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# Responsible Authentication for APIs

# **Web Service Keys @ OCLC**

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# OCLC Developer Network API Workshops

- Covering functionality, use cases, demonstrations, and discussion
  1. WorldCat Metadata API: <http://oc.lc/metadata-api-workshop>
  2. WorldCat knowledge base API: <http://oc.lc/kb-api-workshop>
  3. Web Service Keys for APIs
  4. Coming soon! Stay tuned to <http://www.oclc.org/developer/news>

# Workshop Goals

- Describe OCLC's WSKey system and OAuth 2.0 implementation
- Walk through sample code to demonstrate how to implement authentication

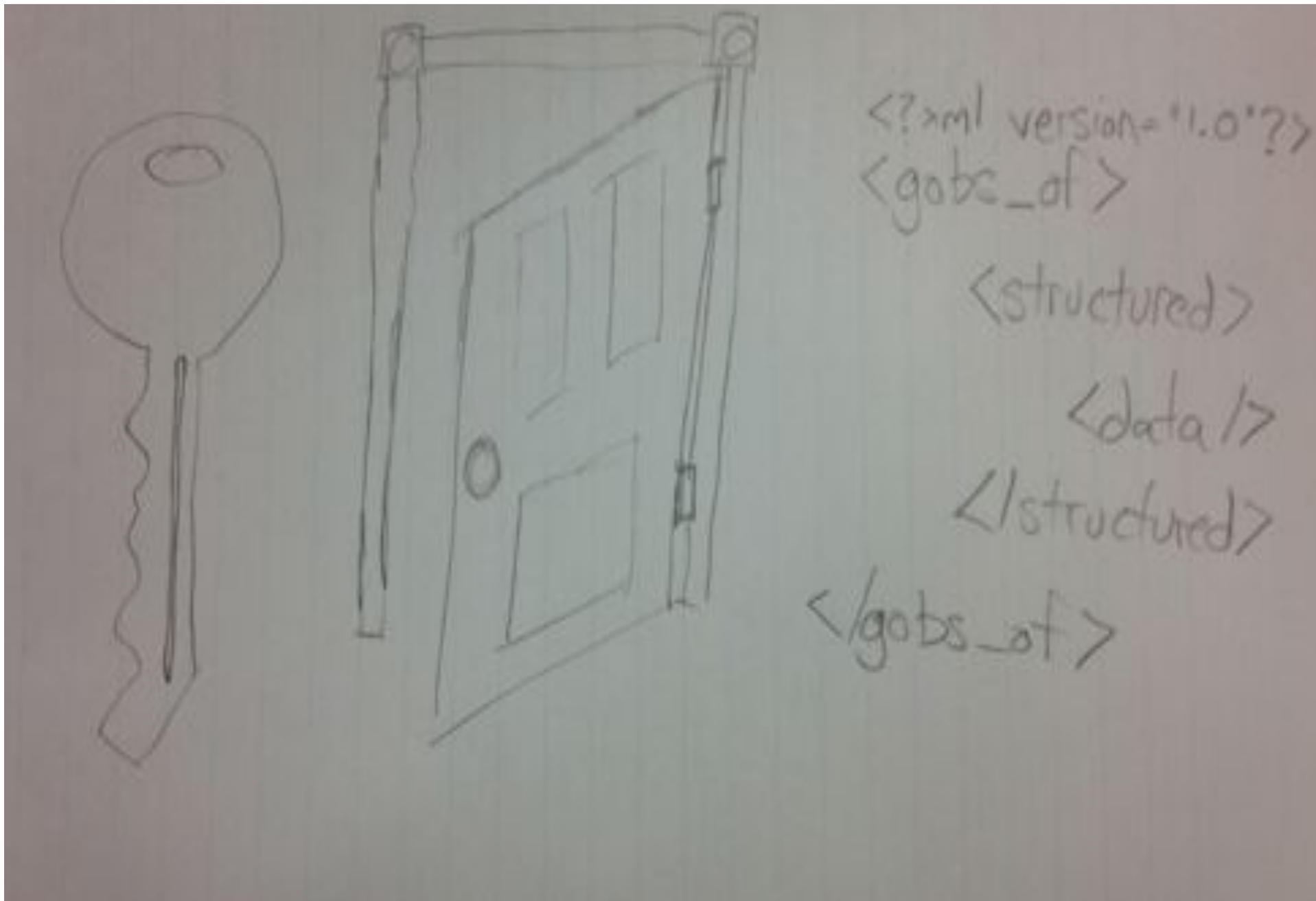
# Agenda

- Intro to API Keys @ OCLC
  - what are they
  - how to request a key
  - who can get one
- API keys are a hassle. Why all the bother?
- OCLC's OAuth Implementation:
  - HMAC Signatures
  - OAuth 2 Login Flows
- OCLC Auth Libraries
- Q & A

