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## WebAuthn Server Components

The WebAuthn Server manages the creation, update, and deletion of WebAuthn credentials associated with Amazon Cognito User Pool Identities. The Server is comprised of Amazon Congito User Pool to provide the identity framework, a MySQL compatible serverless Amazon Aurora Database to store user and credential information, and 3 Lambda functions to support the Cognito Custom Authentication flow.

## **Cognito User Pool**

Amazon Cognito is used by the WebAuthn Stater kit as the user identity provider, with custom triggers to provide the WebAuthn Authentication functionality. The WebAuthn Starter Kit includes scripts to automatically configure Cognito on installation. For more details, refer to the links below:

Blog | Docs | Using Lambda triggers with Cognito User Pools

#### **Database Component**

The database is the credential repository and stores the mapping between users and their credentials. The implementation is a relational database MySQL compatible serverless Amazon Aurora Database via Amazon RDS. The database credentials are stored in AWS Secrets Manager with limited IAM Role access to retrieve the database credentials from Secrets Manager via specific AWS Lambda functions.

## **Database Entity Relationship**

The [credential].[pubicKey] will be stored as a JSON Web Key (JWK). The authenticator returns the PublicKey to the RP as an ArrayBuffer (binary). The WebAuthn Starter kit uses the cose-to-jwk library from GitHub in the node.js Lambda function to convert from COSE (RFC 8152) data format to JWK (RFC 7517) JSON data structure before saving to the database. When validating the assertion during authentication ceremony, the Relying Party uses the jwk-to-pem library to convert the stored JWK public key to PEM format for use by the Node.js crypto library or OpenSSL.

## Amazon Aurora (MySQL-Compatible) Database Schema/Table Creation Script(s)

Aurora Serverless database supports encryption at rest which is required by default and cannot be disabled.

Database creation scripts available via GitHub (Source).

#### [user Table]

```
CREATE TABLE user (
   id INT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
   cognito_id NVARCHAR(50) NOT NULL UNIQUE,
   userName NVARCHAR(50) NOT NULL UNIQUE,
   email NVARCHAR(50),
   phoneNumber NVARCHAR(25),
   displayName NVARCHAR(25),
   registrationDate DATETIME DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
   lastUpdatedDate DATETIME DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP ON UPDATE

CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
   lastLoginDate DATETIME,
   challenge TEXT,
   PRIMARY KEY (id)
);
```

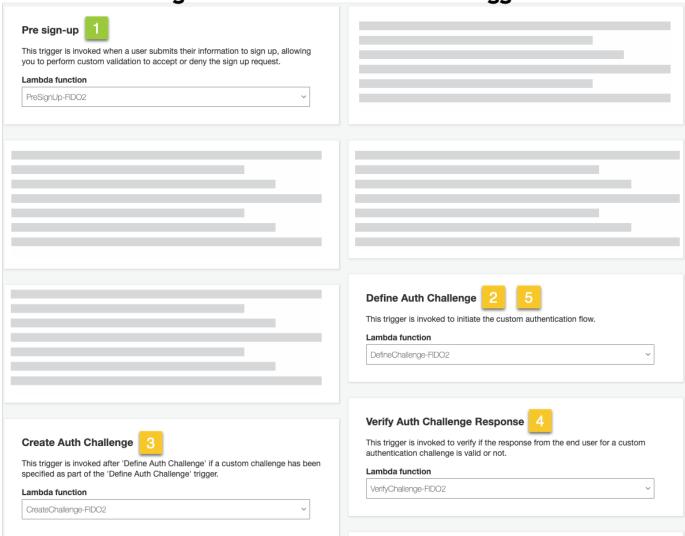
[credential Table]

```
CREATE TABLE credential (
   id INT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT,
   user_id INT NOT NULL,
    credentialId NVARCHAR(255) NOT NULL UNIQUE,
   userHandle TEXT,
   publicKey TEXT,
   signatureCount INT,
   attestation BLOB,
   metadata TEXT,
   deviceType NVARCHAR(25),
    serialNum NVARCHAR(25),
   firmware NVARCHAR(25),
   creationDate DATETIME DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP,
    lastUsedDate DATETIME,
    lastUpdatedDate DATETIME DEFAULT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP ON UPDATE
CURRENT TIMESTAMP,
   nickName NVARCHAR(50) UNIQUE,
    type NVARCHAR(25),
    status BOOL DEFAULT TRUE,
    INDEX par_ind (user_id),
   PRIMARY KEY (id),
   FOREIGN KEY (user id)
       REFERENCES user(id)
       ON DELETE CASCADE
);
```

