

How to Hack OAuth

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OAuth 2.0 for Browser-Based Apps
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Abstract

OAuth 2.0 authorization requests from apps running entirely in a browser are unable to use a Client Secret during the process, since they have no way to keep a secret confidential. This specification details the security considerations that must be taken into account when developing browser-based applications, as well as best practices for how they can securely implement OAuth 2.0.

Status of This Memo

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An **open protocol** to allow **secure authorization** in a **simple** and **standard** method from web, mobile and desktop applications.

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The OAuth 2.0 authorization framework enables third-party applications to obtain limited access to a web service.

For Consumer developers...

If you're building...

- web applications
- desktop applications
- mobile applications
- Javascript or browser-based apps

OAuth is a simple way to publish and interact with protected data. It's also a safer and more secure way for people to give you access. We've kept it simple to save you time.

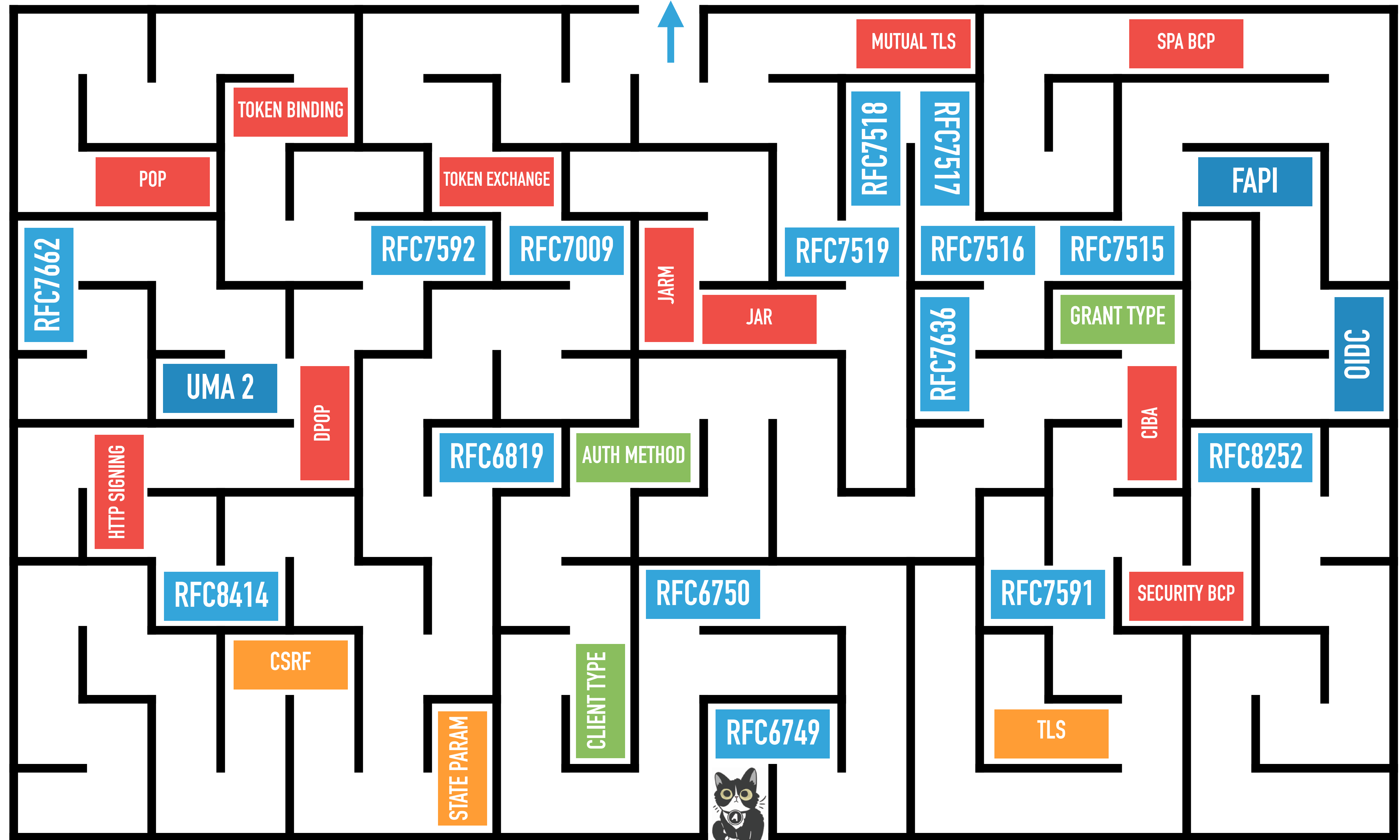
For Service Provider developers...

If you're supporting...

- web applications
- mobile applications
- server-side APIs
- mashups

If you're storing protected data on your users' behalf, they shouldn't be spreading their passwords around the web to get access to it. Use OAuth to give your users access to their data while protecting their account credentials.

BUILDING YOUR APPLICATION



THE PASSWORD ANTI-PATTERN

Are your friends already on Yelp?

Many of your friends may already be here, now you can find out. Just log in and we'll display all your contacts, and you can select which ones to invite! And don't worry, we don't keep your email password or your friends' addresses. We loathe spam, too.

Your Email Service



msn Hotmail



YAHOO! MAIL



AOL Mail



Gmail

Your Email Address

(e.g. bob@gmail.com)

Your Gmail Password

(The password you use to log into your Gmail email)

[Skip this step](#)

Check Contacts

THE PASSWORD ANTI-PATTERN


Step 1
Find Friends

Step 2
Profile Information

Step 3
Profile Picture

Are your friends already on Facebook?


Many of your friends may already be here. Searching your email account is the fastest way to find your friends on Facebook.


 Gmail

Your Email:


Email Password:

Find Friends


 Facebook will not store your password.

 Yahoo!

Find Friends

 Windows Live Hotmail

Find Friends

 Other Email Service

Find Friends

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Google Contacts



so...

how can I let an app

access my data

without giving it my password?



Google Contacts

last.fm



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POST /resource/1/update HTTP/1.1

Authorization: Bearer RsT50jbzRn430zqMLgV3Ia

Host: api.authorization-server.com

description=Hello+World

A HOTEL KEY CARD, FOR APPS



Authorization Server



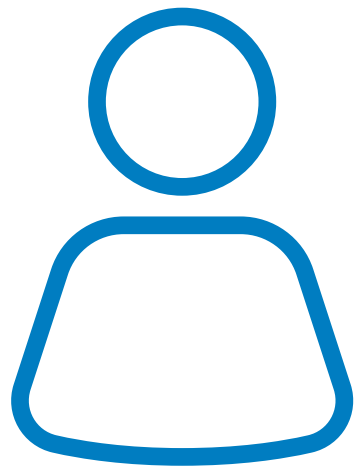
Access Token



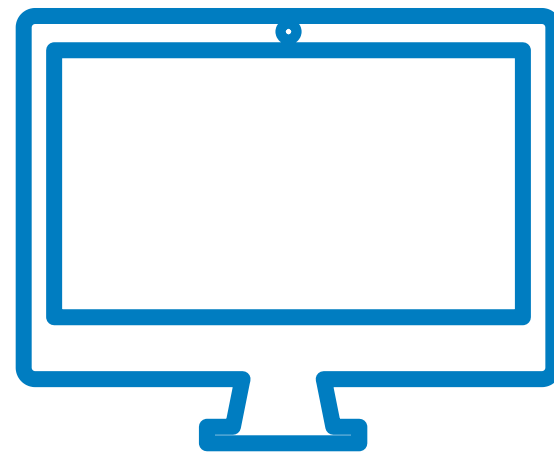
Resource (API)

HOW OAUTH WORKS

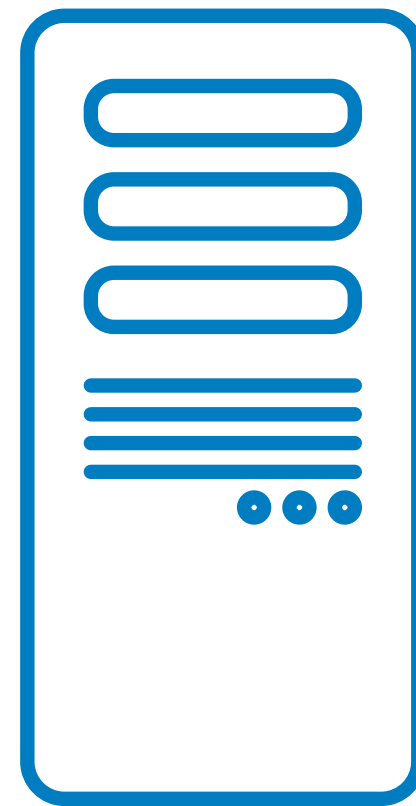
ROLES IN OAUTH



The User
(Resource Owner)