# What are WSKeys?

Web service keys, or WSKeys, are the primary method **used for authenticating and authorizing interactions with web services** available on the OCLC WorldShare Platform. WSKeys **authenticate clients sending requests to web services**, in effect, **creating a “secure pipe” between a remote client and the data and functionality** available on the Platform.

<http://oclc.org/developer/platform/authentication/what-wskey>



# How do I get one?

The screenshot shows the OCLC Service Configuration login page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like 'Home', 'Platform', 'Web Services', 'Applications', 'Code', and 'Events'. Below this, a message states: 'A new Service Configuration login screen was released in early February 2013! Click here for more info...'. The main section is titled 'Authentication Required' and contains two sign-in options: 'Sign in to Service Configuration' and 'Sign in to WorldShare ILL Configuration'. The 'Sign in to Service Configuration' option lists various services: My WorldCat.org, Metasearch Content, Easy Bib, WMS Circulation, WorldCat Registry, WorldCat knowledge base, WorldShare ILL, Web Service Keys, and IP Addresses. At the bottom, there's a link to 'View or download the Service Configuration Guide' (PDF, 1.5MB). The footer includes contact information: 'E-mail: Support Page', '+1-614-764-8000, ext. 3510', and '1-800-848-5800 USA'.

The screenshot shows the OCLC Developer Network homepage. The header includes the OCLC logo and the text 'Developer Network'. Below the header, there's a navigation bar with links: 'Home', 'Platform', 'Web Services', 'Applications', 'Code', and 'Events'. The main content area features a large blue banner with the text 'Collaborate. Build. Share.' and a sub-header 'The OCLC Developer Network is a community of developers collaborating to propose, discuss and test OCLC Web Services. This open source, code-sharing infrastructure improves the value of OCLC data for all users by encouraging new OCLC Web Service uses.' Below the banner, there are three numbered steps: 1. Register (Sign up to collaborate with other developers), 2. Learn (Use our resources to start building your application), and 3. Contribute (Share your ideas, blog post, or application). The 'Featured Applications' section highlights 'MarcEdit' as a 'WEB SERVICE' that provides integration with OCLC's Classify and FAST web services. It also lists the developer as 'Terry Reese, Ohio State University'. A 'News' section on the right lists updates like 'Updated WMS License Mar The Summer', 'Comments Welcome', 'WorldCat Metadata API into MarcEdit', 'Web Service Keys for APIs Rescheduled for 7 January', and 'December 2013 Enhancements WorldShare Platform Shared'.

## Eligibility

### **SANDBOX KEYS**

- Available to anyone
- Typically associated with a faux institution/library
- Promoted as widely as possible

### **PRODUCTION KEYS**

- Member libraries with access to a corresponding OCLC system/service
- Partners that sign a business arrangement with OCLC that promotes our member libraries or extends their services





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# What are we securing?