#### **Lambda Functions**

The WebAuthn Starter Kit is includes 3 Lambda functions used as triggers by the Amazon Cognito Custom Authentication flow

# Cognito User Pool - Lambda triggers



Define Challenge: Defines the type of challenge based on the user behavior (Add new Authenticator or Login)

Create Challenge: Creates the challenge (register or authentication)

<u>Verify Challenge</u>: Parses, validates, and verifies both registration and authentication ceremony responses

## Registration

The registration & authentication operations are serverless functions which integrate with the AWS Cognito custom authentication flow hooks. The functions either add a credential to the authenticated user's list of WebAuthn credentials stored in the database or authenticate an existing credential depending on the user flow. With a custom authentication flow, the challenges and verification of the responses are controlled via three AWS Lambda triggers. The **DefineAuthChallenge** Lambda trigger takes as input a session array of previous challenges and responses and outputs the next challenge name and booleans indicating if the user is authenticated (and should be granted tokens) or if the authentication has failed. This Lambda trigger is a state machine that controls the user's path through the challenges.

## **Example Registration for a New Account**

New user "fred" launches the app for the first time, types "Fred" into the username field then clicks Next. The username "fred" does not exist in the user store. The user account "fred" is created and prompted to register a new authenticator.

#### PRE SIGN-UP

A one-task function to verify the account. This function allows for the custom challenges to be sent from Cognito



#### DEFINECHALLENGE: RETURNED FROM DEFINECHALLENGE



The DefineChallenge Lambda function sends the details to the CreateChallenge function, prompting the creation of a WebAuthn Registration event.

```
"session": []
},
"response": {
    "challengeName": "CUSTOM_CHALLENGE",
    "issueTokens": false,
    "failAuthentication": false
}
```

#### CREATECHALLENGE: RECEIVED FROM DEFINECHALLENGE



## CREATECHALLENGE: RESPONSE FROM CREATECHALLENGE TO CLIENT



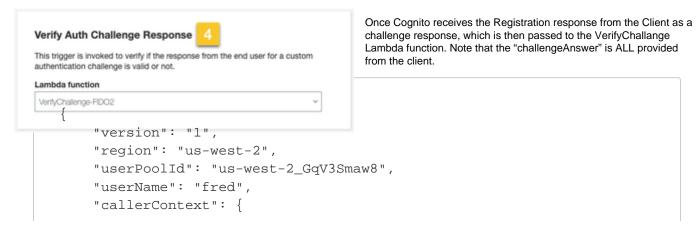
CreateChallenge returns to Cognito the challenge with the WebAuthn Registration credential, as well as a default PIN code should User Verification not be supported by the client authenticator.

```
"challengeName": "CUSTOM CHALLENGE",
        "session": [
                "challengeName": "SRP_A",
                "challengeResult": true,
                "challengeMetadata": null
        ]
    "response": {
        "publicChallengeParameters": {
            "type": "webauthn.create",
            "publicKeyCredentialCreationOptions": "{\"challenge\":\"
qmVpdqI5GsDu0XDiywboePGZPh7BGt0V\",\"rp\":{\"id\":\"fido2kit.com\",\"
name\":\"WebAuthn Starter Kit\"},\"user\":{\"id\":\"
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direct\",\"pubKeyCredParams\":[{\"type\":\"public-key\",\"alg\":-7},{\"
type\":\"public-key\",\"alg\":-257}],\"authenticatorSelection\":{\"
authenticatorAttachment\":\"cross-platform\",\"requireResidentKey\":
false, \"userVerification\":\"preferred\"}}",
            "pinCode": 4011
        },
        "privateChallengeParameters": {
            "type": "webauthn.create"
        },
        "challengeMetadata": null
```

For a more in depth walk-though of the WebAuthn Registration ceremony and parameters, refer to the Yubico WebAuthn Walk-Through.

This challenge is then sent by Cognito to the client's WebAuthn supporting browser or application. Refer to the WebAuthn Browser Support Matrix for a list of supported platforms. The WebAuthn Client browser or application will interface with the Authenticator (either the host system, called a platform authenticator, or a connected device such as a YubiKey, called a roaming authenticator), perform the registration event, and return the response to Cognito.