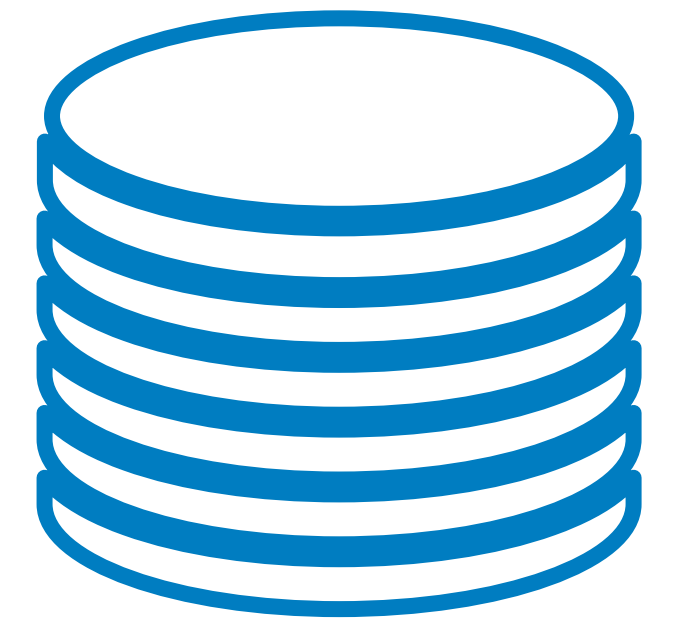
Device
(User Agent)



The Application
(Client)



OAuth Server
(Authorization Server)
aka the token factory



API
(Resource Server)



User: I'd like to use this great app



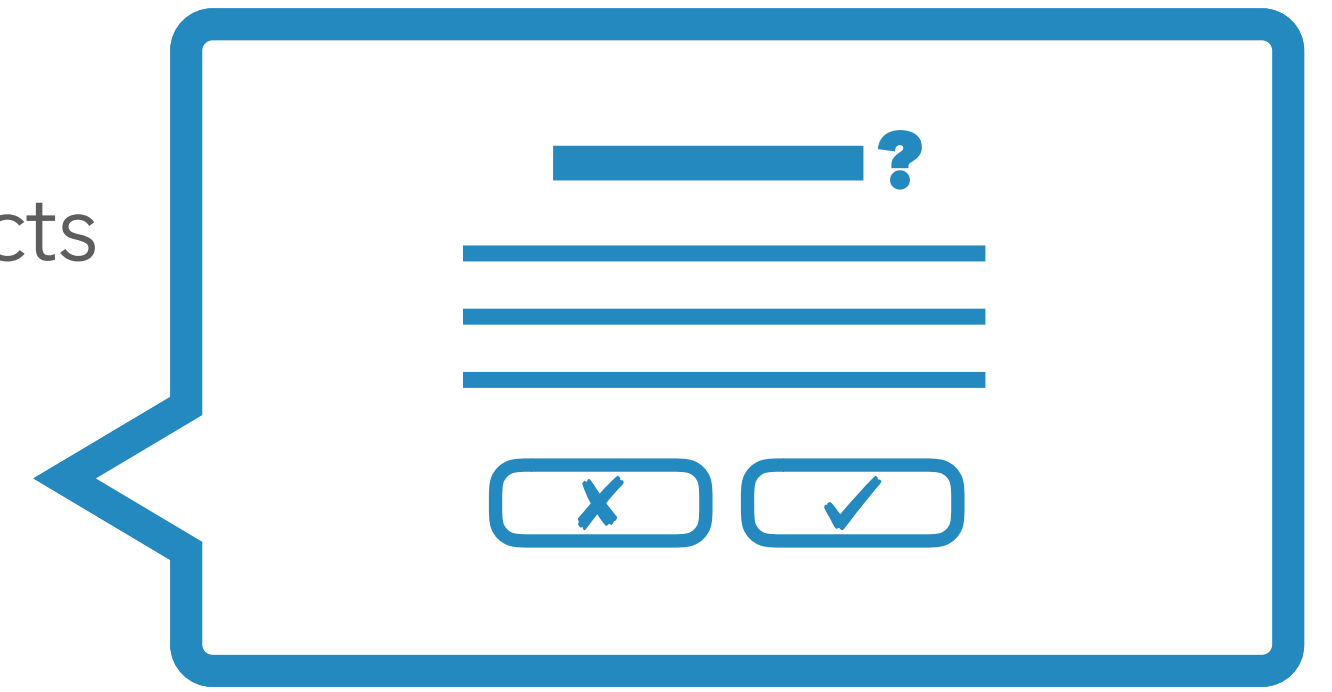
App: Please go to the authorization server to grant me access



User: I'd like to log in to "Yelp", it wants to access my contacts



AS: Here is a **temporary code** the app can use



User: Here is the temporary code, please use this to get a token



App: Here is the temporary code, and my secret, please give me a token



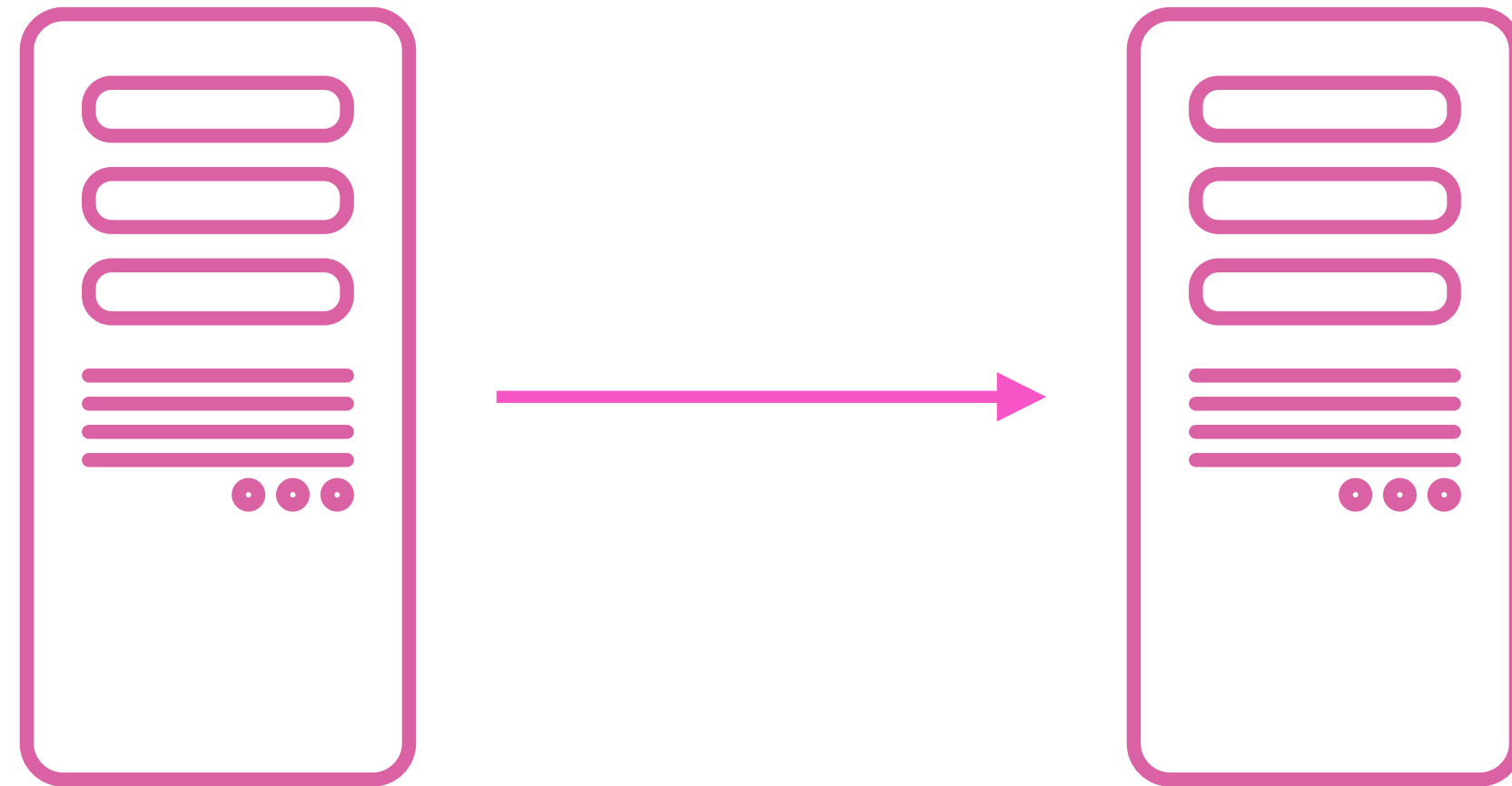
AS: Here is an access token!