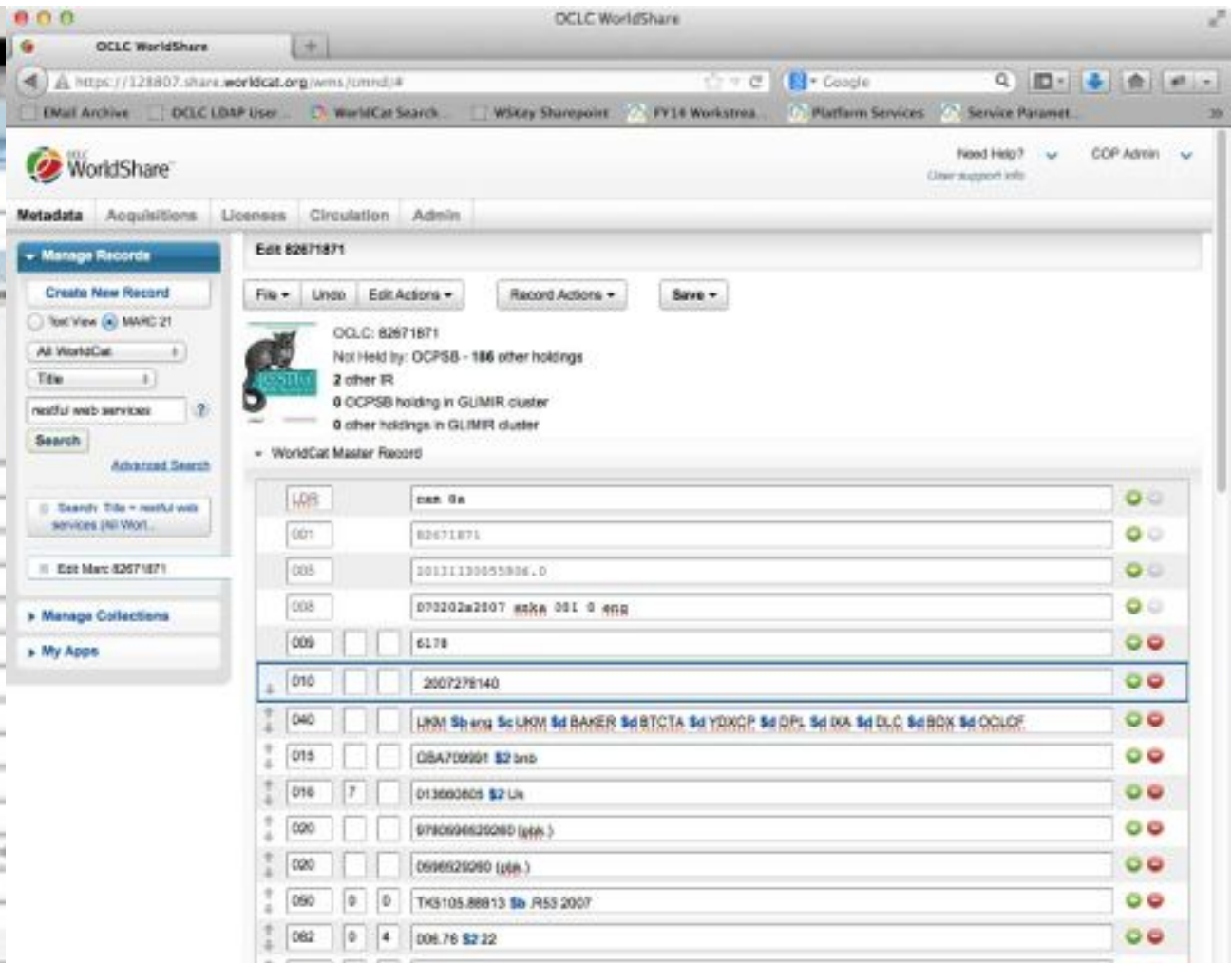
## Protected data

- **Financial information**
- **Personally identifiable information**
- **Protected data**  
(e.g., governed by HIPPA or FERPA)
- **Business data**  
giving it away for free  
removes the funding that creates it

## Protected activities

- **Borrow an item**  
from a peer institution as an ILL request
- **Place a hold**  
for an item so a patron can have it  
held for pickup
- **Set a holding**  
in WorldCat for an institution