#### VERIFYCHALLENGE: RECEIVED FROM CLIENT



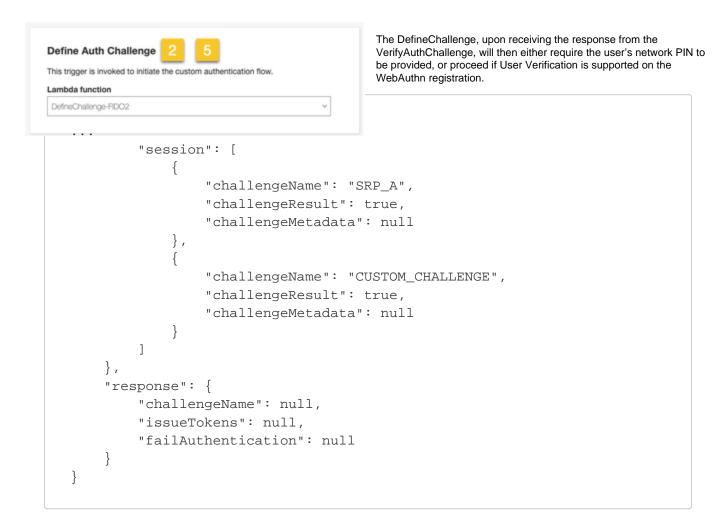
```
"awsSdkVersion": "aws-sdk-ios-2.13.0",
        "clientId": "6ftfcihr71p8mhq9jehqe2pvu7"
    },
    "triggerSource": "VerifyAuthChallengeResponse_Authentication",
    "request": {
        "userAttributes": {
            "sub": "1650c848-09a9-4515-a388-ec2168231d2f",
            "cognito:user status": "CONFIRMED"
        "privateChallengeParameters": {
            "type": "webauthn.create"
        "challengeAnswer": "{\n \"rawId\" : \"
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clientDataJSON\" : \"
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wCVK\\/M184r+9gW2HPIlggl9V1rsYi6KXenVDxLvejpxb7tR+1PCdzISGhPqgWfD8=\",
\n \"type\" : \"public-key\"\n}"
    },
    "response": {
        "answerCorrect": null
}
```

## VERIFYCHALLENGE: RETURNED TO DEFINEAUTHCHALLENGE

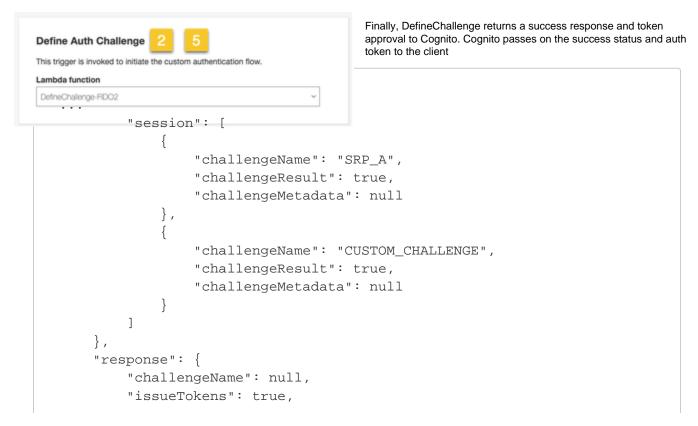


The VerifyChallenge will proceed to verify the WebAuthn Registration. If User Verification is not supported by the client or authenticator, it will also define the server pinCode as required, enforcing the user to provide a network pin for each authentication event with the authenticator. This response is then passed to the DefineCredential function.

```
"privateChallengeParameters": {
            "type": "webauthn.create"
        "challengeAnswer": "{\n \"rawId\" : \"
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/D1biUqc5u49qSvTH+Jx1WrUxeFh1S1CTpmvmYGdzgWE32qLsNeoscPkbtkVSYbB8hwPb7Sb
V\\/WbBBLzJEPn79oMJ\\/e+63B12iLdyu2K\\
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wCVK\\/M184r+9gW2HPIlgg19V1rsYi6KXenVDxLvejpxb7tR+1PCdzISGhPqgWfD8=\",
\n \"type\" : \"public-key\"\n, \"pinCode\" : 3632}"
    },
    "response": {
        "answerCorrect": true,
"publicChallengeParameters": {
            "pinCode": "REQUIRED"
```



