

OAuth & Authentication

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Article is online now:

http://oauth.net/articles/authentication/

What's in the article

- Why OAuth isn't authentication
- How to build authentication on top of OAuth
 - While avoiding many common pitfalls
- What to look for in an authentication protocol
- How OpenID Connect addresses the above as an open standard

Why write an article?

- People keep doing it wrong
- Developers still misunderstand what OAuth actually gives you
 - Many developers get "lucky" enough most of the time that it lends to bad assumptions

What to do now

- Send edits as pull requests on GitHub:
 - https://github.com/aaronpk/oauth.net
- Write more articles!
 - Note: I added a whole new "Articles" section to the site when I wrote the authentication article