[MS-SPS2SAUTH]: OAuth 2.0 Authentication Protocol: SharePoint Profile

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1 Introduction

The OAuth 2.0 Authentication Protocol: SharePoint Profile is used for server-to-server authentication between server-side applications.

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 RFC 2119. Sections 1.5 and 1.9 are also normative but cannot contain those terms. All other sections and examples in this specification are informative.

1.1 Glossary

The following terms are defined in [MS-GLOS]:

authentication
base64
GUID
Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP)
Hypertext Transfer Protocol over Secure Sockets Layer (HTTPS)
principal
realm
Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)
security token
Transmission Control Protocol (TCP)
user principal name (UPN)

The following terms are defined in [MS-OFCGLOS]:

endpoint
JavaScript Object Notation (JSON)
Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML)
security principal
security principal identifier
security token service (STS)
Session Initiation Protocol (SIP)
site
Transport Layer Security (TLS)

The following terms are specific to this document:

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

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1.3 Overview

This protocol specifies the profile of server-to-server **authentication (2)** performed by an application server and other server-side applications such as a mail server. An example scenario is where an application server calls to a mail server to request access to tasks assigned to a user. The communication between the application server and mail server will use this protocol.

1.4 Relationship to Other Protocols

This protocol relies on the OAuth 2.0 Authentication Protocol Extensions, as described in [MS-OAUTH2EX], and JSON Web Token (JWT), as described in [IETFDRAFT-JWT]. This protocol is related to the OAuth 2.0 Authorization Protocol Extensions as described in [MS-XOAUTH] that also rely on [MS-OAUTH2EX] for similar server-to-server scenarios.

This protocol uses HTTP, as described in [RFC2616], and HTTPS, as described in [RFC2818], as shown in the following layering diagram.

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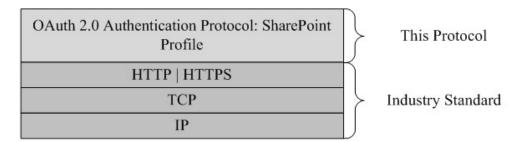


Figure 1: This protocol in relation to other protocols

1.5 Prerequisites/Preconditions

This protocol requires that the caller that is requesting a server-to-server token resides in the same system as **STS** as described by [MS-SPSTWS].

1.6 Applicability Statement

This protocol is designed for use by server-side applications that need to access protected resources and will use server-to-server authentication (2).

This protocol is intended only to be used over RESTful service calls.

1.7 Versioning and Capability Negotiation

None.

1.8 Vendor-Extensible Fields

None.

1.9 Standards Assignments

None.

2 Messages

2.1 Transport

This protocol transports messages over **TCP**, as specified in [RFC793], and does not pass any specific parameters to the transport. This protocol uses **HTTPS**, as specified in [RFC2818], to secure the **security tokens**.

Messages are not encoded by the OData protocol, as specified in [MS-ODATA]. Messages use the default character set defined by the protocol client or the protocol server.

2.2 Message Syntax

A **security principal (1)** is represented as a **security principal identifier** in the applications. A security principal identifier is a **GUID**. The following security principal identifier values are reserved values, but not the complete set of possible values, that are used in security tokens described throughout this document:

- 00000003-0000-0ff1-ce00-0000000000000<1>
- 00000002-0000-0ff1-ce00-0000000000000000
- 00000004-0000-0ff1-ce00-0000000000000

3 Protocol Details

3.1 Application Server Acting as Server Role Details

The application server<4> is in a resource server role and grants access to a protected resource. Another server, such as a mail server, is in a client role and makes protected resource requests. For clarity, the server making requests is referred to as the client application throughout this section and subsections.

3.1.1 Abstract Data Model

None.

3.1.2 Timers

None.

3.1.3 Initialization

None.

3.1.4 Higher-Layer Triggered Events

None.

3.1.5 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

The following sequence of events occurs for the client application to authenticate with the application server.

Step 1: The client application makes an anonymous service call to the application server.

Step 2: The application server returns an **HTTP** 401 challenge with an empty **Bearer** authorization header. The **Bearer** authorization header is specified in [IETFDRAFT-JWTOAuth].