#### DEFINECHALLENGE: RETURNED FROM DEFINEAUTHCHALLENGE TO USER



```
"failAuthentication": false
}
}
```

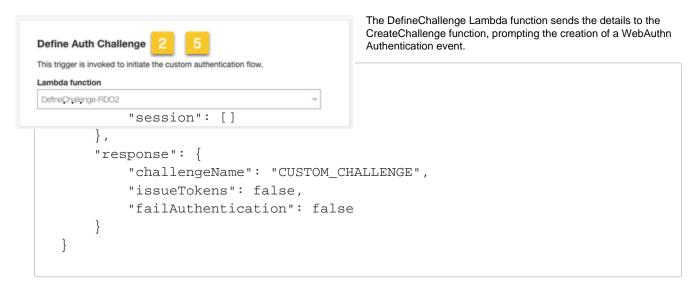
#### Authentication

## **Example Authentication for an Existing Account**

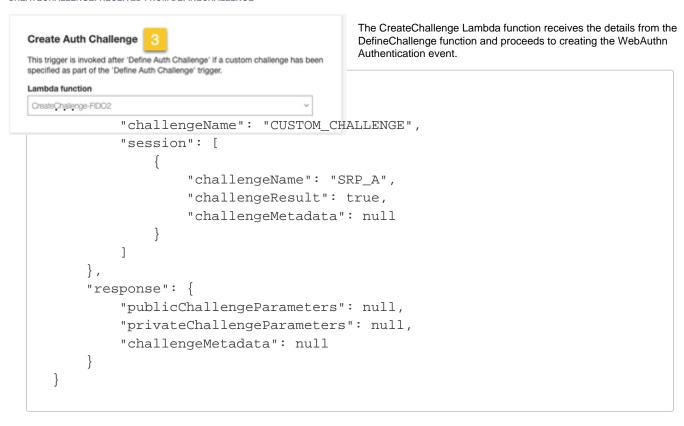
User "fred" launches the app for the after initial creation, types "Fred" into the username field then clicks Next. The user is confirmed, and prompted for their authenticator credentials.

#### **DEFINECHALLENGE: RECEIVED FROM CLIENT VIA COGNITO**





#### CREATECHALLENGE: RECEIVED FROM DEFINECHALLENGE



#### CREATECHALLENGE: RESPONSE FROM CREATECHALLENGE TO CLIENT

```
Create Auth Challenge

This trigger is invoked after 'Define Auth Challenge' if a custom challenge has been specified as part of the 'Define Auth Challenge' trigger.

Lambda function

Create Challenge returns to Cognito the challenge with the WebAuthn Authentication challenge.

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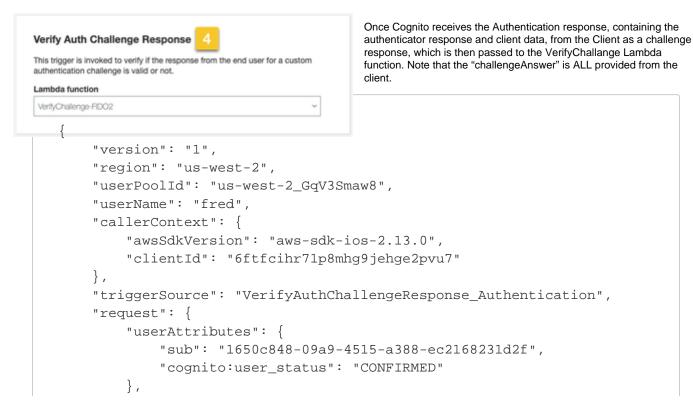
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```

