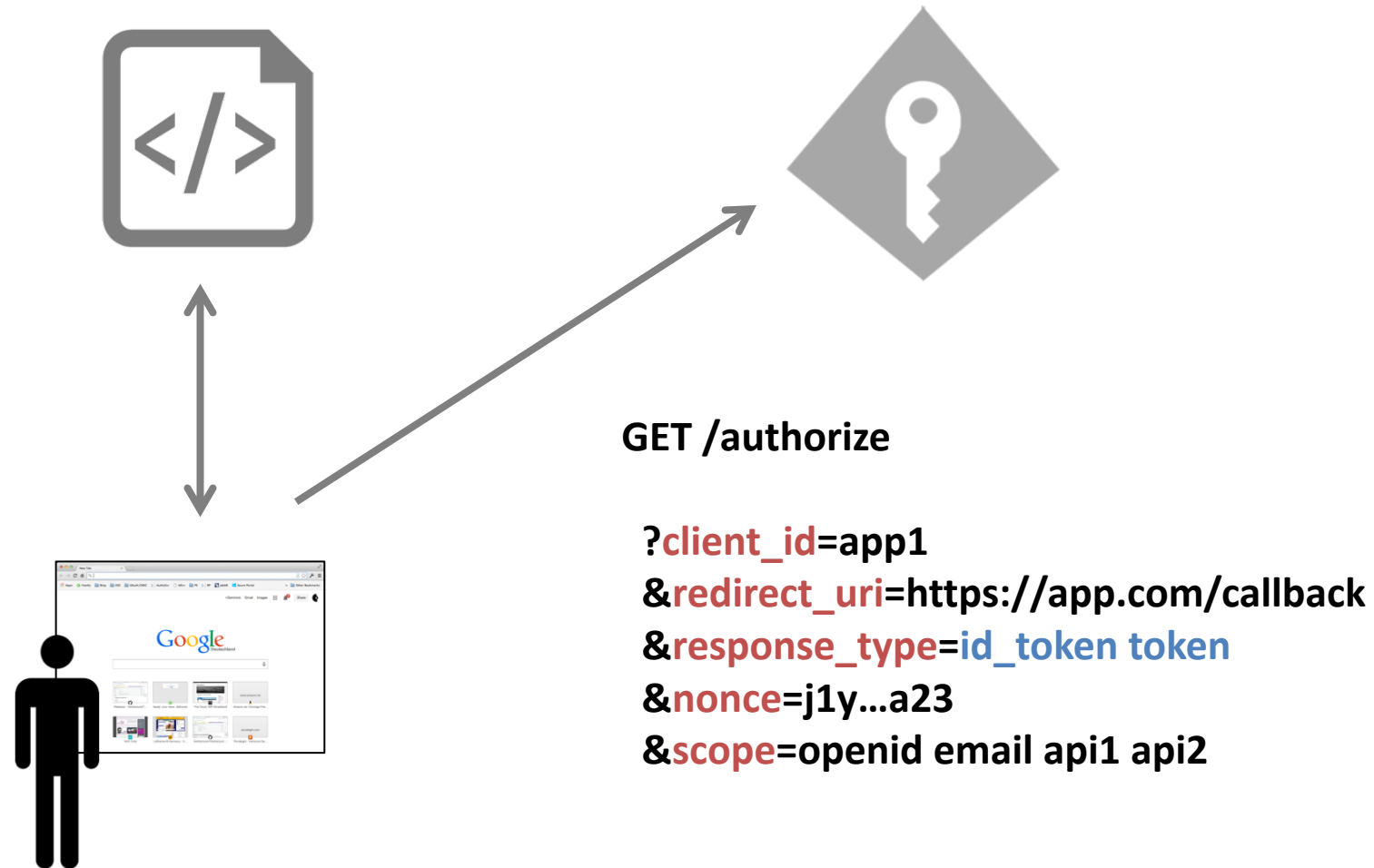
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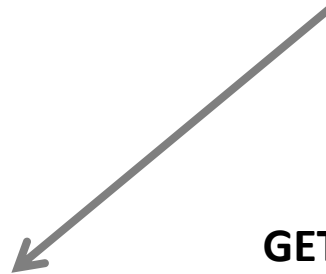
Payload

Signature

Authentication and API Access



Response



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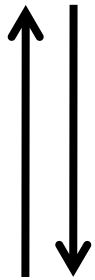


#id_token=x12f...zsz
&token=32x...133
&expires_in=3600
&token_type=Bearer] cryptographically linked

Session Management

- **Logout is hard – thus three specs**
 - JavaScript-based sessions
 - Front-channel notifications
 - Back-channel notifications
- **A full logout means**
 - logout from local client
 - logout from identity provider
 - logout from potential upstream identity provider
 - notify all other clients in same session