The response contains the following parameters:

- client_id: An application identifier. The value MUST be 00000003-0000-0ff1-ce00-00000000000.
- realm: The source **realm** of the application. The format of realm is specified in [MS-OAUTH2EX].
- trustedissuers: The list of the name identifiers of the issuers that the application server trusts.

Step 3: The client application creates a server-to-server token that contains the user identity information as an outer token. The following table describes claims that are used in the outer token, and are exchanged in server-to-server security tokens. The claim values are all string data types, as specified in [MS-DTYP]. All values in any server-to-server tokens MUST be lowercase strings.

Claim type	Claim description	Required value formats
aud	The audience that is the targeted service for which the token is issued. This claim	The value MUST be specified in the following format, where <i>hostname</i> is the application server's host name, and <i>realm</i> is the realm provided in the HTTP 401 response.

Claim type	Claim description	Required value formats
	type MUST be provided.	00000003-0000-0ff1-ce00- 000000000000/hostname@realm
iss	The principal of the issuer. This claim type MUST be provided.	Any string format is allowed. The following format is typical, where <i>principalconfiguredguid</i> is preferably a GUID, but it can also be a name. principalid@principalconfiguredguid
nameid	The name identifier that is the value of the principal that makes the request, such as the signedin user's UPN value.	Any string format is allowed. In general the following format is a typical format. domain\user
nii	The name identifier issuer.	If the name identifier was issued with identityprovider equal to "windows", then the following string is used. urn:office:idp:activedirectory If the name identifier was issued by custom forms-based membership providers, then the following format is used, where <i>membershipprovidername</i> is the name of the membership provider. urn:office:idp:forms: <i>membershipprovidername</i> If the name identifier was issued by a SAML identity provider, then the following format is used, where <i>samlprovidername</i> is the name of the SAML provider. urn:office:idp:trusted: <i>samlprovidername</i>
nbf	The not_before time at which the token was created. This claim type MUST be provided.	The format of this value is specified in [MS-OAUTH2EX] section 3.1.1.
ехр	The expires_on time at which the token expires. This claim type MUST be provided.	The format of this value is specified in [MS-OAUTH2EX] section 3.1.1.
trustedfordelegation	A value indicating whether the caller is trusted to delegate a user identity.	The value MUST be one of the following values: true false
identityprovider	A value indicating the identity provider who authenticated the caller.	The value MUST be one of the following values: windows accesstoken forms trusted

Claim type	Claim description	Required value formats
actortoken	A value that points to the security token issued and signed by a trusted issuer.	The value is an application identity token described in the next claims table.
smtp	The logged-on user's email address. This is an additional claim that trusted issuers send.	Any string format is allowed. For example, user@contoso.com.
sip	The logged on user's SIP address. This is an additional claim that trusted issuers send.	Any string format is allowed. The claim value depends on what is configured as the SIP address for the user. For example, sip:user@contoso.com.

Step 4: The client application constructs an application identity token which is inserted into the outer token as the value of the **actortoken** claim. The following table describes claims that are used in the application identity token. The claim values are all string data types, as specified in [MS-DTYP]. All values in any server-to-server tokens MUST be lowercase strings.

Claim type	Claim description	Required value formats
aud	The audience that is the targeted service for which the token is issued. This claim type MUST be provided.	The value MUST be specified in the following format, where hostname is the application server's host name, and realm is the realm provided in the HTTP 401 response. 00000003-0000-0ff1-ce00-0000000000/hostname@realm
iss	The principal of the issuer. This claim type MUST be provided.	Any string format is allowed. The following format is typical, where <i>principalconfiguredguid</i> is preferably a GUID, but it can also be a name. principalid@principalconfiguredguid
nameid	The name identifier that is the value of the principal that makes the request, such as the signedin user's UPN value.	The value MUST use the following format where <i>realm</i> is the realm provided in the HTTP 401 response. 00000003-0000-0ff1-ce00-00000000000@ <i>realm</i>
nii	The name identifier issuer.	If the name identifier was issued with identityprovider equal to "windows", then the following string is used. urn:office:idp:activedirectory If the name identifier was issued by custom forms-based membership providers, then the following format is used, where <i>membershipprovidername</i> is the name of the membership provider. urn:office:idp:forms: <i>membershipprovidername</i> . If the name identifier was issued by a SAML identity provider, then the following format is used, where <i>samlprovidername</i> is the name of the SAML provider.

