

INTRODUCTION TO OAUTH 2.0 AND OPENID CONNECT

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THE CLIENT'S PERSPECTIVE











A standalone service handling OAuth 2.0, OIDC, and user management



logout Your code authorize IdentityServer token middleware discovery Augment your user management service with OAuth 2.0 & OIDC

ASP.NET Core Application





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Scenarios that do not involve user-based access rely on the *Client Credentials* grant







- 1 POST /oauth/token
- 2 Host: sts.restograde.com
- 3

4	<pre>grant_type=client_credentials</pre>	Indicates the <i>client credentials</i> flow
5	<pre>&client_id=8LTzNhXjULgOpMeAylvhmbgpdZinK54Z</pre>	The client exchanging the code
7	<pre>&client_secret=xEJRXoeVd_BjB</pre>	• The client needs to authenticate to the STS
8	&audience=https://api.restograde.com •	• Optional indication of the target API





Running the Client Credentials flow



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Running the Client Credentials flow

THE CLIENT CREDENTIALS GRANT ENABLES M2M ACCESS



The client credentials grant supports direct machine-tomachine access.

The grant relies on client credentials which have to be kept in a secure location (i.e., not on an untrusted device)









https://schedule.restograde.com/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.

The redirect URI restricts how the STS can send data through the browser to the client, preventing an attacker from hijacking valuable resources





3 The initialization request

- 1 https://sts.restograde.com/authorize
- 2 ?response_type=code Indicates the *authorization code flow*
- 3 &client_id=lY5g0BKB7Mow4yDlb6rdGPs02i1g70sv The client requesting access
- 4 &scope=read
- 5 &redirect_uri=https://schedule.restograde.com/callback- Where the STS should send the code
- 6 &code_challenge=JhEN0Amnj7B...Wh5PxWitZYK1woWh5PxWitZY
- 7 &code_challenge_method=S256











1 https://schedule.restograde.com/callback • The callback URI from before

?code=Splxl0BeZQQYbYS6WxSbIA • The authorization code 2







- 1 POST /oauth/token
- 2 Host: sts.restograde.com
- 3

4	<pre>grant_type=authorization_code</pre>	Indicates the code exchange request
5	<pre>&client_id=lY5g0BKB7Mow4yDlb6rdGPs02i1g70sv</pre>	The client exchanging the code
7	<pre>&redirect_uri=https://schedule.restograde.com/callback</pre>	The redirect URI used before
8	&code=Splxl0BeZQQYbYS6WxSbIA	The code received in step 6
9	&code_verifier=lT5q6nbPQRtdj~IUdkErVDFG.fF4z7CzCxo •	The code verifier from step 1





THE OAUTH 2.0 AUTHORIZATION CODE FLOW

- The client is a backend web application, running in a secure environment
 - The user authorizes the client to access APIs on their behalf
 - The Authorization Code flow gives the client an access token and refresh token
 - The access token is used by the client to access APIs on behalf of the user
 - The refresh token allows the client to obtain new access tokens, without user involvement
- The Authorization Code flow has several security measures built-in
 - The client needs to be registered with the proper redirect URIs
 - The client needs to authenticate on backchannel requests to the STS
 - Concretely, client authentication is needed to exhange an authorization code or refresh token
 - Authorization codes can only be used once in a very limited time window



Modern best practices require the use of PKCE



WTF is PKCE?



The initialization request

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- &redirect_uri=https://schedule.restograde.com/callback- Where the STS should send the code 5
- &code_challenge=JhEN0Amnj7B...Wh5PxWitZYK1woWh5PxWitZY The PKCE code challenge 6
- &code_challenge_method=S256 The PKCE hash function





The request to exchange the authorization code

- 1 POST /oauth/token
- 2 Host: sts.restograde.com
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4	<pre>grant_type=authorization_code</pre>	Indicates the code exchange request
5	<pre>&client_id=lY5g0BKB7Mow4yDlb6rdGPs02i1g70sv</pre>	The client exchanging the code
7	<pre>&redirect_uri=https://schedule.restograde.com/callback</pre>	The redirect URI used before
8	&code=Splxl0BeZQQYbYS6WxSbIA •	The code received in step 9
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PROOF KEY FOR CODE EXCHANGE (PKCE)

• PKCE ensures that the same client intializes and finalizes the flow

- The main use case for PKCE is to prevent authorization code theft in public clients
- PKCE acts as a one-time password for a particular client instance
- PKCE consists of a code verifier and a code challenge
 - The code verifier is a cryptographically secure random string
 - Between 43 and 128 characters of this character set: [A-Z] [a-z] [0-9] . _ ~
 - The code challenge is a *base64 urlencoded SHA256* hash of the code verifier
 - The hash function uniquely connects the code challenge to the code verifier
 - The code verifier cannot be derived from the code challenge

• PKCE is a current best practice for all types of clients



What about frontend applications?






