WP API Authentication via Application Passwords

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For authenticating API requests via WordPress Application Passwords, you will need to add the following HTTP Header to your API request: `Authorization: Basic <auth token>`

The `auth token` is a base64 encoding of this string: `<author's username>:<application password>`

It is preferred to create an application password specific for API access rather than using the author's WP password. To create a password, navigate to the WP user page from http://<site domain>/wp-admin/users.php and towards the bottom you can enter your desired name in the `New Application Password Name` field, for example `rsoc-post-api` and get the password.

In this example, the auth token string to be encoded will be <author>:Cben CvDb ZNQD p2y9 SVPO sCLz which then needs to be appended into the Authorization header (post base64 encoding).