

Reciprocal OAuth

ietf-oauth-reciprocal

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Since Singapore

- Changed name to “reciprocal” from “mutual”
- Added reciprocal parameter
- Adopted as WG document

Problem



- User would like authorize party A and party B to access protected resources at each other
- Eg. Alexa and Sonos integration
 - Alexa calls Sonos to play a station
 - Sonos calls Alexa to update current song
- Setup is complicated and confusing as 2 OAuth flows are required



Current User Flow 1/2

- 1) User clicks to add Sonos in Alexa App
- 2) User authenticates to Sonos
- 3) User authorizes Alexa at Sonos
- 4) User redirected to Alexa with Sonos authorization code
- 5) Alexa exchanges Sonos authorization code for access token
- 6) Alexa redirects to Sonos to start 2nd flow



Current User Flow 2/2

- 7) Sonos redirects to Login With Amazon
- 8) User authenticates at Amazon
- 9) User authorizes Sonos at Amazon
- 10) User redirected to Sonos with Alexa authorization code
- 11) Sonos exchanges Alexa authorization code for access token
- 12) User is redirected to Alexa at completion



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- 6,7,8 removed
- 9) User authorizes Sonos at Alexa
- 10B) **Alexa calls Sonos token endpoint with Alexa authorization code**
- 11) Sonos exchanges Alexa authorization code for access token

Reciprocal Scope

- Sonos (party B) can include scope in Authorization Response

```
HTTP/1.1 302 Found Location:  
https://client.example.com/cb  
  ?code=Sp1x10BeZQQYbYS6WxSbIA  
  &state=xyz  
  &reciprocal=example_scope
```



Reciprocal Authorization Code

- Alexa (party A) calls token endpoint with
 - grant_type
“urn:ietf:params:oauth:grant-type:reciprocal”
 - Party B access token
 - authorization code



Example

```
POST /token HTTP/1.1 Host: server.example.com
Authorization: Basic ej4hsyfishwssjdusisdhkjsdksus
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
  grant_type=urn%3Aietf%3Aparams%3Aoauth%3Agrant-
type%3Areciprocal
  &code=hasdyubasdjahsbdkjbasd
  &client_id=example.com
  &access_token=sadadojsadlkjasdkljxxlkjdas
```



Updating Authorization

- Change in authorization granted in voice interface
- Allows incremental scopes
- New authorization code to Sonos to acquire new refresh and access tokens



Symmetrical Relationship

- User can start at either Alexa or Sonos
- Either party update other's authorization



Implementations

- Alexa and Sonos
- Others in development

Next Steps

- Fix typos 😊
- Include updating authorization?
- Other suggestions?