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Detailed Back-End System Design

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 Cognito 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 Starter 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 includes 3 Lambda functions used as triggers by the Amazon Cognito Custom Authentication flow. Note that each Lambda service has a unique role, allowing it to only communicate with the other Lambda services related to the WebAuthn Authentication flow, and prohibiting communication with others.

Cognito User Pool - Lambda triggers

```
graph TD; Step1[Pre sign-up] --> Step2[Define Auth Challenge]; Step2 --> Step3[Create Auth Challenge]; Step3 --> Step4[Verify Auth Challenge Response]; Step4 --> Step5[Post-authentication];
```

The diagram illustrates the FIDO2 authentication flow, consisting of five sequential steps:

- Pre sign-up** (Step 1): This trigger is invoked when a user submits their information to sign up, allowing you to perform custom validation to accept or deny the sign up request. The Lambda function is `PreSignUp-FIDO2`.
- Define Auth Challenge** (Step 2): This trigger is invoked to initiate the custom authentication flow. The Lambda function is `DefineChallenge-FIDO2`.
- Create Auth Challenge** (Step 3): This trigger is invoked after 'Define Auth Challenge' if a custom challenge has been specified as part of the 'Define Auth Challenge' trigger. The Lambda function is `CreateChallenge-FIDO2`.
- Verify Auth Challenge Response** (Step 4): This trigger is invoked to verify if the response from the end user for a custom authentication challenge is valid or not. The Lambda function is `VerifyChallenge-FIDO2`.
- Post-authentication** (Step 5): This step represents the final state after successful authentication.

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)

Verify Challenge: 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

Pre sign-up 1

This trigger is invoked when a user submits their information to sign up, allowing you to perform custom validation to accept or deny the sign up request.

Lambda function

PreSignUp-FIDO2

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

DEFINECHALLENGE: RECEIVED FROM CLIENT VIA COGNITO

Define Auth Challenge 2 5

This trigger is invoked to initiate the custom authentication flow.

Lambda function

DefineChallenge-FIDO2

Cognito, after receiving the registration request from the client, triggers the DefineChallenge Lambda function to determine which flow to use - as the user is prompted to register a new WebAuthn Authenticator, it selects the Registration flow.

```

{
  "version": "1",
  "region": "us-west-2",
  "userPoolId": "us-west-2_GqV3Smaw8",
  "userName": "fred",
  "callerContext": {
    "awsSdkVersion": "aws-sdk-ios-2.13.0",
    "clientId": "6ftfcihr7lp8mhg9jehge2pvu7"
  },
  "triggerSource": "DefineAuthChallenge_Authentication",
  "request": {
    "userAttributes": {
      "sub": "1650c848-09a9-4515-a388-ec2168231d2f",
      "cognito:user_status": "CONFIRMED"
    },
    "session": [
      {
        "challengeName": "SRP_A",
        "challengeResult": true,
        "challengeMetadata": null
      }
    ]
  },
  "response": {
    "challengeName": null,
    "issueTokens": null,
    "failAuthentication": null
  }
}

```

DEFINECHALLENGE: RETURNED FROM DEFINECHALLENGE

Define Auth Challenge
2
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This trigger is invoked to initiate the custom authentication flow.

Lambda function

DefineChallenge-FIDO2

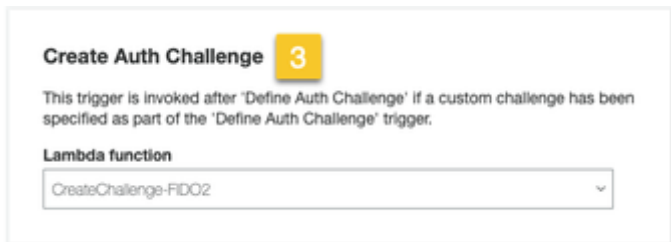
The DefineChallenge Lambda function sends the details to the CreateChallenge function, prompting the creation of a WebAuthn Registration event.

```

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

```

CREATECHALLENGE: RECEIVED FROM DEFINECHALLENGE



The CreateChallenge Lambda function receives the details from the DefineChallenge function and proceeds to creating the WebAuthn Registration event.

```

...
    "challengeName": "CUSTOM_CHALLENGE",
    "session": [
      {
        "challengeName": "SRP_A",
        "challengeResult": true,
        "challengeMetadata": null
      }
    ]
  },
  "response": {
    "publicChallengeParameters": null,
    "privateChallengeParameters": null,
    "challengeMetadata": null
  }
}