# HTTP 401: Authentication Required



As an agile user story: Authentication Required

## As a cataloger

When I work in my library's ILS

I want to save records and set holdings in WorldCat

So that my WorldCat holdings are up to date in real time

# API Key System Requirements

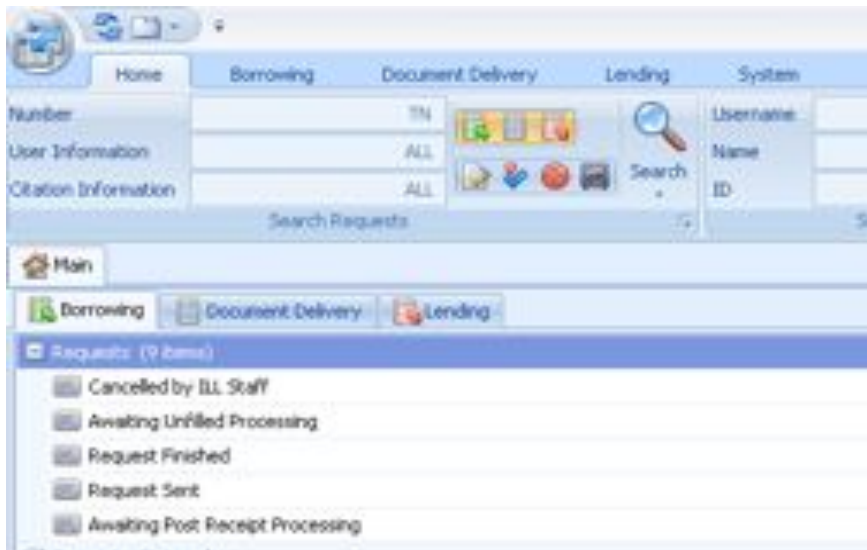
1. **Strong authentication:** ability to prove identity of a client
2. **Optional ability to attribute activity to a user**
3. **Enable configuration by clients so code can be shared among OCLC's Developer Network community**

# What is Strong Authentication?

In the context of WSKey & web services  
**a process in which a client's  
identity is verified**



# What Are We Authenticating?



**Software**  
like an instance of ILLiad  
running at a library

**A script that performs a  
regular operation  
against an OCLC system**

```
1 #!/usr/bin/env ruby
2
3 $LOAD_PATH.push File.join(File.dirname(__FILE__), '../lib')
4 require 'oclc'
5
6 require_relative '../spec/spec_helper'
7
8 def create_payment(payment_token)
9   payment = OCLC::IFM::Payment.new(payment_token)
10   payment.create
11   payment.debug_mode = true
12   payment.create(client_wskey)
13   payment.response_code.should == '201'
14
15   item = OCLC::IFM::Item.new(title, author, material_type, amount)
16   item.create
17   item.debug_mode = true
18   item.create(client_wskey)
19   item.response_code.should == '201'
20
21   vendor_customer_id = '054321'
22   payment.vendor_customer_id = vendor_customer_id
23   payment.create
24   payment.debug_mode = true
25   payment.create(vendor_wskey)
26   payment.response_code.should == '201'
27 end
28
29 # Create the client WSKey
30 client_wskey = wskey('ifm_qaiul_client_production')
31 client_wskey.autho = CONFIG['ifm_qaiul_client_production']['autho']
32 client_wskey.principal_on_header = true
33
34 # Create the vendor WSKey
35 vendor_wskey = wskey('ifm_qaocl_vendor_production')
36
37 # Create the payer and payee
38 name = 'QAIUL PD OCLC, Inc. (5279) Test'
39 symbol = 'QAIUL'
40 ocpb_payer = OCLC::IFM::Payer.new(symbol, name)
41
42 name = 'Online Computer Library Center (6569) TEST Change By Auto'
43 symbol = 'QAOCL'
44 ccc_payee = OCLC::IFM::Payee.new(symbol, name)
45
46 # Create the payment token as a client
47 payment_token = create_payment_token(100.00, ocpb_payer, ccc_payee)
48 payment_token.collection_url = 'https://worldcat.org/ILL/paymentToken/data'
49 payment_token.debug_mode = true
50 payment_token.create(client_wskey)
51 payment_token.response_code.should == '201'
52
53 # Create the payment as a vendor
54 payment = create_payment(payment_token)
55 payment.debug_mode = true
56 payment.create(vendor_wskey)
57 payment.response_code.should == '201'
```



### Service Configuration Login



Sign in

User Name:

Password:

[Sign In](#)

