Security Issues in Web Programming (Part 4)

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Objectives

- We will cover:
 - Data comm attacks
 - Third-party authentication (briefly):
 - · CAS
 - Google authentication
 - Auth0 authentication

Agenda

- Data comm attacks
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· Problem:

 Attacker may access data during comm between PennyAdmin app and browser

Solution:

 Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS)

- Technical advantages of using HTTPS
 - Confidentiality
 - Prohibits message eavesdropping attacks
 - Integrity
 - Prohibits message tampering attacks
 - Authentication
 - Prohibits message forgery attacks

- Business advantages of using HTTPS
 - Increases user confidence/trust in website
 - Increases Google search rank of website

How HTTPS works:

Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure (HTTPS)

Transport Layer Security (TLS)

Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)

- · How to use HTTPS:
 - Configure server & app to use (& require use of) HTTPS
 - Command browser to send request specifying HTTPS as protocol
 - https://...

- How to configure server & app to use (& require use of) HTTPS:
 - Depends upon server...

Render server

- Already configured to use (& require use of)
 HTTPS
 - When server receives http://something request, it sends redirect for https://something request
- So:
 - Server: Do nothing!
 - App: Do nothing!

Heroku server

- Already configured to use (but not require use of) HTTPS
 - When server receives https://something request, it uses HTTPS
 - When server receives http://something request, it uses HTTP
- So
 - Server: (Regrettably) Do nothing!
 - App: Small change...

- Solution 1:
 - App explicitly performs redirects

See <u>PennyAdmin13Https</u> app

- runserver.py
- penny.sql, penny.sqlite
- database.py
- header.html, footer.html
- index.html, show.html,
- add.html, delete.html, reportresults.html
- login.html, signup.html, loggedout.html
- top.py, penny.py, auth.py

- Solution 2:
 - flask talisman module

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Notes:

- Good to design your app to require use of HTTPS even when the app server already forces use of HTTPS
- flask_talisman implements some additional security measures
- Need not configure Flask test server to use (or require use of) HTTPS
 - But if you want to...
 - Or if you're using Google authentication...

 How to configure Flask test server & app to use (& require use of) HTTPS:

 Preliminary step: Get a certificate for your app

 Option 1: Get a certificate that is signed by a certificate authority

Certificate authorities:

Rank	Authority	Market Share
1	IdenTrust	49%
2	DigiCert	19%
3	Sectigo	16%
4	Let's Encrypt	8%
5	GoDaddy	6%
6	GlobalSign	3%

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Certificate_authority#Providers (as of Aug 2022)

- Preliminary step: Get a certificate for your app
- Option 1: Buy a certificate that is signed by a certificate authority
- Option 2: Create a self-signed certificate

```
$ openssl reg -x509 -newkey rsa:4096 -nodes -out cert.pem -keyout key.pem -days 365
Generating a RSA private key
  . . . . . . . . . ++++
writing new private key to 'key.pem'
You are about to be asked to enter information that will be incorporated
into your certificate request.
What you are about to enter is what is called a Distinguished Name or a DN.
There are quite a few fields but you can leave some blank
For some fields there will be a default value,
If you enter '.', the field will be left blank.
Country Name (2 letter code) [AU]: US
State or Province Name (full name) [Some-State]: NJ
Locality Name (eq, city) []: Princeton
Organization Name (eq, company) [Internet Widgits Pty Ltd]: Princeton University
Organizational Unit Name (eq, section) []:
Common Name (e.g. server FODN or YOUR name) []: localhost
Email Address []:
$
```

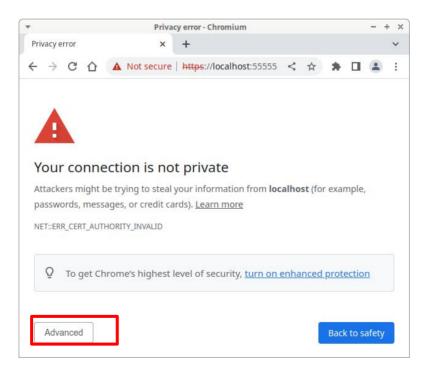
Output: cert.pem, key.pem

- Self-signed certificate
 - Confidentiality: yes
 - Integrity: yes
 - Authentication: no

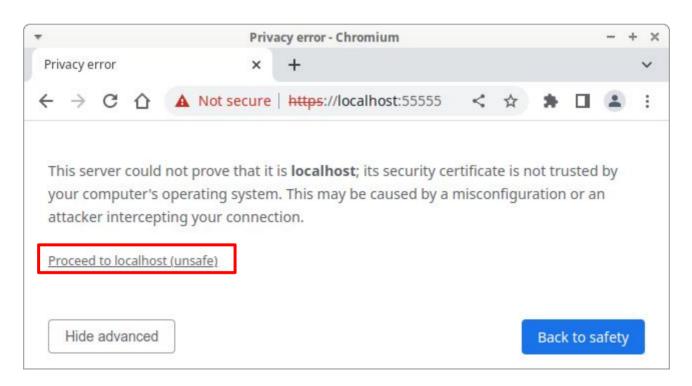
See <u>PennyAdmin15HttpsLocal</u> app

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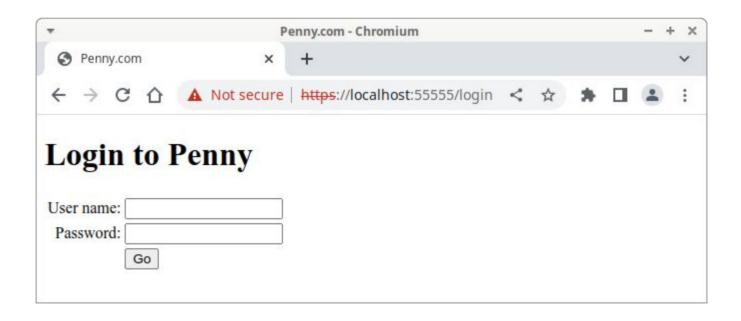
- See <u>PennyAdmin15HttpsLocal</u> app
 - On local computer with Flask test server (using self-signed certif)



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• Q: Project concern?

· A: Yes

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Central Authentication Service (CAS)

"The Central Authentication Service (CAS) is a single sign-on protocol for the web. Its purpose is to permit a user to access multiple applications while providing their credentials (such as userid and password) only once. It also allows web applications to authenticate users without gaining access to a user's security credentials, such as a password."

– https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Authentication_Service

- See <u>PennyAdmin16Cas</u> app (cont.)
 - Part 1: User logs into CAS server
 - Unnecessary if user is already logged into CAS server
 - User must provide credentials
 - Part 2: User logs into PennyAdmin
 - User need not provide credentials

· See **PennyAdmin16Cas** app (cont.)