App: Please let me access this user's data with this access token!



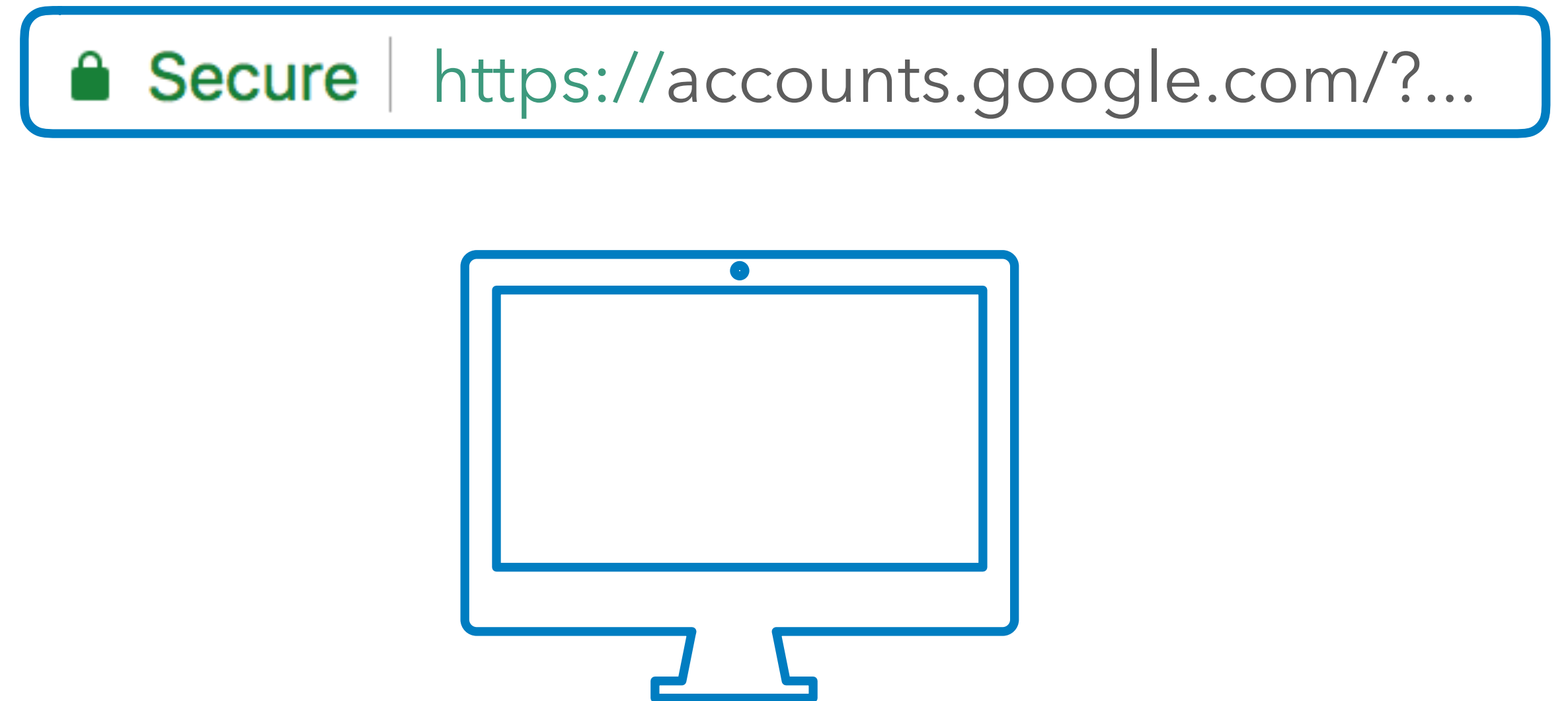
Back Channel



Sent from client to server

HTTPS request from client to server,
so requests cannot be tampered with

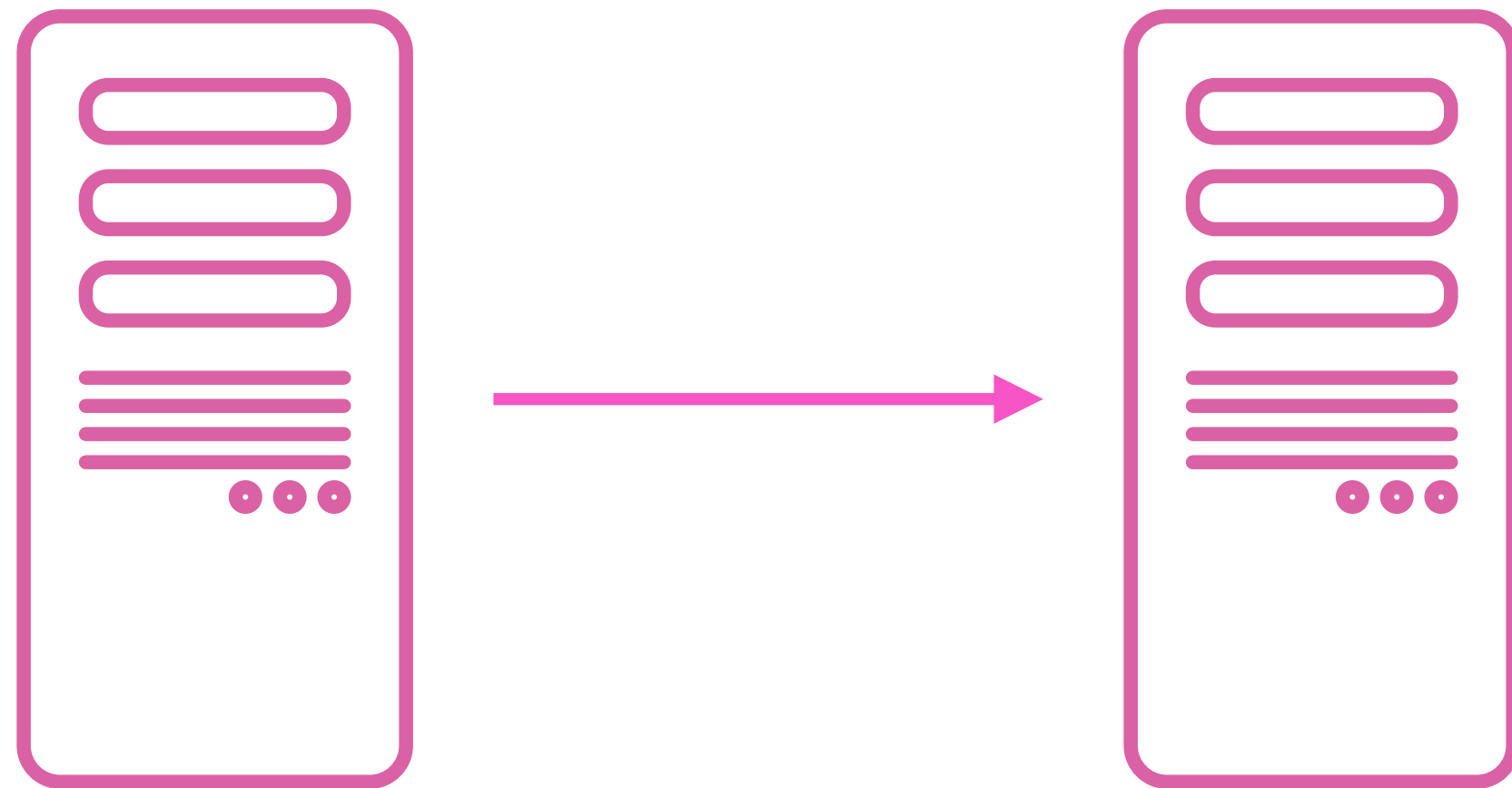
Front Channel



Passing data via the browser's address bar

The user, or malicious software,
can modify the requests and responses

Back Channel Benefits



- ▶ The application knows it's talking to the right server
- ▶ Connection from app to server can't be tampered with
- ▶ Response from the server can be trusted because it came back in the same connection

