Adapter-based authentication in native Windows 8 applications

Overview

This tutorial illustrates the native Windows 8 Universal 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 8 Universal 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)
{
    JObject responseJSON = response.getResponseJSON();
    if (response == null ||
        response.getResponseText() == null ||
        responseJSON["authStatus"] == null || String.Compare(responseJSON["authStatus"].ToStri
ng(), "complete", StringComparison.OrdinalIgnoreCase) == 0)
    {
        return false;
    }
    else
    {
        return true;
    }
}
```

• The handleChallenge method is called after the <code>isCustomResponse</code> method returns <code>true</code>. Use this method to present the login form. Different approaches are available.

```
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 CustomAdapterChallengeHandler class. The submitAdapterAuthentication() method is used to send input data to the authenticator.

```
public void sendResponse(String username, String password)
{
   WLProcedureInvocationData invData = new WLProcedureInvocationData("NativeAdapterBasedAda
pter", "submitAuthentication");
   invData.setParameters(new Object[] { username, password });
   submitAdapterAuthentication(invData, new WLRequestOptions());
}
```

MainPage

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

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

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

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 challenge handler.

```
WLResourceRequest adapter = new WLResourceRequest("/adapters/AuthAdapter/getSecretData", "G ET");
MyInvokeListener listener = new MyInvokeListener(this);
adapter.send(listener);
```

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/AdapterBasedAuthWin8) the Native project.

- The AdapterBasedAuth project contains a MobileFirst native API that you can deploy to your MobileFirst server.
- The AdapterBasedAuthWin8 project contains a native Windows 8 Universal 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.

