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OAuth 2.0 Authentication Protocol Extensions

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1 Introduction

OAuth 2.0 Authentication Protocol Extensions describes extensions to the OAuth 2.0 Authentication Protocol. These extensions consist of additional parameters in the request **URI** and the **JSON** objects returned in the **HTTP** response body.

Sections 1.8, 2, and 3 of this specification are normative and can contain the terms MAY, SHOULD, MUST, MUST NOT, and SHOULD NOT as defined in [\[RFC2119\]](#). Sections 1.5 and 1.9 are also normative but do not contain those terms. All other sections and examples in this specification are informative.

1.1 Glossary

The following terms are specific to this document:

Coordinated Universal Time (UTC): A high-precision atomic time standard that approximately tracks Universal Time (UT). It is the basis for legal, civil time all over the Earth. Time zones around the world are expressed as positive and negative offsets from UTC. In this role, it is also referred to as Zulu time (Z) and Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). In these specifications, all references to UTC refer to the time at UTC-0 (or GMT).

Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP): An application-level protocol for distributed, collaborative, hypermedia information systems (text, graphic images, sound, video, and other multimedia files) on the World Wide Web.

Hypertext Transfer Protocol over Secure Sockets Layer (HTTPS): An extension of **HTTP** that securely encrypts and decrypts webpage requests.

JavaScript Object Notation (JSON): A text-based, data interchange format that is used to transmit structured data, typically in Asynchronous JavaScript + XML (AJAX) web applications, as described in [\[RFC4627\]](#). The JSON format is based on the structure of ECMAScript (Jscript, JavaScript) objects.

principal: An authenticated entity that initiates a message or channel in a distributed system.

realm: An administrative boundary that uses one set of authentication servers to manage and deploy a single set of unique identifiers. A realm is a unique logon space.

Representational State Transfer (REST): A class of web services that is used to transfer domain-specific data by using **HTTP**, without additional messaging layers or session tracking, and returns textual data, such as XML.

security token service (STS): A web service that issues claims (2) and packages them in encrypted security tokens.

tenant: A protocol client or protocol server that accesses a partition in a shared service database.

token: A word in an item or a search query that translates into a meaningful word or number in written text. A token is the smallest textual unit that can be matched in a search query. Examples include "cat", "AB14", or "42".

Uniform Resource Identifier (URI): A string that identifies a resource. The URI is an addressing mechanism defined in Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) Uniform Resource Identifier (URI): Generic Syntax [\[RFC3986\]](#).

Uniform Resource Locator (URL): A string of characters in a standardized format that identifies a document or resource on the World Wide Web. The format is as specified in [\[RFC1738\]](#).

X.509: An ITU-T standard for public key infrastructure subsequently adapted by the IETF, as specified in [\[RFC3280\]](#).

MAY, SHOULD, MUST, SHOULD NOT, MUST NOT: These terms (in all caps) are used as defined in [\[RFC2119\]](#). All statements of optional behavior use either MAY, SHOULD, or SHOULD NOT.

1.2 References

Links to a document in the Microsoft Open Specifications library point to the correct section in the most recently published version of the referenced document. However, because individual documents in the library are not updated at the same time, the section numbers in the documents may not match. You can confirm the correct section numbering by checking the [Errata](#).

1.2.1 Normative References

We conduct frequent surveys of the normative references to assure their continued availability. If you have any issue with finding a normative reference, please contact dochelp@microsoft.com. We will assist you in finding the relevant information.

[RFC2119] Bradner, S., "Key words for use in RFCs to Indicate Requirement Levels", BCP 14, RFC 2119, March 1997, <http://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc2119.txt>

1.2.2 Informative References

None.

1.3 Overview

This document describes extensions to the OAuth 2.0 Authentication Protocol. These extensions consist of additional parameters in the request URI and the JSON objects returned in the HTTP response body. These extensions provide additional functionality, such as finer granularity of token expiry periods, which is incremental over what is provided by the base specification.

1.4 Relationship to Other Protocols

1.5 Prerequisites/Preconditions

Applications using these extensions must have their **principal** identifiers registered as members of the **realm** managed by the **security token service (STS)** and are able to authenticate to it by exchanging secrets (public key material carried in **X.509** certificates). The applications must also trust tokens issued by the STS. These preconditions are established during deployment of new **tenants**.

1.6 Applicability Statement

These extensions are used in OAuth 2.0 Authentication requests for obtaining an access **token** for use with **REST** bases service requests.

1.7 Versioning and Capability Negotiation

None.

1.8 Vendor-Extensible Fields

None.

1.9 Standards Assignments

None.

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2 Messages

2.1 Transport

No specific parameters are passed to the transport layer. The transport layer, **HTTPS**, is used for securing messages and tokens sent over the wire.