```

CREATECHALLENGE: RESPONSE FROM CREATECHALLENGE TO CLIENT

Create Auth Challenge 3

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

CreateChallenge-FIDO2

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": "{\n\"challenge\":\n\"qmVpdqI5GsDu0XDiywboePGZPh7BGt0V\", \"rp\": {\n\"id\":\n\"fido2kit.com\", \"name\":\n\"WebAuthn Starter Kit\", \"user\": {\n\"id\":\n\"MTY1MGM4NDgtMDlhOS00NTE1LWEzODgtZWMyMTY4MjMxZDJm\", \"attestation\":\n\"direct\", \"pubKeyCredParams\": [\n{\n\"type\":\n\"public-key\", \"alg\": -7}, {\n\"type\":\n\"public-key\", \"alg\": -257}], \"authenticatorSelection\": {\n\"authenticatorAttachment\":\n\"cross-platform\", \"requireResidentKey\": false, \"userVerification\":\n\"preferred\"}}\",
            "pinCode": 4011
        },
        "privateChallengeParameters": {
            "type": "webauthn.create"
        },
        "challengeMetadata": null
    }
}
```

For a more in depth walk-through 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

Verify Auth Challenge Response 4

This trigger is invoked to verify if the response from the end user for a custom authentication challenge is valid or not.

Lambda function

VerifyChallenge-FIDO2

Once Cognito receives the Registration response from the Client as a challenge response, which is then passed to the VerifyChallenge Lambda function. Note that the "challengeAnswer" is ALL provided from the client.

```
{
  "version": "1",
  "region": "us-west-2",
  "userPoolId": "us-west-2_GqV3Smaw8",
  "userName": "fred",
  "callerContext": {
    "awsSdkVersion": "aws-sdk-ios-2.13.0",
    "clientId": "6ftfcih7lp8mhg9jehge2pvu7"
  },
  "triggerSource": "VerifyAuthChallengeResponse_Authentication",
  "request": {
    "userAttributes": {
      "sub": "1650c848-09a9-4515-a388-ec2168231d2f",
      "cognito:user_status": "CONFIRMED"
    },
    "privateChallengeParameters": {
      "type": "webauthn.create"
    },
    "challengeAnswer": "{\n  \"rawId\" : \"\nXVLCsZZzb0sJqLclpOFQcICd6NEjYEtXbDTC\\n\n/m1VmxgL9qyFKLUIchFQ72wuhJNMTdhjducDUBy3E0UeLtpYRg==\", \"id\" : \"\nXVLCsZZzb0sJqLclpOFQcICd6NEjYEtXbDTC\\n\n/m1VmxgL9qyFKLUIchFQ72wuhJNMTdhjducDUBy3E0UeLtpYRg==\", \"clientDataJSON\" : \"\neyJ0eXB1IjoId2ViYXV0aG4uY3JlYXRlIiwuY2hhbGxlbmdlIjoicW1WcGRxSTVhc0R1MFhEaXl3Ym9lUEdaUGg3Qkd0MFYiLCJvcmlnaW4iOiJmaWRvMmtpdC5jb20ifQ==\", \"attestationObject\" : \"\no2NmbXRmcGFja2VkZ2F0dFN0bXSjY2FsZyZjc2lnWEYwRAIgV5Sf7rTv+CjCtE\\\"/pt0\\\"/1mlK9LsCOpE7Za5C0byrfOQkCIDgs+N7b814JmXgXM1hAg0nIhY5+jayJNLN3IFwb\\\"/AtY3glY4FZAsEwggK9MIIBPaADAgECAGQr8Xx4MA0GCSqGSIb3DQEBCwUAMC4xLDAqBgNVBAMTI1l1YmljbyBVMkYgUm9vdCBDQSBTZXJpYWwgNDU3MjMjAwNjMxMCAXDTE0MDgwMTAwMDAwMFoYDzIwNTAwOTA0MDAwMDAwjBuMQswCQYDVQQGEWJTRTESMBAGA1UECgwJWXBVIAWNvIEFCMSIWIAYDVQQLEDBlBdXRozW50aWNhdG9yIEF0dGVzdGF0aW9uMScwJQYDVQQDDDB5ZDwJpY28gVTJUGIEVFIFNlcm1hbmCA3MzcyNDYzMjgwWTATBgqhkJOPQIBBggqhkJOPQMBBwNCAAR0wseEI8hxLptI8l1YZvxwQK5M3wfXd9WFrwSTme36kky+tJ+XFvn1WnhsNCUfyPNePehbVnBQOMcLoScZYHmLo2wwajAiBgkrBgEEAYLECGIEFTeUmy42LjEuNC4xLjQxNDgyLjEuNzATBgSrBgEEAYLlHAIBAQQEAWICJDAhBgSrBgEEAYLlHAEBBAQSBBD71X\\\"/rZpLn7WAreuv4CbQMAwGA1UdEwEB\\\"/wQCMAAwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQELBQADggEBAluk3adeE1u6dkA0nECf8J35Lgm5mw5udSIucst
```

