

OpenID Connect as a Service in Cloud-based Diagnostic Imaging Systems

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Outline

Motivation

- Distributed computing is coming in the new form as Cloud computing
- 83% of healthcare organizations are using cloud-based apps
- SaaS (Software as a Service)-based applications are the most popular (66.9%)
- Healthcare industry will invest \$5.4 billion in Cloud computing by 2017

Background

- Any Device, Any Platform Access medical images without installation
- Seamless and collaborative working across functional and geographical locations
- Pay-as-you-go provides lower cost delivery for healthcare IT services
- Focusing on Healthcare Quality Managements

Challenges

- Users
- Security & Compliance
- Maintenance and Support
- Patient Consent

Identity Framework (I)

- User identity is local to each system, e.g., inter-connected PACS systems
- Imposes significant administrative burden for uniform identification

Identity Framework (2)

- External centralized identity provider and decentralized user directory, e.g., IHE XUA integration profile
- Cross-domain identity solution, not dedicated to Cloud and mobile applications

Solution

What is OpenID Connect

- User-centric Single-Sign-On solution.
- Simple identity layer on top of OAuth
- Next generation of OpenID
- REST-based
- Support advanced authentication technologies (e.g., two-factor, biometrics)
- Over 1 billion user account and 50,000 websites
- Specification
 - Core
 - Discovery
 - Dynamic Registration
 - Session Management

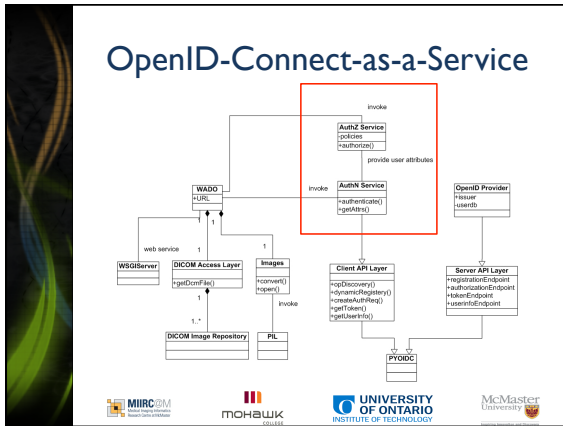
OpenID Connect Basics

OpenID Connect Protocol

1. Request service
2. Redirect (with request)
3. Authenticate, authorize client
4. Redirect (with auth code)
5. Request token (with auth code)
6. Response (with access token, id token)
7. Request user info (with access token)
8. User Profile

OpenID-Connect-as-a-Service

- OpenID Connect authentication is implemented as a service named "AuthN Service"
- AuthN Service defines two operations
 - Authentication request
 - User information query
- REST/JSON message flows which are easy for developers to integrate
- "PYOIDC" is an open source implementation of OpenID Connect written in Python



- ### Prototype (1)
- A prototype constitute
 - WADO server
 - DICOM repository
 - OpenID Provider
 - AuthN Service integrated with WADO and OpenID Provider
 - A user account is predefined in OpenID Provider weina@example.com
 - Enter WADO service URL in browser to access image stored in DICOM repository

Prototype (2)

- WADO server receives the access request and asks for AuthN Service to do authentication.
- AuthN Service redirects page asking for user to enter OpenID identifier

The screenshot shows the 'OP by UID' login page. It includes a text input field for the OpenID identifier and a 'Start' button. The page text explains that users can log in to an OP by using their unique identifier.

Prototype (3)

- AuthN Service is able to find the location of OpenID Provider using "example.com"
- OpenID Provider redirects to user login page and needs user input username and password

The screenshot shows the 'User log in' page. It features a 'Username' field with the value 'weina', a 'Password' field with masked characters, and a 'Submit' button.

Prototype (4)

Access Token Response

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{
  "access_token": "MXDhGGpKqxZusTu1+Sp9QbSRWaDG/L0laSWReecSeZHRExbm/+E3nTwfJuybuYwq6oAEjftW/cAAtgntbKAGn/oH6AQcWU3alVyrq+GiUsq=",
  "expires_in": 3600,
  "token_type": "Bearer",
  "state": "urn:uuid:44186db6-8409-4371-ab9a-ccff368746bb",
  "scope": "openid profile email address phone",
  "refresh_token": "MXDhGGpKqxZusTu1+Sp9QbSRWaDG/L0laSWReecSeZHRExbm/+E3nTwfJuybuYwqeh/E+HRB0ESKLLSgVuhg253dbwWacM3PDE03cu+OJtl="
}
    
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Prototype (5)

- After authentication, the DICOM image is retrieved from DICOM file repository and displayed in browser

The screenshot shows a DICOM image (chest X-ray) displayed in a browser window. The image is centered and clearly visible.

Summary

- OpenID-Connect-as-a- service to provide user-centric decentralized Single Sign-on solution in the cloud-based diagnostic imaging systems
- OpenID Connect is open to use any modern authentication technology such as smart card and biometrics
- REST-based API and JSON message flows are easy for developers to integrate
- Besides of delegating authentication, AuthN Service provides user attribute claims to feed existing authorization services