2.2 Message Syntax

Parameters in these extensions are either transmitted in the request body in **URL**-encoded form or in the response as part of a JSON object. Tokens returned in conjunction with use of this protocol conform to the JWT specification.

XML based serialization is not used with these extensions or underlying protocols.

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3 Protocol Details

3.1 Common Details

This specification defines additional parameters for use with OAuth 2.0 Authentication Protocol messages. These parameters convey additional semantics related to the access token being requested and about the access token returned as part of these messages. This specification does not define any additional messages over the base specification.

3.1.1 Abstract Data Model

The following parameters are used in conjunction with the OAuth 2.0 Authentication Protocol.

Mandatory parameters when using the extensions defined in this specification.

Parameter name: resource

Parameter usage location: Request body, URL encoded

Type: string, URI value expected

Semantics: This parameter indicates the target resource that the caller wants to talk to. Value is expected to be URI format as defined in RFC 3986

Parameter name: not_before

Parameter usage location: Response body in JSON object

Type: string, UTC value expected

Semantics: Token returned in the OAuth parameter access_token as part of this response is not valid before the time specified in this parameter.

Parameter name: expires_on

Parameter usage location: Response body in JSON object

Type: string, UTC value expected

Semantics: Token returned in the OAuth parameter access_token as part of this response will no longer be valid at the time specified in this parameter.

Optional parameters when using the extensions defined in this specification.

Parameter name: realm

Parameter usage location: Request body, URL encoded or Response body in JSON object

Type: string

Semantics: Indicates the realm that the caller is part of.

Parameter name: created_on

Parameter usage location: Request body, URL-encoded or Response body in JSON object

Type: string, UTC value expected

Semantics: Token returned in the OAuth parameter access_token as part of this was created at the time specified in this parameter.

Parameter name: expires_in

Parameter usage location: Response body in JSON object

Type: string, int value expected.

Semantics: Lifetime of the token returned in the OAuth parameter access_token as part of this response specified in seconds.

3.1.2 Timers

None.

3.1.3 Initialization

Connections made using the underlying OAuth 2.0 Authentication Protocol are what initiate use of the extensions defined in this specification.

3.1.4 Higher-Layer Triggered Events

None.

3.1.5 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

The token request contains the elements indicated in section [3.1.1](#).

3.1.5.1 Protected Resource

This resource indicates the protected resource that the user is trying to get access to.

3.1.5.1.1 Request Access

For gaining access to a resource, an access token with the elements mentioned in section [3.1.1](#) need to be presented.

3.1.5.1.1.1 Request Body

Refer to the section [4.1](#).

3.1.5.1.1.2 Response Body

Refer to the section [4.2](#).

3.1.5.1.1.3 Processing Details

None.

3.1.6 Timer Events

None.

3.1.7 Other Local Events

None.

5 Security

5.1 Security Considerations for Implementers

Security considerations described in underlying specifications and in profiles referencing this extension specification should be considered when using these extensions.

5.2 Index of Security Parameters

None.

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6 Appendix A: Full JSON Schema

For ease of implementation, the following is the full JSON schema for this protocol.

```
"not before" : {
  "type" : "string",
  "format" : "date-time"
},
"expires on" : {
  "type" : "string",
  "format" : "date-time"
},
"realm" : {
  "type" : "string",
  "format" : "uri"
},
"created on" : {
  "type" : "string",
  "format" : "date-time"
},
"expires_in" : {
  "type" : "integer"
}
}
```

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7 Appendix B: Product Behavior

The information in this specification is applicable to the following Microsoft products or supplemental software. References to product versions include released service packs.

- Microsoft Skype for Business (formerly Lync 2013)
- Microsoft Lync Server 2013
- Microsoft Exchange Server 2013
- Microsoft SharePoint Server 2013
- Microsoft SharePoint Foundation 2013
- Skype for Business
- Skype for Business Server

Exceptions, if any, are noted below. If a service pack or Quick Fix Engineering (QFE) number appears with the product version, behavior changed in that service pack or QFE. The new behavior also applies to subsequent service packs of the product unless otherwise specified. If a product edition appears with the product version, behavior is different in that product edition.

Unless otherwise specified, any statement of optional behavior in this specification that is prescribed using the terms SHOULD or SHOULD NOT implies product behavior in accordance with the SHOULD or SHOULD NOT prescription. Unless otherwise specified, the term MAY implies that the product does not follow the prescription.

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- The removal of a document from the documentation set.

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- Content updated.
- Content removed.
- New product behavior note added.
- Product behavior note updated.
- Product behavior note removed.
- New protocol syntax added.
- Protocol syntax updated.
- Protocol syntax removed.
- New content added due to protocol revision.
- Content updated due to protocol revision.
- Content removed due to protocol revision.
- New protocol syntax added due to protocol revision.
- Protocol syntax updated due to protocol revision.
- Protocol syntax removed due to protocol revision.
- Obsolete document removed.

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