Front-Channel Notifications

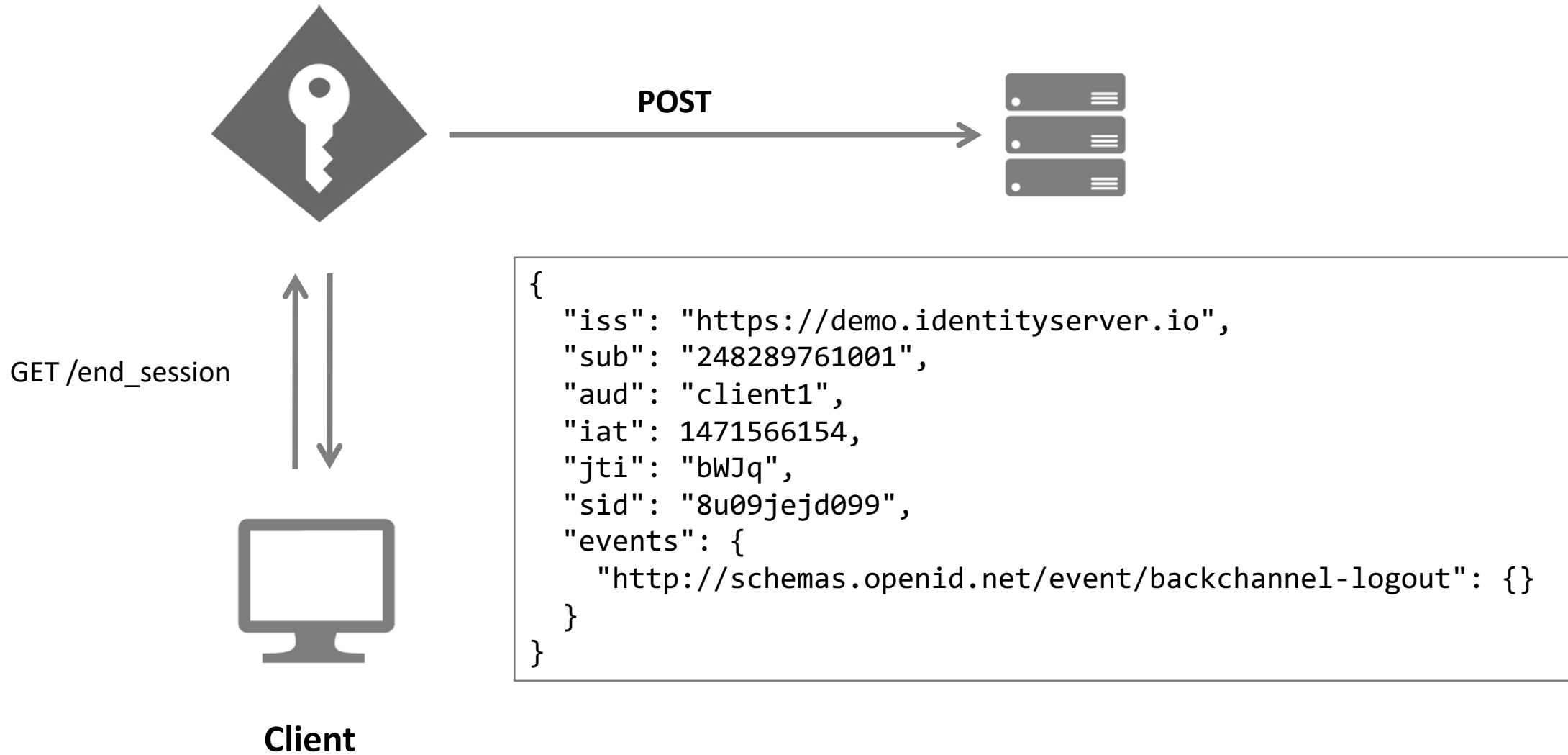


Client

GET /end_session

```
<iframe style="visibility:hidden"
  src="https://client1/signout?sid=123">
</iframe>
<iframe class="visibility:hidden"
  src="https://client2/signout?sid=123">
</iframe>
<iframe class="visibility:hidden"
  src="https://client3/signout?sid=123">
</iframe>
<a href="https://client1">return</a>
```

Back-Channel Notifications

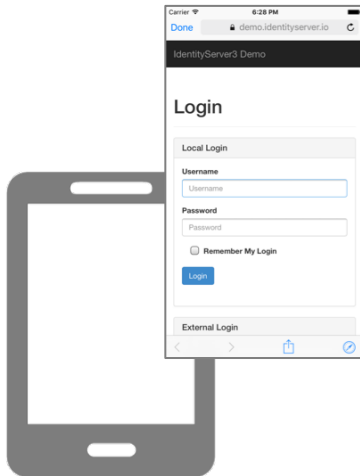


The Public Client Problem

- **JavaScript applications**
 - no place to hide secrets
 - Content Security Policy (CSP) improves the situation
- **Native Mobile/Desktop Clients**
 - slightly better due to access to native APIs
 - targeted attacks in the past
- **OAuth 2.0 (and OpenID Connect) for native apps**
 - <https://tools.ietf.org/search/rfc8252>

Proof Key for Code Exchange (PKCE)

nonce = random_number
code_verifier = random_number
code_challenge = hash(code_verifier)