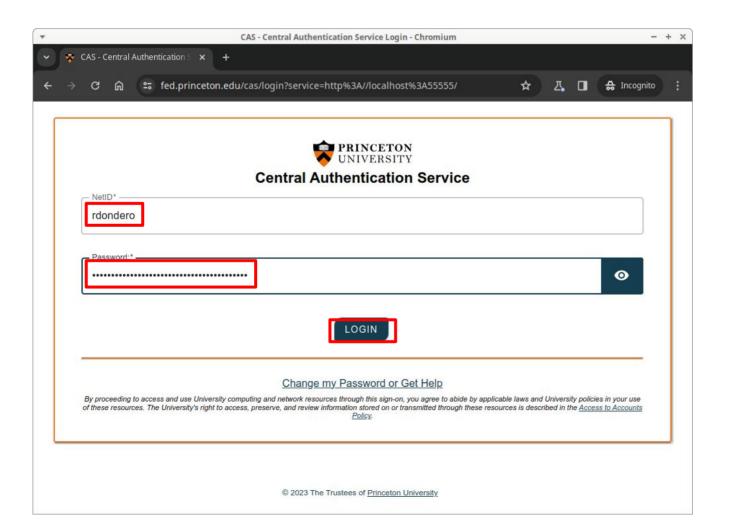
How to run it on your local computer...

- See <u>PennyAdmin16Cas</u> app (cont.)
 - In terminal, enter this command:

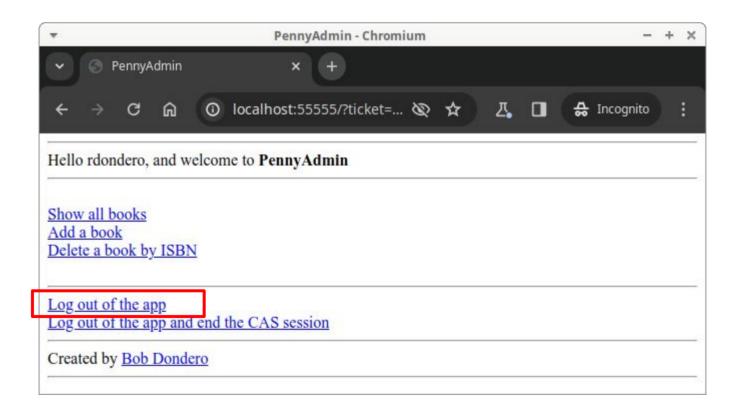
```
$ python runserver.py 55555
```

- In browser, enter URL:
 - http://localhost:55555
 - Must use localhost (and not 127.0.0.1, and not the real IP address of your computer)

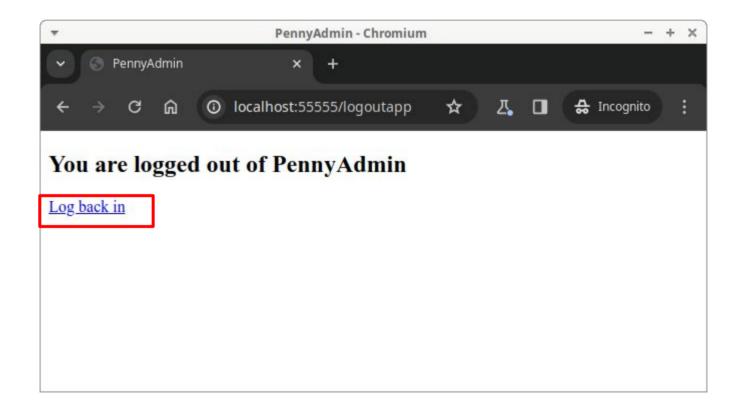
· See **PennyAdmin16Cas** app (cont.)



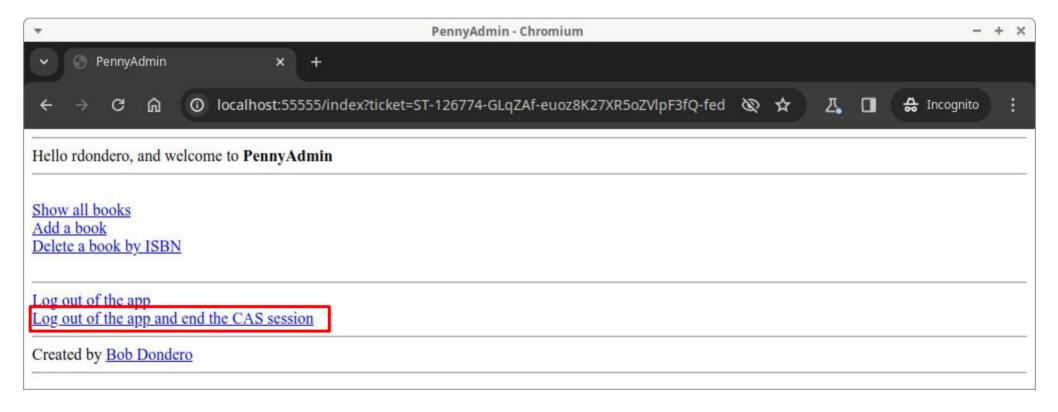
See <u>PennyAdmin16Cas</u> app (cont.)



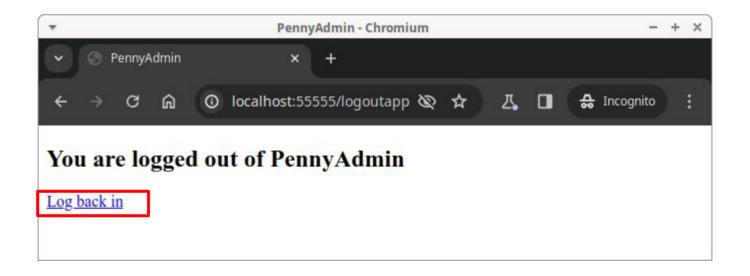
See <u>PennyAdmin16Cas</u> app (cont.)



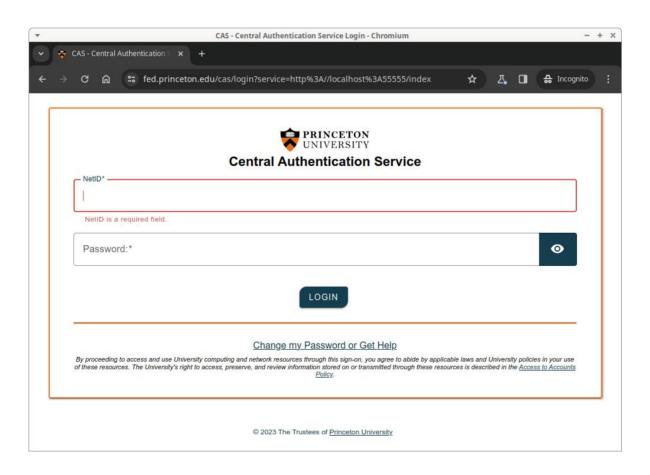
See <u>PennyAdmin16Cas</u> app (cont.)



