Let Me In! Authenticating a Web App With ArcGIS

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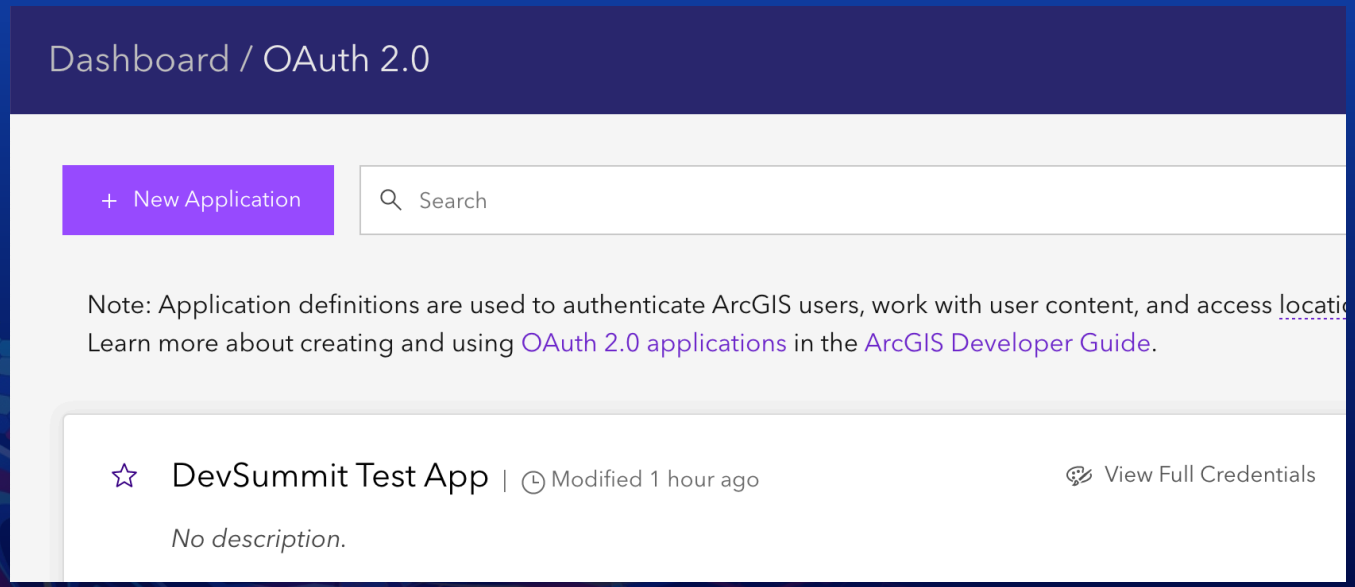
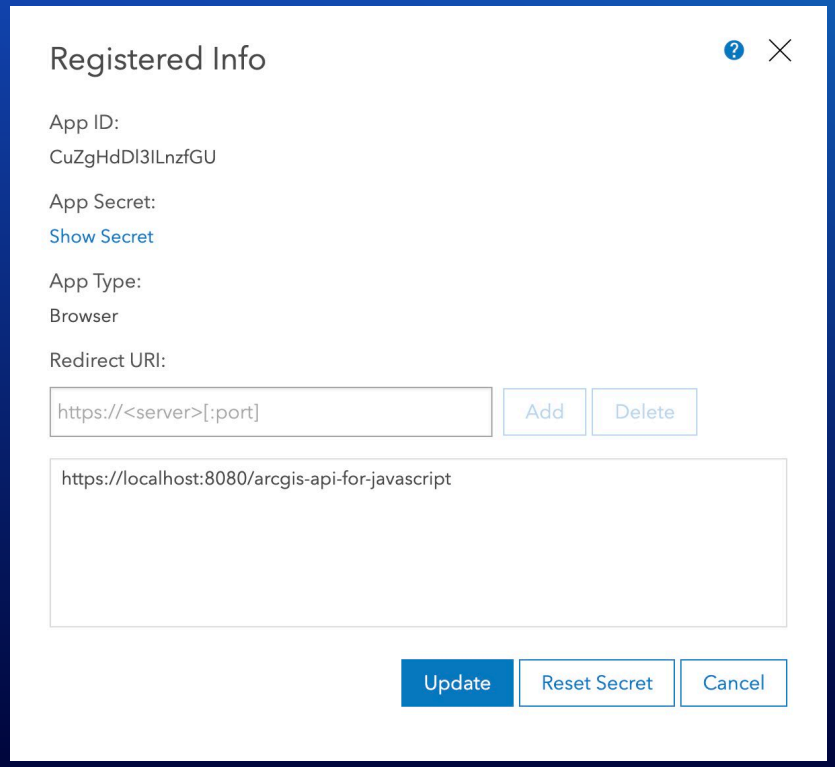
Lots of Options!