```

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/DlbiUqc5u49qSvTH+Jx1WrUxeFh1S1CTpmvmYGdzgWE32qLsNeoscPkbtkVSYbB8hwPb7Sb
V\\ /WbBBLzJEPn79oMJ\\ /e+63B12iLdyu2K\\
/PKuibBsqsVHioe6cnvksZktdykn+ZedRDpNOyBGo+89eBA9tLIYx\\
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yEVDvbC6Ek0xN2GN25wNQHLCtRR4u2lhGpQECAYYgASFYIFwcNYZoJJp5BbhXO1DgFFDkHwC
wCVK\\ /M184r+9gW2HPilggl9VlrsYi6KXenVDxLvejpxb7tR+1PCdzISGhPqgWfD8=" ,
\n  \"type\" : \"public-key\"\\n\"
    },
    \"response\": {
      \"answerCorrect\": null
    }
  }
}

```

VERIFYCHALLENGE: RETURNED TO DEFINEAUTHCHALLENGE

Verify Auth Challenge Response

4

This trigger is invoked to verify if the response from the end user for a custom authentication challenge is valid or not.

Lambda function

VerifyChallenge-FIDO2

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\" : \"
XVLCsZZzb0s jqLclpOFQcICd6NEjYEtxbDTC\\
/m1VmxgL9qyFKLUIchFQ72wuhJNMTdhjducDUBy3E0UeLtpYRg==\", \n  \"id\" : \"
XVLCsZZzb0s jqLclpOFQcICd6NEjYEtxbDTC\\
/m1VmxgL9qyFKLUIchFQ72wuhJNMTdhjducDUBy3E0UeLtpYRg==\", \n  \"
clientDataJSON\" : \"
eyJ0eXB1Ijoia2ViYXV0aG4uY3JlYXRlIiwia2hhbGxlbmdlIjoicWlwGRxSTVHc0RlMFhE
aXl3Ym9lUEdaUGg3Qkd0MFYiLCJvcmlnaW4iOiJmaWRvMmtpdC5jb20ifQ==\", \n  \"
attestationObject\" : \"
o2NmbXRmcGFja2VkZ2F0dFN0bXSiY2FsZyZjc2lnWEYwRAIgV5Sf7rTv+CjCtE\\//pt0\\//
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FoYDzIwNTAwOTA0MDAwMDAwWjBuMQswCQYDVQQGEWJTRTESMBAGA1UECgwJWXXViaWNvIEFCM
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/wQCMAAwDQYJKoZIhvcNAQELBQADggEBAltuk3adeElu6dkA0nECf8J35Lgm5mw5udSIucst
LQU9ZrTVNjwXugnxsT5oVriRN7o1BB+Lz7KJmtDw34kvh\\
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/D1biUqc5u49qSvTH+Jx1WrUxeFh1S1CTpmvmYGdzgWE32qLsNeoscPkbtkVSYbB8hwPb7Sb
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/PKuibBsqsVHioe6cnvksZktkDykn+ZedRDpNOyBGo+89eBA9tLIYx\\
/bP8Mg9tCoIP8GZzh2P2joujOF4F001xkICNI9MB3+6JoYXV0aERhdGFYx FkRe\\
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/rZpLn7WAreuv4CbQAEbDUsKxlnNs6yOotyWk4VBwgJ3o0SNgS3FsNML+bVWbGAv2rIUotQh
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wCVK\\//M184r+9gW2HPilggl9VlrsYi6KXenVDxLvejpxb7tR+1PCdzISGhPqgWfd8=\",
\n  \"type\" : \"public-key\" \n,  \"pinCode\" : 3632}"
    },
    "response": {
        "answerCorrect": true,
        "publicChallengeParameters": {
            "pinCode": "REQUIRED"
        }
    }
}