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See <u>PennyAdmin16Cas</u> app (cont.)

 How to run it on Render (or Heroku, or any cloud service) ...

- See <u>PennyAdmin16Cas</u> app (cont.)
 - Ask OIT to place the URL of the app on the *Princeton CAS white list*
 - Instructions are provided in the COS 333 Princeton Data Sources web page
 - In browser, enter URL:
 - https://ipaddress

- · See PennyAdmin16Cas app (cont.)
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 - top.py, penny.py, auth.py

· See PennyAdmin16Cas app (cont.)

- How it works...
- See Appendix 1

· Pros

- Application need not manage usernames or passwords
- Application cannot access passwords!
- Application is constrained to one user community

. Cons

- Complex
- Adds overhead, but only during user's first visit to the app per browser session
- Application is constrained to one user community!

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- Data comm attacks
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- See <u>PennyAdmin17Google</u> app
 - Part 1: User logs into Google server
 - Unnecessary if user is already logged into Google server
 - User must provide credentials
 - Part 2: User logs into PennyAdmin
 - User need not provide credentials

See <u>PennyAdmin17Google</u> app (cont.)

How to run it on your local computer...

Preliminary

Make sure these packages are installed (via pip) in your Python virtual environment

```
Flask
python-dotenv
oauthlib
requests
```

Preliminary

Create a self-signed certificate (as described previously in this lecture)

```
$ openssl req -x509 -newkey rsa:4096 -nodes -out cert.pem -keyout key.pem -days 365 ...

Country Name (2 letter code) [AU]: US

State or Province Name (full name) [Some-State]: NJ

Locality Name (eg, city) []: Princeton

Organization Name (eg, company) [Internet Widgits Pty Ltd]: Princeton University

Organizational Unit Name (eg, section) []:

Common Name (e.g. server FQDN or YOUR name) []: localhost

Email Address []:

$
```

- Strongly suggested...
- Create a project Google account (i.e., a gmail address) for your project team
 - Use your project Google account exclusively for Google authentication setup and subsequent app testing

- Register app (https://localhost:5000) as a client of Google
 - Log into Google using your project Google account
 - Browse to <u>https://console.developers.google.com/apis/credentials</u>
 - Click CREATE PROJECT
 - For Project name enter Penny
 - Click CREATE

- Register app (https://localhost:5000) as a client of Google (cont.)
 - Click CONFIGURE CONSENT SCREEN
 - For User Type choose External
 - Click CREATE
 - For App name enter Penny
 - For User support email enter your your project gmail address
 - For Developer contact information enter your project gmail address
 - Click SAVE AND CONTINUE a few times to finish the consent

- Register app (https://localhost:5000) as a client of Google (cont.)
 - Click Credentials
 - Click Create Credentials, OAuth client ID, Web Application
 - In Authorized JavaScript origins:
 - Click ADD URI
 - Enter https://localhost:5000
 - In Authorized redirect URIs:
 - Click ADD URI
 - Add Authorized Redirect URI: https://localhost:5000/login/callback

- Register app (https://localhost:5000) as a client of Google (cont.)
 - Google provides GOOGLE_CLIENT_ID and GOOGLE_CLIENT_SECRET
 - Take note of them!

Create environment variables:

```
APP_SECRET_KEY=yourappsecretkey

GOOGLE_CLIENT_ID=yourgoogleclientid

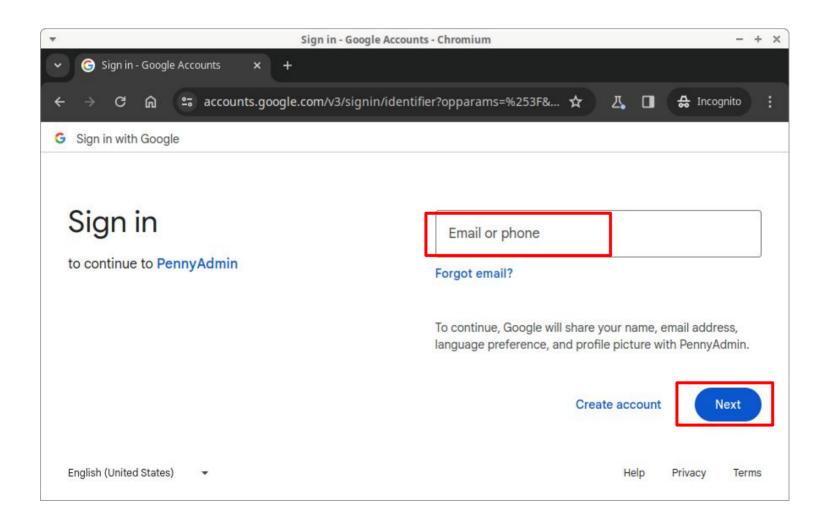
GOOGLE_CLIENT_SECRET=yourgoogleclientsecret
```

- · See PennyAdmin17Google app (cont.)
 - In terminal, enter this command:

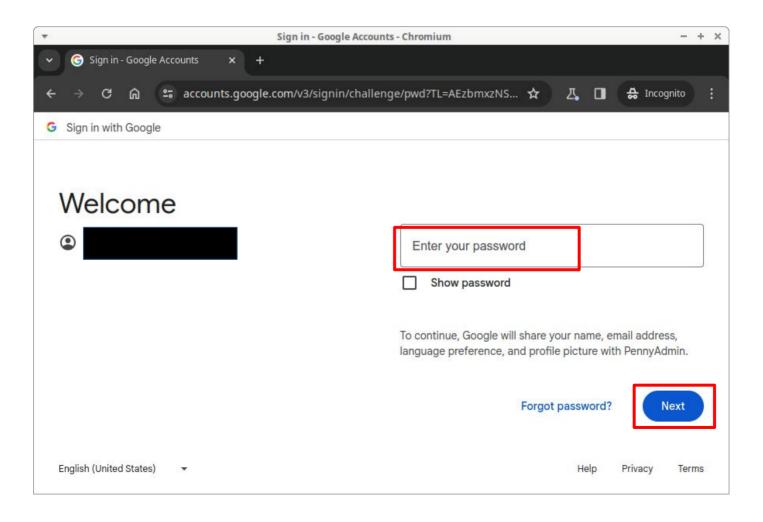
```
$ python runserver.py
```

- Runs Flask test server on port 5000
- Runs Flask test server using HTTPS
- In browser, enter URL:
 - https://localhost:5000

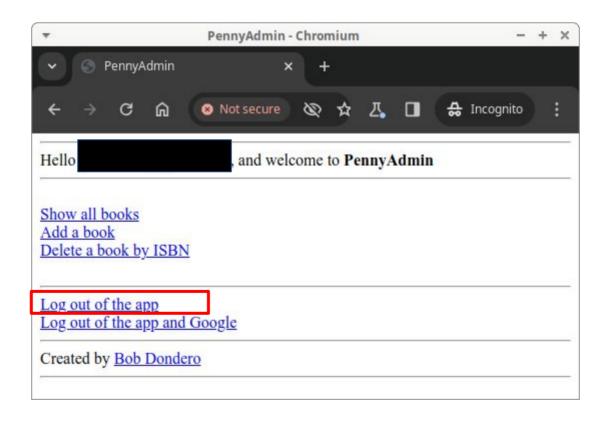
See <u>PennyAdmin17Google</u> app (cont.)