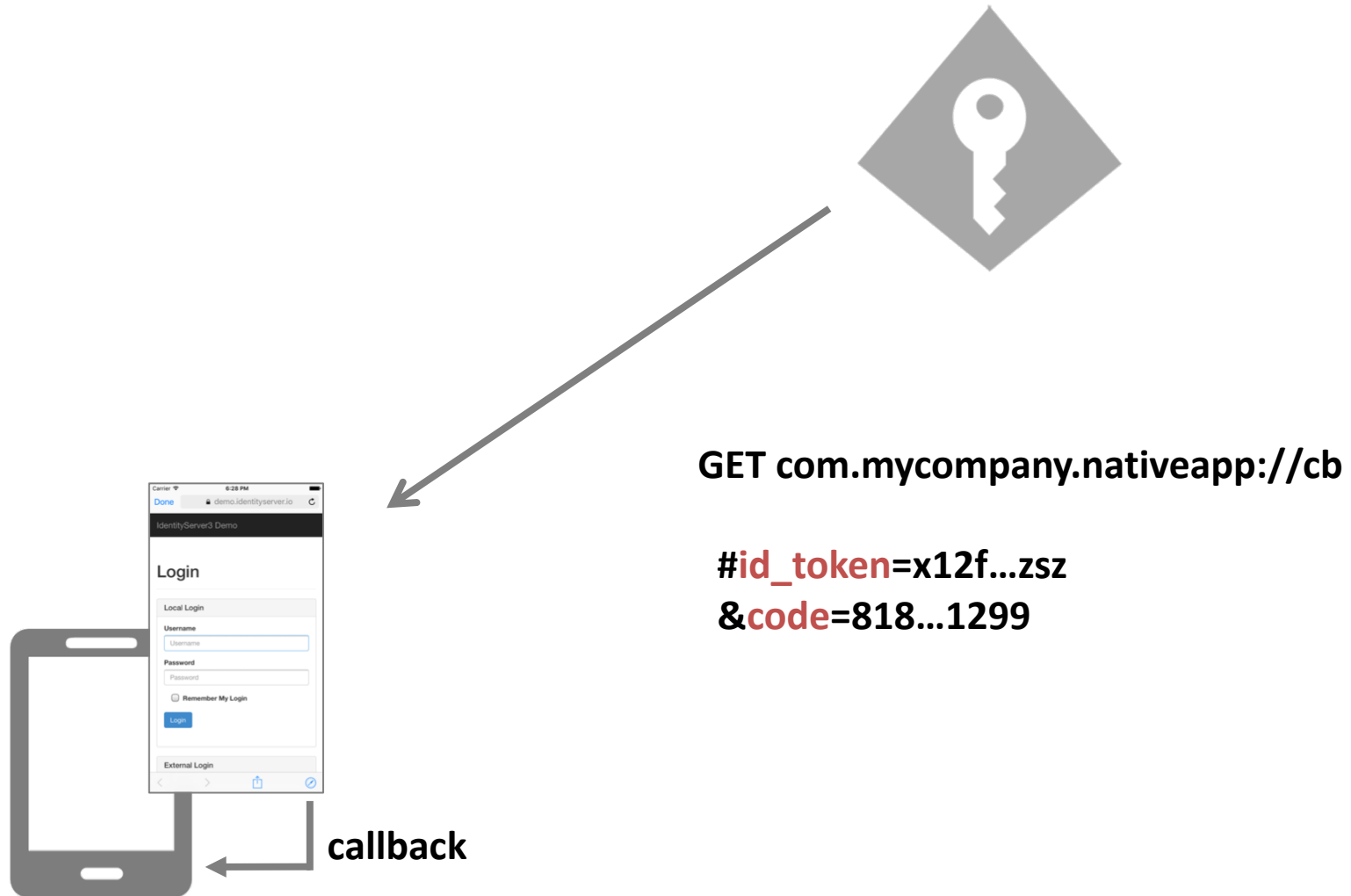


GET /authorize

?**client_id**=nativeapp
&**scope**=openid profile api1 api2 *offline_access*
&**redirect_uri**=com.mycompany.nativeapp://cb
&**response_type**=code id_token
&**nonce**=j1y...a23
&**code_challenge**=x929..1921



Receiving the response



Requesting the access token

- **Exchange code for access token**
 - using client id and code verifier



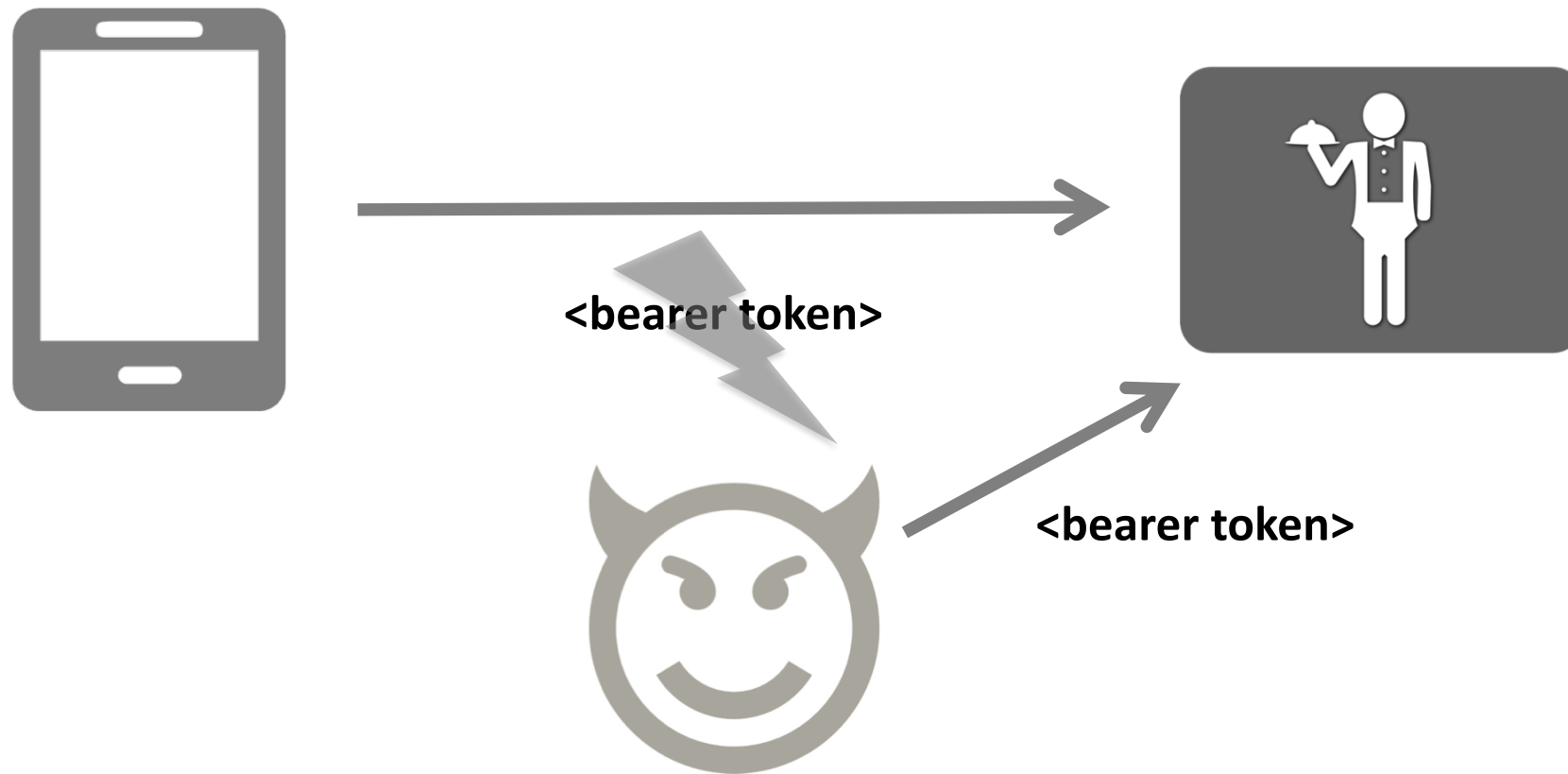
code & code verifier

(client_id)



```
{  
  access_token: "xyz...123",  
  refresh_token: "dxy...103"  
  expires_in: 3600,  
  token_type: "Bearer"  
}
```