Passing Data via the Back Channel

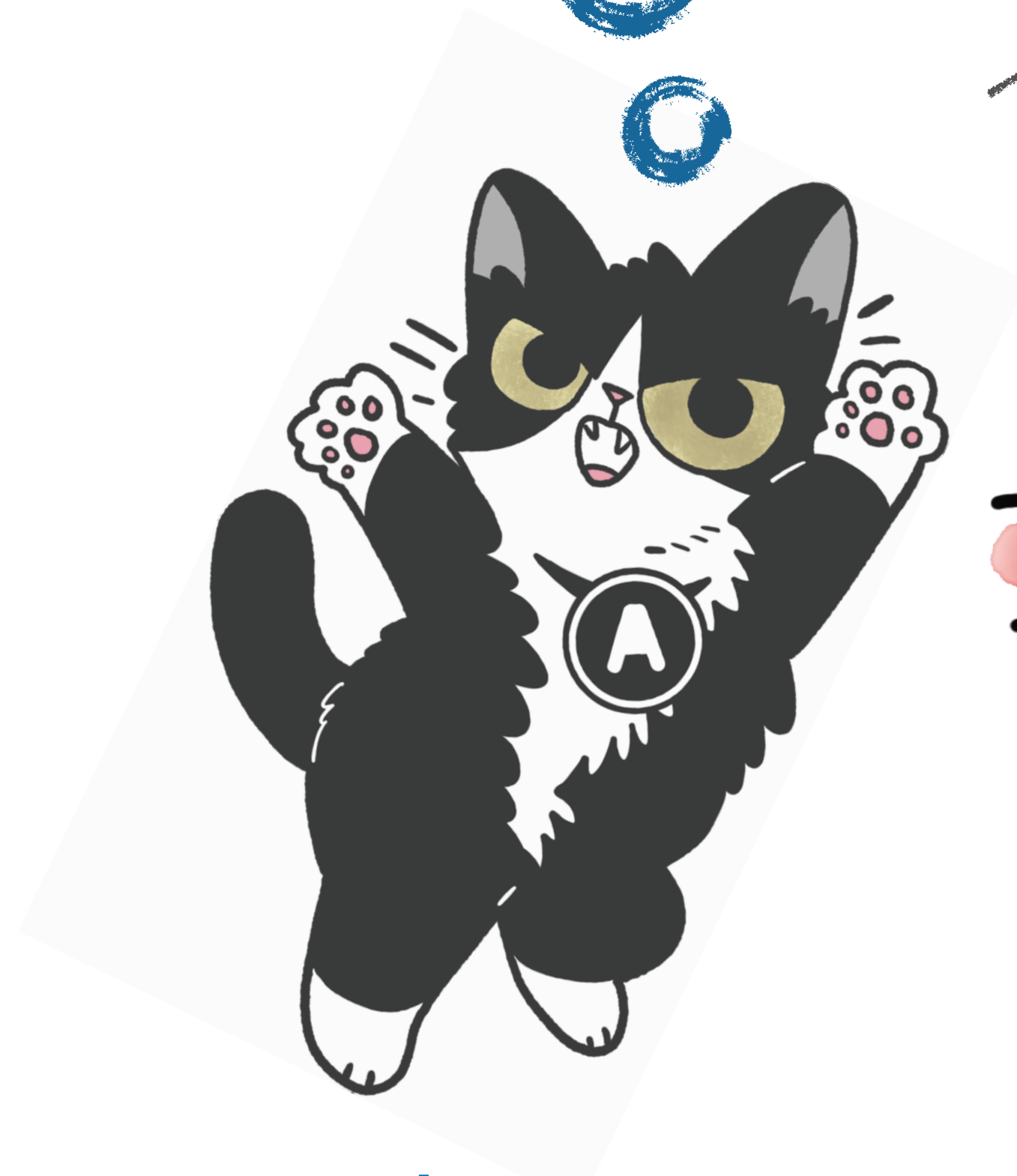
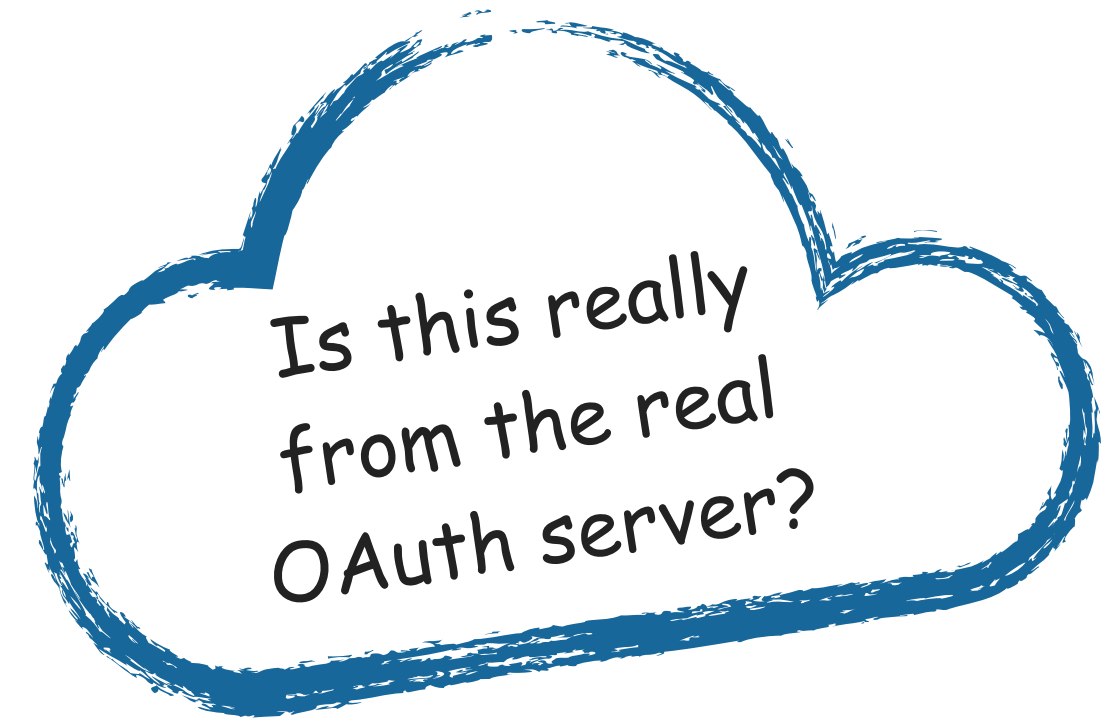


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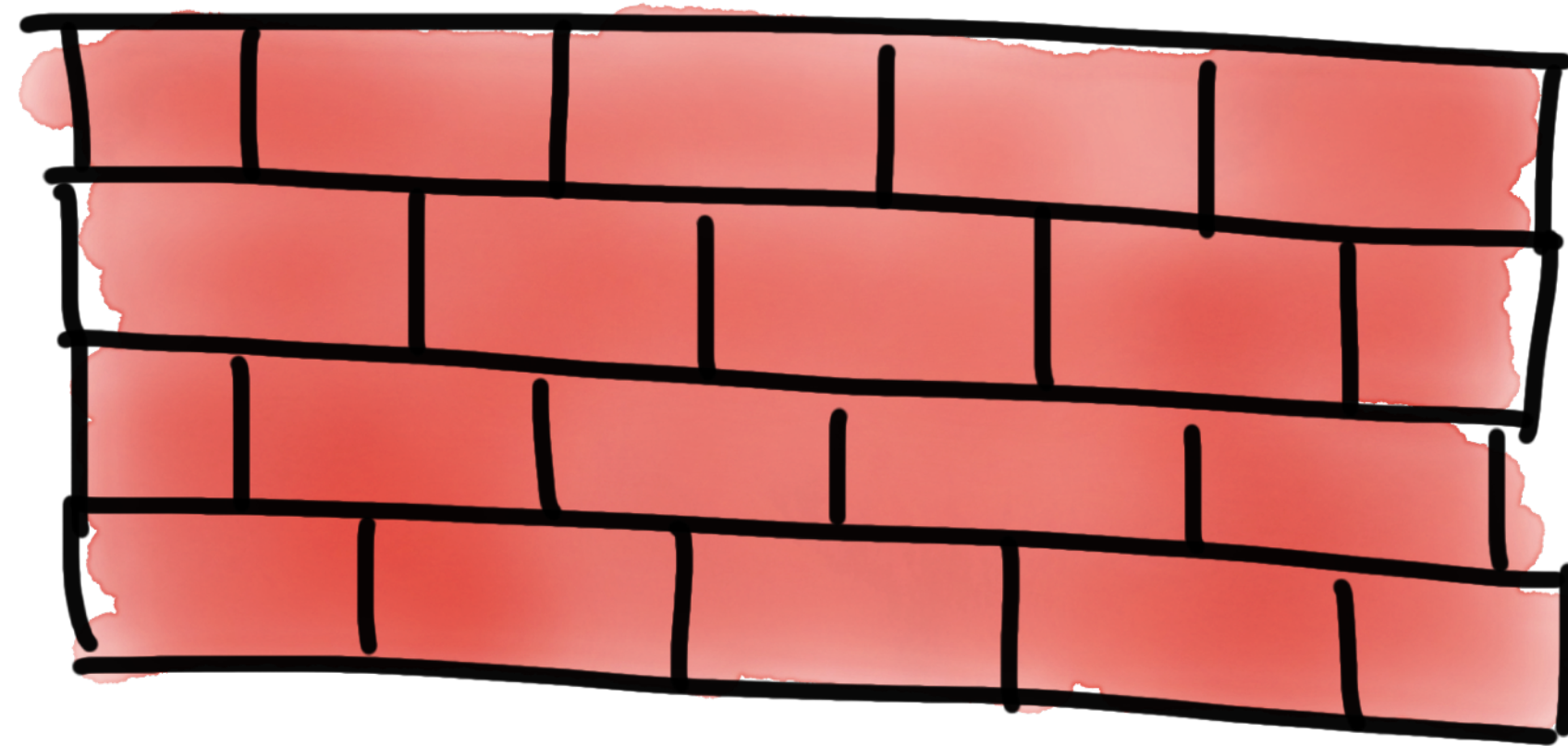


