

Adapter-based authentication in native Windows Phone 8 applications

Overview

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

Prerequisite: Make sure that you read Adapter-based authentication (../) first.

Creating the client-side authentication components

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

CustomAdapterChallengeHandler

Create a CustomAdapterChallengeHandler class as a subclass of ChallengeHandler. Your CustomAdapterChallengeHandler 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.

```
public override bool isCustomResponse(WLResponse response)
{
    if (response == null ||
        response.getResponseJSON() == null ||
        response.getResponseText() == null ||
        response.getResponseJSON()["authStatus"] == null ||
        String.Compare(response.getResponseJSON()["authStatus"].ToString(), "complete", StringComparison.OrdinalIgnoreCase) == 0)
    {
        return false;
    }
    return true;
}
```

- The handleChallenge method is called after the isCustomResponse method returns true. Use this method to present the login form. Different approaches are available.

```

public override void handleChallenge(JObject challenge)
{
    Deployment.Current.Dispatcher.BeginInvoke(() =>
    {
        MainPage._this.NavigationService.Navigate(new Uri("/LoginPage.xaml", UriKind.Relative))
    }
    );
}

```

From the login form, credentials are passed to the CustomAdapterChallengeHandler class. The submitAdapterAuthentication() method is used to send input data to the authenticator.

```

public void submitLogin(string userName, string password)
{
    object[] parameters = new object[] { userName, password };
    WLProcedureInvocationData invocationData = new WLProcedureInvocationData("AuthAdapter", "submit
Authentication");
    invocationData.setParameters(parameters);
    WLRequestOptions options = new WLRequestOptions();
    submitAdapterAuthentication(invocationData, options);
}

```

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 the challenge handler.

```

WLClient client;
client = WLClient.getInstance();
challengeHandler = new WindowsChallengeHandler();
client.registerChallengeHandler((BaseChallengeHandler<JObject>)challengeHandler)
;
client.connect(new MyConnectResponseListener(this));

```

Because the native API is 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.

```

WLProcedureInvocationData invokeData = new WLProcedureInvocationData("AuthAdapter", "getSecret
Data");
WLRequestOptions options = new WLRequestOptions();
client.invokeProcedure(invokeData, new MyResponseListener(this), options);

```

Sample application

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

Click to download (<https://github.com/MobileFirst-Platform-Developer-Center/AdapterBasedAuthWP8>) the Native project.

- The AdapterBasedAuth project contains a MobileFirst native API that you can deploy to your MobileFirst server.
- The AdapterBasedAuthWP8 project contains a native WP8 application that uses a MobileFirst native API library.
- Make sure to update the `worklight.plist` file in the native project with the relevant server settings.