The Token Problem (Part 2): Bearer Tokens



General Approach

1) client generates pub/priv key pair

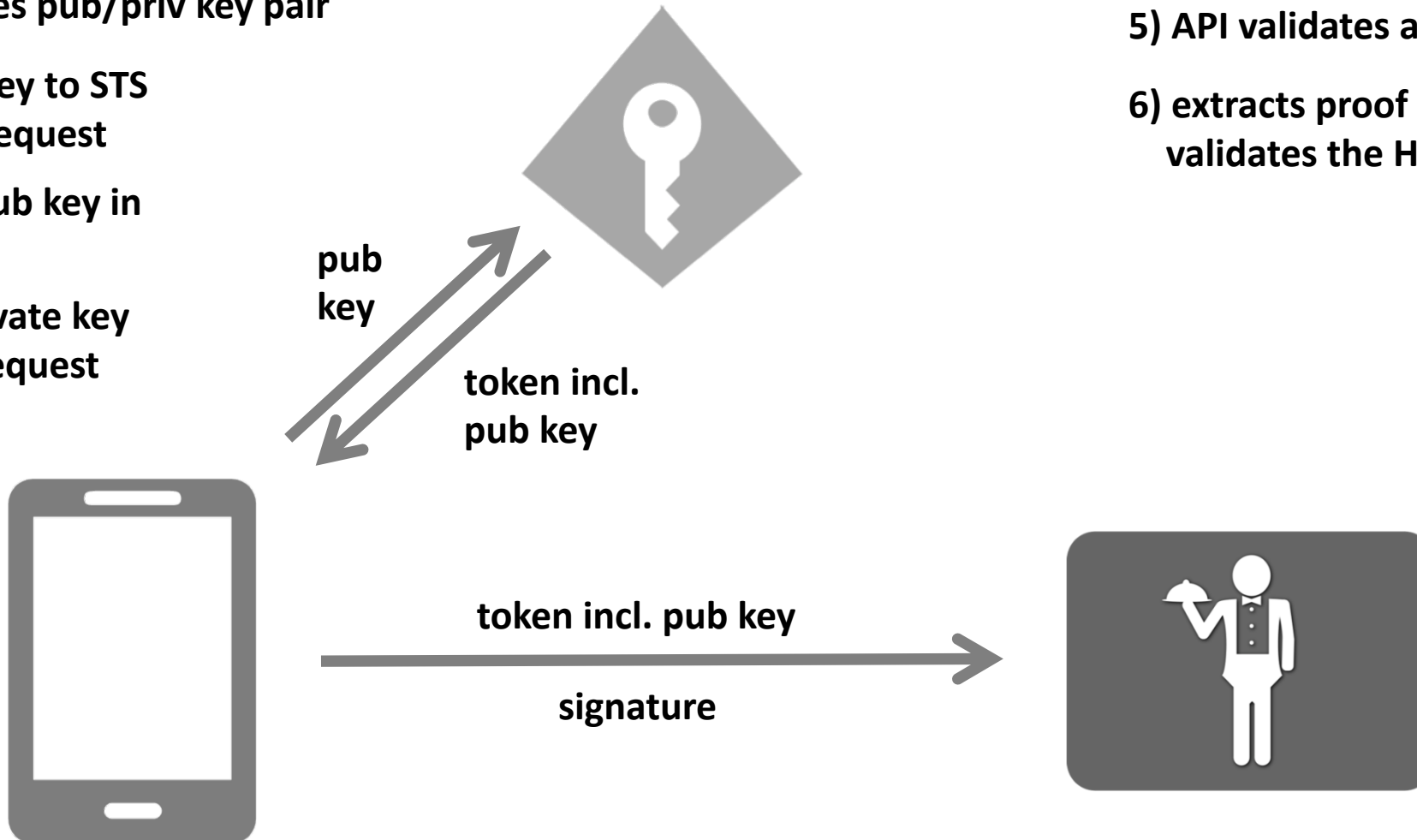
2) sends public key to STS
during token request

3) STS embeds pub key in
access token

4) client uses private key
to sign HTTP request

5) API validates access token

6) extracts proof key &
validates the HTTP signature



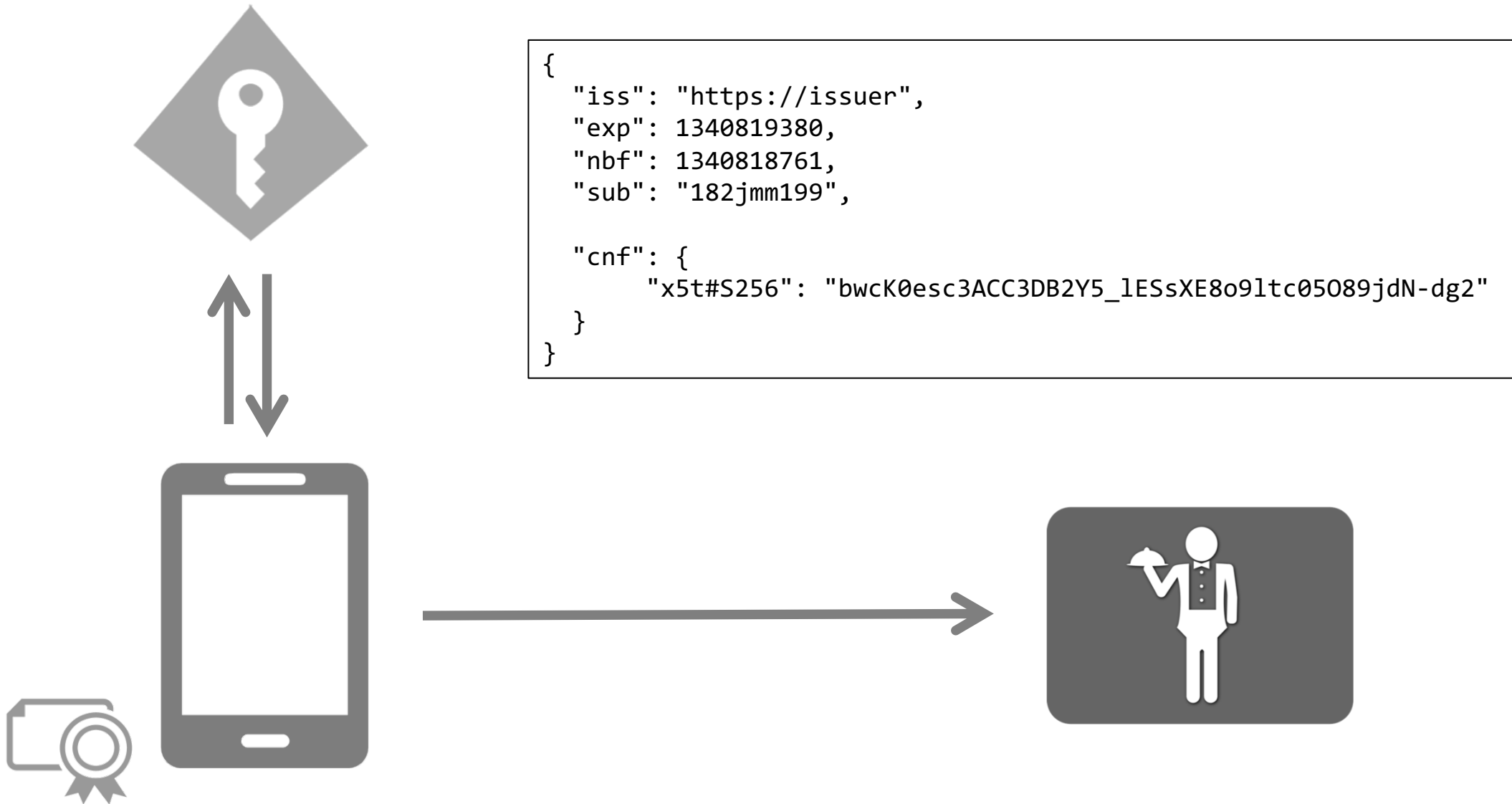
Current Opinion

- **Standardization of *cnf* (confirmation) claim**

```
{  
  "cnf": "JSON web key",  
}
```