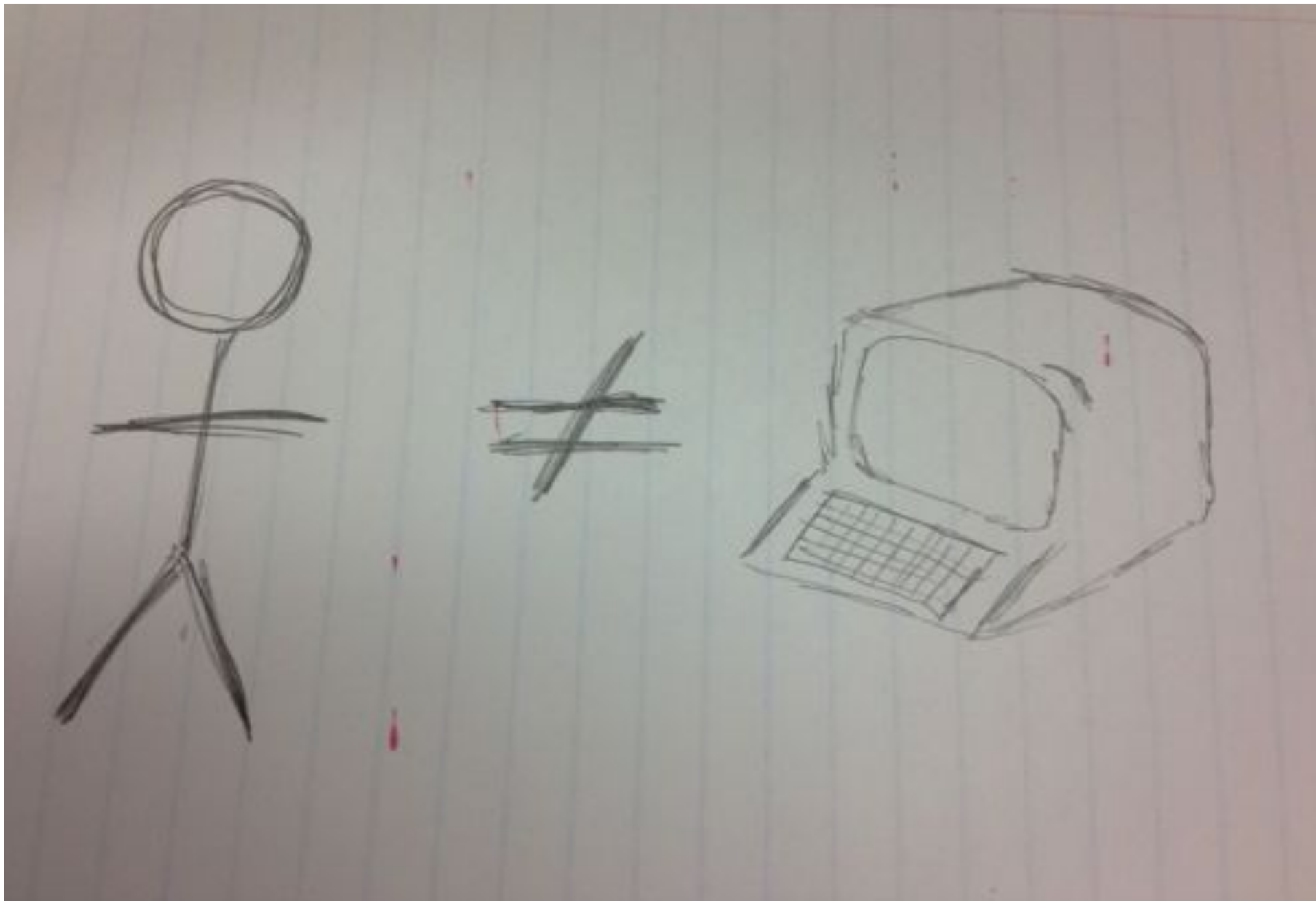
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What does it mean to  
**authenticate an application**  
rather than a human?



# How does this work?

## **OAuth**

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

<http://oauth.net/>

## **Also Used By**

Google, Amazon, Facebook, Twitter, Salesforce.com

...

# Digital Signatures

**OAuth uses digital signatures instead of sending the full credentials (specifically, passwords) with each request.** Similar to the way people sign documents to indicate their agreement with a specific text, **digital signatures allow the recipient to verify that the content of the request hasn't changed in transit.** To do that, the sender uses a mathematical algorithm to calculate the signature of the request and includes it with the request.