```
"challengeMetadata": null
        ]
    },
    "response": {
        "publicChallengeParameters": {
            "type": "webauthn.get",
            "publicKeyCredentialRequestOptions": "{\"publicKey\":{\"
challenge\":\"ajVK32daMKfccQPcSLiwIq4gVVYbqj1Z\",\"rpId\":\"fido2kit.
com\",\"timeout\":60000,\"userVerification\":\"preferred\",\"
allowCredentials\":[{\"id\":\"XVLCsZZzbOsjqLclpOFQcICd6NEjYEtxbDTC
/m1VmxqL9qyFKLUIchF072wuhJNMTdhjducDUBy3E0UeLtpYRq==\",\"type\":\"
public-key\"}]}}"
        },
        "privateChallengeParameters": {
            "type": "webauthn.get"
        "challengeMetadata": null
```

For a more in depth walk-though of the WebAuthn Authentication ceremony and parameters, refer to the Yubico WebAuthn Client Authentication page.

This challenge is then sent by Cognito to the client's WebAuthn supporting browser or application. Refer to the WebAuthn Browser Support Matrix for a list of supported platforms. The WebAuthn Client browser or application will interface with the Authenticator (either the host system, called a platform authenticator, or a connected device such as a YubiKey, called a roaming authenticator), perform the authentication event, and return the response to Cognito.

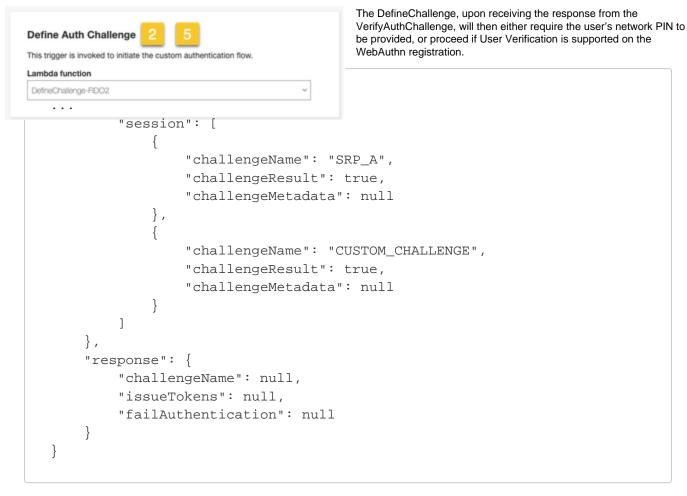
#### VERIFYCHALLENGE: RECEIVED FROM CLIENT



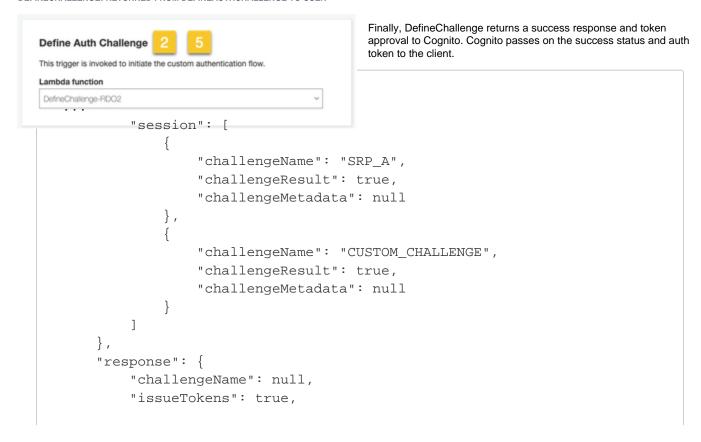
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"privateChallengeParameters": {
            "type": "webauthn.get"
        },
        "challengeAnswer": "{\n \"id\" : \"
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/m1VmxqL9qyFKLUIchFQ72wuhJNMTdhjducDUBy3E0UeLtpYRq==\",\n \"
clientDataJSON\" : \"
eyJ0eXBlIjoid2ViYXV0aG4uZ2V0IiwiY2hhbGxlbmdlIjoiYWpWSzMyZGFNS2ZjY1FOY1NM
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authenticatorData\" : \"
WRF7+aOlgt7r4ovwDrKrAdTcITGrynAjLwyQa6p8kMUBAAAACA==\",\n \"
signature\" : \"MEQCICOiVRdbKHuSJwHN6qf518TroBhxqeHWtRhqtW+kq\\
/iLAiAmfP+YP14PxbTHuf+cpUNnQ5H9yp2RBXcyDiiZaxc4Eg==\",\n \"pinCode\":
0\n"
    },
    "response": {
        "answerCorrect": null
```

#### VERIFYCHALLENGE: RETURNED TO DEFINEAUTHCHALLENGE

```
The VerifyChallenge will proceed to verify the WebAuthn
Verify Auth Challenge Response
                                              Authentication.
This trigger is invoked to verify if the response from the end user for a custom
authentication challenge is valid or not.
Lambda function
VerityChallenge-FIDO2
            "privateChallengeParameters": {
                 "type": "webauthn.get"
            },
             "challengeAnswer": "{\n \"id\" : \"
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   clientDataJSON\" : \"
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   signature\" : \"MEQCICOiVRdbKHuSJwHN6qf518TroBhxqeHWtRhqtW+kq\\
   /iLAiAmfP+YP14PxbTHuf+cpUNnQ5H9yp2RBXcyDiiZaxc4Eg==\",\n \"pinCode\" :
   0\n"
        },
        "response": {
            "answerCorrect": true
```



### DEFINECHALLENGE: RETURNED FROM DEFINEAUTHCHALLENGE TO USER



```
"failAuthentication": false
}
}
```

## **API Gateway Component**

The AWS API Gateway service is used for the system's RESTful APIs. API Gateway handles all the tasks involved in accepting and processing up to hundreds of thousands of concurrent API calls, including traffic management, authorization and access control, monitoring, and API version management. API Gateway acts as a "front door" for applications to access data, business logic, or functionality from your backend services. A cu stom domain will be configured for any WebAuthn operations.

## **Web App Component**

# Responsibilities

The web app implements UX best practices WebAuthn second factor and passwordless registration and sign in flows.

## **Interface Description**

See the User Interface Design section for more details.

# **Processing details**

The web app leverages Amazon Cognito as the identity provider and utilizes OIDC for authentication and authorization.

## **Mobile App Component**

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