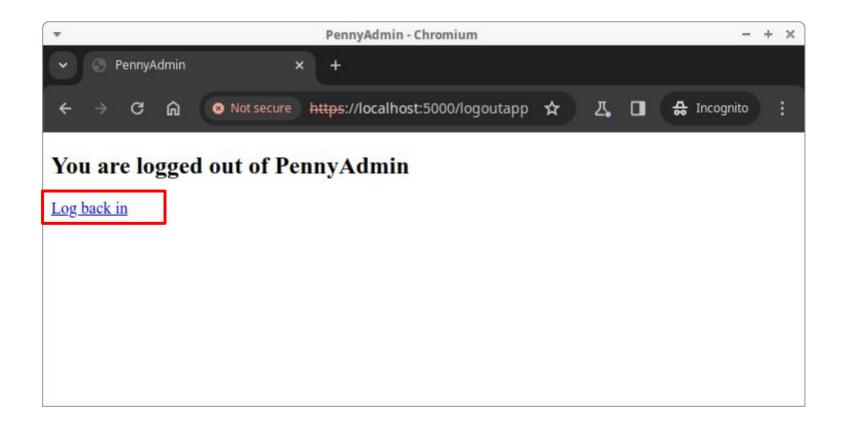
See <u>PennyAdmin17Google</u> app (cont.)



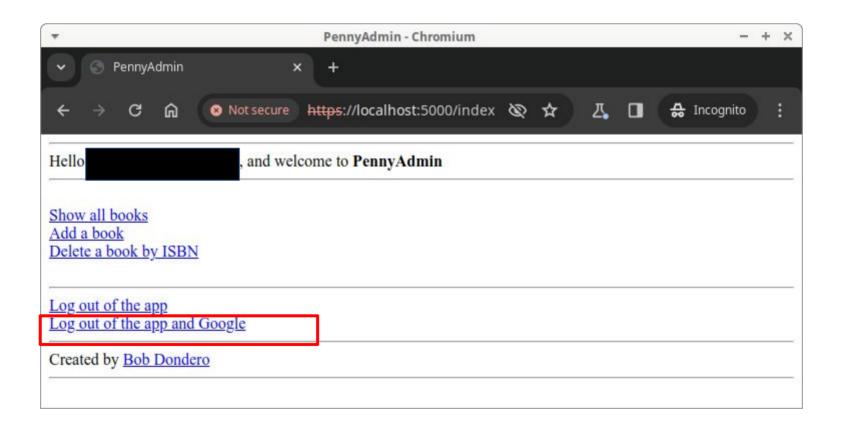
· See PennyAdmin17Google app (cont.)



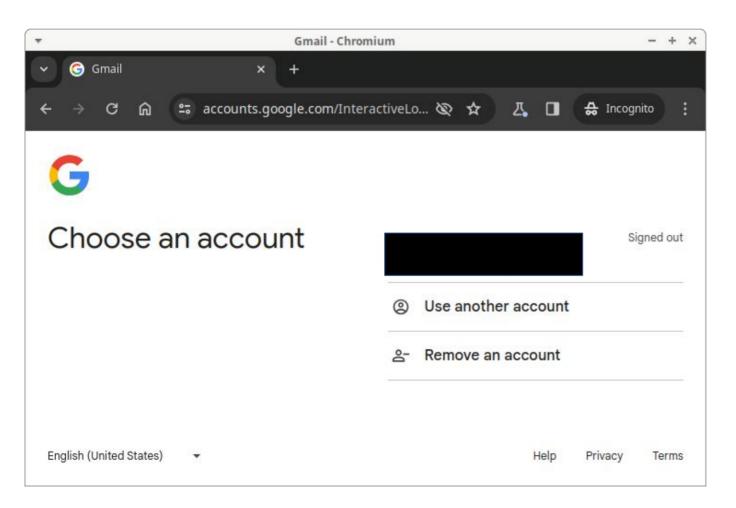
See <u>PennyAdmin17Google</u> app (cont.)



See <u>PennyAdmin17Google</u> app (cont.)



See <u>PennyAdmin17Google</u> app (cont.)



How to show loggedout page?

See <u>PennyAdmin17Google</u> (cont.)

 How to run it on Render (or Heroku, or any cloud service)...

- Preliminary
 - Deploy the app to Render
 - Push the app to a GitHub repo
 - Create a new Render app linked to the GitHub repo
 - Deploy the application from GitHub to Render
 - Configure the Render app
 - Create env vars APP_SECRET_KEY, GOOGLE_CLIENT_ID, GOOGLE_CLIENT_SECRET

- Preliminary (cont.)
 - All preliminaries are the same, except:
 - For Authorized JavaScript origins enter the URL of your deployed application
 - For Authorized redirect URIs enter the callback URL of your deployed application
- In browser, enter URL:
 - https://ipaddressofrenderapp

See <u>PennyAdmin17Google</u> app (cont.)

- How it works...
- See Appendix 2

- See <u>PennyAdmin17Google</u> app (cont.)
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 - database.py
 - header.html, footer.html
 - index.html, show.html,
 - add.html, delete.html, reportresults.html
 - top.py, penny.py, auth.py

· Pros

- Users need not remember (yet another) password
- Application need not manage usernames or passwords
- Application cannot access passwords
- Application can access profile info that user provided to Google
 - · Given name, family name, picture, ...

. Cons

- Complex
- Adds overhead, but mostly only during first user visit per browser session
- Application is constrained to users who have Google accounts
- If attacker learns user's password for Google, then attacker learns user's password for your app

For more information...