<http://hueniverse.com/oauth/guide/security/>

Illiad has an OCLC WSKey with a **key** and a **secret** and is going to **POST** some data to the URL

<https://worldcat.org/ILL/request/data/001?inst=128807&format=XML>

## 1) Format a message

```
10rMoavKf3WTJ4Lk72wN5xvYmSCjBrWkCscR2euXBfa7ch
1370271657
340916606649368573856547140024
```

### **POST**

```
www.oclc.org
443
/wskey
format=XML
inst=128807
```

## 2) Use an **encryption algorithm** to sign the message

```
digest = HMAC-SHA256 ( wskey_secret, formatted_message )
signature = base64 ( digest )
```

**hK4vHMAIzdv4mCI9sR8c1h  
dD7kHGgUj2rQ9eOMWvI7c=**

# ILLiad

Send Request →

# OCLC

web service

URL: <https://worldcat.org/ILL/request/data/001?inst=128807&format=XML>

Data:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<entry xmlns="http://www.w3.org/2005/Atom">
  <id> http://worldcat.org/ILL/request/data/001 </id>
  <link href="http://worldcat.org/ILL/request/data/001" rel="self"/>
  <content type="application/xml">
    <ill-request id="001">
      <borrower>OCPSB</borrower>
      <lender>GZM</lender>
      <oclcNumber>30780581</oclcNumber>
    </ill-request>
  </content>
</entry>
```

Key: [10rMoavKf3WTJ4Lk72wN5xvYmSCjBrWkCscR2euXBfa7ch](#)

Signature: [hK4vHMAIzdv4mCI9sR8c1hdD7kHGgUj2rQ9eOMWvI7c=](#)

## Note: WSKey secret is not sent

**ILLiad**

**Generates & Sends**

hK4vHMAIzdv4mCI9sR8c1hdD7kHGgUj2rQ9eOMWvI7c=

**OCLC**  
web service

**Receives & Generates**

hK4vHMAIzdv4mCI9sR8c1hdD7kHGgUj2rQ9eOMWvI7c=



**Match**

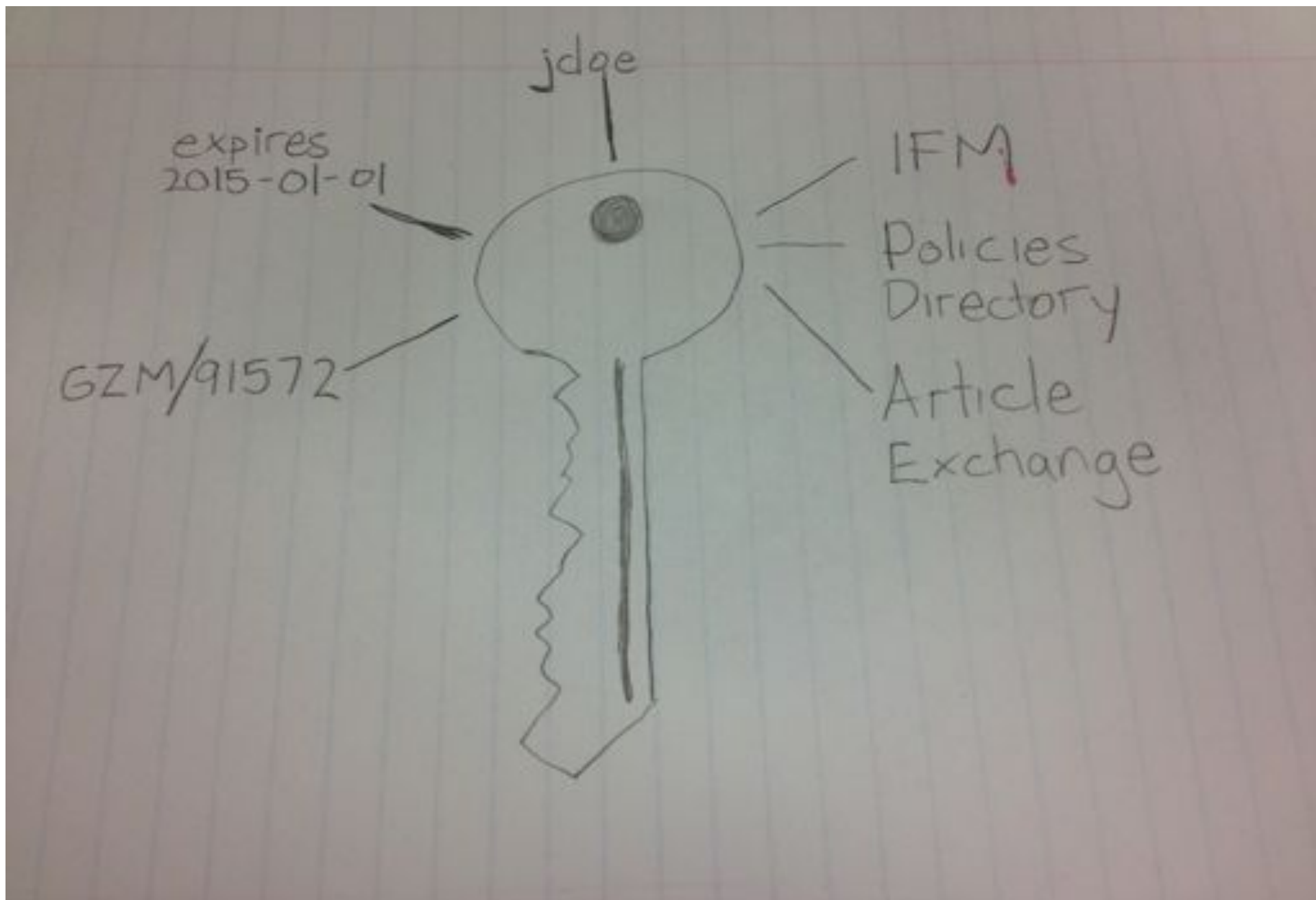
**I know this is ILLiad running at the  
University of Wisconsin-Madison**



**No Match**

**I cannot verify the identity  
of a known client**






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1 contributor

 branch: master

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 Gemfile	Removing unnecessary comment	an hour ago
 LICENSE.txt	Adding Apache 2 license to files	an hour ago
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 Rakefile	Adding files for first time	14 days ago
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README.md

# OCLC::Auth

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## Setup: configuration file