OAuth Client

Passing Data via the Front Channel



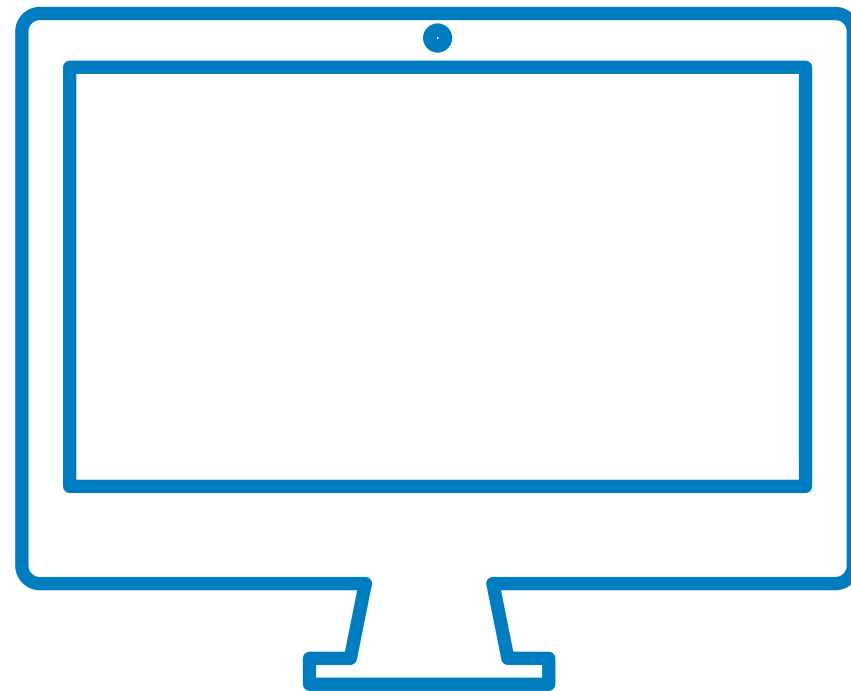
OAuth Server



OAuth Client

Front Channel Benefits

🔒 Secure | <https://accounts.google.com/?...>



- ▶ The user being involved enables them to give consent
- ▶ Enables easier two-factor authorization integration
- ▶ Doesn't require the receiver to have a publicly routable IP (e.g. can work on a phone)

THE HACKS

HOW TO HACK OAUTH

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Leaked: The 'secret OAuth app keys' to Twitter's VIP lounge

Rogue apps could pose as micro-blogging's Very Important Programs

By [John Leyden](#) 8 Mar 2013 at 15:03 13


Twitter's private OAuth login keys, used by the website's official applications to get preferential treatment from the micro-blogging site, have apparently been leaked. The secret credentials could now be used by anyone with the software to masquerade as an approved Twitter client.

A set of key pairs [uploaded to Github](#) are supposedly used by Twitter's official applications on iPhone, Android, iPad, Mac OS X and Windows Phone, Twitter for Google TV, and TweetDeck. Once authenticated, these programs get access to features unavailable to clients that don't have Twitter's approval. But they need to store the keys somewhere on the user's computer or gadget, and it appears someone has found them.

The keys were first posted on the GitHub website five months ago, but they were updated within the past day; GitHubers claim the data is

So now unapproved apps could send this information to Twitter

Threatpost, Inc [US] | <https://threatpost.com/twitter-oauth-api-keys-leaked-030713/77597/>



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Twitter OAuth API Keys Leaked


Author: Michael Mimoso

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The OAuth keys and secrets that official Twitter applications use to access

Twitter's official clients have their OAuth keys leak

07 Mar 2013

Someone [has posted a Github Gist](#) with all of the client identifiers and secrets for various platforms.

...itive that you **don't screw up like Facebook** direct URIs.

...bsolute and stored on the authorisation

about this?

...r all of their clients with new keys and that haven't been updated will suddenly be used and frustrated. Also it will be trivial

...with some sort of mechanism to allow t keys on the fly but then these could be e attack.

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Twitter Official Consumer Key

Twitter for iPhone

Consumer key: IQKbtAYlXLripLGPWd0HUA
Consumer secret: GgDYlkSvaPxGxC4X8liwpUoqKwwr3lCADbz8A7ADU

Twitter for Android

Consumer key: 3nVuSoBZnx6U4vzUxf5w
Consumer secret: Bcs59EFbbsdF6Sl9Ng71smgStWEGwXXKSjYvPVt7qys

Twitter for Android Sign-Up

Consumer key: RwYLhxGZpMqsWZENFVw
Consumer secret: Jk80YVGqc7Iz1IDEjCI6x3ExMSBnGjzBAH6qHcWJlo

**ANYONE CAN
IMPERSONATE
THE TWITTER APPS**

DON'T PUT SECRETS IN NATIVE APPS!

<https://developer.okta.com/blog/2019/01/22/oauth-api-keys-arent-safe-in-mobile-apps>

PKCE (pronounced "pixie")

PROOF-KEY FOR CODE EXCHANGE

RFC 7636



User: I'd like to use this great app



App: Hang on while I generate a new secret and hash it



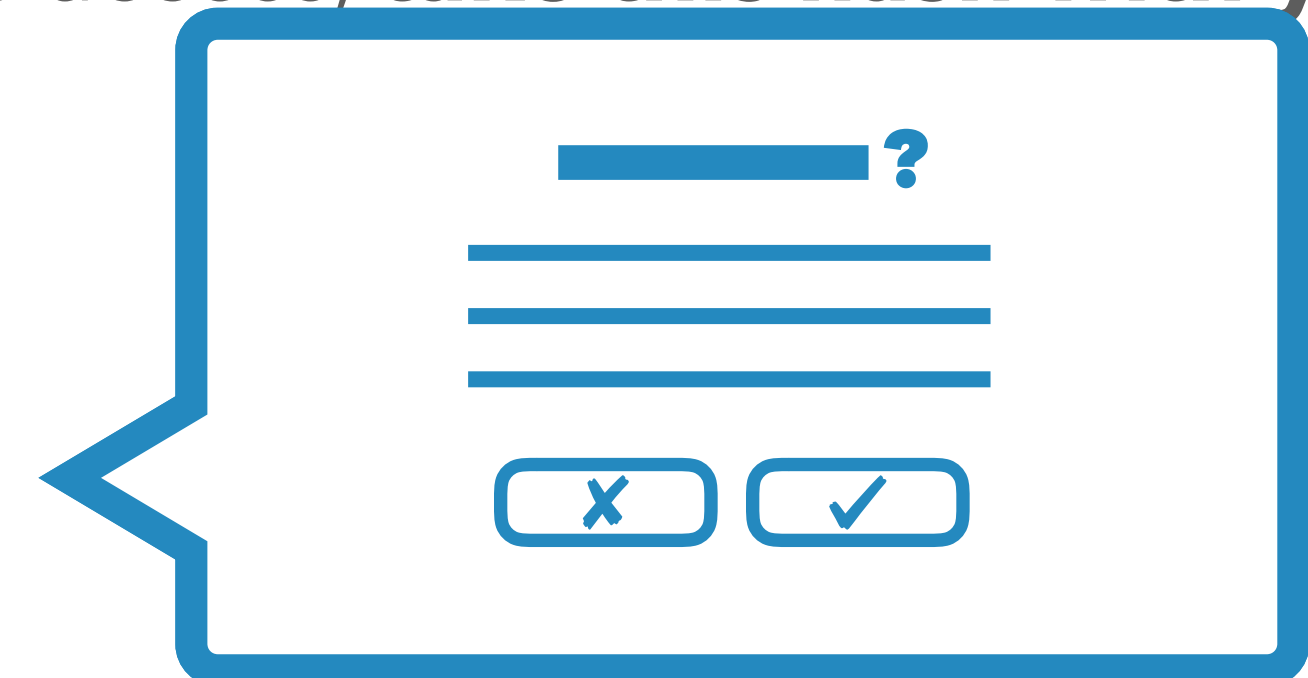
App: Please go to the authorization server to grant me access, **take this hash with you**



User: I'd like to log in to this app, **here's the hash**



AS: Here is a temporary code the app can use



User: Here is the temporary code, please use this to get a token



App: Here's the code, **and the plaintext secret**, please give me a token



AS: **Let me verify the hash of that secret...** ok here is an access token!



