

Securing the Exploding Identiverse

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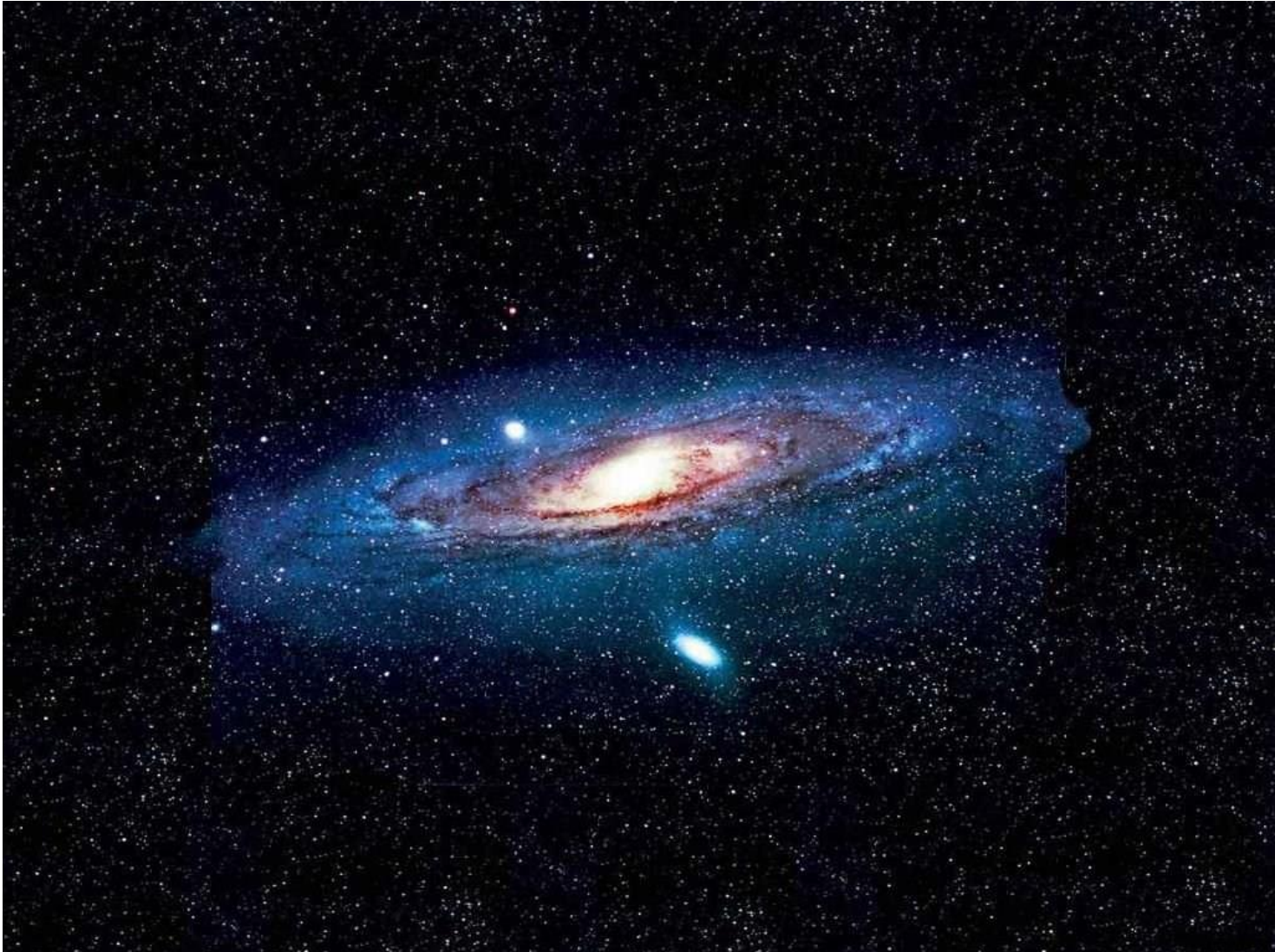


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What is the Identiverse?

- Everything has an Identity
 - People
 - Devices
- Those things need to securely interact
- Identity is the key