```
# config.yml
```

```
key: 'my-api-key-for-worldcat-metadata-api'
```

```
secret: 'api-key-secret'
```

```
principal_id: 'principal-id-for-user'
```

```
principal_idns: 'namespace-for-principal-id'
```

## Script: read a bib resource in the WorldCat Metadata API

```
1 require 'yaml'
2 require 'net/http'
3 require 'oclc/auth'
4
5 # Read the configuration file and construct the WSKey object
6 CONFIG = YAML::load(File.read("config.yml"))
7 wskey = OCLC::Auth::WSKey.new(CONFIG['key'], CONFIG['secret'])
8
9 # Prepare the URL for the web service
10 url = 'https://worldcat.org/bib/data/823520553?' +
11       'classificationScheme=LibraryOfCongress&holdingLibraryCode=MAIN'
12 uri = URI.parse(url)
13
14 # Construct the HTTP request object and configure the request
15 # by setting the Authorization header with an HMAC signature
16 request = Net::HTTP::Get.new(uri.request_uri)
17 request['Authorization'] = wskey.hmac_signature('GET', url,
18       :principal_id => CONFIG['principal_id'],
19       :principal_idns => CONFIG['principal_idns'])
20
21 # Execute the HTTP request and save the response
22 http = Net::HTTP.new(uri.host, uri.port)
23 http.use_ssl = true
24 response = http.start do |http|
25   http.request(request)
26 end
27
28 # Print the XML from the HTTP response
29 puts response.body
```

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20     :debug => true)
21
```



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## Authorization Header

```
http://www.worldcat.org/wskey/v2/hmac/v1  
clientId="dz4ES5H4qHHOs713zqL4AnmqFukywjcpT",  
timestamp="1388070167",  
nonce="823447109980249433838713549541",  
signature="EF8s9oq0j8Uzrh0CxM9jaRLljzE0rESZQ=",  
principalID="201dd-b197-42e1-bd36-9fea404ad",  
principalIDNS="urn:oclc:wms:da"
```

HMAC signature slightly modified for readability: new lines added before each key/value pair and the clientId, signature and principalID were shortened/scrubbed.