- In the front-end JavaScript world…
  - API keys
  - ArcGIS identity
  - Esri Leaflet, MapBox GL JS, OpenLayers
- Elsewhere…
  - ArcGIS Android API
  - ArcGIS iOS API
  - ArcGIS .Net API
  - ArcGIS Qt API
  - ArcGIS Java API
  - ArcGIS Python API

Allow a user to login to your custom web app

- **First step: Register your app in ArcGIS Online or Enterprise!**
  - **https://developers.arcgis.com/rest/users-groups-and-items/register-app.htm**





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- **Next step: Use the ArcGIS API for JavaScript *or* ArcGIS REST JS!**
  - **https://esri.github.io/arcgis-rest-js/**

IdentityManager

Class: `esri/identity/IdentityManager`

Since: ArcGIS API for JavaScript 4.0

This object provides the framework and helper methods used in managing user credentials for the following resources:

- Secured ArcGIS.com or ArcGIS Enterprise portal resources (e.g. web maps).
- ArcGIS Server resources secured using token-based authentication. Note that only ArcGIS Server versions 10 SP 1 and greater are supported. If your application accesses services from different domains, it is deemed a cross-domain request and you need to setup a proxy or use CORS (if supported by browser). If CORS is supported, the Identity Manager knows to make a request to the token service over https.

ArcGIS REST JS

Compact, modular JavaScript wrappers for the ArcGIS REST API.

Get Started | API Reference

Resources

- Implementing Named User Login
- Browser-based Named User Login

```
// register your own app to create a unique clientId
const clientId = "abc123"

UserSession.beginOAuth2({
  clientId,
  redirectUri: 'https://yourapp.com/authenticate.html'
})
  .then(session)
```

After the user has logged in, the `session` will keep track of individual `trustedServers` that are known to be federated and pass a token through when making requests.

```
request(url, { authentication: session })
```

