# Open Standard Authorization ( OAUTH )

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**Open Standard Authorization ( OAUTH )** is an authorization protocol - or in other words, a set of rules - that allows a third-party website or application to access a user’s data without the user needing to share login credentials.

OAuth's open-source protocol enables users to share their data and resources stored on one site with another site under a secure authorization scheme based on a token-based authorization mechanism. OAuth is also known as OAuth Core.

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