

# Push Notifications in Native Windows Phone 8 Applications

## Overview

This tutorial explains how to configure a MobileFirst Native Windows Phone 8 application to support push notifications.

Also mentioned are the addresses and ports that are required for notifications to arrive to the supported Microsoft Push Notification Service vendor (MPNS).

**Prerequisite:** Make sure that you read the Configuring a native Windows Phone 8 application with the MobileFirst Platform SDK (../..../configuring-the-mfpf-sdk/configuring-a-native-windows-phone-8-application-with-the-mfp-sdk/) tutorial first.

## Setting up the project



(<http://developer.ibm.com/mobilefirstplatform/wp-content/uploads/sites/32/2014/11/nativeWP8PushProjectAdapterExpanded.png>)

To send push notifications to Windows Phone 8 devices, use the Microsoft Push Notifications Service (MPNS).

- Non-authenticated push notification does not require any setup from the developer. Authenticated push notification requires a Windows Phone Dev Center account.
- To use authenticated push, you must use a certificate that is issued by a Microsoft-trusted root certificate authority. *For production, consider using authenticated push notification in order to ensure*

*that the information is not compromised.*

## 1. Create a MobileFirst project.

Add a MobileFirst Windows Phone 8 native API. The native API project provides the files that are necessary to build a Windows Phone 8 app.

## 2. Edit the application-descriptor.xml file.

Add the **pushSender** element under the nativeWindows8App environment (these settings are also editable with the Application Descriptor Editor in Design mode).

- Non-authenticated push

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```
<nativeWindowsPhone8App id="AppName" platformVersion="7.0.0.00.20150312-0731"
version="1.0" xmlns="http://www.worklight.com/native-windowsphone8-descriptor">
  <displayName>AppName</displayName>
  <description>AppName</description>
  <pushSender />
</nativeWindowsPhone8App>
[/code]
```

- Authenticated push

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```
<nativeWindowsPhone8App id="AppName" platformVersion="7.0.0.00.20150312-0731"
version="1.0" xmlns="http://www.worklight.com/native-windowsphone8-descriptor">
  <displayName>AppName</displayName>
  <description>AppName</description>
  <pushSender>
    <authenticatedPush serviceName="" keyAlias="" keyAliasPassword=""/>
  </pushSender>
</nativeWindowsPhone8App>
[/code]
```

- Replace **serviceName** value with the service name.
- Replace **keyAlias** value with the certificate alias.
- Replace **keyAliasPassword** value with the certificate password.

For more information about using the certificate file, see the topic about setting up push notifications for Windows Phone 8, in the user documentation.

## 3. Edit the wlclient.properties file.

Edit the `wlclient.properties` file in your native Windows Phone 8 project and enter appropriate values for the following fields:

- `wlServerHost` - The host name or IP address of the MobileFirst Server instance.

- `wlServerPort` - The port on which MobileFirst Server is listening.
- `wlServerContext` - The context root of your MobileFirst Server instance.
- `wlMPNSServiceName` = Add the MPNS service name for authenticated push.

[code lang="xml"]

`wlServerProtocol = http`

`wlServerHost =`

`wlServerPort = 10080`

`wlServerContext = /EventSourceNotifications/`

`wlAppId = NativeWP8EventSource`

`wlAppVersion = 1.0`

`wlEnvironment = WindowsPhone8native`

`wlPlatformVersion = 7.0.0.0`

`#languagePreferences = Add locales in order of preference (e.g. fr, en, pt-BR)`

`wlMPNSServiceName = Add the MPNS service name for authenticated push.`[/code]

#### 4. **Modify the native Windows Phone 8 project.**

Edit the `Properties\WMAppManifest.xml` file and add the following capabilities:

[code lang="xml"]

`<Capability Name="ID_CAP_PUSH_NOTIFICATION" />`

`<Capability Name="ID_CAP_IDENTITY_DEVICE" />`

[/code]

## **Windows Phone 8 Push Notifications Service**

No specific port needs to be open in your server configuration.

MPNS uses regular http or https requests.

## **Notification Types**