- **Specialized scenarios**
 - Mutual TLS Profile for OAuth 2.0
- **Consumer scenarios**
 - HTTPS Token Binding for OAuth 2 and OpenID Connect

Example: Mutual TLS



Token Binding

- **IETF**

- <https://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-tokbind-protocol>
- <https://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-tokbind-https>

Abstract

This document specifies Version 1.0 of the Token Binding protocol. The Token Binding protocol allows client/server applications to create long-lived, uniquely identifiable TLS bindings spanning multiple TLS sessions and connections. Applications are then enabled to cryptographically bind security tokens to the TLS layer, preventing token export and replay attacks. To protect privacy, the Token Binding identifiers are only conveyed over TLS and can be reset by the user at any time.

Using Token Binding for PoP

- **OpenID Connect Token Bound Authentication**
 - https://openid.net/specs/openid-connect-token-bound-authentication-1_0.html
- **OAuth 2.0 Token Binding**
 - <https://tools.ietf.org/wg/oauth/draft-ietf-oauth-token-binding/>

Example: Request to Client

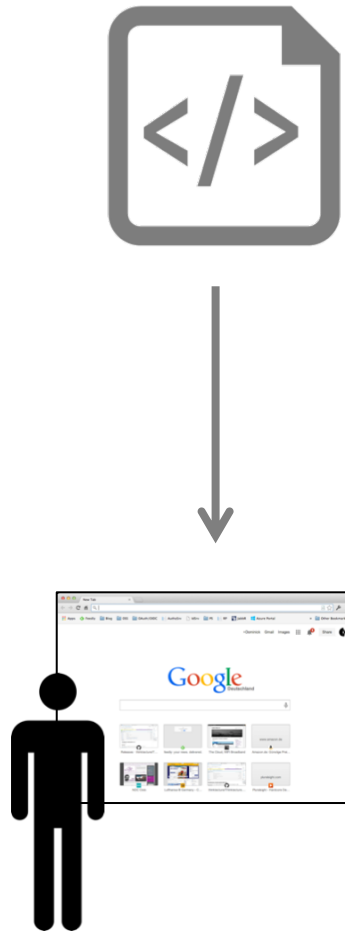


GET / HTTP/1.1

Host: client.example.io

Sec-Token-Binding: AlkAAgBBQKzylrmcYKTZfFJv ...1_610h0h-IX-

Example: Redirect to OpenID Connect Provider

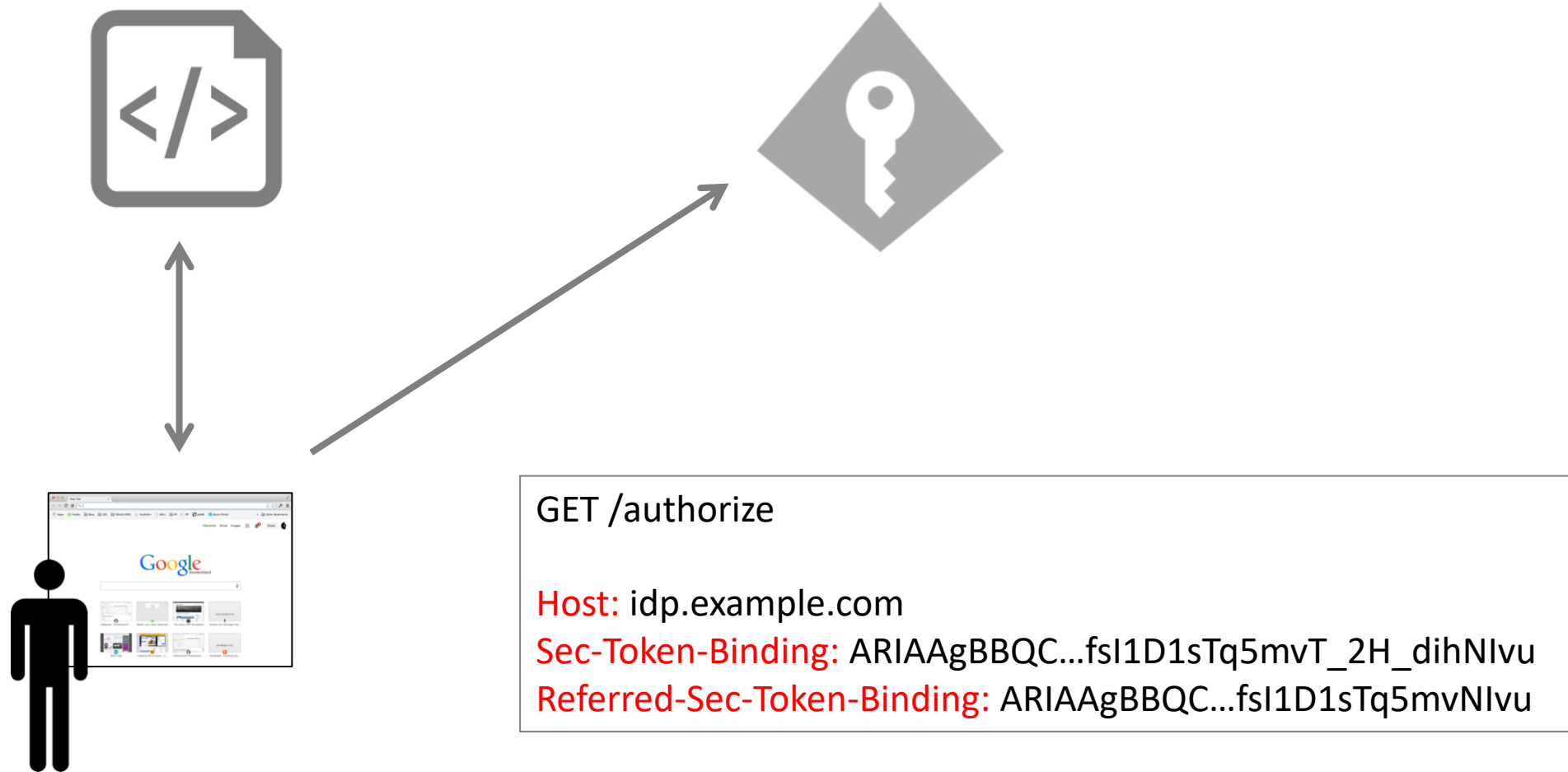


HTTP/1.1 302

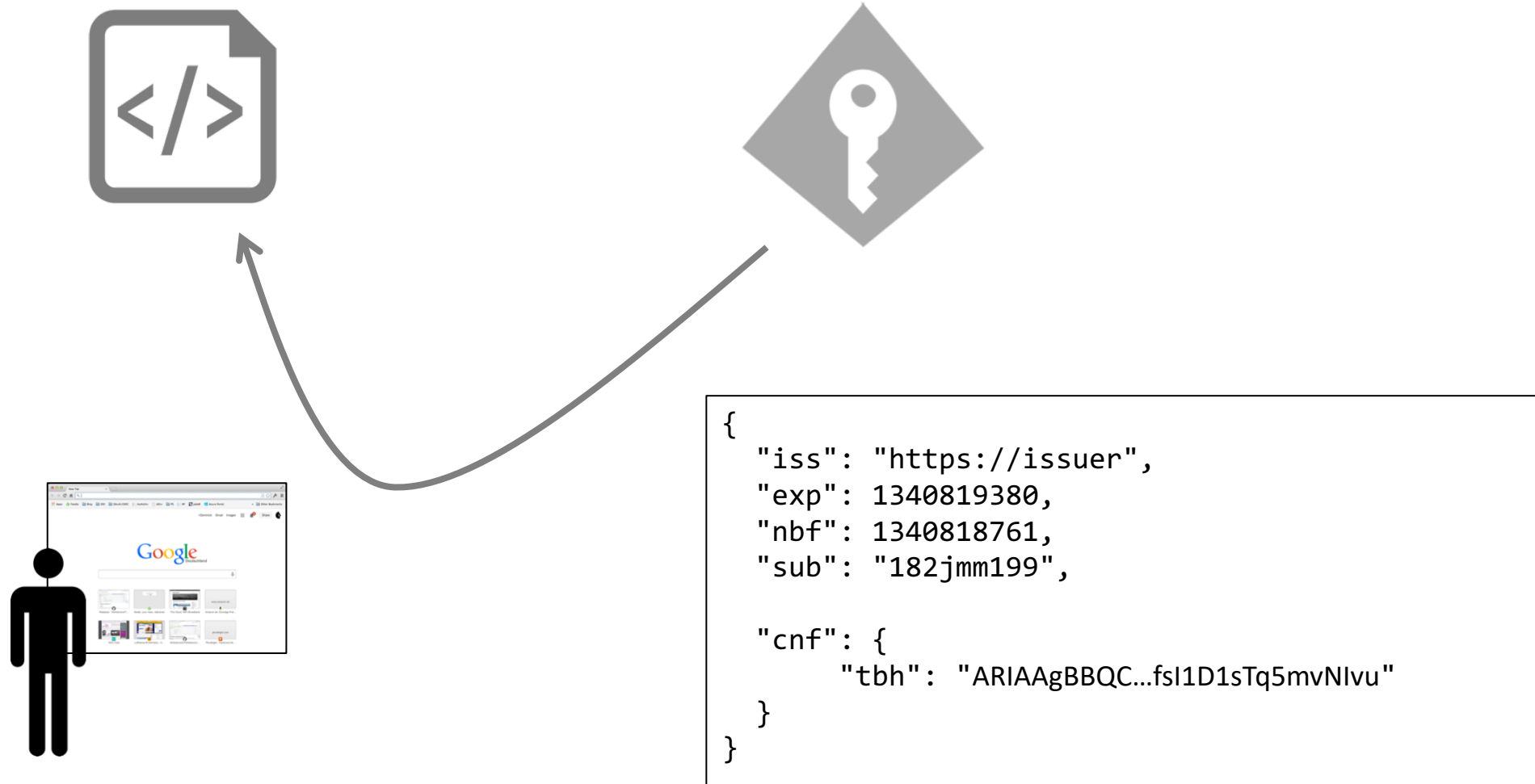
Location: <https://idp.example.io/authorize?....>