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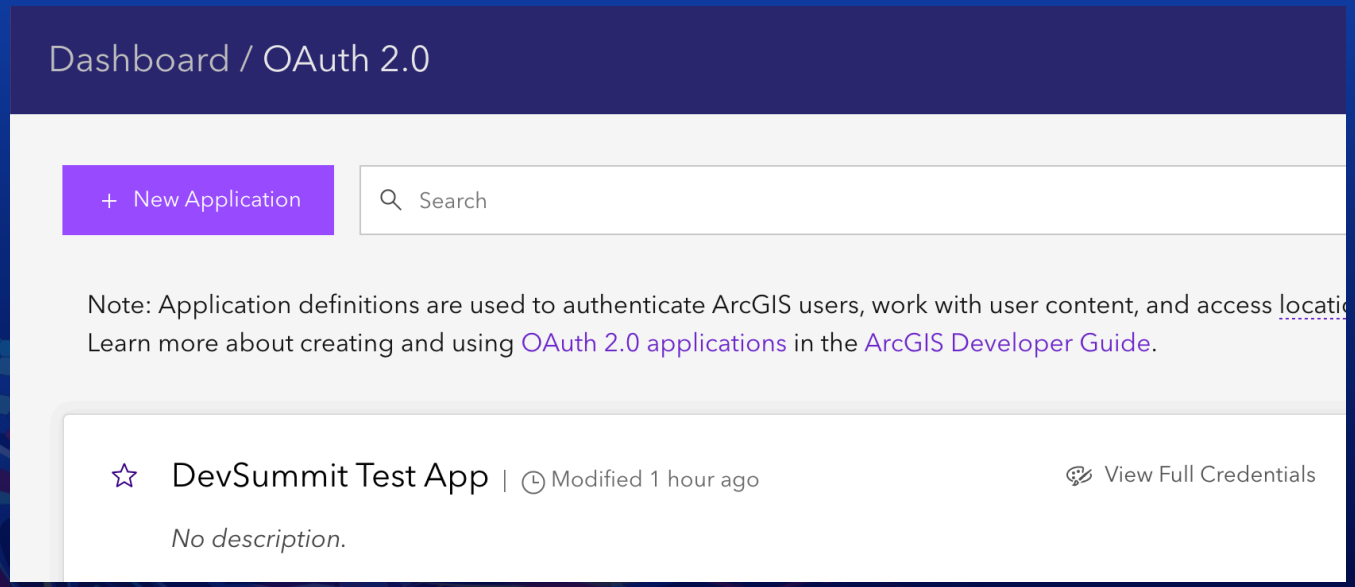
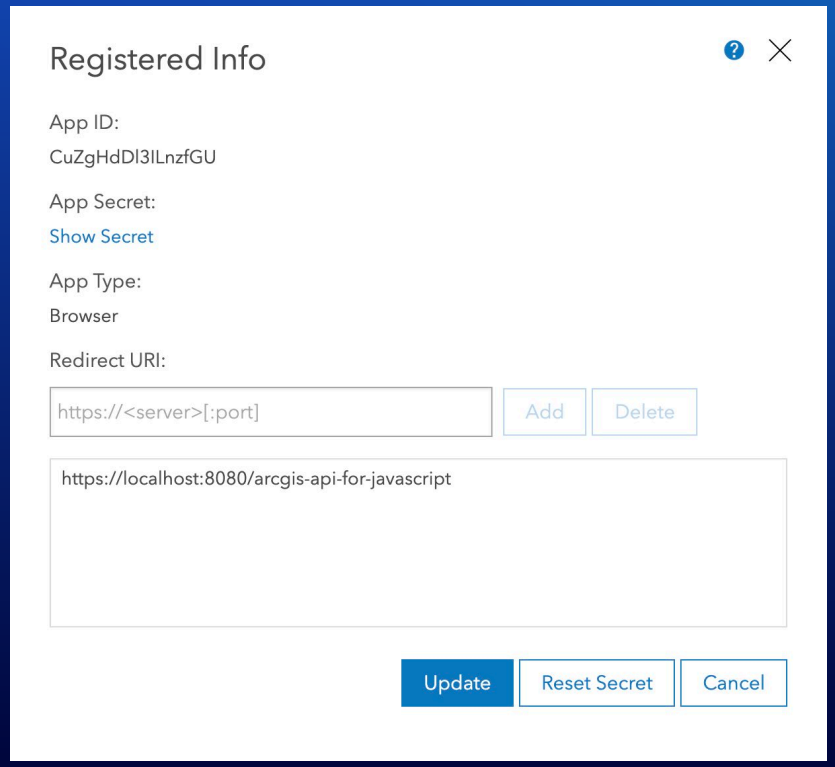
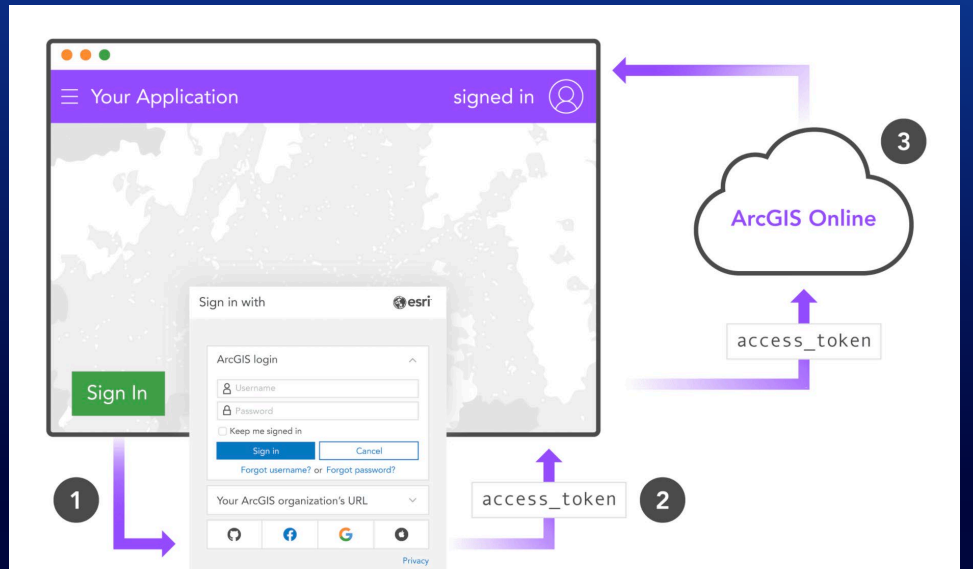




Some other considerations

- Demo code: https://github.com/esridevsummit/javascript-auth-demo
- When to use API keys instead of ArcGIS identity
  - https://developers.arcgis.com/documentation/security-and-authentication/api-keys/
- Serverless web app workflow
  - https://developers.arcgis.com/documentation/security-and-authentication/oauth-2.0/serverless-web-apps/



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