

Form-based authentication in native Windows 8 applications

Overview

This tutorial illustrates the native Windows 8 client-side authentication components for form-based authentication.

Prerequisite: Make sure that you read [Form-based authentication \(../\)](#) first.

This tutorial covers the following topics:

- Creating the client-side authentication components
- Sample application

Creating the client-side authentication components

Create a native Windows 8 application and add the MobileFirst native APIs as explained in the documentation.

FormChallengeHandler

Create a `FormChallengeHandler` class as a subclass of `ChallengeHandler`.

Your `FormChallengeHandler` class must implement the `isCustomResponse` and `handleChallenge` methods.

The `isCustomResponse` method checks every custom response received from MobileFirst Server to verify whether this is the expected challenge.

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```
public override bool isCustomResponse(WLResponse response)
{
    if (response == null || response.GetResponseText() == null || !response.GetResponseText().Contains("_security_check"))
    )
    {
        return false;
    }
    else
    {
        return true;
    }
}
```

The `handleChallenge` method is called after the `isCustomResponse` method returns `true`.

Within this method, present your login form. Different approaches are available.

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```
public override void handleChallenge(JObject response)
{
    CoreApplication.MainView.CoreWindow.Dispatcher.RunAsync(CoreDispatcherPriority.Normal
,
    async () =>
    {
        MainPage._this.LoginGrid.Visibility = Visibility.Visible;
    });
}
```

From the login form, credentials are passed to the `FormChallengeHandler` class. Use the `submitLoginForm()` method to send input data to the authenticator.

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```
public void sendResponse(String username, String password)
{<br />
    Dictionary<String, String> parms = new Dictionary<String, String>()
;
    parms.Add("_username", username);
    parms.Add("_password", password);
    submitLoginForm("_security_check", parms, null, 0, "post");
}
```

MainPage

Within the MainPage class, connect to MobileFirst Server, register your challengeHandler and invoke the protected adapter procedure.

The procedure invocation triggers MobileFirst Server to send a challenge that will trigger our challenge handler.

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```
WLClient wClient = WLClient.getInstance();
FormChallengeHandler ch = new FormChallengeHandler();
wClient.registerChallengeHandler((BaseChallengeHandler<JObject>)ch);
MyResponseListener mylistener = new MyResponseListener(this);
wClient.connect(mylistener);
```

Because the native API not protected by a defined security test, no login form is presented during server connection.

Invoke the protected adapter procedure. The login form is presented by the challengeHandler.

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```
WLProcedureInvocationData invocationData = new WLProcedureInvocationData("DummyAdapter", "getSecretData");
Object[] parameters = { 0 };
invocationData.setParameters(parameters);
MyInvokeListener listener = new MyInvokeListener(this);
WLClient.getInstance().invokeProcedure(invocationData, listener, new WLRequestOptions());
```




Sample application

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