```

DEFINECHALLENGE: RECEIVED FROM VERIFYAUTHCHALLENGE

Define Auth Challenge
2
5

This trigger is invoked to initiate the custom authentication flow.

Lambda function

DefineChallenge-FIDO2

The DefineChallenge, upon receiving the response from the VerifyAuthChallenge, will then either require the user's network PIN to be provided, or proceed if User Verification is supported on the WebAuthn registration.

```

...
    "session": [
      {
        "challengeName": "SRP_A",
        "challengeResult": true,
        "challengeMetadata": null
      },
      {
        "challengeName": "CUSTOM_CHALLENGE",
        "challengeResult": true,
        "challengeMetadata": null
      }
    ],
    "response": {
      "challengeName": null,
      "issueTokens": null,
      "failAuthentication": null
    }
  }

```

DEFINECHALLENGE: RETURNED FROM DEFINEAUTHCHALLENGE TO USER

Define Auth Challenge
2
5

This trigger is invoked to initiate the custom authentication flow.

Lambda function

DefineChallenge-FIDO2

Finally, DefineChallenge returns a success response and token approval to Cognito. Cognito passes on the success status and auth token to the client

```

...
    "session": [
      {
        "challengeName": "SRP_A",
        "challengeResult": true,
        "challengeMetadata": null
      },
      {
        "challengeName": "CUSTOM_CHALLENGE",
        "challengeResult": true,
        "challengeMetadata": null
      }
    ],
    "response": {
      "challengeName": null,
      "issueTokens": true,
      "failAuthentication": false
    }
  }
}

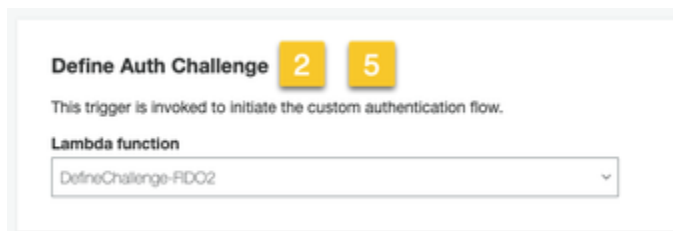
```

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



Cognito, after receiving the authentication request from the client, triggers the DefineChallenge Lambda function to determine which flow to use - as the user is prompted to authenticate with a register WebAuthn Authenticator, it selects the Authenticate flow.

```

{
  "version": "1",
  "region": "us-west-2",
  "userPoolId": "us-west-2_GqV3Smaw8",
  "userName": "fred",
  "callerContext": {
    "awsSdkVersion": "aws-sdk-ios-2.13.0",
    "clientId": "6ftfcihr7lp8mhg9jehge2pvu7"
  },
  "triggerSource": "DefineAuthChallenge_Authentication",
  "request": {
    "userAttributes": {
      "sub": "1650c848-09a9-4515-a388-ec2168231d2f",
      "cognito:user_status": "CONFIRMED"
    },
    "session": [
      {
        "challengeName": "SRP_A",
        "challengeResult": true,
        "challengeMetadata": null
      }
    ]
  },
  "response": {
    "challengeName": null,
    "issueTokens": null,
    "failAuthentication": null
  }
}

```

DEFINECHALLENGE: RETURNED FROM DEFINECHALLENGE

Define Auth Challenge
2
5

This trigger is invoked to initiate the custom authentication flow.