State of the Identiverse



Stable Identity Infrastructure

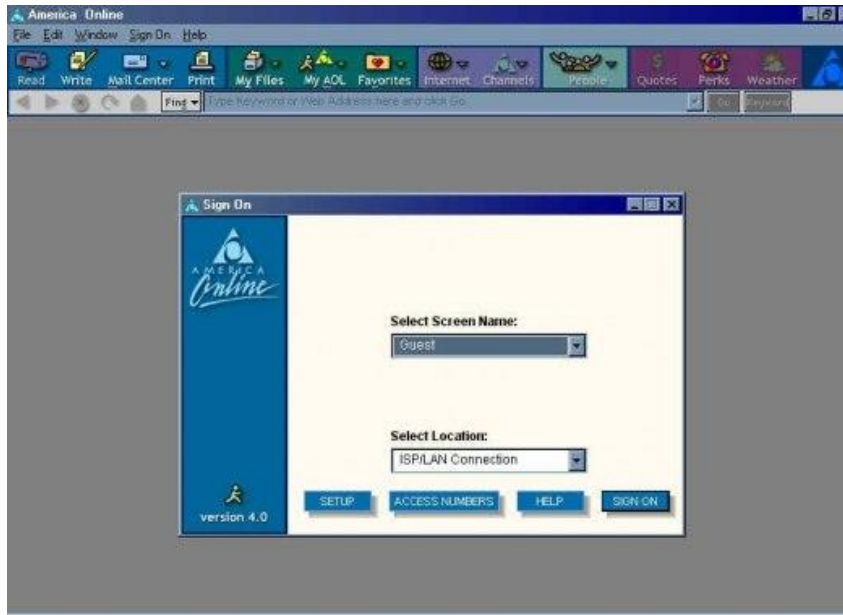
- Your directories “just work”
- Web Access Management infrastructure manages internal applications
- Federation connections growing
- SOA infrastructures are maturing

Identiverse Explodes!



Mobile Apps, devices and
REST APIs are exploding
across the enterprise

REST Security Is Back to the Dark Ages (mid 1990's)



- PASSWORDS are being cached on devices and passed with each API call
- Identity data is passed back and forth between client and server

Enter OAuth 2.0



Written for API clients to
securely interact with APIs
on behalf of users



OAuth 2.0 Details – Tokens & Scopes

- “Authorization Server” runs the show
 - Issues Tokens with Scopes
- Scopes
 - Tiny capabilities related to API usage
 - Could be activities like “read-invoices”
 - Could be a role like “manager”
- Security Policy Enabled by Scopes
 - “read-invoice” authorized for GET on /invoice API but not for POST