App: Please let me access this user's data with this access token!



AppAuth.io



iOS / Android / JavaScript



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JWT

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Critical vulnerabilities in JSON Web Token libraries

Which libraries are vulnerable to attacks and how to prevent them.



Tim McLean

March 31, 2015



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Current Description

In jsonwebtoken node module before 4.2.2 it is possible for an attacker to bypass verification when a token digitally signed with an asymmetric key (RS/ES family) of algorithms but instead the attacker send a token digitally signed with a symmetric key (HMAC family).

Source: MITRE

Description Last Modified: 05/30/2018

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Impact

CVSS v3.0 Severity and Metrics:

CVSS v2.0 Severity and Metrics:

Sjoerd Langkemper

Web application security

Attacking JWT authentication

Sep 28, 2016

JSON Web Tokens or JWTs are used by some web applications instead of traditional session cookies. Because of their statelessness and the signature implementation there are some security issues that are specific to JWTs. This post describes some ways you can verify that a JWT implementation is secure.

About JWTs

What is a JWT

A JWT (JSON Web Token) is a string that contains a signed data structure, typically used to identify a user. The JWT token is a compact, self-contained format for representing claims and their associated metadata. The claims can be about the user or the application, and can be used to authorize access to resources.

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JWTS ARE OFTEN USED
FOR API AUTHENTICATION
AND AS OAUTH ACCESS TOKENS

An Example JWT

```
eyJraWQiOiJvQ1JjR3RxVDhRV2tJR0MyVXpmcEZUczVqSkdnM00zSTNOMHgtZDJhSFNNIiwiaWYwbnIjoilU1MyNTYifQ.eyJ2ZXIiOiJEsImp0aSI6IkFULkp3eVRTcTlqNDU0bDNTNmRTM1VTV1hMVVpwekdKdWNSdlZEBFZCNWNlc3cuVVM1V1NGYVFiQ1lUMC9GM2tjMG8vK1ZUY3VZZzdwVnZqZXZTT3hkUHhCMD0iLCJpc3MiOiJodHRwczovL2Rldi0zOTYzNDMub2t0YXByZXZpZXcuY29tL29hdXRoMi9kZWZhdWx0IiwiaXVkiJoiYXBpOi8vZGVmYXVsdCI6Im1hdCI6MTU0MzgwMzAyNSwiZXhwIjoxNTQzODA2NjI1LCJjaWQiOiIwb2FoZW50aWwzRjcEYyZmNXSTBoNyIsInVpZCI6IjAwdWkwZmpiraWV5TDQ2bWEwMGg3Iiwic2NwIjpjbIm9mZmxpbmVfYWNjaXNzIiwicGhvZG8iXSwic3ViIjoiaW5xdWlzaXRpdmUtYWxiYXRyb3NzQGV4YW1wbGUuY29tIn0.ncVkzcc6qrFJSXE3-5UsRu_kHvbWIMKYL3PFaMwReYTquPAcOQ8t93xF0bxbS8wrP0udCDvk6eYq4VbjoFdD59Yy6ltz0OKQ13-g8uFg2RwqTBMOKR0mYtQH0RCr9ORhSsmKolaDDt4TcRX78ZOAYhZ_Qg_UcEoHM4uZikpzBJYpYKbCCfbx-6FzYyHuvevSFzURISYpSHv3nbzirkEzKbOv7eZlg1cCYBdUoGuVBskyHxfMxFpoKQU3mwIFdlQJR8LZ8hA_5ZdYjjMeSXfjnhlP2rppJiHy1NreGXXcUsUA74V2t_key44deTrnPgoFOSe9IchWqcj6sDMDutC4ag
```

ID Token: JWT

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header

payload

signature

Attacking a JWT

```
header
{
  "typ": "JWT",
  "alg": "RS256"
}
```

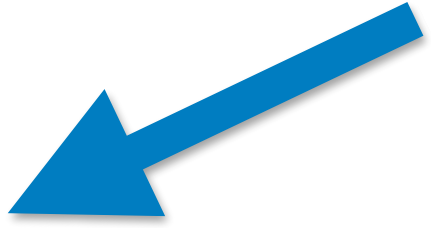
```
claims
{
  "ver": 1,
  "jti": "AT.JwyTSq9j454l3S6dS3USWXLUZpzGJucRwVDlVB5cHsw.US5WSFaQbBYT0/F3kc0o/+VTcuYg7pVvjevSOxdPxB0=",
  "iss": "https://dev-396343.oktapreview.com/oauth2/default",
  "aud": "api://default",
  "iat": 1543803025,
  "exp": 1543806625,
  "cid": "0oahzpp3tcpFrfcWI0h7",
  "uid": "00ui0fjkieyL46ma00h7",
  "scp": [
    "offline_access",
    "photo"
  ],
  "sub": "inquisitive-albatross@example.com"
}
```

signature

Attacking a JWT

header

```
{  
  "typ": "JWT",  
  "alg": "none"  
}
```



claims

```
{  
  "ver": 1,  
  "jti": "AT.JwyTSq9j454l3S6dS3USWXLUZpzGJucRwVDlVB5cHsw.US5WSFaQbBYT0/F3kc0o/+VTcuYg7pVvjevSOxdPxB0=",  
  "iss": "https://dev-396343.oktapreview.com/oauth2/default",  
  "aud": "api://default",  
  "iat": 1543803025,  
  "exp": 1543806625,  
  "cid": "0oahzpp3tcpFrfcWI0h7",  
  "uid": "00ui0fjkieyL46ma00h7",  
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  ],  
  "sub": "inquisitive-albatross@example.com"  
}
```

Treat the JWT header as
untrusted external information

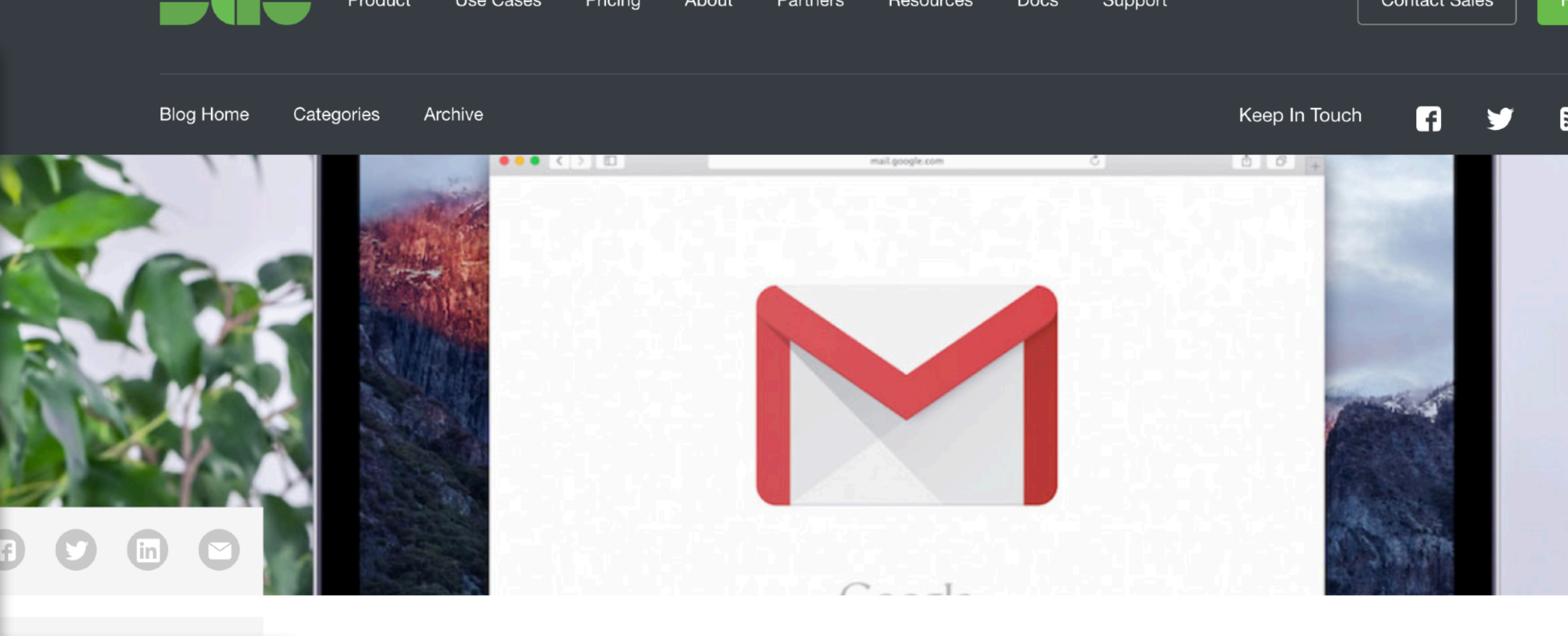
Never let the JWT header
determine your verification mechanism