Lambda function

DefineChallenge-FIDO2

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

```

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

```

CREATECHALLENGE: RECEIVED FROM DEFINECHALLENGE

Create Auth Challenge
3

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

CreateChallenge-FIDO2

The CreateChallenge Lambda function receives the details from the DefineChallenge function and proceeds to creating the WebAuthn Authentication event.

```

...
    "challengeName": "CUSTOM_CHALLENGE",
    "session": [
      {
        "challengeName": "SRP_A",
        "challengeResult": true,
        "challengeMetadata": null
      }
    ]
  },
  "response": {
    "publicChallengeParameters": null,
    "privateChallengeParameters": null,
    "challengeMetadata": null
  }
}

```

CREATECHALLENGE: RESPONSE FROM CREATECHALLENGE TO CLIENT

Create Auth Challenge 3

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

CreateChallenge-FIDO2

CreateChallenge returns to Cognito the challenge with the WebAuthn Authentication challenge.

```
...
    "challengeName": "CUSTOM_CHALLENGE",
    "session": [
      {
        "challengeName": "SRP_A",
        "challengeResult": true,
        "challengeMetadata": null
      }
    ],
    "response": {
      "publicChallengeParameters": {
        "type": "webauthn.get",
        "publicKeyCredentialRequestOptions": "{\"\npublicKey\":{\n"
        "challenge\":\n\"ajVK32daMKfccQPcSLiwIq4gVVYbqj1Z\",\n\"rpId\":\n\"fido2kit."
        "com\",\n\"timeout\":60000,\n\"userVerification\":\n\"preferred\",\n"
        "allowCredentials\":[{\n\"id\":\n\"XVLCsZZzbOsjqLclpOFQcICd6NEjYEtxbdTC"
        "/m1VmxgL9qyFKLUIchFQ72wuhJNMTdhjducDUBy3E0UeLtpYRg==\",\n\"type\":\n"
        "public-key\"}]}}",
      },
      "privateChallengeParameters": {
        "type": "webauthn.get"
      },
      "challengeMetadata": null
    }
  }
}
```

For a more in depth walk-through 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

Verify Auth Challenge Response 4

This trigger is invoked to verify if the response from the end user for a custom authentication challenge is valid or not.

Lambda function

VerifyChallenge-FID02

Once Cognito receives the Authentication response, containing the authenticator response and client data, from the Client as a challenge response, which is then passed to the VerifyChallenge Lambda function. Note that the "challengeAnswer" is ALL provided from the client.

```
{
  "version": "1",
  "region": "us-west-2",
  "userPoolId": "us-west-2_GqV3Smaw8",
  "userName": "fred",
  "callerContext": {
    "awsSdkVersion": "aws-sdk-ios-2.13.0",
    "clientId": "6ftfcibr7lp8mhg9jehge2pvu7"
  },
  "triggerSource": "VerifyAuthChallengeResponse_Authentication",
  "request": {
    "userAttributes": {
      "sub": "1650c848-09a9-4515-a388-ec2168231d2f",
      "cognito:user_status": "CONFIRMED"
    },
    "privateChallengeParameters": {
      "type": "webauthn.get"
    },
    "challengeAnswer": "{\n  \"id\" : \"XVLCsZZzb0sjsqLclpOFQcICd6NEjYEtxbDTC\\\"/m1VmxgL9qyFKLUIchFQ72wuhJNMTdhjdudCUBBy3E0UeLtpYRg==\", \"n  \"clientDataJSON\" : \"eyJ0eXB1IjoId2ViYXV0aG4uZ2V0IiwiaWY2hhbGxlbmdlIjoiaWpWSzMyZGFNS2ZjY1FQY1NMaXdJcTRnVlZZYnFqMVoiLCJvcmlnaW4iOiJmaWRvMmtpdC5jb20ifQ==\", \"n  \"authenticatorData\" : \"WRF7+aOIgt7r4ovwDrKrAdTcITGrynAjLwyQa6p8kMUBAAAACA==\", \"n  \"signature\" : \"MEQCICoiVRdbKHuSJwHN6qf5I8TroBhxqeHWtRhgtW+kg\\/iLAiAmfP+YP14PxbTHuf+cpUNnQ5H9yp2RBXcyDiiZaxc4Eg==\", \"n  \"pinCode\" : 0\n}"
  },
  "response": {
    "answerCorrect": null
  }
}
```

VERIFYCHALLENGE: RETURNED TO DEFINEAUTHCHALLENGE

Verify Auth Challenge Response
4

This trigger is invoked to verify if the response from the end user for a custom authentication challenge is valid or not.