Running the Authorization Code flow with PKCE

THE **AUTHORIZATION CODE** FLOW WITH PKCE FOR FRONTENDS

- The client is a public frontend web application, running in the user's browser
 - OAuth 2.0 enables the user to authorize the client to access APIs on their behalf
 - OIDC allows the client to obtain authentication information about the user
 - Both modern Single Page Applications as legacy JS pages can use this new flow
- Web frontends cannot rely on client authentication
 - The authorization code is exchanged without client credentials
 - The security of the flow relies on PKCE and pre-registered redirect URIs
 - Redirect URIs should use exact string matching, not dynamic matching with regexes
- Additional security requirements are needed for frontend OAuth 2.0 clients
 - Attackers succeeding in executing JS code (e.g., XSS) can fully compromise the client

THE AUTHORIZATION CODE GRANT ENABLES ACCESS ON BEHALF OF A USER



The authorization code grant with PKCE allows the user to delegate authority to an application to access APIs on their behalf







REFRESH TOKENS ALLOW LONG-TERM ACCESS



Refresh tokens allow a client to obtain fresh access tokens without user interactions.

Refresh tokens are crucial to keep access tokens shortlived to reduce the window of abuse for stolen tokens.



THE API'S PERSPECTIVE



vSvhNDeQLqrzRbvA2eeYE2PthB1cBimS

A self-contained access token

eyJhbGci0iJSUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCIsImtpZC I6Ik5UVkJPVFUzTXpCQk9FVXd0emhCUTBWR01rUTBR VVU1UVRZeFFVVXlPVU5FUVVVeE5qRXlNdyJ9.eyJpc 3Mi0iJodHRwczovL3N0cy5yZXN0b2dyYWRlLmNvbS8 iLCJzdWIiOiJhdXRoMHw1ZWI5MTZjMjU4YmRiNTBiZ jIwMzY2YzYiLCJhdWQiOlsiaHR0cHM6Ly9hcGkucmV zdG9ncmFkZS5jb20iLCJodHRwczovL3Jlc3RvZ3JhZ GUuZXUuYXV0aDAuY29tL3VzZXJpbmZvIl0sImlhdCI 6MTU40Tc3NTA3MiwiZXhwIjoxNTq50DYxNDcyLCJhe nAi0iJPTEt0bjM40VNVSW11ZkV4Z1JHMVJpbExTZ2R ZeHdFcCIsInNjb3BlIjoib3BlbmlkIHByb2ZpbGUgZ W1haWwgb2ZmbGluZV9hY2Nlc3MifQ.XzJ0XtTX0G0S bCFvp4yZGJzh7XhMmOmI2XxtjWdl0Dz siI-u8h11e lcr8LwX6-hL20Q0W0eStzBzmm1FM_tS7MxuKkYx8Ql TWOURPembVKZOhNi8kN-1j0pyc0uzve7Jib5vcxmkP wqpcVDFACgP85_0NYe4zXHKxCA5_8V0n05cRCDSkNM TFzGJCT9ipCcNXaVGdksojYGqQzezjpzzzwrtPEkiy FLFtDPZAl0MleF3oFA0CBK0UKuNjJ cSBbUsaIwfvK 0WH47AwFrRn_TxL4S1P3j3b1GgBm8tAqXysY84VZu0 rSg3zrZj1PnoqPD4mb0Xds20xafCr9wR4WTQ

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REVOCATION VS PERFORMANCE



Token security is often a trade-off between performance and security. Short-lived self-contained access tokens typically offer a good balance



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"active": true,
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"iss": "https://sts.restograde.com",
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- "aud": "https://api.restograde.com",
- "sub": "5eb916c258bdb50bf20366c6",
- "client_id": "OLKNn389SU...ilLSgdYxwEp",
 "scope": "reviews:read reviews:write"

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"exp": 1589861472,
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Token introspection responses contain an *active* claim





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The *iss* claim indicates which service issued the token.

The *aud* claim indicates which API is supposed to consume the token.



