WebAuthn Reference Implementation FIDO2: What, Why, How

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- Bring your Authenticator
- Plug it in
- Press a button
- Like an OTP

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- Generated with public key crypto
- Save(ish) against MitM
- Save against verifier compromise
- Save against remote attacks

FIDO2 vs FIDO U2F

- FIDO U2F predecessor of FIDO2
- FIDO2 used for passwordless and second factor
- FIDO2 keeps the keys on Authenticator
- Interoperable

How does FIDO2 work

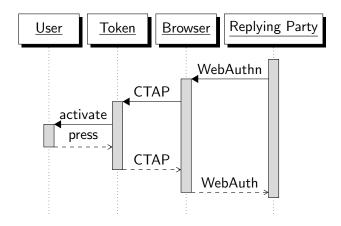


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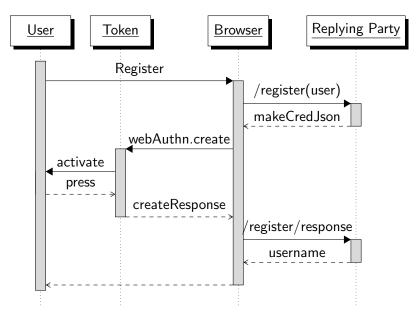
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Registration



Create Registration JSON I

```
1
         "public-key": {
           "challenge": "UvwcjUM5UOASx2AK9...",
           "fidoResponse": "direct",
           "rp": {
5
             "name": "BFH",
6
             "id": "dev.webauthn.demo"
           "user": {
9
             "id": "lPVdjYV97NDuLLMg...",
10
             "name": "test".
11
             "displayName": "test"
12
13
```

Create Registration JSON II

```
"pubKeyCredParams": [
1
               "type": "public-key",
3
               "alg": -7
           "attestation": "direct",
           "timeout": 60000,
10
```

Registration Response

```
1
         "rawId": "qKk7sFYyBRex6K6twW5...",
         "response": {
           "attestationObject": "o2NmbXRm...",
           "clientDataJSON": "eyJjaGF..."
5
        "getClientExtensionResults": {},
        "id": "qKk7sFYyBRex6K6twW5...",
         "type": "public-key"
10
```

Registration Response

- 19 Steps have to be completed
- 1-7 parse and validate ClientDataJSON
- 8-13 parse and validate attestationObject
- 14 verify signature
- 15,16 verify trustworthiness
- 17,18 verify user data
- 19 fail if any step failed

Client Data Parsed

Attestation Data Parsed

```
"fmt": "packed",
         "attStmt": {
           "alg": -7,
4
           "sig": "MEQCIBRsm+gm5tY75S/uEk...",
5
           "x5c": [
             "MIICvDCCAaSgAwIBAgIEA63wEjA..."
9
         "authData": "kn8Lq9EV0MBhHa/k+ZE..."
10
11
```

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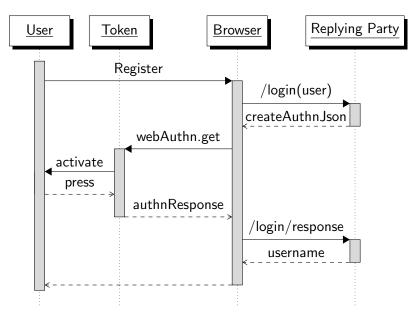
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Authentication



Create Authentication JSON

```
1
         "public-key": {
           "challenge": "rfmx563tPscMU...",
           "rpId": "dev.webauthn.demo",
           "allowCredentials": [
               "type": "public-key",
               "id": "NWIv8Cd3lXkE8r4_..."
10
           "timeout": 60000,
11
12
13
```

Authentication Response

```
"rawId": "NWIv8Cd3lXkE8r4_Ondf6f...",
         "response": {
           "authenticatorData": "kn8Lq9EV",
4
           "signature": "MEUCIAhdPPqzV69p...",
5
           "userHandle": "",
6
           "clientDataJSON": "eyJjaGFsbGV..."
7
         "getClientExtensionResults": {},
         "id": "NWIv8Cd31XkE8r4_Ondf6fPDe...",
10
         "type": "public-key"
11
12
```

Authentication Response Steps

- 18 Steps have to be completed
- 1-4 validate user and authenticator
- 5-10,15 parse and validate ClientDataJSON
- 11-14 parse and validate authenticatorData
- 16,17 verify signature and sign count
- 18 fail if any step failed

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Comparison

- RP ID hash
- Flags
- Sign Count
- Attested Credential Data (Registration)
- Extensions (Optional)

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- Wide adoption?
- Used in eID?
- Used internally?
- Complexity?
- User verification?

Further Research

- FIDO2 over NFC
- Other authenticators
- Managing authenticators

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 $\verb|https://dev.webauthn.demo:8888|$

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https://github.com/Tartori/web-authn-demo