## OCLC::Auth::WSKey#hmac\_signature

```
101 # Generates a digital signature for a given request according to the OAuth HMAC specification
102 #
103 # [http_method] the HTTP method, GET, POST, PUT, DELETE
104 # [url] the URL the request will be made to
105 # [options] a hash of optional parameters described below
106 #
107 # Options
108 #
109 # [:principal_id] the ID that represents a user
110 # [:principal_idns] the ID namespace context for the user
111 def hmac_signature(http_method, url, options = {})
112   req_timestamp = timestamp
113   req_nonce = nonce
114   signature_base = signature_base_string(req_timestamp, req_nonce, http_method, url)
115
116   auth = ""
117   auth += "#{scheme_url} "
118   auth += "clientId=\"#{client_id}\" ", "
119   auth += "timestamp=\"#{req_timestamp}\" ", "
120   auth += "nonce=\"#{req_nonce}\" ", "
121   auth += "signature=\"#{signature(signature_base)}\""
122
123   if options[:principal_id] and options[:principal_idns]
124     uri = URI.parse(url)
125     if uri.query
126       params = CGI::parse(uri.query)
127       unless params.has_key?("principalID")
128         auth += ", principalID=\"#{options[:principal_id]}\", principalIDNS=\"#{options[:principal_idns]}\""
129       end
130     end
131   end
132   auth
133 end
```

## PATTERN

```
{API Key}\n\n{Unix Timestamp}\n\n{nonce}\n\n{request body hash}\n\n{request HTTP method}\n\nwww.oclc.org\n\n443\n\n/wskey\n\n{request URL param(s)}
```

## EXAMPLE

```
10rMoavKf3WTJ4Lk72wNvYmSCjB\n\n1370271657\n\napo3r7md7fjyn\n\n\nPOST\n\nwww.oclc.org\n\n443\n\n/wskey\n\nformat=XML\n\ninst=128807
```

```
def signature( base_string )  
  digest = OpenSSL::Digest::Digest.new( 'sha256' )  
  hmac = OpenSSL::HMAC.digest( digest, @secret, base_string )  
  Base64.encode64( hmac ).chomp.gsub( /\n/, '' )  
end
```

## Signature = Strong Authentication

1. Produced a message describing the client/ sender and the request it wants to make
2. Encrypted the message in a way only the client and OCLC can verify the message is authentic

## Signature = Strong Authentication

```
require 'oclc/auth'
```

```
wskey = OCLC::Auth::WSKey.new('key', 'secret')
```

```
wskey.hmac_signature('GET', url,  
  :principal_id    => 'principal-id',  
  :principal_idns => 'principal-idns')
```

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# OAuth 2

## **Authorization Server & Access Tokens**

# Access Tokens

Authorization: Bearer tk\_HYKExLu0ByQ2Co0QjPq

# Access Tokens

- 1. Are obtained by a client with a WSKey**
- 2. Are limited to specific OAuth “scope(s)”**  
for OCLC a scope = a web service
- 3. Are time sensitive**  
typically will expire after 20 minutes
- 4. Are *granted* to the client**



# Explicit Authorization Code



<http://www.oclc.org/developer/platform/explicit-authorization-code>

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redirect URI

[http://some library.edu/catch\\_grant](http://some library.edu/catch_grant)

# Explicit Auth Use Cases

## WorldShare Management System

- Integrating campus portal with patron account info
- Integrating acquisitions data with financial/billing system

## Explicit Authorization Code: Reference Example

[https://github.com/  
OCLC-Developer-Network/oclc-auth-ruby  
#example-sinatra-classic-style-app-protected-  
by-an-oauth-2-explicit-authorization-login](https://github.com/OCLC-Developer-Network/oclc-auth-ruby#example-sinatra-classic-style-app-protected-by-an-oauth-2-explicit-authorization-login)

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# Questions?

# Resources

- Authentication and Authorization documentation
  - <http://oclc.org/developer/platform/authentication-documentation>
- How to request a WSKey
  - <http://oclc.org/developer/platform/authentication/how-request-wskey>
- Assistance
  - [DevNet@oclc.org](mailto:DevNet@oclc.org)

# Get Started

- Sign up for a WorldCat account
  - <http://worldcat.org>
- Request a WSKey in OCLC Service Configuration
  - <https://worldcat.org/config>
- Join the OCLC Developer Network and listserv
  - [www.oclc.org/developer/register](http://www.oclc.org/developer/register)
  - <http://oc.lc/subscribe-wc-devnet-l>

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