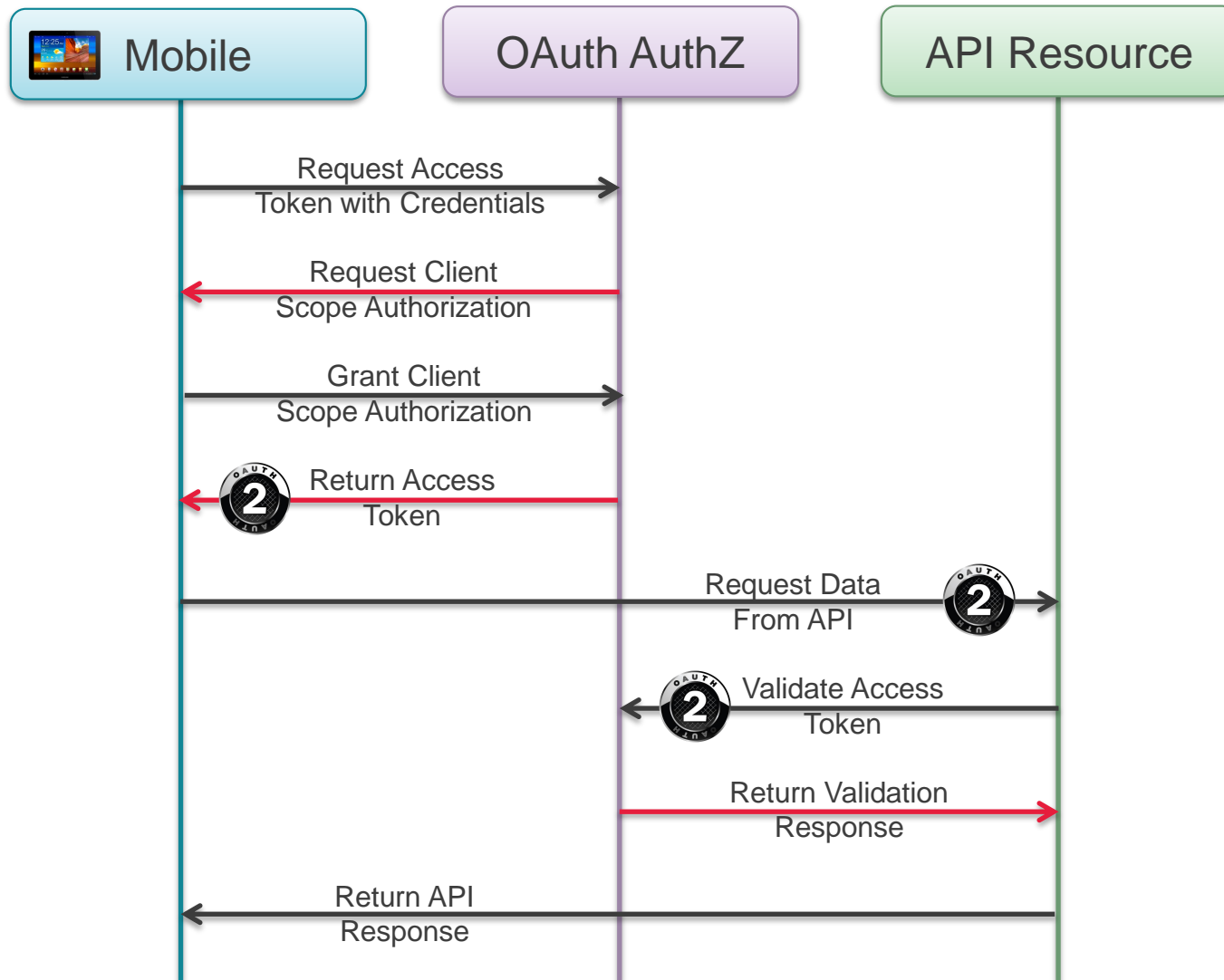


OAuth 2.0 Details – Users, Clients & Tokens

- Client Requests a Token with a Scope
 - User Authenticates
 - User Authorizes Client for a Scope
- Access token returned that represents a scope for the authenticated user for use by the client

Multiple flows (profiles) exist based on the trust between the client, server, and user.

Typical OAuth 2.0 Sequence





OAuth 2.0 Access Tokens are independent of message format

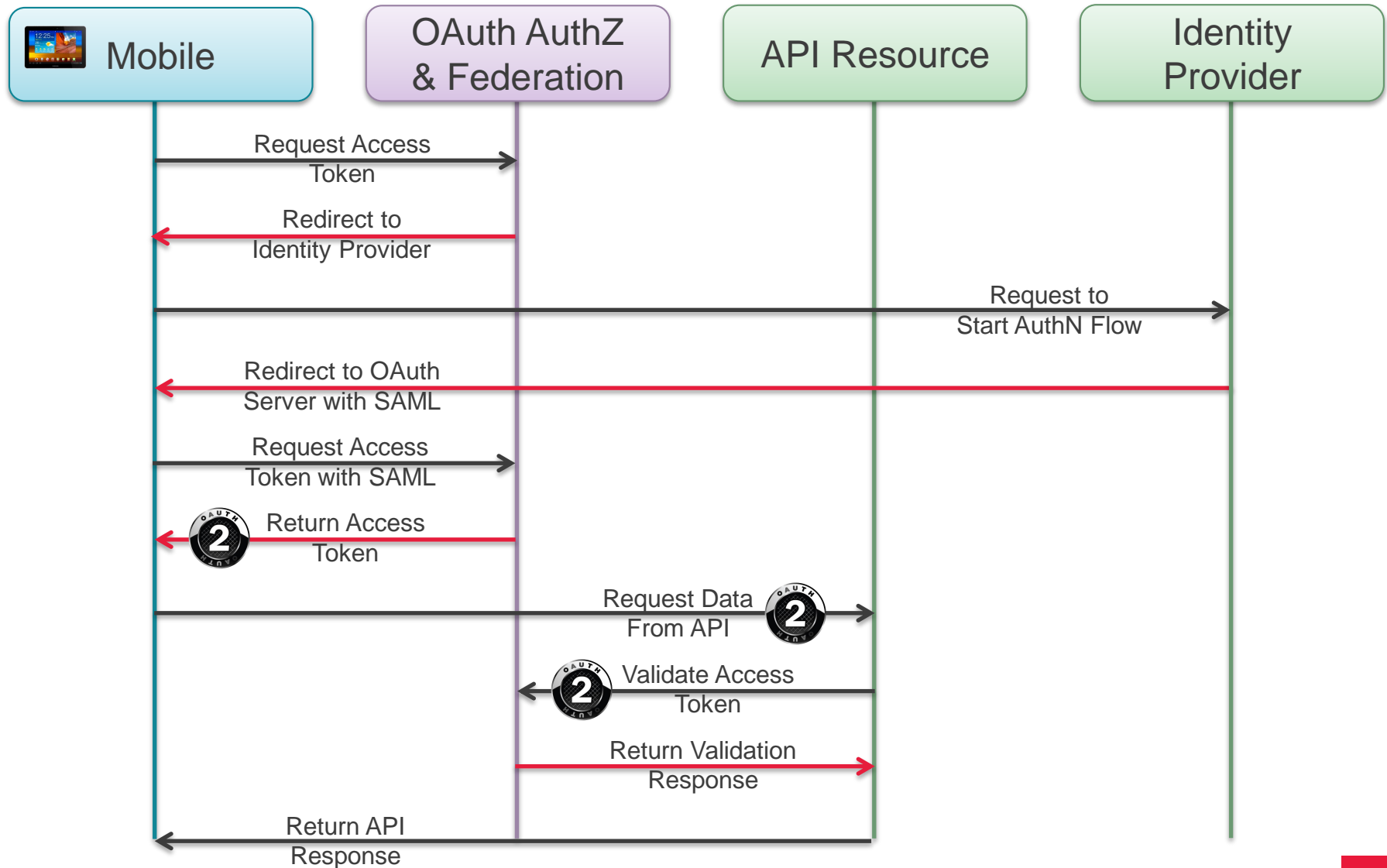
- Leverages HTTP Headers
- Message format can be SOAP, XML, JSON, or form data