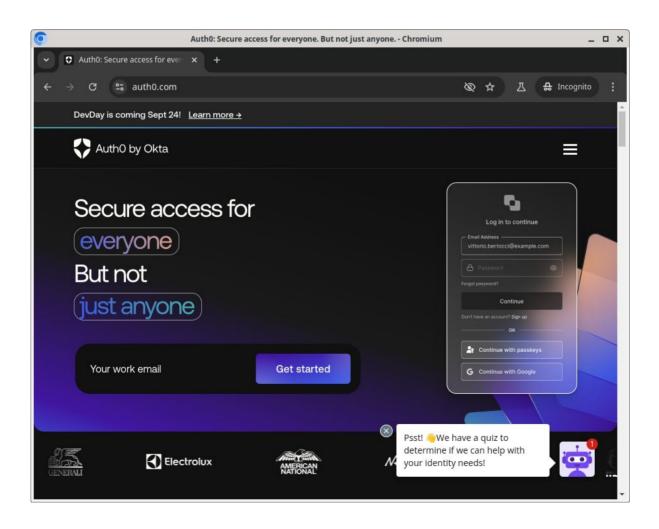
https://realpython.com/flask-google-login/

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· Auth0

https://auth0.com



- · Autho (cont.)
 - A commercial software product from Okta
 - Free tier
 - 7500 monthly active users
 - Password authentication with email, username, or phone number
 - Social authentication (Google, Facebook, ...)
 - Paid tiers
 - SMS authentication
 - Role-based access control (authorization)
 - Multi-factor authentication
 - •

See <u>PennyAdmin18Auth0</u> app

How to run it on your computer

Preliminary

Make sure these packages are installed (via pip) in your Python virtual environment

```
Flask
python-dotenv
Authlib
requests
```

Preliminary

- Browse to this address: https://auth0.com
- Sign up for a new account, or login to your existing account
 - Signing up for a new account requires you to provide an email address, but not a credit card number

Preliminary (cont.)

- Click on Applications -> Applications
- For Name enter Penny
- Note the Domain, ClientID, and Client Secret
 - You'll need them later
- For Allowed Callback URLs enter
 http://localhost:3000/callback
- For Allowed Logout URLs enter
 http://localhost:3000/loggedout
- Click Save Changes
- Note these
- Leave the Autho0 website, if you want

Preliminary (cont.)

- Note these values generated by Auth0:
 - Auth0 client id
 - Auth0 client secret
 - Auth0 domain
- Leave the Auth0 website, if you want

Preliminary (cont.)

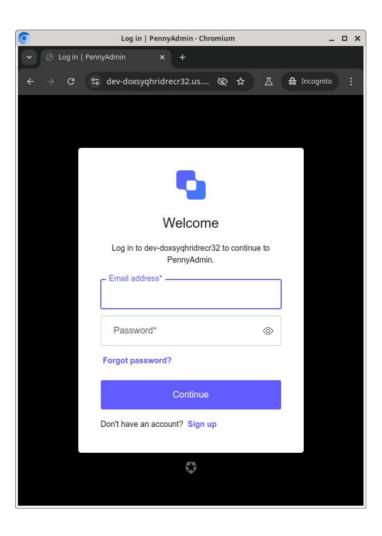
Create environment variables:

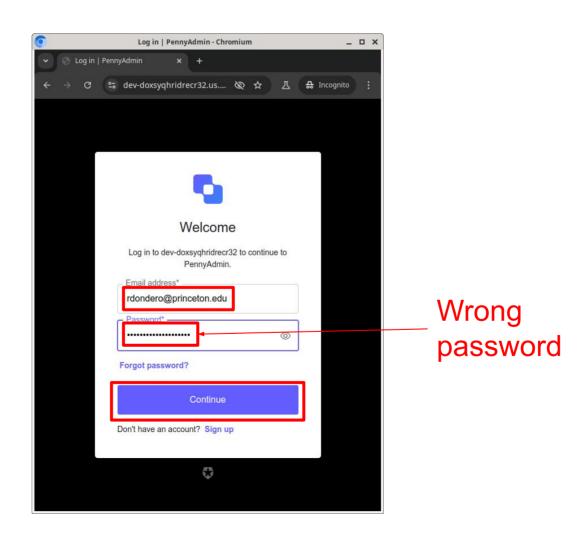
```
APP_SECRET_KEY=<any secret key you want>
AUTHO_CLIENT_ID=<the AuthO ClientID>
AUTHO_CLIENT_SECRET=<the AuthO Client Secret>
AUTHO_DOMAIN=<the AuthO Domain>
```

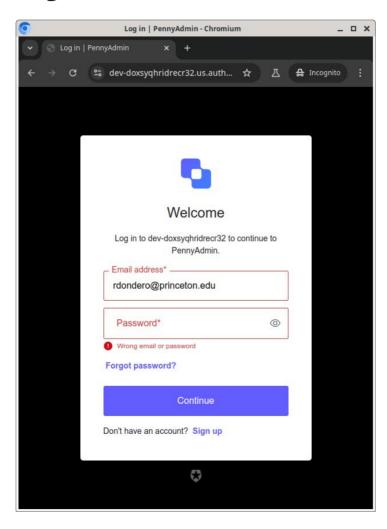
- See <u>PennyAdmin18Auth0</u> app (cont.)
 - In terminal, enter this command:

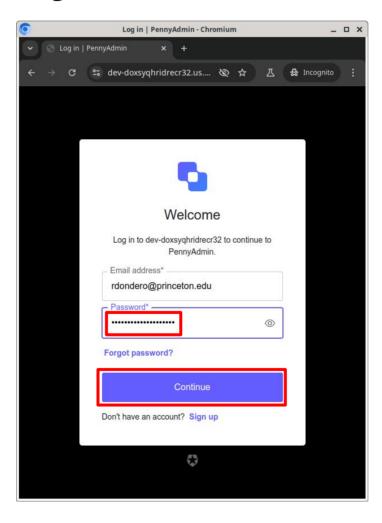
```
$ python runserver.py
```

- Runs Flask test server on port 3000
- In browser, enter URL:
 - https://localhost:3000