Lambda function

VerifyChallenge-FIDO2

The VerifyChallenge will proceed to verify the WebAuthn Authentication.

```

...
    },
    "privateChallengeParameters": {
      "type": "webauthn.get"
    },
    "challengeAnswer": "{\n  \"id\" : \"
XVLCsZzzb0s jqLclpOFQcICd6NEjYEtxbDTC\\
/m1VmxgL9qyFKLUIchFQ72wuhJNMTdhjducDUBy3E0UeLtpYRg==\", \n  \"
clientDataJSON\" : \"
eyJ0eXB1Ijoid2ViYXV0aG4uZ2V0IiwieY2hhbGxlbmdlIjoieYWPWSzMyZGFNS2ZjY1FQY1NM
aXdJcTRnVlZZYnFqMVoiLCJvcmlnaW4iOiJmaWRvMmtpdC5jb20ifQ==\", \n  \"
authenticatorData\" : \"
WRF7+aOIgt7r4ovwDrKrAdTcITGrynAjLwyQa6p8kMUBAAAACA==\", \n  \"
signature\" : \"MEQCICoiVRdbKHuSJwHN6qf5I8TroBhxqeHWtRhgtW+kg\\
/iLAiAmfP+YP14PxbTHuf+cpUNnQ5H9yp2RBXcyDiiZaxc4Eg==\", \n  \"pinCode\" :
0\n}"
  },
  "response": {
    "answerCorrect": true
  }
}

```

DEFINECHALLENGE: RECEIVED FROM VERIFYAUTHCHALLENGE

Define Auth Challenge
2
5

This trigger is invoked to initiate the custom authentication flow.

Lambda function

DefineChallenge-FIDO2

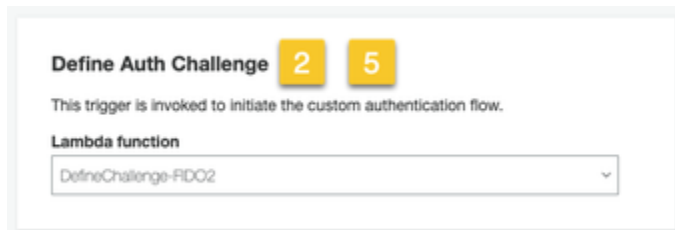
The DefineChallenge, upon receiving the response from the VerifyAuthChallenge, will then either require the user's network PIN to be provided, or proceed if User Verification is supported on the WebAuthn registration.

```

...
    "session": [
      {
        "challengeName": "SRP_A",
        "challengeResult": true,
        "challengeMetadata": null
      },
      {
        "challengeName": "CUSTOM_CHALLENGE",
        "challengeResult": true,
        "challengeMetadata": null
      }
    ],
    "response": {
      "challengeName": null,
      "issueTokens": null,
      "failAuthentication": null
    }
  }
}

```

DEFINECHALLENGE: RETURNED FROM DEFINEAUTHCHALLENGE TO USER



Define Auth Challenge 2 5

This trigger is invoked to initiate the custom authentication flow.

Lambda function

DefineChallenge-FDC2

Finally, DefineChallenge returns a success response and token approval to Cognito. Cognito passes on the success status and auth token to the client.

```

...
    "session": [
        {
            "challengeName": "SRP_A",
            "challengeResult": true,
            "challengeMetadata": null
        },
        {
            "challengeName": "CUSTOM_CHALLENGE",
            "challengeResult": true,
            "challengeMetadata": null
        }
    ],
    "response": {
        "challengeName": null,
        "issueTokens": true,
        "failAuthentication": false
    }
}

```

Usernameless flow

If an account has already been created, a user may add a FIDO2 Authenticator using a usernameless flow - that is, the user does not need to enter their username at login. The logic for registration and authentication are identical to the identifier first flow discussed above - the primary change is that the `username` field is replaced with `preferred_username`. During authentication, the `preferred_username` is passed from the WebAuthn authentication data sent by the authenticator, and passed to Cognito.

Note that while Cognito does allow for the `preferred_username` to be modified, doing so will break any authenticators registered with a usernameless flow, as the value sent by the authenticator will not match the Cognito user pool data. While the Yubico WebAuthn Starter kit does not allow for the `preferred_username` to be changed, other implementations may have this functionality.

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 custom 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

Responsibilities

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

Processing details

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

Security Strength Matrix [intro/landing page on d.y.c]