

Sending Push Notifications

fork and edit tutorial (<https://github.ibm.com/MFPSamples/DevCenter/tree/master/tutorials/en/foundation/8.0/notifications/sending-push-notifications/index.md>) | report issue (<https://github.ibm.com/MFPSamples/DevCenter/issues/new>)

teach how to send push notifications: 1. how to handle tokens for added security 2. by tag/broadcast, 3. to specific user (authentication)

Push notifications can now be sent from the operations console.

Prerequisite: Make sure to read the push notifications overview to set up your environment appropriately and the corresponding platforms for your application.

Overview

- Settings Up Tags in the Console
- Sending Push Notifications from the Console
- Setting Up Custom Push Notifications
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Setting Up Tags in the Console

In the MobileFirst Operations Console → **[your application]** → **Push** → **Tags**, and select the **Create New** button. Provide the appropriate **Tag Name** and **Description**. Then, click **Save**.

The screenshot shows the 'Push' section of the MobileFirst Operations Console. A modal window titled 'New Tag' is open, featuring two text input fields: 'Tag Name *' and 'Description *'. Below these fields are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons. In the background, the 'Tags' section is visible with a 'Create New' button and a diagram of a smartphone with a notification bubble. The 'Send Push' section is partially visible on the left.

Sending Push Notifications from the Console

In the MobileFirst Operations Console → **[your application]** → **Push** → **Send Push**. Select who to **Send To** and **Notification Text**. Then, click **Send**.

There are two types of notifications that can be sent: tag and broadcast notifications.

Tag notifications are notification messages that are targeted to all the devices that are subscribed to a particular tag. Tags represent topics of interest to the user and provide the ability to receive notifications according to the chosen interest. This can be done by selecting **Send To > Devices By Tags**.

Push

Send Push

Tags

Push Settings

Send Push

Enter the content and audience for the notification.

Send To *

Devices by Tags



Tag Name *

Type Tag Name

Notification Text *

Enter notification text

> iOS Custom Settings

Send

Broadcast notifications are a form of tag push notifications that are targeted to all subscribed devices.

Broadcast notifications are enabled by default for any push-enabled MobileFirst application by a subscription to a reserved Push.all tag (auto-created for every device). This can be done by selecting **To > All**.

Send

Push

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Enter the content and audience for the notification.

Send To *

All



Notification Text *

Enter notification text

> iOS Custom Settings

Send

Setting Up Custom Push Notifications

Android

If you want to change the notification title, then add `push_notification_tile` in the **strings.xml** file.

iOS

You also have the option of customizing your iOS Push Notifications in Send Push > iOS Custom Settings.

▼ iOS Custom Settings

iOS

Badge

The number to display as the badge of the app icon. To remove the badge, set the value of this property to 0.

Sound

Indicates a sound to play when the device receives the notification. Supports default or the filename of a sound resource bundled in the app.

Action Key

Displays an alert that includes the Close and View button, where the string is used as a key to get a localized string for the View button title

Category

Provide this key with a string value that represents the identifier property of the `UIMutableUserNotificationCategory` object that you created to define custom actions.

Type

☐ Default ☐ Silent ☐ Mixed

Additional Payload

Specify custom payload values outside the Apple-reserved `aps` dictionary.

Sending a Secure Push Notification

TODO