

Implementing the challenge handler in Windows 8.1 Universal and Windows 10 UWP applications

Overview

Prerequisite: Make sure to read the **CredentialsValidationSecurityCheck** challenge handler implementation ([../credentials-validation/windows-8-10](#)) tutorial.

The challenge handler tutorial demonstrate a few additional features (APIs) such as preemptive `Login`, `Logout`, and `ObtainAccessToken`.

Login

In this example, `UserLoginSecurityCheck` expects *key:values* called `username` and `password`. Optionally, it also accepts a Boolean `rememberMe` key, which tells the security check to remember this user for a longer period. In the sample application, this is collected by a Boolean value from a checkbox in the login form.

The `credentials` argument is a `JSONObject` containing `username`, `password`, and `rememberMe`:

```
public override void SubmitChallengeAnswer(object answer)
{
    challengeAnswer = (JSONObject)answer;
}
```

You may also want to log in a user without any challenge being received. For example, you can show a login screen as the first screen of the application, or show a login screen after a logout, or a login failure. Those scenarios are called **preemptive logins**.

You cannot call the `challengeAnswer` API if there is no challenge to answer. For those scenarios, the MobileFirst Foundation SDK includes the `Login` API:

```
WorklightResponse response = await Worklight.WorklightClient.CreateInstance().
AuthorizationManager.Login(String securityCheckName, JSONObject credentials);
```

If the credentials are wrong, the security check sends back a **challenge**.

It is the developer's responsibility to know when to use `Login`, as opposed to `challengeAnswer`, based on the application's needs. One way to achieve this is to define a Boolean flag, for example `isChallenged`, and set it to `true` when `HandleChallenge` is reached, or set it to `false` in any other cases (failure, success, initialization, etc).

When the user clicks the **Login** button, you can dynamically choose which API to use:

```
public async void login(JSONObject credentials)
{
    if(isChallenged)
    {
        challengeAnswer= credentials;
    }
    else
    {
        WorklightResponse response = await Worklight.WorklightClient.CreateInstance().AuthorizationManager.Login(securityCheckName, credentials);
    }
}
```

Obtaining an access token

Because this security check supports the **RememberMe** functionality (as the `rememberMe` Boolean key), it would be useful to check whether the client is currently logged in, when the application starts.

The MobileFirst Foundation SDK provides the `ObtainAccessToken` API to ask the server for a valid token:

```
WorklightAccessToken accessToken = await Worklight.WorklightClient.CreateInstance().AuthorizationManager.ObtainAccessToken(String scope);

if(accessToken.IsValidToken && accessToken.Value != null && accessToken.Value != "")
{
    Debug.WriteLine("Auto login success");
}
else
{
    Debug.WriteLine("Auto login failed");
}
```

If the client is already logged-in or is in the *remembered* state, the API triggers a success. If the client is not logged in, the security check sends back a challenge.

The `ObtainAccessToken` API takes in a **scope**. The scope can be the name of your **security check**.

Learn more about **scopes** in the Authorization concepts (../..) tutorial.

Retrieving the authenticated user

The challenge handler `HandleSuccess` method receives a `JsonObject identity` as a parameter. If the security check sets an `AuthenticatedUser`, this object contains the user's properties. You can use `HandleSuccess` to save the current user:

```

public override void HandleSuccess(JObject identity)
{
    isChallenged = false;
    try
    {
        //Save the current user
        var localSettings = Windows.Storage.ApplicationData.Current.LocalSettings
;
        localSettings.Values["useridentity"] = identity.GetValue("user");

    } catch (Exception e) {
        Debug.WriteLine(e.StackTrace);
    }
}

```

Here, `identity` has a key called `user` which itself contains a `JObject` representing the `AuthenticatedUser`:

```

{
  "user": {
    "id": "john",
    "displayName": "john",
    "authenticatedAt": 1455803338008,
    "authenticatedBy": "UserLogin"
  }
}

```

Logout

The MobileFirst Foundation SDK also provides a `Logout` API to logout from a specific security check:

```

WorklightResponse response = await Worklight.WorklightClient.CreateInstance().
AuthorizationManager.Logout(securityCheckName);

```

Sample applications

Two samples are associated with this tutorial:

- **PreemptiveLoginWin**: An application that always starts with a login screen, using the preemptive `Login` API.
- **RememberMeWin**: An application with a *Remember Me* checkbox. The user can bypass the login screen the next time the application is opened.

Both samples use the same `UserLoginSecurityCheck` from the **SecurityCheckAdapters** adapter Maven project.

Click to download (<https://github.com/MobileFirst-Platform-Developer-Center/SecurityCheckAdapters/tree/release80>) the SecurityCheckAdapters Maven project.

Click to download (<https://github.com/MobileFirst-Platform-Developer-Center/RememberMeWin8/tree/release80>) the Remember Me Win8 project.

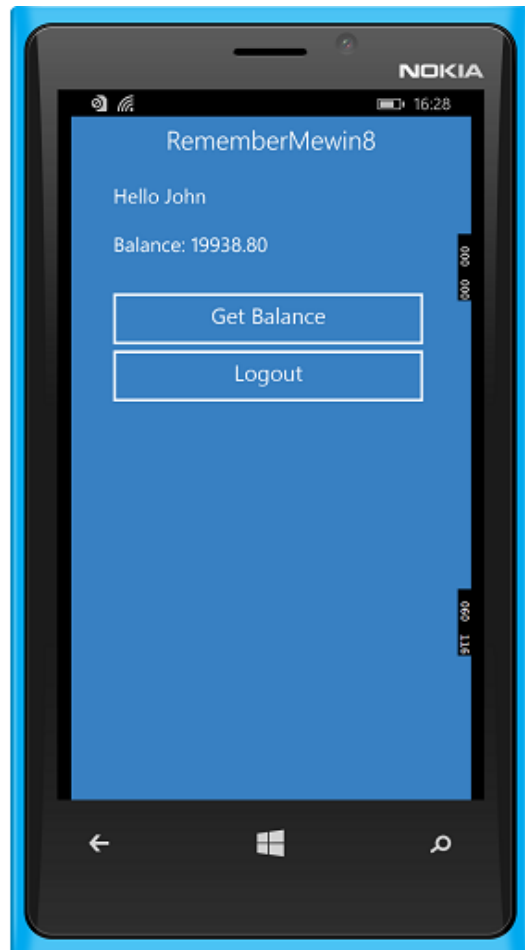
Click to download (<https://github.com/MobileFirst-Platform-Developer-Center/RememberMeWin10/tree/release80>) the Remember Me Win10 project.

Click to download (<https://github.com/MobileFirst-Platform-Developer->

Center/PreemptiveLoginWin8/tree/release80) the PreemptiveLogin Win8 project.
Click to download (<https://github.com/MobileFirst-Platform-Developer-Center/PreemptiveLoginWin10/tree/release80>) the PreemptiveLoginWin10 project.

Sample usage

Follow the sample's README.md file for instructions. The username/password for the app must match, i.e. "john"/"john".



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