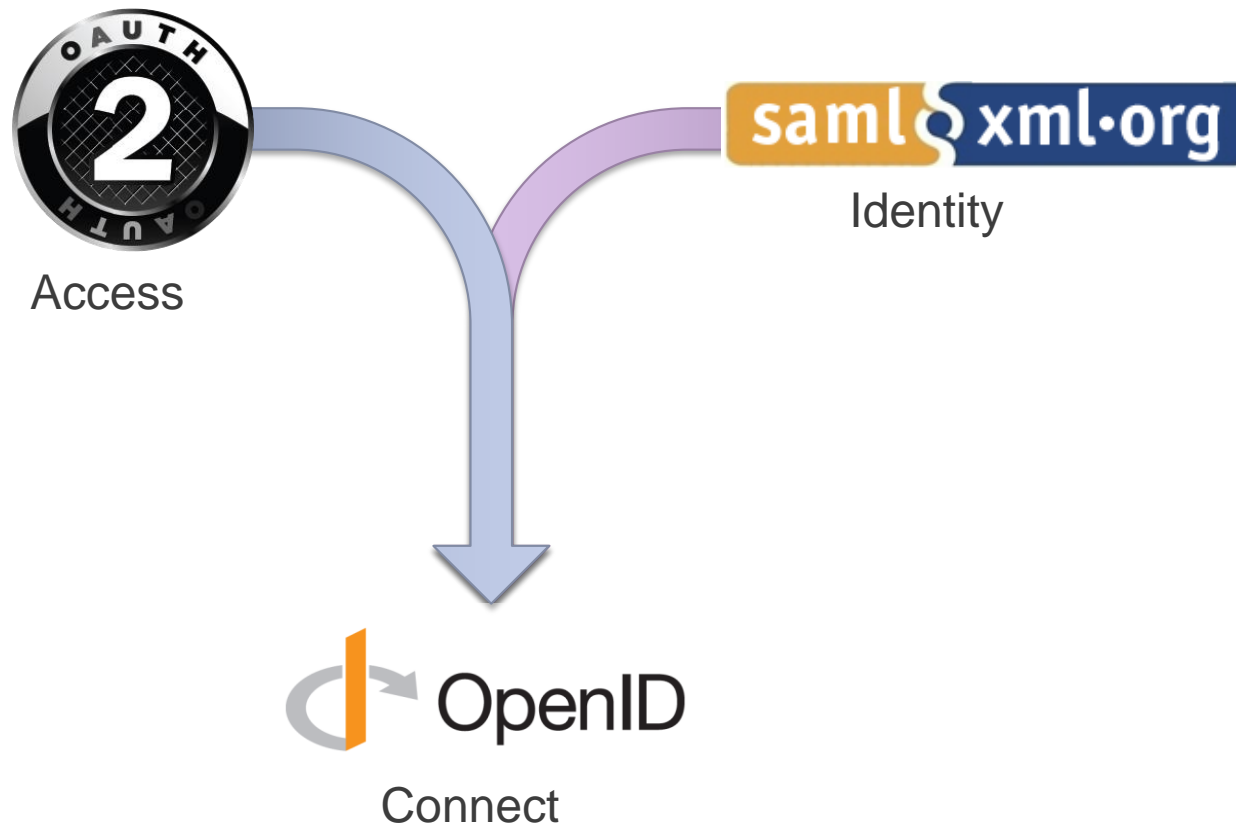
Layer OAuth 2.0 and SAML Together

- SAML handles Federation and Identity
- OAuth 2.0 handles Authorization

Typical OAuth 2.0 & SAML Sequence



Standards Converge – OpenId Connect



OpenID Connect Overview

- Authentication
 - Transmit Identity information (Token)
 - Request Additional Identity Information (REST)
- Authorization (OAuth 2)
 - Scopes
- Dynamic Client Registration
- Transport Layer Security (TLS) Required
- JSON Object Signing and Encryption (JOSE)

OpenID Connect Benefits

- One Specification for Authentication and Authorization
- Simplified Identity Token Format
- Supports Web and APIs
- Validates identity of user to the client
- Simplified Key Management

Choices to Secure the Expanding Identiverse



- OAuth 2.0 – Secure APIs with Tokens
- OpenID Connect – Extend OAuth 2.0 with Identity

Questions?

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