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The client_id/azp claim indicates which client is authorized to use the token



MAKE SURE THE ACCESS TOKEN IS ACCEPTABLE



Access tokens have various claims that describe the token metadata (e.g., issuer, audience). Make sure these values make sense to your API.



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The *scope* represents the authority that the user has delegated to the client





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Gmail API, v1

Scopes	
https://mail.google.com/	Read, compose, send, and permanently delete all your email from Gmail
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/gmail.addons.current.action.compose	Manage drafts and send emails when you interact with the add-on
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/gmail.addons.current.message.action	View your email messages when you interact with the add-on
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/gmail.addons.current.message.metadata	View your email message metadata when the add-on is running
https://www.googleap is.com/auth/gmail.addons.current.message.readonly	View your email messages when the add-on is running
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/gmail.compose	Manage drafts and send emails
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/gmail.insert	Insert mail into your mailbox
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/gmail.labels	Manage mailbox labels
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/gmail.metadata	View your email message metadata such as labels and headers, but not the email body
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/gmail.modify	View and modify but not delete your email
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/gmail.readonly	View your email messages and settings
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/gmail.send	Send email on your behalf
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/gmail.settings.basic	Manage your basic mail settings
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/gmail.settings.sharing	Manage your sensitive mail settings, including who can manage your mail

Google Analytics API, v3

Scopes	
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/analytics	View and manage your Google Analytics data
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/analytics.edit	Edit Google Analytics management entities
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/analytics.manage.users	Manage Google Analytics Account users by email address
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/analytics.manage.users.readonly	View Google Analytics user permissions
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/analytics.provision	Create a new Google Analytics account along with its default property and view
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/analytics.readonly	View your Google Analytics data
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/analytics.user.deletion	Manage Google Analytics user deletion requests

Google Sheets API, v4

Scopes	
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/drive	See, edit, create, and delete all of your Google Drive files
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/drive.file	View and manage Google Drive files and folders that you have opened or created with this app
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/drive.readonly	See and download all your Google Drive files
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/spreadsheets	See, edit, create, and delete your spreadsheets in Google Drive
https://www.googleap is.com/auth/spread sheets.read only	View your Google Spreadsheets

Google Sign-In

Scopes	
profile	View your basic profile info
email	View your email address
openid	Authenticate using OpenID Connect

Google Site Verification API, v1

Scopes	
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/siteverification	Manage the list of sites and domains you control
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/siteverification.verify_only	Manage your new site verifications with Google

Google Slides API, v1

Scopes	
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/drive	See, edit, create, and delete all of your Google Drive files
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/drive.file	View and manage Google Drive files and folders that you have opened or created with this \ensuremath{app}
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/drive.readonly	See and download all your Google Drive files
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/presentations	View and manage your Google Slides presentations
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/presentations.readonly	View your Google Slides presentations
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/spreadsheets	See, edit, create, and delete your spreadsheets in Google Drive
https://www.googleapis.com/auth/spreadsheets.readonly	View your Google Spreadsheets



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Available scopes

Name	Description
(no scope)	Grants read-only access to public information (includes public user profile info, public repository info, and gists)
геро	Grants full access to private and public repositories. That includes read/write access to code, commit statuses, repository and organization projects, invitations, collaborators, adding team memberships, deployment statuses, and repository webhooks for public and private repositories and organizations. Also grants ability to manage user projects.
repo:status	Grants read/write access to public and private repository commit statuses. This scope is only necessary to grant other users or services access to private repository commit statuses <i>without</i> granting access to the code.
repo_deployment	Grants access to deployment statuses for public and private repositories. This scope is only necessary to grant other users or services access to deployment statuses, <i>without</i> granting access to the code.
public_repo	Limits access to public repositories. That includes read/write access to code, commit statuses, repository projects, collaborators, and deployment statuses for public repositories and organizations. Also required for starring public repositories.
repo:invite	Grants accept/decline abilities for invitations to collaborate on a repository. This scope is only necessary to grant other users or services access to invites <i>without</i> granting access to the code.
security_events	Grants read and write access to security events in the code scanning API
admin:repo_hook	Grants read, write, ping, and delete access to repository hooks in public and private repositories. The repo and public_repo scopes grants ful access to repositories, including repository hooks. Use the admin: repo_hook scope to limit access to only repository hooks.
write:repo_hook	Grants read, write, and ping access to hooks in public or private repositories.
read:repo_hook	Grants read and ping access to hooks in public or private repositories.
admin:org	Fully manage the organization and its teams, projects, and memberships.
write:org	Read and write access to organization membership, organization projects, and team membership.
read:org	Read-only access to organization membership, organization projects, and team membership.

