# Handling SMS Notifications in Android

## Overview

SMS notifications are a sub-set of Push Notification, as such make sure to first go through the Push notifications in Android (../../) tutorials.

#### Prerequisites:

- Make sure you have read the following tutorials:
  - o Notifications Overview (../../)
  - o Setting up your MobileFirst development environment (../../installation-configuration/#installing-a-development-environment)
  - Adding the MobileFirst Foundation SDK to iOS applications (../../.application-development/sdk/ios)
- MobileFirst Server to run locally, or a remotely running MobileFirst Server.
- MobileFirst CLI installed on the developer workstation

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## **Notifications API**

In SMS notifications, when registering the device, a phone number value is passed.

### Challenge Handlers

If the push.mobileclient scope is mapped to a **security check**, you need to make sure matching **challenge handlers** exist and are registered before using any of the Push APIs.

#### Initialization

Required for the client application to connect to MFPPush service with the right application context.

- The API method should be called first before using any other MFPPush APIs.
- Registers the callback function to handle received push notifications.

MFPPush.getInstance ().initialize (this);

#### Register Device

Register the device to the push notifications service.

```
MFPPush.getInstance().registerDevice(new MFPPushResponseListener<String>() {
    @Override
    public void onSuccess(String s) {
        // Successfully registered
    }

    @Override
    public void onFailure(MFPPushException e) {
        // Registration failed with error
    }
}, optionObject);
```

• optionObject: an JS0N0bject containing the phone number to register the device with. For example:

```
JSONObject optionObject = new JSONObject();
try {
    // Obtain the inputted phone number.
    optionObject.put("phoneNumber", editPhoneText.getText().toString());
}
catch(Exception ex) {
    ex.printStackTrace();
}
```

You can also register a device using the Push Device Registration (POST) REST API (http://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/en/SSHS8R\_8.0.0/com.ibm.worklight.apiref.doc/rest\_runtime/r\_restapi\_push\_device\_registration\_post.html)

## **Unregister Device**

Unregister the device from push notification service instance.

```
MFPPush.getInstance().unregisterDevice(new MFPPushResponseListener<String>() {
    @Override
    public void onSuccess(String s) {
        disableButtons();
        // Unregistered successfully
    }

@Override
    public void onFailure(MFPPushException e) {
        // Failed to unregister
    }
});
```

## Using a SMS subscribe servlet

REST APIs are used to send notifications to the registered devices. All forms of notifications can be sent: tag & broadcast notifications, and authenticated notifications. To send a notification, a request is made using POST to the REST endpoint: imfpush/v1/apps/<application-identifier>/messages.

Example URL:

https://myserver.com:443/imfpush/v1/apps/com.sample.sms/messages

To review all Push Notifications REST APIs, see the REST API runtime services (https://www.ibm.com/support/knowledgecenter/SSHS8R\_8.0.0/com.ibm.worklight.apiref.doc/rest\_runtime/c\_restapi\_runtime.html) topic in the user documentation.

To send a notification, see the sending notifications (../../sending-notifications) tutorial.

## Sample application

Click to download (https://github.com/MobileFirst-Platform-Developer-Center/SMSNotificationsAndroid/tree/release80) the Android project.

**Note:** The latest version of Google Play Services is required to be installed on any Android device for the sample to run.

## Sample usage

Follow the sample's README.md file for instructions.

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