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Abstract

This document registers Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) authentication schemes that have been defined in RFCs before the IANA HTTP Authentication Scheme Registry was established.

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1. Introduction

This document registers Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) authentication schemes that have been defined in RFCs before the IANA HTTP Authentication Scheme Registry was established.

2. Security Considerations

There are no security considerations related to the registration itself.

Security considerations applicable to the individual authentication schemes ought to be discussed in the specifications that define them.

3. IANA Considerations

The registrations below have been added to the IANA "Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) Authentication Scheme Registry" at <<http://www.iana.org/assignments/http-authschemes>> (see Section 5.1 of [RFC7235]).

Authentication Scheme Name	Reference	Notes
Basic	[RFC2617], Section 2	
Bearer	[RFC6750]	
Digest	[RFC2617], Section 3	
Negotiate	[RFC4559], Section 3	This authentication scheme violates both HTTP semantics (being connection-oriented) and syntax (use of syntax incompatible with the WWW-Authenticate and Authorization header field syntax).
OAuth	[RFC5849], Section 3.5.1	

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