Claim type	Claim description	Required value formats
		urn:office:idp:trusted:samlprovidername
nbf	The not_before time at which the token was created. This claim type MUST be provided.	The format of this value is specified in [MS-OAUTH2EX] section 3.1.1.
ехр	The expires_on time at which the token expires. This claim type MUST be provided.	The format of this value is specified in [MS-OAUTH2EX] section 3.1.1.
trustedfordelegation	A value indicating whether the caller is trusted to delegate a user identity.	The value MUST be one of the following values: true false
identityprovider	A value indicating the identity provider who authenticated the caller.	The value MUST be one of the following values: windows forms trusted

Step 5: The client application sends the server-to-server token, which includes the outer token with user identity information, to the application server. The server-to-server token MUST be compatible with the **JSON** web token format specified in [IETFDRAFT-JWT] and [MS-OAUTH2EX].

Step 6: The application server validates the server-to-server token and extracts the user identity information.

A relying party application accepts server-to-server tokens as long as the following criteria are met:

- The token is signed with one of the application server's trusted signing certificates.
- The token contains at least one of the following claims:
 - •nid claim with the UPN value
 - •smtp claim
 - •sip claim
- The iss claim value in the outer token matches the nameid claim value in the inner token. The
 match is case sensitive.
- The **aud** claim value passes the audience validation check, which includes the following:
 - •The **aud** claim MUST contain these parameters: *client_id*, *hostname*, and *realm*. The match is case sensitive.
 - •The *client_id* parameter MUST be 00000003-0000-0ff1-ce00-00000000000.

- •The hostname parameter is the host name of the application server's endpoint (4).
- •The realm parameter matches the requested resource's realm.

The application server uses the claims in the token to grant access to its resources based on the user profile.

This protocol is used for the following endpoints (4) on the application server:

- Client.svc
- Listdata.svc
- Sites.asmx
- api

3.1.6 Timer Events

None.

3.1.7 Other Local Events

None.

3.2 Application Server Acting as Client Role Details

The application server<5> acts in a client role and makes protected resource requests to another server, such as a mail server, that grants access to a protected resource.

3.2.1 Abstract Data Model

None.

3.2.2 Timers

None.

3.2.3 Initialization

None.

3.2.4 Higher-Layer Triggered Events

None.

3.2.5 Message Processing Events and Sequencing Rules

The following sequence of events occurs for the application server to authenticate with the server.

Step 1: The application server makes an anonymous service call to the relying party service. The call contains an empty value in the **Bearer** authentication scheme as specified in IETFDRAFT-JWTOAuth].

Step 2: The relying party service returns an HTTP 401 challenge.

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This response contains the following optional parameters:

- client_id: The application server MUST use the value 00000003-0000-0ff1-ce00-00000000000, which is the application identifier.
- realm: The realm of the application endpoint (4). The format of realm is specified in [MS-OAUTH2EX].
- *trustedissuers*: The comma-separated list of the name identifiers of the issuers that the relying party application trusts.

Step 3: The application server adds the currently logged-on user's identity information as an outer token to the server-to-server token. This allows the application to convey the user information to the relying party service. The following table describes claims that are used in the outer token. The claim values are all string data types, as specified in [MS-DTYP]. All values in any server-to-server tokens MUST be lowercase strings.