Thankfully most JWT libraries
fixed this in 2015-2016



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Gmail OAuth Phishing Goes Viral

On Wednesday, a Gmail phishing attack leveraging OAuth spread quickly to multiple users. There are a number of features that you need to be aware of that made this attack incredibly successful, as well as ways to protect yourself or your employees that are detailed below.

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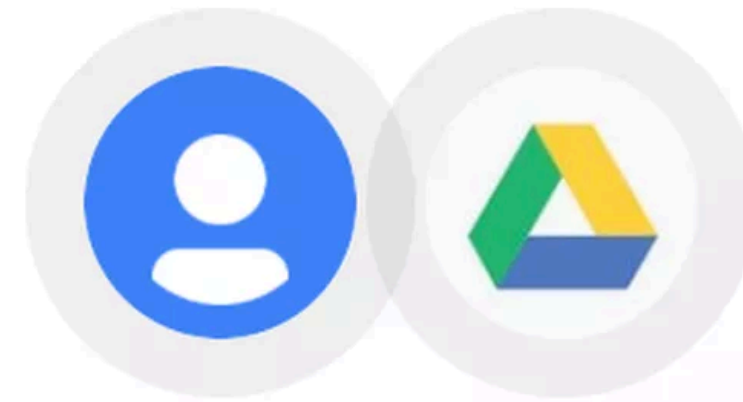
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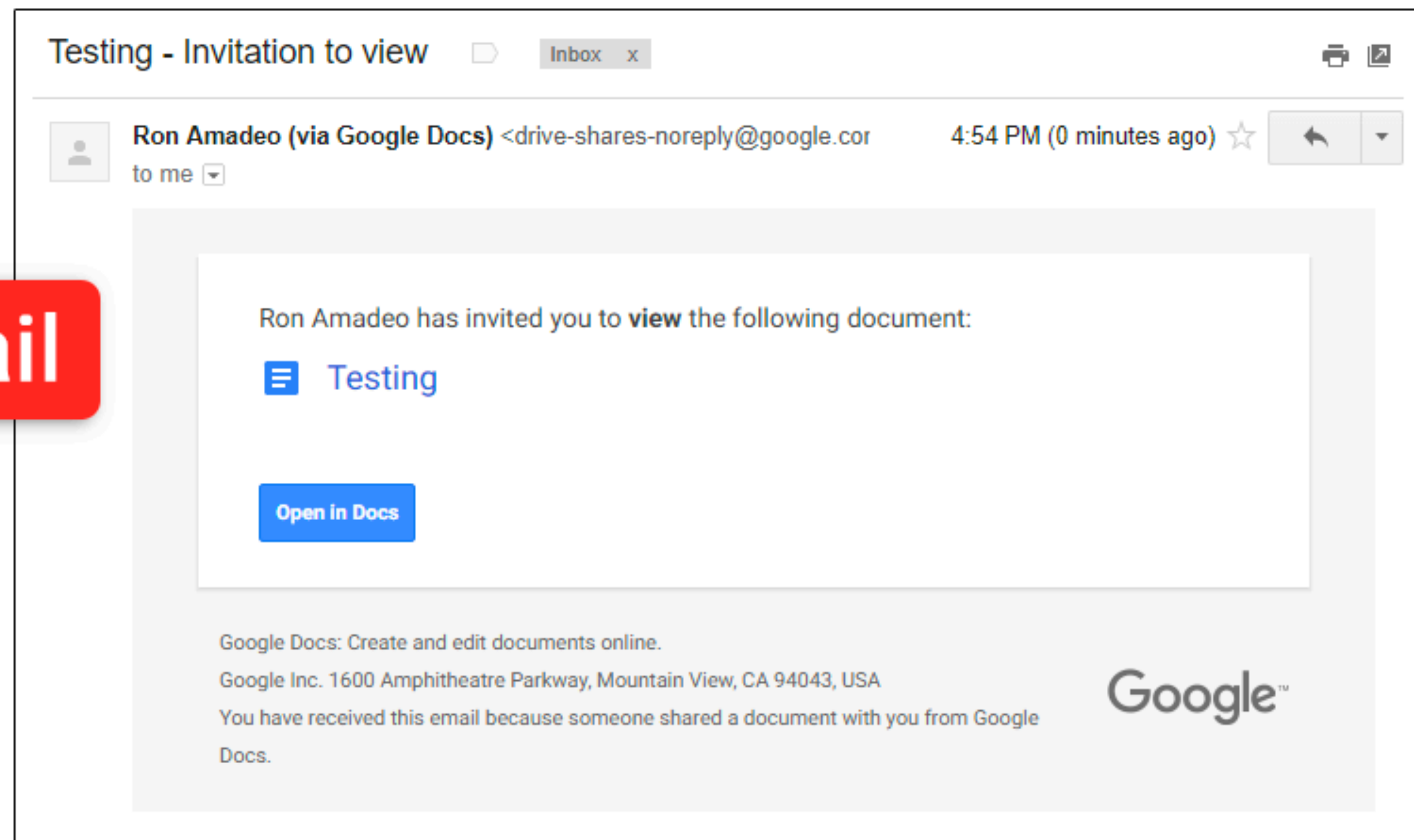
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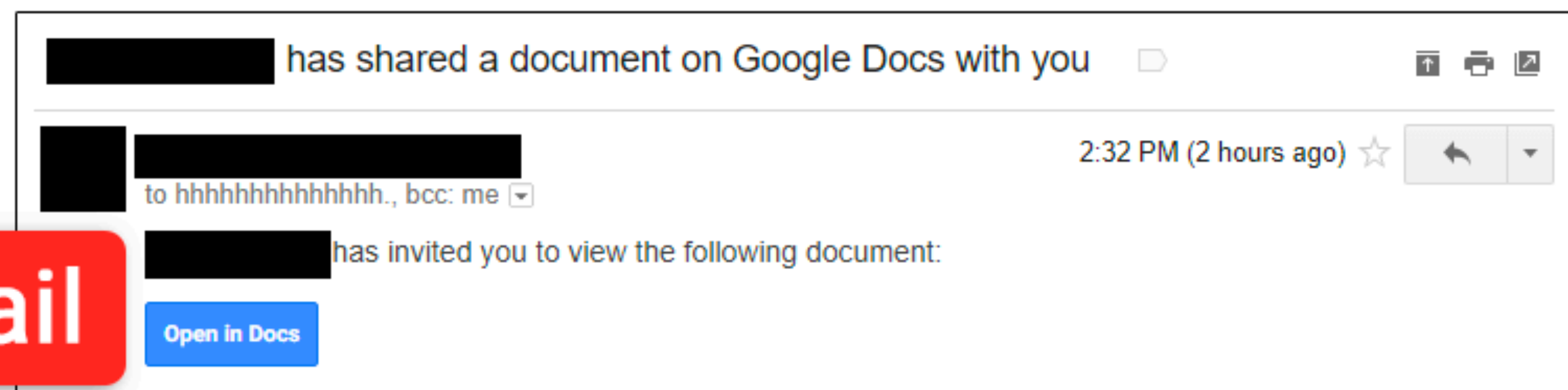
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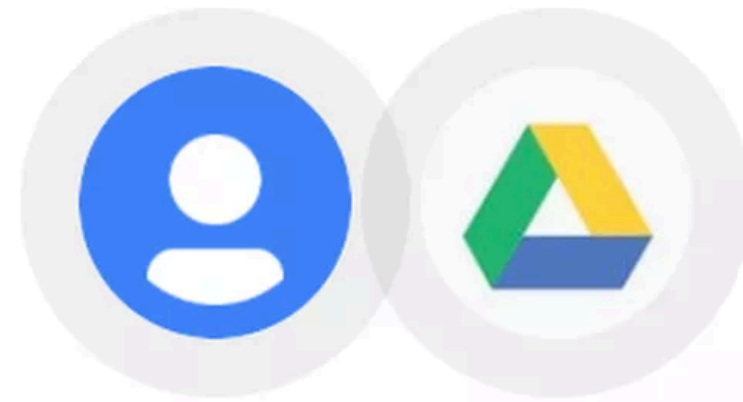