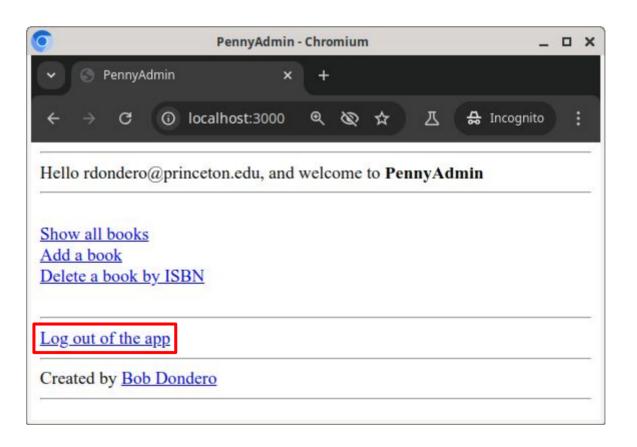


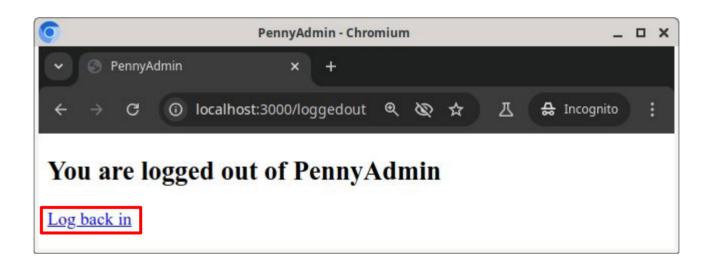


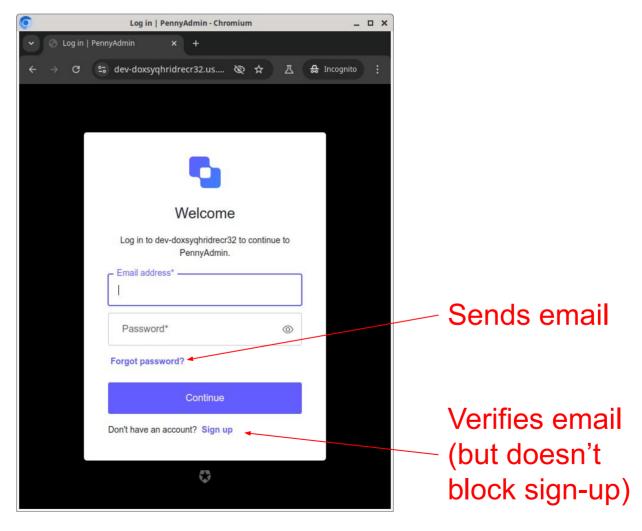




· See PennyAdmin18Auth0 app (cont.)







See <u>PennyAdmin18Auth0</u> app

How to run it on Render.com

Preliminary

- Deploy the app to Render
 - Push the app to a GitHub repo
 - Create a new Render app linked to the GitHub repo
 - Deploy the application from GitHub to Render
- Configure the Render app
 - Create env vars APP_SECRET_KEY, AUTH0_CLIENT_ID, AUTH0_CLIENT_SECRET, and AUTH0_DOMAIN

- Preliminary (cont.)
 - Log into the Auth0 website
 - Add the appropriate Render URLs to Allowed
 Callback URLs and Allowed Logout URLs

Browse to the application as usual

- See <u>PennyAdmin18Auth0</u> app (cont.)
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 - penny.sql, penny.sqlite
 - database.py
 - header.html, footer.html
 - index.html, show.html,
 - add.html, delete.html, reportresults.html
 - top.py, penny.py, auth.py

- How it works...
- ???

· Pros

- Simple code
- Application need not manage usernames or passwords
- Application cannot access passwords
- Application passwords can be unique to your application
- Users can use third-party authentication

. Cons

- Adds overhead, but mostly only during first visit per browser session
- Users must remember (yet another) password
- Users can use third-party authentication
 - Can that be disabled?

Summary

- We have covered:
 - Data comm attacks
 - Third-party authentication (briefly)
 - · CAS
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Summary

- We have covered:
 - SQL injection attacks
 - Cross-site scripting (XSS) attacks
 - Authentication & authorization
 - Cookie forgery attacks
 - Cross-site request forgery (CSRF) attacks
 - Data storage attacks
 - Data comm attacks
 - Third-party authentication (briefly)

Appendix 1: How CAS Works

Procedure

- Part 1: User logs into CAS server
 - User must provide credentials
- Part 2: User logs into PennyAdmin
 - User need not provide credentials

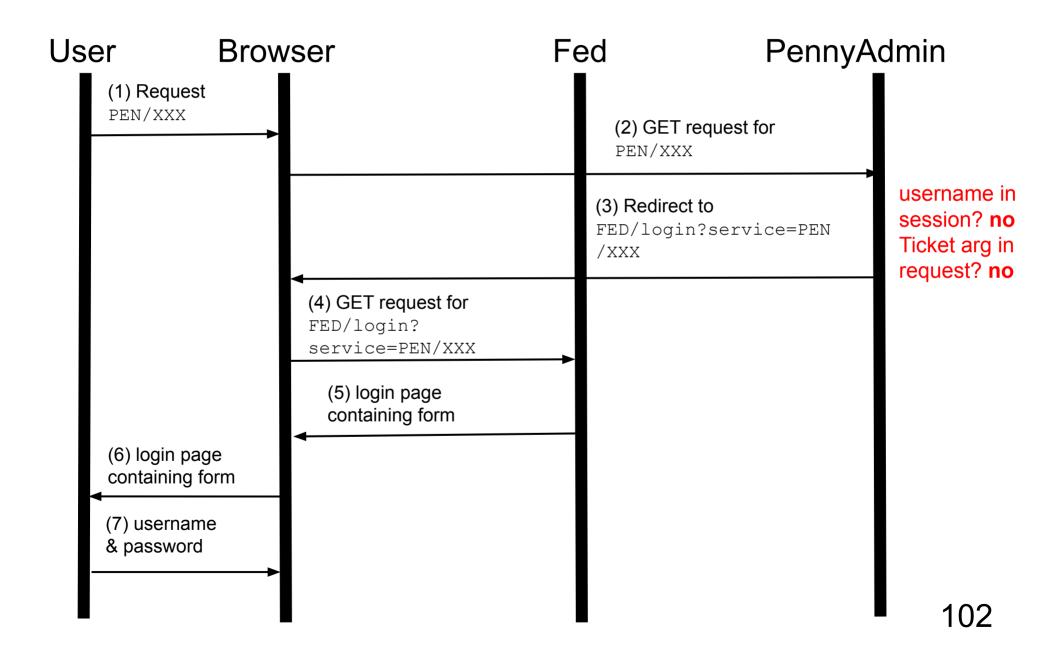
- See <u>PennyAdmin16Cas</u> app (cont.)
 - The flow...