Claim type	Claim description	Required value formats
aud	The audience that is the targeted service for which	The value MUST use one of the following security principal identifiers:
	the token is issued. This claim type MUST be	■ 00000002-0000-0ff1-ce00-00000000000
	provided.	■ 00000004-0000-0ff1-ce00-00000000000
		The value MUST be specified in the following format, where <i>principalid</i> is one of the previous security principal identifiers, <i>hostname</i> is the application server's host name, and <i>realm</i> is the realm provided in the HTTP 401 response. principalid/hostname@realm
iss	The principal of the issuer. This claim type MUST be provided.	The value MUST use the following format, where realm is the realm provided in the HTTP 401 response. 00000003-0000-0ff1-ce00-00000000000@realm
nid	The name identifier that is the logged-on user's UPN value of the principal that makes the request.	Any string format is allowed. In general the following format is a typical format. domain\user
identityprovider	String value indicating the identity provider who authenticated the caller. This is an additional claim that the site (2) server issues and not required by OAuth 2.0 Authentication Protocol Extensions [MS-OAUTH2EX].	The value MUST be one of the following values: windows forms trusted
smtp	The logged-on user's email address. This is an additional claim that trusted issuers send.	Any string format is allowed. For example, user@contoso.com.
actortoken	A value that points to the	The value is an application identity token described

Claim type	Claim description	Required value formats
	security token issued and signed by a trusted issuer.	in the next claims table.

Step 4: The application server constructs an application identity token which is inserted into the outer token as the value of the **actortoken** claim. The following table describes claims that are used in the application identity token. The claim values are all string data types, as specified in [MS-DTYP]. All values in any server-to-server tokens MUST be lowercase strings.

Claim type	Claim description	Required value formats
aud	The audience that is the targeted service for which the token is issued. This claim type MUST be provided.	The value MUST use one of the following security principal identifiers: • 00000002-0000-0ff1-ce00-00000000000 • 00000004-0000-0ff1-ce00-00000000000 The value MUST be specified in the following format, where principalid is one of the previous security principal identifiers, hostname is the application server's host name, and realm is the realm provided in the HTTP 401 response. principalid/hostname@realm
iss	The principal of the issuer. This claim type MUST be provided.	Any string format is allowed. The following format is typical, where <i>principalconfiguredguid</i> is preferably a GUID, but it can also be a name. principalid@principalconfiguredguid
nameid	The name identifier that is the value of the principal that makes the request, such as the signedin user's UPN value.	The value MUST use the following format, where <i>realm</i> is the realm provided in the HTTP 401 response. 00000003-0000-0ff1-ce00-000000000000@ <i>realm</i>
nii	The name identifier issuer.	If the name identifier was issued with identityprovider equal to "windows", then the following string is used. urn:office:idp:activedirectory If the name identifier was issued by custom forms-based membership providers, then the following format is used, where membershipprovidername is the name of the membership provider. urn:office:idp:forms:membershipprovidername. If the name identifier was issued by a SAML identity provider, then the following format is used, where samlprovidername is the name of the SAML provider. urn:office:idp:trusted:samlprovidername
nbf	The not_before time at which the token was created. This claim type MUST be provided.	The format of this value is specified in [MS-OAUTH2EX] section 3.1.1.

Claim type	Claim description	Required value formats
ехр	The expires_on time at which the token expires. This claim type MUST be provided.	The format of this value is specified in [MS-OAUTH2EX] section 3.1.1.
trustedfordelegation	A value indicating whether the caller is trusted to delegate a user identity.	The value MUST be one of the following values: true false
identityprovider	A value indicating the identity provider who authenticated the caller.	The value MUST be one of the following values: windows forms trusted

Step 5: The application server sends the server-to-server token, which has additional user information, to the relying party service.

Step 6: The relying party service validates the server-to-server token and extracts the user identity information.

Serialized user information

The application server accepts serialized user information that is a JSON-encoded key-value pair, similar to the following example, in order to make an outgoing server-to-server call.

{"typ":1,"idk":"bmFtZWlkDQpkdGF5bG9yQG1pY3Jvc29mdC5jb20NCg==","idp":"windows"}

- **typ** is the token type, where the value of 1 indicates that the information is for an application and user identities. A value of 2 indicates that the information is for application-only identity.
- idk is the base64-encoded identity key. This key is returned by an identity resolver that is shared by the client and server components.
- **idp** is the identity provider claim. There are three possible values for this claim: windows, forms, and trusted.