Fake E-mail





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New Google Docs phishing scam, almost undetectable

Update: scam banned | /r/all

I received a phishing email today, and very nearly fell for it. I'll go through the steps here:

1. I [received an email](#) that a Google Doc had been shared with me. Looked reasonably legit, and I recognized the sender.
2. The [button's URL](#) was somewhat suspicious, but still reasonably Google based.
3. I then got taken to [a real Google account selection screen](#). It already knew about my 4 accounts, so it's really signing me into Google.
4. Upon selecting an account, no password was needed, I just needed to [allow "Google Docs" to access my account](#).
5. If I click "Google Docs", it shows me it's *actually* published by [a random gmail account](#), so that user would receive full access to my emails (and could presumably therefore perform password resets etc).
6. Shortly afterwards I received [a followup real email from my contact] (<https://i.imgur.com/DGSyy1L.png>), informing me: "Delete this is a spam email that spreads to your contacts."

To summarise, this spam email:

- Uses the existing Google login system
- Uses the name "Google Docs"
- Is only detectable as fake if you happen to click "Google Docs" whilst granting permission
- Replicates itself by sending itself to all your contacts
- Bypasses any 2 factor authentication / login alerts
- Will send scam emails to everyone you have ever emailed

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↓ Googler here -- I'm escalating to the correct engineering and product teams now.

Edit: This is now resolved. Less than a half-hour after escalation, wow! =). Here's the official Google statement:

We have taken action to protect users against an email impersonating Google Docs, and have disabled offending accounts," the company said in a statement. "We've removed the fake pages, pushed updates through Safe Browsing, and our abuse team is working to prevent this kind of spoofing from happening again. We encourage users to report phishing emails in Gmail.

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↓ Official response from the eng manager in charge of this stuff: "yes, I am on it" =). I'd bet it will be fixed and fully rolled out in a few hours or less.

Final edit: problem is resolved. I clicked the link and got an "oauth client disabled" message. Not pretty, but at least you won't get phished.

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↓ This is such an impressive turnaround time for a problem, but I'm not surprised at all that Google can pull off such a quick fix. Bravo.

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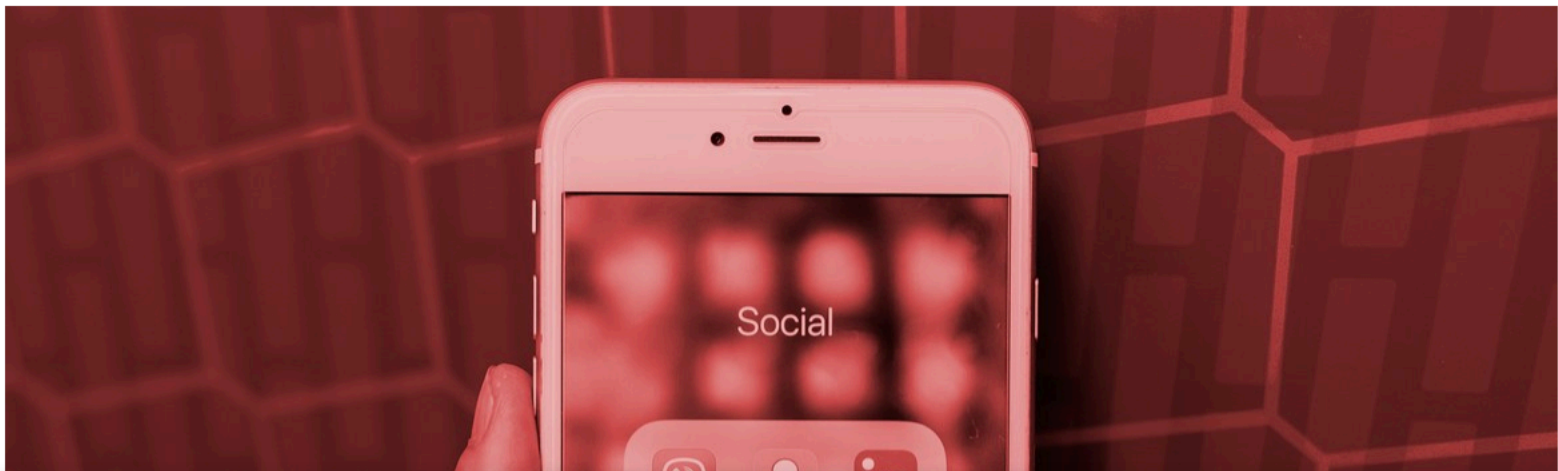
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How 50 Million Facebook Users Were Hacked

Facebook revealed more details about how hackers exploited three distinct bugs to get the ability to control up to 50 million users' accounts.

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- Guy Rosen, VP of Product Management, Facebook

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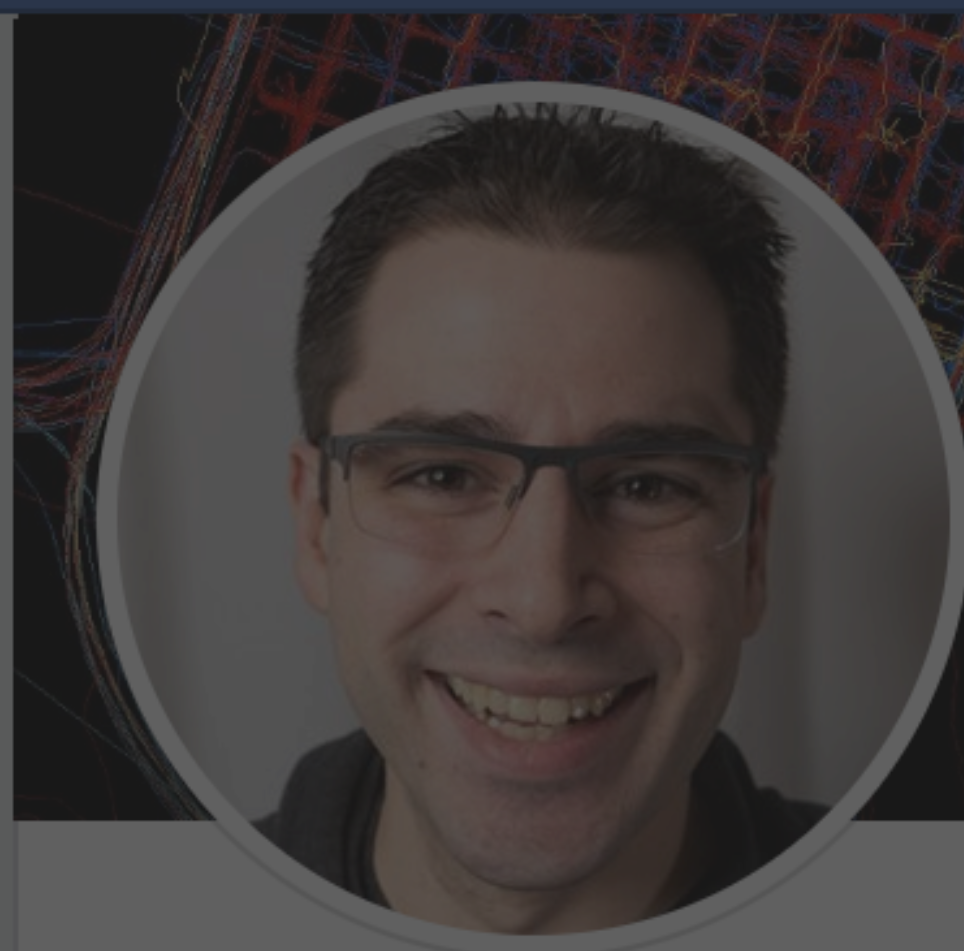
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June 4

If you are curious about "Sign In with Apple," I walk through exactly how it works and what it looks like in this post.

<https://developer.okta.com/.../what-the-heck-is-sign-in-with-...>

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you would end up with an access token belonging to that user,
which had the permissions of the Facebook mobile app.



Keep clean security boundaries
even for internal applications

Don't let applications pretend
to be other applications or other users

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