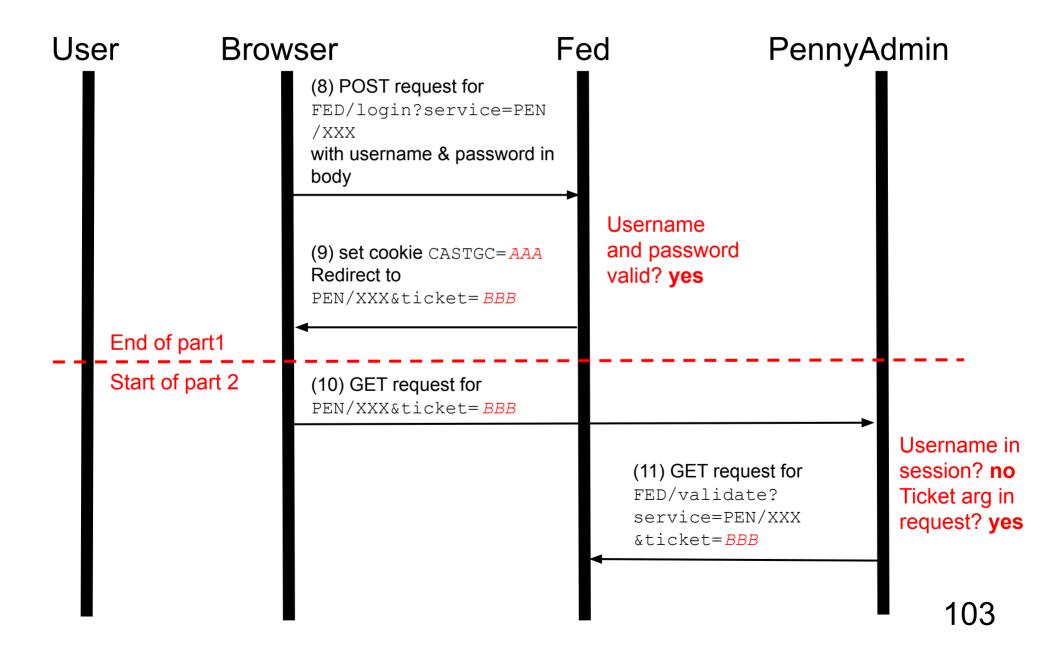
Abbreviations:

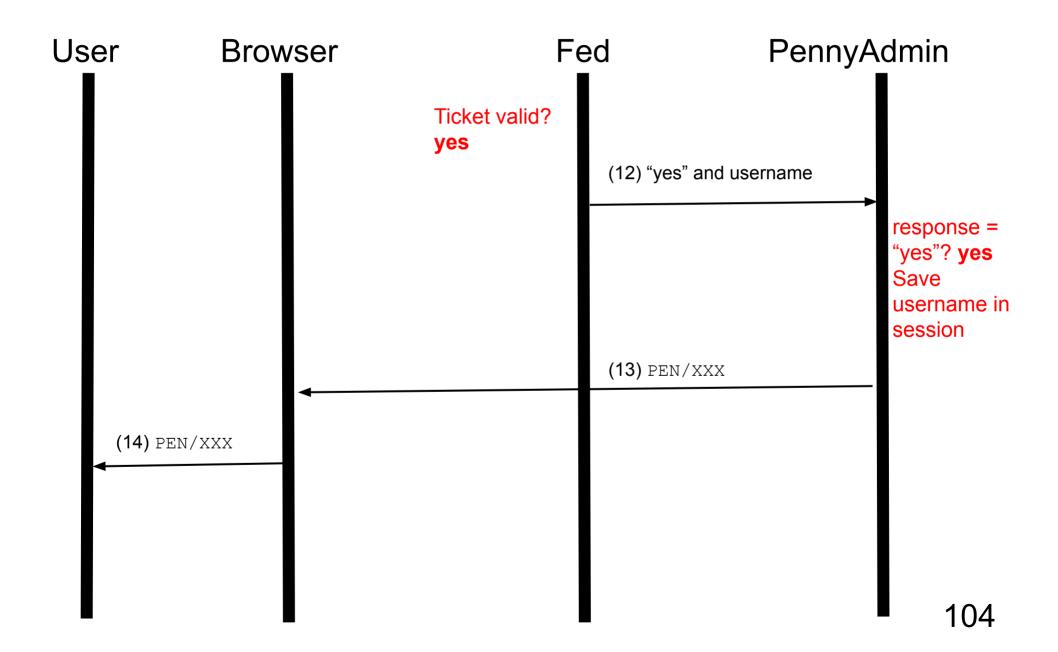
FED = https://fed.princeton.edu/cas

PEN = https://localhost:55555

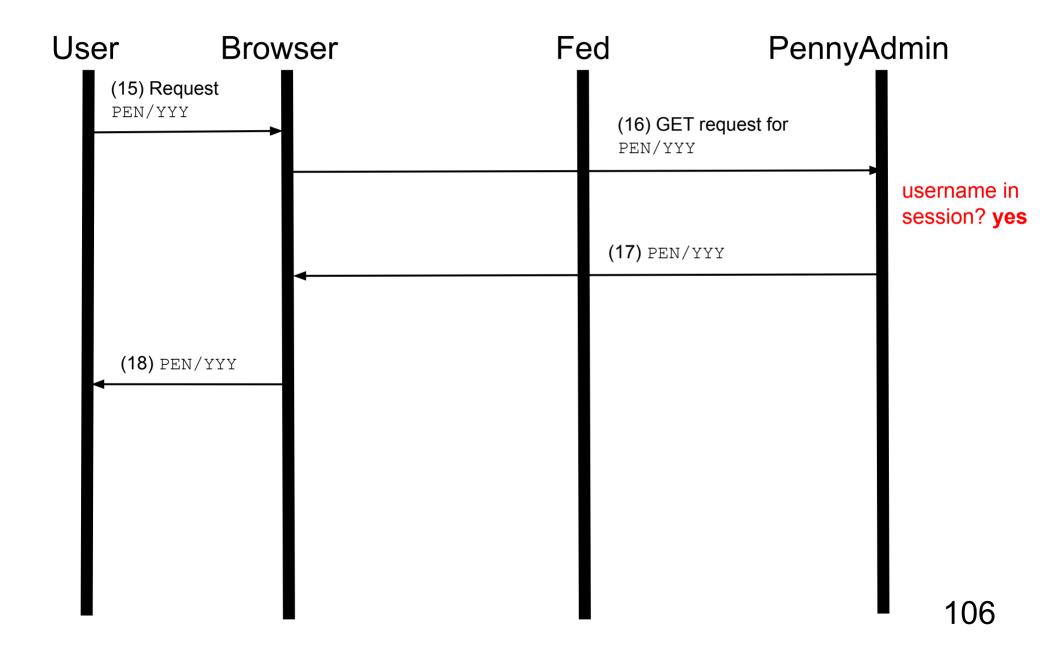
First use of PennyAdmin in browser session, browser session not CAS authenticated...