3.2.6 Timer Events

None.

3.2.7 Other Local Events

None.

4 Protocol Examples

4.1 Example server-to-server tokens issued by the application server when calling another server

The following example shows a server-to-server token issued by the application server when requesting access to a resource on another server.

```
{
    iss: 00000003-0000-0ff1-ce00-0000000000006305dc22-8cb8-4da3-8e76-8d0bbc0499a5
    nameid: 00000003-0000-0ff1-ce00-00000000000006305dc22-8cb8-4da3-8e76-8d0bbc0499a5
    identityprovider: 00000003-0000-0ff1-ce00-000000000006305dc22-8cb8-4da3-8e76-
8d0bbc0499a5
    nbf: 1320176785
    exp: 1320219985
    aud: 00000003-0000-0ff1-ce00-00000000000/mysite.contoso.com@6305dc22-8cb8-4da3-8e76-
8d0bbc0499a5
    trustedfordelegation: true
}
```

The following example shows a server-to-server token issued by an application server when requesting access to a resource on another server. This example includes user identity as an outer token.

```
iss: 00000003-0000-0ff1-ce00-0000000000006305dc22-8cb8-4da3-8e76-8d0bbc0499a5
   nameid: user@6305dc22-8cb8-4da3-8e76-8d0bbc0499a5
   identityprovider: windows
   nbf: 1320176785
   exp: 1320219985
   aud: 00000003-0000-0ff1-ce00-00000000000/mysite.contoso.com@6305dc22-8cb8-4da3-8e76-
8d0bbc0499a5
   actortoken:
        iss: 00000003-0000-0ff1-ce00-00000000000006305dc22-8cb8-4da3-8e76-8d0bbc0499a5
        nameid: 00000003-0000-0ff1-ce00-0000000000006305dc22-8cb8-4da3-8e76-8d0bbc0499a5
        identityprovider: 00000003-0000-0ff1-ce00-0000000000006305dc22-8cb8-4da3-8e76-
8d0bbc0499a5
       nbf: 1320176785
       exp: 1320219985
        aud: 00000003-0000-0ff1-ce00-00000000000/mysite.contoso.com@6305dc22-8cb8-4da3-8e76-
8d0bbc0499a5
        trustedfordelegation: true
}
```

5 Security

5.1 Security Considerations for Implementers

Security considerations mentioned in the following specifications ought to be considered when implementing this profile:

- Section 10 in The OAuth 2.0 Authorization Protocol [IETFDRAFT-OAuth2.0].
- Section 10 in JSON Web Token (JWT) Specification Draft [IETFDRAFT-JWT].
- Security considerations section in OAuth 2.0 Authentication Protocol Extensions [MS-OAUTH2EX].

In addition the following security aspects ought to be considered:

- Access tokens issued by the Security Token Service are **Bearer** tokens and need to be kept confidential in transit and in storage. It is recommended to use a **TLS** (**SSL**) secured channel for transmitting the access tokens.
- Because the augmented user identity information in the outer token is not signed by the application, the receiver of the server-to-server token ought to validate that the value of the trustedfordelegation claim is set to true.
- The receiver of the server-to-server token ought to validate that the **aud** (audience) claim in the inner and outer tokens match. Also, it ought to ensure that the token is intended for itself by ensuring that the **aud** claim contains its *hostname*.

5.2 Index of Security Parameters

None.

6 Appendix A: 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 SharePoint Server 2013
- Microsoft SharePoint Foundation 2013
- Microsoft Lync Server 2013

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.

- <1> Section 2.2: 00000003-0000-0ff1-ce00-00000000000 identifies SharePoint Server 2013.
- <2> Section 2.2: 00000002-0000-0ff1-ce00-0000000000 identifies Exchange 2013.
- <3> Section 2.2: 00000004-0000-0ff1-ce00-0000000000 identifies Lync Server 2013.
- <4> Section 3.1: Applicable to SharePoint Server 2013.
- <5> Section 3.2: Applicable to SharePoint Server 2013.

7 Change Tracking

No table of changes is available. The document is either new or has had no changes since its last release.

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