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write:org	Read and write access to organization membership, organization projects, and team membership.
read:org	Read-only access to organization membership, organization projects, and team membership.
admin:public_key	Fully manage public keys.
write:public_key	Create, list, and view details for public keys.
read:public_key	List and view details for public keys.
admin:org_hook	Grants read, write, ping, and delete access to organization hooks. Note: OAuth tokens will only be able to perform these actions on organization hooks which were created by the OAuth App. Personal access tokens will only be able to perform these actions on organization hooks created by a user.
gist	Grants write access to gists.
notifications	Grants: * read access to a user's notifications * mark as read access to threads * watch and unwatch access to a repository, and * read, write, and delete access to thread subscriptions.
iser	Grants read/write access to profile info only. Note that this scope includes user:email and user:follow.
read:user	Grants access to read a user's profile data.
user:email	Grants read access to a user's email addresses.
user:follow	Grants access to follow or unfollow other users.
delete_repo	Grants access to delete adminable repositories.
vrite:discussion	Allows read and write access for team discussions.
read:discussion	Allows read access for team discussions.
vrite:packages	Grants access to upload or publish a package in GitHub Packages. For more information, see "Publishing a package" in the GitHub Help documentation.
read:packages	Grants access to download or install packages from GitHub Packages. For more information, see "Installing a package" in the GitHub Help documentation.
delete:packages	Grants access to delete packages from GitHub Packages. For more information, see "Deleting packages" in the GitHub Help documentation.

USE SCOPES FOR FUNCTION-LEVEL ACCESS CONTROL



Scopes define the authority to perform certain operations.

The API can rely on the presence of a certain scope in the access token claims for authorization purposes.



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- "azp": "OLKNn389SUufExgRG1RilLSgdYxwEp",

"permissions": ["reviews:fullaccess"]

OAuth 2.0 supports the use of custom claims in access tokens. A *permissions* claim is quite common to include concrete user or client permissions in a token Permissions are typically used in a first-party scenario, where the authorization server enforces a specific authorization policy



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CUSTOM PERMISSION CLAIMS OFFER MORE FLEXIBILITY



When the entire ecosystem is tightly controlled, the access token often includes client/user-specific permissions instead of coarse-grained scopes.







PERFORM OBJECT-LEVEL AUTHORIZATION CHECKS



Broken Object-Level Authorization is the #1 API security failure. Use the sub claim to establish the user's identity and make sure the user is allowed to perform the requested operation on the specified object.



USER AUTHENTICATION WITH OIDC



Email Address	
Password	Forgot password
Password	



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The application's internal user database



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OpenID Connect in action

OIDC SUPPORTS OFFLOADING USER AUTHENTICATION



Standalone applications can offload user authentication to a central provider.

The authenticated user is matched against an internal user in the system maintained in a "session".






DENTITY BROKERING IS A POWERFUL FEATURE



Identity brokering allows one STS to offload the authentication to another STS, and so on.

It offers a lot of flexibility while hiding the complexity from the client applications.





Introduction to OAuth 2.0 and OIDC

RECAP

- OAuth 2.0 is not about authentication or authorization, but delegation
 - Access tokens represent authority given to a client by the STS
 - The API relies on the access token to make authorization decisions
- OpenID Connect is about delegating authentication to a third-party
 - OIDC flows result in an identity token containing properties about the authentication
 - OIDC combines with OAuth 2.0, as the same flow can also issue access tokens
- Authorization is the responsibility of the resource server
 - The authorization server has to properly verify incoming access tokens
 - The claims in the access token support function-level and object-level authorization

BEST PRACTICES

- OAuth 2.0 best practices only support three flows
 - The *Client Credentials* grant supports direct machine-to-machine access
 - The Authorization Code flow with PKCE supports user-based access
 - The *Device flow* supports OAuth 2.0 on input-constrained devices
- OpenID Connect is the current standard for implementing authentication
 - OIDC relies on the same flows as OAuth 2.0, with the same best practices
- Minimize the attack surface following from using OAuth 2.0
 - Use least-privilege scopes to limit the power of an access token
 - Use strict *redirect URIs* to prevent token stealing attacks
 - Use *PKCE* in all occurrences of the Authorization Code flow to preserve flow integrity



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