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Abstract

This specification defines the Form Post Response Mode. In this mode, Authorization Response parameters are encoded as HTML form values that are auto-submitted in the User Agent, and thus are transmitted via the HTTP `POST` method to the Client, with the result parameters being encoded in the body using the `application/x-www-form-urlencoded` format.

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1. Introduction

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1.1. Requirements Notation and Conventions

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The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC 2119](#) [RFC2119].

In the .txt version of this document, values are quoted to indicate that they are to be taken literally. When using these values in protocol messages, the quotes MUST NOT be used as part of the value. In the HTML version of this document, values to be taken literally are indicated by the use of `this fixed-width font`.

1.2. Terminology

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This specification uses the terms "Access Token", "Authorization Code", "Authorization Endpoint", "Authorization Grant", "Authorization Server", "Client", "Client Identifier", "Client Secret", "Protected Resource", "Redirection URI", "Refresh Token", "Resource Owner", "Resource Server", "Response Type", and "Token Endpoint" defined by [OAuth 2.0](#) [RFC6749] the term "User Agent" defined by [RFC 7230](#) [RFC7230], and the term "Response Mode" defined by [OAuth 2.0 Multiple Response Type Encoding Practices](#) [OAuth.Responses].

2. Form Post Response Mode

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This specification defines the Form Post Response Mode, which is described with its `response_mode` parameter value:

form_post

In this mode, Authorization Response parameters are encoded as HTML form values that are auto-submitted in the User Agent, and thus are transmitted via the HTTP `POST` method to the Client, with the result parameters being encoded in the body using the `application/x-www-form-urlencoded` format. The action attribute of the form MUST be the Client's Redirection URI. The method of the form attribute MUST be `POST`. Because the Authorization Response is intended to be used only once, the Authorization Server MUST instruct the User Agent (and any intermediaries) not to store or reuse the content of the response.

Any technique supported by the User Agent MAY be used to cause the submission of the form, and any form content necessary to support this MAY be included, such as submit controls and client-side scripting commands. However, the Client MUST be able to process the message without regard for the mechanism by which the form submission was initiated.

3. IANA Considerations

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This specification makes no requests of IANA.

4. Security Considerations

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As described in [OAuth 2.0 Multiple Response Type Encoding Practices](#) [OAuth.Responses], there are security implications to encoding response values in the query string and in the fragment value. Some of these concerns can be addressed by using the Form Post Response Mode. In particular, it is safe to return Authorization Response parameters whose default Response Modes are the query encoding or the fragment encoding using the `form_post` Response Mode.

5. Normative References

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- [RFC6749]** Hardt, D., "[The OAuth 2.0 Authorization Framework](#)," RFC 6749, October 2012 ([TXT](#)).
- [RFC7230]** Fielding, R. and J. Reschke, "[Hypertext Transfer Protocol \(HTTP/1.1\): Message Syntax and Routing](#)," RFC 7230, June 2014 ([TXT](#)).

Appendix A. "form_post" Response Mode Example

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Below is a non-normative request/response/request example as issued/received/issued by the User Agent (with extra line breaks for display purposes only) demonstrating an auto-submitted `form_post` encoded response.

Authorization Request to the Authorization Endpoint:

```
GET /authorize?
  response_type=id_token
  &response_mode=form_post
  &client_id=some_client
  &scope=openid
  &redirect_uri=https%3A%2F%2Fclient.example.org%2Fcallback
  &state=DcP7csa3hMlvbERqcieLHrRzKBra
  &nonce=2TlAgaRTGTMAJyeDMN9IJbgiUG HTTP/1.1
Host: server.example.com
```

After authentication and approval by the End-User, the Authorization Server issues the Authorization Response:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: text/html; charset=UTF-8
Cache-Control: no-cache, no-store
Pragma: no-cache
```