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Abstract

Defines link type registrations for the OAuth 2 authentication framework and OAuth 1.0a.

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## **1. Introduction**

This document defines the link type [[RFC5988](#)] registrations for the OAuth 2 [[I-D.ietf-oauth-v2](#)] authentication framework and for OAuth 1.0a [[RFC5849](#)]. These link types are used during the endpoint discovery process using Web Host Metadata [[RFC6415](#)] and Webfinger [[I-D.ietf-appsawg-webfinger](#)] by clients needing to discover the authorization, token, and initiation endpoints for a service or site.

## **2. Terminology**

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [[RFC2119](#)].

The reader is assumed to be familiar with the terms used in the OAuth 2 and OAuth 1.0a specifications.

### **3. OAuth 2 Link Types**

OAuth 2 [[I-D.ietf-oauth-v2](#)] defines two endpoints which a site or domain might need to advertize via a mechanism such as Webfinger [[I-D.ietf-appsawg-webfinger](#)]. These are the user authorization endpoint (usually expected to be a web page the user interacts with) and the token endpoint used for obtaining tokens used to access protected resources. These are described in detail in the OAuth 2 specification.

#### **3.1. OAuth 2 Authorization Endpoint**

This link type indicates an OAuth 2 authorization endpoint to be used for user authentication/authorization to grant access to a protected resource.

#### **3.2. OAuth 2 Token Endpoint**

The OAuth 2 token endpoint to be used for obtaining tokens to access protected services. This link type has two link-extensions:

grant-types: A space separated list of OAuth 2 grant types (see section 4 of [[I-D.ietf-oauth-v2](#)]) that can be used at the token endpoint to obtain a token. This is not an exclusive list, it provides a hint to the application of what SHOULD be valid. A token endpoint MAY support additional grant types not advertised by a discovery service. The client MAY use this to determine the grant types available for use.

token-types: A space separated list of OAuth 2 token types (see section 7.1 of [[I-D.ietf-oauth-v2](#)]) that may be issued by the token endpoint. It is possible for a token endpoint to issue multiple tokens, and types may vary based on scope or other factors. This is not an exclusive list, it provides a hint to the application of what SHOULD be valid, and it MAY be used by a client to determine if the client supports one or more of the token type(s) available.



#### **4. OAuth 1.0a Link Types**

The OAuth 1.0a [[RFC5849](#)] protocol defines three endpoints that a site supporting OAuth 1.0a might advertize via a mechanism like Webfinger: the request initiation endpoint, the authorization endpoint, and the token endpoint. These are descibed in detail in the OAuth 1.0a specification.

##### **4.1. OAuth 1.0a Request Initiation Endpoint**

The OAuth 1.0a endpoint used to initiate the sequence, this short lived request is what the user approves to grant access to the resource.

##### **4.2. OAuth 1.0a Authorization Endpoint**

The OAuth 1.0a authorization endpoint used to approve an access request. This is expected to be a user facing web interface.

##### **4.3. OAuth 1.0a Token Endpoint**

The OAuth 1.0a token API endpoint used to exchange an approved access request for a token, used by the client once the resource owner has approved the access request.





## **5. Security Considerations**

This document is informational, defining values in existing registries, and as such has no security properties to discuss.

## **6. IANA Considerations**

### **6.1. Link Type Registration**

Pursuant to [\[RFC5988\]](#) The following link type registrations `[[will be]]` registered by mail to `link-relations@ietf.org`.

#### **6.1.1. OAuth 2 Authorization Endpoint**

- o Relation Name: `oauth2-authorize`
- o Description: An OAuth 2 authorization endpoint to be used for user authentication/authorization to grant access to a protected resource.
- o Reference: [Section 3.1](#) of `[[This Document]]`
- o Notes:
- o Application Data: N/A

#### **6.1.2. OAuth 2 Token Endpoint**

- o Relation Name: `oauth2-token`
- o Description: The OAuth 2 token endpoint to be used for obtaining tokens use to access a protected resource.
- o Reference: [Section 3.2](#) of `[[This Document]]`
- o Notes: This link type has two link extension parameters: "grant-types" and "token-types".
- o Application Data: N/A

#### **6.1.3. OAuth 1.0a Request Initiation Endpoint**

- o Relation Name: `oauth-initiate`
- o Description: The OAuth 1.0a request initiation endpoint used to get an access request.
- o Reference: [Section 4.1](#) of `[[This Document]]`
- o Notes:
- o Application Data: N/A



#### **6.1.4. OAuth 1.0a Authorization Endpoint**

- o Relation Name: oauth-authorize
- o Description: The OAuth 1.0a authorization endpoint used to approve an access request.
- o Reference: [Section 4.2](#) of [[This Document]]
- o Notes:
- o Application Data: N/A

#### **6.1.5. OAuth 1.0a Token Endpoint**

- o Relation Name: oauth-token
- o Description: The OAuth 1.0a token API endpoint used to exchange an approved access request for a token, used by the client once the resource owner has approved the access request.
- o Reference: [Section 4.3](#) of [[This Document]]
- o Notes:
- o Application Data: N/A



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## [Appendix A](#). Document History

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- o Restructured the link extensions dscription into the prose, simplifying the IANA section.

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- o Changed the references to [[this document]] in the IANA parts.
- o Added a small ammount of text.

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- o Fixed the title.
- o Removed the examples.

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- o Corrected more typos and fixed the XRD for the examples, and small changes in the prose.

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- o Corrected typos. Added and example.

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