Include-Referred-Token-Binding-ID: true

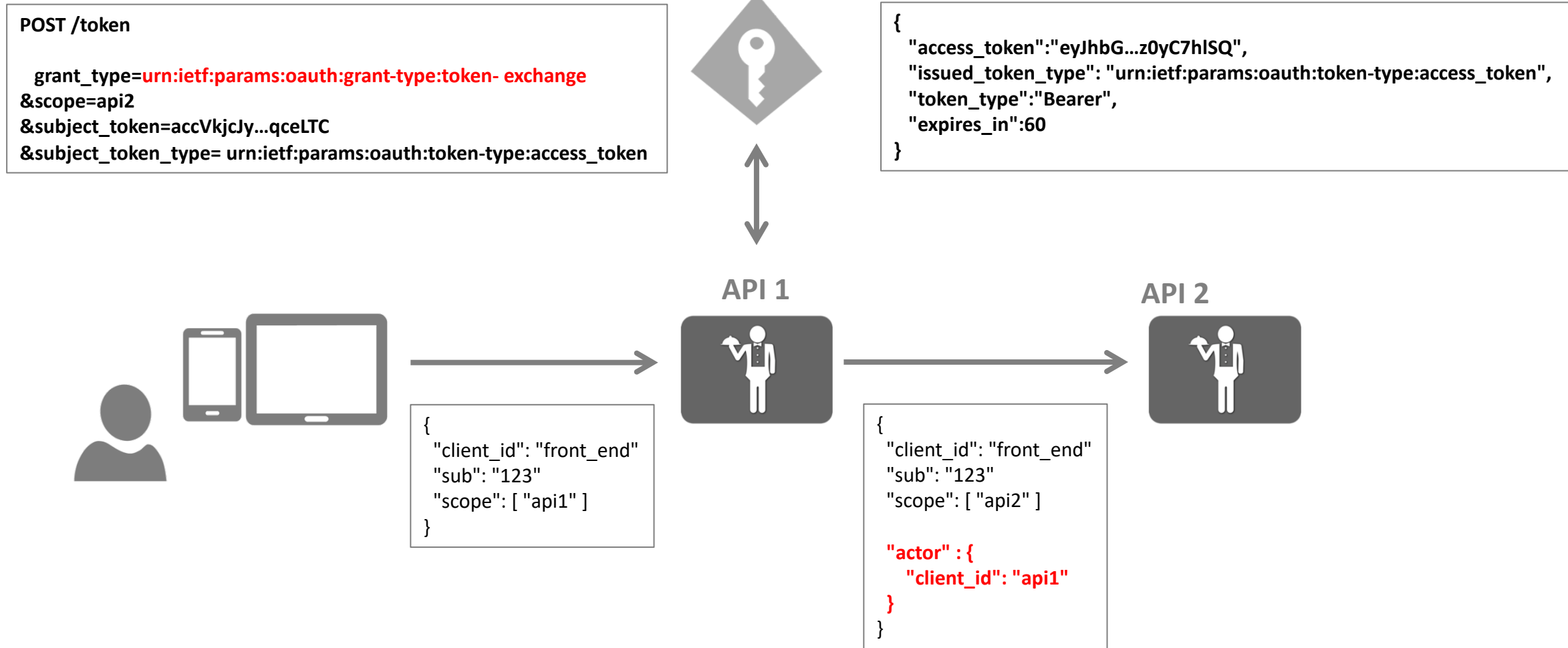
Example: Authentication Request



Example: Authentication Response

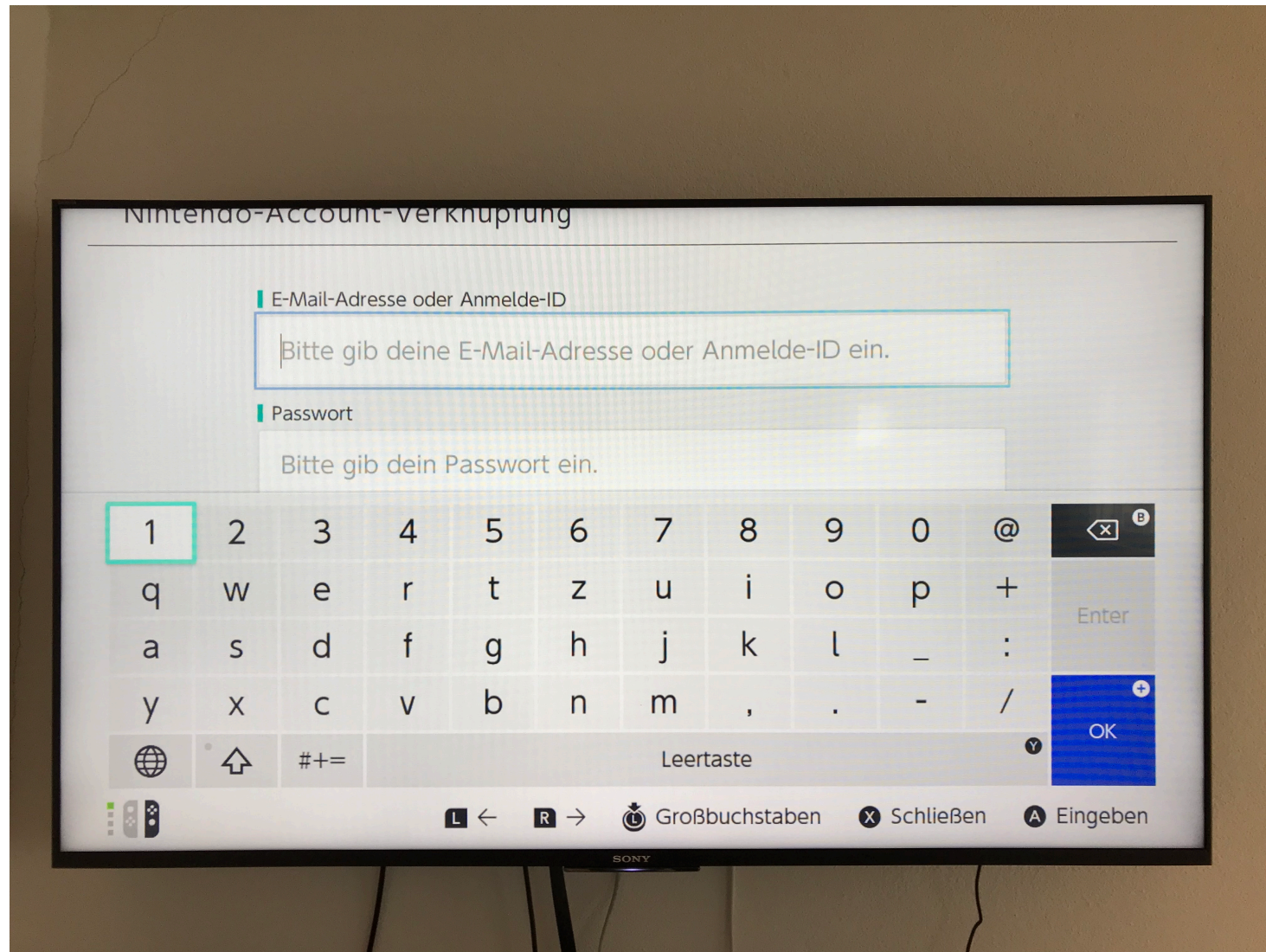


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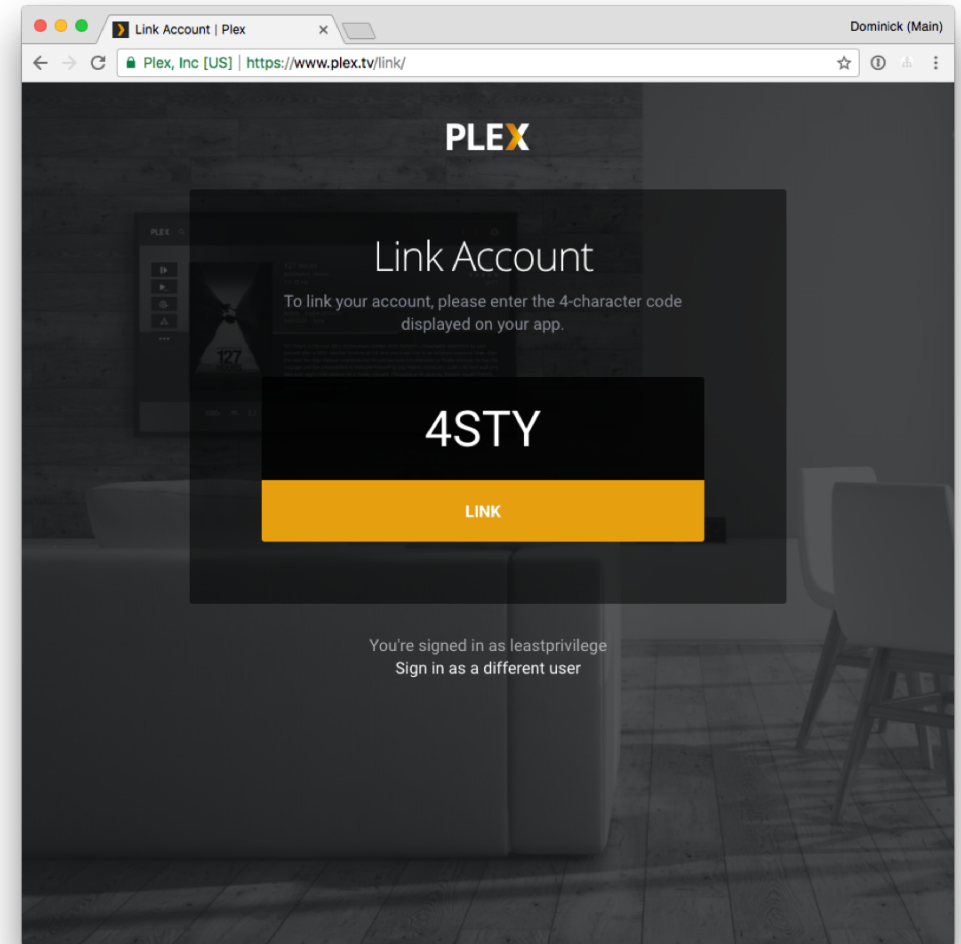


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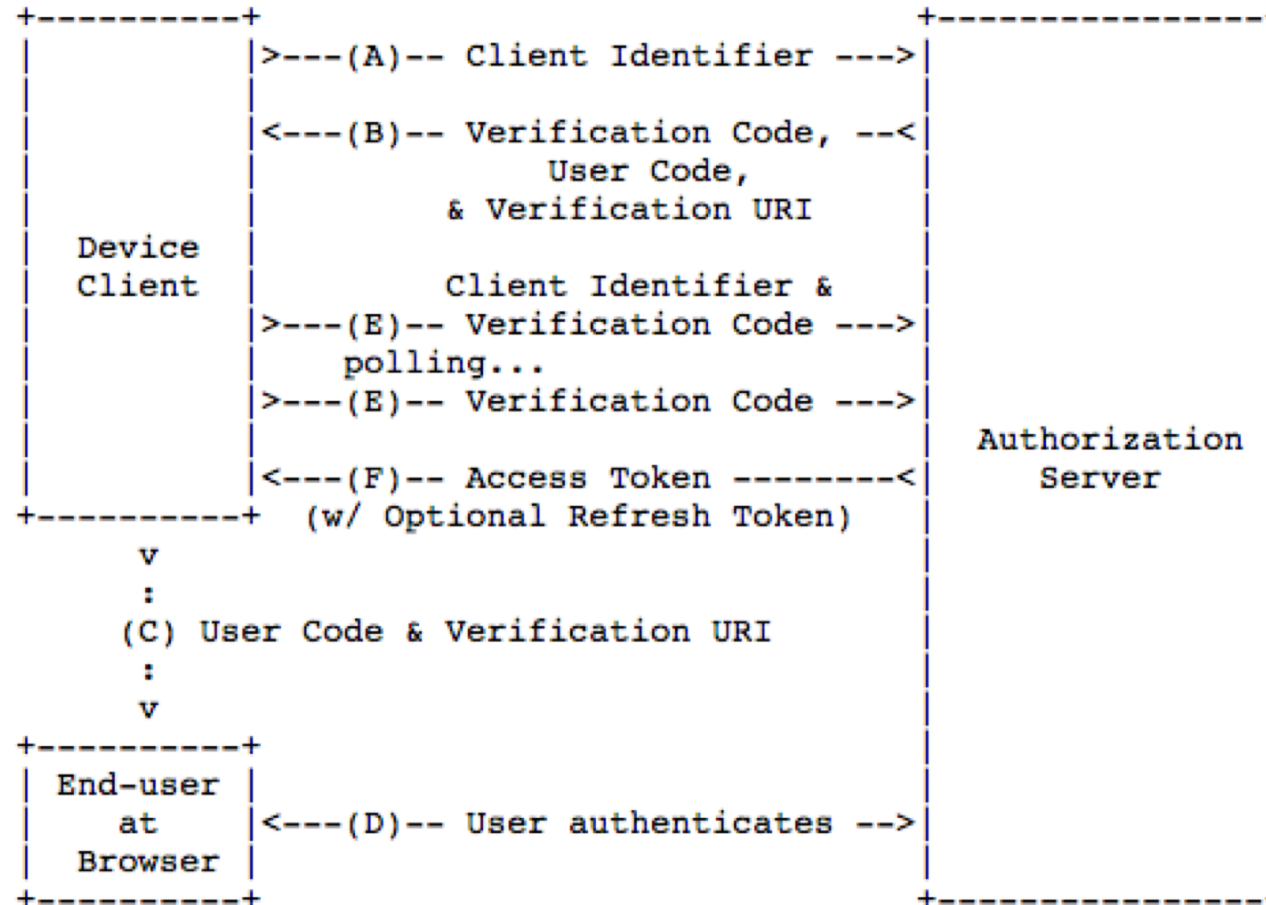
"Constrained Input Devices"



OAuth 2.0 Device Flow for Browserless and Input Constrained Devices



...or in ASCII Art



What's going on with OpenID Connect?

- **Some important working groups (IMO)**
 - Enhanced Authentication
 - Financial APIs
 - Federation
- **Some OIDC features back-ported to OAuth 2.0**
 - JWT secured authorization requests
 - discovery
 - client management

IoT

- **Concise Binary Object Representation (CBOR)**
 - <https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc7049>
 - <http://cbor.io/>
- **CBOR Object Signing and Encryption (COSE)**
 - <https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc8152>
- **CBOR Web Token (CWT)**
 - <https://tools.ietf.org/html/draft-ietf-ace-cbor-web-token-10>

The suggested pronunciation of CWT is the same as the English word "cot".

Summary

- **Easier than WS* ?**
 - well, at least it's not XML
 - no easy solutions for hard problems
- **Pick the features you need**
 - if you require interop, a (final) spec would be good
- **Good coverage of base specs in standard libraries/products**
 - OpenID Connect only spec so far with conformance tests

Thanks!