

# Handling Push Notifications in Cordova

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## Overview

Tag notifications are notification messages that are targeted to all the devices that are subscribed to a particular tag. Tags represent topics of interest to the user and provide the ability to receive notifications according to the chosen interest.

Broadcast notifications are a form of tag push notifications that are targeted to all subscribed devices. Broadcast notifications are enabled by default for any push-enabled MobileFirst application by a subscription to a reserved `Push.all` tag (auto-created for every device). Broadcast notifications can be disabled by by unsubscribing from the reserved `Push.all` tag.

## Agenda

- Notifications Configuration
- Notifications API
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## Notifications Configuration

### To get the application running for Android

1. Create cordova app using `cordova create` and mfp cordova template
2. Add android platform
3. Add `cordova-plugin-mfp-push` plugin. Take it from latest halpert Electra DevOps integration build till its published in npm registry
4. Run cordova build
5. Import the `app/platforms/android` in Android Studio
6. Add classpath `'com.google.gms:google-services:2.0.0-alpha3'` to `Module:android gradle`. Add `jcenter()` to repositories in `buildscript block`
7. Add compile `'com.google.android.gms:play-services-gcm:8.4.0'` to `app/platforms/android/cordova-plugin-mfp-push/-build-extras.gradle`
8. Add compile `'com.squareup.okhttp:okhttp:2.6.0'` to `app/platforms/android/cordova-plugin-mfp-push/-build-extras.gradle`
9. Add apply plugin: `'com.google.gms.google-services'` to `app/platforms/android/cordova-plugin-mfp-push/-build-extras.gradle`
10. Add `google-services.json` to `app/platforms/android` folder
11. Add the Push SDK APIs to your application (Refer the sample application)
12. Disable the old push plugin in `config.xml`. This is required till its removed
13. If you want to change the notification title, then add push *notification* tile in `strings.xml`

## To get the application running for iOS

1. Create Cordova project without using cordova mfp template
2. In the cordova-plugin-mfp-push, comment out the dependency on cordova-plugin-mfp in plugin.xml
3. Run cordova build
4. Open in XCode
5. Add `#import "HelloCordova-Swift.h"` in AppDelegate.m
6. Declare the notification methods in AppDelegate.m (Refer Sample)
7. Use the Push SDK APIs (Refer Sample)
8. Modify the server and port details in mfpclient.plist

## Notifications API

### API methods for tag notifications

#### Client-side API

- `WL.Client.Push.subscribeTag(tagName,options)` - Subscribes the device to the specified tag name.
- `WL.Client.Push.unsubscribeTag(tagName,options)` - Unsubscribes the device from the specified tag name.
- `WL.Client.Push.isPushSupported()` - Returns `true` if push notifications are supported by the platform, or `false` otherwise.
- `WL.Client.Push.isTagSubscribed(tagName)` - Returns whether the device is subscribed to a specified tag name.

### Common API methods for tag and broadcast notifications

#### Client-side API

- `WL.Client.Push.onMessage (props, payload)` - This method is called when a push notification is received by the device.
- **props** - A JSON block that contains the notification properties of the platform.
- **payload** - A JSON block that contains other data that is sent from MobileFirst Server. The JSON block also contains the tag name for tag-based or broadcast notification. The tag name appears in the "tag" element. For broadcast notification, the default tag name is `Push.ALL`.

```
WL.Client.Push.onMessage = function (props, payload) {
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    WL.SimpleDialog.show("Tag Notifications", "Provider notification data: " + JSON.stringify(props), [ {
      text : 'Close',
      handler : function() {
        WL.SimpleDialog.show("Tag Notifications", "Application notification data: " + JSON.stringify(payload), [ {
          text : 'Close',
          handler : function() {}
        }]);
      }
    }]);
  };
}
```

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