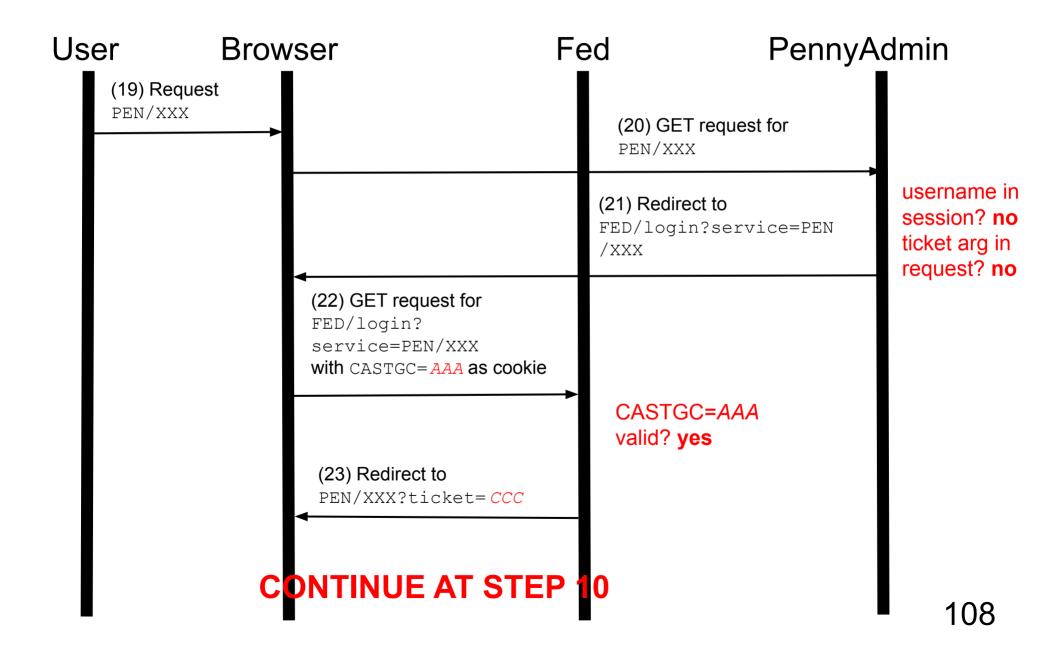




Second use of PennyAdmin in same browser session...



First use of PennyAdmin in browser session, browser session already CAS authenticated...



How CAS Works

For more information...

 https://apereo.github.io/cas/6.5.x/protocol/ CAS-Protocol.html

Appendix 2: How Google Authentication Works

Procedure

- Part 1: User logs into Google
 - User must provide credentials
- Part 2: User logs into PennyAdmin
 - User need not provide credentials

· OAuth2

OAuth ("Open Authorization") is an open standard for access delegation, commonly used as a way for internet users to grant websites or applications access to their information on other websites but without giving them the passwords. This mechanism is used by companies such as Amazon, **Google**, Facebook, Microsoft, and Twitter to permit the users to share information about their accounts with third-party applications or websites.

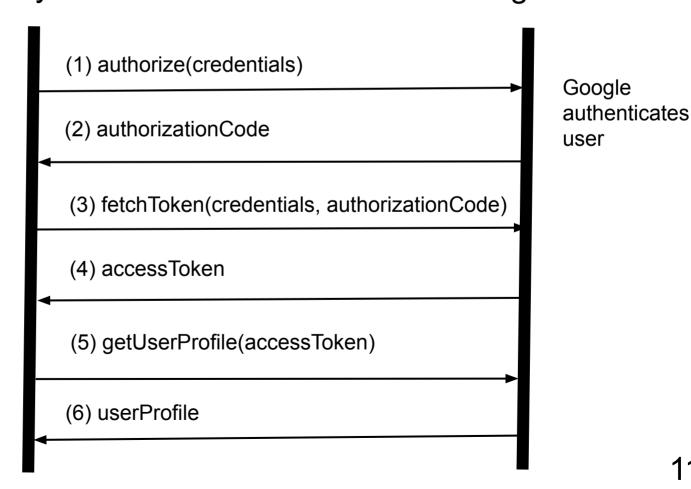
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/OAuth

OAuth2 Flow Overview:

Ahead of time: register PennyAdmin with Google; get credentials

PennyAdmin

Google



- See <u>PennyAdmin17Google</u> app (cont.)
 - The flow:

First use of PennyAdmin in browser session, browser session not Google authenticated...

(1) User

Type: https://localhost:5000/index

(2) Browser

Send GET request: https://localhost:5000/index

(3) PennyAdmin (in /index endpoint)

Email in session? No

Return redirect: https://localhost:5000/login

(4) Browser

Send GET request: https://localhost:5000/login

(5) PennyAdmin (in /login endpoint)

Return redirect to the Google authorization endpoint, passing GOOGLE CLIENT ID and https://localhost:5000/login/callback

as parameters

(6) Browser

Send request to the Google authorization endpoint, passing GOOGLE_CLIENT_ID and https://localhost:5000/login/callbackas parameters

(7) Google

Are the application (identified by GOOGLE_CLIENT_ID) and the given callback (https://localhost:5000/login/callback registered? Yes.

Do cookies indicate that the browser session is already Google authenticated?

Return Google login page to browser

(8) Browser

Render Google login page

(9) User

Enter Google email and password and submit form

(10) Browser

Send POST request to Google, with email and password in body

(11) Google

Does the user authenticate? Yes.

Return redirect:

https://localhost:5000/login/callback?codeauthorizationcode

END OF PART 1; BEGINNING OF PART 2

(12) Browser

Send GET request:

https://localhost:5000/login/callback?codeauthorizationcode

(13) PennyAdmin (in login/callback endpoint)

Send POST request to Google with the *authorizationcode*, GOOGLE_CLIENT_ID, and GOOGLE CLIENT SECRET in the body

(14) Google

Return access token

(15) PennyAdmin (in login/callback endpoint)

Send GET request to Google with the access token as a header

(16) Google

Return user's profile data

(17) PennyAdmin (in login/callback endpoint)

Add user's profile data (notably email) to the session

Return redirect: https://localhost:5000/index

(18) Browser

Send GET request: https://localhost:5000/index

(19) PennyAdmin

Email in session? **Yes** Return index page

(20) Browser

Render index page

Second use of PennyAdmin in browser session...

(21) User

In index page, click on https://localhost:5000/show link

(22) Browser

Send GET request: https://localhost:5000/show

(23) PennyAdmin

Email in session? **Yes** Return show page

(24) Browser

Render show page

First use of PennyAdmin in browser session, browser session already Google authenticated...

```
(25) User
   Type: https://localhost:5000/index
(26) Browser
   Send GET request: https://localhost:5000/index
(27) PennyAdmin (in /index endpoint)
   Fmail in session? No.
   Return redirect: https://localhost:5000/login
(28) Browser
   Send GET request: https://localhost:5000/login
(29) PennyAdmin (in /login endpoint)
   Return redirect to the Google authorization endpoint, passing
   GOOGLE CLIENT ID and https://localhost:5000/login/callbackas
   parameters
```

(30) Browser

Send request to the Google authorization endpoint, passing GOOGLE_CLIENT_ID and https://localhost:5000/login/callbackas parameters

(32) Google

Are the application (identified by GOOGLE_CLIENT_ID) and the given callback (https://localhost:5000/login/callback) registered? Yes

Do cookies indicate that the browser session is already Google authenticated?

Yes

Return redirect:

https://localhost:5000/login/callback?code=authorizationcode

CONTINUE AT STEP 12