Web Payment Tokens

A generic token for payments on the web

What is a token?

- The most overloaded jargon word in technology?

Bearer token

Auth token

Gateway Token

Payment token

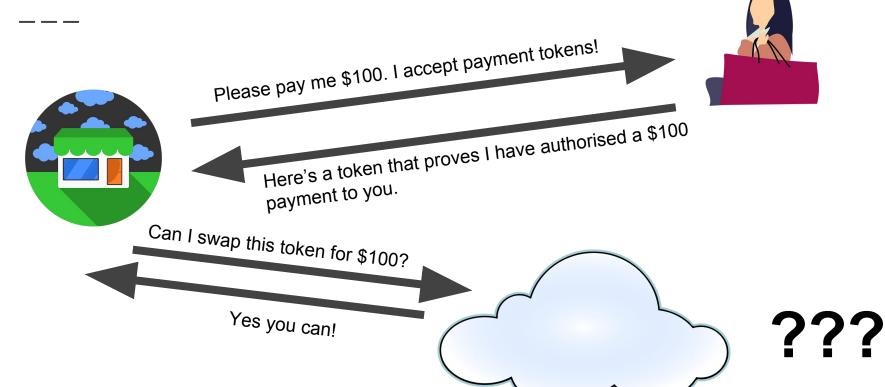
Network token

Token of appreciation

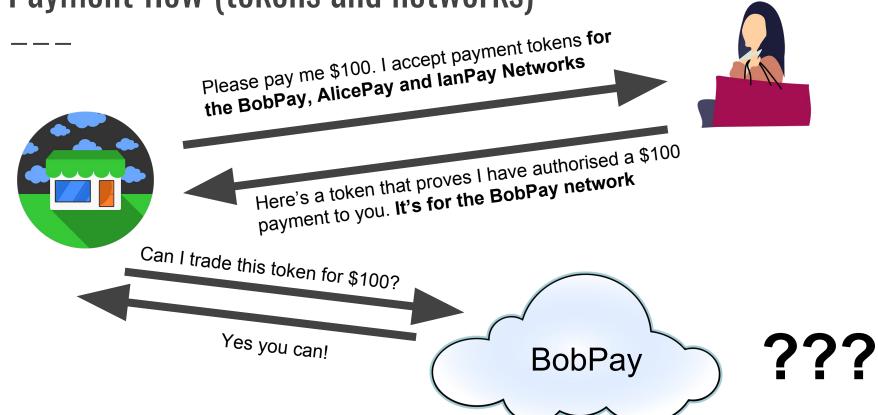
Payment tokens

- Represent the authorization of a payment(s)
- "Redeemable" by the payee on a **specific** network
- Produced by the payment authorization authority
- Network rules dictate how a token is redeemed
- Token data is mostly **opaque** to payee systems

Payment flow



Payment flow (tokens and networks)



Push Payments Suck (almost as much as Pull)

- Merchants lose all control of flow
- No retry/cancel
- Integration at multiple places in the flow
- Recurring payments



Pre-authorized push is the best!

Push

- Customer authentication (secure or risk based)
- Push from source of funds (no reversals or disputes)

Pre-authorized (pull-like)

- Merchant controls flow
- Interop is simple at for intermediaries (browsers)

Tokenization spec (request)

```
const methodData = [{
    supportedMethods: ['token'],
    data: {
        supportedNetworks: ['mastercard','visa', 'amex', 'discover',
        'jcb','unionpay','ideal','sofort','interledger','quirky-domestic-thing'],
        usageType: 'one-time',
        payeeID: 'https://best-pink-sock-store.com',
        keyProviderURL: 'https://pspKeyProvider.example/tokenizedCardPublicKey',
    }
}];
```

Tokenization spec (Response)

```
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NETWORK SPECIFIC. OPAQUE TO THE MERCHANT
```

Proposal

A single unified tokenization and encryption spec Leverage existing web token standards (JWT, JWE) Leave network specifics... to the networks Make implementation by browsers simple